

EXCEPT HIS MOTHER.

Folks all called him to account; Stamped him as a worthless loafer; Said he never would amount...

Till a sudden crisis came Sacrifice and courage testing, Leaped to lips a hero's name, Laid from e'en the coldest wrestling...

At Bristow Station.

Bristow Station was in the Pan Handle section of Texas, and a more lonely and dreary place it would be hard to find. There was but one building, which served for freight house, passenger depot, ticket and telegraph office.

Bert could always count on a visit from three or four tramps a day, and though the instructions from the division superintendent were to "discourage" them, he took his own course in the matter.

Agent and boss had never had a word on the subject, however, until one summer afternoon he happened along with his car and his gang; just as a tramp had reached the station and was resting in the shade.

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The wind was howling along at the rate of sixty miles an hour, and a dozen different times in returning over that mile of track Bert was blown flat or clear off the track into the ditch.

him as long to go back as it had to come, and he was thoroughly played out when he reached the station. Even before he mounted the platform he heard the instrument calling him and realized that something was up.

"What the dickens is the matter with you? Are there any more empties on the way?" "What do you mean?" Bert asked. "I mean that I have ditched the seven cattle cars, and want to know if any others got away?"

It took some minutes to make matters plain. Several times Bert shook the sleeper and called to him to vacate the chair, but he did not move. The 4 o'clock freight had brought down sixteen cattle cars, and after backing them in on the siding had pulled out and left the switch wide open.

The inquest was held at Clairsville, and the verdict was "heart disease, aggravated by a recent injury." The "recent injury" consisted of three broken ribs. The fact that this was received at the hands of the section boss was not stated.

Monks' Mound, on the boundary line between St. Clair and Madison counties, Illinois, was visited by a party led by Dr. Henry Mason Baum, of Washington.

"Most of the earth used in making the elevations was transported more than half a mile, and the scenes of excavation, where the builders got their earth, are still visible in the depressed places. Roughly estimating the labor, I should say that it required the efforts of 10,000 men for three years to build the mound. All of the earth was carried in baskets.

"The surroundings are much like the Warka neighborhood, in the Tigro-Euphrates valley. Just as the plain stretching out from the Warka was the great burial place of that region, and that around the pyramids of Egypt the burial place of that region, so the Cahokia neighborhood was the place of sepulture of the population that once inhabited the Mississippi valley.

"This remarkable locality—the richest in the United States from an antiquarian's standpoint—should be made a national or state park. "One of the wonders of the world is at the doors of St. Louis. If provision could be made for a visit to the locality of scientific men of Europe they would carry back with them new impressions of the greatness of the prehistoric race of America—impressions that they do not now dream of.

We All Know Them. Give some people an inch and they will take anything that isn't nailed down.—Ohio State Journal.



GARDEN AND FARM.

AIDS TO WHITEWASHING.

The use of the fruit-spraying pumps makes easy the task of whitewashing stables, henhouses and cellars, and it is much more effectual than the use of the brush, because by making the stream a little larger and more forcible, which most spraying nozzles admit of, a stream can be sent into cracks and crevices where the brush would not reach.

LARGE LITTERS OF PIGS.

We never saw a litter of pigs so large that the sow did not have milk enough for them until they were two weeks old. We have been told of such a thing as one having more pigs than she had teats, and in such a case it might be necessary to kill the extra ones or put them on another sow, or to bring them up on a bottle, but we think such cases are about as rare as that of the cow that had five calves, and one had to look on while the others were getting the milk.

GROWING CELERY.

When the plants are about three inches high, they should be sprayed gently with bordeaux mixture. They should be sprayed the second time after they become six inches high, and again when nine inches to a foot high. This spraying will prevent rot and blight, and every variety of celery is liable to attacks of these diseases.

In blanching the idea is to shut out the light and free circulation of the air. These boards should be set close to each side of the row and held in place by stakes driven beside them. The top should be left open in order that the plants may not be hindered in their growth.

INSECT ENEMIES OF FRUIT.

The work of spraying the fruit trees and vines is usually done in the spring, but even now an examination of the trees will show that they require nearly as much attention as in spring. The nests of caterpillars can now be seen in the orchards and in the forests. The catalpa trees have been almost completely stripped of leaves in some sections by large green worms that attack the trees almost before their presence is detected.

destroy all kinds of caterpillars, and is made by dissolving a pound of hard soap in a gallon of boiling water. When the soap is completely dissolved remove the solution from the fire and add a gallon of kerosene, churning the mixture for 15 minutes by pumping with a sprayer.

