

Easter comes to April's tryst, With a garhand on her hair, And a gown of silk and vair; On her breast an amethyst-Fastened in a silver twist, With pale cowslips faint and fair, In the rosy breast-knots there

Fresh from off the rainbow stair Shine her little feet, made bare Of all shoes, for she has found God's green earth is holy ground. Delicate and debonnair Windflowers, of coming 'ware, With faint sweetness take the air.

After her the blossomed pear Filings its flowers, the vetch and tare Know her, even as the rose In its bud her passing knows, Dreams her look of love and care, And, fast-shut, more lovely grows, Till June gather it to wear.

After her the West wind blows, And the rain before her goes, Companied with flying mist; Fearless of their human foes, nies shy and timid does, Ewes and lambs beside her pace, Looking in her lifted face.

All things in her sweetness share, All would stay her, and none dare Keep her here a fortnight's space. Seven days we see, of grace, Easter in this earthly place. Easter, kindling grass and clod With the eyes that have seen God.



Sam Lee was a great chicken-fancler, for a small boy, and like most people with a fad had no patience with the fads of others; so when one day he was telling his mother of a lovely brood of bantams he had seen ("Not much bigger than bumblebees, mother, honest!"),he was provoked when Grace came in with a basket of eggs to color for Easter, and took off his mother's attention by her questions.

"Easter eggs!" he scornfully said. "What good are they? You can't eat 'em! You can't hatch 'em! It's all just nonsense!'

Grace retorted hotly, and a quarrel seemed very near indeed; but just then grandma snapped her fingers sharply, in a funny way she had. Mother said, "There, another thought has struck grandma!" and they all laughed, and the "war-cloud" rolled away.

Easter morning, when Sam came to breakfast and found at every plate but his a pretty nest of moss and wild flowers holding three colored eggs, he wouldn't have owned to feeling



The customs, traditions and superstitions connected with Easter are almost innumerable. Their origins are in many cases impossible to determine, because they evidently took place at a time when the season was still pagan in its character. Otners, again, are directly connected with the Christian observance of the festival. The early Christians in many countries used to greet one another on Easter morning with the salutation:

"Christ is risen."

The reply to this was: "Christ is risen, indeed, and hath appeared to Simon." "This custom, It is said, is still observed in the Greek church.

The giving of eggs at Easter, or the spring festival, is one of the most widely known, as it is also one of the oldest, of the customs. From the remotest times the egg has stood to the Eastern nations as the symbol of the universe, and its breaking at that time has represented the opening of the new life of the year. When the custom was carried over into Christian practice the Easter eggs were usually sent kled with holy water. In later times eggs was introduced, and in a royal 'or "Paschal eggs."

Children's Easter

It was the Saturday before Easter, out!' and the children all ran out to the

barn to hunt eggs, with Egypt, the tame crow, hopping after them. Nanny was sure there must be several dozen eggs in the hen house, Billy thought the haymow was the best place to find them, and Kitty said she had seen old Topknot flying out from Dobbin's manger. Egypt said nothing,



in Luzon Commissionary Department.

LOOKS LIKE THEFT

List Includes a Contractor, Captain Bar-Goods are Found.

MANILA, April 1.-Interest in the capture and fate of Aguinaldo is wellnigh overshadowed in Manila by sensational developments, present and of candy, china and other materials, prospective, of frauds in the commisand egg-shaped articles of all kinds, sary department. How widely these extend has not yet been ascertained, but enough is known to justify the bellef that they are far-reaching.

Captain Fredelck J. Barrows of the Thirtieth Volunteer infantry, quartermaster of the Department of Southern Luzon, together with seven cominissary sergeants, several civilian clerks, a prominent governor contractor, the assistant manager of the Hotel Oriente, the proprietors of three of the largest bakerles in Manila, a number of storekeepers and a number of other persons have been arrested. The investigation has scarcely begun, but thousands of sacks of flour, a quantity of bacon and wagonloads of other 5 by the Buffalo. goods, all bearing government marks, have been found in the possession of unauthorized persons.

