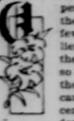
# LOUP CITY NORTHWESTERN.





Even now there is scarcely a nation that does not put faith in one or more of the Easter omens.

Some of these attach to Good Friday. In the time of Catholic England there was a superstition which the king publicly honored with his trust. It was the ceremony of blessing the rings. This was done to preserve their wearers from "the falling sickness," a trouble commonly known to us as cramps. The crampring service was of exceptional originality. Walsh gives a vivid description of it.

"The king and his suite," he tells us, "would proceed in state to the palace chapel, upon the floor of which rested a crucifix upon a silken cushion, and in front of which was spread a rich carpet. The king would creep along the carpet to the crucifix-as a token of absolute humility-his almoner creeping after him. Having reached the crucifix he would there bless the cramp rings, which were de-

posited in a sliver basin. After this solary miracles, was done the queen and her ladies and the Areoin-waiting entered the chapel and also crept to the cross. This completed the ceremony and the rings had been transformed into the most potent remedial agents."

Drinking a mixture of bread and water was a means of curing several all- we may be bold ments. The superstition still holds to affirm, not only in a few places. Good Friday morn- that the sun danced, but two suns ing loaves of bread are baked and arose that day; that light appeared at its efficaciousness reads thus: then laid aside until the following his nativity and darkness at his death, year, when the people grate a small portion of the bread into water and

street bun venders usher in the unichasing them. Even kings would not his home destroyed by fire during the coming year.

The "one a penny, two a penny, hot cross buns!" have a more ancient

perstition has swayed the world. In antiquity a few of these prophetic beliefs crystalized around the Easter period, leaving so deep an impress upon the susceptible minds as to cause them through the

centuries to be passed down with the greatest

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pagite that was amazed at the eclipse took no notice of this, and if metaphorical expressions go so far,

give it to the sufferers. illuminated by that obscurity. That

Who has not heard of the English 'twas the first time the sun set above "hot cross bun?" On the morning of the horizon. That, although there were Good Friday throughout England the darkness above the earth, yet there was light beneath it, nor dare we say versal cry of "Hot cross buns," and that hell was dark if he were in it." no family, as a precautionary method. In 1708 the "British Apollo" finally if not for their toothsomeness alone. settled the question in the following would dare run the risk of not purwords: miss eating them, for whoever eats bun need have no fear of having

Early Good Friday morning large If the fact, sir, be true, pray let's the numbers of men, women and children start out in quest of customers for their fresh, hot buns, which they guard from the cold with a flannel "The old wives get merry with spiced covering. And the shops as well are festive with their own supplies of it. The peculiarity of the hot cross bun lies in its being highly spiced and And whilst in a rout their brains whirl bearing on its brown, sugary surface the mark of a cross.

origin than is generally supposed. dancing sun was not to stand for all The name itself is taken from the





An old rhyme apprising people of and yet a light at both; for even that On Easter eve the fire all is quenched darkness was a light unto the Gentiles.

in every place. And fresh againe from out the flint is fetched with solemn grace; The priest doth this against great dangers many one, brande whereof doth every man

with greedie minde take home, That, when the fearful storme appears or tempest black arise. By lighting this he safe may be

from stroke or hurtful skies."

ter day To the music o' th' spheres you do caper:

cause know, When you have any room in your

paper. ale and sherry

"Old wives, Phoebus, say that on Eas-

On Easter, which makes them romance;

about. They fancy we caper and dance."

But the conclusion regarding the

ROADS

Committee of Congress Expected to Make Favorable Report on Highways Measure.

