TRIMS FLOCK TO BETHLE-HEM AND JERUSALEM.

ing in the Glad Tidings of Bright ter Mora-Worshiping at the Spot here Christ Was Born-The Chime



ASTER DAY IS elebrated in Bethlehem by the be-lievers in the Catholic and Lutheran. the Greek and Ar-menian creeds, with great pomp. Beth-lehem has now about 3,000 inhabi-tants, all believers in the Christian

faith. Among them about 700 Catholics and 400 Chrisbelonging to the English and otheformed churches. Greeks and Arians make up the rest.

fore tall trouble between natives visiting Christians of the different minations, the Church of the Nahas been divided into three parts. Armenians conduct their devotions he nave of the Cross, a beautiful on forty-eight granite mns, the Christians and Greeks ocying the arms of the cross.

ster day always brings no end of

rims to Bethlehem from all parts of world, especially England, France Russia, and the natives, who make ing by the sale of souvenirs, bearmore or less on the character of the and its holy antecedents, do a bing trade in crucifixes, rosaries, etc. herever we turn on Easter day in Church of the Nativity we encounter rkish soldiers, armed to the teeth, ir picturesque, yet warlike uni-They do not interfere with anydy, yet do not conceal their contempt what is going on, especially in those rts of the convent and church set art for the Catholics and Protestant ristians. The Convent of the Naity dates from the thirteenth cenry and is a very impressive structure The Crypt, where the Virgin Mary is posed to have been delivered, and ich is represented in the accompanyengraving, is reached by a marble airway leading a dozen or more steps ow. The entrance to the stairs is tuated in the part of the church rming the head of the cross.

The Lodge of the Nativity is less im ssive than the general aspect of the mished entirely in oriental fashion walls being hung with carpets and estry work in gay colors and of artidal designs. A hollow, cut into the ck opposite the stairs, is furnished ith a rickety manger, in which Christ said to have taken his first nap. The ot where the Blessed Virgin was devered is marked by a star suitably scribed in the Latin language.

One of the queerest of the many queer ces in Palestine is the Convent of ar Saba on the rocks of the Kidron the southeast of Jerusalem, and not r from the shores of the Dead Sea. convent, which dates back to the nd of the fifth century, and which is the hands of the Greek church, is a onglomeration of detached buildings of regular form, consisting of single cells, wers, chapels and a cathedral, which ter stands on a mountain 600 feet gh. The dome is reached by terraces d steps hewn in the rock

Our picture shows the elders of the out picture shows the eiters of the ionastery engaged in sounding the athedral Easter "bells," so called. uspended pieces of wood of different nickness and species serve for the ells, which are "rung" by hammering he wood in a peculiar fashion, similar



THE BIRTHPLACE OF CHRIST. o that employed on the so-called "wood instruments we see in the ic halls.

The place is the Mecca of hundreds of ligrims, especially about the time of Satery wells about the time of Easter. From whatever part of the world they may come, they find ready hospitality—at least the men do. Women are not permitted within the sacred walls of the convent, and must take refuge in tents or in a lonely tower high up in the mountains.

SENTENCE OF CHRIST.

The Engraved Plate Is Still in Existence

in Europe. It will probably be a surprise to the majority of people to learn that the original death sentence passed upon Jesus Christ is still in existence in the form of an engraved plate dating from the very day the sentence was procounced by Pontius Pilate, and which has been retained through all these years as one of the most precious of all relics of the Savior.

The sentence is engraved on a plate of brass in the Hebrew language, and on its side are the following words: "A similar plate has been sent to each

This particular plate was discovered in the year 1280 in the city of Aquilla, in the kingdom of Naples, by a scientific commission that had been appointed to search that ancient city for the antiquities known to have been kept there. Evidences remained that this city had been the repository of many cid Roman records and other documents and ments and mementoes associated with the early Roman empire, and for this reason it was especially made the obdect of the commission's inquiry.

The plate reads as follows:

"Sentence pronounced by Pontius Pi-late, intendant of the province of Lower Galilee, that Jesus of Nazareth shall uffer death by the cross.

In the seventeenth year of the Em-

STER IN HOLY LAND | Jerusalem, during the pontificate of Annas and Calaphas.

Pontius Pilate, intendant of the province of Lower Galilee, sitting in judgment in the presidential seat of the Practor, sentences Jesus of Nazareth to death on a cross, between two robbers, as numerous and notorious testi-monics of the people prove: 1. Jesus is a misleader; 2. He has ex-

cited the people to sedition; 3. He is an enemy to the laws; 4. He calls himself the Son of God; 5. He calls himself falsely the king of Israel; 6. He went into the temple followed by a multitude of people carrying palms in their

Orders the first centurion, Quirilius Cornelius, to bring him to the place of

Forbids all persons, rich or poor, to prevent the execution of Jesus.

