

FRANCIS SPEER'S

Breezy "That" Column

THAT Charles Barnes says that football players are not the only kickers in Bellefonte.

THAT the man in Bellefonte becomes mighty conceited when he thinks he understands a woman.

THAT no barber in Bellefonte can claim to be an artist because he illustrates his stories by cuts.

THAT Miles Decker, of Bellefonte, says that travel may broaden a man, but others can stay at home and get fat.

THAT the sower in Centre county doesn't need to look seedy these times. He's about the only man who doesn't.

THAT ever since certain men in Bellefonte asked their wives for their hand they have had it in their pockets.

THAT Bellefonte is full of press agents. Every young man who has a girl can naturally claim that high distinction.

THAT Captain Philip Garbrick of Co. B, Bellefonte, is like an ivory veneer because he is listed, trained, has ten drills and shoots.

THAT after all is said and done the henpecked husband in Bellefonte is the fellow who is chickenhearted and lets his wife wrap him around her finger.

THAT they say the reason Charles Lukenbach, of Bellefonte, closes his eyes when he sings is he can't stand the sight of his own voice.

THAT John Kniesly, of Bellefonte, says that the glass strike is a painful affair, and he hopes that it may stay cool enough to be shivered.

THAT among the queerest things in Bellefonte is the man who lacks of "supporting" his wife when she labors fourteen hours a day, including Sundays.

THAT James K. Barnhart, the new cashier in the Bellefonte First National Bank, will tell you that gooseberry jam is like Confederate money because it is not current (ent).

THAT its all right for a fellow to keep a stiff upper lip, but that isn't the kind the Bellefonte girls like. That's what Donald Wallace says, but how he found it out can only be surmised.

THAT a certain boastful man in Bellefonte asserts that he knows how to play on two cornets at one time. The neighbors say they do not object to his knowing how, but he had better not try it.

THAT it is said a certain young preacher over in Pennsylvally concluded a long and comprehensive supplication by saying: "And now let us pray for those who are dwelling in the uninhabited portion of the earth."

THAT it would have struck the average small boy in Bellefonte pretty hard to have followed the advice of Evangelist Boston when he said: "Don't slide down hill." That is pretty hard to live up to this kind of weather.

THAT should the Bellefonte Academy shoot the shoots what on earth would not dry behind the ears yet? While it would be a sad affliction to some of them, yet their mothers might get a little more work out of them.

THAT Merrill Lyon, the affable clerk in Krumpholtz's drug store, Bellefonte, after filling a prescription said to the young lady patron: "Shall I send this or will you take it?" The according fair damsel replied: "You may send it and then I will take it."

THAT one of the men in Bellefonte, who watches the moon is Steele Hunter. When asked which is the heavier, a half moon or a whole moon he replied the half, because a full moon is as light as again. He must have been studying astronomy, sure.

THAT it is reported that there is a house in the South ward of Bellefonte that ought to be raided. If everything is true as to what takes place there nightly, it is a bad hole. If it was surrounded sometime there might be some strange developments.

THAT there is a young man in Bellefonte who takes a great delight in going among his friends and telling them that he can take a drink of whiskey and leave it alone. The truth of the matter is he is generally found in the bar room when there is treating going on. If he hasn't the price, of course, he lets it alone until the other fellow opens up.

THAT it is said that a certain gentleman, while sitting at dinner in one of Bellefonte's public houses the other day, he was approached by a pretty waitress who said: "Tea or coffee, sir?" Guest—"Well, if that was tea you gave me yesterday, bring me coffee; if it was coffee bring me tea, and if it was a mixture of tea and coffee, I'll try chocolate."

THAT the other evening a mother in Bellefonte looked through the keyhole and saw a young clerk kiss her daughter. The next morning her mother remarked that she was surprised that she should suffer a young man to kiss her. "Why mamma, dear," said the slender but pretty young lady, "There was nothing suffering about that," on the other hand she might have had cause to have suffered if he had left without placing a kiss on her ruby lips.

