

A SPRINGTIME CITIZEN.

Dar's a drowsy sorter feelin' what's a-steinin' 'round de place sunny...

MRS. CHELTON'S BLACK SILK GOWN.

"She ain't goin' to last much longer. She ain't moved nor opened her eyes for a quarter of an hour now..."

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"But Mrs. Chelton did not propose to drop into a sleep, from which perhaps there would be no awakening this side of the grave..."

"By the time it was finished and laid away it was as apparent to Miss Mason and the deacon as it was to Letty..."

"I guess I will. I might as well get some good out of it while I'm able to enjoy it. But—look here, Letty Truesdale, I just believe you know all the time!"

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uncle never saw fit to get it. I know you'd see to it that I had one to be buried in. My heart's plumb set on it, Letty—

"You precious woman, you shall have it," murmured Letty, smoothing the gray head affectionately. "I shouldn't wonder if you'd planned just how you want it made? Now, don't speak, just nod."

"I've planned it often. The pas'mentery agoin' down both sides of the front of the basque and down the front seams of the skirt..."

"You can dismiss all worry from your mind, dear, I will go to town myself tomorrow and buy the goods, and you shall see it before I lay it away," she said.

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"I've come a long way for that heifer," the other said sullenly, "and I don't feel like goin' back without her. Be reasonable, deacon; suppose a case like this—suppose your wife wasn't sick, you understand, would you take forty dollars for the heifer?"

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"But the train doesn't stop here," objected another farmer. "Well, we can stop it," insisted the first, and the idea was adopted with acclamation...

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Valley Floodswept.

Death Losses Around Jeannette is About Thirty-Five. Rain Carried Away Dam. Cloudburst Hurled Column of Water Down on Outing Party...

The disaster was caused by a tremendous rainfall, amounting to a cloudburst, carrying away forty feet of the dam wall of the lake north of Oxford Park, which is situated on the Pittsburg, McKeesport & Greensburg trolley line, near Jeannette...

Almost with the first stroke of daylight a bureau was opened where the names of the identified dead recovered and the missing were reported, together with a description of the bodies recovered.

Miss Gertrude Keefe, aged twenty-four years, of Jeannette, body recovered. John Fleming, stable boy at the fair grounds, Greensburg, George Whitman, of West Jeannette, James Westwood, aged thirty-five years, of Jeannette...

The full force of the flood reached Wilmerding early that day and inundated the principal streets, beyond the flooding of the Westinghouse Airbrake Works, no serious damage resulted.

The greatest property damage done by the flood on Brush Creek was on Irwin, Jeannette. John Miller, aged eleven years, of Greensburg.

Forty farmers of Rush county, Kansas, held up a Missouri Pacific passenger train last Tuesday night in a search for harvest money. They entered the train and went through the cars offering men \$2.50 and \$3 a day to get off and work for them.

The farmers shoved the protesting trainmen aside, piled on the cars and went through them, accosting every one who looked like a laborer. On the train were a half dozen Harvard students en route to Colorado on a hunting expedition.

During an electric storm on Friday, the 3rd, seven head of cattle were killed on the farm of John Winnig, near Port Matilda. They were valuable cattle and a great loss to their owner.

Estate Over \$1,000,000.

Many Bequests in Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnson's Will—Lancaster Church Gets \$1,000. The will of Harriet Lane Johnson covers forty closely written pages...

For the erection of a monument over the birthplace and another in Washington to the memory of President Buchanan, \$100,000. For the founding of three scholarships in Johns Hopkins university, \$90,000.

To the vestry of St. James' church, Lancaster, Pa., to keep in repair the memorial window to President Buchanan and the tablet in memory of Mrs. Johnson's husband and her son Harry, \$10,000.

In addition to the art collection given to the Corcoran Gallery of Art Mrs. Johnson made bequests of jewelry and other articles of rare value and a farm in Virginia...

These three bequests, with the preceding bequests for the benefit of members of the Lane family, amount approximately to the value of the estate left by an uncle, James Buchanan.

The first codicil of June 10th, 1899, contains the following provision for the publication of President Buchanan's letters and state papers.

"Having already taken steps to secure the collection and publication of the state papers and correspondence of my late uncle, James Buchanan, sometime President of the United States, from the beginning of his public career..."

"A cheese with an indication of goodness will have an even colored, not mottled rind. The moment you press your fingertips on the rind you can begin to judge of the inferior makeup of a cheese."

Shorten—My wife handed me a hot tip on the races this morning. Shorten—That's good. Pat me next. Shorten—She told me if I didn't stay away from them and go to work she'd apply for a divorce.

Body Filled With Sawdust.

Strange Discovery at Caldwell When Surgeons Examined it to Look for Traces of Poison. County Physician McKensie, accompanied by Dr. Pelouse and another physician...

When the body was examined it was found that other knives had preceded those which had been made ready for use on the body. The trunk had been previously slit open just as it was intended should be done on last Wednesday afternoon.

The examination of the body showed that the embalming had been done after the body had been cut open. The punctures needful to fill the veins with the embalming fluid were in the inside of the body and not on the outside as usual.

Colonel Best died at the home of Dr. John D. Woods, who recently went to Atlantic City with a woman who passed in California as his sister, and a little girl, who, she said was her daughter.

The Villa Real de Santa Fe de San Francisco de Assisi to give its full Spanish name, is the historic city of Santa Fe, the seat of the Government of the Territory of New Mexico...

The thrilling and romantic incidents composing its story, the protracted and bloody struggles with hordes of savage Indians, the capture and pillage by hostile Pueblos in 1680, the general massacre of missionaries and explorers and flight of the Governor and a few followers in the night to El Paso...

The Governor's palace surpasses in historical interest and value any other place or object in the United States. It antedates the settlement of Jamestown by nine years, and that of Plymouth by twenty-two.

"The Pennsylvania terminal to be erected in Manhattan will be the biggest railroad station in the world, with accommodations for handling 200,000 passengers a day, or about 70,000,000 or 80,000,000 a year."

"You look badly, old man; what's the matter?" "Throat trouble." "I didn't know you were subject to it." "Yes, I am. The throat belongs to the newcomer in the next flat who practices singing at all hours of the night."

Losses in Manure.

In 1899-1901, three series of steer-feeding experiments were made at The Pennsylvania State College Experiment Station comparing the gains obtained from animals kept without trying in a box-stall and from those tied as usual in ordinary stalls...

The fertilizing constituents in food and litter, less those used in forming new animal tissue, were compared with those recovered in the two manures. The comparison is especially interesting because of the increasing use of the covered-shed method in Pennsylvania.

The trampled manure suffered little loss of fertilizing constituents, though less than two-fifths of the dry matter of food and litter was recovered in the manure.

The money-value of the fertilizer constituents lost by the second as compared with the first method, is equivalent to \$2.50 for each steer stabled for six months.

Therefore, manure, if prepared upon a tight floor and with such proportion of litter that it can be trampled into a compact mass, loses very little, if any, of its fertilizer constituents so long as the animals remain upon it.

The manures were obtained from two pairs of steers, fed alike; the first lot kept, without trying, in the cement-floored box-stall; the second lot, tied in ordinary stalls with a hard clay floor, somewhat cracked.

Oh, gentle reader, are you fully aware that even now you may be transgressing the simple law of health, and laying the foundation of future discord and disease? Be warned in time, and be guided by the following instructions:

First—No meat! The gorilla, the strongest animal known, that lives in the depths of the African forests and snatches his prey bald-headed, eats no meat. Some of our best laundry work in done by Chinamen, who eat no meat, preferring starch for their purpose.