

## OUR Breezy "THAT" Column

Spicy, Speedy and Sparkling Items, both of an important and humorous character, dished up in the most fascinating style by the Associate Editor. His Pointed Observations were:

That you will find in Bellefonte that a new broom and a straight flush will make a clean sweep every time.

That Bellefonte has in it men who do not drink coffee on Sunday because they are afraid it will keep them awake in church.

That a young lady in Bellefonte says that she would rather work for a living than marry some of the ten cent young men who inhabit this neighborhood.

That Frank Nagney may be a scrapper, but that is no reason why Knisley Bros. should use his photograph in their front window for a "scrapno" tobacco sign.

That either George Beezer, Billy Larimer or "Bucky" Lose, of Bellefonte, will tell you that a pedigree may be all right, but it will take money to make the mare go at the Centre county fair next month.

That no young man in Bellefonte should get discouraged if he doesn't win the girl he loves. Don't he know that there are more fish in the sea than has ever been caught and some of them are pretty nice ones.

That Ed. Haupt, of Bellefonte, would be a good catch for a young lady who wants to do real well and build up a cement reputation. Along with the cement he has rocks, but to get them separated from him you would have to have a good, stiff crowbar.

That just now there are entirely too many "soaks" going around begging ten cents and a quarter to buy a drink. These fellows are all able to work and as work is plenty that if just what they ought to be doing. The only way to stop this nuisance is to turn them down.

That the young lady in the North ward of Bellefonte who stands and flirts with every Tom, Dick and Harry that comes along had better help her mother wash dishes or go upstairs in the morning and make the beds. Drummers who come to Bellefonte are making a perfect fool of this girl and she had better take this advice.

That they say that Newton Dunlap, who is a faithful employe of John Olewine, the Bellefonte hardware merchant, is afraid to go home after 9 o'clock at night and is often found on the High street bridge at midnight waiting for some one to go home with him. If he wants some one to protect him from the spooks, let him take Johnny Williams, the Bush house messenger boy, with him and he will be perfectly safe. Johnny could at least throw confetti in phantoms' eyes.

### "COME BILLY."

The German Emperor wants to visit the United States. A gentleman who interviewed him recently reports that the Kaiser is anxious to cultivate friendly relations between this country and Germany. He would like to do some sight-seeing, to visit the big cities, examine their institutions, inquire into their business and industrial methods, and compare the various "classes" of the American people with the corresponding classes in Germany. He wants to ascertain, from personal investigation, how Americans are governed.

Let the Emperor come—Americans talk German and he can talk English, therefore can understand and not misunderstand each other. Americans are fond of sauerkraut and so is the Kaiser—there will be harmony on that dish. We are to a great extent beer drinkers, same as the Emperor and his people. Just see how happy the German Emperor would be. Come Billy; come once over, Ja.

### The Registration Act.

The personal registration act applies only to cities. There is no incorporated city in Centre county and therefore the law does not touch this county anywhere. Wednesday, September 5th, is the last day for voters to register in all country and borough districts, but they must be personally registered under the new law.

In all boroughs and country districts the laws for registering voters is the same that it has been for a number of years, and there is no occasion for those districts to get mixed up with the personal registration act. It has nothing to do with them. Voters outside of the cities who do not come under the personal registration law should also see that they are properly registered by Sept. 5. There is great danger that many votes may be lost to the reform cause because the duty of registering has not been performed.

### Bank Failures in China.

There is a law in China, enacted several centuries ago, which provides that when a bank fails the heads of its officials should be cut off and deposited with the rest of its assets. There have been no bank failures in China since this law went into effect.

That we have self-conceited men in Bellefonte who imagine that the world was made for them and them only.

That the reason some young men in Bellefonte don't get married is they consider that single blessedness is better than twins.

That when some men in Bellefonte kiss their wives it's a sort of a souvenir spoon. There is more truth than poetry in this. Alright

That when a certain man in Bellefonte stops his conveyance in front of a certain house in town and lets it stand too long people may become suspicious and imagine all sorts of things. It never takes twenty minutes to deliver a package when a man ought to be in a hurry. Cut it out.

That a certain young lady in Bellefonte was compelled by her parents to forbid a young man the house. The young man took it philosophically by saying that he wouldn't take the house under any conditions with the mortgage that's on it. The young woman made a timely reply.

That Johnny Folk, the 9-year-old son of Joshua Folk, of Bellefonte, after running all over town with the recent Midway German band, and hearing nothing but grunts and groans told them very emphatically that they couldn't play for what a farmer puts on his potato patch to make his potatoes grow.

That it is said that a young lady, residing in the North ward of Bellefonte, spent a few days on a farm recently rusticating. When told that those were cat-tails growing in the field she wanted to know if they had to be pulled in order to get the cats. Some other tails could be told about this trip, but it wouldn't look well in cold type.

That what do you think of the young lady in Bellefonte who says that she would rather buy a tombstone than a wedding outfit. She must know a little of the flurries of married life. The great trouble is that her declarations are not in harmony with what is going on in the swing on the front porch every night. She has a young man's coat sleeve almost worn out.

That Bellefonte has in it some young men who ought to have thought about fifty times instead of once before they went up to the Register's office to secure a marriage license. Unless a young man can see his way out it is ten times better that he live a life of single blessedness. Young man, can you see the point? Remember, it is better to be sorry that you are married than sorry that you are not.

