

FRANCIS SPEER'S

## Breezy "That" Column

That some married men in Bellefonte are not home long enough to get home sick.

That Bellefonte has too many people who go to church merely from the force of habit.

That Bellefonte has some pretty breezy girls. The place for them is along the sea shore.

That the only way some girls in Bellefonte can make a name for themselves is by marrying.

That many of the girls in Bellefonte with white faces have necks as yellow as a goose egg.

That the young man in Bellefonte who is dead in love will get awake again—when he gets married.

That we have women in Bellefonte who trust their husbands which is more than any other person will do.

That Edward Gross, of Bellefonte, says that Bellefonte butchers aren't all duffers if they do wear killing costumes.

That some men in Bellefonte have a career like a golf ball. They are helped out of one hole only to get into another.

That the average girl gets more consolation from a mirror than a photographer's camera. She thinks that is more real.

That there was something in store for the members of the Bellefonte base ball team who made a noise like a home run.

That there is a young lady on Howard street, Bellefonte, who is dead in love and she doesn't have to do much talking to make it known.

That Monday was Labor Day for the school teachers and the children of Bellefonte. It's the getting down to solid work that goes hard.

That it is said that there was a gentleman in Bellefonte the other day to see one of our popular widows. He had better stop, look and listen.

That Lew McQuiston and his friends, who are fishing down along Bald Eagle ought to be pretty wealthy, judging by the number of bass they caught being "net" gain.

That a bashful young drygoods clerk, of Bellefonte, stole a kiss the other evening and the young lady told a friend that he looked as though he ought to be thrashed.

That the other day Dr. Coburn Rodgers, of Bellefonte, was asked what he would call a boy who eats green apples. His reply was: "I would say he was a pains-taking young man."

That there are women in Bellefonte who never become religiously inclined until they get a new gown and hat and then they go to church late so that the ushers can take them up to the amen corner.

That Charles Brackbill, of Bellefonte, may have stolen a march on his friends when he went away last week to get married but when he returned on Thursday evening they made it quite warm for him.

That the other day a certain man in Bellefonte bought five hundred Havana cigars and when walking home a friend asked what he was carrying. "Tickets to a course of lectures to be given by my wife," he replied.

That in China girl babies, as soon as they are born, are taken to the river and given to the lobsters. We have known where girl babies in Bellefonte, have been raised to womanhood, and then they were given to lobsters.

That for some time past Frank Nagney, the Bellefonte undertaker, has been thinking about purchasing an automobile hearse. He had better put it off until 1910 when he can purchase an aeroplane and then he will be up-to-date. That's what Hard Harris is waiting on.

That Bellefonte has in it a number of girls who claim they are driven to a life of shame and debauch by the sting of poverty. This is hardly correct as good, honest, self-respecting girls are in demand in this community. They can get a position almost anywhere.

That the dainty bit of humanity, with large brown eyes, golden hair and fair skin who walks out Pine street two or three evenings a week and gets into a buggy with one of Bellefonte's sporty young men, is looked upon with suspicion, no matter how good a family she comes from. Birds of a feather flock together.

That if the obliging and courteous waitresses at either the Bush House or the Brockerhoff House, Bellefonte, would carry a platter with turkey on it to the dining room and then leave it fall it would be the downfall of Turkey, the overthrow of Greese and the destruction of China. They would get almost as much glory out of that as a Cook did when he sat astride the North Pole.

That it is said there is a colored fellow in the North Ward, of Bellefonte, who was seen going after a white girl the other night. This is to warn the gentleman that if he keeps up this practice the white caps may sting him up at the first telephone pole. The citizens of this section of the town are getting very tired of witnessing this scene. If the girl doesn't behave herself she will be sent to the house of correction.

That there is a woman in Bellefonte who if she had died in infancy it would have been better for her relatives here, and she would not have so much to answer for in the hereafter. She has always been a nuisance and will be that until she dies. This is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, no matter how harsh and unkind it sounds. It is often better to call a spade a spade than to go around the bush about it.