It is alleged that the contractor in question, who has been doing a business approximating \$100,000 per month, has spent hugs sums in entertaining officers. A prominent commissary officer is accused of leading serted that large quantities of stores commissary depot.

New scandals are developed daily. Illicit transactions have been traced back to June, 1900, and it is possible that there are others of earlier date. Governor Savage. "It's hornets or yellow-jackets or The exorbitant tariff on provisions makes the surreplitious removal of supplies immensely profitable. It is understood that other United States officers may be arrested.

> Lieutenant Philip K. Sweet of the of police.

WASHINGTON, April 1.-It was said at both the White House and Friends assert that he has been ten-War department tonight that aboslute dered a position of responsibility with they pricked like hornets. But what ly nothing had been received by the a land and manufacturing company in the queer old bird was saving them for government regarding the alleged unearthing of crooked work on the part der consideration. It is also said that of any quartermasters and others in a position awaits his acceptance in Luzon and the arrest of a number of connection with some of the newly acpersons in and out of the army for quired island possessions, but in what stealing property of the government

more that the government had no in-

timation of any sort that such devel-

opments might be expected. He was

inclined, for this reason, to think the

frauds against the government could

hardly be so serious as reported.

though admitting this opinion was

DIES FOR HIS COMRADES.

Commander Reper Suffocated in Attempting a Daring Resear.

CAVITE, April 1 .- At 7 o'clock this moraing fire was di covered in the sail room of the United States gun-OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS ARRESTED boat Petrel, Lieutenant Commander Jesse Mims Roper commanding. The

sail room is a small compartment adjoining the magazine. The heat was rows and Many Others-Somme Sup- intense, the smoke sufficiating and the lies Located-Bacon, Flour, and Other fiames difficult to extinguish. Lieutenant Commander Roper was the first to descend into the hold, but he was

forced to return to the deck, Others then went down. Seaman Patrick Toner was prostra'ed and about to perish when Lieutenant Commander Roper endeavored to rescue him and was suffocated in the attempt.

Lieutenant Josiah Slutts McKeans and Cadet Lewis suffered severely in bringing the body of Lieutenant Commander Roper to the dock.

Twenty-two of the crew were prostrated; Toner, Evans, Flaherty, Larsen, Cahey, Burton, Smith, Sullivan and Forsboon seriously, but all will recover. The contents of the sail room were destroyed, but the damage to the gunboat was slight. The origin of the fire has not been ascertained. Possibly it was a case of spontaneous combustion.

The death of Lleutenant Commander Roper is greatly deplored. His body 254.15, for services in the suppression will be sent to the United States April of smallpox, disallowed.

STAYS GOVERNOR THL FALL

Districh Wants to Fulfill His Plan of Administration.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 1 .- Senator-elect Dietrich announced definitely tonight that he would not resign as governor until late in the fall, probably not until after election, barring, of course, an extra session of congress, which he did not regard as probable. Governor Dietrich justified this action by saying that he had outlined a plan of state administration which he was anxious to put into effect, and in this he is upheld by Lieutenant.

Former Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn, who had been a candidate in the senatorial contest, left this evening for Washington to conclude unfinished work at the War department. Mr. Meiklejohn said he would continue to make his home at prosecuting the investigation under Fullerton, Neb., but would discontinue What did he see? Not hornets, but the direction of Colonel Wilder, chief the practice of law. He gave no definite information of his plans after he concludes his mission at Washington. Mexico and that he has the offer un-

AN ALL-DAY SUNDAY SESSION.

Both Branches of the Nebraska Legeslature Put in Long Hours.

