

FRANCIS SPEER'S

Breezy "That" Column

THAT if you don't live in the West Ward your not in it.

THAT Darius Waite, of Bellefonte, in speaking of fertilizers says: "For the lands sake."

THAT Bellefonte has so many consistent knockers that they refuse to even ring a door bell.

THAT George Williams, of Bellefonte, says that it is a poor baker who's not able to make a raise.

THAT when farmer Isaac Frain, of Madera, waters the stock he doesn't feel he is a Wall street broker.

THAT when too many Bellefonte lawyers get together they handle more beer cases than they do civil cases.

THAT there are some other trees in Bellefonte that could be blown or chopped down to let a little "sun" in.

THAT most of the church members in Bellefonte are more liberal in their views than they are in their contributions.

THAT if the girls of Bellefonte were as nice as the boys think they are there would be a grand rush for the Sunday schools.

THAT the cork screw generally plays an important part in the several fishing excursions that are made in and around Bellefonte.

THAT "Billy" Tobias, of Millheim, says that old bachelors are such because they have profited by the mistakes of married men.

THAT when some women's feelings get shocked it is no indication that they are perfectly straight. They may be trying to mislead you.

THAT its not exactly a shooting match when two women in the South Ward, of Bellefonte, shoot off their mouth, over the back yard fence.

THAT when a certain man in Julian discovers that his girl is as sweet as sugar, he certainly ought to have the sand. How about it, "Cholly"?

THAT physical director Godfrey, of the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A., says that the reason acrobats get such elastic muscles is because they practice hours at a stretch.

THAT Millheim has a very pretty and cute young lady that gets so close to a handsome young man, that when he tries to kiss her its impossible for her to escape. She's all right.

THAT a number of very nice young men have been sliding down Sylvester Ray's cellar door. If you don't believe it just watch the bosom of some of the young men's pantaloons.

THAT it is all right for a lady to be good, but she should not get so good that her husband imagines that he is married to a prayermeeting. There is such a thing as being too good.

THAT when a Bellefonte young lady tells you she doesn't care to go to a dance, you can put it down that she hasn't been asked, or else she has a frightful corn on her pretty little toesie.

THAT some women at Milesburg wear combs to hold their hair up, while others wear them to hold their hair on. It is said that a Bellefonte young man was spooning one of them the other night when she took her hair off.

THAT Guss Heverly, the courteous clerk at "Cap" Mingle's shoe store, Bellefonte, is all right in the position he holds but we declare we don't know how good a hospital nurse he would make. It's a "Cole" day, however, when he gets left.

THAT it is said that a young lady went into one of the stores in Bellefonte and asked a bashful young gentleman clerk for hose. He referred her to The Potter-Hoy hardware Co. and she became very much insulted, saying she wasn't built that way.

THAT if a young man wants to get a good freezing this hot weather he doesn't need to be closed up in Philip Beezer's meat refrigerator. All he has to do is to call on a Bellefonte young lady when she is anxiously waiting to entertain another fellow.

THAT they say that a lady over on Thomas street, Bellefonte, bought a pound of good bologna, but when she went home she discovered a big piece of bark in it. The next time she went to the meat market she asked Lew to give her the balance of that dog.

THAT the other night three girls linked arms, passed the Brouckerhoff House, when the fair maid in the centre remarked, "I would just like to give him a piece of my mind." It was thought that she was after a young man on Spring street, and if she caught him she would have told him where to get off at.

THAT it is said that a young man up at Martha was having the time of his life kissing one of the pretty girls in that community when he looked around and saw a bushel of potatoes sitting in front of Ebert's store. The young lady, when she saw them, became very much confused, stating, those Irish potatoes have eyes.

THAT Harty Austin, one of the representative citizens of Milesburg, is thinking about getting a cannon and making war on those cutworms that are converting his beautiful garden into a regular desert. He says the pesky worms are beginning to carry away the line fence and have half of the lower part of a telephone pole chewed off, making it dangerous for pedestrians. He is thinking of encasing his house with boiler iron with the hope that he can prevent it from being totally destroyed.

THAT Joe Undercoffer, of Bellefonte, seems to be learning the jewelry business with Cassebeer, the jeweler. His intention, no doubt, is to rent the lower part of that twenty-story office building in Bush's Addition, next to the Brooklyn bridge, and put in a \$25,000 stock of diamonds, rubies and pearls. It's a nice location, as he will be opposite John Dubb's \$1,000,000 building used exclusively for farm machinery. There is one objection, however, to the horrid smell of phosphate which Mr. Dubb has stored away on the 23rd story of his building. The residents, for twenty-five blocks around, are kicking like thunder. They claim that everything they eat tastes of this nauseous stuff. Not only this, but Undercoffer is afraid the blamed stuff will tarnish the diamonds.

WHAT A DEFENCE.

