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RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$398,650.45
Bonds and Securities	900,316.00
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	3,000.00
Bank Building and Fixtures	26,005.00
Cash on hand and in Banks	111,518.76
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	2,500.00
	\$1,442,590.21
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	50,000.00
Undivided Profits and Reserve	130,355.63
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Bre'r Rabbit Long Friend of Children

A little animal known as Bre'r Rabbit handles all of the business incident to the delivery of Easter eggs to the children. He builds nests, colors eggs and does all of the general work necessary to youthful happiness. Of course, you may believe the Easter rabbit a modern institution. We think his popularity is of comparatively recent promotion but—say, listen—Bre'r Rabbit was in the egg trade centuries before Joel Chandler Harris ever made Georgia famous, says William Herschell, writing in the Indianapolis News.

Want to know about Bre'r Rabbit as an Easter institution? Well, tradition reports that this versatile little egg distributor was in business before the Christian era. He has surrounded himself with many legends that date back into the pagan era, long before the birth of Christ, yet Easter eggs are supposed to symbolize the Resurrection and the rebirth of nature.

As one ranges back through history and tradition the connection of the rabbit with Easter becomes more mysterious. Here is one story, there is another. They seem at counterpoint, and one may toy with the different legends as he chooses. Sue Brady, clever into mythology, says:

Why the Easter Bunny? "Into the beauty of Easter symbolism the Easter rabbit and the load of brightly-colored eggs which he carries for good children hops as a sort of quaintly comic relief. Why, ask the curious, should a sleek, fat bunny and colored eggs be connected with a festival which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ? There seems at first glance to be no possible relation between this picturesque whimsy and the great spiritual significance of the day.

"Yet all over the world the Easter rabbit and the eggs which he brings are, to the children at least, as important to the celebration as masses and anthems and church chimes.

"In Germany we Hans and Wrotekin hold him in almost as great veneration as they do Kris Kringle, for, like the jolly Christmas saint, he only visits good children. In Russia grownups as well as children greet each other on Easter Sunday and for seven days thereafter with an exchange of colored eggs. In Italy on Easter eve, pious families carry great bowls full of eggs to the priest for his blessing. Easter morning these bowls surrounded by decorations adorn the center of the table. During the week any visitor who may drop in eats an egg with the hostess.

Egg Hunts Popular. "In England and the United States egg hunts are popular. One of the major national events of the year to the children in Washington, is the egg rolling on the grounds of the White House under the watchful eyes of the President and the First Lady of the Land.

"A dusty scroll preserved in the Tower of London contains the household accounts of Edward I of England. One entry made shortly before Easter is for eighteen pence (thirty-six cents) to buy 400 eggs for the Easter celebration in the royal household. Outside of the purely economic interest to the student of comparative prices, this item indicates to a certain extent the age of our modern custom.

"But none of these explain the why of the custom. As a matter of fact, the origin of the rabbit and the eggs is very difficult to trace. Most festival customs have some specific person or event to which they can be attributed. Not so the rabbit. The process by which he attached himself to Easter and gained a lasting affection in the hearts of millions of children is obscure and the only explanations which can be offered for him are pretty far-fetched.

William S. Walsh, nationally known authority on mythology, was asked to give his version of the origin of the Easter rabbit. He made this report: "The connection between Easter and the hare springs from the hare's connection with the moon. Easter, since its date depends on the moon, is in a sense, a lunar holiday. Now from very ancient times the hare has been a symbol for the moon. There are many reasons for this. A few only need be given. The hare is a nocturnal animal and comes out at night to feed. The female carries her young for a month, thus representing the lunar cycle.

Hare and the Moon. "Both hare and moon were thought to have the power of changing their sex. The new moon was masculine, the waning moon feminine. But a more important reason for the identification of the hare with the moon lay in the fact that its young are born with their eyes open, unlike rabbits, which are born blind.

"The name of the hare in Egyptian was 'un,' meaning 'open.' Now, the moon was the open-eyed watcher of the skies at night and the hare, born with open eyes, was fabled never to close them; hence the identification of the open-eyed hare with the full moon. The old principle of cure by sympathies led to the prescription in early English folklores of the brains and eyes of the hare as a cure of somnolency.