DIPPING FOR PARASITES.

Parasites of all kinds are not only injurious to the wool of sheep, but to the health of the animals as well, and dipping to destroy them should be resorted to wherever and whenever they are present at shearing time. There is no other way to remove the trouble some pests except by repeating dipping, and sometimes it requires a good many to accomplish the desired end.

There are many kinds of solution for dipping sheep, and most of them have their virtues and also their disagreeable features. Tobacco stems furnish one of the cheapest and most effective dips, but the solution has the disadvantage of being very obnoxious to both the animals and the workers. The results, however, are not all injurious. There is no permanent sickness or injury caused by this. One might feel a little nauseated at times in the work, and the sheep may even show signs of sickness, but no actual injury will result therefrom.

CARE OF FARM IMPLEMENTS.

There are three things necessary to the long life of a machine—(1) shelter, (2) oil and (3) paint. But you can get along with less paint if you have plenty of shelter. A shelter can be made for all farm implements at a very small cost sufficient to keep off the rain, snow and the hot summer sun.

As there is a half dozen good brands of oil costing from 20 to 40 cents per gallon, no farmer need buy without a sufficient supply. Don't smear cog wheels with oil or grease; as the oil gathers sand and dust that very soon cuts the cogs to a small point and causes them to break; where necessary use graphite. Do not run a belt, chain or binder canvass any tighter than is necessary to make it do its work, as undue tightness strains not only the belt or chain but the entire machine.

When the implements are put away in the fall give them a good oiling just as though going to use them and every bearing about the binder oil well and then a day or two before you want to use the binder take a can of coal oil and put a liberal quantity in every cup or oil hole and oil the knife well. Do this to cut off the gum and you will be surprised to see how much easier it will make the machine start up.

Celluloid floating toys are the newest invention for amusing children. Hon. Thomas U. Shaffer, for 30 years publisher of the Renovo Record, and member of the State Assembly from 1885 to 1889, is dead, aged 59 years.

THE KEYSTONE STATE.

News Happenings of Interest Gathered From All Sources.

Pennsylvania pensions: James Watson, Job, \$10; Benjamin F. Durbin, Washington, \$10; John F. Nogar, Marshallburg, \$6; Samuel F. Gamble, Pittsburg, \$6; Joseph K. Bush, West Finley, \$8; Harry S. Allabough, Silverdale, \$16; Samuel Gault, Wilkinsburg, \$8; Calvin Williams, Julian, \$10; Enos Rogers, Rockhill Furnace, \$17; Ludwick A. Kimmel, Normalville, \$10; Daniel Merriman, Pittsburg, \$10; Charles H. Adams, Stroudsburg, \$6; Hannah Wood, Athens, \$8; Mary Jefferies, Dunbar, \$8; Isabella McLaughlin, Duane Vista, \$8; Margaretta C. Robb, Huntingdon, \$8; Margaret Brown, Titusville, \$8; Isabella Atwell, Pittsburg, \$8; Elizabeth Watson, Job, \$8; Elen Raub, Sayre, \$12; William H. Harrison, Carnegie, \$6; George J. Calhoun, Washington, \$8; Elisha Willoughby, Roulette, \$12; William Kendrick, Ashlev, \$8; James Kidd, McCosyville, \$12; Lafayette Snyder, Saegertown, \$8; Thomas O'Brien, Pittsburg, \$6; Joseph P. Pike, Erie, \$6; Daniel Sechler, Ft. Hill, \$14; Thomas Harkinson, Honey Grove, \$12; Elisha B. McGara, Indiana, \$10; William H. Gill, Julian, \$10; Charles Hall, Titusville, \$10; Benjamin F. Null, Ruffsdale, \$8; Sherman Lyons, Bellefonte, \$10; Jacob S. Miller, St. Marys, \$10; John Minney, Donora, \$12; Mary J. Griffith, Houtzdale, \$8; Theresa Rhoades, Boynton, \$8.

