

FRANCIS SPEER'S Breezy "Chat" Column

THAT a kiss is nothing divided by two. THAT the only harmless fool in Bellefonte is a dead one.

THAT is a mistake. "Sam" Cherry's girl didn't give him a lemon. It was a "fig."

THAT we know a man in Bellefonte who shaves twenty times a day—Barber Beck.

THAT the fellow in Bellefonte who always has a skate on, doesn't cut very much ice.

THAT Frank Dawson, of Bellefonte, says when that pretty girl landed him he felt like a fish out of water.

THAT there is a man in Bellefonte who was married three times. Next July he expects to celebrate the fourth.

THAT the other day a friend asked Joe Thompson, of Bellefonte, how business was. His reply was, "I can't kick."

THAT there are some women and girls in Bellefonte who wouldn't be recognizable if they left off powder and paint.

THAT there are some fellows in Bellefonte whose names ought to be Sponges, because they are all the time soaked.

THAT the other day a young lady in Bellefonte asked a friend how she could win a lover. "Feed the brute" was the quick reply.

THAT Bellefonte has a gang of girls about 13 years of age, who meet the only man they ever loved about one night a month.

THAT the other day James McCafferty, at the Garman House, Bellefonte, fell over a lady's valise and said he was just getting over the grip.

THAT Bellefonte has in it a woman whose inherited money is giving her a little social standing. It isn't her ancestors by any means.

\* THAT the other day someone asked Hastings Gates if he ever heard the story about the dirty window. What's the use—he couldn't see through it.

THAT we heard a young man in Bellefonte say that Joe Knisely must have been crazy with the heat on Thanksgiving, because he wanted to go in swimming.

THAT Robert Hunter, who has been out west several times, says you can go from Seattle to Alaska without riding on a train of cars, street cars or a hack. You go by sound.

THAT someone asked Dr. Tryon, of Bellefonte, if a man would break his knee where would he break it if he slept in it. His answer was, "In Africa, that's where the negroes."

THAT Billy Hall, of Milesburg, says that people down there are getting very strong these days. He saw two men go out in a boat the other day and they pulled up Spring Creek.

THAT they say there is a tailor in Bellefonte who sent a coat to Snow Shoe the other day and to save paying too much express he cut the buttons off and put them in the pocket of the coat.

THAT there is a woman in the North Ward of Bellefonte who will not listen to the Coleville band because she detests looking at "Grizzley" Rhoads, the bass drummer, beating his bare skin.

THAT Wagner Geiss, clerk at Ed Rhoads' coal office, says that a tramp would have a very hard time if he slept in a coal bin. That depends entirely as to whether it was hard or soft coal.

THAT Wilber Burkholder, the efficient assistant at the Pennsylvania passenger station, said that when he was away sometime ago on his trip he had an upper berth, but the only thing he disliked about it was he had to get up to go to bed.

THAT the dentists of Bellefonte can kill the nerve of a tooth but they can't kill the nerve of a certain woman in Bellefonte who goes places where she isn't wanted, and where the hostess has to make an apology for her being there.

THAT after church services in Bellefonte some of the members linger to exchange friendly greetings. The great trouble with this custom is that very people who should receive this kindly encouragement are left go home unnoticed.

THAT when "Billy" Doll and Clarence McCafferty, of Bellefonte, dropped that forty gallon freezer of ice cream on the pavement the other day, the air all around them smelled of brimstone. There is no use in looking in the Bible for the language they used, because it isn't there.

THAT they say they have a very bashful young lady out in Bush's Addition. She dislikes to pass the Bellefonte Lumber Co's yard at daytime because she is very much afraid of seeing undressed lumber. There is another on Valentine street who won't wear a watch because it has hands.

THAT the other day Elzie Miller and Wm. Taylor were going out Water street in a wagon when one of the wheels struck a snag. The way Taylor turned a flipper who would have thought he was one of the professional acrobats from Barnum & Bailey's circus. It was so cute, you know.