That when a young lady in Bellefonte is so handsome as to be the centre of attraction of more than one young man they should choose a wider platform than an ordinary porch way to settle any differences they may have, especially if the striking attitude is resorted to as their expression of their intense love they have for the girl. The young fellows had better draw lots than fight a duel, for it may ultimately be found that the prize is not worth fighting for.

### OVER THE COUNTY.

Mrs. M. P. Ard, of Woodward, is visiting her son Dr. G. P. Ard, at the State Hospital at Spring City, Pa.

Huyett & McNitt are shipping a sawmill outfit from Snyderstown to Scotia where they purchased a lumber tract and will operate same.

The venerable Henry T. Norris, of Buffalo Run, was a recent visitor at the home of his sister, in Juniata, and while there attended a reunion of the former students of Juniata Academy, of which he was one.

A balloon, said to have contained a man and woman, and which left Cleveland Thursday, passed over Philipsburg in a northeasterly direction about eleven o'clock Friday morning. It was visible to the naked eye, and excited great curiosity.

Thursday of last week John Bitner and wife, of Tusseyville, went to Philadelphia, where they will stay for the future. Mr. Bitner had no special work in view, but if nothing better turns up he will go back to the trolley line and assume the duties of a conductor.

While visiting at the home of county solicitor Frank Fay, in Hollidaysburg, Mrs. Penny and her daughter, Mrs. E. Mitchell Hoover, of Show Shoe, were members of a party who figured in a bad runaway and, though all the occupants of the carriage were thrown out, none were seriously injured.

After being in the drug business for thirty-one years, J. D. Murray, the oldest inhabitant of Centre Hall, on the 1st of September retired. He sold the drugs and fixtures to his daughter, Miss Agnes M. Murray and Dr. Henry T. Bitner, who will continue the business at the old stand, with the firm name of Murray & Bitner.

While on a vacation to his old home in Littlestown, Adams county, Rev. A. A. Parr suffered a stroke of paralysis. Rev. Parr was stricken some time ago, although slightly, and had fully recovered from its effects, but it is feared this second stroke is of a more serious nature. He is well known to the Lutheran people at Centre Hall.

William Johnstonbaugh, of near Zion has purchased the William Thompson farm at Houserville, which is one of the largest and best farms in that section of the state containing 350 acres, or practically a square mile. The consideration was \$12,250. Mr. Johnstonbaugh expects to take possession of the same on or before the first of April, 1910.

The poultry exhibit at the Grange Encampment and Fair promises to be a leading feature. The poultry house has been rebuilt and is one of the handsomest and most complete buildings of its kind in Central Pennsylvania. If you have a coop of good birds take them there.

Although well on in the seventies, John G. King, of Centre Hall, is a good sprinter and one day recently walked from Centre Hall to the home of his brother-in-law, Morris Furey, near Bellefonte. He was expected to come on the train and his friends drove to the station to meet him, and later were much surprised to see him arrive on foot.

James I. Yarnell, of State College, who for a number of years was a successful huckster throughout Pennsylvania, but who for the past two years conducted a green grocery and produce store at State College, has sold out his business there and moved to Altoona where he will conduct a general country produce store, taking possession of his place of business on September 1.

Dr. Barker, proprietor of Barker's reservation down at Ingleby, some two miles below Coburn, on Penns creek, has had his mountain lands along the railroad, above his home, considerably damaged by fires which ran over a large part of his lands at different times this summer. It is supposed sparks from the engines caused the fires.

A brotherhood of Andrew and Philip will be organized in the Methodist Episcopal church at State College, Friday evening, September 10, at quarter past 8. The Revs. B. C. Conner and H. A. Stuart, of Altoona, and G. L. McCullough, of Clearfield, will be present at that time to explain the work of the brotherhood. All men interested in the movement are requested to be present.

During the recent illness of Capt. George M. Boal, Centre Hall's efficient postmaster, the absence of Assistant Postmistress Tillie Keller, Charles W. Slack, of Centre Hill, was pressed into service. Mr. Slack is well acquainted with the duties of the office, having been assistant to Mr. Boal prior to moving on the farm where he now lives, and is consequently able to conduct the office in good style.

