

FRANCIS SPEER'S Breezy "THAT" Column

THAT generally speaking the women of Bellefonte are generally speaking.

THAT it is said that there is about as much of a rebellion in a certain house in the Southward of Bellefonte, as there is in Cuba.

THAT when a young man in Bellefonte receives the wink from a young lady and he blushes, the indications are that there is something doing.

THAT Emil Joseph, of Bellefonte, who is a great money leader, says that he will have nothing to do with the man who borrows nothing but trouble.

THAT a certain man on Spring street, Bellefonte, says that when he doesn't feel like talking he sits down and listens to his wife talk. It is just about the same as a graphophone.

THAT since Lunger Wian, of Bellefonte, has begun to recuperate from his recent severe illness he is getting to look more like John D.—every day. If he was bald-headed and wore a skull cap Lunger and the Oil King would pass off as twins.

THAT when the cat's away the kittens will play. This is for the benefit of two young lovers in Bellefonte who some day may spring a great surprise on their host of friends. Love, you know, breaks down every barrier, and surmounts every difficulty.

THAT there is a certain mother in Bellefonte who is patting herself on the back because her daughter is about to marry the young man she had selected. Before it is all over she might wish the young man was in hades or some other warm sea-port.

THAT during the Equinoctial season you can see more "calves" right here in Bellefonte than you would see traveling through all the country districts in Centre county. Some have the appearance of being thoroughbred Jerseys, while others look as if a "Force" or a mush and milk diet might improve them.

THAT certain young fellows in Bellefonte had better relinquish the practice of calling in their lady friends and leading them into the parlor, taking them in their arms and kissing them, calling them "honey and love," and their "darlings," because a young lady in Tyrone wants \$2,000 for that kind of soft soap.

THAT the other night a "blue blood" of Bellefonte stood on the bridge near the electric light plant with a young lady in arms. At the sight of a pedestrian the young man took a very bad cold and came near coughing his head off. His standing in the draught of the bridge, of course, brought on the strange malady. He must have had the epizootic. The young woman in question looked as if she had been shot at and missed.

THAT the other day a good looking gentleman was seen coming out of the china store, in Crider's Exchange, wearing a broad-brimmed hat. Everybody who gazed on his stately form from a distance was deeply impressed with the idea that it was Buffalo Bill, of Wild West fame, but on drawing closer they discovered it to be Ralph Spigelmyer, who had the appearance of a typical frontier man, and all that was lacking to make his paraphernalia complete was the long hair, and the belt of revolvers. "Buffalo Bill" can consider himself highly flattered.

THAT some girls in Bellefonte are too coltish to have horse sense.

THAT it is about time that Dr. T. C. VanTries, of Bellefonte, shoots that straw hat.

THAT Bellefonte has in it more pretty girls to the square inch than any other town of the size in Pennsylvania. This compliment comes from one who knows what he is talking about.

THAT the way some young men in Bellefonte have to take the baby—they hold it about the same way they would a grudge. We wonder whether this has been Dorsey Hunter's experience?

THAT Christ Beezer, the Bellefonte liveryman, says that he has often heard of the old story of the cow jumping over the moon, but he has actually seen a horse-fly. Good for Beezer; there are no flies on him.

THAT if "Billy" Katz, the enterprising young merchant of Bellefonte, can't distinguish between a wagon load of pumpkins and a wagon load of apples, what would he take home should his wife ask him to bring eggs?

THAT if a certain young man in Bellefonte loves the girl he ought to marry her. What's the use in keeping the fair maiden in so much suspense? After while both of them will be too old, and then it will not be much use to tie up.

THAT Bellefonte is getting to be as thick with old maids as John A. Daley's sheep are with burrs after they have passed through a cluster of dry burdock. Some of them will have to get a hustle on or they will be found praying for anything, only so it is a man.

THAT one of the most philosophical "young" men in Bellefonte is J. Lynn Harris. When asked the other day why the Statue of Liberty's hand is 11 inches he replied: "Because if it was 12 inches it would be a foot." Didn't we tell you he was all right.

