

An Open Epistolary Reply.

The following letter was sent to President Theodore Roosevelt about three weeks ago by a well known Bellefonte gentleman, but up to this time no reply has been received by the sender, the President evidently wilfully ignoring both the writer and the subject he discussed. The full text of the letter sent the President is as follows:

To President Theodore Roosevelt, Washington, D. C.

HONORED AND DEAR SIR: It should not be considered an impertinence unbecoming a man in my lowly station, bible school missionary up here in the lumber woods of "Nowhere," Pennsylvania, to say that you are plainly mistaken, if not outrightly in error, in asserting that "Secretary Taft's religious faith is purely his own private concern and not a matter for general political consideration." In what I have to say, attempting a refutation of that declaration, I am expressing no political partisan opinion.

As an American citizen I gladly cherish some little pride in the fact that we have so gifted a statesman, of world-wide reputation, as is our President elect. I am pleading, for the most part, in behalf of the youth of the rising generation of this twentieth century.

"In religious faith purely his own private concern," you say. Very true, so far, but the President-elect is now more than ever a public man and the public has claims on him that can never be surrendered. Very sure I am that his large constituency, constituting, I may truthfully say, "the salt and savor" of the Republic, will never consent to the stifling of their President's religious convictions.

Most certainly our world renowned Roosevelt should know what he says about "religious discussion fatal to true religion" can never be charged to the account of openly expressed christianity, but always charged to the want of its exercise.

In answer to repeated inquiries we have been told that "Secretary Taft is a member of the Unitarian church."

The latitude of religious belief in that denomination is such that any member of it can believe religiously whatever he pleases. We are in the dark concerning it and you seem disposed to keep us in the darkness, where there should be only and always light. The greatest of all gospel questions is, "What think ye of Christ?" The sacred query requires an open outspoken response, such that any little child need not mistake, but clearly understand. Our President-elect has never publicly answered that question. It is by no means "a square deal" for you, Mr. Roosevelt, to encourage your honorable successor to hide his light "under a bushel." No! no! it will never pass, disregarded in our enlightened, christian Republic to keep in the darkness, out of sight, what the youth of the rising generation need most of all to know.

R. CRITTENDEN, Bellefonte, Pa., Nov. 30th, 1908. Missioner.

Spring Mills.

Benjamin A. Donohy, of Lewisburg, entertained Miss Anna M. Cummings at a 3 o'clock dinner on Thanksgiving day.

Thanksgiving day was celebrated here about as usual. Dinner parties were quite numerous. Quite a number, too, did their butchering. I have heard of no weights exceeding 400 lbs. in the hog line. I guess the heavy weights will be held until the last of the week, then look out for 500 pounders (?)

Owing to extreme low water Allison's flouring mills can be operated only a few hours a day. Nearly all the wells in town are dry. Sinking creek shows only a dry bed with hardly a mud puddle in it, and Penns creek is very nearly in the same condition. Should winter suddenly set in previous to any rain it would place us in a very trying position.

Postmaster Krape has greatly improved the office by placing an additional window between the two large ones in the rear of the rural carrier department, giving them more light to sort their mail matter and has also placed a door at their entrance, which heretofore was simply an open passage way. But now the postoffice department is, as it should be, an exclusive institution.

A day or two since I overheard Dr. Gentzel, veterinary surgeon of our town, remark to a couple of gentlemen that he had his eye on almost every animal in his district liable to the foot and mouth disease, and at the first symptoms of the disorder he would report the case without a moments delay. The doctor is almost continually on the road of late, having quite a number of sick horses and cows under his charge. He remarked that so far he noticed no special ailment but simply a tired out and a slightly feverish condition which speedily yielded to proper and careful treatment. The doctor is high authority on all diseases of animals.

Howard. John Yearick loaded a car of hay Monday. A nice refreshing shower visited our little village Monday night. Frank Strunk was called to Bellefonte to see his mother, who is ill.

The Disciples of Howard held services over Sunday and Monday night. Lewis Beck and wife visited his brother William at Snyderstown on Sunday.