THAT attention has been drawn to the fact that Bellefonte has a young lady in it who is very desirous of traveling life's pathway with a young man of moderate means and industrious habits, but because some of her blatherskite acquaintances are giving her the laugh she is a little timid of giving him much recognition. If the young lady in question doesn't know her own mind she is unfit to take the marriage vow, and the young man ought to have gumption enough to let her go straight to Halifax.

THAT the trouble with the Bellefonte churches is there are too many fellows join with a motive entirely foreign to that which should characterize their aim and object. They are practically no good to the church outside of the little money they contribute. They swear, lie, drink and stay out late at night as usual, thus the honest working force is not increased one iota. Is it any wonder the Lord's hand has been shortened and his ear closed during the many revival meetings held recently in our churches. We find no fault with our ministers because they are all conscientious and hard working gentlemen, and their hands ought to be well supported by those who have sworn allegiance to the world, the flesh and the devil.

OVER THE COUNTY.

W. W. Way, of Patton Twp., will move to Huntingdon county the coming spring.

Jacob Swires, who is known in Bellefonte, is a candidate for burgess in Philipsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Neff, formerly of Centrehall, have moved from their ranch to Antonito, Colorado.

J. C. Harpster, of Warriorsmark, is suffering from an attack of appendicitis; an operation will be performed.

Five inches of snow from Saturday up to early Sunday morning, started the shovel brigade and set the merry bells to jingling.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Dunkle, of near Dale's Summit, will move to the farm of ex-commissioner P. H. Meyer, near Linden Hall, next spring.

Miss Besse Searson is staying for some time at the home of Dr. L. E. Kidder, of Boalsburg. Mrs. Kidder being among the number who are afflicted with rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bloom, of Sioux City, Ia., who have been visiting the former's mother, Mrs. W. E. Comfort, at State College, for the past two months, left for Washington.

Wallace Kerstetter and family, formerly of Millheim, but for several years residents of Milroy, mourn the loss of a son. Interment was made at Millheim. His age was two years.

Every taxpayer in the county should remember that the regular party caucuses will be held on this coming Saturday, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various local offices.

W. A. Krise, of Centrehall, received a notice from the pension bureau informing him that a pension of \$12 has been granted Mrs. Margaret, Albright, widow of the late John Albright, of near Spring Mills.

N. D. Buckman is the new General Secretary at the State College Y. M. C. A. He is a talented young man and has already acted as a spokesman for president Sparks where he was unable to fill his appointments.

State College is to have a telegraph office, which it is expected will be opened about February first, in the rear of the room occupied by Clyde Shuey as a jewelry store, with Miss Dreese as manager and operator.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Worrel, of Girard, Kansas, are east among friends for a short stay. Mrs. Worrel, before marriage was Miss Mabel Sankey, of Potters Mills, and her presence here is partially due to business matters relative to the adjustment of the Sankey estate.

It appears I. J. Zabler will move from his farm, west of Spring Mills, to the property purchased by him from Mr. Wise, at Spring Mills, during April, and that Cleveland Eungard, Mr. Zabler's son-in-law, will after that time conduct the farm. There will be no public sale of stock and implements. Mr. Eungard having arranged to take over the stock.

The troops at Messina have cut off the relief from the town to force the remaining survivors of the earthquake horror to leave. As long as the people were fed, hundreds remained near the ruins of their homes. All these are now being heard and will be deported from the city, the soldiers being ordered to use force if necessary.

Geo. Blatt, of Philipsburg, one of the H. & C. Telephone Co's henchmen, was painfully but probably not seriously injured Saturday morning by the fall of a telephone pole while working near the N. Y. Central station. The accident, however, will likely lay him off duty for three weeks, which will be a little hard on him, as he had just recovered from a spell of sickness.

Charles W. Cook, of Beech Creek, was appointed the adjuster of the Sugarvalley Mutual Fire Insurance company for 1909 by the directors of that company, who were elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company held at Loganton recently, which Mr. Cook attended. Mr. Cook is fully qualified to act in the capacity of adjuster and the choice is considered a good one.

The Teachers Local Institute for the district comprising Bellefonte boro, Benner, Spring and Walker townships, will be held in the Evangelical church, at Hublersburg, on Friday and Saturday Feb. 6th and 7th. The program will be issued later and will comprise some live school topics that will be of interest to the teachers as well as all who are in any way interested in our schools.

