

FRANCIS SPEER'S

Breezy "THAT" Column

Speezy, Speedy and Sparkling Items, both of an Important and Humorous Character, dished up in the most fascinating style by the Associate Editor. His Poignant Observations were:

THAT the people of Bellefonte who go to Atlantic City for a change, usually come home without any.
THAT Bellefonte has in it three or four fellows who if they were really as big as they feel pedestrians would have to get off the sidewalk to pass them on the street.
THAT Harry Keller, Esq., of Bellefonte, says that a man may call a spade a spade, but it wouldn't be polite to say what some men in Bellefonte sometimes call a lawn mower.
THAT the man in Bellefonte who is always going on about his honesty is the man you can keep your eye on. You can make up your mind that he will slip a cog if he gets a chance.
THAT it must be difficult for a Bellefonte church member to go to either Philadelphia or Atlantic City and get as full as one of Col. Reynolds' Angora goats and then walk in the straight and narrow path.
THAT the Bellefonte High school is now getting up a foot ball team that will just lick the tar out of any local team that sticks its head above water. We can almost hear the Academy boys "snicker" way down to the heels of their socks when they read this. Why not let them come together this season and see which has the most sand in their gizzards.
THAT Supt. John D. Meyer, who is doing all he can to make the schools of Bellefonte a success, probably thinks that school days are not what they were when he was a boy. You never hear of a bent pin on the teachers' chair nowadays. In the majority of the schools taught by our fair feminine sex, a common bent pin would figure very much in helping a teacher to rise.
THAT on Sunday afternoon two fellows had to do a whole lot of coaxing to get three Bellefonte girls persuaded to get into a carriage and go driving with them. If the father of the girls had been around just about that time the probabilities are that the young men in question would have to take their meals in an upright position for a week or ten days, and that is just what they deserve.
THAT on Thursday evening two girls were on the hunt of a certain young "blood" in Bellefonte, and if they had run up against him they would just have made mine meat of him right there and then. They claimed that he owed them a dollar. It is evident that he was laying in the shade somewhere for it was mighty warm during the evening. The truth of it is this young man ought to pay his bills when he contracts them.
THAT the managers of the Centre County Fair are looking around for an expert driver for fast horses at the fair next month. We would suggest, and highly recommend, our good, young friend, Curtin Armstrong, of Bellefonte. It is considerable satisfaction to an owner of a fast horse like those of Mart Cooney and Henry Lowry, of Bellefonte, to have a driver who will at least come out second best in a race of only two horses. Well, Curtin is one of those kind of drivers that can be depended on in coming out second best in a race of that kind.

GOVERNOR MAGOON.

The Administrator of the Canal Zone and Pooch Bah at Panama.
Humor has it that Charles E. Magoon will one day be Governor General Magoon of the Philippines. Governor General Jacob H. Smith will retire next summer. The programme is said to be for Judge Magoon, who is now governor of the Panama canal zone, to go to the Philippines as vice governor general and thus be ready to step into General Smith's shoes when the latter is through with his duties in that post. Next summer the Philippine general assembly will come into existence. This is the first step to be taken in the direction of home rule, and President Roosevelt is understood to be very anxious that it shall be a success. The lower house will be composed of natives elected by popular vote. Secretary Taft, who made such a hit with



CHARLES E. MAGOON.

the Filipinos while governor general, is much interested in the outcome of the experiment to be made in native government of the islands and is said to be planning a trip to Manila to be present at the opening of the assembly. Judge Magoon and Secretary Taft have been close friends and have been intimately associated for some years past in solving unfamiliar problems in government. Judge Magoon is both governor of the canal zone and minister of the United States to the republic of Panama. In both capacities he is much relied on to carry out the policy of President Roosevelt and Secretary