Wickliff Gardner, of Pittsburg, is at present visiting his aged father and friends here.

Miss Jennie Keagle had the misfortune to fall down the stair steps on Sunday, badly bruising her face.

Thomas Weber has moved from this place to Tyrone where he has secured for himself a lucrative position.

Butchering is all the go these days. Everybody is afraid of the mouth and hoof disease and are rushing their butchering out of the way as fast as possible.

John Lyons unloaded a car of coal this week. He is making arrangements to burn a lime pit containing 100 loads of lime stone, on the farm occupied by Lincoln Creek.

Mrs. Belle Wilson, of New Jersey, who was visiting her afflicted sister, Mrs. Frank Zeigler, of Renovo, and friends about Howard took the 8:45 train for her home Monday evening.

Mrs. Carrie Kling, of Altoona, helped her brother, Jess T. Lucas, butcher on Monday

and Tuesday she was at Joel Kling's at Nittany. Mrs. Mattie Kessinger, of Blanchard, was also at the Jess Lucas butchering.

Pine Grove Menston. George Kline, of Millheim, was greeting old chums here Tuesday.

J. C. Krebs and family are with friends at Unionville for the week.

A. S. Walker is making a ten days visit among his friends in Johnstown.

Elmer Houtz is ill with fever at the home of John F. Kimpfort, at Boalsburg.

Mrs. H. N. Krebs was in Bellefonte on a shopping expedition on Wednesday.

Samuel M. Hess, a student at the Bellefonte Academy, was home over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dunlap are spending this week with friends in Millin county.

Farmer Daniel W. Garner is quite a sick man with pleurisy at his home at Pine Hall.

Lunger Wan, the oil king of Bellefonte, was supplying his customers here on Monday.

Master John K. Bailey has been a very sick boy the past few days but is some better now.

John S. Johnson, one of Stonevalley's big farmers, was here last Saturday in quest of stock.

The venerable James H. Holmes is still in a critical condition at his home in State College.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller returned home Monday from a two weeks visit among friends in Altoona.

W. H. Goss recently bought a home in our town from Mrs. Anna Williams, at about the \$1,400 mark.

George Swabb fitted to Tyrone Wednesday to engage with John Bailey Campbell in the dairy business.

Mrs. John Strouse, who has been quite sick with inflammatory rheumatism, is very much improved.

Mrs. Emma and Miss Lydia Housman, of Altoona, are visiting old friends down Pennsylvania this week.

Mrs. W. E. Johnson with her mother, Mrs. Wilson, spent Saturday at the Shugert home on the Branch.

Little Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Meyer, had a tumble last week, breaking her right collar bone.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Neidigh and interesting little family were Sunday visitors at grandpa Rudy's home.

John A. Kline, of Centre Mills, was looking after his large milling trade here in the early part of the week.

The venerable Thomas Kustaborder came over from State College to spend Sunday at ex-postmaster Hess' home on Main street.

Howard Zeigler last week leased the John Olewine farm near Axemann and will till the broad and fertile acres after April 1st, 1909.

Rev. J. S. Phillips, of the M. E. church, is holding a protracted meeting at Meek's church which is being quite well attended.

Our man of hammer and tongs, William Collins, is having a new pavement put down in front of his home, and it isn't concrete either.

Mr and Mrs. G. W. Campbell, of Atico, Kansas, are making a month's visit among their friends in the old Keystone State, the home of their youth.

John Kimpfort and J. S. Herman tarried in town Tuesday morning to say "howdy-do" to their old chums before crossing Old Tussey for a drive through Stonevalley.

You ought to see Mrs. Everts' Christmas goods. Why go elsewhere when you can get them in your home town. Every store window is already putting on Christmas airs.

After almost twenty-eight years in Hastings, Nebraska, John Sausserman returned last week and is visiting friends here and in Stonevalley, looking quite well and, as the saying goes, is well healed.

Miss Sue Danneley, who was injured in the railroad wreck near Strubles, is home again and getting along nicely. Miss Sadie is convalescing at the home of her sister, Mrs. Samuel Moore, at State College.

