

Song and Story.....

Listen! What a sudden rustle
Fills the air
All the birds are in a bustle
Everywhere.
Such a ceaseless croon and twitter
Overhead!
Such a flash of wings that glitter
Wide outspread!
Far away I hear a drumming—
"Tap, tap, tap!"
Can the woodpecker be coming
After sap?
What does all this haste and hurry
Mean, I pray?
All this outdoor flush and flurry
Seen to-day?
This presaging stir and humming,
Thrill and call?
Mean? It means that spring is coming,
That is all!

His Secret Out.
"How would you explain the inscrutable Mona-Lisa smile?" asked a man.

"Well," was the reply, "some one has told a funny story and the poor woman's smiling at the wrong place."

"How dismal you look!" said a bucket to his companion as they were going to the well. "Ah," replied the other, "I was reflecting on the uselessness of our being filled, for, let us go away ever so full we come back empty." "Dear me, how strange to look at it that way!" said the first bucket, "I think 'However empty we come back we always go away full.'"

A Talented Chap
Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman says that a Scotsman was asserting that all the great poets were of his nation.

"Well, but," said one, "how about Shakespeare? You can't say he was a Scotsman."

To this the other replied:
"His talents would justify the supposition."

His Proud Title
It was a very small student who astonished his father, a practitioner of medicine, by propounding the following question:

"Papa, do you know what the great Napoleon's nickname was?"

Wishing that his son might have the pleasure of bestowing this information, his father evaded a reply by asking another question:

"What was it, son?"

His state of mind can be conjectured when the little fellow proudly responded:

"He was known as the Little Corsicule."

Johnny's Excuse
This note was sent to a teacher by a mother to explain her son's absence from school:

Dear Mum: Please excuse Johnny today. He will not be at school. He is acting as timekeeper for his father. Last night you gave him this example. If a field is four miles square how long will it take a man walking three miles an hour to walk two and a half times around it? Johnny ain't no man, so we had to send his daddy. They left early this morning and my husband said they ought to be back late to-night, though it would be hard going. Dear Mum, please make the next problem about ladies as my husband can't afford to lose the day's work. I don't have no time to loaf but I can spare a day off occasionally better than my husband can.

Respy yrs.
Mrs. Jones.

Sympathetic Bobbie.

Little Bobbie listened with deep interest to the story of the Prodigal Son. At the end of it he burst into tears.

"Why, what's the matter, Bobbie?" exclaimed his mother.

"I'm—I'm so sorry for that I'll ca-alf," he sobbed. "He didn't do nuffin."
—Everybody's

All He Got

"When I was a boy," says Cohn, "there were seventeen of us at home. And being so many we had to eat at the second table. And do you know I was sixteen years old before I knew a chicken had anything but a peck."

The night watchman of a large hotel saw an apparition in white moving along the hall at 2 a. m. He hastened his steps and tapped on the shoulder of what proved to be a man.

"Here, what are you doing out here?" asked the watchman.

The man opened his eyes and seemed to come out of a trance. "I beg your pardon," he said, "I am a somnambulist."

"Well," said the watchman, "you can't walk around these halls in the middle of the night in your night-shirt, no matter what your religion is."

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FRAGMENTS OF

GENERAL NEWS.

Strong earthquake shocks were felt Monday over the district from Aveszano to Rietin and within fifty miles of Rome, according to dispatches received from Italy. A large rock was hurled from the mountains overlooking the village of Petrellari and it is feared the rock mass will destroy the town. All the inhabitants have fled.

Jess Willard, a Kansas cowboy, is the world's heavyweight champion of the roped arena. In the 26th round of a tremendous fight at Havana Willard, who showed surprising skill all through the battle, knocked out Jack Johnson, the erstwhile black champion, with a blow which there was no denying.

On behalf of the owners of the American ship, William P. Frye, sunk by the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, the United States government, in a note made public Monday, has asked Germany to pay an indemnity of \$228,059.54 which represents the cost of the vessel, the freight charges for its cargo, and damages resulting from being deprived of the use of the ship.

"How long will the European war last?" said Edwin Emerson, war correspondent, in opening his lecture at Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh recently. "I don't know," he answered "but I think it is safe to say that as long as Pittsburgh and other American towns and cities turn out great quantities of guns, powder and shells the war will continue indefinitely. When American manufacturers shut down supplying munitions of war then only will the great conflict cease."

Wm. E. Bower, of Snyderstown, Pa., while bedding his stock came across a mother cat in his barn which had been deprived of her litter of kittens that he drowned, caring for a half dozen wild rabbits. Pussy had been missing for several days, according to Bower, and he thought it had been mourning the loss of its offspring and would come back. The rabbits are apparently a week old and are of the native wild variety. He says that the cat is careful over them and watches them as closely as though they were her own kittens.

Consumers even in states quarantined for foot-and-mouth disease need have no fear of eating meat to-day providing it is thoroughly cooked. This reassuring word is given in a bulletin just issued by the Department of Agriculture. The foot-and-mouth disease is not easily communi-

cated to human beings through food although milk from a diseased cow might transmit the disease to a human being. Pasteurization, however, renders milk safe. Human beings who do get the disease commonly get it from direct contact with the diseased animal.

