

FRANCIS SPEER'S Breezy "That" Column

THAT the election in Centre county this week had base ball skinned a mile.

THAT Charles Smith, of Bellefonte, says that a straw vote isn't worth any more than an old straw hat this week.

THAT photographer McGarvey, of Bellefonte, usually calls it a "sitting," even when it is an ordeal you find it hard to stand.

THAT if perchance you have a tooth that crumbles, why not go to dentist D. K. Musser and let him take it out in grumbling.

THAT the other night a bat made more of a commotion in the Electric Theatre than all the flies at a Bellefonte Academy baseball team.

THAT when certain church members in Bellefonte carry around a cork screw in their pockets it must be taken as circumstantial evidence.

THAT the devil is never able to do much with the married man in Bellefonte who spends his evenings with his family instead of at the clubs.

THAT Sheriff Henry Kline says the only consolation to the woman whose husband is in the Centre county jail, is, she knows where he spends his nights.

THAT you don't need to go to Garman's opera house to see a spoony play. You can see it nightly in any parlor in Bellefonte where there is a pretty girl.

THAT on a windy day it is quite trying for the women of Bellefonte to attempt to hold down their skirts, hold on their hats and hold their tongues all at one time.

THAT Edward Gherret, the Bellefonte contractor, says that while there are lots of houses in town that have folding doors there are none that can fold their wings.

THAT they say that the reason a certain woman on Spring street, Bellefonte, jumps at conclusions so often is that she is very much afraid that a piece of gossip will escape her notice.

THAT there are some fellows in Bellefonte who are wearing good clothing, and yet they are no credit to the tailor. If you don't believe this go and ask the tailor to let you peep at his ledger.

THAT Charles Shuey, of Bellefonte, will tell you that there are people in Bellefonte who can be compared favorably with corn and potatoes. They have ears and hear not, and eyes and see not.

THAT a young man from State College, while sitting on the sofa with some Bellefonte girls, needn't tell them they are going to kiss them. The girls can tell that quicker than the boys can tell them.

THAT when the girls of Bellefonte see that a young man is weak-kneed they generally try to sit on him. Some times they bark up the wrong tree, as the young lady out in Bush Addition did the other evening.

THAT John Trafford, janitor at the court house, says that he doesn't believe that it is the law of gravity that causes the court house clock to run down. John ought to know as he has made gravity a study.

THAT the young man in Bellefonte who is breaking his mother's heart by his indifference as to the kind of calico he parades with on the street. It seems that the cheaper the goods the better he likes it.

THAT there is a young lady in Bellefonte who wears a big blue hat who just thinks that every young man in the town is falling all over his own feet in ecstasy over her extreme loveliness. She mustn't flatter herself too highly.

THAT because a woman in Bellefonte has inherited a little bit of money should not make her lazy and go into degeneracy. Instead of that it should tend to lift her from the low level in which she was conceived, to a higher plain of duty.

THAT a little boy in one of the schools at Milesburg was not only chewing gum, but had his feet sprawled out in the aisle in a most unbecoming manner. "Willie" said the teacher, "take that gum out of your mouth this instant, and put in your feet."

THAT the reason some of the Bellefonte girls are not getting married is not because they cannot read what is in their lovers' hearts, but because they can't see into their bank account. There are some girls here who if they had taken this precaution would have been better off.

THAT there are a number of young fellows in Bellefonte who are troubled with insomnia. A sure cure would be to take to Earl C. Tuten's place some night while he walks the floor with that little daughter in his arms and a paregoric bottle in his hand. That will cure you, all right.

THAT according to a recent court decision there are quite a number of engaged fellows in Bellefonte and they don't know it. The judge went on to say that the young man who goes to see a girl twice in a week and takes her to entertainments occasionally is legally engaged to her.

THAT it has been reported that ghosts have been seen in the Union cemetery, Bellefonte. The objects seen were a young couple who have been courting there for the last three months. It was sort of a "grave" place to be wooing but when you come to think of it they were dealing with a "grave" subject. Jack Frost has driven them out.

THAT it is said that some time ago a married woman in Bellefonte remarked to a young man, still in single blessedness, that she liked him more every time she saw him. Now, the reader may figure out what this woman had in her mind when she left such words of encouragement fall from her lips. The young man must be awfully stupid if he didn't catch on.

THAT in Bellefonte there are three distinct classes of people. The first are those who have education and brains, and know how to use both. The second are those who have money but who have just education or brains enough to get them through society, as it were, by the skin of their teeth. This is the most egotistic, selfish and overbearing class. Their imagination has grown to such an enormous size that they make themselves small and ridiculous in the eyes of the poorer, but better class of people in the third class are those persons with a well rounded out education but whose pocket book looks as though it had been run over by "Link" Musser's threshing machine. What class would you prefer?