GOVERNMENT AID FOR ROADS

The question of federal aid for good roads looms large. A joint committee of the senate and house, with Senator Bourne, Oregon (the father of the parcet post bill) chairman, is now investigating the entire subject with every likelihood of a report being submitted favorable to the general project. The main subject under investigation at present is the manner in which federal aid when finally forthcoming shall be distributed, whether to the states according to their population, their area or the mileage of their highways. In a recent magazine article Senator Bourne expressed himself as favorable to a plan which shall combine all three of these elements, inasmuch as it would not be fair to grant more aid to Rhode Island, for instance, than to lowa, although the population of the former state is much larger than that of the latter; or more aid to Nevada, for instance, than to Nebraska, although the former state is much larger in area than the latter; or to some state which has

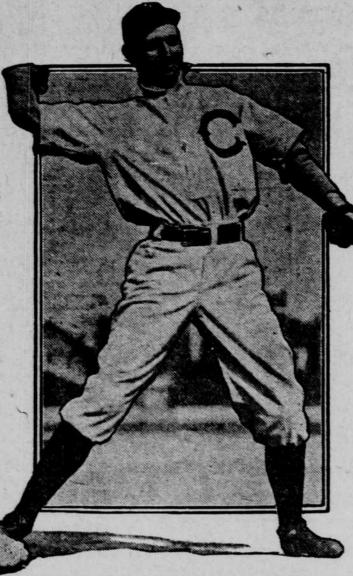
already solved the good roads problem by thousands of miles of good roads, leaving a state with impassable highways suffering because of lack of

the necessary aid. With federal and and state aid both

imminent, an impetus is being given to road building greater than ever before. The statement is made that \$500,000 a day is being spent for good roads in this country, but the general consensus of opinion is that until within the last year or two results commensurate with this immense expenditure have not been secured. There is a feeling all over the country that road building must be made as systematic and as scientific as rail-

the end that actual facts may be se

road building, hence the movement for a state highway commission with The person spying a lamb on Easter morning is fortunate, especially plenary powers and scientific supervision by expert engineers. Congress if the animal's head faces the house, has already appropriated \$500,000, to for good luck will certainly follow him. If the lamb is lying down or be distributed \$10,000 to each state, looking in another direction, however, for improvement of stretches of road the fortune will not be altogether over which rural free deliveries good. This belief comes from a well- operate regularly. The results of established ancient idea that the devil this appropriation will go a long way might inhabit any form save that of to show whether or not the federal government will be justified in maka lamb or a dove. There is one other prophecy which ing still greater appropriations and in since ancient times no woman of in- going still more extensively into this telligence would ever entertain the important subject. The secretary of thought of disregarding. This is the agriculture and the postmaster-gentalismanic virtue vested in new eral have both been ordered to loan clothes. Throughout all times there their influence to the investigation, to



Artie Hofman, Now With the Brooklyn Federals.

Art Hofman, and not Johnny Evers was responsible for the famous play | NOTES of the DIAMOND in the final New York-Chicago game in 1908 which robbed John J. Mc-Graw's Giants of a National league pennant and possible world's championship, to say nothing of depriv ing each and every member of the released to Memphis. 'New York team of at least \$2,500. For years, or ever since 1908, Evers has been famous for "Touching Secgo south to do their spring training? ond." It is true that Evers touched second and completed the play, but Evers should get the least credit for things as I see fit," says Charlie Herit, as two men thought of the play before he did. These two were Hof- zog. man and Steinfeldt. Hofman it was engineered it. He first realized the

opportunity ahead, and Evers came in away at the finish, behind Hofman a trial. and Steinfeldt After more than five years Hofman

comes in for a share of credit, but the Giants. it is doubtful if he will ever get the full amount due him, Mordecai Brown the former great curve pitcher of the attracts players to baseball," says Chicago Nationals, and now manager Larry Lajole.



HOFMAN RESPONSIBLE FOR MERKLE PLAY BALL PLAYERS STICK

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MIGHTY FEW OF THEM QUIT UN-TIL THEY ARE FORCED TO.

Holdouts Tell Many Stories of Rea sons for Leaving, But They Come Back-Owners and Fans Often Fall for the Trick.

Adelina Patti has often made her "farewells," Barnum also, but neither of them equals the ballplayer who proclaims to the world that he is tired of drawing \$6,000 or \$7,000 a year. says Ted Sullivan.

