

Pennsylvanisch Deutsch.



BREFF FUM SCHWEIFLEBRENNER.

SCHIFFLETTOWN, JULY der 13t, 1868.

MISTER FODDER ABRAHAM:

Doh for a paar dog hets amohl sheer gorry rupps gevva tschwisha meer un der Bevvy, un now will ich der amohl de facts gevva derweaya, we's war.

Dort in der stadt hen so so a society was de Chi Phi heasa, odder anyhow ebbas a so, un doh fergonga hen se sheins a meeting g'holta un so sheechlin g'macht.

Unner onery war aw shapen in der dort fun Pottswillsheddle der beina namma "Pit Schweflebreuner, Junior" geat, un seller hut aw a sheech g'macht, uf Pennsylvanisch deitsch, un donu hen se's in a Tseitung nei gedruckt derweaya.

Well, fun dem hob ich uf course nix g'wist, bis ich heam kumma bin doh der onner dog, un ins house nei un huck mich uf der groos shuckle sthoht.

Awer ich hob grad g'heana dos ebbas letz is—dos der deifol lobs is uf en odder der onner weg, for de Bevvy hut so greiselheftich bes ous de awya g'geuckt, un aw grad uf un longt amohl a Tseitung fun uhra koshta runner un sogt: "So so, Pit, den weg flut mer dich ous, was for a monn dos du bist; do shtents in der Tseitung, in schwartz un weis, dos es noch onnery yung Schweflebreuner im lond rum hier hut, besides der Abery wu olleweil dort in der weeg lickt un shloaft."

"Ei," sog ich, "fun was shwetaht du donn? Explain amohl—was is letz?" "Ei ordlich feel is letz," secht se, "wann a monn a frau un kint derheam hut un aw besides noch onnery weiver un kinner im lond rum hier, so we der Junior Pit Schweflebreuner wu doh in der Tseitung shteat. "Awer Bevvy," sog ich, "doh will ich awer aw nimmy doh weck gea wann ich mea dos en femelia hob except yusht ich un du un der Abery." "Doh is es yoh in der Tseitung," secht se, "un's is now net derwaert dos d's ferleagonsht—doh is es, a speech was made by Pit Schweflebreuner, Junior, of Pottsville," un all de particulars derfu. "Donn hob ich amohl de Tseitung g'nomma, un sure enough, dort wars, grad wu se's g'leasa hut! Awer was hob ich du kenna except's denya dos seller Junior my sohn is, odder dos er a all in der freindschaft is mit mer. Un we ich der Bevvy explained hob dos ich yusht drei un dreisich yohr alt bin, un dos wann seller ding shun a lawyer is mes er anyhow shun ean-a-tswansich alt sei, un sellam noch mist ich tschwish sei dawdy gwest sei we ich tsawel yohr alt war.

Now de tsiffers kenna net leeya, un de Bevvy hut a weil draw calculate un is tsuletsh aw tsu der conclusion kumma dos om end oiles recht is, un we mer noch a weil derweaya g'shwetzt hen sin mer convinced warra dos seller Junior yusht eanor is der proewart mein gooter nawma tsu shteaal. Awer so dos es meer kea boderation macht noch dem, geb ich noch un public notice dos ich yusht ea family hob, un sell is mich un de Bevvy un der Abery; dos ich kea sohn hot dos Pit heast; dos aw nemond fun so ma nawma mit meer in der freindschaft is; dos nemond sellam counterfit Pit nix borrickt uf my account well ich kens fun seina shulda betzahl.

