

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 Polignant Observations were:

THAT hot air is a non-essential, but there are people in Bellefonte who deal principally in non-essentials.

THAT "Honesty may be the best of policy" but there are some people in Bellefonte who never know when it falls due.

THAT John Bower, of Bellefonte, of the enterprising law firm of Gettig, Bower & Zerby, says that the longest sentence he ever heard was "imprisonment for life."

THAT John Sourbeck, Jr., of Bellefonte, is chucked so full of Knights of Maccabees that it comes out of him just like talk from one of Willard Hall's graphophones.

THAT there is a certain young man in Bellefonte who will never bluntly call another man a liar as long as he lives. He will break the news very gently after this, or use a telephone.

THAT Bellefonte has in it a number of gentlemen who would like to take a few lessons on the lawn mower, if they could do so by correspondence from the Scranton correspondence school.

THAT we know that the Bellefonte Academy makes good boys out of the students who attend it, but that is no reason why Matt Dooley should call the place Jim "Hugh's Reformatory."

THAT Calder Ray, one of the most promising young men in Bellefonte, says that his young lady friend is a sunbeam by day and an arc light by night. If Calder would leave his hair grow he would make a poet, all right.

THAT it is said that a business man in Bellefonte positively disgraced himself Tuesday night. His wife had a company of ladies at the table and in saying grace commenced with "Dear Lord" and ended with "very respectfully yours."

THAT a young man in Bellefonte is getting mighty tired of going to see a girl who neither assents to him hugging or kissing her. He says that he is getting tired of going there regularly twice a week during the last six months merely for the pleasure of seeing her eat a half pound box of Spigelmyer's chocolates.

THAT on Friday night while coming out of the court house, from hearing Prop. H. S. Patton, "Bill" Lyon in bidding George B. Brandon good night, asked him if he was going up on the mountain, meaning on Reservoir hill. If Brandon lives on the mountain where in the thunder does Lyon live? That comes pretty near to comparing two eggs of the same size to see which is the largest.

THAT Philip Musser, the sprightly editor of the Millheim Journal, for several months has been harping about the Salvation Army coming down there and establishing a post, because he says they need it bad enough. Two members of the Bellefonte Salvation Army were down there canvassing the town recently, and if they conclude to commence operations, a good stunt would be to give the bass drum to Philip and the bugle to "Billy" Tobias. That team would pull together o. k.

THAT Col. E. R. Chambers, of Bellefonte, is a great admirer of the automobile and the time will come when he will be with the rest of the boys will be cutting the corner at lightning speed with an up-to-date horseless carriage. He thinks that Crider's new "Buick" is a dandy, but philosophically files objections to it because he says that the machine might as well carry four as only two, because when Hugh is out with a young lady he will have to keep his hand on the wheel, anyhow; so what's the difference?

SPRINGS OF HIERAPOLIS.

Wonderful Waters That Petrify Everything They Encounter.

Hierapolis is a strange ruined city of Asia Minor. It was founded about 200 B. C. and a large part of the place has been buried by the petrifying water of hot springs. The country round Hierapolis is today infested with brigands. A traveler who visited the place under an armed guard of Turkish soldiers says: "The temperature of the springs is that of a very warm bath and while hot there is not a trace of that petrifying element which renders the waters so remarkable after they have cooled and causes them to turn to stone every object they encounter after very slight immersion. The swimming bath itself is about fifty feet to sixty feet in length and in many places from twelve to fifteen feet deep, and is today almost as it was in Roman times. The opportunity to take a natural hot bath was not lost upon the writer. The floor and sides and steps are of white marble and the depth varies to suit the convenience of the swimmer. Some great upheaval has brought down the marble columns which once decorated the sides of the bath and they lie across it in picturesque disorder, some almost intact, others broken into many fragments.

"One of the columns has so fallen across the bath that its base is exposed while its slanting top shines gleaming white beneath the water at a depth of some ten feet. On this column one can lie with one's head out of water and it is not possible to imagine a bath enjoyable under more ideal conditions. The water flows out of the basin in many little rivulets and a few hundred yards from its source begins to develop its petrifying nature. As it cools its bed becomes white with a hard, chalky substance and no living thing or plant can resist its stony grip. The grasses and leaves which fall into its deadly waters find their grave upon its surface and the flowers which dip their heads into the streams turn into petrified images of themselves, counterfeiting nature in stone, even to their slender petals.

"The fall from the top of the cliff into the valley is in some cases abrupt and steep and in others gradual. In

Wall Street War

How One Is Waged by Captains of Industry—New York Stock Exchange's Oldest Member—Van Horne Versus Hill.



J. J. HILL

A WAR in Wall street, such as has recently been raging, means wounds and death for a good many of the privates, however it may be for the generals. The big captains and generals of industry like Morgan, Hill, Harriman, the Goulds and the Rockefellers, from their posts of vantage in the conflict, view its progress without fear as to their personal safety. It is the men in the ranks and the subordinate officers who, figuratively speaking, lose lives or limbs in the fray. On the floor of the Stock Exchange, New York, the privates and corporals and sergeants and lieutenants battle for existence, while the commanding officers in the struggle give their orders over telegraph and telephone from the security of private offices, where they are entrenched behind millions of dollars' worth of stocks and bonds.