THAT it is said that out in Curtin township they were raising money to fence up a grave yard. Our good friend, Col. John A. Daley, wanted to know what that was for. He says those who are in can't get out and those who are out don't want in. There is a good bit of philosophy about that.

THAT Monday morning a girl in Bellefonte met a young man on the corner of High and Spring streets and in a baby child like fashion said, "Won't you walk down to the store with me. I like you to walk with you." She is one of those girls in Bellefonte who wants to put on more style than her station in life will permit.

THAT Ward Fleming, of Bellefonte, wants to look at the condition of things here since the election. George Miller, the tinner, is continually going up the spout. Archie Allison, the plumber, is always in the ditch. "Porky" McCully, the paper hanger, is always up against the wall. Joseph Ceader, the baker, is compelled to raise the dough. Harry Dukeman, the policeman, has to be always on his best. "Tom" Fleming, the shoemaker, has to work on his uppers and get waxed in the end. Charles Casebeer, the jeweler, has to give much of his goods out on tick and it takes time to get the cash. The old washwoman is always in the soak but she is the only one who can hang out on the line.

OVER THE COUNTY.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kellerman, of near Bellefonte, have decided to quit the dairy business.

C. K. Sober has been re-appointed a member of the game commission by Governor Stuart.

The wheat fields in Pennsylvania, as well as in other portions of Centre county, are not looking promising.

Samuel Brass is erecting several lime stacks on his farm east of Centre Hall. He is being assisted in the work by Frank Grifer.

Charles D. Bartholomew, of Centre Hall, purchased a horse which will be used in gathering up poultry, eggs, etc., which he is engaged in shipping.

Dr. John S. Stahr, president of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, will preach in the Reformed church, Sunday evening, December 6, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Penn Cave farm will have a new tenant after April 1st, at which time Thomas Boal, the present tenant, will leave there. Mr. Boal's successor is not known.

Dr. Samuel Woods, of Sharon, visited at his home in Boalsburg a few days recently. Miss Mary Woods, of Spring Mills, was also a visitor at the home of Mrs. M. A. Woods.

George Shugert and John Durner, of Boalsburg, have completed the contract of digging the ditch and laying the pipe for conveying the water from Boalsburg to the Wm. Mothersbaugh home, a distance of ninety rods.

Emmanuel Kerstetter, who has been occupying the Kerstetter farm near Coburn for the last 35 years, will retire from farming next spring. W. F. Musser, of Pine Creek, will take possession of the farm on April 1st.

During the past three weeks Mrs. B. F. Brown, of Plainfield, Illinois, has been the guest of her brother-in-law, J. C. Brown, of near Potter's Mills. Before returning home she will stop in Snow Shoe, where she spent part of her girlhood.

Ira Slagle, J. C. Holmes, Clyde Thomas, Phil D. Foster, Ed Moore, E. B. Thomas, Ira Hess, J. M. Homan and Harry Miller, of State College, who were hunting in the vicinity of Sand Knob, returned with but one deer, and that was shot by Ira Slagle.

There will be a local institute held in the Jacktown opera house next month with the most able speakers this state can afford. The subject will be, "How can Marion, township procure better roads and get rid of these canals that cross the roads."

Attorneys Clement Dale and N. B. Spangler were in Centre Hall recently, taking testimony before Squire W. B. Mingle to open judgment on a sale note given by John H. Snyder, deceased, for a horse purchased at the sale of George Gingerick, almost two years ago.

J. Samuel Rowe, of Centre Hall, is now sporting an artificial leg. It is one of the most modern makes, and he is learning to handle it quite well. In time he will be able to lay aside the crutches and depend upon the wooden limb to do its full portion in locomoting.

Miss Sarah McClenahan, of Centre Hall, is back home from Boalsburg and other points where she had been engaged as a dressmaker for the past four months. Miss McClenahan is skilled in her line of work, and her services are very much in demand during the entire year.

