

FRANCIS SPEER'S

Breezy "That" Column

That what the Bellefonte rooters ought to have done would have been to chase that Lock Haven umpire up a tree.

That when some women in Bellefonte get busy it is always in connection with something that is none of their business.

That when a man on the Bellefonte base ball team loses his head he must shoulder the responsibility.

That it is said that there is a young married lady on east High street, Bellefonte, who thinks she's it.

That the way the people are taxed in Bellefonte it makes a man mighty glad he doesn't own the earth.

That if that shoplifter in Bellefonte should go into Green's drug store he wouldn't exactly take things for his health.

That it is said the most striking thing Jesse Dersatine, of Bellefonte, received this week for a wedding present was a clock.

That good advice is frequently wasted. Give Lew Gettig, of Bellefonte, a pointer and he'll kick because it wasn't a setter.

That every man has his good and bad days. Even Martz, the crack pitcher for the Bellefonte base ball team, has his ins and outs.

That John Montgomery Blair, of Bellefonte, would like very much to be a butcher or a son of a butcher. He is playing his cards all right.

That when you look at Daley Justice, of Bellefonte, you are reminded that a fat copper is not nearly as dangerous as a fat copperhead.

That Bellefonte has a widower who is striking out for No. 2 already. He is cutting a pretty wide swath. Now, don't come to conclusions too rapidly.

That we wonder if the McDonald, Ackebach and O'Reilly gang, of Lock Haven, heard anything drop on Wednesday of last week. Renovo put the cleaner to them.

That if a young man in Bellefonte likes good biscuits he should marry a homely girl, because about the only thing a pretty girl knows about "dough" is to spend it.

That Dr. Weston, secretary of the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A., says that the fellow who expects to get rich participating in Marathon races will have a long run for his money.

That it is pretty difficult for a married man in the North ward of Bellefonte to hold his own when his wife is seen in flirtation with a young single man three or four times a week.

That if a certain professional man in Bellefonte would stick to his own business he would not be the main topic of conversation at the monthly meetings of the Women's Sewing Circle.

That if a woman not far from Bellefonte, doesn't keep away from the telephone when other people are talking she will get just what is coming to her one of these days. This is a good pointer for the woman, for which it is intended.

That they say that the fellow who designed the waste basket hat, which the Bellefonte girls are wearing just now, was made while he was on a spree. When he came to his senses he was ashamed of his own work. Who wouldn't be?

That Frank Crissman, of Bellefonte, may not be afraid to go home in the dark but he is just a little timid about having the people see him up on Howard street so often. He ought to get her to come down to Hale's corner and meet him half way.

That there are a number of batchelor girls in Bellefonte who if they can't secure a hug any other way they should get in a boat, on Spring Creek, and hug the shore. That would, at least, keep them from getting lonesome without having a man about.

That Bellefonte has the prettiest young girls in Pennsylvania. Of course, like the beautiful rose before the noonday sun, some of the beauty of our older girls has faded just a tiny bit. However, when the ornamentation wears off they become more useful.

That Bellefonte has in it a young lady who has fired a young man because she has discovered he was using her parlor as a matter of convenience, and a place to hang up when he had no particular place to go. She has sized up the gentleman all right. She had better die an old maid than live with him.

That it is stated that Fred Landis, of Bellefonte, said to a little boy the other day that if he would get him a lock of a certain young lady's hair he would give him ten cents for it. The little fellow replied that he should make it a quarter and he would get a whole bunch of it, as he knew where she hung it at night.

That L. H. Wan, the right hand man for John D. Rockerfellow in Bellefonte, says that his horses scared the other day at a deer that came out of a corner of a fence near Shiloh church. He must have had on his blue spectacles that day, as there is nothing up that way in shape of a deer except deer girls, and there are plenty of them.

That Harris Olewine may not be afraid of an elephant but the other night, about 2 o'clock, one of those small, nasty bats got into his room and he was compelled to call on his mother to make the fight, while he stood in the hallway and looked through the crack of the door. After the bat had been executed Harris said, "Mama, didn't we do it?"

