

# After Church in Bunnyville

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Oh, what a sight on Easter morn 'neath April skies of blue  
When after church the rabbits stroll along the avenue!  
The swells of Bunnyville are there, and every one in town  
Is out in Easter suit and hat and stunning Easter gown.  
And what excitement stirs the throng, how all the rabbits stare  
When Molly Cottontail sweeps by with Mr. Belgian Hare!



the Saturnalia and even surprised that feast in its own service it worked to continue two other great festivals of pagan Rome and have them held on the date of Easter.

These festivals were the Lupercalia, held on Feb. 15, and the Arval brotherhood, celebrated about the end of May. The Lupercalia was in honor of Lupercus, the god of purification and fecundity. Goats and dogs were sacrificed to him in his temple on the day set aside for his worship; in the blood of the sacrifice a sword was dipped by a priest, and with its point the forehead of the noble Roman youths were touched. Another priest washed away the blood with milk. The youths, stimulated by great drafts of wine and clad only in the torn skin of a goat just sacrificed and holding in their hands thongs of the same, followed by a great procession of the priesthood and crowds in holiday attire, ran from one side of the street to the other, striking with the goatskin whips at the women who presented themselves for the blows.

The feast of the Arval brotherhood was celebrated in honor of the twelve foster brothers of Romulus, gods who continued the fertility of the fields, to which Lupercus gave the initiative. It was held in the grove of Dea Dia, about five miles from the city, and gave opportunity for annual athletic games. There was an egg-shaped track in the grove, and on this races were run, with eggs for prizes. Eggs were wagered, too, and in all there was such an abundance of eggs here to the grove that more than half the holiday merry-makers gorged themselves with them after the running and the wagering were done.

When the Romans got the idea of associating the egg with fertility is not certain. The Egyptians, however, had for centuries before regarded the egg as a symbol of the renovation of man after the deluge. Indeed, almost all peoples had religious ceremonies in which it figured as emblematic of reproduction. It was therefore especially fitting for the great festivals with which all the peoples welcomed spring. From the Jewish missionaries to the Christians in Rome had been handed down the tradition that the Hebrew put an egg on the table at the Passover to typify the departure from Egypt. Perhaps this link between the Passover and the games in the grove of Dea Dia had to do with suggesting the merging of the Arval and Lupercal and holding both at the Easter time, a season midway between. However that be, the thing was done when the Christians became powerful enough to do it.

Among the Germans, the Gauls and the people of the present British islands the absorption of their ancient spring festivals by this new one of Easter was easy. It came to them from Rome with their new religion and chanced to be about the time they held their own pagan spring feasts in honor of the gods they supposed to be awakening nature.

Among the Germans the hare as well as the egg had a part in the spring feasts as an emblem of fecundity. So close was the association that even now the children there believe that the hare lays their Easter eggs, and as the rabbit is a cousin to the hare it is not strange that the children of English speaking people have the same curious belief about that frisky animal and hold it sacred to Easter.

WALTON WILLIAMS.

## The Scala Santa.

"I found the Scala Santa (holy staircase) most interesting, for certainly it is the strangest sight in the world," writes a woman who spent last Easter in Rome. "An enormous crowd of both sexes, all ages and all ranks, was ascending the staircase on their knees, kissing each step. I saw elegantly dressed ladies, princesses, her majesty the queen, following immediately behind skin clad countrymen with their sandaled feet almost in contact with the faces of the ladies following. All Good Friday the procession is kept up. La Scala Santa is said to be the staircase down which our Lord was dragged when Pilate had sentenced him to be crucified. It was brought from Jerusalem by St. Helena, as in an adjoining church the true cross is shown, also brought by St. Helena from Jerusalem."

## A Lasting Easter Gift.

An Easter present that will give real lasting pleasure is a window box filled with growing plants. Cut flowers are ephemeral, and often the potted plant bought and sent as an Easter gift lasts but a little while.

These window boxes are a new departure for this purpose. They are of rustic bark, oblong, square or round, as you choose. They should contain flowers of an enduring nature. A baby rambler rose, sweet alyssum, ferns, pansies, mignonettes and the bright yellow gonestra are all good. Sometimes the florist puts a bit of Scotch heather in the box.

Such a box set in a sunny window would give pleasure all through the spring and later could be put outside. —Boston Traveler.

## A \$4,000 Easter Egg.

In extravagant Paris an egg was manufactured some years ago for a certain Spanish infant who cost 20,000 francs, or \$4,000. It was white enamel on the outside and had the whole gospel of Easter engraved on the inside. A mysterious mechanism within it sent forth a little bird who sang twelve popular airs from the opera.