Awer now, for business. Ich un der George un drei onnery leading Ducks wahra belonner om letshia Somsdog—wu konna ich der now net sawya, for de meeting war strictly private—so an confidential consultation, du weasht, for tsu an understanding kumma fun weaya kondidawta, un mer hen so weit unite uf ea monn for Sennater, un awer war der tswet sell soll is noch net exactly decide. Ich bin decidedly in favor fun Onnest Andy, for uf ean konna mer sich ferlussa, un awer der George meant evva es war a wennich unsafe ean tsu nemma, un proposed dos mer eam ebbas sunst gebt, ferleicht an onners mobil. Awer seller Billingfeldt mus gebutta werra—uf sell sin mer all agreed, provided mer kenna's du. We ich 'em George g'sawt hob dos ich glawd dos er ordlich feel votes griekt, donn hot er mer yusht tsu fersthea geena dos es net so feel usf vota aw kummt dos es tsuala. De votes polled un de votes counted, secht er, sin tswea-crie dinga. Uf course, ich fersthea now de ropes aw. Un for Semy leit hen mer now drei—der onner weil der George usf ticket du sometime de negsht woch. For Shreef hen mer a bully gooter, awer, unnich de rules fun unser ring konna ich der sei nawma noch net gevva. Uf course, mer hen aw a Proddonnater kondidawt, un a Retehister un Commissioner wu de gooty bricka contracts ous gevva—un in sellam set-up bin ich aw hunky-dory.

Awer, unser principles sin decidedly benniffshel, un weils uns ferleicht noch a wennich on votes fehit, will ich der unner

gouner platform gevva, so dos de wu ebbas wella seana kenna dos genunk chausa sin for se, providing se geana for unser kerlis, im arshia plotz geana mer nei for linf un sivvatsich extra peshters un folders for in de Semy. Mer geana nei for em Shtate Treasurer an ordlich grosser balance in der hond lussa—about tswea milliona dahl-er, un sell, secht der George, gebt uns all a chance for dividens fun interessu. Seller enfelich Billingfeldt, du weasht, hut obsolut hawa wella dos se sell geld usa setta for Shtate shul lobs tsahla, un uf seller weg fun sivvatsich bis humert dandend dahlter interest seafa. Awer sell, secht der George, deat unser eaus nix bota, un dawrum geana mer nei dos mer plenty geld uf hond hen in der Treasury.

Mer sin aw in favor de Ephraim Shpring Hotel property kawfa, for der Shtate, on \$115,000. Seller job is aw goot, un deat an ordlich sheamer dividend gevva.

Mer sin in favor dos de County Commissioner de Markendile Appraisers betsahla macha for ean ently, uns geld unich uns ferdehla.

Mer sin in favor un yeader officer about tsean per cent. charge for unser influence, un der George soll Treasurer acta for all sell geld, un meer gevva derfu so about was recht is.

Mer sin in favor dos de County Commissioners geld leana—we meaner, we besser—un so mannetcha dos meer so mitnonner de benefit fun de interessa tseeya.

Mer sin in favor dos de County Commissioners cara mileage tseeya oily dog, eb se travella odder net, un sellentitled uns aw tsu about tswansich per cent. for de benefit fun uns selwer.

Mer sin in favor dos de bricka contracts all tsu eam monn gevva werra missa, un dos er der tariff ordlich licht druf dut, un uf sellam weg kenna mer aw about tsawansich dausend in eam yohr macha for de benefit fun George, unsern Treasurer.

Mer hen aw noch onnery reform principles, fun denna ich olleweil nix tsu sawya hob.

Wann amohl de recht tseit doh is, will ich der unser entire Duck ticket gevva fors publisha, so dos de wu uf cm look-out sin for fatty jobs aw wissa for welly dos se vota missa. Awer, for de pressment, mus ich's maul holta. Awer ich denk net dos mer unita kenna uf der Onnest Andy, weil er sheer gorry tsu weit fun Harrisborrick woont—iwer drei humert mile, according tsu seiner mileage account we er in der Semy g'huckt hut doh der letshit winter a yohr. Awer, weitere particulars an onnersmohl.

PROF. PIT SCHWEIFLEBRENNER.

N. B.—Den nummidig gea ich noch Harrisborrick, weil morya de demokratish convention dort tsouma kummt. Ich gea uf course, yusht for tsu gooka. Awer ich luss mei watch derheam. Wann's ung-fehr ebbas aborddichs gebt luss ich dich's wissa by telegraf.

(By Telegraf, fun Pit.)

HARRISBORRICK, July der 14t, 1868.

