

Wednesday

Dear Idarem

I have just come from the funeral which was held in the little undertakers parlors. It was very nice. A priest read a little service and I think they were all very much pleased particularly with the flowers which were lovely. Your wreath was very pretty and laid on the coffin. The boys sent a big pillow and evidently the step daughter had sent flowers too and some of the neighbors for the coffin was quite covered. And she looked quite sweet as she lay there in all those flowers. The undertaker had put a pretty gray soft dress on her for which he charged them \$12 - one of the most modest of all his charges. They had three carriages and they were all going off in them to cemetery when I left. They finally fixed it up that she can be buried beside her husband and baby by paying the \$20.50 that she had owed on that lot since 1906. Doesn't that tell what a struggle she has had?

I had quite a long talk with the daughter and the boys are going to break up right away and all go to live with her. She is a little of the whining kind and keeps talking how hard it is going to be for her and how she can't do it unless the boys help but they will help and they seem to want to do this so it seems the right start to make. Lawrence is of course the star of the bunch and he is so appreciative of the little I am doing in your stead. He is coming over to see me tomorrow morning when I will have a good talk with him and find out how things are. The sister promised to phone me every few days too until they get settled so I will keep track of them and beat them over the head if they don't behave which of course I will do in my own name not in yours. They pointed with pride to your flowers which I suppose they think came from Washington.

They have of course collected no insurance money yet and they won't pay that robber undertaker till they do. Then I suppose I will have another losing battle with him.

I am so envious of you for that hour with Wells. He is something to thank God for.

Thanks for Roland's letters. I have a new long one which I will send you in a day or two. It is a real earful.

More of your articles is what I am waiting for now.

Yours always

