

FRANCIS SPEER'S

## 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 Poignant Observations were:

THAT Charles Levy, the popular chirpologist is always satisfied to remain at the foot.

THAT Sam Miller, the Bellefonte tobaccoist, says that there'll be just as many "Pure Havana" cigars after the rebels have destroyed the Cuban tobacco crop.

THAT Charles Eckenroth, one of the best citizens in Bellefonte, was talking the other day about getting his pantaloons creased. Now, what do you think of that?

THAT there is a big man in Bellefonte who weighs over two hundred pounds, who is going to slip his vote in for Emery all right, and don't you think that he won't?

THAT "Doc" Kilpatrick, of Bellefonte, says that the gunning season ought to be all fired good. "Shorty" Knisely says "amen" and that's the only time or way he uses that word.

THAT they say that a certain young man in Bellefonte was up against the real thing recently and he did the next best thing. He must have been glad that there was but one way left to get out.

THAT there are some mothers in Bellefonte who should know where their daughters are after 9 o'clock at night. The mother who doesn't know may have cause to regret it the longest day she lives.

THAT the alarm clock is simply useless to the young man in Bellefonte who is taking care of a baby about three months old. There are several young fellows in Bellefonte who will find this out later in the game.

THAT here is a fine question for the High school debating society: When "Bob" Hunter, the Bellefonte life insurance agent, tackles a book canvasser, will the canvasser get his life insured or will he sell "Bob" a book?

THAT the citizens of North Thomas street, Bellefonte, are thinking of charging a very pleasant and agreeable young man toll for traveling over their boardwalks so much of late. Some one might "Stover" him up one of these days.

THAT what is needed more than anything else in Bellefonte just now is a large building to put in Bellefonte girls who have become silly crazy over State College students. The actions of some of these girls are simply ridiculous.

THAT the other night a young man of Bellefonte was in company with a young lady of the South ward and he had every inducement made to him to squeeze her, but he didn't do it. After he had gotten a square away it dawned on him that he was a blooming idiot and as he passed the Brant house he was overheard muttering to himself: "A wasted opportunity—like a withered rose, it is gone for good." Poor fellow! He ought to have thought of that later in the game.

### TWO GOOD STORIES.

#### DEER EAT CURRENTS.

Pine Glenn, Pa., Sept. 16.—There has been an unaccountable scarcity of wild currents in the mountains this summer, and woodsmen were unable to understand the cause until a party of choppers from the Williams camp came across three doe deer eagerly nibbling the berries.

Now, as a usual thing, deer will not eat wild currents, and the hunters were so curious about it that they consulted with the professors at State College, who sent a sophomore to Pine Glenn to investigate.

This was a very learned student, Aristotle Hoffman, who, after eliminating all other theories as untenable, decided that the deer were eating the berries to impart a currant jelly flavor to the venison.

He insists that any person who shoots a deer in Centre county this fall will find this is correct.

#### SQUIRRELS PLEASE EPIGRAMS.

Leck Hill, Pa., Sept. 16.—There are squirrels and squirrels, but it can be asserted without fear of contradiction that no squirrels will approach in delicacy or tenderness the capon squirrels seen in the mountains near here.

Just as the capon of the barnyard excels in rich fat and flavor so does the capon squirrel rise superior to the ordinary gray variety that chatters in the chestnut groves.

The squirrels themselves have found a way to thus render each other more pleasing to the epicures, and while a few of this variety have always been shot, never before have they been seen in such great numbers.

The admirable protection thrown around squirrels by Game Commissioner Kalbfus no doubt is responsible for this.

#### Good Advice

Sixty years of wedded life, unmarred by a single quarrel, has made a continuous love story of the lives of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Blakesley, who celebrated their anniversary recently in Chicago.

"If wives and husbands would start out as John and I did there would not be all these unhappy marriages that you hear of so often in Chicago," Mrs. Blakesley said, and her eyes kindled like the eyes of a 16-year-old girl. I say never have a quarrel and then you will be happy. How to avoid it? Oh! just feed your husband well and humor him and make him think he's having his own way. Live within your means."