THAT it is stated that one of the worst places in Bellefonte after the midnight hour is just around the big spring. Some of the women who are found there at that late hour should be ducked in the water, the same as you would with a hen that wants to hatch.

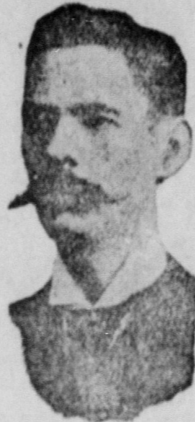
THAT the general impression is that the Bellefonte council failed to put up enough of what may be termed "fountain hitching" posts in front of the Soldiers Monument in the diamond, to accommodate the number of farmers who attend market each week.

THAT Norman Kirk, one of the leaders in the graduating class of the Bellefonte High school, is of the opinion that it takes more brass to kiss a girl on the lips than on her cheek. Wonder whether the young progressive student received that valuable information from books, or whether he obtained it from a practical demonstration?

THAT it is said that a certain young couple of Bellefonte were out riding the other evening and neither of them would take a \$100 bill to have the public know everything connected with the little trip. On the way they passed a potato patch, and you know potatoes have eyes, and that's probably how the secret got out. The young lady in question wants to cut a wide swath in society, and when she is home she is so pious that butter would not melt in her mouth.

The Cuban Rebels

How They Fought—The Rural Guard.
Work of Alfredo Zayas



ALFREDO ZAYAS.

THE investigation of the difficulties in Cuba conducted by the American peace commissioners to that island has revealed phases of the hostilities in the Pearl of the Antilles that in some respects resemble a comic opera war. It has been noted by visitors to the camps of the contending armies that little bitterness existed between the soldiers of the opposing sides. Many of the warriors in Palma's army joined the loyal forces because of the good pay offered—\$2.50 a day. Many of the rebels took to the woods because they liked adventure and preferred a life of ease, with just enough fighting to break the monotony, to an existence in which the principal factor was honest toil. Under these circumstances the Cuban regulars and the rebel bands have not always been as eager to meet in mortal combat as would be expected in a war where the opposing forces cherished toward each other feelings of bitter animosity.

On several occasions it has been noted by observant correspondents that government officers sent out to look for insurgent bands were very stupid about discovering them, and, on the other hand, the insurgents from time to time had opportunities to capture detachments of government soldiers, but neglected to seize them. Since the landing of Messrs. Taft and Bacon in Cuba many stories of outrages by insurgents and of lack of discipline in the camps of the rebels have come to light. In their levies upon plantations the rebel bands are said to have maltreated many peaceable inhabitants in addition to taking their animals and farm products for filling the stomachs of the hungry warriors against the government. The instances of violation of the code of civilized warfare recall the story of how Brigadier General Fred Funston, who was recently ordered to join Secretary Taft in Cuba, came to leave the Cubans when he was fighting with them against the Spaniards in 1897. At the fight at Las Tunas he commanded a battery of artillery which included a dynamite gun. The engagement ended in the defeat of the Spaniards. AC-

tion. The Cuban commanding the insurgents operating against the block-house went forward to meet the Spaniard, having a negro subaltern with him. The Spaniard was alone. When the two officers met the Cuban gave a sign, and the negro chopped the Spaniard to pieces with his machete. The garrison surrendered, and the entire force of forty-six men was chopped down with machetes. This incident is said to have disgusted Funston so much that he forthwith quit the Cubans and by the aid of Consul General Fitz-Hugh Lee returned to the United States.

Horses are a very important factor in fighting like that which has been going on in Cuba. The insurgents seized all the horses they could get at the outbreak of the rebellion, thus crippling agriculture and industry, and the government bought many horses from the United States and other countries with which to equip the rural guard and the volunteer soldiers. The Cubans are generally good riders and take to the kind of fighting in which horses are used.

The American commissioners have praised the work of Alfredo Zayas, president of the Liberal party, who assisted them in every possible way in their efforts to bring the warring factions in Cuba to an agreement. Dr. Zayas has been president of the Cuban senate. Before the arrival in the island of Messrs. Taft and Bacon there was talk among the insurrectionists and their sympathizers of the organization of an insurrectionary government. Senor Zayas was spoken of as the head of such a government.