Thanksgiving day John and Hamill Bathgate bought the McFarlane farm at Paddentown. The Bathgate's have lived there over thirty years and finally decided to buy. The deal had been on for some time and at their Thanksgiving feast it was decided to close it up at the \$50 per acre mark.

Hunting stories are rife at the grocery store exchanges now when the season is at an end and among the lucky shots who brought down the fleet foot are Philip Bradford, Ira Stangel, Morris Miller, Cal Riley, Christ Meyers, Wm. McClintic, Ed. Corli, Harry Houtz, and Harry Sheasley, an eight pronged buck. Ed. Riley got a bear and Fred Reitz a deer.

Last Sunday Rev. R. H. Bergstresser, the popular young divine, held his last services by administering the Lords Supper here in the morning. His last official act was to christen little Karl Alfred Harper and install N. E. Hess as a member of the church council. In the afternoon he administered the Holy Sacrament at Gatesburg and in the evening he preached at Pine Hall. During his short stay here both he and his wife made hosts of warm friends. The young divine is a most eloquent pulpit orator and a thorough christian gentleman.

Lemont. Mrs. J. R. Woodcock returned home Saturday.

John Wirtz and his daughter Ruth visited the county seat Saturday.

Mrs. B. F. Hoy has been quite ill since Saturday from a attack of indigestion.

Thanksgiving was a fine day and many hunters took advantage of it to enjoy the day in the woods.

The game of football between Axe Mann and Lemont showed a score of 42 to 0 in favor of the latter team.

The entertainment held by the Centre Furnace school, Friday evening, was a success in every way as each one did his work in fine style.

Rev. Baumgardner, of New Berlin, will preach in the United Evangelical church Sunday morning, December 13th, and all are invited to attend.

Many of our nimrods hied to the moun-

tains Monday to try to get a shot at a deer before the season went out, but they all came home empty handed.

William Baumgardner moved his saw mill from the Barrens to the foot of Nittany mountain, east of C. D. Houtz's home, on a piece of land owned by John E. Williams, where he will take out and saw the timber on the Decker and Lytle tracts.

Smullion. Jerome Spigelmyer, of Millheim, was a guest at Robert Hackenbergs one day last week.

J. W. Brungart is putting new windows in his house, also siding it, making a great improvement.

A. E. Strayer and son are at present at work on the interior of the Lutheran church at Tylersville.

Revival services in the M. E. church closed Tuesday evening of last week. One conversion was the success attained.

George Miller and wife, of Lock Haven, are spending some time in this place, having been called here on account of the illness of their daughter Elsie.

The butchering season is about over, there were fifty-three in this town, and all have been killed except one. We suppose the average weight was about 260 lbs.

The stream supplying water for this town and Hebersburg is lower than it was ever known to be. We do hope the good Lord will send us some good showers ere winter sets in.

Houses to rent will be scarce here this spring. For the last eight or ten years there has been no trouble to rent, and the scarcity now is explainable for the reason that some of the homes have been purchased by other parties.

Mr. Monks, of the firm of the Lester Piano company, of Philadelphia, was an over Sunday guest at the home of Geo. H. Smull, where he placed one of their \$750 pianola pianos. This is the first instrument of this kind in the valley.

A Legalized Triple Lynching. The town of Tiptonville, Tenn., bordering on Reelfoot lake, which recently has been the scene of many stirring incidents, witnessed the "legalized" lynching of three negroes who were arrested for murdering on Sunday Special Deputy Sheriff Richard Burruss and wounding John Hall, a deputy sheriff.

The execution of the negroes was given a semblance of legality by a hurried "trial" arranged with the understanding that the men would be condemned to death as soon as the "trial" was over.

The negroes lynched were Marshall Edward and James Stineback. These brothers created a disturbance at a religious meeting near Tiptonville on Saturday night. When Officers Burruss and Hall attempted to arrest them the negroes shot the officers.