OVER THE COUNTY.

Mrs. Emma Sankey, of Potters Mills, who has been seriously ill during the past few weeks, is some better.

Mr. and Mrs. William Markle, who migrated to Nebraska over 30 years ago, have sold their property and returned to Linden Hall.

Howard Zeigler, now living tenant on the John Q. A. Kennedy farm, next spring, will move to the Woods farm, along the pike, east of Old Fort.

Miss Minnie Uzzle, of Snow Shoe, was taken to the Lock Haven hospital on Wednesday of last week and on Thursday forenoon underwent an operation.

Mrs. Jacob Koch celebrated her eighty-seventh birthday last week at the home of H. N. Musser at Struble. Mrs. Koch is quite hale and hearty for one of her years.

The citizens of Smithtown have organized a water company and are laying pipes from the spring on the farm of Charles Frankenberger, north of that place, to their respective residences.

Miss G. Mae Homan, of Oak Hall station, is a student at the Central State Normal School, Lock Haven. Miss Homan is a trained nurse, but gave up her work in that line for the present.

The other afternoon while Mrs. J. M. Road, of Millheim, was engaged in cleaning a ceiling at her home she fell off a step ladder and broke her arm near the wrist, and was otherwise badly bruised.

G. W. Clark, proprietor of the Musser House, at Millheim, gave tickets of admission to the public school teachers and all the school children of the borough to the moving picture show which exhibited in the town hall on Saturday evening.

Mrs. W. T. Noll, of Jeannette, with her children, and Alpheus Wolf, of Greensburg, were visitors at the Boalsburg hotel recently. Mrs. Noll and her family are moving from Jeannette to New Jersey, and visiting friends along the route.

The next regular meeting of the Potter township school board will be held at the usual place, Saturday afternoon, November 7th. The secretary of the board, W. R. Neff, asks the directors and teachers to note the above, since it is a change from the schedule.

Two young men applied at the recruiting station of the army in Altoona, a few days ago for enlistment, and the officers found that they couldn't read and write, and were rejected. One young man, Frank W. Hawkins, of Phillipsburg was accepted, and was sent to the cavalry service.

Wednesday of last week Mrs. Lizzie McDowell, of Aaronsburg, went to the fields north of that town in search of chestnuts, and stepping on a piece of wood, which either broke or rolled from beneath her, was thrown to the ground breaking her right arm at the wrist. Dr. C. S. Musser was called and reduced the fracture.

The Alpha fire company, at State College, has completed arrangements for the erection of a two-story structure on its lot on South Frazier street. The plans call for a large hall on the first floor, which will be utilized by the company for storing the apparatus, and a council chamber, and assembly room for the company on the second floor.

The state federation of women's clubs convened at Pittsburg last week. Among the delegates present were Mrs. G. G. Pond, Mrs. E. E. Sparks, Mrs. W. L. Foster, who represented the State College club. Dr. Sparks' address on American History and Literature on the Club Program, was well received by members of the federation.

John W. Bricker, formerly of Tyrone, but now of Boalsburg, Centre county, has patented an improved glass holder for use in dispensing water and other beverages and has for an object the provision of a holder. The holder is comparatively light and is adapted to holding glasses of varying diameters and shapes. Judging from the amount of soda water and kindred beverages annually sold in the United States, his invention should have a ready sale.

Prof. E. H. Meyer, who for several years was a member of the Academy faculty, but who a year ago resigned to accept the principalship of the Hazleton schools, has resigned his position there and gone to McKeesport as principal of the public schools, a position giving him much better salary. Mr. Meyer was born and raised in Boalsburg, this county, and his numerous friends will be glad to learn of his advancement in the educational work.

Veterinary Surgeon P. C. Frank recently purchased from Frank Royer the Jacob Bible farm, located near Centre Hill, for the sum of \$1600. The farm contains seventy-three acres, and has a good barn on it, the improvements being worth the money invested. Next spring Mr. Frank and his son-in-law, Wintner E. Lee, will move to the farm mentioned. The latter will look after the farming, while Mr. Frank will devote the whole of his attention to his profession.

The other day Robert Smith, of Centre Hill, was painfully injured. He and Luther Royer were conveying a clover huller from the barn of John L. Runkle, at Tusseyville, Mr. Smith acting as teamster. The saddle horse became frightened and in rearing and pitching injured the rider's spine and muscles in his lower limbs. The injuries rendered him practically helpless, but he in some manner managed to remain on the horse until assisted from it. His present condition is materially better, and it is expected that he will be able to walk again in a few days.

