

Happy Easter Thoughts



Easter Morning

WHAT tidings of reverent gladness are voiced by the bells that ring
A summons to men to gather today in the courts of Christ the King!
We come to our dear Lord's altar.
What brightness greets us there!
The gloom of the winter has vanished, and beauty is everywhere.
Oh, beautiful, beautiful lilies, what truths you typify!
You seemed to die in the autumn, and yet you did not die.
"Alleluia!" the choir is chanting, with joyous, jubilant voice.
"The Lord is risen, is risen! Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice!"
"He is risen!" Oh, glorious message!
"He lives who once was dead!"
And hearts that were heavy, with sorrow hear and are comforted.
From the censers cups of the lilies rise scents of myrrh and balm.
And the soul, like a lark, soars upward, winged with the Easter psalm.
And on this Easter morning, while joyful voices sing,
You repeat to all the lesson of the miracle of spring.
From the tomb in which men laid him the stone is rolled away,
And, lo, the Christ they sing of is here in our midst today!
 —Eben E. Rexford in Christian Herald.

The Lily

THE lily, whose purity and beauty have become the symbol of the Christian Easter, is, according to the flower genealogists, Chinese, though it appeared as long as 3,000 years before the Christian era as a theme of decoration on Egyptian and Assyrian monuments.
 "The original lily," says the Southern Workman, "is believed to be the oldest of all plants," and it observes that it is the only one that has none but regal relatives. The kinfolk of the rose are very poor. The chrysanthemum has been brought out of almost the weed state, but the lily is an aristocrat that seems to have been so divinely molded that man has been unable to change it materially. Even the Japanese are content almost to worship it as it is. Little Japanese tots never look so charming as when they are admiring this thing which brings the divine beauty of the wonderful world into even the most menial surroundings. Often this queen is found standing majestic and adored in a simple vase or bottle in the workshops, even in blacksmith shops.
 On this side of the world Bermuda is the great lily storehouse. Those who visit the islands in the month of April can ride for miles over the finest natural roads in the world—those in Barbados alone excepted—among fields of pure white flowers, growing in such profusion that the ground is not visible.
 Nothing is to be seen but masses of white and green. There are over 200 such farms, some from thirty to forty acres in extent, devoted exclusively to lily growing. The heavy perfume can often be discerned a mile or more away. The fragrance of a bunch of lilies delicately scenting a room or church is very different from the overpowering fragrance exhaled from an immense farm. The natives, however, are quite resigned to the heavy perfume, knowing that acre for acre the growing lily is three or four times as profitable as the other products of the islands. Lily bulbs were first brought to the islands from Japan.

Newsy Items from Nearby Towns

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Damascus.

Old-fashioned Winter is still with us. We would like to have him get outside and bask in the warm sunshine.
 The continued stormy weather is disagreeable for the men who are hauling wood.
 This has been a hard winter on the roads.
 Mrs. Wealthy Royer and little baby, who have been staying at the Royer home in Finland, returned home last Monday.
 Mrs. A. F. Carlson and children have returned from a visit at Mt. Angel.
 Mr. Hall and son have purchased a wood saw and will soon have it rigged up ready for work.
 Miss Gladys Burr and friend, Martha Snyder, came in from Redland, spending the week end at the Burr home.
 Miss Julia Krotch, who has been in Portland all Winter, has returned to her home here for the Summer.
 Mrs. May Hard spent a day at Eagle Creek during the week.
 The School Industrial Club had a debate last Friday evening, the question being "Which is the more useful, the wheelbarrow or the automobile." The automobile won.

The road force have stopped work on the roads on account of bad weather.
 The entertainment given at the German Hall Saturday evening by the school under the direction of Misses Anna Bochmann and Ruth Lingal was a decided success. A nice lunch was served after the entertainment. The proceeds will be used for building a play shed, which the school needs very much.

Our county schools have the right principals. They are teaching the school children how to help themselves by honest work.
 Mr. H. J. Carlson is clearing up the land around his house. It takes a lot of time to get the old Fir stumps out so the land can be cultivated, but that is the way our fathers got their start.

Happy Valley.

Spring weather is slow in reaching us, but will be the more appreciated when it does come.
 Born on March 29th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kanne, a baby girl. The only regret Mr. Kanne has is the purchase of a new hat three sizes larger than usual.
 Rev. T. R. Hornschuch preached a convincing sermon on systematic giving on Sunday afternoon, April 1st, taking for his text 1st Cor. 16:1-2, at the Happy Valley Evangelical Church, which was well filled, considering the stormy weather.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the East Mt. Scott Evangelical Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Abe. Guide on Thursday afternoon, April 5th.
 John Deardoff is erecting a barn on the old Bennett place for Mr. Abe. Guide, but the work is not progressing very rapidly.

Bellrose-Gilbert.

The Ladies' Aid for Bennett Chapel held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Gibson on Wednesday. The presence of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper, the pastor and his wife, was a distinct pleasure to all.

The Ladies' Needle Club met at the residence of Mrs. Ewal on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Rindle on the 17th inst.

Mr. Gilbert is the possessor of a new automobile.
 B. N. Himebaugh is the champion poultry man of this vicinity, or at least he is fast getting into that class. He has 65 hens which laid 1,427 eggs in the month of March, an average of 70 per cent egg production. One pullet earlier in the winter laid 27 eggs in 29 days. Mr. Himebaugh does not stand in need of a gold mine. At the present rate he bids fair to rival the man owning the goose which laid the golden eggs.

C. Bruce, of Foster Road, near Gilbert station is another prosperous poultryman of this section. He has at present nine hundred eggs hatching in incubators. The first hatch of six hundred all did fine.

COMMUNITY SUPPER.