Bin aw kumma geshter owat. Cass, Packer un Hancock sin all ahead. Cass club un Packer club sin aw doh fun Fildelfy, mit moosick, un in wennicher dos drei-fertle shtund hen se finf poeka-bicher, drei wachta un ea carpet-buch g'shtola. Ich hob mei hond olsofort im hussa sock un heb mei poeka-buch fehit in der fousht.

T-SWETT DISPATCH.

HARRISBORRICK, July 14t.

Gross eckseiment. A deliget hut den morya tswea ower g'shtola ons ma morrickt monn sei korrah. Ich bin noch all all right—hob noch all mei geld. Packer shtock is on nufgen, un so is Cass. Beware of pickpockets.

DRIT DISPATCH.

HARRISBORRICK, July 14t.

Noch drei poeka-bicher g'shtola. Ich hob meins ols noch fehit in der fousht, un all right. Cass shtock goot, un so is Packer un Hancock. Eans fun eana wella se uf nemma for Gufferner. So is anyhow der report.

FERT DISPATCH.

HARRISBORRICK, July der 14t.

Der Packer huts griekt un der Cass is ous g'shesst. Der Hancock huts aw net kumma kenna weil er doh for a paar yohr so geaya de demokrata g'fochta hut, un sell is whats de matter mit eam. Eans fun eana hut ma neayer sei poeka-buch g'shtola mit tswe dahlter drin un an onnerer deliget ligt drunna in peshters un folders dippartment un shloaft—doat g'auffa. Fully particulars de negsht.

P. S.

"Prisoner, you have heard the complaint for habitual drunkenness; what have you to say in your defence?" "Nothing, please your honor, but habitual thing."

A couple in Savannah met for the first time on Friday last, courted Saturday, were "engaged" on Sunday, and married on Monday. When will they be divorced?

That chap who was "lonely since his mother died," is all right now. His father married the "head" of a large family of girls, and they keep house for him, and give a party nearly every night.

A young lady's opinion of the bonnet of the season: "Oh, the bonnets of my girlhood—the kind I wore to school! I really thought them pretty. I must have been a fool. And yet I used to think myself on hats a jaunty miss. Perhaps I was, as fashion went; but what was that to this? Oh, the lovely little pancake—the charming little mat! It makes my head so level, and so very, very flat!"

[From the Toledo Blade.]

NASBY.

Mr. Nasby at last loses his Postoffice, and to add to his humiliation an Abolition Administration appoints a Negro in his Place—Trouble at the Corners.

POST OFFICE, CONFEDERATE X ROADS (Which is in the State of Kentucky), June 29, 1868. The die is cast. The guillotine fell fallen—I am no longer Postmaster at Confederate X Roads, which is in the State of Kentucky. The place which I know me once will know me no more forever—the paper which Deekin Pogram takes will be handed out by a nigger—a nigger will hev the openin ur letters addressed to parties residin hereabouts containin remittances—a nigger will hev the refin us letters addressed to lottery managers and extractin the sweets therefrom—a nigger will be—but I can't dwell upon the disgustin theme no longer.

I hed bin in Washington two weeks assistin de Caucasians uv that city to put their foot upon the heads uv the cussed niggers who ain't content to accept the situation and remain ez they alluz hev bin, inferior beings. To say I hed succeed ez a week expreshen. I organized a raid onto em so effectually ez to drive no less than thirty uv them out of employment, twenty-seven of wuz wuz compelled to steel their heads, which give us a splendid opportunity to show up the nateral cussidness of the Afrikin race—which we improved.

On my arrival at the Corners, I knew to wunst that suthin was wrong. I hed rid over from Seccessionville on Bascom's mule, wuch he hed sent over for me, and ez I rid up to his door, I knew suthin hed happened. The bottles behind the bar wuz draped in black; the barrels wuz festooned gloomily (wich is our yoostral methuds) uv expressin grief at public calamities, and the premises generally wore a funeral aspect.

"What is it?" gasped I.

Bascom returned not a word, but waved his hand toward the Post Office.