Let us see how he first sounds the alarm. It may be he is to marry an heiress: or it may be a rich widow who wants him to quit the horrid game and look out for her interests. Still it might be that some relative left him a mine in the far west. One or the other will be an excuse anyway.

His pet reporter will first hear of this and will say: "Oh, no; that can't be!

The speaker will say: "Yes, it is so. He confidentially told me in the dressing room yesterday that this is his last year in the game."

"Has he told the president of the club?" the reporter will ask.

"No; he hates to. He has been treated so nicely the present year." Next morning, in large type, the newspaper will lead off. "Mr. So-and-So is to retire from baseball."

Holy Moses! The followers of this player are up in arms One excitable . fan will say: "I knew it! I knew it! I don't blame him. He never could get along with that secretary and directors."

Another fan is on his feet: "I bet some of those other clubs are after him.

The first fan remarks: "Don't you see he is to retire altogether? Going into business with his uncle in their mines."

A third fan speaks up: "Well, that will settle the club. I gave it my last Outfielder Coyle of Omaha has been half dollar."

> The next day the president meets the player: "What, John? Is this true?"

The player says: "Yes, Mr. President; I am afraid it is. You see, I cannot play ball forever, and this chance may not come again. My uncle has been at me the past two years to quit the game. Then, you see, I The Jersey City club will give Out- bought some property lately on which fielder Fisher, formerly of Louisville, \$5,000 has to be paid, and uncle will do it if I quit."

Here the president speaks up: "Why, pshaw! Stay with me the coming year and I will advance that amount and increase your salary to \$8,000 for a year. You know, John. "Money is not the only thing which I cannot replace you this year at least, and you know I have always treated you well."

The player looks at the president in a sympathetic and innocent way: Why, Mr. President, for that reason it breaks my heart to leave you, and I hate to have you believe I want any increase in salary; but I will write to uncle to allow me to stay in the business one more year at least just to please you." Well, reader, this player remains in the game that year, and many other years afterward, and the only time he will leave the ball field is when the field is tired of him, says Scout Sullivan. The only ballplayer in the his tory of the game who retired when he said he would was Jim McCormick. the famous National league pitcher who played with Cleveland and Chi-This may be a little satire on the retiring ballplayer-but who can blame him? Don't all trades and arts Pitcher Palmero, the Giants' new have their tricks? Indeed they do-Cuban southpaw, has been pitching from the minister of the gospel down. A minister out west was to retire and go into business. The congregation raised his salary, he reconsidered, and President Hedges of the Browns, de- he remained with his beloved parishclares baseball would be better off if joners simply because he loved them

Pathros, Egypt.

As a preventive of fevers certain center of the disk. nations abstained from eating meat er obtained in England.

One of the most ancient and uni- informs us that if the sun shines clothes. versal of all superstitions attaching Easter day it will shine accordingly over the general joy at the renewal of other Easter prophets only go to the nature's life in this season of the extent of saying that it will shine or year. Later, it danced over the resur- rain until Whitsunday. rection of Christ. Many centuries ago on Easter day people arose early and gives a good crop of grass, but little repaired to the fields to view this good hay," runs an ancient proverb. dancing sun.

In certain countries they had a way ter also have great power to ward of observing the sun at his antics that off filness. If the wind blows from made him appear more playful than this direction the people of many lo- year if they appear in clothes that ever. By viewing it as it rose through calities bathe in water just drawn to they have worn before. Therefore, the morning vapor or watching its re- avoid the ill effects of the east wind since you hold their future happifection in a stream or a pail of wa- during the coming year. Easter eve ness in your hands, consider well, I ter, they could strengthen their il- on the continent, at Mecklenburg, the lusion. In Scotland the sun was mer- maiden spreads a linen cloth in the rier than anywhere else, for here it | garden and in the morning if the wind was expected to "whirl round like a is due east she will wash herself with