THAT a certain club man in Bellefonte will go home a little earlier after this; "Nuff Sed."
THAT it is said that a certain dealer in Bellefonte was quite smitten with his neighbor's wife. She did it with a rolling pin.
THAT Christy Smith, of Bellefonte, says that it isn't necessary for a piano tuner to wear a plug hat, and thus be high toned.
THAT W. H. Fry, of Pine Grove, the successful veterinary doctor, may be all right, but he is not able to mend a horse pistol.
THAT Heaven would be a very lonesome place for some fellows in Bellefonte who are accustomed to strike a bar room five or six times a day.
THAT it is said that two young attorneys, of Bellefonte, have been dealing in matrimonial stock of late, and one of these days they will close out and be heavy winners.
THAT John McCoy, of Bellefonte, may be able to shake Wild West tickets out of certain persons in town, but one of these days some fellow will shake the corn fodder out of him.
THAT Dr. Joseph Brockerhoff, of Bellefonte, had evidently gotten tired of holding an umbrella over him while he sleeps, especially during a rain, and so he has put a brand new roof on his residence, on the corner of Spring and Bishop streets. The improvement is all right--will keep him high and dry this winter. Now Doctor, if jokes are coming too frequent please let us know by return mail.
THAT Fred Vocum, of Snydertown, claims that he was out in the woods the other day and killed a snake that lay the entire length of a twelve-foot log, and its tail extended over the log about six inches and its body looked as though it had swallowed a ground hog. Now, "Freddie" why on earth didn't you say elephant instead of a ground hog then your story would have been "up to snuff."
THAT going along on the streets of Bellefonte you often hear the flattering remark: "There goes a young lady with a good figure," but if a young man should happen to be called to handle it in a swing or on the sofa he would have to do it with care, for the chances are that it would fall apart. The way girls pad nowadays appearances are awfully deceiving. A young man may imagine that he is hugging a bunch of female loveliness when it may be only a bale of cotton.
THAT irrespective of party affiliations there are men in Bellefonte who at one time in their lives put the church ahead of politics, but of late politics has claimed their attention first, and then if they have any time left to give to the advancement of the church all is well, and if not they bother their heads mightily little about it. If you were to ask these fellows where they expect to land in eternity they would feel no hesitancy in saying Heaven, and they would be very indignant if you questioned what they said. We are afraid that some of these so-called pillars of the church will get to a place where they will find neither ice houses or fans.

Taft with respect to the isthmian canal affairs.
Judge Magoon has made a hit at Panama similar to that made in the Philippines by Secretary Taft. He is a man a good deal on the Taft plan--big, well poised, of ready wit and full of diplomacy. He was born in Minnesota in 1861 and started out as a lawyer in Lincoln, Neb. He was called to Washington in 1899 to become law officer of the then newly created bureau of insular affairs and has made himself such an authority on all matters connected with Spanish law and insular administration as to be the main reliance of the administration forces on the subject.
On the Isthmus Governor Magoon is a sort of Pooch Bah. To the Panamanians he is a great, grand gentleman, and when he rides through the streets the population bows as if he were the ruling prince. And he bows back to the small boys and girls, the old Indians, the senoritas and the government officials as if he were running for office. When the elections were in progress last July he strolled about arm in arm with the aides and by his contagiousness of his good humor did more to prevent friction and disorder at the polls than the entire police force of the republic.

Consols by the Pennyworth.
It may not be generally known that a pennyworth of British consols can be purchased. Consols are not like shares, which are invariably of a certain denomination--£1, £5, £10, and so on--but can be divided up to any extent. It consequently happens that very small amounts of this lordly stock are bought to make up round sums, but no one can be registered at the Bank of England as a holder unless he has acquired enough to bring him in fourpence a year in dividends, and less than £1 will purchase a sufficient amount for that purpose.--London Saturday Review.

A Species.
"Mrs. Kwivvery is one of those anticipatory people, and I simply can't carry on a conversation with her without getting so nervous I feel as though I should fly to pieces," says the lady with the jade brooch.
"Anticipatory?" asks the lady without any long gloves. "How is that?"
"She listens faster than you talk to her."--Life.
Life, it is thanks to death that I hold thee so dear.--Seneca.

