

FRANCIS SPEER'S

Breezy "That" Column

THAT the gossipers of Bellefonte would be stricken dumb if all ears would be plugged up.

THAT there is a woman in Bellefonte who, on the "Q. T." is leading a pretty dissolute life that is sure to end in desperate death.

THAT Bellefonte has in it quite a "Cute" little girl, but she wants to keep her mouth shut or she will catch cold. She is entirely too free with her tongue.

THAT there is an approaching event in the life of a certain young man in Bellefonte which will make him throw his old derby in the air, and laugh clean down to his toes.

THAT they say that recently the county coop at Lock Haven was pretty well filled with Bellefontes birds. They went down there and after getting a big "jag on" were run in. It was a case of where birds of a feather flocked together.

THAT the girl in Garman's opera house the other night who asked a gentleman sitting next to her to give her a quarter so she could change her seat, knew what she was up against; all right. The fellows around her skinned a bad eye.

THAT it is very difficult for a man in Bellefonte to keep quiet when he knows that there are women going about telling the people what they know to be untrue about him. There is a gentleman in Bellefonte who is in that predicament.

THAT there are some husbands in Bellefonte who, when they are in the city, pass off as single men. It is said this was done only recently, and it takes a good deal of unadulterated gall for a man to return to his family under such dastardly circumstances.

THAT if a young man doesn't keep away from a certain place in Bellefonte the father of the young lady is going to put his best foot forward for the purpose of registering a kick. It's a business proposition with the gentleman of the house, for he claims that his family is large enough.

THAT there are some well-to-do fellows in Bellefonte who would like mighty well to take their money with them when they die. If that was possible it would be of no service to them anyway, because it would melt. They may be rich, but they have money that does not belong to them, and they know it. For these there is a day of retribution coming when they will call on the mountains around Bellefonte to hide them from the terror of a just God.

THAT "Bobby" Patterson is one of the most praiseworthy young men to be found on this icy and now snowbound earth; but there is one thing that slipped his memory before leaving Bellefonte for Honesdale, and that was to take off his hat to his friend Bert Robb, who through the largeness of his magnetic heart took great delight in introducing him to all the pretty girls. Of course, they ran plumb up against the kindergarten and such like, but like the fellows in the fiery furnace, they always came out without a hair singed.

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Pair Marry in Yigtime.

John F. Hoover, a young civil engineer of Milwaukee, and Miss Mahala Ling, of Johnstown, met the first time on a Pennsylvania railroad train Thursday morning, and were married within several hours. Hoover was going to Chambersburg where he has accepted a position, and Miss Ling was traveling east to visit friends. When Harrisburg was reached Miss Ling was persuaded by Hoover to wait for another train; while the two were looking about the city the young man proposed marriage, and Miss Ling accepted. A patrolman directed the pair to the marriage license office, and an hour later they were married by Alderman Robert Spayd. The bride wired home that she and her husband would be in Johnstown Friday evening. Hoover sent a message to Chambersburg, saying he would be on hand on Monday. They will live in Chambersburg.

GOOD INVESTMENT.

State Treasurer Berry has saved the people of Pennsylvania thousands of dollars by his exposure of the wasteful extravagance of Governor Pennypacker's Board of Public Grounds and Buildings in furnishing the new State capitol. The actual amount will never be known, but it is doubtful if it will fall short of \$1,000,000. Except the contract for 1,800 yards of domestic Wilton carpet, at a price of \$1.26 a yard, sewed and laid, for the Senate and House chambers, the board has not given a single contract for capitol "trimmings" since last September, when Berry "lifted the lid" and showed that the actual cost of the buildings was \$13,000,000, instead of \$4,000,000, as the people had been made to believe.

Early Spring Predicted.

William W. Potts, the aged goosebone prophet, living near Norristown, says there are indications of an early spring in the breastbone of the goose which he served to the family gathering at his home. The dark colorings of the front predict a stormy and cold January, but as the bone clears up toward the end of the spring, weather can be expected to be moderate.

Legless Man Won't Kick.

When asked Friday how he was getting along Zernie Buckalew, a former brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad who is a patient at the Chester Hospital, where both of his legs were amputated as a result of being run over by a freight car last week, replied jocosely: "Oh, I cannot kick under the circumstances." He is one of the most cheerful patients at the institution.

THAT there are men in Bellefonte who are losing their character in their effort to build up a reputation.

THAT they say whiskey improves with age. This may be true in other towns but not in Bellefonte, because it never stands long enough.

THAT the woman in Bellefonte, known as the social climber, naturally will want to go to Heaven because that is where all the best people go.

