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EASTER SUNDAY.

He is arisen! Angels cried
When out of doom and death,
The radiant Christ, the Easter dawn
Enkindled with a breath.

The annual Easter festival, commemorated by all peoples in every clime, comes as a mixed blessing, productive of unalloyed happiness over 1900 years ago.

Today, from pulpit and press will go up eulogies of the Savior of mankind whose life was a dream of purity of thought and spirit with words of adulation for the good and true and admonitions to emulate His life and lives work.

Lent began unusually early this year—March 5—bringing Easter Sunday on April 23. The date of Easter Sunday is fixed by the Gregorian catalogue to occur on the first Sunday after the paschal moon, that is, after the full moon which happens on or about March 21.

Lent is a fast of 49 days not including Sundays, beginning with Ash Wednesday, it ends with the Saturday preceding Easter. It is sometimes called the quadragesimal feast and is made a special season of self-denial by the Roman Catholic church, Protestant, Episcopal and other churches.

In England, especially in the Established Church circles, they have developed a rival to "the age of Ann." It is when to keep Easter Sunday. Debating societies this year have talked themselves hoarse over the question; not a few quarrels between staid deans and curates have resulted; learned men, astronomers in particular, have spouted and panned upon the momentous question. It all arises out of the fact that the moon as mentioned in the prayer book is not the actual moon at all, but a fictitious mythical prayer book moon, kept in the book, nobody knows why, centuries after science has proven its reprehensible irregularity.

According to the prayer book, Easter day (on which all the other movable feasts and holy days depend) is always the first Sunday after the full moon, which happens upon or next after the 21st day of March. In 1905 the moon is full on the morning of Tuesday, March 21 at 4h 56m Greenwich time, and therefore Easter day would seem to be the Sunday following March 26. But, explains Dr. Downing "the moon referred to is the ecclesiastical calendar, is not the actual moon in the sky, which is full at a definite instant of time; but a fictitious moon, the times of the phases of which are so arranged as not to differ much from those of the actual moon. These phases are held to occur vaguely on certain days and hold

good for all longitudes. In the instance before us the actual moon is full at 4h 56m a. m., Greenwich time, while the same moon is full at 11h 48m p. m. on the preceding day, Washington mean time. Thus people adopting Greenwich time would keep Easter on March 26, while those adopting Washington time would keep it on April 23, the next full moon.

The extreme lucidity of this explanation from the learned almanac man, especially useful to the layman, should settle the difficulty at once and forever. Everybody knew Easter was to be when it was to be, but few of us knew why. Thus, indubitably, has the almanac man been found of use.

PROTECTION TO SOCIETY.

In some states, notably Illinois, there seems to be a determined purpose to check the number of divorces by prohibiting divorced persons from marrying within a year. This restriction applies as well to the innocent as to the guilty party. Its violation is punishable criminally and a new marriage is declared void if contradicted within the year's limit.

If divorces were only a matter of private concern, there would be no occasion to ask the judgment of the courts, any more than for the mutual surrendering of any other private contract. It is because public policy regards the unity of the family and the preservation of the home as considerations superior to the gratification of individual desire that the law does not allow divorce by mutual consent.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

Good fellowship is not only a natural gift, or trait, to be found in the Americans. It is a quality cultivated by them as late as the mature days of manhood. After a good fellowship is like the sense of humor. Both are the outcome of simplicity and philosophy in the character. You will never find either in a conceited man.

The American man is a generous, good-hearted, pleasant, genial, good fellow, with whom you get on from the beginning. In England you meet charming man, but there is a crust to break through at first before you can get at them. The American is wide open, all ready for use.

OCCIDENT DINNER.

- Cream Celery
Pickles Olives
Boiled Salmon—Lobster Sauce
Chicken Fricassee
Veal Turnovers
Banana Fritters
Roast Prime Ribs of Beef
Leg of Mutton and Jelly
Mashed Potatoes Boiled Potatoes
Spinach and Egg Sugar Corn
Lobster Mayonnaise
Orange, Cream, Apple and Rhubarb Pie
Yoke Pudding
Fruit Coffee Nuts and Raisins

TO BUILD BOATS.

New Company Organized to Navigate the Columbia.

Articles of incorporation of the Open River Transportation Co. were filed in Portland yesterday. The capital stock authorized is \$100,000, and Henry Hahn, J. A. Smith and A. H. Devers are appointed as a company to open stock books and receive subscriptions.

SHERIDAN COMING.

Transport Will Bring Fourteenth Infantry to Vancouver.

The transport Sheridan with the Fourteenth Infantry aboard, is due to arrive tomorrow. She left Honolulu last Sunday and if she makes a fast trip may arrive here today.

Shipping Notes.

The steamer Reliance arrived at Eureka yesterday. The steamer Columbia is due to arrive tomorrow morning. The steamer Francis H. Leggett is due to arrive this morning. The steamer Columbia is due to arrive from San Francisco tomorrow.

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