That every time "Billy" Hartsock, of Benore, comes to Bellefonte he puts in most of the time (wait!)ing, and there is no earthly reason why he should object. The time may come however, when all his (wait!)ing will be in a lovely little home, not by the Wabash, but by the ore banks. He is a good Indian, and it is soon time he is sharing his joys and comforts with some fair damsel. We'll wait and see.

OVER THE COUNTY.

Margaret Stoff, of Philipsburg, has been visiting at the residence of C. C. Shuey.

A baby daughter was a recent arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Stover, at Millheim.

Marsh Creek Telephone Co. will hold a festival on Saturday August, 21, 1909. The stockholders are kindly requested to take hold and help make it a success.

L. D. Fye, of State College, met with a painful accident recently. While running to catch the train he made a misstep and tore the ligaments in his right foot.

John C. Lingle, of Gregg township, has had his pension increased to \$30 per month. He also received a voucher for \$60.35 restoration and supplemental to the pension.

The contract for painting the Chapel and Vonada school house in Haines township has been awarded by the school board to Charles F. Miller, of Millheim, for \$155.

The Clearfield county agricultural fair will be held at Clearfield September 23 to 31. One of the features of the celebration will be a parade of draught horses.

Charles E. McClellan has bought from John Stover the lot adjoining his store building, at Millheim. It is the intention of Mr. McClellan to erect a dwelling house on the premises in the near future.

10,000 invitations have been printed for the old home week at Philipsburg. It was decided that a stand for the accommodation of singers and band be erected on South Park large enough for 250 persons.

The Johnstown Democrat and the Clearfield Daily Public Spirit both say that money spent in their respective counties on road improvements in the last thirty years would pave all the highways in counties, including the cow trails.

The members of the Lemont, M. E. church will hold a festival on the lawn of the church on Saturday evening, August 21st, to which all are cordially invited. Ice cream, cake and other delicacies of the season will be sold and a pleasant time is assured all.

W. Shannon Lohr, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Lohr, of Philadelphia, has been appointed an instructor in the civil engineering department in the University of Pennsylvania, from which institution he just graduated with honors. He is known in Centre Hall and vicinity.

Charles Bilger, of Pleasant Gap, is at present engaged in cutting and sawing lumber on the McCafferty tract, situated about five miles east of Bellefonte. It will require about three months to finish the cutting of lumber on this tract, and when through Mr. Bilger will have cut about one half million feet.

Samuel Weaver, while employed on the brick building in process of erection by the Millheim Banking company, met with a severe accident. He was assisting in handling bricks and in some manner a brick was thrown on the first finger of his left hand, breaking the bone in the third joint of the finger.

A large darning needle was removed from the side of a cow belonging to Richard Brooks, near Centre Hall. The needle had been swallowed and partially worked to the surface. For months the animal showed signs of distress that mystified Farmer Brooks. Complete recovery followed the removal of the needle.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Meyer, Miss Emma Meyer, of Rebersburg; Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Solly and three children, of Wayne; Mrs. H. E. Jenkins, and Raymond Jenkins, of Bellefonte, drove from Rebersburg to Centre Hall the other day, and on their way took dinner in the Harper grove east of Centre Hall.

Late in the fall John Treasurer will move his shingle mill to near Centre Hall on a timber tract belonging to George H. Emerick, when Mr. Emerick will have cut for his own use and for market a large number of shingles. While located there the mill will also do custom work, if there is any to be had.

At a depth of one hundred and twenty feet an outlet was found at the Howard creamery plant at Centre Hall which will carry off the waste water from the creamery. The drilling was done by Arber J. Cumings, assisted by David Taylor, who is operating the machinery of Richard Eroid. From the creamery the drilling machine was taken to the farm of Lewis Corman, of near Penn Cave, where a well is being sunk.