Mrs. Bruce Lingie and daughter, Elizabeth, of Cherokee, Iowa, came east recently in company with Miss Margareta Gohsen, of Boalsburg, who has been in the west for some months. They came from Chicago over the lakes by steamer, and visited Buffalo and Niagara Falls. They were met in Bellefonte by J. Q. A. Kennedy and daughter, Mary, and expect to visit friends at Centre Hall for an indefinite time.

The Centre Hall school board and Miss Katherine Forney, of Beech Creek, who had been elected to teach the Intermediate grade of the Centre Hall schools, had some misunderstanding as to salary, which led the young lady to apply for a school at Barnesboro, Cambria county, and was elected to teach there at a salary of \$55 per month, or \$15 more than that offered by the local board. She accepted the latter position.

For some time Samuel Shoop, of Centre Hall, had been making periodical trips to Altoona, and everyone thought he was simply looking after the pleasures of some orphan girl or widow, but recently he announced that he had purchased an establishment on Chestnut Avenue in that city and had already assumed charge of the same. There are three rooms—one devoted to tobacco, one to confectioneries, and the other is an ice cream parlor.

### Left 38 Children.

Thirty-eight children mourn the death of their father John W. Miller, aged 76 years who died Thursday at the county home at Indiana, where he has been an inmate for several years. Mr. Miller was married four times. One wife survives him.

## DISCOVERER'S STORY AS TOLD BY HIMSELF

DR. COOK SENDS ACCOUNT OF HIS JOURNEY TO POLE

### BEYOND RANGE OF ALL LIFE

Eskimos His Coadjutors—Cold Was Intense, But Game Abundant and Traveling Comparatively Easy—A Great Unknown Land.

Dr. Fredrick A. Cook, of Brooklyn, who succeeded in reaching the North Pole gave out the following brief description of the expedition.

"After a prolonged fight with famine and frost," says Dr. Cook, "we have at last succeeded in reaching the North Pole. A new highway, with an interesting strip of animated nature, has been explored and big game haunts located, which will delight sportsmen and extend the Eskimo horizon.

"Land has been discovered on which rest the earth's Northernmost rocks. A triangle of 30,000 square miles has been cut out of the terrestrial unknown.

"The expedition was the outcome of a summer cruise in the Arctic seas on the schooner Bradley, which arrived at the limits of navigation in Smith sound late in August, 1907. Here conditions were found to launch a venture to the Pole. J. R. Bradley liberally supplied from his vessel suitable provisions for local use. My own equipment for emergencies served well for every purpose of Arctic travel.

**Eskimos Assist.**

"Many Eskimos had gathered on the Greenland shores at Annotok, for the winter bear hunt. Immense quantities of meat had been collected and about the camp were plenty of strong dogs. The combination was lucky, for there was good material for equipment. All that was required was conveniently arranged for at a point 700 miles from the boreal centre. A house and workshop were built by packing boxes by willing hands and this northernmost tribe of 250 people set themselves to the problem of devising a suitable outfit. Before the end of the long winter night, we were ready for the enterprise and plans had matured to force a new route over Grinnell land northward along its west coast out on to the Polar sea.

"The campaign opened with a few scouting parties being sent over the shores to explore their way, and seek game haunts. Their mission was only partly successful, because of the storms. At sunrise of 1908 (February 19) the main expedition embarked on its voyage to the Pole. It consisted of 11 men and 103 dogs drawing 11 heavily laden sledges.

**Expedition Starts.**

"The expedition left the Greenland shore and pushed westward over the troubled ice of Smith sound. The gloom of the long night was relieved only by a few hours of daylight. The Chill of the winter was felt at its worst. As we crossed the heights of Ellesmere sound to the Pacific slope, the temperature sank to minus 82 Centigrade. Several dogs were frozen and the men suffered severely, but soon we found the game trails, along which the way was easy.

"We forced through Nansen sound to Land's end. In this march we secured 101 musk oxen, seven bears and 335 hares. We pushed out into the Polar sea from the southern point of Herbert Island on March 19. Six Eskimos returned from here. With four men and 46 dogs moving supplies for 80 days, the crossing of the circum-polar back was begun. Three days later two other Eskimos, forming the last supporting party, returned and the trials had now been reduced by the survival of the fittest. The two best men and 25 dogs were picked for the final effort.