COMMANDER AT HAVANA.

Seaton Schroeder, a Naval Officer Who Helped Sink Cervera's Fleet.

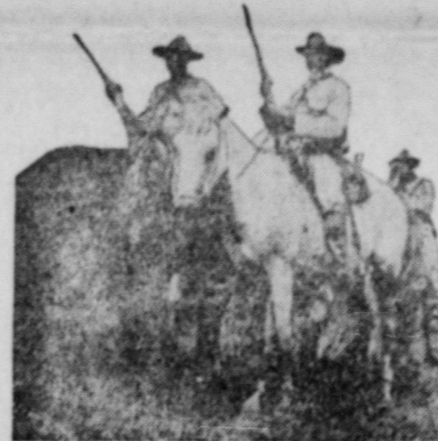
Captain Seaton Schroeder, who commands the battleship Virginia at Havana, took part in the capture and sinking of Cervera's fleet and has been naval governor of Samoa. He is a native of the District of Columbia and



a Naval academy graduate of 1864. From December, 1896, and through the Spanish war he was attached to the battleship Massachusetts and was her executive officer as the ship was lying at Dry Tortugas when the Maine was blown up in Havana harbor. It was in this way he came to be appointed one of the court of inquiry to investigate the disaster.

Killed at Tyrone.

Early Thursday morning the mangled body of a man was found along the railroad track near the "Y," just west of Tyrone depot. The unfortunate man proved to be Thomas McClure, a machinist in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Tyrone. His left leg and left arm had been completely severed from his body. The deceased, whose home was in Altoona, had secured employment at Tyrone a few weeks ago.



MOUNTED SOLDIERS OF CUBA'S ARMY.

According to the story told by one of Funston's army comrades, the present brigadier general saw his fellow warriors for Cuba deliberately violate the white flag and butcher a Spanish officer and forty-six men. It was at the close of the battle that a white flag was raised over one of the Spanish blockhouses, and the officer in charge left it to parley with the Cu-

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COLONEL WALLER AND MARINES FROM THE CRUISER MINNEAPOLIS.

the marine corps has served with faithfulness and gallantry. It is the boast of the marines that they are the oldest body of military men in the regular service of the nation. They claim to antedate both the army and navy, for the Continental congress away back in November, 1775, passed an act providing that "two battalions of marines be raised, to be enlisted and commissioned to serve for and during the present war between Great Britain and the colonies and to be considered as

part of the Continental army before Boston."

Marines played a prominent part in the battle between the Bonhomme Richard and the Serapis. They were drilled into a highly disciplined body during the Revolution, and when the Continental army was disbanded and the navy was placed out of commission the marine corps was retained, becoming the only body of troops in the regular service at that time. Though marines are in the popular mind the same as sailors, they are not sailors at all, but are soldiers serving on ships. They are a part of the naval force and under the jurisdiction of the secretary of the navy, but are nevertheless a distinct organization. The marines serve under their own officers, who are graduates of the Naval academy, and they wear a uniform altogether different from that of the blue-jackets. The accompanying picture is of marines from the cruiser Minneapolis and was taken recently at League Island just as the men were leaving for Cuba.

Colonel Littleton W. T. Waller, who is in chief command of all the marines in Cuba or its waters, has seen service there before. He made a fine record at Santiago in the Spanish war, increased his fame when the marines landed in China during the Boxer insurrection and led an expedition across the island of Samar. He was court-martialed for orders given during this expedition, but was acquitted.

CAN'T GO TO NEAREST SCHOOL.

Court Unwilling to Show Partiality in a Township.

The following item was handed us for publication by a citizen of Spring Twp., where the school board has the same trouble. This item was taken from the city papers:

The Norristown Court refused to compel the directors of Upper Merion schools to pay for the tuition of pupils in the Bridgeport schools, as was desired by residents living just outside of the borough. The Court holds:

"The fact that some pupils may have a school house more convenient to them in an adjoining district is no good reason for granting a request to send them to the nearer school. This difficulty necessarily arises in every district. The act declares that there must be a great distance or difficulty of access.

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