

FRANCIS SPEER'S

Breezy "That" Column

THAT we will be happy if Santa brings us an extra pair of suspenders.

THAT after certain men in Bellefonte have taken several highballs they begin to look like the real thing.

THAT Lee Derstine, of Bellefonte, is a shorthand in the Palace livery stable. He is taking down hay for the horses.

THAT Homer Crissman, of Bellefonte, says that the best way to find a man out is to go to his house when he isn't at home.

THAT Jacob Lyons, the Bellefonte butcher, was asked the other day what a pig was doing when it was eating. Making a hog of himself, of course.

THAT some husbands in Bellefonte would be mighty glad if they had a wife like the Bible, because they would seldom be looked at, especially by other men.

THAT England has parks which require six weeks to go through. That's nothing, we have right here in Bellefonte alleys that the health officer never gets through.

THAT Lewie Dagget, the efficient clerk in the Bush House, says that the funniest place in Bellefonte is Lew Gettig's butcher shop, because they are all the time cutting up. Selah.

THAT women go to Garman's opera house just to see what the other women wear. It is different with the men. They go there just to see what they don't wear—especially the fellows in the front seats.

THAT nothing makes an industrious woman in Bellefonte so angry as to have her husband praise the appearance of the woman next door, who spends her entire time in playing cards or reading trashy novels.

THAT some people in Bellefonte never are satisfied unless they are saying something mean about someone. In a majority of cases this class of individuals have a family record that is anything but clean and commendable.

THAT Charles Keichline, of Bellefonte, says he is always a little suspicious about the girl who looks like a peach, because ten chances out of twelve she will give you a lemon if she gets a good opportunity. Charley is now onto that lemon business.

THAT we will predict that before many months Bellefonte will have a scandal that will strip anything of the kind that has occurred in the town. Somebody will discover to their sorrow that it is a shorter road from virtue to vice than from vice to virtue.

THAT some people in Bellefonte have expressed themselves as being tired of the "That Column." They have every reason to have that tired feeling. A guilty conscience you know, needs no accuser. It is a good thing for this class of people to come to the point when they see themselves as others see them.

THAT a single man occupying a conspicuous position in Bellefonte, is said to be too intimate with a married woman. Everything is being done on Q. T. but, as the saying goes, "murder will out." If what is rumored is correct, both ought to be ostracised from society.

THAT widower in Bellefonte thinks he is on easy street, since a certain gentleman has pulled up stakes and left the town. The iron gray mare he sold about three or four months ago would now come in as handy as a pocket in a shirt. An automobile would answer the purpose if you could only carry the chauffeur under the machine and stop up his ears.

THAT Bellefonte has two young men within its borders who had better lay low or roost high, for the first thing they know they will find themselves guests of Sheriff Kline on the hill. They have been cutting too many funny capers of late, and one of these days they will wind up their little ball of yarn. They seem to have a hankering after chicken coops and cellars.

THAT the ridiculous cheese box variety of hats worn by the women of Bellefonte are still a blamed nuisance in our churches and halls of amusement. A girl has a good deal of brass and cheek to go into any audience and sit there enjoying what is going on while the fellow back of her is in such a frame of both body and mind, that only proper decorum prevents him from wiping up the floor with the abominable headgear.

THAT some of the Christmaside signs in Bellefonte are the source of ever ending delight to some of our people. In Dorsey Hunter's book store is one that reads, "Teddy Bears Retailed." Then you go around to Brackbill's furniture store and find one that reads, "Baby Carriages Retired." Montgomery & Co., clothiers, offer to do what seems to be an impossibility. Their sign reads, "Umbrellas Recovered."

THAT there are men in Bellefonte whose life has been anything but pleasing on account of having such unclean and uncouth wives about them and they really hate to go home just as much as some boys hate to go to school. There is nothing so abominable as a dirty wife who always makes the fire burn a hell instead of a heaven. It's no disgrace to be poor, but with the amount of soap and water there is around here it is shameful and degrading to be filthy.

THAT there is a report going around in Bellefonte that at a card party the other evening some of the guests became very indignant that they were forced to play with a woman whose reputation and character is anything but what it should be. If it hadn't been for creating a scandal, it is said that most of the "ladies" would have asked to be excused and left for their homes. They played the game, but everybody was very nervous until after it was over, which was at an early hour. Some of the ladies were boiling with rage.

THAT when some people in Bellefonte are invited out to play cards in the evening they ought to exercise some little judgment as to the proper time of going home, and not extend their visit into the next morning, thus disturbing the slumber of the members of the household. They should try and be a little consistent, even if they are the guest of a bigoted, brainless fool who has no regard for even those in the same household. It is a great misfortune to humanity that the insane asylums are robbed of certain women in Bellefonte who have become daffy over men and cards.