After an all day's Sunday session extending far into the night both houses of the Nebraska state legislature, at 12.30 a. m., took a raceas until 10 o'clock Monday morning. when the business of the twenty-seventh session will be finally concluded. The two days and nights the house and senate were at loggerheads over a few items of the claims appropriation bill, and it was to adjust these differences that Sabbath desceration became a necessity. Through the appointment and discharge of many conference committees and stubborn adoption and rejection of reports the objectionable claims were finally weeded out and an agreement reached between the two houses. Monday all that will be necessary will be for the presiding officers to sign the bill in the presence of a nominal quorum in either house, after which the gavela which ring the death knell of the ses-

sion will fall. The most important of the claim over which stubborn dispute occurred were the daily newspaper claims for the publication of constitutional amondments in 1895, amounting to some \$15,000. These were finally stricken out altogether. The claim of Dr. S. R. Towne in the sum of \$1,-

The claim of Laura B. Taylor of Omaha for \$7,500 fees due her father, since deceased, for services as state weighmaster, compromised at \$1,000, to be paid the administrators of the estate of W. B. Taylor.

The claim of J. E. Hill for \$3,502.60 attorneys fees in the case of the state against Hill, disallowed.

The claim of Murphy & Swain for \$370 attorneys' fees in the case of Deering against Lang, allowed.

The claim of M. C. Dawes for \$366.67 as matron of the school for the blind at Nebraska City, allowed.

The claim of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bostrom for \$447, for expenses as delegates to the Atlanta exposition, and a similar claim of J. E. But'er for \$189 as delegate to the Nashville exposition, disallowed.

The Laura B. Taylor and exposition claims were the ones over which the most obstinacy was exhibited, the senate insisting that they be rejected and the house that they be allowed. In the house Members Brown of Furnas, Whitmore of Hamilton and Sprecher of Colfax fought the allowing of these and other claims, just as determinedly as they were opposed in the senate by Crounse, O'eson and Martin. For a time so bitter did the opposition of the latter become that there was grave danger of the defeat of the measure in toto, the senate requesting the house that the bill be returned to it for further consideration. Had the house granted the request it is highly propable that the senate would have indefinitely postponed the bill. Representative Ollis' freight rate bill, providing a reduction of 10 per cent in the rates charged for shipments of cattle, hogs and sheep, died a sad and lingering death in the senate. The first blow was struck in the forenoon. At the afternoon session Senators Weber and Miller tried in vain to call it back to life, but their ministrations were unavailing. House roll 150, by Stockwell, empowering insurance companies to extend policies to cover personal property when temporarily removed from the territory in which insured, but in no instance shall insured property be removed beyond the limits of an adjoining county, was passed by the senate. House roll 23, by Hathorn, to empower the governor to convey to him title to a quarter section of school land in Red Willow county. Crounse and Oleson voted against it on the ground that the legislature is limited from taking such action by section 5 of article 8 of the state constitution; was passed by the senate.

CHRIST IS RISEN! " year at this season testify to the ingenuity expended in devising new and attractive objects in which the idea of the Easter egg shall be preserved. In a scandalously immoral life. It is as-Paris these Easter presents are generto the priests to be blessed and sprin- ally given on the first day of Passion have been lost or stolen in transit and Week. All are emblematic of eggs, also that there is a shortage in the the coloring and decorating of the and are known as "oeufs des Paque,"

have largely replaced the real eggs as

Easter gifts. The shop windows each

In went billy's hand, and out it came

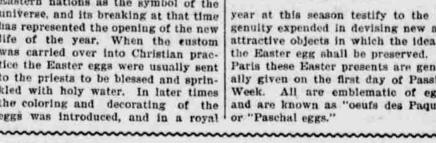
something!' 'he screamed. "Fetch the barn lantern, Kit, and I'll knock 'em

Kitty brought the lantern, and then ran to the other side of the barn, for

pins,

He had run his hand into Egypt's I never knew.

The sesame of spring; When birds begin to tune the voice,



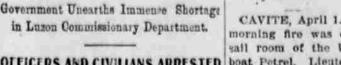
in a second, with a loud "Ow!"

fear of the yellow jackets. Billy held the lentern over his hear and peeped Forty-sixth Volunteer infantry is

own little "hidy-hole," where the sly little rogue had laid away a whole pile of his favorite treasures. No wonder

Nature's Easter Girl.