James Malone, a tanner by trade, and for a time worked in the tannery operated by Wm. Smith, at Potters Mills, died in a poor house in the eastern part of the state. After leaving the Potters Mills tannery he frequently traveled on foot through this portion of the country, and will be remembered by some of the readers.

An extended pleasure trip through the west is being made by Mrs. J. Frank Bradford, of Centre Hall. Among other places she will visit will be Chicago and Joliet, in Illinois, the furthest point being Omaha, Nebraska, where some time will be spent with Mrs. Myra Kerr, an aunt, who went west from Centre Hall with her son, Wm. B. Kerr, several years ago.

Ambrose Wolfe, son of Oscar Wolfe, of Sober, while hunting recently, had the index finger of his right hand shot off and the second finger mutilated by the accidental discharge of his gun.

Young Wolfe was crawling through thickets and held the gun by the muzzle and in drawing it after him the brush caught the hammer of his gun and discharged it.

The surveyors for the New York air line were over the entire survey in this county and made numerous changes. The new location brings the road within two miles of Pennsylvania State College. Down through Pennsylvania some decided changes were made. The engineers are now located in the vicinity of Sunbury and are going over the lines in that section. This road may yet become a reality.

It will be thirty years on the last day of December that J. Henry and Samuel Jordan went west from Tusseyville, and now they are making a trip east and are among friends in Pennsylvania. The latter has not been east since leaving the old home, but the former together with his wife, visited Centre county just eight years ago. They are sons of John Jordan and have prospered in the west.

Mrs. J. Henry Jordan and son also accompanied them and is spending the greater part of the time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Walters, at Oak Hall Station. They are also visiting at the Whitehill home in that vicinity.

The handsome new school building at North Philipsburg, constructed at a cost of \$10,000, was dedicated on Wednesday, of last week, a large crowd being present to witness the exercises which were of an interesting character. During the day D. F. Portney, of Bellefonte, made three fitting addresses, one of which was the raising of a handsome flag, under the direction of the J. O. U. A. M., other addresses were made by Prof. B. I. Meyers and Rev. I. H. Higby. The building is of white brick, containing four large school rooms. A class room and office. It is heated by steam and has an up-to-date ventilation system. The directors and the community in general are justly proud of the edifice.

W. B. Shaeffer, of Zion, slaughtered a pig a few days ago, that weighed, dressed, 545 pounds. For big hogs in butchering time, and big strawberries in the spring, Mr. Shaeffer is always on top.

Rev. W. D. Donat, pastor of the Reformed church, Aaronsburg charge, was elected stated clerk of the West Susquehanna classis at a special meeting of classis held at Williamsport. The term is three years.

A. J. Weaver, blacksmith, farmer and school director, of near Colyer, is very much interested in school work, and is certain that after the Potter township school board practices the greatest economy, the expense of conducting the schools is much more than the average person thinks necessary.

Shortly after Mrs. J. H. Meyer and daughter, Miss Bertha, returned from a visit in Pennsylvania to their home in Bowling Green, Virginia, a mysterious fire occurred in the attic of their main house, and the result was considerable winter clothing, and fire, was destroyed. There had been no fire in that portion of the house since in the spring, making the origin of the fire much of a mystery.

Reminiscent.

One of the best results of a week's deer hunt, back in the early '60s, was by the Stovers of Aaronsburg, who brought in seven fine deer from the mountains some eight miles south of Aaronsburg. The party consisted of the Stover brothers, Major Isaac, George, Mike and John. They also did much hunting after foxes and other game, and kept about a dozen well trained hounds for that purpose. Hunting with dogs in that day was not forbidden, and fishing with nets, or any other device, was common and the Stovers engaged in that sport also. They were sons of Jacob Stover who hailed from the section of Hagerstown, Md., and was an early settler. Samuel Stover, deceased, of Rock Springs—then called Stover's Place—also was a brother of those above named, including William Stover, tanner, in Aaronsburg; the entire family—father, mother, sons and a daughter, have ended their earthly career. Frank Stover, late of Bellefonte, now of Altoona, George Kaup, of Boalsburg, are among the grandchildren of Jacob Stover, whose occupation was farming.