When it comes to A-1 good times the people of Bellrose and Gilbert are past masters in the art of sociability. They know how to have a good time themselves and also have that rarer quality of knowing how to give a good time to the stranger who may be so fortunate as to be included in their number for the time being.

An unanswerable argument of the truth of the above statement was furnished by the community supper which was served at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, of Bellrose Station on Saturday evening last. This home was invaded about six o'clock by some twenty-five neighbors and friends, nearly all being armed with mysterious looking baskets and parcels, which were quickly spirited away to the region of the kitchen, to be divested of outer wrappings and appear later upon the

tables which were spread the length of the commodious dining room.

A very pleasing innovation was the serving of the supper the first item on the evening's program, thus giving ample time to linger at the table and thoroughly enjoy the good things provided so lavishly, as well as the social intercourse incident to such an occasion. And such "eats!" We are tempted to give the menu, notwithstanding the danger of laying these good people open to an attack from hungry city people who do not know what a good feed is. We will make amends by agreeing to enlist at once in their defense in case of such an attack, provided of course, they will be kind enough to provide board while the siege is on. Clam chowder comprised the first course; subsequent courses consisted of mashed potatoes, scalloped potatoes, potato salad, cabbage salad, creamed carrots, string beans, Boston baked beans, mashed parsnips, home-made spaghetti, chicken pie, fresh home-made rolls, cottage cheese, pie and coffee. Although a little early for the ghosts and spirits of April first to be in evidence the host seemed to have had communication with them and induced them to arrive a little early for this occasion. They made their appearance at the table and picked upon Mr. Himebaugh as their medium of demonstration. The meal had hardly commenced when his plate began a series of dancing and side steps which lasted throughout the entire dinner. Fortunately the spirits were considerate and did not spill the contents of the plate. Considerable merriment was evoked by the demonstration.

A program was rendered at the conclusion of the dinner, in charge of Mr. Henderson. Several humorous stories were told; Mrs. Anderson gave a little reading telling of the origin of April Fool's Day. The little nephew of the host and hostess, gave a piano solo, responding to an encore. Mr. Johnson sang a pleasing old-fashioned ballad. Elizabeth Hyde of Lents gave two recitations. Mrs. French gave a reading, while Mr. Himebaugh capped the climax of a most delightful evening by his rendering of a negro sermon. Several musical selections concluding with "America" brought the program to a close. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. R. Henderson, Miss Stella Henderson, Mrs. Rindle, Joshua Ambler, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. French, Mr. and Mrs. Himebaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. French Jr., Mrs. Minnie G. Hyde, of the Herald and her daughter, Miss Elizabeth.

QUESTION.

Some things seem strange as we journey thru life
 And we wonder what makes them so.
 Fancy and frills, fuss, fume, style and strife
 Are abundant wherever we go.
 Why do the most homely persons you meet
 Make the loudest, the most glaring show?
 From the top of the head to the soles of the feet
 And the rich or the poor, high or low?
 Most ignorant men always want to be heard,
 It matters not where they may be.
 In most public places first, second and third
 There's a none bawls so loudly as he.
 We wonder why pride rules the rich and the poor,
 The niggard as much as the dude;
 The vulgar, the lazy, the listless, impure,
 Do they ever try to do any good?
 And those goody good people we meet everywhere,
 But the veil is so thin we can see the intention,
 The motive for each act is clear,
 What's the lesson for you and for me?
 What are we doing as thru life we go
 Remembering this life is a test?
 A chance to grow broader and better
 And know
 Him, who alone loves us best?

Cherryville.

Everybody is looking for sunshine.
 All our local weather prophets are through prophesying.
 Some of the people venture to predict that we will have better weather after Easter. How long after?
 All are ranchers are out of feed. Old farmers say this is the longest period they ever knew that stock had to be fed. All are looking anxiously for Spring, clear skies and warmer weather.
 Johnnie get your gun, for war has begun.

Deppold, the shingle man from Portland, was out the first of the week. He was accompanied by Hawser, the forest ranger from Zigzag, and the head of the forest service from Portland, who were with him to show him the Cedar properties South of Wren on the Forest Reserve. He will operate on a big scale and employ quite a number of men. He expects to begin operations about the first of May. He will be quite a help to this locality. His mill will be located on Cedar Creek, one mile from the auto road.

All our wars have begun in April. The battle of Lexington was fought in April '76, and the embargo was imposed in April, 1812, which was the first step in that war. Fort Sumpter was fired on in April. The war in Mexico was be-

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gun by Gen. Taylor in that month, although the battle of Palo Alto was not fought until the first of May. And now we have another war declared in April—mostly on water it is more than probable.

Tremont, Kern Park, Arleta.

The Millard Avenue Presbyterian Church will hold Easter services next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock under the auspices of the Sunday school. Following this the communion will be administered after a short address by the pastor and special music by the choir.

The Arleta W. C. T. U. will hold its regular meeting at Lucky Cottage Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Mrs. Murry will conduct a round table on "What the W. C. T. U. has yet to do." Members are urged to wear their white ribbons all the time from now until after election.

Bishop Sumner, of the Episcopal diocese, will speak at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Woodmere next Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

First American Peerage.

It is recorded in a history of the United States that an Indian chief named Mante after baptism was made a peer, receiving the rank of baron and assuming the title of Lord of Ronoke so far back as the year 1587. Somewhat later, in 1699, the title of Lord Delaware was granted by James I. to the new governor of Virginia. Later still, in 1633, Charles I., among his coronation honors, conferred the title of Viscount Canada upon Sir William Alexander.

New York's Millionaire Club.

There are in New York four clubs which charge an initiation fee of \$300. They are the Knickerbocker, the Metropolitan, the Union and the Union League. There is no club in New York which has a higher initiation fee. One of those charging \$300 has been called the Millionaires' club.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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