

FRANCIS SPEER'S Breezy "Chat" Column

THAT dignity in Bellefonte is too often measured by the height of a silk hat. THAT they say seventeen young men of Bellefonte are trying to make a pool and it isn't a water pool either. THAT keeping up appearance cost some people in Bellefonte more than the necessities of life.

JOSEPH W. FUREY DEAD.

He Passed Away Monday Morning at His Home in Lock Haven.

Joseph W. Furey, at one time a resident of Bellefonte, and one of the most popular newspaper men in this section of the State, passed away Monday morning at 8.30 o'clock at the residence of his son-in-law, E. B. O'Reilly, at Lock Haven.

editors and proprietors of The Clifton Democrat, Lock Haven succeeding John H. Orth. J. W. Furey withdrew from the firm after a few months, and W. P. Furey continued as proprietor until he sold out to Whaley & Orth. The subject of this sketch then returned to Bellefonte and became associate editor of the Democratic Watchman, of which Hon. P. Gray Meek was then and is yet the publisher and proprietor.



JOSEPH W. FUREY. By courtesy of the "Lock Haven Democrat."

THAT many a man in Bellefonte who prays for rain would steal his neighbor's umbrella if the prayer was answered. THAT there are people in Bellefonte who really imagine they are philanthropic when they give a collar button to a shirtless man. THAT Bellefonte has in it a man who is only 4 feet 11 inches in the eyes of his neighbor, but in the estimate of himself he is 11 feet 4 inches.

which he was noted. Since the beginning of November he began to decline physically and mentally, and during the past week he failed rapidly until death ensued from general debility.

Five years as a term of a school director is a long time should the director not prove to be a worthy man. Five minutes is too long a term for an unfit man. The three-year term seems to be about right and if the director proves himself to be all he should and his constituents appreciate his services they can and should re-elect him.

Real Estate Transfers.

- Mrs. Louisa Bush to Benjamin T. Bequeath, Feb. 19, 1909, house and lot in Bush Addition. \$1000. Margaret V. Thomas to F. L. Shope et al, Feb. 20, 1909, Boggs twp. \$2000. Thomas Foster et al to Wm. Sarson, Jan. 8, 1909, tract of land in College Boro. \$2000. Jacob A. Welsh et al to Bessie Boone, Feb. 15, 1909, tract of land in Curtin twp. \$925. George W. Clark et ux to A. A. Frank, Feb. 18, 1909, tract of land in Millheim Boro. \$1700. Isabelle Kuhn et bar to Wm. Kuhn, Jan. 26, 1909, tract of land in Harris twp. \$150. Walter E. Stephens Exr. to Bidget Conevan, Jan. 14, 1907, 2 lots in village of Cassanova. \$1. Margaret Ghaner to John E. Ghaner, Nov. 7, 1908, tract of land in Patton twp. \$300. Z. T. Harshberger exec. to Emma B. Kline, Feb. 26, 1909, tract of land in Milesburg. \$360. Wilson P. Ard to supervisors of Haines Twp. July 1, 1906, tract of land in Haines twp. \$135. Martha Alice Barnes, Thomas Barnes, Jr. to John W. Walter, Feb. 18, 1909, tract of land in Philipsburg. \$525. N. B. Spangler admr. to M. I. Gardner, Feb. 27, 1909, house and lot in Bellefonte Boro. \$6050. W. W. Montgomery et ux to Henry Montgomery, Feb. 2, 1906, house and lot in Bellefonte Boro. Bellefonte Furnace Co. to Bellefonte Central R. R. Co. tract of land in Spring twp. \$500. P. B. Crider to James G. James, May 24, 1901, tract of land in Liberty twp. \$240. George Trubitz et ux to Mary M. McKinney, Jan. 16, 1909, tract of land in Burnside twp. \$1. Samuel Freeze to Emma McCloskey, Dec. 24, 1908, house and lot in Snow Shoe twp. \$350. J. Crammond Allport et al to Albert B. Hunt, Feb. 15, 1909, tract of land in Philipsburg Boro. D. Bianchi Small et bar to Newton Brungart, Feb. 12, 1909, tract of farm land in Miles twp. \$4000. Lewis Thomas to John E. Osman, Feb. 15, 1909, tract of land in Harris twp. \$400. Daniel K. Musser to Andrew S. Musser, Aug. 15, 1908, 1/2 interest in tract of land in Harris twp. \$100. A. M. B. Norris et bar to John A. Erb, April 3, 1906, tract of land in South Philipsburg. \$455.