The gladsome Easter-tide comes on,



neglected and left out, but he did! More than that, the family certainly looked at him with a queer smile, and grandma even left the table "smiling all over her face." Could it be they were smiling at his discomfiture? Sam plucked up pride, and even was generous enough to admire the baskets.

"When he went to his room to get ready for church, he saw the joke! There on his gas-fixture hung two large, handsome, egg-shaped Chinese lanterns, just what he had wanted.

"Ah!" said Sam, "there's where grandma's thought struck!"

He started to take them down, and heard a strange scrambling sound! Hastily opening them, out fluttered a tiny pair of silver bantams, and the little rooster flapped his wings and crowed!

"Hurrah!" cried Sam, as he dashed



"THERE'S WHERE GRANDMA'S THOUGHT STRUCK.'

downstairs to plant a resounding kiss on each of grandma's soft cheeks, "Those Easter eggs are something like!"--Lizzie E. Johnson.

Schoolboy's Tribute to Burroughs.

How close that veteran friend of birds and animals and trees, John Burroughs, gets to the heart of mankind is illustrated by a letter which he recently received from a schoolboy. The letter, as printed in an article by Clifton Johnson in Outing is as follows: "I recently got one of your books through the mail, marked 'second-class matter.' But it isn't second-class matter. I have read it, and it is first-class matter. The binding and get-up may be second class, but the matter is firstclass." The boy wrote to John Burroughs as he would write to any other boy friend whom he considered had been dealt with unjustly. He had read the book, and he knew and wanted to assure his friend that what he wrote was first-class matter in spite of what any postmaster general said.

OUT IT CAME WITH A LOUD "OW! but I rather think he knew as much about the nests as they did.

Egypt was a sly old fellow. He liked buttons and pennies, but he had the greatest fancy for pins. He would pull them out of every pin cushion in the house when he could get a chance, so you might search through room after room, and not come across a single pin. Nobody knew what he did with them all. He was fond of eggs, too, and I am afraid this was the reason that the children had such a long hunt for them, and found so few.

At last they climbed up the long ladder into the mow. The hay was piled almost to the roof and covered the windows. 'It was so dark that Nanny and Kitty were a little bit afraid, but Billy went first, floundering along in the hay, just as you wade through a snow drift.

"Guess there are nests on this beam," said Billy, "but it's so dark I can't see. I'll feel."

eaten at the Paschal feast.



Through the long night of darkness and gloom We follow Thee unto the opened tomb, And, standing by its side, Behold life glorified, Know immortality, Because of Thee.

Through the bright morning still we follow Thee, Our fears forgot, our faintest doubts shall flee. Let praises linger long, For death is conquered. Lo! the farthest skies Are filled with song!

O heart, rejoice! Art blinded at the door Of thy safe tent? Thy Pilot went before, He leads then in; then sing, "Ours is the victory, O suffering One, Because of Thee!"

Homeless ere yet He knew the darkened tomb. Homeless honceforth no more; in each glad heart Mis home. Wake! every flower of spring. And swell the Easter song. And every bird awing The praise prolong!

or receiving stolen government prop-A summer's praise to sing. erty. General Corbin said further-

The leaves upon the trees bud forth. The daffodils unfold; All nature opens like a bud, The sun floods earth with gold.

No more in this, our better age, Do maidens seek in dress. And costly bonnets to express Their Easter happiness.

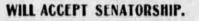
The modern maid, with brimming health Gives locks a saucy curl; Brings forth her bike and natty sult-She's Nature's Easter girl.

******* **Origin of Easter Hats**

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entirely new article of dress on Easter Sunday was regarded by the English of olden times as sure to bring bad luck, and certainly this is one of the been slightly altered, so that to have no new clothes to exhibit at the Easter parade is considered sufficiently bad luck in itself, without the fear of any further misfortunes that may result statement from it. After donning their new Eas-

based wholly on the lack of advices from the government. Captain Barrows, he said, was not the regular quartermaster for southern Luzon and must have been acting quartermaster there at the time of the arrests.



Deltrich Stamps as False the Assertion That He Will Resign.