One day recently John Musser, farmer of Haines township, had an experience which he will remember all his life. He set fire to a thistle patch in a timely field on his farm, and the ground being so dry the fire began to spread. He went to the barn to get a team to plow around the fire; before he returned the fire had spread to the oats field, and the binder machine which he had taken to the field was burned. For a time the fire was dangerously near the barn. Mr. Musser, with all the help he could summon, worked strenuously until the fire was under control.

As Ezra Auman and wife and W. H. Musser and wife were returning from a visit to Pleasant Gap the other evening about 9 o'clock, Mr. Auman found that the water in the tank of his automobile was getting low and stopped at the Zabler farm barn, west of Spring Mills, to fill the tank from the pump near the barn. As Mr. Auman was going over a fence with a bucket a shot was fired from the house, and before he got back to the auto a second shot was fired that rattled the top of the auto full of holes, frightening the occupants who were in danger of being shot. The person who did the shooting mistook the auto party for invaders of his barn house, as he telephoned to Warren Wood, at Spring Mills, station that an auto party had stopped at his barn and were after his chickens and that he shot at the automobile lamps.

Charley Meyer, rural mail man at Reedsville, with his family is spending their vacation in Centre Hall.

There are living in Millheim at present 49 widows. Taking the population of the town at 800, this shows a large per cent of widows.

Peter Myers and daughter Marie, who spent the summer at their country home at Martha, accompanied by Miss Jessie Swires, of Philipsburg, left Thursday to visit his daughter, Mrs. William Rachau, of Bellevue, O. They also intend visiting some of the large cities in the West before returning to Philipsburg.

Real Estate Transfers.

Mary Murphy et bar, to Robert Fogleman, tract of land in Huston township, June 15, '09, \$25.

Ida M. Stover et baron to Jacob W. Meyer, tract of land in Haines twp., May 17, '09, \$1975.

George E. Corl et ux to J. H. Neidigh, tract of land in Ferguson township, May 22, 1909, \$560.

James I. Thompson et ux to J. H. Neidigh, tract of land in Patton township, March 26, 1909, \$176 50.

Luther D. Tye et ux to John L. Holmes, November 12, 1908, tract of land in State College, \$3,000.

H. Alvie Confer et ux to N. H. Yearlich, tract of land in Marion township, February 16, 1909, \$350.

John L. Holmes et al to Minnie B. Houser, July 16, 1906, tract of land in Ferguson township, \$500.

John L. Holmes et al to Edward P. Houser, July 19, 1909, tract of land in Ferguson township, \$500.

Gibson was Alive.

A Sayre, Pa., newspaper prints the following: "Gibson had his neck broken by falling from the top of a Lehigh car, on May 31 at Sayre. From that time the only organs that did service were his lungs, brain and heart. Otherwise he was completely paralyzed. Recently he has been weakening rapidly. On Saturday morning his heart and lungs apparently ceased to act. The hospital physicians sent a message to Walter Ferguson at Sayre, he being one of the B. of R. of which Mr. Gibson is a member. The hospital physicians telephoned for an undertaker. He arrived at the hospital at five o'clock. He got his formaldehyde cans ready for work and then he found that his subject was alive. It has been a case of suspended animation, and only his great vitality brought him back again to life of this world."

Convention Needed.

From all accounts the meeting of the road supervisors in our town last week was productive of good. It had an awakening effect upon the entire community to the importance of better highways. We believe it would be an excellent investment to have the supervisors attend a one or two day convention each year and have their expenses paid out of the road fund of each district. Such conventions could have instructors, common discussions among the supervisors, displays of machinery, and material for culverts, etc. Exchanging experience and ideas makes every body wiser, and all can learn. We would suggest that such a bill should be framed by Hon. J. C. Meyer, our representative, at the next session of the legislature. It would be approved by our people.

Potato Patch for Fifty Years.