Count Zeppelin is not satisfied with the manner in which his airships are being handled. He called together one day this week his engineers and the captains of the dirigibles now at the Zeppelin works at Friedrichshaf Germany, and criticised them on several scores. The count said that the full power of the Zeppelins had not been employed and that longer raids than any made heretofore were possible. He believed that an attack upon London and the lower Thames had been delayed unnecessarily. The count also is understood to have criticised his captains for retreating from hostile airmen.

NEW COAL TOWN TO BE BUILT

A new coal town, to be built by the Consolidation Coal Co., is to spring like magic at Helens Run, between Worthington and Farmington, W. Va. It will be the home of 1,500 miners, who will work the two mines to be opened by the coal company.

The new town will be the model community of the country. Every new idea will be embodied in its construction. The company has bought \$125,000 worth of land for homes and is acquiring more.

Engineers are surveying, plans are being made for the sinking of the shafts for the two mines to be opened, the grounds are being cleared and everything put in readiness for the real work to be carried on this summer.

Two and a half million dollars will be spent on the development of the new field, which comprises 1,000 acres. The mines will have an annual output of 750,000 tons each. They will be shaft mines at a depth of 400 feet. The company expects to have the mines in operation by Jan. 1, 1916.

The superintendent of the Somerset county hospital for the insane informs the sheriffs of adjoining counties that the institution is full and he will hereafter accept no patients from other counties.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

CONDENSED REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF MEYERSDALE, PENN'A. AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, MARCH 4, 1915.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Investments.....	\$435,270.16	Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 65,000.00
U. S. Bonds and Premiums.....	72,231.87	Surplus Fund and Profits.....	51,932.25
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures...	62,499.50	Circulation.....	63,700.00
Cash and due from Banks.....	54,866.82	Deposits.....	444,236.10
Total Resources.....	\$624,868.35	Total Liabilities.....	\$624,868.35

Growth as Shown in Following Statements Made to Comptroller of Currency. ALSO OUR BIG ADVANCE IN 1914

ASSETS	
JULY, 15, 1908	\$262,014.92
JUNE 23, 1909	\$411,680.13
MARCH 7, 1911	\$512,574.48
APRIL 4, 1913	\$605,870.62
MARCH 4, 1914	\$610,212.34
MARCH 4, 1915	\$624,868.35

PETITION FOR DISCHARGE OF ADMINISTRATOR.

IN RE ESTATE OF Samuel K. Weimer, Late of Greenville Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application was presented to the Orphans' Court of Somerset County by the undersigned administrator, c. t. a. of the estate of the said Samuel K. Weimer, deceased, for discharge as such administrator, and the Court has fixed Monday, 17th day of May, 1915, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the Court House at Somerset, Pennsylvania, as the time and the place for the hearing of such application when and where all parties interested may appear if they see fit.

OZIAS WEIMER, Administrator c. t. a. of SAMUEL K. WEIMER, Dec'd.

ROCKWOOD

Mrs. A. H. Bittner, of Main street, is seriously ill, suffering from grip.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Critchfield, of Johnstown, have moved to Rockwood, where they will occupy the Coleman property on Broadway.

Miss Pearl Sandles, a teacher in a Connelville school, is the guest of her grandfather Henry Werner.

Mrs. Wilson Coughenour, of Rockwood, has returned home after spending several days very pleasantly with her mother, Mrs. Charles Baldwin of Hooversville.

Mrs. George Filcox, of Somerset, accompanied by Mrs. Howard Strong, of Rockwood, spent several days visiting friends, and relatives in Pittsburgh recently.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Farling was recently the scene of a big social event in honor of Mrs. Farling's niece, Miss Mae Bittner, who left for the Indiana State Normal School April 5th. The evening was spent in playing games and music, both vocal and instrumental, after which a delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

The Board of Education of the Rockwood high school, at a recent meeting decided in favor of holding the regular commencement exercises at the close of the high school term. The board was requested to choose between a trip for the graduates to the national capital or the regular exercises. The exact date of the commencement has not yet been set, but by a decision of the board, the Rev. John Erler, Ph. D., has been requested to deliver the baccalaureate sermon, on May 2. The graduates have been instructed to wear gowns and caps for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Secrist, of Highland Addition, departed Wednesday on No. 12 for Harper's Ferry, W. Va., to attend the funeral of Mr. Secrist's brother, who was killed in a railroad accident. Mrs. Emanuel Zinn of Meyersdale, a sister of Mr. Secrist also left for Harper's Ferry Wednesday.

David Ansell is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Furtney announce the birth of a son.

Henry Mosholder, who was taken to the Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh by Dr. C. J. Hemminger, has been operated on for appendicitis.


Ray Martiett, who was operated on for appendicitis several days ago, is reported to be improving.

On March 27, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wagner, of Elk Lick, celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary with a happy gathering of relatives and friends.

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