THAT a fall of snow on Friday came near fixing the clocks of policeman Geo. Jodon and merchant Pete Keichline; and they had't time to prepare for the future world, either. They say that "Pete" did fall on his knees.

THAT when any girl in Bellefonte lets a young man "slobber" over her for nine solid hours she is either letting her feelings get away with her better judgment, or something is radically wrong. When the midnight hour comes a young man with good horse sense will "Skidoo."

THAT judging from Col. H. S. Taylor's "card" as printed last week in the Watchman he must have gone into business that is more conducive to his taste than either grinding out law or furnishing gas and heat. He, however, must not imagine that he will have a monopoly of that business in Bellefonte, because it has been here from time memorial.

THAT if a young lady in Bellefonte discovers that the young man whom she rather likes is sober, honest and industrious she should never give him the cold shoulder just because he doesn't suit her whims and fancies of some brainless fool of a girl whose ideal of a man is one who dresses beyond his financial circumstances, drinks rum and every day is adding nails to his coffin by smoking cigarettes.

THAT the young fellow who stayed up all night on Christmas until the 5 o'clock whistle blew Wednesday morning, must have had a "Dickens" of a good time with his lady friend, and, no doubt, he felt that Santa Claus was exceptionally kind to him; but the fellow who was gnitting his teeth and making the "Goo goo" eyes, was the fellow who was furnishing the coal at the rate of \$4 to \$6 a ton. After the young man is married six months you can bet your bottom dollar there will be no more all-night sessions.

THAT it has been the unanimous sentiment that Christmas of 1906 in Bellefonte was a record breaker as far as peace and sobriety were concerned. The bars of the town were closed and thus the streets were free from any disorderly conduct, and homes where the devil formerly took the place of Santa Claus, were places where joy and comfort reigned, and the day celebrated in accordance with the great event it typifies.

The closing of the bars was undoubtedly a Godsend to some families in Bellefonte and it should be continued from year to year. To say that there was no "booze" taken, would be folly, but it was done with moderation, and men didn't make beasts of themselves.

THAT the night before Christmas a large turkey, thinking that it was going to be a victim for the chopping block, left the Stuart residence on Linn street, for parts unknown. The next morning, "Davy" Stuart started out as a detective, visiting many of the chicken yards, for squares around. He stated that J. C. Meyer came within an ace of eating a chicken for his Christmas dinner instead of turkey, as Davy felt pretty certain that the turkey found in that chicken yard was the one he was after. Davy put on his green spectacles, and after carefully scrutinizing every feather on the large bird made the startling discovery that it was a case of mistaken identity. Of course, Davy didn't blame anybody for stealing, but he "hated like thunder" to eat crow on Christmas.

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Betrayed Her Love In Sleep.

Learning that his wife was in love with one of their boarders, through her talk while she slept, Rocco Cirullo, aged 30, a prosperous boarding house keeper, Thursday deliberately cut her throat and then started to give himself up. She is dead and he was arrested on his way to police headquarters Altoona. In a signed statement Cirullo admitted the murder and told of his wife's infidelity. He blamed Dan Debello for wrecking his home. Cirullo knew of the intimacy between his wife and Debello for a long time. Almost nightly he lay awake listening to her recounting, their love-making in her dreams. It drove him frantic, for he idolized his wife who was a beautiful woman, the belle of the Italian colony. The climax came Thursday when Cirullo was struck on the head with a pick while at work. Both his wife and Debello made light of the hurt. This was the last straw. Seizing his razor, after Debello left the house, Cirullo grasped his wife by the hair and inflicted two horrible slashes in her throat. He almost cut his fingers off trying to break the razor afterward.

Boy Shipped Like Merchandise.

An Italian boy aged about seven years was an object that amused many curious persons at the P. & E. passenger station, Saturday at Lock Haven. The fellow could not speak a word of English and was sent to this country from Italy with a tag tied about his neck. The directions on the tag were Dagus Mines, Pa., and he was consigned to his father, who doubtless is employed in the mines there. The boy was given candy and fruit by passengers waiting about the station, but when he was offered a penny he would not accept it, probably having never seen one before.

The Original Porous Plaster.

It's Alcock's, first introduced to the people sixty years ago, and to-day undoubtedly has the largest sale of any external remedy—millions being sold annually throughout the whole civilized world. There have been imitations, to be sure, but never has there been one to even compare with Alcock's—the world's standard external remedy.

For a weak back, cold on the chest or any local pain, the result of taking cold or over strain, there's nothing we know of to compare with this famous plaster.

Nearly 500 Applicants.