- Mary Newell Cole to John Augustus Armor, March 1st, 1909, house and lot in Bellefonte Boro. \$975. Chas. H. Rowland et al to Philipsburg Electric Light, Gas, Power & Heating Co., March 3, 1909, tract of land in Rush twp. \$3700. Elsie M. Houck et al to J. C. Orndorf, March 3, 1909, tract of land in Gregg twp. W. Harrison Walker, guardian, to J. C. Orndorf, March 1, 1909, tract of land in Gregg twp. M. Louisa Duncan et al to D. Wallace Duncan, January 30, 1909, tract of land in Spring Mills. William E. Bridge et ux to Thomas P. Beightol, Feb. 25, 1909, tract of land in Marion twp. \$700. Mary C. Williams et baron to William Gates, Dec. 21, 1908, tract of land in Walker twp. \$40. John F. Harrison to Jennie E. Harrison, Feb. 15, 1909, house and lot in Bellefonte. \$10. Wm. P. Humes et al to Clark Herman, Feb. 27, 1909, tract of land in State College. \$575. William Peeler et al to Chas. H. Lee, Feb. 25, 1909, tract of land in Walker twp. \$82.86. John A. Erb to Sarah Jane Richards, Feb. 25, 1909, tract of land in South Philipsburg. \$500. John E. Johnston et ux Sarah Ann Smith, June 28, 1908, lot of ground in Ferguson twp. \$100.

WHILE the new president, Taft, keeps up his smile, Mrs. Taft is already having her troubles. A number of Columbus women have started a movement by which they will send a petition to Mrs. Taft, wife of the newly-elected President, within the next few days, asking her to follow the example set by the wife of President Hayes, in not allowing intoxicating liquors to be served on her table in the White House.

Boyd F. Shilling, of Beech Creek, has been busy for more than a week painting and papering the interior of the property of Mrs. J. I. DeLong, formerly the hotel in Blanchard, into which Mrs. DeLong will move in a short time. The property she occupies now on the farm at the Eagleview station will be occupied by the tenant farmer April 1.

THE NEW SCHOOL CODE.

Second Article By D. F. Fortney, Esq. There are some changes recommended in the new school code which it would have been as well to let remain as they were in the law before revision took place. It is provided, that in school districts of the third class, (this class includes all boroughs and townships which have less than 5000 inhabitants), shall elect at large five school directors,—one for one year, one for two years, and so on, one for each year up to five; and annually thereafter, one each year, for the full term of five years. In districts where now six directors are elected there cannot well be any objection to making the number of directors five and electing them as proposed, it avoids dead-locks. But there are a great number of boroughs in the state which, at the time they were established or since, were divided into two or more wards, with the right to elect three members to the school board from each ward. In some sections of the state to elect the members of the school board from the borough at large would work injury to the schools. There are places in the state that this manner of electing directors would place the schools wholly under the control of men not native born, where by electing the directors from the different wards makes the boards native and foreign born, which usually works to the advantage of the school. An objection of this nature can easily be removed.

The powers and duties of this board are to supervise the educational work of institutions wholly or partly supported by the state, which are not supervised by the public school authorities; to make rules regulating the examination of teachers; to encourage and promote agricultural education; establish educational libraries; public lectures, manual training, domestic science, and promote such additional types of vocational and practical education as they shall deem necessary. To provide rules and, etc., shall be successful selectors, connected with the public school system. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is to be ex-officio a member and president of the board, thus making the full membership seven. The six members of the board are to serve without compensation, other than necessary expenses.

Article IX, of the code creating a state board of education, is new. It places the whole system of public education under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and a board of six proper persons, three of whom shall be successful selectors, connected with the public school system. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is to be ex-officio a member and president of the board, thus making the full membership seven. The six members of the board are to serve without compensation, other than necessary expenses.