Strong Men Weep.

Evangelist Campbell will come to Bellefonte to assist in the meetings in the Evangelical church from December 14 to 21. In speaking of his work the Plattsburg, N. Y., Daily Press says: "Yesterday was the closing day of the evangelistic services held under the direction of Rev. B. F. Campbell, of Catawauqua, Pa. Large congregations gathered three times to hear the inspiring words of this earnest evangelist. The evening service proved to be the climax of each day. The audience was deeply moved as the preacher presented, in most earnest form, thoughts of the final judgment. A large number accepted the invitation to decide for the Christian life, and presented themselves at the altar of prayer. The scene was highly dramatic as a mother with daughter and friend with friend went forward. Strong men wept as one after another yielded themselves to God."

Pretty Hilly, at That.

A Pennsylvania oil man returned home from West Virginia, where he had been working, tells the following tale about the hills of that state:

He said it was so hilly down there that they could look up the chimney and see the cows coming home, and that they could reach out of the upstairs window and lock the cellar door. The pigs down there, he said, all have holes cut in their ears so when they get up on these hills and want to go down they just put both hind feet through the holes in their ears and roughlock themselves to the bottom.

Banqueted Their Employers.

Thirty members of the force of the Lack Haver Express, together with their families, were entertained at dinner on Wednesday evening, of last week, by the editors and managers of the paper, assisted by Frank Kinsloe and family, at the home of the latter on Church street. A little act of appreciation like this is as often poured on machinery which always has a tendency to make everything run smooth.

A NICE LOT.

Usurping the executive prerogative, a correspondent of "The Record" nominates Messrs. Pennypacker, Snyder, Mathues and Stone as a State Board to supervise the expenditure of the \$6,000,000 to be devoted to highway construction, and offers the alternative choice of Messrs. Harris, Huston, Sanderson and Eyre. Capitol suggestions! says the Record—so too, says the Democrat.

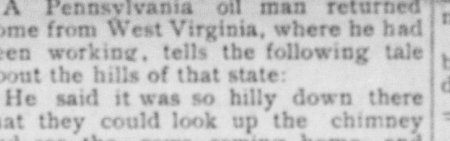
Lewisburger Dies in London.

A cablegram from London announced the death in that city of H. Grant Dreisbach, of the firm of C. Dreisbach Sons, of Lewisburg. Mr. Dreisbach was one of the best known young business men in this section of the state and went to Europe for his health.

The fellow who steals a watch must expect to wind up in jail.

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PENNSYLVANIA DAY.

Pennsylvania day at State College has certainly given a forward impulse to the uplift which is daily making itself more manifest about that splendid institution, in that it demonstrated that the whole people of the State are behind it with active interest and good wishes because of its recognized value and importance to the common people.

The presence of so large a number of the senators and members elect of the General Assembly, and their abounding and unstinted praise for the institution and its great work, was a most interesting feature of the day. These legislators were greatly impressed with the equipment of buildings and appliances which they found there, and much more so by the personnel of the really great instructing force and officers, and the splendid array of stalwart, mature, manly students and their work in the practical and on the drill ground, and they were outspoken in their assurance of a more liberal policy than has obtained heretofore, in its financial support which the State assumed nearly a half century ago. The presence of many prominent business men and men of affairs from all parts of the state, as the commanding general of our state army, captains of the great railroads, presidents, members of faculties, and boards of control of many of the other great institutions of learning of the State, added to the throbbing and thrill of the occasion and gave abundant promise of State's great future.