A Georgia judge has decided that a man ought to kiss his wife at least once a day; the best time, he thinks, being when he comes from work at night. There are two reasons why some men ought to kiss their wives in the morning. One is so as to have it over for the day, and the other is that they may not disgust their wives with the breath they accumulate during their absence from home.

### A SAD COMMENTARY.

Recently Henry Clews, the New York financier issued this bulletin: "Corn crop this year, 2,700,000,000 bushels. Wheat crop, 722,000,000 bushels. Cotton crop 11,000,000 bales. United States steel corporation's net profit for the last quarter, \$40,000,000. A man died today in Anconia, Ill., who weighed 450 pounds, and was seventy-three inches around the waist. This should not be surprising, because he was born in the corn belt country. A dark lady in Texas recently gave birth to six little blackies. What a country! What a people!"

Referring to the Clews bulletin, Collier's Weekly says: "One person in every eight in the United States is underfed, underclothed and underhoused." The average income of the average family is not far from \$600 a year. An unskilled laborer earns less than \$450 a year in the north and less than \$300 in the south.

One per cent of the families of the country possess more wealth than the remaining 99 per cent. Over 1,700,000 children are fifteen years of age or toiling in fields, factories, mines and work shops. In the year of 1900 there were 6,468,964 workers in gainful occupations unemployed for from one to three months. Every year 60,000 persons are killed by accidents incident to their work and 1,600,000 are seriously injured. Two-thirds of the population of New York are forced to live in tenements, in which there are 350,000 dark interior rooms. Last week a woman was found starving in Madison square. A thousand ladies of New York are devoting themselves to the raising of pet dogs instead of children. What a country! What a people! To which the Denver News adds: "It is a sad commentary that those who are chiefly concerned with, and boast of the bigness, might and wealth of the country seldom give any thought to the other side of the question herewith presented. Were it otherwise there would be less reason for Mr. Clews and others of his ilk deprecating the agitation which they assert disturbs business."

THE Washington Post is authority for the statement that, "it is estimated that two candidates for governor in Vermont expended half a million dollars" but as the Republican majority was less than in any election since 1880, save one, the Republican investment does not seem to have been profitable. From another source it is claimed that the trusts and combines protected by the tariff and other corporations expended \$250,000 to elect Littlefield, the Republican candidate for Congress in Maine. This corruption and political debauching of the voters by special interests protected by Republican legislation does not even bring forth a protest from our reform president.

The fellow who kills time will eventually discover that time can stand the racket longer than he can.

Even a dog fight seems rather tame to the man who has lived with his mother-in-law six months.

## The Revolution In Unhappy Cuba

THE Cuban revolution began about the middle of last August and was therefore but a few days over a month old when Secretary Taft of the war department and Acting Secretary Bacon of the state department set sail from Tampa on the cruiser Des Moines on the mission of peace they were commissioned to prosecute by the president. It is seldom that in so short a time so much occurs in a country to produce conditions of anarchy and industrial chaos. As President Roosevelt in his now historic letter to Minister Quesada put it: "For seven years Cuba has been in a condition of profound peace and of steadily growing prosperity. For four years this peace and prosperity have obtained under her own independent government. Her peace, prosperity and independence are now menaced, for of all possible evils that can befall Cuba the worst is anarchy."

When Cuba set up as an independent republic one of the first things done was to contract a big debt in order to pay off the veterans of the revolutionary army. This was done in the belief that revolutions were at an end and that the industries of the island would provide revenue for the expenses of government. When the insurrection broke out in August the government had about \$13,000,000 in the treasury, and the extra session of congress, recently called, authorized President Palma to draw on other than war funds for the purpose of suppressing the opponents of the government.