Egyptian Belief. "The Egyptian 'un' meant not only 'hare' and 'open' but also 'period,' and for this reason the hare became the type of periodicity both human and lunar, and in the character of opener was associated with the opening of the new year at Easter as well as with

DESERT CEREMONY



Death valley, Calif., has its Easter sunrise service, commemorating the time-honored pioneer dead of the great valley. Hundreds of persons gathered last year at Stone Pipe wells where a huge cross was erected on a sand dune around which the ceremony was conducted. In the congregation were old-time prospectors, miners and desert rats, many of whom suffered the hardships which were necessary for the opening of this vast territory to civilization.

Colored Easter Eggs At one time, it is claimed, the use of eggs as food was forbidden during Lent. When they were served on Easter day after a long absence from the table they were colored red to symbolize the Easter joy. Yet, Christians are supposed to have adopted egg-rolling to symbolize the Resurrection, and the eggs were colored red in allusion to the blood of redemption. Later other colors were introduced and now they have no special significance except to make variety.

Meaning of a new life in the youth and maiden. Hence the hare became connected in the popular mind with the paschal eggs broken to signify the opening of the year.

Sterling Hellig traces the colored egg far beyond the resurrection of the Savior, going back to pagan days when a gilded egg was a symbol of good luck to a pagan monarch. Whether laid by hen or hare, a gilded egg—no matter who the magician that gilded it—was significant of good luck if it appeared at a ruler's table when troublous days were upon the monarch. Of course that was far beyond the Christian era, yet it all goes to prove that we've always been crazy about colored eggs.

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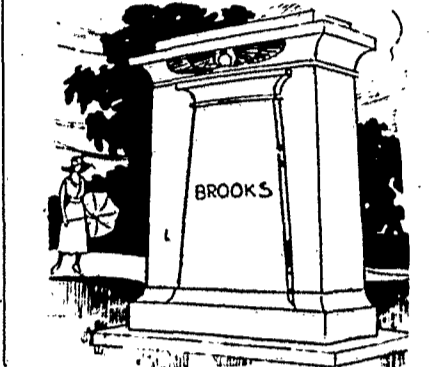
Nearly a Million Left To Charity In San Francisco

San Francisco, April 11. — Practically \$1,000,000 for education and charity are set aside in the will of James William Byrne, San Francisco pioneer, who died in Los Angeles, and was buried from Old St. Mary's Church, San Francisco.

The largest bequest is \$600,000 trust fund, set aside for a children's playground and day home in the poorer section of San Francisco, to be called in memory of his mother, the Margaret Byrne Home. A gift of \$75,000 goes to Archbishop Hanna for charitable purposes, in addition to a \$20,000 bequest to the Archbishop for the erection of a replica of "Loretta."

Pan-American Congress The Sixth Pan-American Congress will be held in Lima, Peru, July 4-11, 1930. The Congress will be divided into six sections: Medicine, Surgery, Hygiene, Social Welfare, Legislation and Education.

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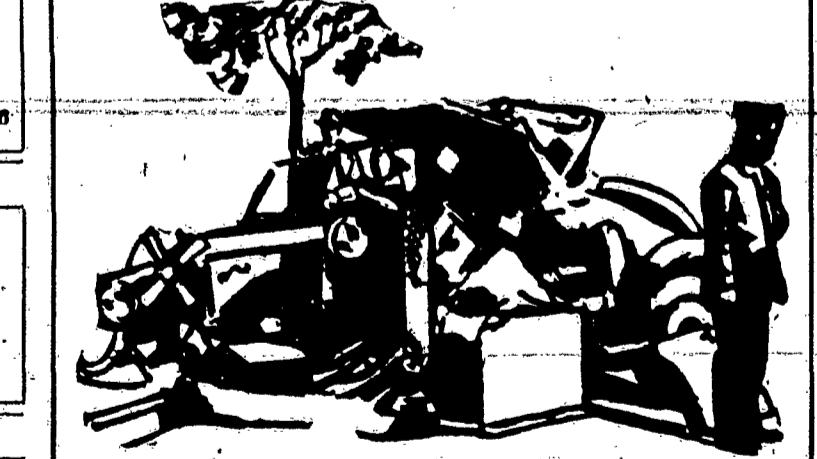
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