

The Daily Bee.

OMAHA.

Friday Morning, March 23

Personal Notice. If this comes to the notice of J. A. Campbell, now traveling in Western Iowa, he is hereby requested to report in person at this office at once on a matter of importance.

A. R. SOUVER, Business Manager OMAHA BEE.

Weather Report. (The following observations were taken at the same moment of time at the stations mentioned.)

Table with columns: STATIONS, Direction, Wind, Weather, Barometer.

LOCAL NEWS.

-Today is Good Friday.

-A complaint has been filed against John Metcalf for acting as a runner for a hotel without a license.

-Omaha Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, meets this evening for work in the R. A. degree.

-Good Friday services at Trinity Cathedral 11 a. m., with a sermon, and at 5 p. m., offering for foreign missions.

-The mud is resuming its old-time strength on the street crossings, and a chain gang would be useful as well as ornamental on the main streets.

-Bishop Clarkson will preach (D. V.) to-day Good Friday, at St. Mark's church, on Pierce and Eighth streets, South Omaha, at 11 o'clock a. m.

-At a regular meeting of the Omaha Glee club it was decided to postpone giving the proposed May concert to a period later in the season, probably October.

-The workmen's central committee will meet this (Friday) evening, at the city hall, at 7:30 sharp. All members are requested to be on hand. Per order of the chairman.

-John Maxwell who was arrested as a suspicious character some time ago, and was sent to jail but allowed to leave the city for the good reason, reappeared yesterday and was sent up to serve out his time.

-Though the presenting of cards is more popular than ever, Kuhn & Co. alone keep an immense line, of which all are beautiful. They probably sell more cards than all other dealers combined.

-Judge Stenberg, who was legislated out of the office of registrar by the recent legislature, has received from Gov. Dawes his appointment as notary public and entered upon the duties of that office.

-The quarterly conference for the Northern Nebraska district of the reorganized church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, convenes to-day at 7:30 p. m., at the Saints Chapel on Cass between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, H. N. secretary.

-The members of No. 1 engine company will give a ball on the evening of April 6th at the Masonic hall. W. S. Whitehouse will officiate at floor manager, and O. C. Field as master of ceremonies. The committee are D. W. Lane, Anton J. Harold and C. C. Field. This is the sixth annual ball of the company, and certain to prove a most enjoyable one.

-A regular meeting of the Third ward republican club will be held Friday evening, March 23d, at the City hotel, corner of Tenth and Harney streets. M. H. Carleton, secretary.

-In the police court yesterday there were four plain drunks, all of whom went to jail. Three ragrants, being Poles who could not speak a word of English were held until an interpreter could be procured.

-Instead of having two electric street lamps, the Paxton hotel now has one, which is hung at the southwest corner of Farnam and Fourteenth streets, in such a position as to light both streets in each direction for a long distance, the new arrangement being quite an improvement.

-H. Thompson, the man who took the whiskey from D. L. McCook's saloon and was fired out of town, did not stay very long, and being found here again was fined \$5 and costs as a suspicious character, and sent up for twenty days on bread and water.

-Captain Coolidge, of the Seventh infantry, arrived yesterday from Fort Russell, to assume his duties at Fort Omaha as instructor in rifle practice for the detachment of the Platte. Captain Coates, of the Fourth infantry, is in the city, on his return from leave to Fort Robinson.

-The following officers were elected at the annual election of the St. George's society Thursday Mr. James Stockdale president, and James Rothwell secretary. Both of the gentlemen are well known in our community, especially Mr. Stockdale, who has been in our midst for the last fifteen years. There is no question but with his ability he will fill the high position bestowed upon him by the society with honor to all concerned.

-It is stated that Mr. P. E. East, general passenger agent of the B. & M. railroad, is to be married shortly to one of the most charming and wealthy young ladies of Philadelphia. It is certain that he engaged in the erection and arrangement of one of the handsomest and most costly residences in Omaha. If these happy tidings be true Mr. East will be heartily congratulated, and most friends that are possessed by any other man in Nebraska will rise up and invite him to shake - [State Journal.

-We notice the Marriage Fund, Mutual Trust Association of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, highly spoken of in many of the leading papers of the state. "Money for the Married" heads their advertisement in another column of this paper.

GOOD FRIDAY.

A Day Honored by Custom and Tradition.

A Few Items Concerning Its Observance.

