

FRANCIS SPEER'S

Breezy "That" Column

THAT the ordinance in Bellefonte against spitting on the pavement hasn't reached the court house steps yet.

THAT Bellefonte has men in it, who are good husbands because they know that it isn't wise to be anything else.

THAT it is strange but, nevertheless true, that Beck, the Bellefonte barber, does all his head work with his hands.

THAT Bellefonte has a woman in it who stands on her front porch and makes faces at those who go by, she's a pippin.

THAT the woman in the North ward, of Bellefonte, who put the stinger in the man who followed her, understands her business.

THAT it is said that there is a woman in Bellefonte who don't like the mountain breeze because it is said to be intoxicating.

THAT there is many a girl in Bellefonte who ought to be spanked instead of sparked, and some of the mothers ought to spank her.

THAT Dr. Woods, of Pine Grove Mills, an able physician, says that if a dress-maker would swallow a tape line she would surely die by inches.

THAT there will soon be an announcement made of a wedding in Bellefonte that will turn some of our inhabitants gray when it reaches their ears.

THAT the young man in Bellefonte who is in the matrimonial market should chose a girl who can bake bread rather than one who can play a piano.

THAT no doubt, the chicken raisers, of Bellefonte, would like to know why a hen will go across the street in the mud. Because she wants to keep a date with a rooster.

THAT the other day the question was asked, "What is the difference between this world and the next?" For some people in Bellefonte there will be a difference.

THAT Dr. Hayes says the body of a man is composed of two-thirds water. That may be true but there are young men in town whose postmortem would show more beer than water.

THAT there are two young ladies residing in Bush's Addition who seem to have many admirers in Bellefonte. As this is leap year the probabilities are they could get a good husband for the asking.

THAT on passing one of the Bellefonte ministers on the street the other day a friend thought he saw four on the crown of his hat indicating that he must be getting close to the bottom of the barrel.

THAT Ben Tate, of Bellefonte, who has been doing considerable fishing this season, wants to know how to keep trout from smelling this hot weather. The only way known to science is to cut off their noses.

THAT the man in Bellefonte who keeps good hours never need fear either police, man Beezer or Dukeman. This is good advice for two married men in town who have not been dealing square with their wives.

THAT Conrad Miller, of Bellefonte, wouldn't make an expert driver on the race track at the Centre county fair, why? Because the man who can't drive a horse in a hayrack in a ten-acre field has no business on the track.

THAT it is rumored that a young gentleman in Bellefonte has been quietly warned not to go to see a certain woman residing in the South ward. If he insists in going contrary to orders there may be a patient in the hospital from that locality.

THAT there is a young man in Bellefonte who had better try and get square with his creditors instead of spending so much money on a certain young lady who is doing nothing but bleeding him. She would just about as soon kiss one of S. B. Miller's molly cows.

THAT we owe Jesse Derstine, of Bellefonte, an apology, and here is where we take off our hat. We reported that he had been so unkind as to steal or kidnap "Hassie" Taylor's lady friend which was all a "hoax." You couldn't separate either of the two couples with a crowbar or even a block and tackle. They are inseparable, but just as nice as peaches and cream.

THAT they say that Maurie Jackson, obliging clerk of the Bellefonte Trust Co., has been looking worried for the last week. The trouble seems to be that he has three leap year proposals and he is in a dilemma which one to accept, owing to the present money stringency we offer, as a suggestion, that he take the one who can figure in the largest bank account.

THAT Darrus Waite, of Bellefonte, would have a gold mine if he would charge 5 cents for everytime the girls use the glass in his store door as a mirror to admire themselves. The other day a "maiden" girl in Bellefonte was seen adjusting her false teeth and pinning on her switch before this imaginary mirror. Of course, Mr. Waite ought to have more if they remain there over an hour.

THAT the "That Column" is not in the habit of telling things out of school but when such young men as Oscar Gray and C. N. Meserve, of Bellefonte, got lost in the wilds of Jefferson county we must ask their friends to make inquiry about their little escapade while attending the Y. M. C. A. convention at Eagle's Mera. They came, mighty near being food for the wild animals that are roaming around up there.

THAT it is said that two young sports of Bellefonte went to Millheim the other day for the purpose of having a pleasant time with two young ladies, of that place. When the girls saw them they ran and hid, preferring to go with their own boys whom they said were handsomer. With broken hearts and blasted hopes they turned their faces to Bellefonte and returned on "shanks" mare, and by the time they reached here they had corns on their feet.

