Origin of This Christian Festival-It Dates & Back to the Days of the Appostles-Appropriate Services and Fine Music.

We greet our patrons today with the salutation of the early Christians on this glad morning: "Christ is risen!" More than four-fifths of all the

Christians in the world will gather together in their churches today, to celebrate with prayer, and hymn and holy sacarament the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This festival of the Resurrection is nearly as old as the Christian church. We can easily follow it back to the days of those who learned the Gospel from the lips of the blessed appostles.

For several hundred years the Christian church was divided as to the day for the celebration of Easter. Part thought it ought to be held always on the third day after the Jewish Passover, making no account of the day of the week; others thought it ought to be celebrated on the first Sunday after the Passover, making Easter, the annual festival of the Resurrection, coincide with Sunday, the weekly festival of the Resurrection. This latter opinion prevalled; and it became the law and custom of the church by a canon of the first General Council of Nicaea. Easter, ever since has been the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vermal exquinox, the 21st day of March. There is no doubt about the time of our Saviour's Resurrection; for He was crucified on the Jewish passover, a festival of the Israelites, which has been celebrated without fail for over three thousand years. The date for any year can be easily fixed. If any one will look on page xxvi of the Prayer Book of the Episcopal Church, he will find the exact dates for Easter day from the year 1786 to the year 2013. The Festival of the Resurrection was called by the early Christian writers the "Queen of Feasts," the "feast of joy." The Christian imperors released all save capital prisoners that day; Christian men gave large alms to the poor; and the whole week was one of religious joy and praise and feasting.

Our word Easter was given to the Festival of the Resurrection at the time our Saxon ancesters were converted to Christianity. They had been accustomed to celebrate every spring the festival of the goddess Ostera. Her name came from the old saxon word oster or osten, which meant rising; and her festival was probably the rejoicing of the people at the breaking up of the northern winter, and the rising up of all things into life again; and so, when they came to substitute for the old pagan the new Christian festival, they kept the name Easter, thinking it not inappropriate to the feast of the rising of the Lord Jesus from the dead.

We are glad to think that the Protestant world are casting aside their prejudices, and are coming more and more to centre on this blessed day their grateful recollections of the fact of facts-the keystone in the arch of the Christian faith, the Resurrestion from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The various churches at which Easter services will be held today were beautifully decorated yesterday, and, as usual, the musical and choral programmes at some of the churches will be a prominent and enjoyable feature of the services. The following will be the programmes at the churches

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Processional Hymn No. 123.....

A. S. Sullivan. Christ Our Passover in D.... B. Tonas. Glorias in A......P. A. Schnecker. Te Deum in C.....S. P. Warren. Jubilate in A......P. A. Schnecker. Introit Hymn No. 121, "Alleluia"...Anon. Kyrie Eleison in F..... E. H. Munson. Offertory in A flat, a "O, Lord, I Will Day"......H. W. Parker. Response to Offertory, Hymn No. 478. Redhead

Sanctus in E.....Anon. Communion Hymn No. 225..... J. S. B. Hodges. Gloria in Excelsis in G No. 451.... Anon. Recessional Hymn No. 116..C. F. Roper. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Strange. Subject being "The Power of the Resurrection." Surpliced choir of thirty voices. Soloist for the occasion, Miss Fair W. Payne and Miss Elsie Calder. E. H. Munson, organist and director.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Anthem: Easter Triumph.. A. J. Holden, Gloria Patri......Rogers. Kyrie ...... Krauth. 

Wiegand. Nunc dimittis.....Seiss. Postlude ...... Haydn,

Organist, Miss Katie Stolter. Choir, Miss Annie Adrian, Miss Mamie Steljes. Mr. Charles Blomme, Mr. Will Rehder. ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Processional, Hymn No. 109, "Fortunatus"......Sullivan. Christ Our Passover, Crotch in B flat. Te Deum Laudamus, Van Boskerck

Jubilate Deo, Aldrich in F. Hymn 116, "Arimathea" ...... Roper. Gloria Tibi, Anon in D sharp. Hymn 111, "Clarion ...... Rimbault,

Gloria in Excelsis, Old Chant. ST. THOMAS' CATHOLIC CHURCH. First mass and holy communion,

High mass, 10:30. Sermon.