James R. Palmer has lived near McEwensville for the last twenty-five years. With the exception of one year the same plot of ground has been his potato patch, and he was assured by those who owned it before him that it had been a potato patch for fully twenty-five years before he purchased it. There is about one-fourth of an acre in it and it has produced as many as forty bushels in a year. This year, judging from those already dug, the crop will not be more than three-fourths as much. He dresses it with manure and every three or four years a light coating of lime. The Centre Democrat would add here that the above upsets the belief of many farmers that it is unwise to put out the same patch of ground in potatoes for a number of years in succession.

Seven Sisters Till Snyder County Soil.

Seven unmarried daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Fetter, recently inherited their parents' homestead, a 120-acre farm in Penn twp., Snyder county, and in receiving it came by just what the neighbors and all their friends thought belonged to them, but no person imagined that the mantle of doing all the work on the property would fall on their lot. However, these seven daughters of this thrifty Pennsylvania German family have won for themselves unique distinction. They have taken over with the deed all the farm duties generally the portion of male agriculturists. No men assist them.

Odd Fellows Picnic.

The Odd Fellows of State College, Pine Grove Mills and Bellefonte will picnic at Hunters park on Monday, September 6. As this falls on Labor day it promises to be the largest picnic of the season. There will be sports and amusements suitable for all ages, and a number of prizes will be offered. Watch for the big bills and future announcement. All lodges and friends of the order will be invited to attend.

Gun Club Organized.

An organization to be called the Millheim Gun Club, was organized at Millheim last Thursday evening. The club consists of sixteen members and meet once a month. The president of the club is L. E. Stover and the secretary-treasurer, R. S. Stover. This is to be a permanent organization and governed by a set of by-laws and regularly elected officers.

Lucky Coal Diggers.

While Jacob Kessler and his son, who reside at Shamokin Dam, were digging coal from the river near Shamokin Dam Saturday, to their surprise and delight they found a fifty dollar bill in coal they secured from the bed of the river. The bill was in excellent condition and when it was dried Kessler and his son came to Sunbury with the once lost fifty dollar bill and made a number of purchases.—Sunbury Item.

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AN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPERVISOR

Has Proper Idea on Drainage—Breakers are a Confession of Poor Roads. Editor Democrat:

Your recent articles on good roads were read with much interest, and we believe with you that proper drainage is one of the needs in our present road building. With a properly constructed roadbed, high in the centre and sloping to sides, with ample ditches at sides to carry off all water as it falls, there is no need for breakers on any road, no matter how hilly. In fact, a breaker in a road is a confession that the supervisor does not know his business.

The present dry weather is bringing up another question, one that was discussed at the meeting—what material will stand the wear of an automobile? The auto has come to stay, their number will increase and they will come into general use within a few years. Here, in Walker township, we have for years endeavored to put down a good stone foundation, from one to two or more feet deep, then using crushed limestone for a top dressing. We are getting a very fair road, for wagons and buggies, it made an ideal road, but with the coming of the automobile we feel we are left. An automobile running at a fair rate of speed does not injure a road so much, but when moving at the rate of an express train they simply tear our road to pieces; and what to use that will stand, is the question. Dry weather appears to be more injurious than when roads are wet or damp. Commissioner Hunter spoke about asphalt at the meeting, saying that if it is used with fine stone it proved quite satisfactory, but the cost of such road-building puts it out of the question, for our country roads. Taking an average township with its miles of mountain and side roads, and it becomes too much of a burden to keep all in proper condition.

The State or the users of the road, will be obliged to help build and maintain the main roads of our valleys, if they are to be built and maintained in proper condition. We are glad this question is being agitated, for good will come out of proper discussion. The meeting of the supervisors was certainly encouraging; and we believe it would be a good policy to have more meetings of all parties concerned, not only supervisors, but for all who are interested in better roads—and there are few persons who are not interested in having the best possible roads, even though they use them little, for good roads reflect the character of a community.

Walker Twp. Supervisor.

Great Races to be Held.

Great preparations are being made by the management of the Tyrone Racing association for the coming races which will be held at the Tyrone Driving park, August 31, September 1 and 2. Some of the fastest horses in the country will be entered in the different events and \$1,800 in prizes will be awarded the winners.

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