

FRANCIS SPEER'S Breezy "Chat" Column

THAT talk may be cheap until you strike a women's sewing circle in Bellefonte then it comes high.

THAT the goat on Howard street is said to be a good butter. Apply to Blain Port for further information.

THAT John A. Daley, of Curtin township, says dynamite exploded in a threshing out there the other day and it shocked the wheat.

THAT it is a mistake to think or suppose that just because some fellows in Bellefonte are in the social swim they have clean records.

THAT the woman in Bellefonte who sharpens her lead pencil with her husband's razor is always getting her husband into a deal of a scrape.

THAT Col. Emanuel Noll, of Bellefonte, says that Noah was probably the first man to keep bees, and he kept them in the arc-hives. How about that?

THAT Bellefonte is full of girl mashers and one of these days Sheriff Kline will have a bunch of them to board. They would rather live in the coop than part with \$50.

THAT the question was asked the other day why the Bellefonte policemen are admitted to the Theatatorium and the Electric Theatre free. Because you can't take a nickel from a copper.

THAT engineer Lewis Lonsbury, of Bellefonte, says that a locomotive is like one of our pretty girls because she sends off sparks, transports the males and has a train following her.

THAT Clarence McClure, of Bellefonte, says that he is iron long enough to know why the days are longer in summer than in winter. Because heat expands things and cold contracts them.

THAT there is a young lady in Bellefonte who is straining every nerve and planning schemes whereby she can become the wife of one of our sprightly widowers. She will gain her point if she has to bust her apron string.

THAT it is said that a gentleman in Ferguson township, Centre county, is going to marry the young lady who restored to him his lost dog. If he does, every time they have a quarrel he will probably feel like kicking the dog.

THAT no young lady in Bellefonte should be considered eligible for matrimony until she could pass a practical examination in household management. The girl who can't bake bread has no earthly business at the head of a household.

THAT it is said a married man went to a certain house in Bellefonte and before he left he had his pocket picked. The woman who snipped his boodle need not fear of being arrested or even put under bonds to keep the peace. It is one of those cases where "mum" is the word.

THAT it is said that a girl on Logan street, Bellefonte, is despondent and refused to eat because she heard some one say that a hundred years hence there would be but one young man in town to every two hundred and twenty girls. She should keep up her spirits as long as State College is only twelve miles away.

THAT Charles Fisher, of Boalsburg, says that there are no lovers like wedded lovers. What does a fellow know about wedded love when he has devoted, most of his time to unwedded lovers. Charles is, therefore, better authority on the latter than the former. He can give a bashful young man a few pointers that will set him right with most any real nice young lady.

THAT there is a decent, upright girl in Bellefonte who is being annoyed, and often insulted, by a young man who has more gall than brains. This is to notify him if he continues molesting this young lady he will have none other to blame than himself if he has to serve about four months in one of the wards of the Bellefonte hospital, the result of a broken jaw or some other physical debility.

THAT it is said that a young lady and gentleman in Bellefonte went out the other morning to the mountains for huckleberries and returned in the evening with just about what one person could have picked in an hour. How the balance of the time was put in is a matter to be imagined with discretion and propriety will allow us to tell it. It is enough to say that they enjoyed the day, in a secluded place, by the babbling brook.

THAT the other day Eddie Keichline, of Bellefonte, was working on the roof of a building, near Milesburg, when he slipped and fell off, dislocating his right elbow. Among the unfortunate things about this accident is the young man will probably not be so popular among the fair sex until he regains perfect control of that right elbow. They say when Eddie has a bunch of "loveliness" in his arms he is in his element.

THAT there is a young lady in Bellefonte who is making an ass of herself by trying to a young man not worth the powder it would take to blow him up. Some day, when it is too late, she will get her eyes open to the truth, that calf love is very dangerous and often brings premature gray hairs. The girl who closes her eyes to the faults of a young man, while taking the marriage vow, displays a foolhardiness equal to the woman who sticks her hand into the lion's mouth.