In the fight which has been in progress in Wall street the immediate object has been the possession of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, with its \$25,000,000 of extra cash to be added to its treasury from the proceeds of its new stock issue. In this war twice as many millions are said to be involved as were represented in the famous fight of a few years ago for the possession of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, a fight which resulted in the Northern Pacific corner.

The generals who lead the opposing forces in this battle of giants are James J. Hill, J. Pierpont Morgan and their friends, the foreign capitalists, on the one side, and E. H. Harriman of the Union Pacific and its allies, with Sir William Van Horne of the Canadian Pacific, on the other.

The real object of the fight is not so much the money in the treasury of the



WILLIAM ALEXANDER SMITH

St. Paul as the control of the Pacific coast trade. On the outcome of the contest depends the question of whether the St. Paul is to be extended to the coast in a northerly direction to the injury of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific systems or southerly to the impairment of the profits of the Union and Southern Pacific roads. Another line, the Pacific Coast railway, is involved in the struggle. President Hill has threatened to break into Canadian Pacific territory, and Sir William Van Horne, chairman of the board of directors of the big Canadian road and for many years its president, has said that for every mile Hill builds in Canadian Pacific territory the latter road will build two in that of the Great Northern.

A contest between railroad kings for control of railway properties causes great fluctuations in the value of stocks. In explanation of how such things work the Nestor of the New York Stock Exchange, William Alexander Smith, said not long ago:

Values are inflated now. One of the causes of this is the fact that the great financial leaders sometimes pay big prices for stocks in order to control certain interests. This raises the price above the intrinsic value of the properties which the stocks represent. If it should happen that these manipulators were forced to sell, there would be trouble. A man is not safe in buying stocks now unless he is on the inside, where he can get an honest report on the earnings of the concern and its real condition.

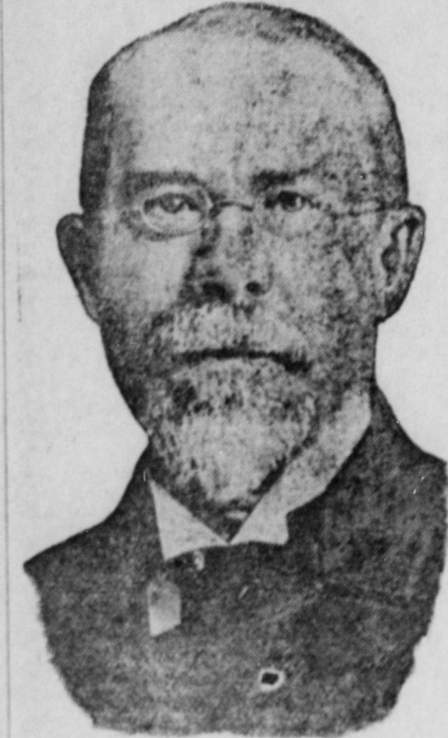
Mr. Smith is eighty-six years of age and joined the exchange in 1844. When he celebrated the diamond anniversary of his connection with the institution two years ago the exchange passed resolutions in his honor.

A visitor to the gallery of the Stock Exchange once asked the friend who was acting as his guide to point out to him John D. Rockefeller. He was informed that so far as known Mr. Rockefeller had never visited it but once and that was when he was introduced to the president on joining it many, many years ago. Most of the financiers like Morgan, Harriman, George Gould and Belmont rarely if ever exercise the membership privileges by visiting the floor and mingling in the scurrilous around the financial storm centers.

DR SHELDON JACKSON.

The Reindeer Experiment in Alaska and His Connection With It.

The Rev. Dr. Sheldon S. Jackson of Alaska, against whom charges were filed by Frank C. Churchill, a special agent of the interior department, is a noted Presbyterian missionary. He has issued a statement vigorously denying that any fault could justly be found with his conduct in connection with the matters dealt with in the agent's report, the use of reindeer in the work of the missionary school service in Alaska. Some years ago the government inaugurated the plan of bringing reindeer from Lapland and employing Eskimo in using them for transportation purposes in Alaska. Dr. Jackson assisted in this work and journeyed across the Siberian wastes



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and brought back with him the nucleus of a reindeer herd.

There were once large droves of reindeer in Alaska, but they were long ago practically exterminated. Walrus, whale and seal were depended upon by the natives for food supplies, clothing and fuel, but they are growing scarce owing to the activity of their hunters. It became a question whether the government should feed the natives outright and thus pauperize them or introduce a new industry and teach them to become self supporting. With the latter idea the reindeer plan was tried, the system being to lease the animals to the natives, they returning to the government at the end of a specific time a number equal to those leased, retaining the increase.

Dr. Jackson in his reply to Special Agent Churchill says: "It was charged that, while the government has spent about \$250,000 for reindeer and the Alaskan herd numbers 10,234, there are only 2,500 in the possession of the government. The inference is that I or some one else must have unlawfully disposed of nearly 8,000 of the 10,000 reindeer in Alaska. The fact is that

3,817 had been earned by the native Eskimos who had served a five years' apprenticeship in the care and management of reindeer; 2,127 had been earned by the mission stations—mainly under contract with the government—who, in return for the loan of 100 deer had clothed, fed and cared for native apprentices during their five years' apprenticeship and then had returned to the government the original number of deer loaned them, retaining the fawns

for future work in training Eskimo apprentices; 1,187 had been earned by the Laplander teachers, who also had received small loans from the government, which, after five years they returned to the government, retaining the fawns born for themselves."

Slander, that worst of poisons, ever finds an easy entrance to ignominious minds.—Juvenal.

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