At the "trial" all of the evidence of those who had seen the killing was heard, and in an incredibly short time the "case" was given to the "jury," which in a few minutes returned a verdict of guilty, and "fixed the penalty at death." The "sentence" had barely been passed on the three negroes, when the mob, with a whoop and a yell, swarmed into the courtroom, seized the prisoners, rushed them to a large tree near the edge of town and "duly executed the sentence of death" by hanging them, firing volley after volley into the air as the bodies were drawn up from the earth.

Override Eggs Used By Bakers. It is charged that rotten eggs are used in many bakeries in Philadelphia in baking bread, cakes, pies and pastries. The business of supplying rotten eggs to bakeshops is so extensive that there are more than twenty dealers engaged in the disgusting trade. Thousands of dozens of "rots" and "spots," the refuse of the big storage warehouses and wholesale egg dealers, are sold weekly to be converted into food for the public.

This revolting condition is revealed by investigations conducted by the state dairy and food commission. Special Agent H. P. Cassidy, who has collected the evidence, announces that cases are to be brought at once against about a dozen rotten egg dealers and more are to follow.

Will Oppose Re-Election of Penrose. In a statement made by Representative-elect Captain Ira McJunkin, of Butler, Pa., it is said an effort will be made at the coming session of the Pennsylvania legislature to elect State Treasurer John O. Sheatz to succeed Bois Penrose in the United States senate.

According to the statement, a thoroughly organized movement is now on foot and it is asserted that the "invasion of the Penrose ranks will produce a political upheaval unprecedented in the politics of the state."

Captain McJunkin also states that Treasurer Sheatz is heartily in favor of the course outlined and has indicated his willingness to join the issue against Penrose.

Will Fight Miners' Demands. On behalf of the anthracite coal operators, a statement has been issued explaining the position of the operators with regard to the new working agreement that is to be entered into when the present three-year agreement, based on the award of the strike commission of 1902, which expires April 1 next.

The operators declare that there is no possibility that they will accede to the demands which the United Mine Workers of America have decided upon, but have not yet formally presented to the operators.

The operators say they have been given to understand that the miners have drafted a new set of demands, which the miners' union agreed to waive in 1906, when the working agreement was extended to March 31, 1909. The stand of the operators will be for a renewal of the agreement for another three-year term, or longer.

First Whipping in Years. For the first time in eight years the whipping post was used at Hagerstown, Md., when Jim Wilson, a colored man, was lashed by Sheriff George W. Barnshaw for wife-beating.

Wilson was convicted before Police Justice Hoffman, who sentenced him to receive ten lashes and to serve six months in the house of correction. Wilson was sullen and refused to appeal for mercy, although he squirmed as each blow of the whip fell upon his bare back.

Headquarters For Union Engineers. Warren S. Stone, the grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, announced that the plans for the brotherhood's new headquarters building in Cleveland, O., have been completed. A twelve-story building will be erected in the downtown district. Work, he said, would begin next March. The building will cost \$1,000,000. The erection of the building will mean a permanent home for the brotherhood.

Lamphere Guilty of Arson. Ray Lamphere, charged with arson and the murder of Mrs. Belle Guinness and her three children by setting fire to the Guinness house on April 28, was found guilty of arson by the jury at La Porte, Ind. Within five minutes after the verdict was reported Judge Richter sentenced the defendant to the state penitentiary at Michigan City for an indeterminate term of from two to twenty-one years, fined him \$5000 and disfranchised him for five years.

Shot Dead Hunting Rabbits. Frank Koons and Elmer Hoffman, of Cementon, Pa., cousins, aged sixteen, went gunning for rabbits near Laurys. Koons was ahead as they went through a wire fence. The trigger of Hoffman's gun caught in the wire, causing a discharge, and Koons fell, shot through the abdomen. He died within five minutes.

Made Chairman Inaugural Committee. Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock, of the Republican national committee, announced the appointment of Edward J. Stellwagen as chairman of the inaugural committee. Mr. Stellwagen is one of the leading capitalists of Washington, among other positions occupied by him being that of president of the Union Trust company.

Cheap Paper in Sight. Paper is to be manufactured from cotton stalks, a heretofore useless by-product, according to a report issued by the bureau of manufactures. A company capitalized at \$500,000 has been organized at Atlanta, Ga. for the purpose. It is claimed that paper can be made from cotton stalks at a cost of about \$15 a ton.

