

BROWN HEN HIS PARTNER

ALL the children had a hoard of eggs hidden away for Easter—all but Billy. Billy was so small and fat that he could not climb on the haymows to find the nests. Sue, Mary and Teddy were bigger, and the contest with them went gayly on. Easter morning their hoards would be brought forth from their hiding places, and the one who had the most eggs would be the best fellow.

Mother would give them some bits of bright calico and pieces of onion peel. The eggs would be wrapped in these and boiled, and when taken out of the water the onion ones would have beautiful yellow shells and the ones wrapped in calico would have dainty flowers and patterns traced on them. Perhaps they might have some of those gorgeous purple and crimson dyes for certain high class eggs. Any way, there would be a brave showing.

Billy would probably have some given to him, but they would not be his own hoard, and the heart of Billy was heavy within him.

He stood on the barn floor, dejectedly shelling the kernels off an ear of corn that had been dropped, and he could hear the shouts of the other children away off on the long mow wings.

Easter was very near—only a few days—and then—
"Cluck, cluck!"

Billy looked around and saw a brown hen squeezing out through a hole in the flooring. She walked straight up to Billy and began picking up the kernels he had dropped.

"What you been doin' under ve floor, ol' Brown Hen?"

"Cluck, cluck!" said the brown hen, which meant, "Look for yourself."

Billy looked. Away under the dark floor he could see a nest, and he counted—"two—five—free—eleventy." Billy could not tell just how many for his mathematical education was shaky.

"Is they yours?" whispered Billy.

"Cluck, cluck!" said the brown hen. "Don't tell the rest, and we'll go shares on this hoard, and I'll take care of them for us."

Then she crawled back under the boards, and Billy ran in the house feeling that he also had a secret.

Not a word did Billy slip. On Easter morning he, too, would bring forth his hoard, but he would leave some for the brown hen—oh, of course—because they were partners.

Easter came, and the older children went after their hidden eggs. Billy



BILLY GAVE ONE RAPTURED LOOK.

followed in glee. How he would surprise them! His fat legs twinkled through the barnyard fence and up to the great door. He heard the brown hen clucking. He must be waiting to divide. He went in, but she was not in sight. He ducked his head down to the hole and peeped. She was not on the nest, and only a few broken shells lay about.

Tears welled up into Billy's blue eyes. The brown hen had not dealt fairly. Sobbing and stumbling, he went out the stable door and ran plump into her.

She was not alone. Chirping and peeping all around her was a troop of yellow fuzzy balls. Billy took one rapturous look and then fled to Sister Mary, who was crawling from under a straw stack with her treasure.

"Look, Mary, look what me an' the brown hen done!" he called. "She's been takin' care of our eggs, an' they've all come ehickens!"

SCHOOL NOTES

Professor Rutherford of McMinnville made the Forest Grove high school a short visit recently while on his way to Hillsboro, where he went to see the manual training and domestic science exhibit.

On March 29 the high school graduating class gave their orations at the M. E. church.

The early spring with all its early flower specimens has caused the classes in botany to awaken.

The Senior class are now studying Macbeth in their English work.

The Juniors gave the annual banquet to the Seniors at the home of L. A. Graham last Friday night. An excellent supper was served and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

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JOSEPH WINGATE FOLK

YOUNGEST of all the men who are prominent in the race for the presidential nomination is Joseph Wingate Folk, former governor of Missouri. He is forty-two, nineteen years the junior of Missouri's other "favorite son," Champ Clark, and was only thirty-one years old when he was elected to the circuit attorneyship of St. Louis, the office in which by his successful prosecution of the grafters of the city he earned a national reputation. His nomination and election in 1904 as governor followed. He has been considered as a candidate for the United States senatorship. Like Senator La Follette, ex-Governor Folk is well known to the people of the country by reason of his successful lecture tours.

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CHAMP CLARK

BACK of the speaker's presidential candidacy are the majority of the Democratic members of the house of representatives, and, indeed, he is so popular on both sides of the chamber that his nomination would give pleasure, so far as personal predilections are concerned, to most of his colleagues. Mr. Clark (who originally bore the Christian name of Beauchamp, by the way), has been in continuous congressional service as a Missouri representative, with the exception of one term, since 1893. He is a forceful and pleasing orator. He enriches his speeches with Scriptural quotations and allusions and interlards his arguments with droll and humorous anecdotes smacking of the soil.

One-Sixth of Canal Yet to Dig

One-sixth of the excavation necessary to open the Panama Canal to navigation remained to be done on March 1, and this must be completed in 21 months if Colonel Goethals is to redeem his promise to have an American built ship, probably the famous old Oregon, pass through the waterway on January 1, 1915. Big figures are required to tell what the canal workers have been doing and what they have to do. Last February they took 2,643,410 cubic yards of earth and rock out of the canal prism, making the total excavation up to March 1, 1,633,183,086 yards, and leaving 32,141,293 yards yet to be removed.

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Rebekahs in Convention

The Rebekah county convention, in session at Hillsboro last week, was largely attended by the various lodges of the county. A number of the grand officers were also present. The lodges of this county are in a flourishing condition.

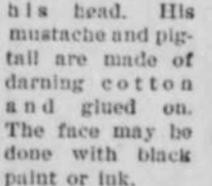
Pianos from \$149 and up at the Bazaar.

TRICKS WITH EASTER EGGS

Here are four Easter eggs. Would you like to make some like them? It is very easy. Get four eggs and "blow" them. All you have to do is to make a small hole at each end of the egg with a large pin, and then by putting one end to your mouth and holding the egg lightly you can easily blow out the inside.



To make the Chinaman a brownish colored egg is the best. His hat is made simply by taking a piece of stiff paper and cutting out a circle, with an inner circle fitting the top of his head. His



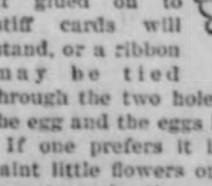
mustache and pig-tail are made of darning cotton and glued on. The face may be done with black paint or ink. The "old lady's" face may be painted or done with ink and her bonnet made of white tissue paper glued to the back of her head, leaving the ruffle to stand out around her face.



The "dude" is simply outlined with ink, painting his cheeks pink. By taking a slip of cardboard and gluing the ends together the end of the egg may be slipped into this and glued, thus making his collar. A narrow bit of ribbon will do for the necktie.

The "clown's" face is done in ink, with the spots in red paint, used thickly. His cap can be made of white paper and also his ruffled collar. The eggs if glued on to stiff cards will stand, or a ribbon may be tied through the two holes at each end of the egg and the eggs hung up.

If one prefers it is very pretty to paint little flowers on the eggs. It is easy to make these Easter eggs, and children will find it great fun if they try it.



FOR STATE SENATOR

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CITY NEWS NOTES.

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Miss Edith Shogren was in Portland Saturday, stopping over Sunday on her return with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Reeves of Cornelius.

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Newell McCrum of Portland visited over Sunday with relatives and friends in town.

J. H. Hicks, plumber and repair man living in South Park, who has been confined to his room by sickness, is again able to be on the streets.

Parlor, church and school organs for sale at the Bazaar.

Mrs. F. J. Miller was visiting friends in Portland the latter part of last week.

Get a 10c package of Easter cards at the Book Store.

H. J. Goff was in Portland on business, Monday.

The union Endeavor meeting held at the Congregational church Sunday was very well attended, and the subject of temperance was intelligently discussed.

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