DEMOCRATS THE PIONEERS

In Legislature They Blazed Way For Great Reforms That Must Come.

Wholesome thinking follows a glance over the records of the ineffectual efforts made by the Democratic senators and representatives. In the state legislative session of 1905, to bring about immediately the great reforms of which some were undertaken a year later in a half-hearted, slipshod way, by the Republican organization, when in terror over the prospect of its being utterly destroyed by the long-suffering people. Another specimen of the pioneer work then done by the Democratic legislators, and which can be carried to perfection if the voters, who want honest, economical government, shall do their duty at the November election, is found in the following resolution and remarks from Democratic Senator Herbst, of Berks county:

Whereas, Article two, section 16, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, provides that no county may be assigned a senator unless exceeding one-half a ratio of the required population. Whereas, The senatorial ratio, according to census of 1900 is 126,042, and the population of Lebanon county, constituting the 27th district, is only 523,827, or 9194 less than the required ratio; therefore,

Resolved, That the judiciary general committee of the senate is hereby instructed to consider the constitutional status of the 27th district and report its findings to the senate without unnecessary delay.
"Is it your privilege and duty," said Mr. Herbst, "to make a constitutional senatorial reapportionment as a matter of justice to your own people, not as a favor to us Democrats. You are not punishing us but your own people, by not doing it.
"Over 400,000 Democrats in Pennsylvania ask no favors, fear no political punishment. We try to be free men, slaves of no man or set of men. You have got to get up out of your seats and get your hands off your faces until your majority has become so great that you groan under its burden. If you can send any more of our time-servers, our Reynolds or Sibbys as a reward for flopping, to congress, ignoring your good men of principle who stood by you when it tried men's souls to do so, you are welcome to them, and we will rejoice in the resistance. We will still remain a great untrammelled, unfettered, unbossed army of free men, unwilling to bend the pregnant hinges of the knee that favor may follow fawning and firmly believing that there is a Power, not ours, yes, that makes for righteousness in the end, in the destiny of nations and states.

"Be just and fair to your Republican people. Is it right for my friends from Lancaster to sit here and smile in self-complacency representing 159,000 people at their colleagues from Luzerne simply representing 240,000? Why not do justice to your great Republican metropolis of the western end, and give them the six senators they are entitled to instead of four? Why must the gallant old soldier from Clearfield district sit amongst you alone representing almost as many people as the two senators from Schuylkill?
"Is it up to you to make an approximately fair reapportionment under the constitution if you take hold of it patriotically and not selfishly. If you cannot do it as some of you say without amending the constitution, then start your amendment, and show the people that you intend restoring popular representation. We will again help you, fearing no punishment, asking no favors as Democrats, because our faith teaches us to obey the mandates of our constitution."

DEEP PROBING NEXT WINTER

Honest Legislature Needed to Check Law-Defying Corporations.
If the people in November elect the right sort of a state legislature there will be no danger of such blocking of the probe as was done by the present state senate, when Democratic Senator Grim, of Bucks county, offered the following resolution in relation to the deal of the railroad corporations to wipe out enormous Quay financial obligations in return for the slating and election of the successor to the "Old Man" in the United States senate:

Whereas, Serious charges affecting the honor of Pennsylvania in relation to the selection and appointment of a United States senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States has been publicly made and published in the Pittsburg Times of January 16, 1905, and later by various other responsible newspapers published in Pennsylvania, wherein the details of the transactions by which the selection was to be made in payment of certain financial obligations, then outstanding, were set forth circumstantially and with precision; and Whereas, The said newspapers have made no public retraction of the said charges, but some of the persons therein publicly named have denied the allegation, and the people of this commonwealth are not informed as to whether the charges alleged are true or false; and