Then one of the greatest concerns rain or snow, whichever has peneof the day came to be whether the trated it. Or in the morning the serv- aware of the evil that would attend sun really did dance or not. Grave ant will draw water and bring it to her without her safeguard. Try as ano learned men over all the world the maiden for her bath. set themselves the task of solving the In Sachsenburg, the peasant rides weighty problem. Sir Thomas Brown his horse into the stream to insure it left some quaint ideas on the subject. against sickness of any kind through-

"We shall not, I hope, disparage out the year. the resurrection of our Redeemer." writes. "If we say that the sun if the wind is not due east while one so great a charm for us, even though doth not dance on Easter day; and is getting the water it will have no though we would willingly assent into efficacy whatever. any sympathetical exuitation, yet we There is more than one good omen in calling them to mind on this "Suncannot conceive therein any more for Easter. If you wish good luck in day of joy." than a tropical expression. Whether the coming year Easter eve you must any such motion there was in that put out all fires and light them anew day wherein Christ arose, Scripture from fint and steel. This is a special hath not revealed, which hath been protection against lightning strokes ing by electricity at the same time punctual in other records concerning as well as good fortune in general.

Geologists Explain Its Configuration

by Action of Nature Many Thou-

sands of Years Ago.

Cool in Adversity.

time, since the maidens of Devon- have been grave scholars who have Greek name of a certain cake which shire today rise early in the morning the ancients gave for an offering to of Easter for no other than this iden- pearing at church and promenading carried on in a practical manner. the gods. In the biblical period the tical purpose. Moreover these exthe streets Easter Sunday in new atprophet Jeremiah had occasion to no- traordinary maidens see more than tire to the vanity of women. With GOOD ROAD-MAKING DEVICE tice this offering, when he saw the the mere dancing of the sun. Their all due deference to the wisdom of idolatry of the Jewish women at power of vision is so great that they these sages I must beg to differ from Machine Invented by Idaho Man Is can discern a lamb and a flag in the them, for I can prove that woman is

not so worldly in this particular as Much importance is attached to the men believe since there happens to on Easter day. But this practice nev- conduct of the elements on Easter be the best of reasons for her insistday. A piece of Sussex weather lore ing upon an Easter hat and Easter

She may not have taken you into to Easter day was that of the dancing every day in the year, and the same the inner recess of her heart and struction; it is a drag, constructed of sun. At first it was believed to dance they aver is the case with rain. But bared her reason, but she knows it a plece of sheet metal four feet long. be you will do her bidding without

"A good deal of rain on Easter day question. For the peace of your mind, of rods to either axle of a wagon or however, and in the effort to foster your spirit of generosity. I will en-On this day the east wind and wa-

lighten you. The women of your household know that good fortune will not attend them through the future beeseech you, before bringing such distress upon them. In East Yorkshire, Eng., none but a maiden utterly destitute would refrain

cart wheel, and give three leaps." It while it is yet damp from dew. from seeking the market for some new bit of apparel, for she is too well she might she could never in the following 12 months have a dress that would not be plucked by birds.

Superstitions are fast losing their hold upon the world, but those cling-Despite these precautions, however, ing to the season of Easter possess long ago we may have severed faith in them, that we still find pleasure

> An Ohio inventor has brought out a laundry machine that bleaches cloththey are being washed in hot water.

ICE SHEET OVER LONG ISLAND | time, depositing a thick body of inter- | lovers of nature. The most notable of mixed bowlders, sand, and clay as a these hollows in the morainal ridge is terminal moraine, which is now the the one holding the picturesque Lake "backbone" of the island. The ice Ronkonkoma, which lies in a depresmoved southward and brought these sion 50 feet below the surrounding

materials from the north, dropping ridges. Several other similar pits are According to geologists Long Island them at its melting edge. This pecu- 80 to 85 feet deep, and some of the affords particularly clear evidence as liar method of deposition developed a larger irregular hollows are several to the history of the great continental very peculiar topography, consisting miles in length.

By looping the loop six times in an southern margin of this great ice duced the many beautiful details of aeroplane Lincoln Beachey made the

sheet extended to Long Island, it is configuration that make the higher great scientific discovery that some hicle.