THAT the other evening a young man called on a young lady in Bellefonte and remained all night with her. The way they tussled around in the parlor its a wonder that he was able to keep his shirt on his back. The young lady's waist was mutilated beyond recognition, and the next day the fair damsel was completely knocked out. The parents of this young lady show very poor judgment in allowing any young man to practice any such indiscretions in their home.

THAT on Thursday evening, about 6 o'clock, a certain young man in Bellefonte, met a young lady at the railroad trestle, south of the P. R. R. passenger station. He evidently said something that made her blood boil in her veins, as a tussle took place there which was equal to any of the famous prize fights. Although the spunky young lady had her waist almost torn from her back she gave her combatant what was coming to him. Bleeding at the nose he walked off like a whipped banty rooster. Bellefonte has a gang of fellows who imagine they have the privilege to walk up to a girl and say what they please, but this chap ran up against the real thing.

A NEW TROTTER.

What a Washingtonville Man Has Accomplished with a Bull Elk.

The latest wonder at the game preserve of Alexander Billmeyer, at Washingtonville, Montour county, is a yearling bull elk that has been taught to trot in harness, and which has developed a speed that distances the fastest horse in this section.

The young speeder is a member of the herd ruled over by Jurahe Isl, the big elk brought to Philadelphia last year by Mr. Billmeyer and exhibited on the roof of the North American building.

The accident occurred on the road near the Billmeyer home. In driving along the road the elk saw something he did not like, and with a plunge and a twist that few horses could equal tore himself loose from the vehicle. Lockhoof was thrown out, but was up again in a minute, and before the elk could get away he snubbed him with one of the traces to a telephone pole. He was unable to hold the elk, however, and with the reins flying behind him like streamers the fleet-footed animal was off in the direction of Washingtonville. The men were unable to capture him that night, but the next day he was located at some distance from the Billmeyer estate and driven toward the preserve. When the animal came within sight of the familiar spot he dashed at the fence, breaking several boards and gaining entrance, he then appeared to be satisfied.

There were some serious difficulties to be overcome in teaching the elk to trot. At first he was very fearful of people and vehicles on the road, and would shy at the slightest provocation. Now, however, when there are no serious obstacles on speed, trotting beautifully and not breaking. The elk also has a remarkable memory of locations. If he is taken over a road once and turned at a certain spot he will try to make the same turn the next time he traverses that road, no matter how long the interval between the first and second trips, or at how great a speed he is traveling when he reaches the place. This peculiarity has several times nearly resulted in accidents.

Mr. Billmeyer believes that with his present training constantly continued he will be able to develop a trotting elk that will clip a few seconds off the horse's trotting record. When the elk becomes sufficiently used to crowds, Mr. Billmeyer intends to exhibit him on the large race tracks, for this purpose a specially designed set of harness and cart have been ordered.

EMPTY DINNER PAIL.

A bulletin just issued by State Labor Commissioner Williams, of New York, gives statistics showing that for the first three months of 1908 there was a larger portion of members of trade unions unemployed continuously than at any other time since William McKinley's first election.

Out of 389,115 members of such unions in New York State there were 101,446 or over twenty-six per cent, continuously idle during the whole three months, yet during that period the Republican party was as completely in control of the national Government, legislative and executive, as it has been at any period during the last eleven years—the party that won two campaigns on the now exploded claim that Republican success meant full dinner pails for all wage earners.

State Jewelers Meet.

This week the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Retail Jeweler Association is being held in Philadelphia. The chairman of the entertaining committee is Ira D. Garman, formerly of Bellefonte. The Evening Bulletin published a cut of this young business man which was certainly complimentary. In an interview he said: "What we wish to accomplish is the cementing of the retail jewelers of all the cities, towns and villages of the State, so that when occasion may be required we may go before the State Legislature or any municipal body of law makers and seek to defeat legislation which may hurt our trade or advance legislation which may be helpful."

A Judges Honest Opinion.

A new Missouri judge arose to charge the jury, and spoke as follows: "Gentlemen of the jury: charging a jury is a new business to me, as this is my first case. You have heard all the evidence as well as myself. You have heard what the learned counsel have said. If you believe what the counsel for the plaintiff have told you, your verdict will be for the plaintiff; but if, on the other hand, you believe what the defendant's counsel has told you, then you will find a verdict for the defendant. But if you were like me, and don't believe what either of them said, then I'll be d—d if I know what you'll do. Constable, take charge of the jury."