Vespers, sermon, 7:45 p. m. The music will be Kyrie, Sanctus from Weissenborn's mass, Gloria and Credo from Millard's. Wiegand's vespers will be sung in the evening. Mrs. Joseph Watters and Mr. H. M. Emerson will sing "O, Salutaris, duo."

GRACE M. E. CHURCH. The following special selections will be sung at the 11 a. m. service: Blaster Morning......E. S. Lorengen Christ is Risen...... E. G. Ashford. The music for the evening service will

be in keeping with the revival meetings, which begin at 8 p. m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Beautiful decorations and fine music will be the features at today's services at this church. At 11 a. m. a vested choir of twenty-four voices will render the Gregorian chants. The children's service at 4 p. m. will be of unusual interest. Evening prayer at 8 p. m. The Rev. Dr. Carmichael, rector, will deliver addresses at all the services. Miss Bush will preside at the organ.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH. Services in this church will be held at 11 a. m. and 4 and 8 p. m. The rector will make addresses at both morning and evening services, and a selected

choir will render appropriate music. Butterick Patterns and W. B. Corsets for sale at Haar's Music House, in

Fine Strawberries.

charge of Mrs. L. Korb.

Mr. J. E. Henry, of Long Creek, Pender county, sent The Messenger yesterday the finest strawberries we have laid eyes on this season. They were of the Lady Thompson variety. Forty-two of them filled a quart basket, and they were beautiful in color and symetrical in shape. Mr. Henry is making a fine success of berry growing, and it seems that the Long Creek section is peculiarly adapted to berry growing. Mr. J. H. Mallard, of this city, who visited his place, tells us that he counted 119 berries and blooms on a single plant. One boy on Friday picked 100 quarts in sivty-five minutes, for which he was paid 1 cent per quart. Mr. Henry has just commenced shipping, and up to yesterday had shipped only sixty-nine crates, receiving \$14 per crate for them. He had a telegram saying the demand could not be supplied, and advising him to rush shipments. He expects to ship 200 crates every day this week. We are informed that Long Creek was the first point in Pender county from which berries were shipped this season.

Messrs. J. A. and R. E. L. Brown, of Chadbourn, are also making a splendid success of berry growing. Mr. J. C. Scarborough, of Charlotte, who came to the city from Chadbourn yesterday, showed us two baskets of the Messrs. Brown's berries, and they were as large and luscious as the Long Creek ones. They were also Lady Thompson's. Mr. Scarborough tells us that the Messrs Brown on yesterday had sixty-five hands in their fields picking berries.

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Political Revolution in the North.

ExMayor S. H. Fishblate returned yesterday morning from New York where he went to again consult his physician about his eye. The improvement of his eye is marked and he says this is the most satisfactory trip he ever made in this connection. He is assurred that his sight will be entirely restored by next fall.

Mr. Fishblate tells us that while in New York he talked with a great many politicians and leading business men, and learned that there has been no such a revolution in the politics of this country as has taken place since the presidential election. He says the feeling in New York is that there is no question but that the democratic party will sweep this country at the next presidential election, and that if William J. Bryan is living four years from now he will be president of the United States. Mr. Fishblate gave as the cause for the revolution that is taking place that the promised "wave of prosperity" is too long delayed in following the "Advance Agent of Prosperity," a phrase that was attached to McKinley's name during the last campaign. Another element of dissatisfaction is the Dingley tariff bill.

Mr. Fishblate declares that the thing for the democrats to do is to heal their differences and unite their ranks for next year's campaign, and get their forces all in line by 1900, when the next presidential election is to take place.

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Delegates Who Want to Stay at the Seashore Captain E. W. Manning, proprietor of the Atlantic View hotel, Wrightsville, writes The Messenger that he has received several letters from delegates who are coming to the Southern Baptist convention, making inquiries for rates and asking what facilities there will be for going to and fro between Wilmington and Wrightsville during the session of the convention. One gentleman writes from Atlanta under date of April 15th, and as there seems to be a desire on the part of many of the delegates to stop at the seaside, we would suggest that the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad Company run a suitable schedule to accommodate the visitors, provided the number wishing to stop at the sound and beach will justify the expense. We have no doubt, however, that the railroad company will make a schedule that will be perfectly satisfactory.

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Berries Starting to Move in C. F. T. Refrig erator Cars.