Nearly 500 applicants for retail liquor licenses have been applied for in Northumberland county. This would make one license for every eighty adult male inhabitants in the county.

COMMON SUPERSTITIONS.

Superstitions among some of the less intelligent classes are quite common, and ridiculous to an extent to be surprising. The number of brain fancies would run into the hundreds if they were all gathered in. Those we copy below are only a few of the many that could be printed in the Centre Democrat, if all the amusing ideas were to appear in this article. It is worthy of note, however, that superstitions disappear as intelligence spreads. In the following we will mention a few of the beliefs harbored by many, and are adhered to as though they were gospel truths instead of the harmless "faiths" that they are. How these fallacies originated and by whom, the Centre Democrat will not attempt to say, because we do not know. We mention only the following:

It brings bad luck to carry a knife in the pocket on a Friday.

The cracking of a lamp chimney is a warning that a death is to take place in the connection in the near future.

Friday is an unlucky day for any undertaking gone into.

The number thirteen (13) is an unlucky number under all circumstances.

The attempted crowing of a hen on the premises indicates that there is (to be) a bride in the home.

To butcher in the sign of the fish will make your sausage spit and spurt while being fried in the pan and your hams shrivel up.

Never plant or sow in the dark of the moon as that will bring a failure of crops; shingles will warp and draw the nails, and boards laid in walks will warp.

When the moon is a slender half circle with the one horn turned eastward, it is a sure sign of rain.

Eels will not bite in the light of the moon if the lines are set at night. We have tested this and found it to be a biting lie.

Cows will talk on Christmas eve in the state.

The weather on the last Friday of a month will regulate the weather of the following month.

The superstition about the groundhog is an egregious one.

If on a certain date there is sunshine, there will be a large crop of apples; if cloudy, the reverse.

The Chinese Famine.

The statement that 10,000,000 Chinese are facing starvation this winter presents an appalling problem to the civilized world. The number of sufferers is equivalent to one-eighth the population of the United States—as if one out of every eight of our people were dying for want of food. Men and women almost naked are seen by the roadsides of Central China starving, with naked children at their breasts, and the devastation threatens to be worse than that of 30 years ago, when hundreds of thousands perished.

The report is that the Chinese government will appeal to Europe and America to raise a fund of \$1,250,000 for relief. The amount looks ridiculously inadequate, but, while the need of help is dire, it must be remembered that a dollar will go much farther in procuring the necessities of life in China than in the United States or on the continent across the Atlantic.

Jumps To His Death.

James Miller, a well known engineer on the Tyngne division of the Pennsylvania railway, was running the locomotive on a freight train Wednesday morning, of last week, and when near Osceola the train apparently got beyond control. It looked as if it would completely run away, and some distance ahead a locomotive with a car of powder was standing on the same track. Miller, feeling certain that a wreck was unavoidable, jumped and was instantly killed. The train stopped before it reached the car of powder. The deceased was a resident of Tyngne, and was aged 35 years. He leaves a wife and eight or nine children.

Change of License Court.

A decree of the court has been filed, changing the term for holding the Centre county license court for the year of 1908, from the first Tuesday in March, 1908, to the Monday of the second week of the December term of court, 1907. There will be no change in the time the license becomes effective, which will be from April first to April of each year. The purpose of holding license court in December is to give any hotel man who may either be granted a new license or refused an old one, or in case of transfers, to have ample time to make all necessary arrangements. For the year 1907 license court will be held as usual, the first Tuesday in March.

All Veterans to be Pensioned.

Senator McCumber, chairman of the Committee on Pensions, is planning to press for early consideration by the Senate and House General Service Pension bill as amended by the Senate committee.

The amendments provide that any soldier of the Civil war who has served for 90 days, has been honorably discharged, and who shall have reached the age of 62 years, shall receive a pension of \$12 a month, to be increased to \$15 a month when he shall have reached the age of 70 years, and to \$20 a month after he reached the age of 75 years.

A Fatal Accident.

James McCoy, a conductor on the Tyngne division of the Pennsylvania railroad, fell from his train near Van Scoy station and was killed. He was not missed until the train reached the Tyngne yard where an engine was sent back and his body was found along the track. His age was 52 years, and he was born and raised at Vail. Surviving him are five daughters.

Pleased With Closing Idea.

The saloon keepers of Sunbury are well pleased with the order of the court in closing their places of business on Christmas day. It was an unusual thing for them to fully enjoy the entire day as a holiday. They state that hereafter they will close on that day whether there is any order from the court or not.

To Enlarge Car Shops.

Milton is to secure another big addition to car works. The American Car and Foundry company has decided to erect a new steel tank shop to further increase the facilities of manufacturing the Milton steel tank cars, which are noted the world over.

