

FRANCIS SPEER'S

Breezy "That" Column

That if the people in Bellefonte were all angels there would be considerable clashing of wings.

That from the standpoint of some girls in Bellefonte the fellow who can wear a small shoe is good enough for them.

That the Bellefonte base ball team is playing pretty good ball. Manager Cunningham is now increasing in weight.

That there is a certain gentleman in Bellefonte who does lots of talking on the street, because that is about the only chance he gets.

That a certain married man in Bellefonte says that the next thing to a prancing bronco to manage is a woman when she gets contrary.

That George Freeman, of Bellefonte, says that the man who trades watches and gets left can never expect to do the right thing at the right time.

That when Jim Saylor, the devil at the Republican office, sprinkles the floor the microbe knows he is between the Devil and the deep blue sea.

That the fellow in Bellefonte with a hot temper needn't look for many warm friends. He is not the man who is doing the greatest good in this community.

That the woman in Bellefonte who uses her husband's razor to sharpen her lead pencil and peel her corns generally gets her husband into a deal of a scrape.

That the man in Bellefonte who can lose his temper and not find it again is one of the richest men in the town. He's the man who can shake hands with himself.

That "Wit" Smith, of Bellefonte, whose office is on the fourth floor of the Temple Court, says that the elevator is a great boom for the young man who wants to get to the top.

That it is said a certain young man in Bellefonte became engaged to one of our fair young daughters the other evening. He should marry her within a month for she is liable to change her mind.

That a young lady in Bellefonte ought not to do everything her employer wants her to do just because she desires to hold her position. The young lady who will sacrifice her honor for fear of losing her job is certainly paying a fabulous price for the meager returns she receives.

That the flirting girls of Bellefonte will soon be in their glory again when they can glance through one eye at the students who will soon fill our streets. Some of these fair damsels are just dying to see them. Our home boys will have to go way back and take a nap for the next nine months.

That it is stated that there is a woman in Bellefonte who, by mistake, gets into a certain business place about once a week. There is only one fault to find about this circumstance, and that is, she keeps too late hours. It isn't a fair deal as the gentleman's wife ought to know what is going on.

That there are very few men in Bellefonte who can afford to look down upon anybody. Every man has his faults, and the gentleman who thinks he hasn't any, the quicker he is transported to the heavenly clime the better. Let us all cast out the mote that is in our own eye before we attempt to pluck out the mote in the eye of the other fellow.

That "Jim" Sticker, the Bellefonte merchant tailor, has his fingers all pricked up from the point of needles. While sewing he is inclined to think so much about that new boy they have at home that the first thing he knows he'll get a "jag" in his finger. That, however, is a blame sight better than getting a "jag" on the next morning having a sore head and a brown taste in his mouth.

That there is a little suspicion among some people of Bellefonte as to the business of that married woman and man who take frequent walks down the railroad toward Gamble, Gheen & Co.'s mill, in the evening. They are being carefully watched just to see what is going on in Denmark. This gentleman had better remain at home in the evenings, for if his wife finds out what is going on on the "q" there will be the d— on pay.

That the other day while Charles Bilger, of Pleasant Gap, was in Bellefonte, some one put a little "Go-Fast" on his horse. The result was that when Charles started home the animal almost kicked itself out of its skin, and refused to go a "damned bit." The only thing to do to make the horse move a step was for Charlie to get out and lead him. The principle was about the same as driving a horse to water and then trying to make him drink.

That it is generally the people in Bellefonte who have "inherited money" who have never earned a dollar in their lives, who make the most show and pucker up their nose to the balance of humanity. Surely, there are a number of exceptions to this rule, but the passing away of a rich relative has saved more than one woman in Bellefonte from working in a kitchen, in a hotel dining room or some other like place, where, by the sweat of her brow, she would be compelled to earn an honest living. We find no objection to inherited money but we do to some of the d— fools who get it.

That the woman in Bellefonte who sees nothing more in life than to dress, put on style, play cards, drink beer and sit up late at night with men of known disreputable characters is unfit for decent people to associate with, and to recognize her is the height of ignorance. The conscience of a degenerate like this is seared, as with a hot iron, against everything that is right or honorable. She passes by people in distress like an ox in the field or a braying ass in the stall. The woman in Bellefonte who knows her duty toward her friends and does it with a warm heart is the woman whom Heaven will bless.

OVER THE COUNTY.

Homer Noll, of Tyrone, went to Snow Shoe on Thursday to handle the throttle on the yard engine for several days.