### Life Crushed Out.

The Park hotel was the scene of a shocking fatality Tuesday, Aug. 28th. She started for her room, which is on the fourth floor, as the elevator was about to stop at the first floor she was in the act of stepping into the elevator, which was in charge of Charles Ford, colored, and which had not altogether stopped, and in doing so is supposed to have either slipped or became overbalanced and did not make her footing sure. The boy lost control of the elevator, which started to ascend and Miss Deane was carried between the elevator and the side of the shaft to the second floor.

At this point she was crowded against the grating that encloses the shaft with such force that the grating was pushed out about a foot from its normal position and was torn from its fastenings at the bottom. She thus was released from between the elevator and the shaft and fell to the basement. It is believed she had fainted or was unconscious before she fell or life may have been extinct at this time. She was dead when found.

### Lost a Valuable Horse.

John H. Patchin, of Burnside hitched one of his matched stallions to a somewhat rotten post a few days ago, and the animal while trying to graze around the post inadvertently jerked it over and on striking him on the head, took fright and ran for a distance of four miles. On crossing the railroad track he came into contact with a freight train and was killed instantly and the buggy smashed to kindling. The loss of the horse and buggy amount to \$600.

It goes without saying that a wagon tongue runs without saying a word.

### Letter to A. Baum, Bellefonte, Pa.

Dear Sir: There's twice as much horse in one horse—it may be a mare—as there is in two or three others together. So with paints too. If a painter can do your job with 10 gallons of Devco for \$50, it'll take 12, 15, or 20 of other paints; and the cost of a job is about \$5 a gallon whatever the paint may be. There are paints adulterated three-quarters—only one quart of paint in a gallon—he's got to paint four gallons of rubbish to get one gallon of paint. The worst horse you've got is as good as that paint and he'll go as far. The less-gallons paint is the paint, as the most-horse horse is the horse.

Yours truly,  
F. W. DEVOE & CO.  
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### HISTORY OF THE 148 REGT. P. V.

Some time ago the association of this regiment presented to the Centre Democrat a copy of the history of the regiment written by themselves.

Robert E. Speer, secy. of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church recently said of the book. "It seems to me one of the most remarkable historical books that has grown out of that great struggle. It is the story of the one regiment told by different people, by the brigade commanders, by the adjutant, by the ambulance officer, by the captains of the companies, by the private soldiers themselves. And one of the first chapters is entitled 'The Sisters Story,' it is the story of how some of the lads of the regiment came to be enrolled."

This story is most interesting, and while it tells of how the company was recruited, the story is applicable to the enlisting and departure of every volunteer company that enlisted during the years of the Civil War.

The surviving members of the regiment from the colonel down in compiling this history have discharged a duty to themselves and posterity. There are many histories purporting to be histories of various regiments which served in Civil War, but none of them give the inside life of the soldier as does this. It is the history of the regiment and not the war.

In the personnel of its officers and men, in their character for sobriety, morality, courage and patriotism, in their soldierly habits of order, obedience and personal cleanliness, in their perfection of the regimental organization, drill and discipline, in its appearance on dress parade and review, in the order, regularity and cleanliness of its camp, in its prompt and cheerful response to every call for duty, in its endurance in the toil-some march, and the hardships of exposure and privation, and in the supreme test of battle where its courage and dash, its daring and its staying qualities were proved on more than twenty bloody fields, the 148th Pennsylvania had no superior and few equals.

These great qualities are detailed to a greater extent in the book, with many stories and incidents, humorous as well as pathetic which occurs in the life of a soldier. This regiment as everybody knows, was made up almost entirely of men enlisted from Centre county. They were the pride and glory of the county, what they did added luster to the name of the county. Their deeds are recorded in this book and make the most wonderful and interesting story of the great struggle to preserve the union that has as yet been written. This book is well supplied with half-tone cuts of comrades, groups of the officers of the different companies and the brigade commanders, a good steel cut of Gov. Curtin, Hon. H. N. McCallister and the Colonel. All in all it is a record of lofty devotion to duty, heroism, sacrifice and patriotism.

No family in the county, which had a son, husband, father or brother or other relative in this regiment should be without this book. This history can be had on application to D. F. Fortney, Treasurer of the regimental association, at the regular price of \$2.50 and carriage.

A busy man has no time for a busy-body.

### BRYAN'S HOME COMING.

The Remarkable Attention Given the Nebraska Statesman Abroad.

The home coming of William Jennings Bryan and his indorsement for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1908 by numerous state conventions of his party have drawn exceptional attention to his personality. During the latter part of his tour around the world his movements were followed as closely by the European correspondents as if he had been an occupant of some high office instead of merely a private citizen traveling through lands he had never seen before for personal pleasure and the knowledge to be gained by careful and intelligent observation and study. Those who have conversed with Mr. Bryan since his meetings with so many rulers and statesmen of Asiatic and

by many interesting circumstances. He was a guest of Ambassador White-law Reid at Dorchester House, and Mr. Reid in speeches at dinners at which both were present humorously adverted to the fact that as a newspaper publisher he had in two campaigns opposed Mr. Bryan with all the ability and energy he possessed. One of the English journals published a humorous sketch of Mr. Bryan and Ambassador Reid sitting together in the gallery of the house of commons. Both gentle-

men are said to have laughed heartily when they saw themselves caricatured in this publication. Coincident with Mr. Bryan's return is the publication of a new book by him in reply to "Letters From a Chinese Official." It defends American standards of religion and civilization.

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