LINCOLN, April 1 .- Relative to the practices which has lost nothing with numerous conflicting reports that the increase of years. Only now it has have been circulated relative to the

"The assertion that I will resign ter garments the English country peo- the senatorship to which I have been ple dined off tanzy pudding and bacon elected is absolutely false and entirely or tansy pudding and "good red her- without foundation or reason. I shall ring," the tansy being the symbol of accept the position and in all probathe bitter herbs commanded to be bility I shall resign the governorship within a short time."

Iowans Buy Nebraska Stock.

KANSAS CITY, April 1 .-- A sale of Shorthorn cattle from the herds of Rankin of Tarkio, Mo., and T. G. Hag- should be in other hands. gard of Western, Neb., began at the stock yards in this city today. The offerings include flay-one head of fine cattle, all of which are in excleat breeding condition.

Rev. Stonehouse, of the London Missionary Society, has been murdered by brigands, fourteen miles east of Tien Tpin.

Movements of the Squadron.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, April 1 .-The North Atlantic squadron, Rear Admiral Farquhar commanding; arrived off San Juan. The United States special service vessel Uncas, Chief Boatswain J. W. McLaughlin, delivered the mails, and the squidron laid in all night, proceeding today for Culebra island, where orders are expected by Armiral Farquhar directing the squadron to go to Venezuelan waters at once.

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TO RELIEVE THE VOLUNTEERS.

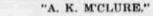
Hustling Cavalry and Infantry Regulars to the Philippines

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.-The animal transport Arab sailed today for the Philippines with 670 horses for the cavalry already on the way to Manila. Tomorrow the Buford will sail with two troops of the First squardon of the Fifteenth cavalry, one company of the Tenth Infantry and the depot battalion of the Fifth infantry. The Kilpatrick, scheduled to sail Friday, will carry the Third battalion of the E'eventh infantry and the two companies of the First Infantry. On the 19th the transport Ohio will sail and on the 8th the Aztec is expected to get away. On April 15 the Logan probably will depart for Manila with two companies of the First infantry, probable course he will pursue in ac- the Third squadron of the Ninth copting the senatorship Governor Die- cavalry, the second squadron of the trich tonight made the following Tenth cavalry and a battalion of the Eleventh infantry, now at Governor's island and Fort Ethan Allen.

Col. McUlare Quits.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.-Colonel A. K. McClure today writes:

"With this issue of the Philadelphia Times my connection with the editorial staff of the paper discontinues. It is not my wish or purpose to retire from journalistic work, but under existing conditions the responsi-B. O. Cowin of New Point, Mo., T. B. ble editorial direction of the Times



Aguinaldo Likes the Place.

MANILA, April 1 .- Aguinaldo continues to express himself as pleased with and impressed by the courteous treatment accorded him by General MacArthur. "I am a prisoner," said he today, "but I am treated like a guest."

Japs to Give Money.

LONDON, April 1.-"Japan has made direct representations to St. Petersburg against the Manchurian convontion," says a dispatch to the Times from Tokio, dated Saturday, "but the result is not yet known."

"Japanese public opinion is very strong on the subject. The cabinet is prudent and pacific, but impressed by the national enthusiasm, which is certain to become uncontrollable if there | 22 in favor of its passage. is any undue yielding.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

A list of acts passed by the legislature up to and including March 31st have been signed by Governor Dietrich.

Governor Dietrich on the 31st signed eighteen bills. Among them was one by Loomis to make the warden of the state penitentiary the executioner of death penalties.

The house passed the bill providing for a state exhibit of the agricultural, industrial and educational resources of the state at the Pan-American exposition to be held in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., in the year 1901, and to provide for the appointment by the governor of a commissioner, who shall have charge of said state exhibit.

Immediately after the opening of the session in the house on the 30th Ollis of Valley moved to commit the Bartley bondsmen compromise bill to the committee of the whole for amendments, and was defeated by a rising vote of 15 to 12. This motion being lost the bill was read a third time and the roll called on its passage. Several members sent up written explanations of their votes, but no speeches were made either for or against the bill. The vote was 53 to