This week Nicodemus Lose, of Coburn, and W. H. Meyer, of Centre Hall, returned from Illinois, where they purchased a carload of western horses.

A valuable brood mare belonging to John Blauser, tenant on the John Wolf farm at Potters Mills, died a few days ago. It was a heavy loss to the young man.

Ammon Burkholder, who holds a position in the office of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, has been in Centre Hall, on a tending vacation.

Supervisor C. M. Dale, with a number of men, are building a concrete bridge over Cedar Creek branch, near Pine Grove Mills. It is something that was badly needed.

Arrangements are made to have John Mitchell, the well known labor leader, speak in Phillipsburg during Old Home Week. The date has been fixed for September 13th.

John Foreman, son of F. A. Foreman, of near Centre Hall, was home for a short time. He had been attending school in Valparaiso, Indiana, to fit himself for civil engineering.

Boyd Winkleblech, son of J. W. Winkleblech, of Fiedler, who is a graduate of Franklin & Marshall college, Lancaster, has been elected principal of the Beaverdale, Pa., high school.

George H. Behres, of Pine Hall, is making a number of improvements to his residence. The lawn is being graded and sodded and a new fence is being built around the property.

A. B. Struble, of Tyrone, has moved to State College where he is erecting one of the prettiest little homes in that borough. He expects to make accommodations for rooming about fifteen students.

A. C. Musser's sons will continue the Marble and Granite Works at Millheim, that was conducted by their father, the late A. C. Musser. The young men are first class workmen and the work done by them commends itself.

Mrs. John L. Hollick and daughter Florence spent Thursday and Friday with the former's father and brother, Wm. and Joseph Stiver, at Stormstown, on Saturday they attended the Williams reunion at Martha.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Bradford, of Centre Hall, made a trip to Atlantic City recently. On their way they stopped at Columbia for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Musser, formerly station agent at Spring Mills.

Ralph Stover, who had been spending the summer with Foster Shearer at Zion, is at present at his home in Boalsburg nursing a sore face caused by an abscess on a tooth, which has given him trouble for the past six weeks.

Mrs. Frank Crosthwaite, of State College, met with an unfortunate accident the other night about 9:30 o'clock. She went out on the back porch for something and fell into the cellar way. She was pretty badly bruised but no bones were broken.

Thomas B. Ulrich, of Millheim, has a new chair in his barber shop. He is now running three chairs. He will also soon have a new and up-to-date barber case placed in the room with large mirrors which will make the interior of his shop complete in every detail.

Centre county reunions are now in full swing—there being about a score of them. These are very pleasurable gatherings, and each connection has a full turn out to their respective outings. These reunions are of recent years' "invention" and altogether worthy of commendation.

R. L. Emerick, of Smullton, who was a former teacher in the public school of Millheim, but who the past few years has been a student at the Mont Alto Forestry Academy, has finished his course at the Forestry school and is taking a vacation, at his home before entering upon his duties as a forester.

During a severe electrical storm recently lightning killed two cows on the farm of David Behres, near State College. The cows were standing in the field about 10 feet away from an apple tree which was struck by the lightning. The shock stunned two bovines who were standing quite a distance from the tree.

W. S. Hosterman, of Johnstown, was having the tank on his auto filled with gasoline when he backed his machine a little. The gasoline spilled and caught fire from the lights. Soon the tank exploded and Mr. Hosterman was badly burned and the auto was partially destroyed. He was formerly of Woodward, being a son of C. W. Hosterman.

The engagement of Miss Dora C. Meyer, daughter of former County Commissioner Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Meyer, of Centre Hall, to William Odenkirk, formerly of that place, but who at present holds the position of station agent at Glen Iron, on the Lewisburg & Tyrone R. R., has recently been announced. The wedding will take place in the near future.

The first reunion of the Bierly family will be held in Dr. F. P. Barker's park, two miles southeast of Coburn, on Wednesday, the 15th day of September. If rain should interfere it will be held the day following. Prominent speakers will be present and will give an historical sketch of the first settlers in Centre county of whom the Bierly families were some of the first. This will be a basket picnic and every member of the Bierly family and their friends are invited to be present. A band will be there.

Millheim's butcher, P. P. Leitzell, is happy because he received fifty dollars through the mail a few days ago, although that is only one-half the sum he should have received. A short time ago he lost his purse, containing about one hundred dollars, which evidently was found by some one whose conscience was just about one-half dead, and consequently the finder divided the cash by two, keeping the one-half and sent the other half to Mr. Leitzell, using every precaution to destroy all clues as to who was the sender.