## Sewing on Good Friday.

The good women of Shropshire, England, devote every spare minute on Good Friday to sewing, believing that sewing done on that day will never come undone.

## Whence The Easter Festivity?

"Oh, why, mamma, for Eastertide Do people buy the candy rabbit?" "I do not know, my child," she sighed, "Unless it be from force of habit."

"Oh, whence, mamma, the painted egg We see in windows by the dozens?" "Ah, do not ask me, child, I beg, But go and ask your country cousins."

"Oh, why, mamma, are hot cross buns So popular at Easter season?" "They may be better than the ones I bake—I reckon that's the reason."

"Oh, why, mamma"—But she forsook Her child and hid her to a college To read a cyclopedic book And freshen up on Easter knowledge.

WHY is our Easter a time of gifts and new raiment, and how and why is it associated with the egg and the rabbit? What has any of these things to do with a Christmas religious festival?

Easter is not a Christian festival merely. It is pagan as well. The early church in its wisdom saw more spiritual profit, a greater harvest of souls, in Christianizing as far as possible the great national festivals of every people among whom it planted the



RAN FROM ONE SIDE OF THE STREET TO THE OTHER.

cross than in taking a hostile attitude toward them. Thus the Roman Saturnalia and the Druidic midwinter orgies and those in honor of Thor were stripped of their grossness and molded into our Christmas. And so it was with Easter.

The missionaries who reached Rome from Judea to preach the new dispensation fixed the time of the resurrection as being on the Sunday within the week of the Passover, which began on the fifteenth day of the first month of the Jewish year. This was a season varying a little year by year, according to the Roman calendar, but always occurring about the end of March or early in April, when the south Italian country was decked with the flowers of spring in welcome to the coming guest, sweet summer. None of the great national festivals was held at that season, but when the new religion had taken the evil out of

## Cupid's Bad Aim

THROUGH days of Lent, On sport intent, Dan Cupid fashioned arrows, And every day His aim, they say, He practiced on the sparrows.

Now, days of Lent Myrtilia spent In projects for adorning A costly hat Of splendor that She'd wear on Easter morning.

Thus Cupid and Myrtilia planned And toiled through Lent-weather Till Easter day, When, on the way From church, they came together.

And Cupid laughed And aimed a shaft With skill and swiftness laden:

But, lo, the dart Found not the heart, But the headgear of the maiden!

"Ho, ho!" she cried With saucy pride, "You did it very neatly! My hat was bare. Your arrow there Becomes it most completely."

But, filled with shame At wretched aim And practice unavailing, The pretty boy, Bereft of joy, Before her stood bewailing.

Then to his side She stepped and cried:

"Cheer up, you silly Cupid! That Love is blind I've heard—I find That Love is only stupid."

"Your skillful eye Did aim awry, 'Tis true, but what of that, sir?"

If you were smart You'd know my heart

Is in my Easter hat, sir!"

And Cupid smiled, With joy beguiled, And through the April weather And meadows fair That precious pair Went o'er the hills together.

—San Francisco Call.

Palms as Lightning Conductors. There was a belief in Spain as late as 1828 and perhaps even still held by many that palms blessed by the priests carried in procession on Palm Sunday were a sure preventive of the ill effects of lightning when fastened to a conspicuous part of the house balcony.

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## OLD COUNCIL OUT NEW IN

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addition, and running south to the southeast corner of block 7, commencing at southeast corner of 5, 4th addition, and running west to the southwest corner of block 27, 2nd addition. Petition referred to finance committee.

Following bills were allowed and warrants ordered issued on respective funds:

C. W. Kelley, services city engineer	40 00
J. E. Pence, fumigating supplies	1 71
McCook Elec. Light Co., March	128 70
McCook Water Works Co., 520 83	520 83
McCook Water Works Co., claim	\$1,063.33
W. A. Gold, cemetery	8 00
W. C. Bullard, coal	9 70
F. J. Mason, \$61.50, allowed at	51 00
Maurice O'Rourke, police	2 00
McCook Republican	32 50
Sarah E. Kay, booth rent	5 00
York Blank Book Co., supplies	4 50
F. M. Kimmell, printing	57 00
Dr. J. A. Toren, services	2 00
McCook Loan & Trust Co., rent	75 00
Neb. Tel. Co., phones	4 50
Barnett Lumber Co., coal	11 70
J. E. Ludwick, furniture	28 50
J. R. McCarl, expense	58 16
Frank Colfer, clerk	3 00
Norman Campbell, clerk	3 00
M. F. Stoner, clerk	3 00
J. W. Spencer, clerk	3 00
F. J. Rolfe, judge	3 00
J. S. LeHew, judge	3 00
M. J. Clark, judge	3 00
W. A. Middleton, judge	3 00
S. D. McClain, judge	3 00
H. M. Finley, judge	3 00
Frank Reel, salary	12 50
L. W. McConnell, salary	12 50
C. B. Gray, salary	12 50
C. L. Fahnestock, salary	18 75
J. R. McCarl, salary	25 00
H. W. Conover, salary, expense	37 85
Henry Gale, salary	27 00
Ed. Fitzgerald, salary	78 83
J. R. Pence, salary	93 16
John Ekstedt, salary	70 20