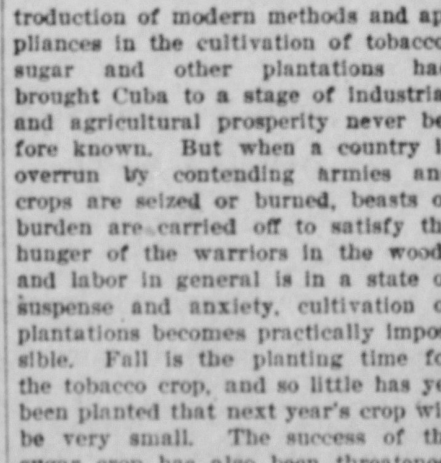
Senor Palma's executive residence is the old palace formerly occupied by the Spanish captains general. It was in front of this the marines from the cruiser Denver were stationed after their landing in Havana and before their recall at the instance of President Roosevelt. The investment of foreign capital in Cuba, the building of railways and in-

duction of modern methods and appliances in the cultivation of tobacco, sugar and other plantations had brought Cuba to a stage of industrial and agricultural prosperity never before known. But when a country is overrun by contending armies and crops are seized or burned, beasts of burden are carried off to satisfy the hunger of the warriors in the woods and labor in general is in a state of suspense and anxiety, cultivation of plantations becomes practically impossible. Fall is the planting time for the tobacco crop, and so little has yet been planted that next year's crop will be very small. The success of the sugar crop has also been threatened. Under these conditions foreign investors have become alarmed as to their losses through the insurrection, and intending investors have been frightened away.

Senor Gonzales de Quesada, who was made the recipient of the president's views concerning the Cuban situation, was at the head of the Cuban junta in this country prior to American intervention and the Spanish war. He was born in Havana in 1808, but was educated in the public schools of New York city, at the College of the City of New York and Columbia university. His paternal grandfather was a wealthy Cuban landholder who once refused from Spain the title of Marquis de Santa Cruz. His family lost their wealth through the troubles of the island, but money came to him through his wife, and much of her fortune was devoted to aiding the revolutionists, who, with American help, finally won freedom from Spain.

At the outbreak of the insurrection there were rumors that General Mendez Capote, the Cuban vice president, was plotting against President Palma with the view of succeeding to the executive office himself. Subsequent events, however, supported the view of his loyalty to his chief. He was at one time president of the insurgent government established by the Cubans in their last struggle for independence, is a graduate of the University of Havana, has won eminence as a lawyer and has been governor of Matanzas province.

VICE PRESIDENT CAPOTE AND THE PALACE AT HAVANA.



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### PERSHING'S RECORD.

He is Both Fighter and Diplomat and is Liked by Moros.

When Captain John J. Pershing of Philippine fame was made a brigadier general of the regular army a few days ago he was jumped over the heads of 257 captains, 364 majors, 121 lieutenant colonels and 110 colonels—862 officers all told. There was a reason for this exceptional action. Though a comparatively young officer, General Pershing has rendered services to which great value has been attached by his superiors. He is not only very brave, but is a diplomat as well. Born in Missouri forty years ago, he graduated from West Point and for several years served under Generals Chaffee and Miles in Indian campaigns in the west. Then for about five years he was detailed as professor of military science at the State University of Nebraska. During this period he



BRIGADIER GENERAL PERSHING.

studied law and was admitted to the bar. He went to the Philippines soon after the outbreak of the Spanish war.

It was not until after the pacification of the northern islands had been effected that Pershing came to the front. When troubles with the Moros ensued General George W. Davis, commanding the department of Mindanao and Jolo, wanted an officer of unusual discrimination to take command of the troops at Iligan. He knew of no officer of higher grade so well fitted for the task as Pershing and so assigned the latter to the duty. He set about his task with alacrity and combining an indomitable fighting spirit with a predilection for diplomacy and tact accomplished in a few weeks what it was supposed would require a year or more to do. Though he led his soldiers in several sharp battles against the bolo men, he effected more by diplomacy and statesmanship than by force of arms. By a bold dash he captured a fort the Moros had looked upon as impregnable with the loss of but

three men. Another fort he captured without firing a shot through diplomatic negotiations, and he secured the submission of a powerful religious leader who was apparently implacably hostile. After once convincing the Moros of his courage he made a great hit with them, was created a datu by the sultan of Sulu and enjoyed much popularity among the Mohammedan bar-

barians. In recognition of his work he was given a position on the general staff at Washington, sent to Tokyo as a military attaché to study the maneuvers of the Russo-Japanese war and now has been raised to a brigadier general's rank. General Pershing married Miss Helen Frances Warren, daughter of Senator Warren of Wyoming, about two years ago.

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