William Auman, of Potters Mills, who is one of the most remarkable men in his part of the state, is 91 years of age and is able to get around fairly well.

W. D. Crosby, Esq., has purchased from the Catherine Holt estate the valuable tract of land on the Tyrone pike opposite the Phillipsburg cemetery, embracing about eleven acres, and put it to work repairing fences, and making other improvements.

Austin Ammerman, a bricklayer, while working on the Atkinson house at State College met with an accident recently that will lay him up for a while. Ammerman was descending a ladder when it started to slip and in order to save himself grabbed the edge of a section of flooring, but the ladder caught his hand and bent it back flat to the arm, tearing the flesh of the wrist and dislocating the bones. Had not workmen caught him when the ladder slipped the unfortunate man would have fallen to the ground, as his hold had loosened.

SNAKE LEAPS 1,400 FEET

Jumps From Mountain Cliff Down Into River.

Towards Review. Two Wysox men had a thrilling experience on Table Rock Mountain on Monday afternoon, one which they will not care to repeat.

As they were walking on the mountain they came upon a large copperhead snake which was enjoying a sun bath about 100 yards from the rocks which gave the mountain its name. The men looked around for stones, but none they could handle with good effect could be found, nor was there a good club at hand.

Taking sticks of good length they attacked the snake, which showed fight and struck at both men. Falling to land and not liking the lashing of the sticks his snakeship started for the edge of the mountain overlooking the river which flows at the base some 1,400 feet below.

Reaching the edge of the table rock, which hangs out from the mountain side a considerable distance, the snake arranged itself in a peculiar shape, and then, with a hiss half jumped, half squirmed out into the air. The men rushed upon the shelving rock and peering over watched the fearful descent of the snake, expecting to see it strike the trees or protruding rocks down the mountain side, but it missed all these obstructions. It was not thought possible the snake would clear the Lehigh tracks, but as the distance was straightened out, and the men vied, crawled through the air and succeeded in landing in deep water with hardly a splash.

While they were watching to see if the snake came to the surface, one of the men became dizzy from peering over the edge of the rock, and would have followed the snake's example had not his companion caught him just in time.

Some idea of the distance traveled by the copperhead can be had when it is known that but few boys or men can throw a stone so that it will strike in the river as the snake did.

Parsonage is Taxable. Down in Cumberland county Judge Sadler has just announced a decision which is of importance in every community. The congregation of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church in Carlisle, built a parsonage, connecting it with the church and holding that the two were practically one building and therefore nontaxable. Judge Sadler has just ruled against the contention of the colored brethren, doing so with great reluctance, he said, but compelled to obey the law. It has been held for many years that a parsonage connected with the pulpit is exempt from taxation because it is actually part of the church structure.

The Roads Being Repaired. With the assistance of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, the members of the Tyrone and Altoona Motor Clubs, has succeeded in having the public road between Tyrone and Altoona in good condition, and when improvements under way are completed there will be over five miles of good road, put in condition at a cost of \$1,000.

JUST AS TRAGEDY LEFT IT The Philadelphia Record contained the following, dated Westport, Pa.: Either a kindly respect for the dead or superstition has kept absolutely undisturbed for two years the interior and furnishings of an unlocked and unguarded house here in which a triple tragedy of unusual character was enacted.

Two years ago this month Mrs. Cornelius Connors arose one morning, and having a married life full of trouble, decided to end it all. When her two young children arose she gave them candy containing strychnine and then took some of the drug herself, the three dying in a short time.

After the funeral the husband never visited the scene of the tragedy and soon afterwards left this section, making no disposition of his property. The home is now visited by many people, out of curiosity, from this section, as the bed remains as the little feet tossed the covers when they got up that sad morning; the breakfast table has not been touched, the dishes remaining as left at the conclusion of the meal, and some of them containing the remains of the morsels of food; the curtains, cooking utensils on the stove, chairs on the porch, and, in fact, everything is as it was left the morning of the tragedy.

Have Found Brick Best As an evidence of the growing sentiment against the macadam state roads, which have proven themselves both costly and of short life, the commissioners of Lackawanna county have decided in favor of brick as the material for a pave to be laid between the towns of Duryea and Forest City. Brick is evidently the coming material for road paving, at least for a generous centre, with rolled stone or some other local material for the edges.