What an admission! What a defence! Now it is said that Governor Pennypacker knew nothing of the extravagant expenditures on the capitol until he had been informed of them by Adjutant General Snyder. If this be the case, says the Williamsport Sun, then the more is the pity. Short comings of omission are no less detested than those of commission. And more than that—months and months after this information of fabulous payments Governor Pennypacker joined Auditor General Snyder in a public proclamation that all was well in the capitol matter; that the work was completed and there was money to spare. Verily, the unmasking of sham and secrets in the capitol investigation continues to smell to high heaven and justice cries for vengeance. Surely a pretty spectacle for the Republicans of Pennsylvania!

Another proof that Penny is an old granny, to say the least. The Philadelphia Record fittingly remarks: "The burden of ex-Governor Pennypacker's defence before the Capitol Investigating Commission was that he had done the best he could. It was a pitiable confession of incapacity. The ex-Governor was confronted with the disagreeable alternative of herding with the knaves or of posing as a miserable dupe. It is regrettable that in choosing the latter role he felt called upon to enter into a half-hearted defence of the thieves who traded upon his folly."

ONE OF BERRY'S REFORMS.

Although the governor only approved of the school appropriations late last week, says the Pittsburg Post, State Treasurer Berry has already paid out money to a number of school districts in different parts of the State. The borough of Carnegie was the first to get it's warrant and a remittance has been made to Pittsburg. Between \$250,000 and \$300,000 of school money was paid out during the last two days. Had the Legislature adjourned sooner the money would have been paid even earlier.

This great reform in the payment of the school money was inaugurated by Mr. Berry last year. Before his time the payment of money to the school districts by the State treasurer was not commenced until about the first of September and was not finished until January. This delay was due to a desire of the machine leaders to have the use of the money for their favorite banks as long as possible. Under the old system a large number of school districts were compelled to borrow money for several months to tide over until it suited the convenience of the machine to let them have their own money.

An Aged Dunker.

In a recent issue of the Centre Democrat we printed a sketch of the erstwhile Dunkers of this county, with the names of the prominent personages of that creed, and added that the heads of that church had all passed to the Beyond. Our attention has been called to one of those we had named, as still living, which is the patriarchal George Miller, of Axeman, now ninety-two years of age. He has his home with one of his sons, George, and is still of sound mind and not as frail as many would be at that advanced age. This information we obtained from one of the grandsons of the old patriarch, who is probably the oldest man now in this county.

A Frightful Fatality.

Al. McClure, who is employed in the Harbison-Walker clay mines, at Farnandsville, met with a horrible death, Tuesday July 2. He was walking down the track while a train came back of him. The engineer blew the whistle and the fireman pulled the bell cord but McClure paid no heed to the warnings. He fell under the wheels, which cut off his head. The body was frightfully mangled. Deceased was aged 21 or 22 years, and his home was at Osceola, Clearfield county, where his father and mother reside.

Francis Murphy.

Francis Murphy, the temperance evangelist, has just died in Los Angeles, Cal. To him belongs the credit of having done most in this country for the cause of temperance. Beginning in Maine immediately after the war, he succeeded in 35 years in inducing 10,000,000 persons to take the temperance pledge. He worked for the love he bore his fellowmen, not for glory or for pay of any kind, and his name will go down into history as one who did something really worth while for humanity.

Have Chosen a Pastor.

The Centre Hall Lutheran charge, composed of five congregations, Centre Hall, Union, Spring Mills, Cross church and Tusseyville, has given Rev. Bieber, of Milton, a call. His trial sermons were so pleasing that his election was unanimous. He is a young man, single, and serves a charge in Milton, which he will resign and accept the call from the congregations above named. The charge pays a salary of \$800.

Church Burned.

On the morning of the 4th, the Presbyterian church at Phillipsburg took fire and by the time the flames were extinguished the edifice was so badly damaged that it will be unwise to repair it. The building was a frame structure on which there was \$3,000 insurance. The fire is supposed to have originated from a sky rocket.

Accepts a Position at Kane.

Prof. Francis Pray, who had been re-elected teacher of Science in the Phillipsburg schools for another year, received a more tempting offer, involving quite an advance in salary at Kane, Pa., and he has concluded to accept the position. He has given the very best of satisfaction at Phillipsburg.

Biggest Woman in the World.

Mrs. David Lynch, of McKeesport, near Pittsburg, is the biggest woman in the world. She weighs over 500 pounds, is 60 years old, and is suffering from the disease known as elephantiasis. The calf of her left leg is over seven feet in circumference.

WEDDINGS.

DELANEY-YEARICK.
At Hubersburg, June 27, Michael C. Delaney, of Mill Hall, and Miss Clara I. Yearick, of Nittany, were united in marriage by Rev. H. I. Crow.

HEATON-BRYAN.
On Wednesday evening, June 26, about 9 o'clock, Miss Virginia Bryan became the wife of Fred Heaton, of Milesburg, the wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Piper, of the Methodist church, at his manse.