The Methodists out at Snow Shoe had a big temperance rally last Sunday which was largely attended by the citizens of the three charges under the pastorate of the Rev. Kelcy. There were three different meetings that were addressed by the Rev. F. Gaupp, the District-Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Penna., who is a very fluent and able talker and especially on the temperance question. His discourses made a profound impression in that section.

Frank Gates, of Gagesburg, who now occupies the old Dr. Bates farm, owned by Mrs. Frances Knoche, of Harrisburg, has one of the largest steam threshing outfits in the county and during the past season he thrashed the crops at sixty-five barns and did it in just sixty-three days. He is now considering a proposition to put up a chopping mill at the Dempster Meek farm at Buffalo Run and it is very likely he will do so. This would enable the farmers of Buffalo Run valley to get their feed ground without hauling it so far, as they are now compelled to do.

After Mrs. T. E. Griffith, of Philipsburg, had accepted an invitation of a neighbor lady to accompany her down street last Tuesday evening, 62 of her relatives and friends took charge of their beautiful home on 10th street and arranged to give her a reception upon her return, that she will no doubt always recall, especially when her birthday rolls around each year. Mrs. Martin Brower and Mrs. E. K. Hancock, being sisters of her, together with her husband had left nothing undone to make the occasion one long to be remembered. She was the recipient of many beautiful presents and especially so from her husband, who remembered her with a handsome ladies cloth suit. Everybody especially enjoyed the repast. Special music for the occasion was rendered by the Orion male glee club of that place.

John G. Kline, of Centre Hall, has been seriously ill during the past three weeks or more.

Robert Glasgow will succeed Clair G. Stamm as tenant on the "Squire Houseman farm, near Colyer.

Asher Stahl killed a gray fox and a raccoon, while on a short hunting trip to Nittany mountain, recently.

Owing to the scarcity of dwelling houses, a number of families will be compelled to leave Millheim this spring.

Miss Edith Royer, of Centre Hill, is at Flat Rock, Ohio, where she is making her home for the present with a brother.

B. D. Brislin & Company have set up and put into operation a new saw mill on the Bartges lumber tract, east of Old Fort.

Andrew Kaisely, of State College, is now the owner of a big yellow automobile in which he makes trips to Bellefonte, frequently.

The Pine Grove Mills Lutheran charge in Centre county, has extended a call to the Rev. F. S. Schultz, of Johnstown to become its pastor. It is believed the call will be accepted.

Joseph Bailor, of Reedsville, is nursing a broken arm, having received the fracture by being thrown from a horse. He is the husband of May Kreitzer, formerly of Centre Hall.

Dr. John Hardenbergh, whose office was destroyed by fire, has established his office for the present in a room in the Reighard building, two doors east of the Millheim banking company.

John Gowland has been reappointed postmaster of Philipsburg, which meets with the approval of the citizens. He has made an efficient officer and is deserving of this recognition of his faithfulness.

Fred, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Slutterbeck, of near Tusseyville, has been suffering from inflammatory rheumatism for the past five or more weeks. At present he is somewhat improved.

Grover Glenn, of State College, who has been for some time working in the vicinity of Pittsburg, left for New York Monday, with Dr. Nannie M. Glenn, where he will enter for a full course in the Eclectic Medical School of New York city.

A farewell party was given recently to Wm. Breen at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Breen, at Millheim. William accompanied his aunt, Mrs. J. L. Whitmyer, to her home at Akron, Ohio, where he will make his future home.

Millheim having lost three stores and one hotel the usual evening loafing place of a number of persons is cut off. There are actually some who complain that there is no place to go to and have concluded to stay at home in the evening. The best place for them.

Mrs. Leah Colyer of Linden Hall, was taken suddenly ill and at the time it was thought she had a paralytic stroke. She has since recovered sufficiently to be around the house and her friends think that with careful nursing she will be quite well again in a few days.

Two farms west of Centre Hall were rented recently. The J. Q. A. Kennedy farm to W. H. Ewert, of near Madisonburg; and the J. T. Potter farm to Shem Hackenberg, tenant on the Humes farm, near Bellefonte. Mr. Hackenberg some years ago was employed by the Potters as a farm hand.