The experience of townships through which macadam roads have been built find the disintegration of same so rapid and their maintenance so costly, that the "improvements" have become a burden rather than a benefit. That the Lackawanna authorities, in deciding upon the use of brick, are blazing a way for other counties to follow, there is little doubt.

Opinion on Fish Baskets. Assistant Deputy Attorney General Hargest rendered a decision to Fish Commissioner Meehan in which he decided that a man may erect wing walls and baskets within a quarter of a mile below an existing fish basket.

According to the act of 1909, no walls or fish baskets may be constructed immediately above another fish basket, nearer than a quarter of a mile. As the erection of a basket could not in any way harm the existing basket, Mr. Hargest decided that no penalty could be imposed upon a man who would do this.

An Important Event. The annual convention of the Clearfield County Sabbath School Association will be held in Osceola the second and third of September. Besides the delegates there will be many visitors at the convention. A number of speakers will address the convention.

WINS A WIFE IN 30 MINUTES.

General Thomas S. Hutchinson, who has been prominently mentioned for the Governorship of Tennessee and Miss Louise Cheatham, of Clarksville, Texas, were quietly married recently and are spending their honeymoon in Chicago. The General says it ought not to take a man more than 30 minutes to win a wife.

At their apartments General Hutchinson told of his courtship and marriage while his bride nodded her approval. "It was this way," said the General, "I attended the Confederate reunion in Memphis in June. I was on Governor Patterson's staff and my wife was maid of honor from Texas.

The Governor introduced me to Miss Louise Cheatham a few minutes after her arrival in Memphis. I looked into her eyes and saw that I loved her. I pushed her out of the crowd, told her that I loved her and asked her to be my wife. I did not wait for her answer, I took it for granted it was 'yes.' The whole transaction did not take over 30 minutes. When we rejoined Miss Cheatham's friends I acted as if I owned her.

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MISSING BOYS SEEN.

The latter part of last week there appeared in the Philadelphia North American the pictures of Floyd Cowden and Joseph Steetz, who ran away from that city on August 11th. On Wednesday evening they were seen in Beech Creek where they appeared in two stores. In one place one bought cakes, while the other scanned eagerly the signs and advertisements on the walls, evidently looking for advertisements concerning themselves. In another store they bought cigars.

After a consultation on the sidewalk one of the lads said: "Well, where will we go?" and the other replied: "I don't care, wherever you go I'll follow."

Then they walked toward Blanchard. This was about 7:30 p. m. They were then headed toward Bellefonte, but two young fellows were passed later, at 2 a. m., a mile east of Beech Creek, evidently going toward Lock Haven. They may have turned by confusing the direction of several roads. They are traveling afoot and are in the Bald Eagle valley.

Membership in the Churches.

The population of this country is estimated at nearly ninety millions. From the figures of a religious census bulletin just issued by the Federal bureau at Washington it appears that only about 30,000,000 are enrolled as members of churches. The admissions of most of the religious bodies themselves that their present rate of increase is anything but satisfactory will justify the conclusion that the 10-year-old figures on which this bulletin is presumably based are a not unfair index to the facts as they exist now.

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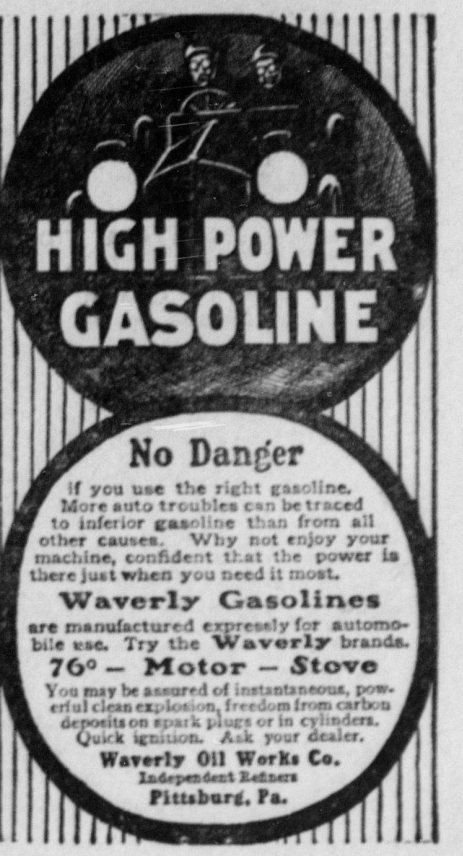
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Same Thing Here

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