# Bismarck's "Sacred" Number.

Belief in the number 3 was almost a religion to Bismarck, for it ran like a vein of gold through all his dazzling career. He served under three months, and in three great wars and signed three treaties of peace. He was the father of the triple alliance, and from his three names and as many words in his family motto, "Strength in Trinity," and his three children, there was no period or undertaking in his life in which this "sacred" figure was not of the best omen to him.



## Road-Making Device.

buggy, and drags immediately behind the wheel, smoothing the track and inclining loose dirt toward the center of the road-bed. At the outer end of the drag is a disk which serves to cut down the sides of the track.

Mr. Taylor has one of these machines attached to his mountain hack. and it attracts a great deal of attention. Good road advocates in south-

ern Idaho are enthusicstic about the machine; it has been proposed by them that the county commissioners near second, didn't touch the bag, and buy them in large lots and let them out to every farmar who will agree to raced for the clubhouse."

use them, rebating the user on his road tax. It is a well-known fact that the roads of southern Idaho are in a frightful condition for nine months out of twelve; from the time they dry up in the spring until about June they are in fair condition, but after that

four for pony racing and two for trotthey are so full of "chuck holes" as ting. Beyond a distance of 40 miles to render them discouraging to a light rig driving fast, or to a heavily loaded wagon. By the use of Mr. Taylor's chuck hole filler this can be eliminated -it fills all holes, leaving the road smooth after the passing of the ve-

from the general postoffice, Sydney. 306 race courses are licensed for horse racing, 71 for pony racing, and 57 for trotting. Licenses are issued for a tourney. period of one year, recommencing on the first day of January. Race course licenses to the number of 484 were issued for the year 1912, and \$5,930 was received by the New South Wales legislature in fees."

#### Big Stake Races.

served on that Merkle stuff.

"It wasn't Evers who saw it, but

Artie Hofman, and as long as I live

I'll never forget the scramble on the

Polo ground field. Evers made the

putout; and he got it because he was

the only one near second. Still, Hof-

kle on first. Al Bridwell shot a single

to center. McCormick raced home with

the run in the ninth inning that would

have beaten us and won the pennant

for the Giants. But Merkle, getting

Racing in Australia.

"With McCormick on third and Mer-

man was the one who started it.

Announcement of the completion of in the Southern league this year. The plans for the construction of the race Coyle boys will play with Chattanooga track at the Panama-Pacific exposition and Memphis, and the Reynolds brothis made by the exposition management. Stakes to the sum of \$227,000 will be offered to the competing St. Louis Browns have something horses in the 24 days' meet scheduled. else to worry about besides the seven All classes and ages of horses will be other American league clubs. Manentered. The guarantee stakes offered ager Rickey has prohibited his players

as \$20,000 each.

Hughev Jennings says that speed is all his Detroit team needs. And he doesn't say a word about the pennant. . . .

. . .

Why do the Browns and Cardinals

"I'll be boss of my team and run

. . .

. . .

Fred Snodgrass won't join the "fly-

The Topeka club has passed into

the hands of Dan Breese, who will re-

. . .

Nick Maddox, former Pirate heaver.

will manage the Wichita club of the

. . .

tain Dale Gear as manager.

Western league this season.

catching" contest. He has signed with

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Three of Detroit's left-handed hurlers come from the Southern league. They are Cavet, Covaleski and Willjams.

\*Mathewson has a life job with the Giants," reads an exchange. But how | cago. much is his life worth when his arm fails?

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two and three-hit games all winter in Havana. . . .

it had several Rickeys to help "reor- and his salary. ganize it." . . .

Manager Clark Griffith says that picking the pennant winner for the coming season is harder than picking the horses. . . .

Walter Lonegran has signed a contract to play with Hugh Duffy's Portland club in the New England league next season. . . .

Pitcher Ralph Glaze, who used to burn 'em over for the Red Sox, has signed up with the Topeka club of the Western league.