The commission is a little low in the number of schools for which it allows one assistant. Two men, that is the Superintendent and one Assistant, should manage a county with five hundred teachers. The provision, providing an assistant in counties having one hundred and fifty teachers, and not more than three hundred should be changed to allow one assistant in counties having five hundred and not more than five hundred teachers and districts having over five hundred and not over eight hundred teachers two assistants, and so on as in the code is provided.

There are some new provisions in the code which relate to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Philadelphia is made, as it always has been the first district. Under existing law it has a board of Public Education consisting of twenty-one members who are appointed by the judges of the Courts of Common Pleas of the city. The code provides for a board of directors of fifteen, all of whom are to be appointed by the judges of the Courts of Common Pleas and the Orphans Court. Each ward is made a district and is required to elect five school trustees at the first municipal election after the approval of the new code, the terms running from one to five years, and the election of one member each year thereafter. These provisions do not greatly vary from the boards provided for in the act of April 27, 1905, which relates wholly to Philadelphia.

The code however constitutes Philadelphia a school district with power to levy a tax for school purposes, just as the other cities, boroughs and townships do, and have done ever since there has been public schools to support. The board of directors in this great city are no doubt as capable of controlling their schools, levying and collecting a purely school tax, as any other district in the state. There is no reason why they should not have this power. Heretofore the school board of the city obtained all their funds for the schools from the city council. They have been so limited and hampered by this that there are at least twenty thousand young people in that city growing up without even having the pretense of an education.

The makers of the code were clearly right in this action as they were in providing for a per-capita tax of \$1.00 against every male inhabitant for school purposes. Such a tax has been levied in other parts of the state for many years and has been held by the courts to be fair and reasonable. Why should it not be so in Philadelphia?

The good people of Philadelphia, instead of opposing the provisions of the code so far as it relates to their schools, should rejoice in the opportunity given them to be a school district with all the rights, powers and privileges given to every other district in the state and if possible force the adoption of the new code. The objection is made that to erect this great city into a school district with all the powers given to other districts would enable the city council to borrow more money to build boulevards and etc., etc., some of which are under way now, and others in process of incubation. This is not even a reasonable objection to the code. The honest people of Philadelphia have the power, if they will use it, to elect to the city council men of integrity and honesty, who can and will put a stop to both the increase of the city debt, and the plundering of the people. It seems strange that the present board of education of Philadelphia should stand in the way of improving the schools, and furnishing ample school facilities for all its children. Unless this city does something to educate all her children the time is coming when the uneducated thousands, and thousands,



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and still other thousands, who will grow up into men and women and not having been taught to regard the law will destroy the ranks of society. The children, most of them at least, will never reach the high school of the city, but they should be educated along the line on which it is possible for them to become educated. It is only along such lines that they can ever be trained to become useful members of society, and if they are not trained along these lines they will become a plague to the body politic that will some day ruin the city.

This is about the situation as to this city, the board of education, indeed every intelligent, honest upright citizen should enthusiastically embrace the opportunity afforded to have a school district which will not need to depend on the city council for the support of its schools and the education of its children. There is nothing to be said for Pittsburgh, except that considering the conditions of things generally, it would be a very good thing for her schools and people, especially the school population, to accept the code.

It seems as though every woman must have a pet. If she can't get a man she must have a cat or a dog.

PUBLIC SALES.

All the Leading Public Sales of Centre County. Is Yours Here?