OVER THE COUNTY.

Ladies' storm rubbers, 48c., at Yeager's.

It pays to advertise your public sales in the CENTRE DEMOCRAT.

Last week Davy Chambers, of Snow Shoe, shot a fine black bear that tipped the scales at 230 lbs.

James Lutz, of Buffalo Run, has put his thrasher away for 1908; the amount threshed was 41,155 bushels.

Miss Bessie Coony, who had been spending the fall in Middletown, is at her home in Bellefonte to spend the winter.

An ideal Christmas gift would be a year's subscription to the Centre Democrat; it would be appreciated during the entire year.

James C. Condo, the Penn Hall carriage builder, who had been seriously ill from pneumonia for ten days or more, is improving.

The public schools at Millheim will have two weeks vacation over the Christmas holidays. The vacation will begin Monday, December 21.

The annual meeting of the Zion Union Cemetery association, will be held in the Grange hall, on the 30th of Dec at one o'clock p. m.

Ex-commissioner George Swab, one of Harris township's most esteemed citizens, is in feeble health, and has reached over the eighties in age.

Charles P. Stover, who runs the dairy east of Millheim, had his cattle inspected by a veterinary. The herd was found to be in excellent condition.

The W. H. Meyer farm, at Centre Hill, next spring will be tenanted by John Hosterman, of Woodward, now living on the Neidigh farm.

The four inches of snow on the 11th, did not call out any sleighs, it having been too watery for the jinglers. On the 13th we had another inch.

A twelve pound baby boy was an arrival this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher, at Boalsburg. The mother was Nell Rine, of Bellefonte.

Tobias Wetzel, will begin farming for himself next spring. He has rented the Isaac Bierley farm near Clintondale, Clinton county, and will move to that place April 1st.

A horse belonging to George Gingenrich, east of Centre Hall, died a few days ago. The animal was a valuable one, and was kicked by another horse about four weeks ago.

John Gowland has been re-appointed postmaster at Philipsburg. His work has been very efficient and the people over there are unanimous in their desire to have him continue in office.

The hydrants preferred and put in lately at State College are of the Luse invention, made at Centre Hall. A test of a dozen years in many other towns, proves that the hydrant is one of the best.

William Alexander Stuart and bride are expected to arrive at State College during Christmas week and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Stuart, are planning to give them a big reception on Wednesday, December 23rd.

J. L. Crust, who for some time past had been stationed at Fort Totten, Long Island, N. Y., as a corporal in the Sea Coast Detachment, Navy Artillery, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Crust, of Buffalo Run.

R. P. Bell, of Pleasant Gap, has purchased the store of Boyd Williams at that place, who will conduct the same in the future. He is well known in that vicinity and there is hardly any doubt but that the venture will be a success.

Herbert Condo, who resides on a farm about one and a half miles west of Rebersburg, had the misfortune to lose by death two valuable horses by a disease which baffles the skill of the veterinary surgeon. A third horse became ill with the same disease.

If you have a son or daughter, brother or sister, father or mother, friend or sweetheart, living from home, a year's subscription to the Centre Democrat would prove an ideal Christmas gift. Would cost only \$1 and would be appreciated during the entire year.

John Boyce, of Clarence, lost a valuable track horse the past week. The animal slipped recently on the ice and injured its back from which it died. He purchased the horse from Mr. Larimer in Bellefonte, who had entered it in the races at the last county fair, and was quite speedy.

After taking a brief rest from a strenuous hunting trip in the Seven Mountains with the Bradfords, Dr. J. K. Hosterman went to Ford City, Armstrong county, where he will again engage in the practice of medicine and dealing in real estate. He was formerly located at Centre Hall, and had not parted with all his interests on leaving a year or more ago.

Oliver Strunk moved from the Love property at Centrehall, purchased by Wm. McClenahan, to the Herlach house on Main street, recently vacated by Mrs. Boal. Mr. McClenahan will begin housekeeping between now and spring in the house from which Mr. Strunk moved. D. W. Strunk, now on the Rishel farm, will also move into a part of the Herlach house within the next three months.

One day recently J. T. Potter and a young dehorned bull got into a mix up in which affair Mr. Potter came out at the little end of the horn. He and Daniel Caliban were making preparations to tie up the animal for the first time, and just as the tee of the chain was about to be inserted in the ring, the bull threw his head around and struck Mr. Potter above the bridge of the nose, felling him to the ground. The wound, though very painful, proved not to be of a serious character.

The well drillers who are sinking a well for William H. Baird, south of Earlstown, had hard luck. On reaching a depth of 85 feet, the drill broke leaving about a foot of the joint down the hole. The break occurred before it was observed, and continued drilling battered the heavy point to such an extent that skilled fishermen were unable to extricate it. The machinery was then moved and work was begun Saturday to put down a hole three or four feet from the first site.