Postal Deficit \$16,873,222. In his annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, Postmaster General Meyer gives the total receipts for the year as \$208,351,886, thereby showing a deficit of \$16,873,222, the largest in the history of the department, with an additional loss from fire, burglary, etc., of \$37,056.

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Ballot Box in Chicken Coop. CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—One of the charges of political misconduct on which the Democratic State Central committee of Illinois proposes to ask the Legislature for a recount of the ballots in the Deneen Stevenson election for Governor is that the judges and clerks of election in a precinct in Perry county used a small chicken coop for a ballot box. Into this repository of expression of a free and independent electorate in Southern Illinois they chucked the vote regardless, mixing up the ballots cast by men and the ballots cast by women, the law requiring separate ballot boxes, and not specifically sanctioned the use of chicken coops for either.

Threshing Machine Burned. LEWISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 1.—A peculiar but costly fire occurred at Loggellow, seven miles west of here, last night, when a flat car on an eastbound freight train caught fire from the locomotive. The car was loaded with two threshing machines en route from Columbus, Ohio, to the Frick Manufacturing company, at Waynesboro, Pa.

The car was detached from the train and one machine was entirely consumed. The car and the other machine were saved by a bucket brigade formed by the crew.

No Denying that Fact. From the Johnstown Democrat. The Democrats did pretty well in Pennsylvania with that \$8,261 which was spent by the state committee.

There is still room at the top for the intelligent, progressive farmer.

Announcements. We are authorized to announce William H. Daley, of Lamb street, as a candidate for overseer of the poor subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party.

Mr. T. R. Hamilton, of the North ward of Bellefonte, announces himself as an aspirant for the nomination for tax collector, subject to the Democratic borough primaries to be held in February.

New Advertisements. SMALL FARM FOR SALE.—The subscriber, on account of the loss of his eyesight, offers for sale his HOME AND FARM situated near Runville station on the Snow Shoe railroad, consisting of three acres of land with good house, barn and out-buildings, all in excellent repair. Plenty of fruit of all kinds, and an excellent supply of never failing water. It is a comfortable house in a good neighborhood, close to church and schools and will be sold cheap. Apply to MICHAEL SENNETT, Runville, Pa.

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GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR BARGAINS—BANKRUPT SALE. The stock of merchandise of the MARION SUPPLY COMPANY, Bankrupt, located in the Brown Building, on the corner of Bishop and Allegheny streets, Bellefonte, Pa., will be sold at PUBLIC OUT-CRY ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH.

The sale begins at 2:30 p. m., and will continue during the day and evening, and if necessary to be adjourned from evening to evening thereafter until the entire stock is disposed of. The sale will be made by G. F. Musser, Trustee in Bankruptcy. The stock includes groceries, gent's furnishing goods, fixtures, etc.

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LOST.—A Rabbit Hound—was seen at Snow Shoe Intersection last Saturday. It stands about eighteen inches high, is white with two black spots, one on the left side and one on the back, with yellow head. Liberal reward if returned to J. C. FREEMAN, Tyrone, Pa. 53-47-1f.

UPHOLSTERING.—Have you Sofas, Chairs, Mattresses or anything in that line to repair. If you have, call E. M. Bidwell on Commercial phone. He will come to see you about it. 53-46-1f.

LEGAL NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that the first and final account of William S. Brooks, guardian of Samuel T. Brooks, will be presented to the Court for confirmation on Wednesday, December 30th, 1908, and unless exceptions be filed thereto, on or before the second day of the term, the same will be confirmed. A. B. KIMPOST, Prothonotary. 53-44-5f.

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Whether or not you are satisfied) with a job of building depends as much on the fittings and finishing as on the building itself. Unhandy sash, poor doors, bum inside finishing—these will make your otherwise good job a failure. Contractors especially should see that none but good glass, mill work for finishing, and so forth thru the list, go into their work. Don't you see why? We stake our reputation on all we handle, and we have a plan peculiar to us, which reduces prices.

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