The following 82 fire claims were allowed: Ellsworth Ward, E. O. Vahne, I. N. Biggs, J. N. Gaarde, W. C. McCarty, M. F. Stoner, M. R. Osborn, Albert Blatt, J. W. Spencer, C. W. Wimer, Charles Leach, Darve Burnett, G. S. Scott, R. C. Cathart, W. H. Shrigley, L. W. Jennings, Hurley Dye, Fred S. Wasson, Frank Putnam, Harry A. Cole, C. W. McMillen, A. B. Campbell, Ellsworth Ward, E. O. Vahne, A. B. Campbell.

Fire claims: Andrew Sherman, \$125; White Line Transfer Co., \$100; M. R.

Osborn, \$125; Osborn & Wentz, \$100; E. F. Osborn, \$300.

The mayor on Tuesday morning filed the following paper:

McCook, Nebraska, April 14, 1908, 8 o'clock a. m. The office of chief of police of the city of McCook, which office includes that of street commissioner of the city of McCook being vacant, I hereby appoint Walter Godfrey as chief of police and street commissioner of the city of McCook, with full power and authority to act as such until his successor is duly appointed and confirmed. J. H. STUBBS, Mayor of the City of McCook.

## Chautauqua Ideals Highest.

What will it mean to the general uplift of our town to have such men as are brought by a good chautauqua addressing our children and leaving their impress upon every one. These strong characters who by hard toil have risen to places of prominence always have a message for our young, men and women. Let us open our town to these noted men and women, celebrated lecturers and entertainers. Let us say to our neighboring towns we are in for the highest and best for our people. Why may we not secure for our town the prestige which always follows a good chautauqua. We are interested in this town and it is our purpose to advocate everything possible for us to get that which has as many good features as a modern chautauqua. This is an age of commercialism but let us inject into it all we can that tends to elevate and ennoble. Let us strive to do all the business we possibly can but at the same time have a regard for the moral and educational tone of our town. Who will join us for better things for McCook?

## McCook Band May Accompany.

There is a prospect that the McCook band may accompany the trade excursion of the Omaha Commercial club on its trip west of here, commencing May 25th. The excursion will run out from Omaha during the night of Sunday the 21th, arriving here at six o'clock. After breakfast they will continue on their way west, remaining in McCook two hours.

## A Handy Receipt Book.

Bound duplicate receipt books, three receipts to the page, for sale at The Tribune office.

## CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CHRISTIAN—Bible school at 10 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m. All are welcome to these services.

EPISCOPAL—Preaching services at St. Alban's church at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. All are welcome to these services. E. R. EARLE, Rector.

CATHOLIC—Order of services: Mass, 8 a. m. Mass and sermon, 10:00 a. m. Evening service at 8 o'clock. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Every Sunday. Wm. J. KIRWIN, O. M. I.

BAPTIST—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11:00 a. m. Evening service at 8:00. B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m. A most cordial invitation is extended to all to worship with us. E. BURTON, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—Services, Sunday at 11 a. m., and Wednesday at 8 p. m. Subject, "Doctrine of Atone-ment." Meetings held in the Diamond block. Room open Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 2 to 4 p. m. Science literature on sale. G. B. HAWKES, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Easter service with sermon by pastor at 11 a. m. and Easter Concert by the Sunday school at 8 p. m. Junior C. E. at 3 p. m. Senior C. E. at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 8. The public is cordially invited to these services. G. B. HAWKES, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Easter sunrise prayer meeting at 7 a. m. Worship with special Knights Templar service at 11. Junior League at 4. Epworth League at 6. Easter Cantata "Mariah Victorious" by church choir at 8. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 9 p. m. You are welcomed and made glad at this church. Sunday school every Sunday in South McCook at 7. M. B. CARMAN, Pastor.

Look! Look! Look! Add see what we have this week: A 14-inch No. 2 Star plow or lister lay, fitted and sharpened on any plow or lister, for \$2.75.

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