AMMERMAN-HARTMAN.
Thursday morning June 27, at 9 o'clock, Miss Lettie Hartman became the wife of Austin Ammerman, both of Bellefonte. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. George Pennypacker, of Mt. Union. Mr. and Mrs. Ammerman will make their home in Punxsutawney.

YOUNG-ROBB.
Perry Allen Young and Miss Anna Sidney Robb, of Beech Creek, were married Saturday evening, 29th, at Lock Haven, by Rev. H. W. Lave, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. After the ceremony and congratulations, a wedding supper was served.

WEDLEY-GATES.
Mr. Albert Wedley, of Altoona, foreman of the Kuhn & Glenn ice plant, and Miss Della Gates, of Warriorsmark, were married at noon on July 27, at the bride's home, in Warriorsmark. The bride and groom are at home on Broad avenue and Thirty-first street Altoona, in a newly furnished home.

WILLIAMS-FRINGLE.
On Wednesday June 26, at 12 o'clock, there was a nice wedding at Port Matilda, when Aaron B. Williams and Minnie Pringle were married by Rev. E. S. Bierly. The decorations for the occasion were very appropriate. The wedding took place at the home of the groom. Mr. Williams had a nice home ready, he believed in getting the cage before the bird.

MILLER-RICE.
On Tuesday evening, July 2nd, Miss Jennie Rice, of Bellefonte, became the wife of Lewis Miller, of the same place. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Durkee, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. The bride received a great many beautiful and useful presents. Mr. Miller is employed at the Nittany Furnace, and are now making their home in Bellefonte.

CONFER-GARDNER.
Harry Confer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kline Q. Confer, and Miss Maud Gardner, of Howard, were quietly married at the parsonage of the East Main street M. E. church in Lock Haven by Rev. Vaughn, the pastor, June 10th last. They surprised their young friends, who are now congratulating the happy young couple and extending best wishes. They are at present at the home of the groom's parents.

Seventh Cavalry Re-Union.
Veterans R. H. McGhee, of the 7th Pa. Cavalry, Isaac Smith, of Farmers Mills, and brother George Smith, of east High street, were pleasant callers on Friday and were here to arrange for a re-union and campfire of the surviving members of the Cavalry organization above named. The time fixed for the re-union is Oct. 22 and 23, at Bellefonte.

The business meeting will be held in the room of Gregg Post, and campfire for speeches and recitations will be held in the court house on evening of 23. There are several hundred members of the 7th Cavalry as survivors, many of whom will attend the re-union. Mr. McGhee, of Lock Haven, is president of the organization. There are only five members of the company in this county, viz: Isaac Smith, Gregg Post, Chas. Eise, Milesburg; Samuel Aley, Milesburg; Geo. Smith and Dr. Geo. F. Harris, of Bellefonte.

Susquehanna Boom.
The world-famous Susquehanna boom at Williamsport is soon to become a thing of the past. It is stated that lumber companies now putting logs into the west branch will close out their stock in two more annual drives, after which the boom company will erect a sawmill themselves and manufacture the lumber contained in the boomsticks, rafting platforms and crib timbers. A stone crusher will be employed to make marketable the stones with which the cribs are filled and the boom will be entirely abandoned.

Buffalo Flyer Wrecked.
The Buffalo Flyer on the Pennsylvania railroad was wrecked near Sunbury on July 2nd. Many are reported injured. Two persons were killed; the express messenger, four trainmen and twelve passengers were seriously injured.

Nine-tenths of what a man knows about his neighbors his wife tells him. The average girl's notion of an ideal man is one who will propose.

TO ARREST CAPITOL GRAFTERS.

A general dragnet will be thrown out and wholesale arrests of all those who participated in the state capitol graft of Pennsylvania will be made, according to the belief of James Scarlet, chief counsel for the investigating commission.

The final report of the commission, which will form the basis for criminal and civil action, will be placed in the hands of Gov. Stuart within 30 days. In deciding the matter the attorney general will be assisted by legal staff and by the special counsel, who are helping to prosecute the state's cause.

The investigating committee has concluded the taking of testimony, therefore there will be no "capitol news" for some weeks excepting rumors and intimations of what will be done.

Caught Beats.
The filing of expense accounts of candidates for county offices at Williamsport reveals some interesting incidents of Locomoting politics. The statements filed by the candidates contain each item of expense during the campaign, including the names of persons to whom money was paid for special work at the polls or elsewhere in the interest of that particular candidate. As the accounts are filed and compared it is found that in a number of instances the same persons were paid by two, three and sometimes four candidates for the same office, and were supposed to be doing special work in the interest of each one. As a result of the discoveries along this line there are likely to be some interesting interviews between workers and the worked.

An Unfortunate Family.
According to the Middleburg Post, the family of ex-Co. Commissioner Reichenbaugh, of Snyder county, have been very unfortunate. Their fine barn, with contents, was burned by lightning last week, a son was drowned early in the year, Mr. Reichenbaugh died a short time ago, and Mrs. Reichenbaugh has been sick since last fall. When postage stamps won't stick, it doesn't do much good to lick the postmaster.

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