One of the evidences of this is seen already in the advance movement of the real estate interests which have marked the recent past of the community. Within the last year forty-two new dwellings have been erected, and the prospects are that not less than sixty will be built during the coming year. Heretofore building lots have been somewhat difficult to find, but now outside capital is coming in, securing control of adjacent farm lands, plotting them into town lots, and selling them at low prices and on easy terms. Three or four operations of this sort are now in motion, and building lots are being secured every day. Parties from many sections of the state who have families to rear are building with a view to living there for a few years to oversee the education of their children and then selling or renting to others who may wish to do the same thing. It was an inspiring sight to every one interested in the future of the College, to see, very recently, surveyors, teams with wagons, steam scrapers and steam rollers, laying out streets, alleys and squares on the Highlands of the Leathers Brothers, making ready for the buyers who are coming daily.

The next great event of College life will be Farmers Week which begins Dec. 30, and closes January 6. This will bring hundreds of well-to-do farmers from all over the state to take part in the great educational feast. The regular farmers institutes will be suspended for that week, expressly that the lecturers and farmers may all come to this wonderful meeting.—J. A. W.

Same Conditions.

A domestic, neatly engaged, presented to his master one morning a pair of boots, the leg of one of which was much longer than the other.

"How comes it that these boots are not of the same length?" inquired his master.

"I raly don't know, sir; but what bothers me the most is that the pair downstairs are in the same fix."

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Able to Hear It.

Joseph Medill of the Chicago Tribune was somewhat deaf, although his ability at times to hear what was said in an ordinary tone of voice was frequently remarked. It is related of him that he dropped into the business department of the office one day to make an inquiry about something that had occurred to him, and a young man who had been in his employ only a few months undertook in a loud tone of voice to enlighten him.

"What did you say?" asked Mr. Medill, putting his hand to his ear.

"I can't hear you," said the editor.

"Oh, chase yourself around the block, you old granny!" muttered the impatient employee just above his breath.

"I am not an old granny," said Mr. Medill, turning away, "and I shall not chase myself around the block."

The free young man made immediate arrangements to say goodbye to his job, but the great editor probably thought that the lesson he had received was sufficient and did not disturb him.

A Famous London Tavern.

The Mermaid was the name of a famous London tavern frequented by noted literary men and actors during the reign of Queen Elizabeth. All the wit and talent of the time assembled there for convivial enjoyment. Authors have made it the scene of great mind combats between such men as Shakespeare, Ben Johnson, Beaumont, Fletcher, Selden, Carew, Donne and others of reverential memory. It was the gathering place of the celebrated Mermaid club, the origin of which is ascribed to Sir Walter Raleigh. The Mermaid tavern was located in Bread street and was handily reached from three thoroughfares, so that it has been often referred to in various ways. The Mermaid in Bread street, the Mermaid in Friday street and the Mermaid in Cheap street were, however, all one and the same. It was the nearest to Bread street. The Mermaid was destroyed in the great London fire. There were other Mermaid taverns, one in Cheapside and another in Cornhill, but they had no such associations as clung to that of Bread street.

Von Bulow and Sarasate.

In one of his letters Von Bulow refers to Sarasate as follows: "He has enchanted me beyond measure, particularly in his concert of yesterday, when he played a splendid work, 'Symphonie Espagnole,' by Lalo—played in so genuinely artistic a manner that today I am still intoxicated with it. His playing also of the Saint-Saens concert piece for violin is as entrancing as interesting. It is a shame

that he cannot come to see me. N. B. —I have purposely avoided his personal acquaintance. Perhaps he has tried to see me, for over my door stands the notice:

"Mornings—not to be seen. Afternoons—not at home."

"But perhaps he did not ring the bell. (He never plays under 1,000 francs—he received this sum here at a private musicale.) For secretary he has Otto Goldschmidt, who sent me a pass, which I returned with the remark that for such an important concert I could certainly afford to buy my ticket. Six marks was in no way too much to pay."

Bulow did make his acquaintance, however, as he refers in a later letter to Sarasate coming, quite unexpectedly, to a "conference with Johannes" (Brahms), at which he himself was present.

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