

Humorous Department.

He Changed His Mind. The customer looked like a man who has just had four acres beaten by a straight flush. "Doc," he said hoarsely, "do you keep poison?"

Miscellaneous Reading.

WITH NEIGHBORING EXCHANGES. News and Comment Gleaned From Within and About the County. CHESTER.

BURNING DEAD NOW COMMON.

Freak Practices With Ashes of Departed Ones. There are many queer phases in connection with cremation. This week a well known physician of Washington made arrangements for the incineration of his remains, paying the bill in advance.

Virginia-Carolina Fertilizers

Big Crops Mean Bigger Profits. Big profits from cotton, tobacco, and such garden crops and all other vegetables and fruits depend upon their uniform growth and quick and larger growth are positively assured through high fertilization with

Advertisement for Virginia-Carolina Fertilizers, featuring an illustration of a man and a woman, and text describing the benefits of their products for various crops.

Advertisement for Yorkville B. & M. Company, featuring a large illustration of a man and text promoting their checking accounts and various services.

ONE WAY.—A story said to be characteristic is told of an Arkansas judge, says Harper's Weekly. It seems that when he convened court at one of the towns on his circuit it was found that no pens, ink or paper had been provided and upon inquiry it developed that no county funds were available for this purpose.

GASTON. Gastonia Gazette, February 4: Miss May Della Barre of the graded school faculty, is at Laurens, S. C., having been called there by the illness of her mother.

HUNTING BEARS IN ALASKA. Some of the Biggest of the Bruin Family Found in Far North. "There is good bear hunting on the Alaskan peninsula. I got seven grizzlies one afternoon, all of them within a quarter of a mile and not over half an hour's time.

It Is a Terror. The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance company is a terror to the agents of all other companies. It is a terror to the man who wants to insure his life.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. County of York. In Probate Court. By L. R. Williams, Esq., Probate Judge of York County.

Advertisement for Yorkville Hardware Company, featuring text about spring plowing and various hardware items.

THE ROAD TO PROSPERITY.—A story is told of Marshal Lefebvre, Duke of Danzig, that favorite of Napoleon, which illustrates his own consciousness of the qualities that had made him what he was.

A FINANCIAL GENIUS. His Great Scheme Did Not Impress the Bank President. The president of the Western Hemisphere bank sat in his easy chair smoking a fragrant Havana and meditating upon the lessons of the late business panic when the door of the office was opened, and a tall, slim man wearing a suit of faded black entered the room.

Baron Von Palm Set the Fashion. The only long-tailed line in working order is the one to Charlotte. At least twenty-five poles are down on lines leading out of town. From Mac Farlane's store on West Air Line street to the Gray mill every pole went down except one. This was probably due to the fact that the pole makes a heavy curve and when one pole broke it carried the whole half-circle of poles down with it.

Would Not Burn a Murderer. The crematory management in San Francisco were so squeamish that they refused to burn the body of the murderer Durrant. His father had to take it to Pasadena. The medical men of California had been keenly interested in the case of the young murderer and were anxious to have his brain for examination. The family was determined that they should not get it, and the father did not let the coffin get out of his sight until he saw it placed in the retort at Pasadena.

Advertisement for F. S. Royster Guano Co., featuring a large illustration of a fish and text promoting their guano fertilizer.

Advertisement for York Furniture Co., featuring text about their furniture, stoves, and sewing machines.

AN EXPECTED SHORTENING.—A certain member of the fashionable Metropolitan and Chevy Chase clubs at the national capital has all his life borne many quips by reason of his exceedingly diminutive stature.

THE FATE OF THE UNREADY.—Mamma was very much surprised to see her little boy come home from his first day at school with his clothing torn and dirty, and asked him if he had been fighting.

THE CASHIER ATTENDS TO ALL THAT. "I know it, but the amount is so large that I was sure he would refer me to you, and I thought it best to come straight to headquarters."

THE CARNIES OF GERMANY EXCEL ALL OTHER CARNIES AS SINGERS. One has been recorded to continue a single trill for one and one-quarter minutes, with twenty changes of note in it.

ENGLAND SAYS NO ALUM IN FOOD and strictly prohibits the sale of alum baking powder. So does France. So does Germany.

THE SALE OF ALUM FOODS has been made illegal in Washington and the District of Columbia, and alum baking powders are everywhere recognized as injurious.

Advertisement for ROYAL BAKING POWDER, featuring an illustration of a woman and text promoting the product.

Advertisement for THE NATIONAL UNION BANK, featuring text about their savings accounts and interest rates.

Advertisement for THE BEST CULTIVATOR, featuring an illustration of a tractor and text promoting its features.