Edward Cunningham, of Oak Hill, will move on the Houtz farm. Mrs. Houtz, the mother of Mrs. Cunningham, will have her home with them. Mr. Cunningham, is a moulder by trade, and is a son of Merty Cunningham, of Bellefonte. He is now going to try his hand at tilling the soil.

Several enterprising citizens of Rebersburg are talking of purchasing an automobile hack for the purpose of carrying the mail and passengers between Rebersburg and the station at Coburn. Such an investment would undoubtedly prove a very great convenience and might be a paying venture.

Aroused by the fire last week, Millheim residents organized a fire company with twenty-seven members, the officers being: President, H. N. Meyer; vice president, S. W. Gramley; secretary, Wm. Groff; treasurer, H. T. Frank; fire chief, W. Shelton; assistants, S. W. Gramley, C. M. Sechrist; plugmen, J. H. B. Hartman, J. W. Reifsnnyder.

William Marke bought the William Myers property, southeast of Boalsburg, and will take possession in the spring. Mr. Marke with his family lived in Kansas forty-three years, but had a longing for the mountains the old of Keystone state, and has decided to settle down at the foot of the Tussey mountain and engage in a little truck farming.

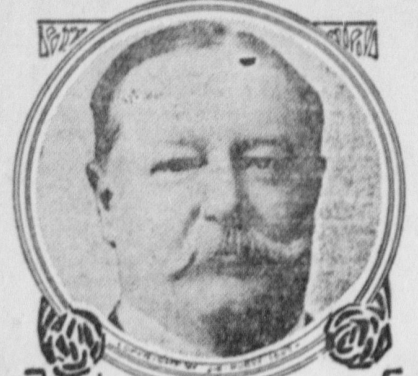
Superintendent T. H. Thomas, of the Bellefonte Central, has in contemplation a number of needed improvements at the station at State College. The freight platform just west of the station will be belowered and the present express office and baggage room will be turned into a waiting room. Other changes are being contemplated for the betterment of the road.

There were two runaways at Rebersburg the other evening. The one was the horse owned by G. W. Wise. This animal was frightened at the ringing of the Reformed church bell. Fortunately the horse was soon caught. While Calvin Weaver was watering his horse at the eastern part of town the animal frightened at a passing vehicle. Mr. Weaver was just in the act of getting up the buggy when the horse started. He was thrown to the ground, his head striking the step of the buggy and the hind wheel passing over him. Mr. Weaver received a bad cut on the head which required several stitches to sew up.

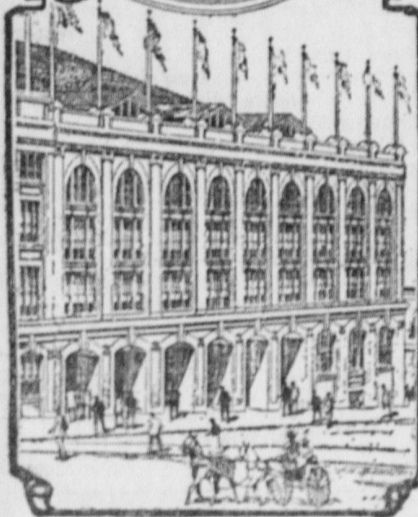
A. M. Moon, the merchant, of Blanchard, who was recently seriously injured by an explosion of gasoline, is improving rapidly now. Mr. Moon's accident was peculiar. He was directing the work of some men who were shoveling the sawdust out of his ice house, and was standing near a barrel of gasoline. He lighted his cigar and threw the match down. It is supposed to have gone into the bung-hole, because immediately there was a terrific explosion, which blew the end of the barrel out, the pieces striking him on the leg, tearing his trousers and bruising his limbs severely. He fell and was unable to walk. He was taken to his home and is now able to be around in the house with difficulty. He probably owes the escape with his life, or more severe injury than he received, to the fact that the barrel at the time contained very little gasoline.