Fire destroyed the boathouse of the Bird Club, of Chester. The blaze was of incendiary origin, resulting, it is believed, from revenge, because of several arrests made by the police for robberies at the clubhouse. The building was of wood, two stories high, and worth with its contents about \$1200, fully insured.

John Strohl is dying in the Allentown Hospital from stab wounds over the eye and on various parts of his body. How Strohl was injured is a mystery. All that is known is that he had a quarrel with several strangers at a Sixth Ward hotel and was found unconscious.

Fire in the store of the Imperial Dry Goods Company, in the opera house building, Altoona, entailed a loss of \$45,000 to the store and building and a loss of \$10,000 to the stock of the Price Clothing Company in the building adjoining.

While picking huckleberries on the Seven Mountains, back of Cooper's Gap, near Lewistown, John Slater and William Burns, of Redsville, killed a rattlesnake which measured seven feet and had twenty-two rattles.

The Pennsylvania Agricultural Works of York have received an order for 18,000 eight-horse plows for the South African market. Daniel C. French and Thomas S. Clark, of New York, and John W. Beaty, of Pittsburg, well known in the art world, have accepted the task of acting as a jury to select a design for the monument to be erected in Pittsburg in memory of Col. A. L. Hawkins, of the Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died in the Philippines. Competitive designs are to be submitted before December. The contract will be let by the Hawkins Memorial Committee. Twenty thousand dollars will be expended on the monument.

John Henry, of Tamaqua, says he will compete for the \$50,000 prize which will be offered at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904 for the best flying machine. Within a few months he expects to complete his machine after four years of work. The machine has two pairs of wings, one pair for lifting and the other for propelling, power being derived from an electric motor. The machine is expected to lift twenty times its weight.

Burglars carried off the clothing in the house of John Greenbo, at McKeesport, during the night. None of the members of his family or of their four boarders was able to leave the house to give an alarm, as all their clothing had been stolen. The inmates were forced to borrow clothes from the neighbors in order to appear on the street.

Nearly 10,000 persons attended the tenth annual farmers' picnic at Grassmere Park, Bloomsburg, the people coming from Columbia, Luzerne, Lycoming and Sullivan counties. Albert M. Cornell, of the State Grange; John G. McSparran, of Lancaster, and County Superintendent W. M. Evans delivered addresses.

Mrs. William Walp, of Seybertville, was attacked in the kitchen of her home by a rattlesnake which lay coiled in a pantry and sprang at her when she opened the door. The woman seized an iron poker and after an exciting battle killed the reptile.

Three cows belonging to Claude Peck, a farmer, near Martinsburg, ate a quantity of dynamite which a gang of Pennsylvania Railroad men who were erecting telegraph poles had left in a field. In a short time all of the cows died.

The State Forestry Reservation Commission held a meeting at Harrisburg and considered offers of 28,000 acres of forest land in various counties of the State, but purchased only 400 acres. The other tracts offered will be examined by experts before a purchase is made.

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A canning factory to employ 250 hands will be established at Reinhold's Station.

Heber, the 9-year-old son of Postmaster William McKimm, was run over by a street car at Oil City and killed.

While walking in his sleep, Edward Cross, aged 8 years, of Chester, imagined that he was swimming and dived down a stairway, sustaining serious injuries.

A 3-months-old son of Henry Brown, of Fulton Township, has three grandfathers living. They are Thomas Hoopes, Samuel Finnetrich and Reason G. Ross, all residents of Fulton Township.

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

General Trade Conditions.

Bradstreet's says: Midsummer quiet has gone from distributive trade, and stimulated by really brilliant crop prospects and good prices for farm products, fall business has begun to expand. Buyers are arriving in large numbers at all markets, and this week promises to see demand further increased.

Advices from the boot and shoe trade are irregular. Business at the West is active and at Philadelphia the jobbing trade is brisk and manufacturers are busy on orders. At Boston shipments, though larger than last week, are still far below those of last year, the decrease being fully 12 per cent.

The weight of imported iron is pressing on domestic sentiment, though no perceptible effect is yet seen on prices for pig iron, which is still in active request for next year's delivery. Steel rails, plates, bars and sheets are active at the West, but the edge of the demand for plates and sheets appears to have been taken off at Pittsburg. Western rail mills are all sold up for the first half of 1903.