The Rishel farm, near Stone Mill, was sold to H. C. Shirk, of Centre Hill. Mr. Shirk has been very successful in dealing in real estate. He began his speculations, if such they may be termed, by purchasing a farm west of Boalsburg. This property was sold at a good advance. Later he bought the Hartgen farm, east of Old Fort, from Brislin & Co., and after owning it for several years, realized handsomely on his investment. The Rishel farm, under his management, will also soon become more profitable to its owner, and consequently more valuable when placed on the market.

The Stiver property, at Centre Hill, has been purchased by Miss Sadie Gfrerer. The sum paid is said to have been \$850. Miss Gfrerer, an older brother, William, will occupy the home, but perhaps not until next spring.

The John Foreman farm, located near Red Mill, in Potter township, containing some seventy acres, was sold by the heirs to J. Calvin Vonada, of Centre Hill. Mr. Vonada will occupy the premises after next April.

Mrs. Sallie Boggs, of Altoona; Mrs. Romick, of Bellefonte; Mr. and Mrs. James Irvin, of Williamsport, with their granddaughter Miss Beulah Irvin, of New York, have been visiting at the L. Mothersbaugh home at Boalsburg.

Charles D. Bartholomew, who is devoting considerable time to the poultry business, has secured the services of John Kremer for a period of a year. Mr. Bartholomew has in view the purchasing of a horse and wagon, and in that event will engage in the poultry business more extensively.

Amos Koch, of Buffalo Run, now aged 84 years, is still able to husk corn and make a full hand at it, as he showed last week in the corn field. We always knew the venerable Amos to be a man of vigorous and robust health and hope he may live many years yet to celebrate corn husking.

Don't forget the horse sale at the Haag House, Bellefonte, on Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. These horses came from Dakota, and while they are unbroken, there is not a drop of bronco blood in them. They arrived in Bellefonte Wednesday, and can be inspected at the Haag House stables.

H. J. Lambert purchased the Arney property, at Centre Hill, from J. J. Arney, and is about to take possession of the same, the tenant, Andrew Gregg, being about to move to Wilkes Barre. Mr. Lambert is now living in the Stiver property mentioned above. The price paid for the home is quoted as having been in the neighborhood of \$325.

Last week Mrs. Schuyler, wife of Rev. W. H. Schuyler, of Centre Hill, went to Oxford, Chester county, having been elected by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Huntingdon Presbytery to represent it at the annual meeting of the Synodical (State) Society. After the meeting she will visit her daughter in Cape May, N. J., stopping on the way at Philadelphia and Camden.

At a recent sale of the personal property and the real estate property of Samuel Gramley, deceased, the home in Rebersburg was purchased by T. W. Walker for \$850. The timber land, situated two miles southeast of town, not sold and the two building lots in West Rebersburg, were also put up for sale but the expected sum was not bid therefore they were not sold.

Fireburg Sentenced. James Bohman, of Millin, convicted of setting the mountains on fire in the Lewistown Narrows on September 15, was sentenced by Judge Woods to pay a fine of \$10, costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment of thirty days in the Millin county jail.

District Attorney Houser, recognizing, as did the judge, that the man was weak mentally, asked that the court might be as lenient as possible in passing sentence. Bohman was captured in the mountains while walking through the underbrush lighting matches and scattering them broadcast. The fire thus ignited had burned over several hundred acres of timber, the greater portion of which was the property of Judge Woods himself.

Blair County Hospital. Dr. Thomas F. Neil, of Philadelphia, who has been superintendent of Blair County Hospital for the insane for the past two years, was on Thursday dismissed from office by the board of trustees. Dr. Neil asserts that his dismissal is a punishment for his refusal to permit the authorities to practice pretty graft in the hospital affair. Charges of the most startling character are made. It is asserted that women were imported from Altoona and employed under assumed names in the hospital. At a meeting of the physicians of Hollidaysburg, held Thursday evening, a call was made for an investigation of alleged hospital mismanagement by the State Board of Public Charities.

Fake Ear of Corn. An odd thing happened before the 680 teachers assembled in county institute at Norristown. Prof. H. A. Surface, the State Economic Zoologist, addressed them and displayed some sample corn, which had grown to immense size. In examining a particularly long ear, which measured 17 inches, he found that there had been some nature faking going on, for the ear was not a single ear, but was made up of several ears. The faking, which it was revealed, was in the center of which a stick had been affixed, were of two colors, red and white, the "fakir" no doubt never suspecting that the "boss" inspector would get next.

W. C. T. U. Elects Officers. Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens of Portland, Me., was unanimously re-elected president of the National Women's Christian Temperance union. Others were elected as follows: Vice president at large, Miss Anna A. Gordon, Illinois; recording secretary, Mrs. Mary E. Wintner, E. Lee, West Virginia; recording secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, North Dakota, re-elected; treasurer, Mrs. E. P. Hutchinson, Kansas; general branch secretary, Miss Rhena E. G. Mosher, New York, re-elected.