THAT while out at camp, on Fishing Creek, Roger Bronse, became so thoroughly attached to that horse they had down there that he is seriously thinking of purchasing him from Thomas Beaver and putting him in his delivery wagon. The only thing that makes him hesitate is that the driver cannot be a true christian and handle the reins successfully. He is mighty slow now but all Roger would need to make him fast would be not to feed him.

Naming Bryan Topples Tree.

A dispatch from Butler says: a storm freak, believed by Middlesex farmers to have a bearing on politics, is reported by W. H. Abers, of Cooperstown. Four years ago a wild cherry tree that towered 40 feet on the Abers farm was blown down, the week Alton B. Parker was named by the Democrats for president. The tree was fed by several large roots that were unbroken, and lived.

Some months after the victory of Roosevelt over Parker the tree was lifted, taking root again and growing as if never disturbed. Last week, while the Democrats were naming Bryan for president, the tree was again blown down. Now Republican farmers are predicting that if Taft is elected old Boreas will raise the tree once more, but that if Bryan wins the tree will be a dead one.

For a Memorial Highway.

Representative D. F. Lefean, of the Twentieth district which includes York and Adams counties, will introduce a bill in Congress next December for the construction of the proposed magnificent boulevard extending from the White House at Washington to the battlefield at Gettysburg. This magnificent roadway is proposed as a lasting national memorial to Abraham Lincoln, in celebration of his one-hundredth birthday anniversary. It will cost \$7,000,000. The great avenue will extend in a straight line from Washington to Westminster, Md., and from there to Gettysburg. Mr. Lefean's bill will provide for an avenue 150 feet wide, and on each side there will be a fifty-foot roadway, with a fifty-foot plot for shrubbery and flowers in the centre. Mr. Lefean feels confident of the success of the proposition.

Overtime on Car Repair.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company is getting ready for the movements of the bumper wheat crop by hurrying the repairs to its box cars. Orders have been issued at Altoona to hurry along this work as fast as possible and the result has been beneficial to the employees of the company in that city. All men employed in repairing box cars have been ordered to work eleven hours. This affects men working in the freight shop, Pennington's repair tracks and other points where box cars are repaired. The big wheel foundry at South Altoona has been ordered to run to its capacity 900 car wheels per day, in order to meet the demands for wheels in the repairing of the rolling stock.

Suit Against the Ice Trust.

Attorney General Jackson, of New York, yesterday began suit to dissolve the American Ice combine, which has a monopoly of the ice business of the east. The presumption is that if the combine be destroyed the price of ice will be reduced and further extortion prevented. Consumers of ice have suffered extortion ever since the combine was formed. Sherman, on the republican ticket for vice president, is also the head of an ice trust in the city of Utica, by which he froze out all the smaller dealers and then put up the price of that necessity so high that the poor of the city are not able to buy ice. His case is now on trial before the people of the United States.

Many Peaches This Year.

Some of the Centre county peach orchards will have a partial crop, while in others there will be few or none. It is encouraging to note that the Delaware peach growers are compelled to plead guilty to a large crop—the largest on record—this year. The Wilmington News announces that the outlook was never brighter. The trees are reported as being heavy with the ripening fruit, while the June drop has not done any appreciable injury. With the big crop of peaches there also comes the fear that the prices will not be high enough to provide substantial profits for the growers, yet every dollar secured is to serve its purpose.

Frogs in Season.

The frog season opened on Wednesday, July 1st, and it will be lawful to catch or kill frogs until the first of November. The law does not specify in what manner they may be killed and various means are used. One of the latest methods of catching them is at night when they are sitting along the banks of the streams and other bodies of water by the use of a strong light. The light blinds the frogs and they can be picked up alive without the slightest difficulty.

Lovers Wedded After 45 Years.

An interesting event of the Fourth at Sunbury was the marriage of Isaac Lahr of Herndon, and Mrs. Susan Derr, of Sunbury, after a separation of 45 years. Forty-five years ago in their young days the couple were lovers. A coolness sprang up between them, due no doubt to a lovers' quarrel, and they drifted apart. Both married and settled down in different parts of the country. Now, after both had been bereaved they were accidentally thrown together and reaffirmed their former love and plighted their troth.

Will Do The Work.