Business failures for the week ending August 7 number 169, as against 168 last week and 185 in this week last year. Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending August 7 aggregate 4,244,363 bushels, against 3,888,534 last week and 8,831,199 in this week last year.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Flour—Spring clear, \$3.10a3.30; best Patent, \$4.50; choice Family, \$3.75. Wheat—New York No. 2, 74c; Philadelphia No. 2, 72a72c; Baltimore No. 2, 69c. Corn—New York No. 2, 65c; Philadelphia No. 2, 68a68c; Baltimore No. 2, 66c. Oats—New York No. 2, 63c; Philadelphia No. 2, 75c; Baltimore No. 2, 60c. Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$19.00a19.50; No. 2 timothy, \$18.00a18.50; No. 3 timothy \$17.00a17.50. Green Fruits and Vegetables.—Beets, Native, per bunch 1c. Blackberries, Eastern Shore, per quart, 4a5c. Cabbages—Native, per 100 \$1.00a1.50; Wakefield, per 100, \$3.00a5.00. Cantaloupes—Florida, per crate 50a \$1.00. Cucumbers—Charleston, per basket 12a20c; do North Carolina, 12a20c. Eggplants, Native, per basket 55a60c. Huckleberries, per quart 6a7c. Lettuce, Native, per bushel box 30a50c. Onions, New, per basket 80a90c. Peaches, Florida, per carrier \$1.00a1.25. Pineapples, Florida, per crate, \$1.75a 2.50. String beans, per bushel, green, 30a35c; wax, 20a40c. Tomatoes, Potomac, per six-basket carrier, fancy, 30a35c; do, fair to good 20a25c. Potatoes, Norfolk, per bri. No. 1, \$1.00a1.25; do, seconds, 75c; do, No. 2, 50a60c; do, North Carolina, per bri. No. 1, \$1.00a1.25. Butter, Separator, 22a23c; Gathered cream, 21a22c; prints, 1-lb 25a26c; Rolls, 2-lb, 25a26c; Dairy pts. Md., Pa., Va., 23a24c. Eggs, Fresh-laid eggs, per dozen, 17a18c. Cheese, Large, 60-lb, 10c; 10c; medium, 26-lb, 10c; 10c; picnic, 22-lb, 10c; 10c. Live Poultry, Hens, 11c; 11c; old roosters, each 25a30c; spring chickens, 12a13c; young steers, 12a12c. Ducks 11a12c. Hides, Heavy stags, association and salter, late kill, 80-lbs and up, close season, 12c; 12c; cows and light steers 8c; 10c. Provisions and Hog Products.—Bulk clear rib sides, 18c; bulk shoulders, 10c; bulk bellies, 16c; bulk ham butts, 10c; bacon clear rib sides, 18c; bacon shoulders, 11c; sugar-cured breasts, 11c; sugar-cured shoulders, 11c; sugar-cured California hams, 11c; hams canvased or uncanvased, 12 lbs. and over, 14c; refined lard tinner, 11c and 50 lb cans, gross, 11c; refined lard, second-hand tubs, 11c; refined lard, half-barrels and new tubs, 11c. Live Stock. Chicago, Cattle, Mostly 10a15c low, good to prime steers \$8.00a8.90; medium \$4.75a7.75; stockers and feeders \$2.50a5.25; cows, \$1.50a7.75; heifers \$2.50a6.50; Texas-fed steers \$5.25a5.50. Hogs, Mixed and butchers \$6.75a7.50; good to choice, heavy \$7.40a7.70; Sheep, sheep and lambs sold to lower; good to choice wethers \$3.50a4.00; Western sheep \$2.50a3.75. East Liberty, Cattle steady; choice \$7.50a7.80; prime \$7.00a7.25. Hogs, prime heavy \$7.80a7.85, mediums \$5.00; heavy Yorkers \$7.75a7.80. Sheep steady, Best Yorkers \$4.10a4.30 culls and common \$1.50a2.00; choice lambs \$5.25a5.50. LABOR AND INDUSTRY. There is a strike of bricklayers at Kiel for an increase in wages and a reduction in working hours. Differences between the Carriage Workers' Union and the employers at Albany, N. Y., have been settled. At Oakland, Cal., the Southern Pacific Company has acceded to some of the demands made by the machinists. Bricklayers at Glasgow, Scotland, have secured an advance of 1-2d an hour, which they had to give up about a year ago.