POSSUMS AND POLITICS

POSSUM meat is considered about as appetizing a dish as could be set before anybody, even a king, by some connoisseurs in such matters. Therefore it was as high a compliment as could be paid President Elect William H. Taft by his Georgia neighbors when they got up a "possum dinner" in his honor at



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JUDGE TAFT AND THE ATLANTA AUDITORIUM.

the Auditorium in Atlanta. Not that the menu was to be confined to possums. But that sweet and juicy animal was decided upon as the central attraction of the feast, barring, of course, the honored guest himself. Since Judge Taft took up his winter residence in Georgia he has been feasted a good deal. If he desires to keep down his flesh by his conscientious exercise on the golf links, he certainly is subjected to a good many temptations to increase it and thereby offset the effects of his golf playing by the many invitations extended to him to sit down to appetizing meals.

It was only a short time ago that he did full justice to the barbecue of Charles S. Bohler, given on the latter's extensive cotton plantation about ten miles from Augusta, and a few days later he faced a spread of "possum and taters," besides a menu of heavy dimensions, as the guest of the Augusta Bar association.

Mr. Taft at the barbecue distinguished himself by eating, but at the banquet he was noticeably sparing of the food. He remarked with some feeling that sleep was really what nature craved. His confession that he would like to take a nap did not prevent his making a speech, however, on the lawyer's life and the life of the judge. He expressed his regret on leaving it.

Catching possums is a sport of which the negroes of the south are fond and in which they are expert, and in anticipation of the Taft possum dinner there were busy times among the colored people of the section. Judge Frank Park of Worth county, Ga., contributed thirty possums to the dinner and also sent three cooks to assist in the proper preparation of the meal.

Skinning and dressing the possum is a process that requires cleverness for its proper execution. The colored folks often roost the little beast over a spit out of doors, which is believed to give the meat a specially appetizing flavor.

A cartoon in the New York World on the day of Senator Benjamin H. Tillman's reply to President Roosevelt's charges against him represented Mr. Roosevelt and the South Carolina statesman in a duel to the death, the president with his "big stick" and Tillman with his celebrated "pitchfork." Mr. Tillman has not wielded his unique weapon quite so much of late as in former days, partly on account of the condition of his health. He was much run down last spring and took a trip to Europe in the summer, which recuperated him somewhat. Nevertheless his physician advised him on his return to his senatorial duties that he must avoid all excitement. In consequence of this little was heard from him this season up to the time of the Roosevelt secret service episode and the developments which brought Mr. Tillman's name to the front and connected him with charges of improper use of his position in the senate to further private ends. Mr. Tillman's reply to the accusations emanating from the White House showed that, though his health may be somewhat impaired, he is still able to wield his celebrated pitchfork with vigor.

Senator Tillman, like many of his fellow lawmakers, has a large fund of anecdotes at his disposal. One of



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them, which Harper's Weekly relates, pertains to a section of the senator's state, remarkable for the great longevity of its residents and containing an odd character long known as "Old Jim" Tolliver. "No one knew Jim's exact age, but he was popularly supposed to be somewhere round ninety," said Mr. Tillman.

"Old Jim" enjoyed no greater pleasure than to jest about the senility of

his neighbors, for he himself was as spry as a youngster of forty-five. One morning "Old Jim" Tolliver met a friend named Taylor. "And how is my venerable friend?" asked Tolliver. "Venerable nothing!" exclaimed Taylor. "I am not near as old as you are, Jim, and you know it." "I'm not so sure about that," said "Old Jim." "Tell me, Taylor, what is the first thing you can recollect?" "The first thing I recollect," replied Taylor, "and that must have been eighty years ago, was hearing people say, 'There goes 'Old Jim' Tolliver.'"

Kept Cases on Him.

"I canna get over it," a Scotch farmer remarked to his wife. "I put a two shillin' piece in ta plate at kirk this morn' instead o' ma usual penny!"

The headie had noticed the mistake and also the frightened face of his old friend, who had not the courage to retake the coin as the old fashioned ladle-like spoon was carefully passed over the head to the next pew and one penny after another was dropped into the bowl.

The old farmer sat in silence and said nothing. The old headie allowed him to miss the plate for twenty-four consecutive Sundays.

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