An exchange says that alcohol will remove grass stains from summer clothes. The exchange is right. It will also remove summer clothes and also spring and winter clothes, not only from the man who drinks it but also from his wife and children. It also removes household furniture from the pantry, the smiles from the face of his wife, and the happiness from his home. As a remover of things alcohol has few equals.

Cut the Canada Thistles.

Look after your crop of Canada thistles at once. They are a great pest to farm land. In July the plant is in full bloom and if not cut down the seed will ripen and be carried far and wide, causing much labor and annoyance. The law requires all land owners to cut the thistles in July. If they are neglected it is the duty of the constables to go and cut the weeds and collect from the property owners a nice fee.

One reason given for the success of the man who minds his own business is that he has little competition.

NO GHOST ORSPOOKS THERE.

The murder of the Culveys' man and wife, in the gap, on Fishing Creek, some two years ago, is still in the memory of Centre county readers on account of its ghastliness. The Culvey family lived on a lonely spot in the romantic wilds along Fishing Creek at the mouth of Cherry Run, one of the tributaries of Fishing Creek. On the lower side there were no neighbors nearer than four miles, and on the upper side towards Tyersville, the only neighbors were the Kubis. The one who committed the deed, evidently had lodged in the mountains that night near the Culvey home. While Mr. Culvey was a short distance from his home on the morning when the tragedy was committed, the murderer armed with a gun, stole to the humble home of the innocent Culveys and the wife being outside close to the smaller run, the assassin, unseen by the woman, raised his gun, fired, and the wife fell before the corpse of the man had died off. The corpse of the woman showed evidence of an assault upon her person and that the body was then disemboweled. Knowing that the husband was not far away, and would likely be drawn to his humble and peaceable home by the report of the gun fired, the assassin, to hide his crime, lay in wait for the return of the husband, and at his appearance he was also shot. A little daughter of the murdered father and mother was the only remaining one in the home. Fieud though the perpetrator of the horrible crime was, he had a spark of compassion within his breast, and before leaving the scene, he procured some bread found in the home and a vessel of water, placed these so the little one would find them within reach, and not starve; the murderer then made his escape across the mountains and clues led to a lumber camp in one of the northern counties, where he was found, arrested, brought to Lock Haven, imprisoned, tried, found guilty and hanged. The home of the Culveys was on a clearing of about thirty acres, which at this day remains a beautiful spot for fishermen as a camping point.

There is an old superstition with many that the scene and home of such tragedy would be a haunted spot, at night, with appearances of the ghost of the perpetrator of such a crime, by weird groans, spectres of the dead, spirits which would make the spot shunned by all, especially at night. Camping parties pitch their tents upon the ground every summer during the trout season, and no one's fears have been aroused or slumbers disturbed by any ghost. The Kinsely party of Bellefonte now has its tents pitched on the spot, not over a rod from where the Culvey home stood, and the writer spent a beautiful night there last Thursday, and several times, during the hours of Morpheus, went out quietly to invite any ghosts to come forward and frighten us like the dickens, if the ghost cared. But he nary appeared and we had no occasion to arouse the other sleepers and call for the smelling bottle. No, ghosts are not, and never were.

The Feeding of Children.

It goes without saying that no question in the rearing of children is more important than food. The active child needs and craves energy material. That means carbohydrates. The starch foods furnish these in large quantities and the child ought to have them. But it should be remembered that raw starch is dangerous. It is this that produces the excruciating pains from eating green apples. The starch food must be thoroughly cooked or it will be indigestible. That is why every parent should be concerned with the method of preparation of the breakfast food he gives his children. Cereals are great fuel for the little furnace, if the starch—70 per cent. of wheat—has been broken up by heat so the indigestive juices can get at them.

The Hygienic Food Company of Battle Creek, Mich., is one organization that has gone into this matter thoroughly. Its product, Maple Flake, will serve as an illustration of how cereal food should be prepared for children. The fine Washington wheat known as Maple Flake is steam cooked for six hours, then cured. Each berry is flaked so thin that the oven heat can reach every atom. It is then toasted 30 minutes at a temperature of 400 degrees. To make Maple Flake requires 96 hours. Every particle of starch is made easily digestible.

Reunion Notice.

To the Alumni of Penn Hall, Spring Mills Academy: This organization finds it almost impossible to get all the names and addresses of the boys and girls who attended this Academy, and takes this means to invite all who ever attended the Academy. Do not wait for special printed invitations, but consider this notice sufficient to arouse the old Academy spirit, and come. All come and join us, no matter who was the professor who instructed you, as it is a reunion of all the pupils of this school. Don't forget the time—Thursday, August 6. All committees meet at the Academy building, Saturday, July 25, at 2 p. m. Let there be a full attendance. T. M. GRAMLEY, Secy.