Men's solid heel, one-buckle arctics, worth \$2.50—now \$1.95. Yeager & Davis.

HOW IT WORKS.

It is announced, with somewhat of a flourish of trumpets, remarks the Harrisburg Star, that the increase in wages for the ensuing year made by the large corporations, will amount to \$41,000,000. This is better than no increase at all. Figuring that in minor industries and occupations an equal increase will result, the whole increment in gross earnings would amount to about one dollar per capita, or, say, five dollars to the average family, for the entire year. The corporations which have granted the increase in wages, base their action on the enhanced cost of living. At a low estimate the increased cost of living is 20 per cent or not less than fifty dollars per annum to the average family. High prices can hardly be regarded as a blessing to the body of the people.

Young Men Going West.

The Lewistown, Pa. Sentinel contained the following item regarding two Centre county boys: "On January 1 Clarence C. O'Shell and Loyd H. Duck, two Centre county gentlemen, will go to Pittsburg and act as correspondents for the Steel Works at Burnham from the Westinghouse. Both young men by their courteous and polite ways have won great favor with the steel works officials, hence this promotion. Mr. Duck, the younger of the two, is but 19 years of age. Mr. O'Shell is many years his senior and has been in the employ of the company for several years. We wish them both much success."

Family Numbers 21.

William H. Albright, of Morgan Run, near Phillipsburg, rejoices in the arrival of his nineteenth child, born last week. The family consists of a dozen fine, and handsome boys and seven girls—and all are pretty. Several of the sons and daughters are married, and the last arrival has a number of nephews and nieces. Mr. Albright is still on the sunny side of 55, and his wife carries her years remarkably well. They are very proud of their family and would not change places with Rockefeller's or Vanderbilts.

Paper Discontinued.

In the last issue of "The Millinburg, Pa. Times" Editor Geo. W. Foote addresses a double column letter to "My Dear Friends" in which he bids good-bye as publisher of said paper for a period of twenty years. Then follows a review of his struggles, his brief success and final determination to quit the field because of lack of friends to warrant him continuing in the service, as he has but two friends in this world—his wife and daughter. Some years ago Editor Foote was located at Millheim, Pa., where he published the Journal.

Leaves Her All in 20 Words.

The shortest will ever recorded in the local Register's office at Allentown was probated Friday. It was that of Mrs. Leonora Green, and was but of 20 words length, as follows:

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Everything I own shall have left after my death I want my daughter, Laura Peters to have.

LEONORA GREEN.

Shot By A Companion.

Paul Albright, a 13 year-old boy of Leeberry, is in the Mary Facker hospital at Sunbury in a serious condition caused by being shot through the lungs. The young man was on a visit to his aunt in Sunbury and with several companions had been shooting at a target. Later one of his companions thinking the gun was not loaded pointed it at young Albright and pulled the trigger.

Cider Extinguishes Flames.

The cider house of John A. Haagen, at Howard, was partly destroyed by fire on Christmas morning. The building was of brick and contained 300 barrels of cider, which was used to extinguish the flames. The fire started from an overheated stove and the total loss is estimated at \$1,000. There was no insurance.

Men's Banagan duck pull-sole lumberman's gaiters, \$2.75, now \$1.95. Yeager & Davis.

Farmers Institutes will be held in Clinton county, as follows: McElhattan on January 25 and 29, 1907; Mill Hall on January 30 and 31, 1907.

Women's one-buckle arctics, worth \$1.25 and \$1.50, going at 95c. Yeager & Davis.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of MARY A. CALDERWOOD, late of Ferguson township, deceased. Letters of administration in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to W. HARRISON WALCKER, Adm., Bellefonte, Pa.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of JOHN SOLEX, late of Fleming, Pa., deceased. Letters of administration in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to J. N. KRUGER, M. A. BICKLE, Adm., Zion, Pa.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of DAVID L. MILLER, deceased, late of Ferguson twp. Letters testamentary upon the said estate having been granted by the Register of Wills to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them for settlement to J. B. HERRLING, Executor, H. C. Quigley, Atty., Pine Grove Mills.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of W. GALER MORRISON, late of Boggs twp., deceased. Letters testamentary upon said estate having been granted to the Register of Wills to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them for settlement. MABEL M. MORRISON, Executor, Roland, Pa. G. B. & Z., Atty's.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of JOHN WILSON, late of Hallowood Township, deceased. Letters testamentary upon said estate having been granted by the Register of Wills to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them for settlement. NEWTON I. WILSON, Executor, Warriorsburg, Pa. N. B. Spangler, Atty.

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