. . . Josephus Daniels, son of Secretary of the Navy Daniels, is a candidate for catcher on the Tome institute baseball team at Port Deposit, Mo.

. . . Catcher Jenkins, who was secured by the Browns from Keokuk of the Central association, caught 121 games last season before he had to quit. . . .

Tom Daly, who was on the receiving end of the Tenor-Daly battery many years ago, has been given a position as scout for the New York Yankees.

Horse racing is a popular sport in In Walter Johnson the Nationals Australia, as shown by the following have without a doubt, the best hurler statistics: "Within 40 miles of the in Ban Johnson's circuit. He exceeds ceneral postoffice, Sydney, six race all slab artists in striking out the op-

courses are licensed for horse racing. position. . . .

Wally Schang of the Athletics is quite some bowler. He is captain of the Wales Center (N. Y.) team, which made a strong bid in a recent Buffalo

"The Glants are off for their fourth straight pennant," voices a New York scribe. Well, they can be sure of some good bumps before they land there, which we doubt.

i poker.

There will be two sets of brothers

ers with Memphis and Atlanta. . . .

------POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The Romans are afraid base ball is brutal. Some of them must have heard Heinie Zim talking to an umpire.-New York American.

The action of the rules committee in emphasizing that all home runs must be run out isn't much consolation to Manhattan, for Frank Baker always did it anyway.-Cleveland Leader.

If by hook or crook, organized baseball knew how to get Charley Weeghman in possess of Charles Webb Murphy's Cub franchise, maybe it wouldn't break all Stockholm records doing it .-- Philadelphia North American.

The tango and hesitation dances have figured more or less prominently in the base ball situation.-New York Journal. Manager "Robbie" will teach his men how to slide, but will not try to do so himself .- Brooklyn Eagle.

## Another Star From Brainerd.

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The little town of Brainerd, Minn., will be more interested than ever in the success of the Athletics next season, provided young Joe Graves, an eighteen-year-old native, makes good as a member of Connie Mack's pitching staff. Chief Bender was born in Brainerd and Leslie Bush makes his home there in the off season. If Graves is half as good as these other Brainerdites he is sure to win added distinction for the little town.

### Stone Goes to Federals.

Dwight Stone, released last fall by the St. Louis Browns for Oakland, where he failed to make good, and was then turned over to Montgomery, is reported so disgusted with his pros pects that he has cast his lot with George Stovall's Federal league team in Kansas City.

# Five Big Colleges Compete.

Cornell, Pennsylvania, Harvard. Yale and Princeton will be in the runfor pacers and trotters reach as high from smoking cigarettes and playing ning for the highest honors in the track and field champiouships.

and remained there for a long parts of Long Island so attractive to men are extremely lucky. Anna Gould Dickers.

Patriotic.

Teacher-Tommy, can you tell me arrived with ropes and sacks for the what great men were born in Febru- of price is the only obstacle in the way

the crevasse. Voices were heard in Groundhow

ice sheet which covered the northern of an irregular aggregation of hum-

states many thousand years ago. The mocks and hollows, which have pro-

the depths. The guide found the Ger-A cool here of an Alpine fall was the man with a broken leg, his body much stout German tourist whom George battered, yet he was smoking a cigar. French government is negotiating for Abraham encountered in strange cir. And he absolutely refused to be resmstances on a glacier near Zermatt. cued until he had bargained at some Having insisted upon unroping himself length for the cost of that operation. from his guides, he had disappeared

into a crevasse. It was supposed he must be dead, and eventually a party remains. But meanwhile Mr. Abra- ary?

ham's party appeared on the scene, and his guide was lowered 60 feet into ham Lincoln, St. Valentine and Mr. sion, but the duchess is asking \$2,400,-

The report is received that the the purchase of the Paris mansion of Duchess de Talleyrand, formerly Anna Gould of New York, which is desired for conversion into a museum. The mansion is a duplicate of the Grand

Trianon. The rumor says the question of the conclusion of the sale, the state