- FRIDAY, MARCH 19—Near Howard Boro. Burdine Butler will sell the following: 2 good horses, 1 stallion, 5 colts, 2 cows, 8 head young cattle, 5 sheep, one an excellent Shropshire ram, and a full line of farm implements. Sale at 11 a. m. Frank Mayer, auct. SATURDAY, MARCH 20—2 1/2 miles east of Milesburg on the Hoy farm. Charles Fox will sell farm stock and implements. Sale at 12 noon. Hays & Schenk, auct. SATURDAY, MARCH 20—On the farm of the late Wm. Foster, 1/2 mile south of State College, T. H. and W. L. Foster will sell 7 horses, 2 colts and a full line of farming implements as goods and other articles. Sale at 10 o'clock. A. C. McClintick, auct. SATURDAY, MARCH 20—1/4 mile north of Hubersburg, along the road leading to Howard, J. H. Best will sell 1 horse, 2 mules, cows, 2 head of young cattle, and a full line of farm implements and household goods. Sale at 1 p. m. A. C. McClintick, auct. SATURDAY, MARCH 20—1/4 mile west of Spring Mills, along the Penns Creek road, S. M. Leach will sell work horses, 2 black mares, 1 colt, 6 mules, cows, 11 young cattle, 3 brood sows, 7 shoats, and a full line of farm implements and some household goods. Sale at 10 a. m. MONDAY, MARCH 22—Two miles north of Pine Grove Mills, W. H. Goss will sell live stock and full line of farm implements. Sale at 10 a. m. L. Frank Mayer, auct. MONDAY, MARCH 22—At Smilton, Centre county, the administrators of the late Leuben Smull will sell live stock, farming implements and some household goods. Sale at 10 o'clock. MONDAY, MARCH 22—1/4 mile west of Fork Brook store at Cedar Springs, Mrs. T. J. Fox will sell 1 horse, 1 1/2 year old colt, 7 cows, 5 young cattle, 1 year-old short horn bull, 9 sheep, and a full line of farm implements. Sale at 10 a. m. A. C. McClintick, auct. TUESDAY, MARCH 23—At his residence, 1 mile west of State College, Dan Drebbel will sell 5 horses, including iron grey team; 6 brood sows, 7 young cattle, 2 ewes, 11 shoats, 2 brood sows, and a full line of farm implements. Sale at 10 a. m. L. F. Mayer, auct. TUE. MARCH 23—1/4 mile west of Spring Mills on the Sinking Creek road, M. E. Grenoble will sell 1 horse, 1 colt, 4 cows, 1 heifer, 2 brood sows, 5 shoats, and a full line of farming implements. Sale at 1 p. m. H. S. Shrecke, auct. TUESDAY, MARCH 23—About 5 miles east of Jacksonville, T. N. Bickle will sell 7 horses, 3 to 14 years old, 8 mules, cows, 3 young cattle, short horn bull 3 years old, 21 head of sheep, 14 shoats and a full line of farm implements. Sale at 10 a. m. A. C. McClintick, auct. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24—2 1/2 miles west of Millheim, along the pike, W. A. Stover will sell all farm stock, horses, cattle and implements. Sale at 10 a. m. W. F. Smith, auct. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24—At his residence at Pleasant Gap, W. N. Corl will sell full line of household goods. Sale at 2 p. m. H. F. Grove, auct. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24—At Krumrine Station, 1 mile northwest of State College, John W. Hubler will sell 5 work horses, 5 1/2 year old colts, 8 mules, cows, 2 heifers, Holstein bull, 3 brood sows, 4 shoats, 5 shoats, and a full line of new farm implements. Sale at 10 a. m. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24—On his premises in the east end of Nittany valley, Jared C. Harber will sell live stock, farming implements and household goods. Sale at 10 a. m. A. C. McClintick, auct. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24—Near Old Fort, in Potter Twp., John Benner will sell 1 span of mules, 4 horses, 2 colts, 6 cows, bull, 11 sheep, boar, and full line of farm implements. Sale at 11 noon. H. H. Miller, auct. THURSDAY, MARCH 25—On the Welland farm, at Linden Hall, James W. Raymond will sell 1 black mare, 5 cows, 2 heifers, 2 bulls, 1 brood sow, 4 shoats, and farm implements. Sale at 1 o'clock. L. F. Mayer, auct. THURSDAY, MARCH 25—On the Henry Houts homestead, 1 mile northwest of Linden Hall, F. I. Houts will sell 5 horses, 7 cows, 11 head of young cattle, 30 head of hogs, and a full line of farm implements. Terms made known on day of sale. Sale at 10 a. m. L. F. Mayer, auct. SATURDAY, MARCH 26—At the Barre Forge, 1/4 mile northwest of Warrens Mark will sell on main line of Pennsylvania Railroad, L. R. Zollinger will sell all stock and implements. 