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PROSPERITY IN ASTORIA

Yesterday was the busiest day of the season for all the business houses of the city. People swarmed into town from farm and village. Townspeople crowded the streets and spent their money. Clerks were rushed and crowded from morning until night.

How much of all this prosperity was due to the closing of Lent and the natural inclination to make up for its restraints is unknown, but the substantial satisfaction of the circumstances goes back of that. The fact is that prosperity is abroad in the land. Never have the business houses of Astoria enjoyed as good a trade as they now have. One of the largest general stores reports its cash sales as almost double those of a year ago. The secret seems to be in the fact of increased confidence among all classes. For instance, there is more money being spent by individual fishermen in providing their own outfits, independent of the canners, than ever before. This is but one indication of a general confidence in the future as to the business, trade, labor, etc. The exceedingly hopeful outlook in the fishing, lumbering and other industries tributary to Astoria is very encouraging, and the prospects for her steady and substantial progress were never better.

SIGNIFICANCE OF EASTER.

As we rejoice at the Easter season, our thought is centered on its significance to us—the resurrection of the Saviour. In contemplating the beauty of this basis of Christianity we seldom recall the fact that a festival at this season antedated the birth of our faith; that the ancient peoples, both Hebrews and Gentiles, celebrated a joyous holiday about the time of the spring equinox.

Christ's own race had kept the Passover during the month of Nisan—the first month of the natural year—even since the Lord had spared their children and their possessions when He slew the first-born of both man and beast in old Egypt. Christ himself kept the feast faithfully, and around it are grouped the most dramatic incidents of his life. It was at the Passover that he astonished the doctors in the temple; it was during the annual gatherings for the holiday that many of His miracles were performed; and it was at this same feast that the Great Tragedy occurred—that the fanatic multitude chose to free Barabbas, the murderer, and to crucify the Man of Peace.

With the earliest Christians, the feast of the Passover was easily transformed into a commemoration of the Resurrection of the Redeemer. As the blood of the paschal lamb on the doorposts of their forefathers had saved them from the destroying angel, so

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now the blood of the Lamb of God would deliver them from their own destroying weaknesses. As in the past, they had rejoiced over their escape from the bond of Egypt, so now they exulted in their freedom from the external chains of sin. They exhibited their joy to the surrounding world. Their houses were decorated with greens and blossoms and their persons adorned with fresh garments. In glad tones they uttered a new greeting, "Christ is risen, indeed!" or "And hath appeared unto Simon!"

Customs typical of the Resurrection were copied from neighboring countries. The Persians had long exchanged eggs in springtime, as a symbol of re-creation. The Christians adopted this method, but modified it. They dyed their eggs red to signify that while there was a re-creation, indeed, it was secured only through the Blood of the Lamb. Today, when we exchange eggs of all colors, all sizes and with all sorts of wondrous hidden in them, we have lost sight of their significance to the first Christians.

When the missionaries of the Cross advanced to the countries of northern Europe, they found that here the people had a joyful feast day about the time of the Resurrection, in honor of Eostre, the goddess of springtime. When they converted these nations they still kept the festival, interpreting it to be now in honor of the God of all seasons. However, we still have a remembrance of the pagan goddess, Eostre, in our English title, Easter.

Throughout the early Christian world Easter was the greatest feast in the calendar, and it soon came to be called "The Great Day." It still holds a unique sovereignty, for upon its time depend the dates of all the moveable feasts of the church year.

The exact date of Easter made a schism in the early church. The churches in Asia Minor commemorated the Resurrection on the 14th of Nisan, the Jewish Paschal, no matter on what day of the week this occurred. While the church of Europe celebrated the feast as near the 14th of Nisan as possible, but always on a Sunday, because they said Christ had risen on a Sunday. For two centuries the fathers of the church argued the question, and then, at the council of Nice in 325, they compromised. It was decided, first, that the 21st of March should be accounted the vernal equinox; second, that the full moon happening upon, or next after, the 21st of March should be taken for the full moon of Nisan; third, that the Lord's day next following the full moon should be Easter day; fourth, that if the full moon be on a Sunday, Easter day should be the Sunday after. It is very probable that few of us of this generation have known that Easter can never occur during the period of Luna's greatest brilliancy.

Even if we had no exact date, we would probably feel the inspiration the old pagans cherished. With the story of the Great Sacrifice for our sakes, added to the instinctive joyousness of the spring we seem to acquire a new personal dignity. Our hearts tell us that if we are worth saving our lives must be worth living, and with genuine cheerfulness we welcome this glad season when nature bursts forth afresh to accompany the resurrection of the soul.—Katherine Chandler.

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Bridge to be a steel swinging draw bridge with a clear space of 70 feet on each side of the draw rest. As is also directed by the Hon. secretary of war. Approaches to be pile trestle with a 16 foot clear road or driveway. Bidders shall attach to their bid a certified check equal to 10 percent of the same and check made payable to the order of the county clerk or may deposit the amount in cash at time of filing his or their bid.

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