Mr. J. Whitney Houck, agent for the California Fruit Transportation Company, reports the loading yesterday of three refrigerator cars with berries from Rocky Point and Burgaw for New York and Philadelphia; also two cars of lettuce and radishes from Wilmington for Philadelphia. He expects to load from seven to ten cars on Monday and Tuesday.

The picking of strawberries is now going on at a lively rate up the Wilmington and Weldon railroad.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. W. N. Rush, of High Pont, is in the city.

Mr. Rem Prempert, of Philadelphia, arrived in the city yesterday.

Mr. J. C. Scarborough, of Charlotte, was registered at The Orton yesterday. Mr. A. J. King, of Raleigh, was among last evening's arrivals at The Orton.

Mr. R. W. Wallace, manager of The Orton, left yesterday for Kenansville. to visit his father.

Miss C. G. Johnson, a charming young lady of Brooklyn, N. Y., is here visiting Miss Minnie Glameyer.

Mr. E. A. Metts arrived here yesterday afternoon from the university at Chapel Hill to spend Easter with his family.

Among the guests at The Orton is Mr. A. G. Ballbach, of the produce commission house of Daetwyler & Ballbach, of Philadelphia.

Mr. W. H. Cole, of Rose, N. Y., who is an extensive apple grower there and who is also largely interested in peach growing at Forsyth, Ga., is at The

We are glad to note that there is some improvement in the condition of little Emmett Bellamy, son of John D. Bellamy; Esq. The little fellow, who is about 6' years old, has been down thirty-three days with typhoid

Mr. M. W. Hayes, formerly assistant observer in the weather bureau for Wilmington, will be married on the 20th instant to Miss Clara I. Airheart, of New Orleans. Mr. Hayes is in Washington, and is connected with the weather bureau. He has many friends here who wish him much happiness in his marriage.

Cards are out for the marriage of the Rev. G. D. Bernheim, D. D., pastor of St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, of this city, and Miss Amanda Ella Lease, of St. Louis, Mo. The wedding will take place at St. Louis April 22nd. Dr. and Mrs. Bernheim will be at home in Wilmington, 105 North Sixth street, after June 15th.

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The Messenger Today.

The Messenger is issued this morning as an eight page paper, which we trust will be appreciated by our readers with as much pleasure as it affords us to issue it. There is hardly a day that wedo not have to leave out matter already in type, and as the eight page form affords us 168 inches or eight and a half columns more than the regular

issue, we avail ourselves of it. It has never been the policy of this paper to try to plan how little reading matter could be given to its patrons, nor will it ever be. The Messenger is a newspaper and every line in every issue is set in its office. No paper ever published in Wilmington has ever printed as much matter as The Messenger has been doing for several

Was He the Shooter?

Owen Dove, colored, who was picked up drunk on the strets Friday night, had a revolver in his pocket when the officers searched him. In the mayor's court yesterday he was given a hearing on the charge of carrying a concealed deadly weapon, and was also charged with being the man who shot at Mr. N. N. Fails in Mr. C. F. Von-Kampen's bar on Friday night. Mr. D. D. Cameron, Mr. Fails, and other witnesses testified that to their best knowledge and belief he was the man. The hearing was continued until tomorrow, so Jacob H. Wilson, colored, could be summoned as a witness. We learn, hiwever, that he has seen the man and says he is not the one who did the shooting.

Increased Weight,

pure, lively blood and a clear head are the result of taking Anheuser-Busch's Malt-Nutrine-the food drink. At all druggists.

The Superior Court. Pursuant to adjournment for recess on Friday, the superior court met yesterday at 10 a. m.

The case of Simon L. Hight, colored, administrator, against the Wilmington, New Bern and Norfolk Railway Company, for damages, for the killing of his mother, Mary Hight, by the shifting engine on the water dummy line, was taken up and compromised and settled, the defendants to pay \$200 and the costs of the action.

The case of Junius Davis, Esq., receiver of the Bank of New Hanover. against Adrian & Vollers, was the only other case tried. A verdict was rendered for the defendants.

The court at 5:45 p. m. took a recess till 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The Odd Fellows' Anniversaly. The Odd Fellows of this city will celebrate the 78th anniversary of the order

next Friday night. The four lodges will meet in joint session at Hanover lodge room, and the Rev. Mr. McClure, of Wilmington Lodge, No. 139, will deliver the address.