2 good work horses, 2 colts, 2 registered short horn bulls, 5 cows, young cattle, 3 registered Hampshire down rams, thoroughbred Berkshire boars, sows, pigs and chaser white hogs. Farming implements—shredder, manure spreader, wagons, etc. Wm. Davis, auct. SATURDAY, MARCH 27—At the residence of James Kieley, west Logan St., Bellefonte, a full line of household goods will be offered at public sale at 1 p. m. J. C. Derr, auct. SAT. MARCH 27—1/2 mile east of Nittan., T. A. Williams will sell household goods, etc. at 1 o'clock. A. C. McClintick, auct. SATURDAY, MARCH 27—At 1 p. m. Levi Nearhoof 1/4 mile northwest of Warrens Mark will sell 7 head of horses, one heavy team and 2 year-old weight 2800, one roadster 5 years old, well broken, 2 three year old, 1 two year old, 1 family mare, 3 cows, will be fresh soon after sale; 1 brood sow and pigs; a lot of fall shoats. G. C. Waite, auct. MONDAY, MARCH 29—At his premises, 1 mile southwest of Zion, J. A. Gray will sell live stock and farming implements. Sale at 10 a. m. A. C. McClintick, auct. MONDAY, MARCH 29—On the L. E. Kidder farm, 1/4 mile east of Bonshurg, Walker Shutt will sell 4 cows, 2 head of young cattle, 7 shoats, 1 brood sow, chickens, wagons, harness, farming implements, household goods and other articles. Sale at 10 a. m. MONDAY, MARCH 29—1/4 mile west of Bellefonte at Whitmer's crossing, Bellefonte Central R. R. Co. Wm. Korman will sell 10 horses, 1 colt, 12 mules, cows, 1 bull, 21 head of young cattle, 20 hogs, 2 cows, 1 lot of live stock, implements and a lot of household goods. L. Frank Mayer, auct. sale at 10 a. m. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31—1/4 mile west of Matternville, on W. S. Gray farm Frank Wasson will sell 6 horses, 2 colts, 11 cows, 11 head of young cattle, 2 bulls, 14 hogs, and a full line of farm implements. Sale at 10 a. m. Frank Mayer, auct. THURSDAY, APR. 1—On the Fowler farm, 4 miles west of Port Matilda, at 10 a. m., Mrs. H. A. Geyer will sell 2 work horses, 2 yearling colts, 1 mule, cow, 2 young cattle, 16 sheep, 4 shoats, brood sow, steers, engine, Giesler separator, hay baler, fodder shredder, corn husker, and all kinds of farm implements. G. C. Waite, auct. Fri. Mar. 19: Burdine Butler at Howard Boro. will sell at 1 o'clock p. m. the following LIVE STOCK: 4 horses, 1 bay stallion, 5 yrs. old, weight 1500, works any where; 1 grey mare, 7 yrs. old, weight 1100; 1 mare cow, 1 yearling cow, 1 yearling cow in August; 1 horse colt, 2 yrs. old; both colts well mated; 2 mule cows, 1 is an Alderney, 1 fresh soon; 1 heifer, 3 steers, 7 ewes, 1 Shropshire buck. FARM IMPLEMENTS: 1 sft. McCormick binder, Woods mower, McCormick mower, right cut, chow, grain cultivator, Syracuse plow, Osborne 1/2 bay rake, Osborne spring-tooth harrow, Superior grain drill, Shorse, wagon, top buggy, pair tie bolsters, 4 sets harness, 6 bridles, set single harness, double trees forks, jockey sticks, brace and bit, 2 hand saws, saw-sage stuffer, crosscut saw, set hay ladders, White sewing machine, book desk, cupboard, cutting box, etc. Friday, Mar. 19: Reuben Crust at his residence, one mile south of Fillmore, will sell the following LIVE STOCK: 4 work horses, 1 bay mare with foal, good single line leader, 2 driving horses, 5 yrs. old; 1 three-year-old heifer; 2 head of cattle, as follows: 10 mule cows, 3 of them thoroughbred Herefords; 3 short horns; 5 grade Herefords—3 of them fall cows, and the other two fresh by time of sale; 1 thoroughbred Hereford bull, 13 months old; 25 head of young cattle, mostly grade Herefords; 2 two-year-old heifers, 6 yearling steers, 7 calves from two to five months old; 30 head of Shropshire hogs, consisting of 10 black, 13 white Chester-white sows and 7 pigs; some good white seed corn, a number of bushels of American seed oats. Sale at 10 a. m. L. F. Mayer, auct.