State College has decided to extend its boundaries so as to take in the new section of the town known as the "Hylands" being opened up by Leathers Bros. The borough will also adopt a curfew ordinance.

H. G. Strohmeier believes in rushing things to completion, and carried that idea into effect in building a dwelling house at State College. It is not long since ground was broken for the foundation, and now a tenacious occupier of a completed house. The structure is three stories high, brick cased, with all modern improvements.

The Lightner hunting crew, of Charter Oak, Huntingdon county, took home from their hunt on the Seven Mountains the deer freak of the season. Instead of wearing a nice-looking, gentlemanly pair of antlers it had but a single horn, which had grown out from the top of the head. It was between six and eight inches long and shaped like a saw. The Lightner party are proud of their freak trophy, which they are having mounted.

An Interrupted Meal.

While Senator Dolliver, of Iowa was on a recent lecture tour, he was dining at a hotel where his identity was not recognized, and was seated at a small table alone, enjoying the contents of numerous side dishes, as only a man with a good appetite and healthy digestive organs can, when a robust-looking countryman whose knowledge of hotel ways did not apparently extend to the individual-order plan of serving meals, was ushered in and given a seat directly opposite.

And a tumbler of water had been placed beside his plate and a napkin spread out in regulation style, he was left to await further service. Without delay the countryman reached across the table and, casting an unfriendly glance at the senator, soon had his side dishes and their remaining contents in his possession.

Then arising and calling the head waiter to him, he handed him his napkin and in an attempted whisper that was plainly audible, said:

"I don't want yer han'kerchief, mister; but you'd better bring on some more vittles, as that feller on the other side is tryin' to eat up ev'ry dern thing on the table."

Nearly Killed His Wife.

J. H. Crawford, of Philadelphia, a traveling salesman who visits Bellefonte frequently, came very near wounding or killing his wife, who was accompanying him on his route for a little pleasure trip. About 6 o'clock Thursday evening they were in their room at the Kelvin Hotel at Lock Haven, and while Mr. Crawford was cleaning a loaded .35-caliber revolver the weapon was accidentally discharged. The large bullet grazed her cheek and ear, the skin being burned from the powder. The ball passed through the panel of the door across the hall through the wall on the opposite side and dropped in a room on that side of the building. Had it struck her fairly it would have meant death. The report of the shot coupled with the screaming of the woman, caused persons in the hotel to hasten to the room, fearful that a tragedy had occurred, and they were greatly relieved when they learned the facts.

Real Estate Transfers.

Susanna Markley to T. B. Budinger, November, 1908, in Snow Shoe, consideration \$758.

Henry W. Wolf to Ira Bruogart, March 30, 1908, 59 acres and 50 perches in Miles township, \$3,500.

T. E. Griest and wife to Edward Morrison, et ux, July 24, 1908, house and lot in Unionville, \$600.

John A. Kelley, et ux, to T. B. Budinger, November, 1908, 1/2 interest in 70 acres of Cannel coal mines, \$500.

J. W. Kysler, et ux, et al, to University Water Co., October 30, 1908, 2 tracts in Ferguson twp., \$4,000.

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You can't be happy if you don't feel like it. But, if you don't feel like it, you can buy Serrine Pills and thus restore your shattered nerves. Serrine Pills are guaranteed for nervous men and women. \$1 a box; six boxes \$5, with full guarantee. Address or call on C. M. Parrish, druggist, Bellefonte, where they sell all the principal remedies and do not substitute.

State College Growing.

The State College Times predicts that State College will have ere long a population of 3000, and as an evidence recites that during the past year 45 houses have been erected, and that there are prospects of at least sixty dwellings being erected during the year 1909. Building lots heretofore difficult to obtain have been cheapened by opening up large plots for building purposes.

Big reduction in all men's good leather slippers, at Yeager's.

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS.

The Roosevelt commission for inquiry into the condition of farm life in the republic has gotten down to business, and the questions which are being propounded to the farmers in various sections of the country are very interesting and the answers have caused much meditation and cogitation on the part of the august committee.

However, "Jack" Dalton of the Mansion Democrat believes the committee has neglected to include in their list of queries a number of questions of more than passing importance, and protesting himself on the ground in the most supplicating manner, he humbly suggests that the following queries may be added to the list in order that the fullest knowledge of the details be brought out:

- 1. How many automobiles in your family?
2. How many pairs of silk socks has each son in your family?
3. Are they hard on socks?
4. What grade of perfume do they use and what flavor is each one partial to?
5. Do they get their laundry "done up" at home or send it to the steam laundry?
6. How long on an average will a linen starched collar last them while plowing corn?
7. How much help do you hire to operate the milking machine?
8. How many silk undershirts has each daughter of the family?
9. How many courses in your mid-day lunch?
10. Do yourself, your sons and hired man wear Tuxedo or swallowtail full dress suits?
11. Do you use safety razors or patronize the barber shop?
12. Do you place the toothpicks on the table or on the sideboard?
13. Do you employ a chiropodist or trim your own toe nails?
14. How late do you permit your daughters to "sit up" with their fellows?
15. Do you chew cloves or eat onions to kill the smell after taking a drink?