Our Mountains and Governors.

The Philadelphia Record will publish an article on next Sunday, August 16th, in connection with its series on Picturesque Pennsylvania, entitled "Centre County, Prolific in Mountains and Governors." This will prove an interesting article and well worth preserving. Place your order in advance to insure getting a copy.

All things come to those who wait—on themselves.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

Interesting Propositions Will Come Before Our Voters This Fall.

There has just been received from Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Robert McAfee, Esq., the proposed amendments to the State Constitution, which must be voted for at the fall election, and there is herewith appended a memorandum of the same:

Amendment No. 1. Providing for the consolidation of the courts of Common Pleas of Philadelphia and Allegheny Counties, and to give the general assembly power to establish a separate court in Philadelphia county, with criminal and miscellaneous jurisdiction.

No. 2. Proposing an amendment to the constitution allowing counties, cities, boroughs, townships, school districts, or other municipal or incorporated districts to increase their indebtedness, never to exceed ten per cent. upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein.

No. 3. Designating the change in which the Governor shall make appointments and fill vacancies.

No. 4. Designating the change in the terms of State officers so that the state treasurer shall be elected at the same time with secretary of state secretary of internal affairs, etc.

No. 5. Designating that the general state election hereafter shall be held bi-annually instead of annually, in the even numbered years.

No. 6. Designating the dispensing with the spring election, and providing that the local municipal officers be voted for in the odd numbered years in November.

No. 7. Giving the general assembly authority to make laws providing for the appointment of election boards, when not elected bi-annually.

No. 8. Designating that all officers whose election is not provided for in the Constitution shall come under the new provisions.

No. 9. Stipulates that county officers shall be elected at the general elections and shall hold office for a term of four years beginning on the first Monday of (January next, after their election), instead of three years, as at present.

No. 10. Indicates that in order to carry these changes in the Constitution into complete operation, it is hereby declared that all terms of office, as at present, with an odd number of years, shall each be lengthened one year.

This extension of official term shall not affect officers elected at the general election in 1908 nor any city, ward, borough or township, or election division officers, whose terms would expire in 1910.

In 1910 the municipal election shall be held as usual in February, but all officers chosen at that election to any office for two years, and also all election officers and assessors chosen at that election for four years terms shall serve until the first Monday of December 1913.

All justices, magistrates and aldermen chosen at that election shall serve until the first Monday of December, 1915.

All officers after 1910 of city, ward, borough, township and election division officers shall begin on the first Monday in December in the odd number years.

All offices of any kind whose term may expire during the year 1911, as at present provided, shall continue to hold their offices until the first Monday of December of that year.

All judges of the court and all county officers whose term may expire in the year 1911, shall continue in office until the first Monday of January, 1912.

Ironing a Shirt.

Take it out of the fold and iron the back of the sleeve first; then the front; then the cuff. Gloss the cuff and curl it round; do the same with the other sleeve. Now iron the shoulder, taking care not to touch the breast or collar. Next iron the collar until perfectly dry.

Fold the shirt down the middle of the back and iron as much as possible on both sides of the fold; then spread it out on the table, front uppermost, and iron all the unstarched parts.

Put in the shirt board under the starched breast of the shirt and iron the upper side first. The iron must be hot and clean. It is best to work from the front of the breast toward the sides and the iron must be brought nearly to the edge at the collar.

Iron the breast slightly over with a wet bit of muslin, apply a glossing iron to the underside first, and finish it nicely.

To fold the shirt, iron it firmly up to each shoulder, just to the edge of the collar. Turn the shirt right over with the breast to the table, fold in a small fold on each side from the sleeves downward about an inch in the middle, and iron the fold.

Then fold the sleeves down on each side, with the seam of the sleeve to the seam of the body and the shoulder sloping to the neck.

Double up the sleeve so that the cuff is just above the collar. Do this to both sleeves, and turn the sides over to the very edge of the stiffened front. Turn up the shirt a few inches and iron it. Lastly turn the breast over above it.