Tested Railroad Capacities.

The officials and crews of the Tyrone division of the Pennsylvania railroad just completed some interesting tests of the tonnage capacity of the Bald Eagle branch with a view to comparison with the tonnage capacity of the Philadelphia and Erie division. To the complete satisfaction of the officials, it was found that their life is fully capable to take care of as much tonnage as the P. & E. with some capacity to spare. The result is important, as it shows that the recent transfer of the tonnage of the Lewistown division to the Tyrone division was well advised and the traffic to western and northern New York will continue to pass over the Bald Eagle Valley branch.

Mountain Land for Pasture.

The Pennsylvania Stock Dealers' Association has closed deals with corporations and individuals in the Schuylkill region, which will give it 5000 acres of mountain and valley lands for the pasturing of cattle. The company expects soon to acquire 50,000 acres more. This association proposes to go into the business of raising grass-fed cattle on an extensive scale, and expects to demonstrate that the vast mountain ranges of Pennsylvania are as valuable for this purpose as the prairies of the west. Mountain land for this purpose can be leased for a nominal sum.

Some married men are grateful to be even treated like one of the family.

Contract Awarded.

The Commissioners of Centre and Clearfield counties met jointly Thursday at the Passmore House, Philipsburg to open and consider the sealed proposals in connection with the building of the Maple street bridge over the Moshannon leading from Philipsburg to Chester Hill.

There were quite a number of bids covering concrete and steel structures sent in from well known contractors; but the fortunate bidder was R. A. Stott, of Barnesboro, who was awarded the contract for putting in a good, substantial concrete structure at a cost of \$3,454 in addition to which he is to have the old bridge and abutments.

Mr. Scott is a practical concrete contractor, and as soon as his bond is filed, will begin work on the new bridge.

Farmers Vaccination.

The following is published at the request of the State Department of Health being a paragraph from the Annual Report of the Bureau of Health for the Philippine Islands:

"The Provinces of Cavite, Batangas, Cuba, Rizal, La Laguna, Bataan and La Union, where heretofore there have been approximately 6,000 death annuals from small pox, have not reported one death from this disease. In all, there have been over 2,000,000 vaccinations performed, the direct effect of which was that many lives were spared and thousands of persons were saved from being disfigured for life, and at the few places at which small pox did break out it made no headway."

Wants Damages.

Ex-Senator Geo. W. Ketcham, of Newark, N. J., on his way in his auto to Franklin, Pa., passing through Philipsburg, was held up by Chief of Police Sankey on a charge made by E. D. Underwood, the rural mail carrier of Unionville, who wanted damages for a broken wagon resulting from a scare his horse received early that morning from the former's car.

The distinguished ex-Senator claims he stepped his car when he noticed Mr. Underwood's horse had become frightened, but appeared before B. J. LaPorte, Esq., and entered bail for his appearance at court, Claude Gette going on his bond in the sum of \$100.

THE HAPPIEST OF MEN.

The happiest man in the land today is the successful farmer. He sits under his vine and fig tree undisturbed by the maddening noise of the city. Banks fail, railroads go into the hands of receivers, booming towns collapse, all business stagnates. But the wise farmer can snap his finger at these things. He is the monarch of all he surveys on his broad acres. And the honesty of his boys and the purity of his girl is guarded against temptation and in them he is giving the country its best manhood, and womanhood, says an exchange. The farmer is to be envied and if he is not contented with his lot, he is lacking in wisdom.

Country Club.

Lock Haven is to have a country club. An organization has already been effected and a large number of members has been signed. A beautiful site has been secured near the Sanders mill, on which is to be built an attractive club house with piazzas overhanging the creek and commanding a view of the mountains beyond. It is within five minutes walk of the trolley and six minutes from Bald Eagle Creek, combining the very unusual advantages of field and water sports.

Cancer Follows Scratch on Nose.

A small scratch on the side of her nose made by a splinter two years ago, on Thursday caused the death of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Smith of Lewistown. Cancer started in the sore and this caused the woman's demise. Deceased was in her 71st year and is survived by three daughters.

The wheat harvest ended last week, under very favorable weather conditions and a yield about the average. Potatoes

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