Letitia Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah. the lady members of the order, will meet with them. There will be appropriate music for the occasion, and plenty of refreshments. All visiting Odd Fellows are fraternally invited to be present. The meeting will be for members of the order only.

Becomes a Maniac From Shipwreck Paris, April 17 .- Jan Tejada, one of the survivors of the wreck of the Ville D'St. Nazaire, has become a maniac asa result of exposure while making his escape in a small boat.

The Gun Club.

The gun club had its weekly shoot at its grounds at Hilton park at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A team of eight engaged in the shooting, and 25 clay pigeous were allowed to each shooter. The following made the highest scores: Mr. Fred Pickett, of Magnolia, 20; Mr. S. W. Sanders, 19; Mr. F G. Polley, 16; Mr. H. McL. Green, 16.

The shoot was quite an enjoyable affair, and the members of the club are enthusiastic over the prospects for their weekly shoots, which are to be held at 4:30 o'clock every Saturday.

Strike Among the Strawberry Pickers There was a strike among the strawberry pickers at Rocky Point on Thursday. The growers were paying 1 cent per quart for picking and the pickers demanded 11/2 cents. The growers refused the advance and hence the strike. Mr. S. W. Westbrook went to Wilson and picked up about fifty colored men Point to take the places of the strikers. He left for Wilson last night and will birng down another lot of hands to-

> The Churches Today. WHITE.

St. Paul's church, Fourth and Orange streets, Rev. F. N. Skinner, rector. Easter services: Holy communion, 7 a. m. Morning prayer, sermon, holy communion, 11 o'clock. Children's service, 4 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 8 o'clock. All seats free.

Easter services in St. John's church by the rector, Rev. Dr. Carmichael: Early celebration, 7:45 a. m. Morning prayer, sermon and holy communion, 11 o'clock. Children's Easter service,

Matthew's English Lutheran church, Fourth street, above Bladen street, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, pastor. Morning service and communion at 11 o'clock. Evening service at 8 o'clock. Sunday school at 3:30 p. m. All seats free and every person cordially invited.

Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, corner of Market and Sixth streets, Rev. K. Boldt, pastor. Easter Sunday: English service and holy communion at 11 a. m. German service at 8 p. m. Sunday school at 3:30 p. m. All seats free.

COLORED.

Preaching today at Ebenezer Baptist church at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Baptizing at 5 o'clock. Young People's Union at 6:30 p. m. Rev. B. K. Sykes, pastor.

Grace Lutheran Mission, Rev. Aug. Burgdorf, missionary. Divine services at Ruth hall at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Everybody

St. Stephen's A. M. E. church, corner Fifth and Red Cross streets, Rev. E. J. Gregg, pastor. Preaching this day at 10:30 a. m. by the pastor; 3 p. m., baptism and reception of members; 8 p. m. Sunday school, Easter jubilee. Everybody invited to worship with us.

Street Railway Officials Indicted

Indianapolis, Ind., April 17.-Indictments have been returned by a special session of the grand jury against President A. L. Mason, Superintendent Miller Elliott, a dozen others and the Citizens' Street Railway Company for violation of the 3 cent fare law. Mason and Elliott were arrested and promptly gave bonds. Feeling against the company still runs high, but the announcement by the railway officials of their determination to accept 3 cent fares, pending an appeal, will probably prevent further trouble.

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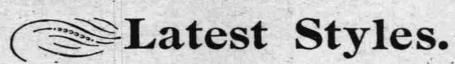
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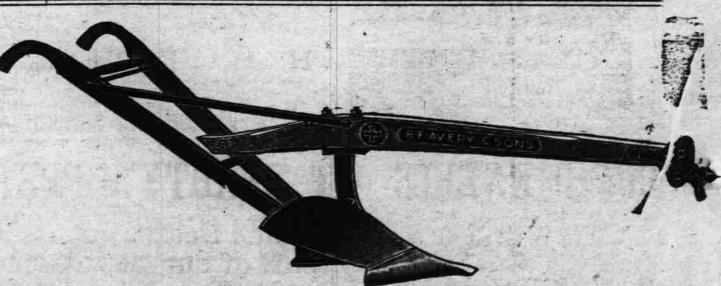
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