Whereas, The said charges, if true, not only affect the honor and dignity of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but the title of the Hon. Philander C. Knox to his seat in the senate as well, if it should be ascertained that he was in any manner cognizant of the transactions detailed, and it is also, that he should be accorded the privilege of having all suspicion removed and the honor and dignity of the commonwealth vindicated and the said newspapers be publicly branded as maligners; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the president of the senate, immediately upon the passage of this resolution, appoint a committee of three senators, whose duty it shall be to thoroughly investigate the truth or falsity of the said charges, with full power to employ counsel, to issue subpoenas and require the attendance before them for examination of all persons and for the production of all papers, books, notes and agreements that may be necessary, and to take the testimony in the matter and report the result of their findings, together with all the testimony taken, to the senate

on or before the first day of March next.
Of course, this was promptly voted down by the McNichol-Penrose-Burham majority in the senate. But things will be different in Harrisburg next winter if the voters elect the fusion state candidates and a legislature upon whom an honest governor can rely for faithful support in all matters relating to corporate abuses.

PRINCE AUGUST WILHELM.

The Fourth Son of the Strenuous Ruler of Germany.
Prince August Wilhelm, fourth son of Emperor William of Germany, who is likely to come to this country to study, is now about midway through his university course in his native land. It is reported that his royal sire desires that on completing it he should study at some university in the United States. It is not often that European monarchs send their sons to American institutions of learning, but Kaiser Wilhelm is noted for his origi-



nal ideas. Prince August was born in 1887, is an accomplished linguist and an excellent cabinet maker. It is the Hohenzollern custom for all the princes to learn some trade, and it is said that if Prince August should ever need to work for a living he could easily support himself at his trade. He is an officer in the First regiment of Prussian guards. The prince was born during the reign of his grandfather, Kaiser Wilhelm I., and was baptized in the presence of the latter, then ninety years old; of the Kaiserin Augusta and of the then Crown Prince Frederick. As a boy he was raised on plain fare and put through a vigorous system of discipline.

Enthusiasm.
As you slide along past youth into middle age get a good grip on your enthusiasms. Life looks black after they are gone. It is a good thing, too, to renew your own life in an intimate interest in the life of some young friend. Few things are more helpful or more beautiful than friendship between the young and the old. They have everything to give to each other. What is most pitiful in both youth's uncertainty and need of encouraging sympathy, age's unfulfillment and need of softening tenderness--is soothed and neutralized by a sharing of interests and affections.

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WAYS OF THE ARAB.

When Sick, Men Get Medicine and Women Get Prayers.
"There is one peculiar distinction between Arab men and women in Algeria," writes a traveler, "and it may be considered as some proof of the degraded position of the latter. When an Arab is ill he goes to his doctor, and Arab doctors, whether deservedly or not, have a high reputation. But when an Arab woman is ill she may not consult a medico. She must go to the marabout, who is half-saint and half-magician. He does not retail medicines, but he utters a number of prayers, and then he writes one or more of them on a bit of paper, giving it to the patient with injunctions to chew it and swallow it. He also supplies a little holy water out of a bottle and the woman goes away fully believing that she will recover.
"Has been said that the Arabs do not respect their dead because they have no inclosed cemeteries and because they select for the graves of their nearest and dearest solitary spots removed from their places of encampment. But this practice may be explained by other causes than absence of respect or affection for their dead. The task of preparing the body for the grave is always performed by the members of the family themselves and, in accordance with the Koran, it is most carefully washed in pure water before being consigned to the ground. Then the pottery of the household is broken over the spot. In the desert or on the steppe the leaving of the body in an isolated place seems to typify naturally its presence before the infinite and the eternal.
"Joy as in grief the Arab generally conceals his feelings behind a proud reserve, but on the occasions of the periodical fantasia he throws aside the mask and reveals the true man. The dancing, gesticulating and shouting go on for hours until the delirium ends with the exhaustion of the participants. A fantasia in the desert leaves a curious impression of semi-reality on the mind, but it is the one occasion on which the stern, sad looking Arab, casting aside his hauteur, comes forth as the true son of nature."

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