Fishdam License.

For fish dams or fishways, the law requires parties wishing to fish by that means to make application to the county treasurer for a license, stating name, residence and occupation, designate location of proposed fish dam and pay a fee of \$1.00, when the necessary license will be issued.

New Railroad

A charter was granted at Harrisburg last week to the Belleville and Reedsville Railroad Co. to connect Belleville and Reedsville with a railroad running through the center of the valley. The company was chartered with \$100,000 capital. Surveying was begun last week.

A Lucky Find.

The other day the wife of Harry Hawkey, a dealer in old vehicles at Radebaugh, Westmoreland county, asked her husband to rip open some old buggy cushions to get some hair to line a mattress. In one of the cushions he found a roll of bills containing \$971.

Dignity is a good ballast, but sand is better.

WOMEN IN POLITICS.

Mrs. Taft Thinks Women Should Vote, but Not Hold Office.

Mrs. Taft in a recent interview is reported as saying:

"I have always believed that women should vote. I favor bestowing on them every civic right, but I should like to put in a prohibitory clause debarring them from running for public office.

"With women running for office, I think the natural scheme would be defeated and the end and aim of the home destroyed. Their voice is nearly always the voice of wisdom, and I see nothing unwomanly in their casting the ballot and exercising every right



MRS. WILLIAM H. TAFT.

of the free citizen, but it seems that for the present it is impossible to dissociate the right to vote from the right to hold office.

"So the women who would never think of any other vocation than that of being good wives and mothers are prevented from taking their rightful share in governing the community through the fear which men have of women stepping down from their pedestal. Except in rare instances, the influence of women on politics is for their elevation.

"It is truly said that communities where women lack civic pride are in worse shape than those where man neglects his prerogative. Women should be versed in every phase of politics and should know what everything means which has a direct bearing on the home environment. That is my idea of purifying politics, and I think it is the only practical one."

The Homemade Martyr.

She is the woman who bothers over trifles and lets the big things slide. She will tell you she can't take exercise to keep herself from getting fat because she is compelled to sit so much to sew for the children.

If she is thin she will tell you she can't get fat because she has to run around the house so much trying to get everything done. If you speak of another woman's pretty costume she bitterly says she cannot see how women who have families get time to make pretty clothes; that she also likes lovely things, but life is so full of cares that she hasn't the time to achieve them.

If she is told to read a certain fascinating book she will elevate her eyebrows and say she has no time to read; that her husband doesn't like to have her engrossed in a book in the evening and she hasn't a minute's time during the day.

If asked why she doesn't go to some of the pleasant social things going on around her she tells you she hasn't the clothes to wear; that she used to be as well dressed as any one else when she was unmarried, but married life is too expensive to think about social life.

If she is unmarried she will tell you that she could have better clothes and go about in society if she only had the luck some girls had in marrying. And so it goes. All the trouble is with life, with circumstances, and laid at the doors of other people.

None of it is her fault. How could it be? She is a perfect person tortured by the hands of fate.

That all of these woes exist only in her imagination is a fact that she does not see. That she could be the captain of her soul as well as the master of her life is all Greek to her.

She goes through life fretted. Every sentence is punctuated with a sigh. She sees the thorns beneath every rose that is handed to her and rejects it. Whoever has a pleasant life than hers must be a person without character, slothful, foolish or of no weight. She is a homemade martyr and will go to a martyr's grave, which she has been preparing for herself since she was born.

The 'Anged and Un'anged.

An American actor was once seeing London from the top of a bus. As they swung down the Strand he asked the driver to point out the places of interest. "I light you, sir," agreed the driver, touching his hat. "There's Luggitt 'ill, where they 'ang 'em." A little later, "There's parliament 'ouses, where they make the laws wot does it, across the way. An' there's Westminster 'abbe', where they buried the good 'uns wot didn't get 'anged!"

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STORE NEWS.

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Mackerel We have a fine late caught Mackerel that will weigh about one pound, at 15 cents a piece. Our trimmed and boned mackerel are strictly fancy fish—medium size at 25c per pound, and extra large size at 30c per pound. These are the clean meat with practically no bone.

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