Rushin thither, I bustid open the door, and reeled almost agin the wall! At the general delivery wuz the grimin face uv us wigger's, and settin in my chair wuz Joe Bigler, with Pollock beside him, smokin pipes and laffin over suthin in a noospaper.

Bigler taught sight uv me, and dartin out, pulled me inside them hitherto sacred precincts.

"Permit me," sed he jeeringly, "to interdoose you to your successor, Mr. Ceazer Lubly."

"My successor! What does this mean?" "Show him, Ceazer."

And the nigger, every tooth in his head shinin, handed me a commishun, duly made out and signed. I saw it all at a glance. In imfashen uv our Secretary Borie, I had left my biznis in the hands of a depeety, wich is now the favorite method of doin public biznis. It arrived the day after I left, and Isaker Gavitt, who distributed the mail, gave it to the cuss.

Pollock made out the bonds and went onto em himself, and in ten days the commishen come all regler, whereupon Bigler backt the nigger and took forcible possession uv the office. While I was absent they hed a percesshun in honor of the joyful event, sed percesshun consistin uv Pollock, Bigler and the new Postmaster, who marched through the streets with the stars and stripes, banners and sich. Bigler remarkt that the percesshun wuzn't large, but it wuz talented, eminently respectable, and extremely versated. He (Bigler) carried the flag and played the fife, Pollock carried a banner with an inscription onto it "Sound the loud timbrel o'er Egypt's dark sea," and played the bass drum; while the nigger bore aloft a banner inscribed "where Africa's sunny founts as roll down the golden sands," with his commishun pinned onto it, playin in addishen a pair of aushent cymbals.

Bigler remarkt further that the percesshun created a positive sensashun at the Corners, which I shood think it wood—"It wuzn't," said this tormentin cuss, "very much like the grand percesshun wich took place when you received your commishun. Then the whites uv the Corners wuz elated, for they spectid to git wat you owed em in doo time, and the niggers wuz correspondingly deprest; they slunk into byways and sideways; they didn't hold up their heads, and they dusted out ez fast ez they cood git. At this percesshun there wuz a change. The niggers lined the streets ez we passed, grinin exultinly, and the whites wuz deprest correspondingly. Its singlar that at the Corners the two races can't feel good both at the same time."

My arrival havin become known, by the time I got back to Bascom's, all my friends had gathered there. There wuz a dey eye on me, and as I shot of the job's openin, they all ever fled, like me, and I was a little better off. They were a little better off, but I cood not say so, for I wuz not so much better off as they were.

"Pay me what you owe me!" ejakelated Bascom.

"Pay me what you owe me!" ejakelated Dekin Pogram, and the same remark was made by all uv em with wonderful yoozanimity. Whatever differences uv opinia they might be on other topics, on this they were all agreed.

"Gentlemen!" I commenced, backing up into a corner, "is this generous? Is this the treatment I hev a right to expect? Is this—"

I shood hev gone on at length, but just at that minnit Pollock, Joe Bigler and the new Postmaster entered. Room wuz made for em and cheers offered em, but they declined to sit.

"I hev biznis!" sed this Postmaster, "disagreeable biznis, but it's my offshel dooty to perform it."

At the word "offshel" comin from his lips I groaned, which was ekkoed by those present.

"I hev in my hand," continyood he, "de bond giben by my predecessor, onto which is de names uv Geo. W. Bascom, Elkanah Pogram, Hugh M'Pelter and Seth Pennibacker ez sureties. In dis oder hand I hold a skedool ob de property belongin to de 'partment wich was turned ober to him by his predecessor, consistin of table, chairs, boxes, locks, bags, et setry, wid sundry dollars worf of stamps, paper, twine, &c. None of dis post offis property, turned over to my predecessor by his predecessor, is to be found in de offis, and de object of dis visit is to notify you dat unless immeidj payment be made

uv the amount thereof, I am directed by de 'partment to bring suit to wunst against the sed sureties."

Never before did I so appreciate A. Johnson and his Postmaster-General Kandall. Under their administration wat Postmaster ever pulled up for steelin anything? Eko answers.