Another "How Old is Ann" Problem.

A London newspaper which is far enough away to be safe, started a Mary Ann problem thus: In the United States the Mexican dollar has exchange value of 90 cents. In Mexico the American dollar has the same value. On the frontier of the United States where Texas joins Mexico, there are two saloons, one on each side of the frontier. A man buys a ten cent drink of whiskey at the American saloon and pays for it with an American dollar, receiving a Mexican dollar as change. With this he crosses the border, goes into the Mexican saloon, hands over the Mexican dollar for a ten cent drink and receives an American dollar as change. He finally wakes up with a bad headache and the American dollar with which he started. Who paid for the whiskey?

Bryan Arrested in Texas.

News from Colonel Moody's game preserve at Surprise Lake, Texas, where William J. Bryan is hunting with two other friends, states that a game warden arrested them for killing 150 mallard ducks. The law allows only twenty-five apiece. Mr. Bryan went free, the others pleading guilty, saying that Mr. Bryan had only shot fifteen.

—Misses and children's extra high arctic, \$1.25, at Yeager's.

NEW YORK SENATORSHIP.

National interest is centered on the United States senatorial situation in New York. President Roosevelt, Secretary of State Eilhu Root, Ambassa-



FRANK S. BLACK.

dor Whitelaw Reid, ex-Governor Frank S. Black and Republican State Chairman Timothy L. Woodruff have been prominently mentioned in discussions as to who would succeed Senator Thomas C. Platt.

The senatorial contest marks the return of ex-Governor Black to political activity, from which field he had retired owing to the demands of his extensive law practice.

Affectionately termed "the young Abraham Lincoln" by his fellow townsmen in Troy when nominated for governor in 1896, Mr. Black in personality and career has been frequently described as bearing an interesting resemblance to the martyred wartime president. He worked his way from dire poverty to national prominence as a lawyer by dogged perseverance and self denial. Asked where he was born, Mr. Black once replied, "I was born on sixty acres of stones," referring to a worked out farm in Maine where dwelt his father, Jacob Black, in the early fifties. By working as a farm hand and as school teacher he saved enough money to put himself through Dartmouth college, where he graduated with high honors in 1875.

Removing to New York state, Mr. Black contributed to the columns of the Jamestown Journal and the Troy Whig, studying law the while and being admitted to the bar in 1870.

As chairman of the Troy committee of one hundred, organized to purify the city government, Mr. Black won particular prominence. He successfully fought a corrupt political ring and secured the conviction of "Bat" Shea, who murdered Robert Ross, a popular young citizen of Troy, during a municipal election.

Mr. Black was sent to congress in 1894 from the Rensselaer-Columbia

district largely as a result of his striking legal victory in the Ross case, for it had been a foregone conclusion that Shea would be acquitted owing to the powerful politicians interested in him.

Over six feet tall, angular, sympathetic and forcible, Mr. Black has been variously described as an orator of the Lincoln type. He is a master of epigram and sticks tenaciously to a subject he happens to be considering.

A Patient Judge.

A western judge, sitting in chambers, seeing from the piles of papers in the lawyers' hands that the first case was likely to be hotly contested, asked, "What is the amount in question?" "Two dollars," said the plaintiff's counsel. "I'll pay it," said the judge, handing over the money. "Call the next case."

He had not the patience of Sir William Grant, who, after listening for two days to the arguments of counsel as to the construction of a certain act, quietly observed when they had done, "That act has been repealed."—Argonaut.

The Knock-out Blow.

The blow which knocked out Corbett was a revelation to the prize fighters. From the earliest days of the ring the knock-out blow was aimed for the jaw, the temple or the jugular vein. Stomach punches were thrown in to worry and weary the fighter, but if a scientific man had told one of the old fighters that the most vulnerable spot was the region of the stomach, he'd have laughed at him for an ignoramus. Dr. Pierce is bringing home to the public a parallel fact; that the stomach is the most vulnerable organ out of the prize ring as well as in it. We protect our heads, throats, feet and lungs, but the stomach is utterly indifferent to, until disease finds the solar plexus and knocks us out. Make your stomach sound and strong by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and you protect yourself in your most vulnerable spot. "Golden Medical Discovery" cures "weak stomach," indigestion, or dyspepsia, torpid liver, bad thin and impure blood and other diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition.

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