Meeting of State Grange. The Pennsylvania State Grange will hold its annual convention in Altoona during the week of December 7 and the indications are that it will be the biggest convention ever held in that city. The grange has grown in the past four years to such an extent that the membership has almost doubled and it is expected that between four and five thousand people will be present. There is little doubt in the minds of those engaged in making preparations and arrangements that it will be the biggest convention ever held by the organization.

Pastor Goes Insane. Rev. E. I. Confer, pastor of the Burnham Evangelical Church, became violently insane on Saturday night 24, and attacked his wife and family with a large knife. They escaped by running from the house. It required the combined strength of half a dozen men and the continual administration of opiates during the night to keep him under restraint. Mr. Confer has been under a heavy strain for some time past and has broken down.

In the World of Sport.

THIS is a good year for athletics and sports of all sorts. The triumphs of Americans abroad have redoubled interest in everything pertaining to sports at home. We are a proud nation, and when Americans go into anything they go in with the determination to win both for their own reputation and the credit of the country. Just about now enthusiasm for sports and physical culture in the broadest sense is at white heat on account of the celebrations in honor of the returned Olympic heroes. The receptions and doings of all kinds in recognition of the achievements of the American athletes in England naturally awaken a new spirit in this country which reminds one of the way the ancient Greeks were wont to signalize the victories of their Olympic heroes. It has long been customary in England and some of the British colonies to tender receptions to winners in athletic competitions and present valuable medals to them, but the plan was never tried on such a splendid scale before in our own country. The doings of this kind the present year may be said to mark an important epoch in the athletic history of America. All these things lend dignity to sport and increase the devotion of the members of the younger generation to pursuits which may be so beneficial to them if rightly followed.

The fact that President Roosevelt is at the head of the Olympic committee and honored the American athletes by an invitation to his summer home at

prizefighters, and a few weeks ago he said: "I am going to start training on Sept. 1, and during the entire winter I expect to fight before athletic club all over the country. I am willing to meet any man at my own weight."

Determined that Philadelphia should have nothing over Chicago in the line of society pugilists, George Lyton, social leader and secretary of the fashionable Chicago Athletic club, has sent on a challenge to Biddle, asking the championship in the heavyweight gentleman class be challenged.

Following is the challenge sent by the Chicago club in behalf of its wealthy secretary: A. J. Drexel Biddle, Philadelphia Club Philadelphia:

Dear Sir—it has been brought to my attention that you are the eastern heavyweight champion boxer. We would appreciate it very much if you would accept a challenge from George Lyton, our secretary, time, number of rounds, etc. to be decided later. Very truly yours,

CHARLES H. ZELLER, Chairman Athletic Committee.

All the world knows the Biddles. They are the real whipped cream of the upper crust, with pedigrees and lineage and bags of gold. It is part of the coming out process of the girls of the race to make their bows at the courts in Europe as soon as possible after they have entered American society. A. J. Drexel Biddle is the heir apparent of the house. When he is not banking or boxing he writes poetry.

About two years ago some irreligious burglars entered the Biddle house. They got away with a lot. Next day A. J. D. appeared before the police. "It's rather beastly, you know," he said. "I don't mind what else they took, but the boudoirs had the impudence to steal the gloves with which Fitzsimmons beat Corbett. Bob gave them to me himself. The blood was still on them. Now, if you can, only get those back, old chaps, I really don't mind the rest."

The rest was a few thousand dollars worth of jewelry and valuables. Mr. Biddle recovered those gloves in short order. It is not on record that he ever got anything else, but he was entirely satisfied.

Leaving Home. I would give a few words of encouragement to any young man who may hesitate about leaving home. There is nothing in the world so good for a man, say, between twenty-five and thirty-five years of age, especially if unmarried, as a visit to distant countries, to learn other tongues, to see new sights and to experience strange adventures, such as he may readily encounter by throwing aside the restrictions of home life and taking up work abroad.—Frederic Shelford, B. Sc., in Engineer.

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A Bold Step.

To overcome the well-grounded and reasonable objections of the more intelligent to the use of secret, medicinal compounds, Dr. E. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., some time ago, decided to make a bold departure from the usual course pursued by the makers of put-up medicines for domestic use, and so has published broadcast and openly to the whole world, a full and complete list of all the ingredients entering into the composition of his widely celebrated medicines. Thus he has taken his numerous patrons and patients into his full confidence. Thus too he has removed his medicines from among secret nostrums of doubtful merits, and made them Remedies of Known Composition.

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