This wuz the feather that broke the camel's back.

"Wat!" exclaimed Bascom, "shel I lose wat you owe me, and then pay for wat you've stole?"

"Shel I lose the money," sed Pogram, "wich I lent you, and in addishen pay a Abolishen government for property you've confiscated?"

"But the property is here," I remarkt to Bascom, "you've got it all. Why not return it, and save all this trouble?"

"Wat wood I have then for the whiskey you've consumed?" he ejakelated vishly. "It's all I've got from you, and I've bin keepin you for four years."

"Didn't that property pay you for the liker?" I asked, but Bascom wuz in no humor for figgers, and he pitched into me, at wuch pleasant pastime they all followed suit. But for Joe Bigler they wood hev killed me. Ez it wuz, they blackt both my eyes and rolled me out onto the sidewalk, shuttin the door agin me.

Ez I heard that door slam to, I felt that I wuz lost. No offis! no money! and Bascom's closed agin me! Kin there be a harder fate? I passed the nite with a farmer three miles out, who bin sick, hedn't been to the Corners, and consequently he knowd nothing uv the changes.

I heard the next day the result of the ruskshen. Bascom returned sich uv the property ez hedn't been sold and consumed, which consisted uv the boxes. The chairs hed been broken up in the frequent shindies wich occur at his place, the locks hed been sold to farmers, who yooosed em on their smoke houses, the bags hed been sold for wheat, and so on. The stamps, paper, twine and sich figgered up three hundred and forty-six dollars, wich wuz three hundred more dollars than there wuz in the Corners.

Bascom advanced the forty-six dollars, and the three hundred wuz borrowed uv a banker at Seccessionville, who took mortgages on the farms uv the imprudent bondsmen for sekority. Uv course I can't go to back the Corners under existin circumstances. It would be uncomfortable for me to live there ez matters have terminated. I shel make my way to Washington to see if I can't get myself elected ez Manager uv a Labor Association, and so make a livin till there come a change in the Administration. I wood fasten myself to A. Johnson, but unfortunately there ain't enough in him to tie to. I wood as soon think uv tyin myself to a car wheel in a storm at sea.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Wich wuz Postmaster.)

Our Little Jokes.

A bore meeting Douglas Jerrold said; "Well, what's going on to-day?" "I am," exclaimed Jerrold, darting past the inquirer.

It is all very well to advise the people to take the bull by the horns, but what will the bull aforesaid be about all the time?

It was an apt answer of a young lady who, being asked where was her native place, replied: "I have none; I am the daughter of a Methodist minister."

Some crusty, rusty, fusty, lusty, musty, dusty, gusty, curmudgeon of a man gave the following toast at a celebration: "Our fire-engines—May they be like our old maids—ever ready, but never wanted."

First Young Man of the day.—"Why 'Arry! 'ow is it you don't let yer moustache grow?" Second Young Man of the Day.—"So I did for a week or so, but I found it took away all the play and expression of my mouth."

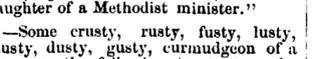
Here's your money, dolt, and now tell me why your rascally master wrote eighteen letters about that contemptible sum?" "I'm sure I can't say, but if you'll excuse me, sir, I sort o' reckon 'twas because seventeen didn't fetch it."

Barnum wants to get a nightmare to exhibit at his museum. Let him eat a mince pie three sausages, half a dozen pickles, a plate of salad, and a few pigs' feet at midnight, and go at once to bed. He will get one of the animals in two hours or less.

A widow, having taken another wife, was nevertheless always paying some panyerrie to the memory of his late spouse in the presence of the living one, who one day added, with great feeling, "Believe me, my dear, nobody regrets her more than I do."

"Dear me," exclaimed Stiggins, "that new surgeon gave Squantum's boy a new lip from the child's own cheek! What a painful operation it must have been!" "I've had a pair of lips taken from my cheek more than once," replied Mrs. Stiggins, "and it wasn't a painful operation at all."

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