This constitutes the body, and, of course, the interesting portion of the plate, but in addition the names of three men are perpetuated and given a value that their owners never probably anticipated would cling to them by being attached as witnesses of the promulgation of this sentence.

The names of the witnesses and the order in which they come are:

Daniel Robani, Pharisee; 2. John

Sorobabel; 3. Raphael Robani. It is believed that twelve of these plates were engraved and sent to the various tribes throughout Judea and over into the Roman provinces of Eu-The remaining eleven are probably buried in widely separated points, where they never will be brought to the knowledge of mankind, or have long since been destroyed.

The engraving on this plate is well done, the Hebrew characters are cut deep and with perfect accuracy.

Easter bells are ringing clear, Winter's gone and spring is here; Each one's voice a welcome sings To the season Easter brings. Ring, bells, ring; See the spring.

Easter bells are ringing loud,



Join to hall glad Easter day. Loud and clear, Easter's here!

Easter bells are ringing low, Sweeter yet their measures flow, Telling of a love that rhymes Softly with the Easter chimes! Low, but clear,

Easter in Washington.

Easter in Washington is recognized more as a great awakening of fashion and its votaries, dormant for forty days, its functions. The fashionables burst from their cocoons and come forth full fledged in spring finery, and even humble sales and wash ladies deck their forms in some bit of new rainment, before unworn and reserved for this day, when new garments are dedicated at the altar of the god of spring. For years past the ultra-fashionable have endeavored to kill the custom of using Easter as a day to show forth fresh raiment to the rest of the world, by frowning upon the custom, but it is too strongly entrenched to be banished. When Easter's sun shines brightly forth Sunday morning, it will beam kindly upon streams of exquisitely dressed, church-going multitudes, thronging Connecticut avenue and the other fashionable thoroughfares. At the churches there are always feasts for the senses; music, color, perfume will lend their potent charms to aid in the service of God. The music is good, as becomes a city famed for its contributions to the ranks of good musicians. On the following day the feast is really observed by the most enthusiastic of observers. The children—tots ranging from 2 to 10 years of age—gather on the lawns of the executive mansion as the guests of the president, and give themselves up to the riotous revelry of egg-rolling. From early morning until late afternoon the toddlers trot about the grassy acres of the white house grounds, enjoying themselves at a sport very Washingtonian in character. After a long day of enjoyment in the open, the happy little youngsters are corralled in the big east room, where they are welcomed as the guests of the presi-

Each a Perfect Poem. He was content When he sold a sonnet And the proceeds spent For an Easter bonnet. As she gazed upon it, "I knew you'd show 'em," Said she, "that the sonnet, As well as the bonnet, Is a perfect poem."

Went Eggainst Him. He made a bet that he could eat A score of Easter eggs,
But the eggertion proved a feat,
That knocked him off his pegs.
Eggsasperated, he eggsclaimed,

With an eggspressive smirk, "This Easter lay, which me has lamed, Is most eggs-hoisting work!"

Good Friday, A. D. 1895. Astronomers have made the interesting discovery that on next Good Fri-day, April 12, the stars will be in the same position in the firmament which In the seventeenth year of the Emhe month of March, in the Holy City of In the Holy City of In the Christian era.

same position in the firmament which they occupied on the day of our Lord's death on the cross. It will be the first time this has happened since the commencement of the Christian era.

AS THE CROW FLIES.

VOYAGE TO THE POLE IN A BALLOON.

Swedish Engineer Says It Will Take Just Six Days-Distance from Spitzbergen is 2,200 Miles-His Airship Is of New Design.

The Swedish engineer and aeronau Andre, who, on a balloon trip from Gothenburg to Gothland, succeeded in steering his balloon twenty-seven degrees out of the direction of the wind, read a paper before the Academy of Sciences in Stockholm the other day, in which he explained how he thinks he will be able to reach the pole in a balloon. He will make the attempt from Spitzbergen, and, in order that it shall succeed, makes the following conditions:

1. The balloon must have a lifting power that will enable it to carry three passengers, instruments needed for ob-servations, provisions for four months, and ballast, a total weight of about 7,000 pounds. 2. It must be made so airtight that it can be sustained in the air for thirty days and nights. 3. It must be inflated in some place in the arctic regions. 4. It must be constructed according to Mr. Andre's plan, so that it can be managed. The first, second and third conditions, Andre says, can be met without difficulty. To attain the requisite lifting power is the problem long since solved, and by experiments made some time age by Poleprilles and made some time ago by Poisenilles and Graham with a balloon twenty-eight feet in diameter. It was shown that they had succeeded in making it so air tight that at the end of one month it had lost only sixteen pounds of its lift-ing power. The inflation of the balloon in the arctic regions presents no difficulty, hydrogen gas now being delivered compressed in iron cylinders. Mr. Andre says that 1,700 or 1,800 cylinders will suffice for the inflation of his balloon. It is the last condition which creates doubts as to whether the journey car be made. Mr. Andre, however, is confident that by adopting the following plan, which he has already tried, he will reach his aim. His balloon will have a system of sails and many drag lines, which will hang down from the balloon and drag along the surface of the water, the land and the ice while the balloon is affoat. These lines will, as Mr. Andre learned on the trip men-tioned, check the speed of the balloon, preventing it from moving along with the full speed of the wind, and under these conditions the sails can be used as to deflect the balloon from the course of the wind. The drag lines will be made of the fibres of the husks of the cocoanut, so that they will float on the water. Besides, the balloon will have several heavy ropes hanging down to serve partly as ballast, partly as an automatic saving apparatus, in case the balloon for some reason or other should unexpectedly and rapidly descend. In that case, as soon as the lower end of the ballast lines touch the ground the balloon will be relieved from lifting a corresponding weight, and con-sequently the rapidity of the descent will be checked. Mr. Andre's balloon, which will be made of the finest silk, double sown, and prepared with the greatest of care, will be so balanced that an ascent of about 800 feet can be attained. How long it will take to reach the pole depends upon the speed of the wind. With a speed like that which carried Mr. Andre's balloon from Gothenburg to Cotheland Gothenburg to Gothland on Nov. 29 last year he will be able, he says, to reach the pole in ten hours. At an average speed of seventeen miles an hour the trip from Spitzbergen to the pole will require forty-three hours. At all events, a trip from Spitzbergen direct across the pole to the Bering stratt is calculated to require no more than six days and nights, one-fifth of the time the polar balloon is supposed to be capable of remaining sustained in the air. A great advantage to which Mr. Andre calls attention to the fact that during the journey, which will be undertaken in the spring, the sun will all the time be above the horizon, so that he can travel ahead at night without stopping. Besides, no great change of atmosphere prevails in the regions to be traversed, and moreover the ground is everywhere free from vegetation, so that nothing will prevent the drag lines, on which Mr. Andre chiefly depends as regards the management of the balloon from running smoothly along. To the objection made that a heavy snowfall may occur and prove too heavy a load for the balloon to carry, Mr. Andre replies that the snow will be blown away as soon as it settles on the bal-loon, as its speed will not be the same as that of the wind. After having read his paper before the academy in Stock-holm, Mr. Andre repeated it before the Anthropological society, where it was received with much enthusiasm. It is estimated that the trip will cost about \$35,000, and it looks as if Mr. Andre

GONE TO HIS REWARD.

would have no difficulty in raising the

amount.

Or Perhaps to His Punishment-Hand Organ Inventor Dead.

Harry F. Taylor, who killed himself at New York the other day, is undoubtedly responsible for more noise than any other person who ever lived. His pro fession was noise. He wallowed in it, and it is said that the hideous sounds he caused to be awaked finally drove him to his death. His chief distinction was for volumes of noise. All the cannon fired in the Franco-Prussian war, if concentrated in one vast sound, would be a breathing zephyr compared to the infernal racket that Henry F. Taylor has hurled against the universal tympanum. Even the pig-tailed Chinese, with all his firecrackers, has no such sin to answer for, and the author of "Comrades" is a public benefactor in comparison. So horrible was the din raised by Taylor that he is suspected of having become haunted by dreadful sounds, and in a fit of remorse at the ears he has cracked has jumped from a fifth story window. Taylor made the first hand-organ, and so hideous was the nightmare of discord that he made 100, 000 more and cast them loose on a defenseless country. The saddest thing to contemplate in his taking-oil is that hand-organs are immortal.

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Of course everybody is talking about the Hitchcock-Bulkley dance. It is said to have cost those young bachelors about \$10,000, and, as there were only about 200 people present, each person had to absorb about \$50 worth of pleasure and refreshment.

It was announced that every one merchant who was having a house built is said to have provided the ma-sons with wine instead of water to mix with the mortar.—Public Opinion. could order what he or she chose for supper. It was not surprising then to terrapin and canvasback ducks washed down with rare old clarets and champagnes costing \$8 a bottle. Make Your Own Bitters!
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er. "Been laid up with the grip and thought the change would do me good. Doctor went down with me. Got a seat at a small table where there were only two other men. One of 'em was an un-dertaker and the other a clergyman. Nice cheerful company for an invalid, wasn't it? Doctor kept asking me about my health, all the time telling me what to eat and what not to eat. Clergyman struck up conversation and began talk-ing about the beauties of the burial service. Undertaker occasionally chipped in with some comment about the large death ate and the particular ravages of the grip. But for the most part he just sat sort of purring at me and gloating over the prospect of more business. I stood it for three meals. Packed up today and came back to the city. Nice, lively crowd, that was! Here, waiter, bring me another whisky and quinine."—Philadelphia Record.

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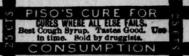
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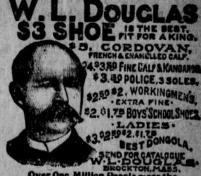


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