Yesterday was known as Maunday Thursday or Shrove Thursday, one of the two days of Holy Week, which stand out distinctly as honored by custom and tradition. Maunday Thursday is so called, says an authority, from a corruption of the Latin word mandatum, a command, the day being that on which the Lord washed His disciples' feet, to teach them the great lesson of humility. Another writer declares that Maunday is from the French maundier, to beg, and certainly at this day the French maundier means beggar. Again it was called "Shrove Thursday," in that "the people would on that day shear their heads and clip their ears and pool their heads and so make them honest against Easter day."

In practical America beyond church services, attended by the faithful, little is known of the day save that it precedes Good Friday, and is about at the close of the long forty days' fast.

Good Friday has had a strong hold upon the religious generation of Catholic people in all countries and at all times. Whether or not churches agree that the day is the variable one of the crucifixion, the event which commemorates possesses sufficient solemnity to affect all beliefs which acknowledge Christ as their supreme head.

A curious custom, that of baking "hot cross buns" on this day, is quaintly alluded to in an almanac for 1733: "Good Friday comes this month; the old woman runs With one or two penny hot cross buns, Whose virtue is, if you believe what she said, They'll not grow mouldy like common bread."

It is said that the herb pudding formerly extensively baked in the north of England had for its chief ingredient the leaves of the passion dock. This plant in the parts of fructification is said to produce fancied representations of the cross, hammer, nails, etc., and the effect produced by its consumption was to bring to the one who ate it a reminder of the days of the passion.

The Good Friday bun, like many of the Christian customs, must go back to heathendom for its origin, for sacred cakes styled "boun" were offered every seventh day at the Arctike temples. Bryant says: "The offerings which people in ancient times used to present to the gods were generally purchased at the entrance of the temples, especially every species of consecrated bread, which was designated accordingly. One species of consecrated bread which used to be offered to the gods was of great antiquity, and called boun."

Another ancient writer speaks of the boun and calls it a cake with two horns. Again Cicero is said to have offered up a sort of sweet bread and Empedocles offered a house made of fine flour and honey. The prophet Jeremiah refers to this sort of offering as made by the Jewish women at Bethrus, in Egypt, and of their base history in so doing. The small Good Friday loaves baked in England were not intended for food, but a small portion grated into water and worked into a panada was believed to be a sovereign remedy for many disorders. The cross buns of England were formerly of unleavened bread, referring, of course, to the unleavened bread of the Jews, and were marked before baking with the form of the cross. Many authorities country folk still mark all their cakes with the sign of the cross before baking, and it is said that the custom of making a cross is a substitute for a name when one cannot write is a remnant of the old custom.

The eating of Good Friday buns was supposed, in olden times, to protect the house against fire and the pastry cooks and bakers vied with each other for the excellence of the commodity. Another, which for some time obtained, was that of blessing rings on Good Friday, that the wearer might not fall ill during the coming year. In some portions of Ireland it was common to deprive even infants of sustenance from 12 on the night of Maunday Thursday to 12 on Good Friday night. An ancient custom is found in the book of ceremonials of the kings of England, wherein is told how kings and queens "did crack to the cross in token of their humility."

In the sixteenth century Catholics offered eggs and bacon, from which we may guess that the dish was in order on that day. Even to the devout Christian who sees in the sacred symbol the token of his redemption and promise of rest, there is much interest in this handling down to posterity of the odd superstitions which mingle their harmless picturesqueness with their early religiousness. If no longer hot cross buns greet us on Good Friday morning, and Maunday Thursday is deprived of Fawcett and humility, at least we have the gospel of good will, the beautiful charity of deeds and the chastening of self-sacrifice. If we do not literally creep to penitential crosses on weary limbs, can we not at least mend our ways by striking out with what degrades, and elevate ourselves toward moral perfection?

Satisfactory Evidence. J. W. Graham, Wholesale Druggist, of Austin, Tex., writes: "I have been handling Dr. Wm. Hall's Balsam for the Lungs for the past year, and have found it one of the most reliable medicines I have ever had in my house for Coughs, Colds and even consumption, always giving entire satisfaction. Please send me one gross by Saturday's steamer."

We have in transit a choice stock of Top or Button, Yellow Bottom and White Bottom Onion Sets, which we will sell at eastern prices. Shipment will arrive Saturday. We are ready for your order. m20-me 21 MILLARD & PECK.

The Fire Underwriters. The Underwriters' association of Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, which has been in semi-annual session in this city for the past two days, adjourned at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon to

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This would look plausible and carry out the theory of accidental shooting, the only thing throwing doubt on the matter being the open window and foot prints found at the west