**Goal Far Away.**

"There before us in an unknown line of 460 miles lay our goal. The first day's provided long marches and we made encouraging progress. A big lead which separated the land from the central back was crossed with little delay. The low temperature was persistent and the winds made life a torture. But cooped up in our snow houses, eating dried beef tallow and drinking hot tea there were some animal comforts occasionally to be gained.

"For several days after the sight of known land was lost they overtook and prevented an accurate determination of our positions. On March 29, the horizon was partly cleared and new land was discovered. Our observations gave our position as latitude 84.47, longitude 86.26. There was urgent need of rapid advance. Our main mission did not permit a detour for the purpose of exploring the coast. Here were seen the last signs of solid earth; beyond, there was nothing stable to be seen.

"We advanced steadily over the monotony of moving sea ice and now found ourselves beyond the range of all life—neither footprints of bears nor the blowholes of seals were detected. Even the microscopic creatures of the deep were no longer under us. The maddening influence of the shifting desert of frost became almost unendurable in the daily routine.

**Conditions Improve.**

"The surface of the back offered less and less trouble and the weather improved, but there still remained the life-sapping wind which drove despair to its lowest recess. The extreme cold compelled physical action. Thus, day after day, our weary legs spread over big distances. Incidents and positions were recorded, but adventure was promptly forgotten in the next day's efforts.

**Previous Attempts to Reach Pole.**

Some of the most recent, or noteworthy, attempts to reach the North Pole are enumerated below:

Walter Wellman, an American, left the Island of Spitzbergen for the pole in a balloon August 15, 1909. His airship became disabled after he had traveled 30 miles and he was forced to return.

In 1906, Commander Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., reached 87 degrees, 6 minutes, equivalent to about 203 miles from the pole. Commander Peary is now in the polar regions on another expedition. A relief ship was sent out a month ago to endeavor to

pick him up. He started from Sydney, N. S., July 17, 1905.

On September 3, 1905, Captain Roald Amundsen, a Norwegian, completed the first voyage through the North-west passage. He left Christiania on the Gjoa, June 17, 1903, and arrived at Herschele Island in the Arctic ocean in September of 1905.

In 1904, Baron Toll, a Russian, led a polar expedition party by way of Siberia, but all the members perished from the cold.

In 1903, Erickson, a Dane, headed an expedition and got as far as Saunders Island, where they were rescued in a destitute condition.

In the same year Anthony Fiala, a young Brooklyn explorer, sailed on the ship America and proceeded further north than the Duke of the Abruzzi. His party endured great hardships before they were rescued.

The Duke of the Abruzzi made his expedition in 1900.

In 1895 Dr. Nansen reached 86 degrees, 14 minutes on the vessel Fram, which left Ingor Strait August 4, 1893.

Professor Andree made his fatal trip in 1897. He left Tromsø, Norway, in his balloon, the Eagle, bound for the pole. Since his departure nothing authentic has been heard of Professor Andree.

In 1882, the Greely expedition in the Jeanette was lost near Henrietta Island.

In 1882, the Greely expedition reached 83 degrees, 24 minutes.

In 1845, Sir John Franklin made his disastrous attempt to penetrate from Lancaster Sound to Behring Strait.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

John L. Holmes et al to G. E. Corl, tract of land in Ferguson township, July 19, 1909, \$190.

William J. Kasley to Michael Dochak, tract of land in Rush township, July 1, 1909, \$190.

Amelia Ulrich et al to Common-wealth of Penn'a, tract of land in Haines township, August 19, 1909, \$140.31.

William E. Weston et ux to Majk Hajzak, tract of land in Rush township, April 5, 1909, \$185.

Thomas Foster et al to Ella E. Musser, August 7, 1908, tract of land in State College, \$400.

Benjamin B. Kelley et al to Peter Kelley, April 23, 1904, tract of land in Worth township, \$500.

Sarah A. Mease et al to Jos. L. Peters, tract of land in Benner township, July 6, 1909, \$470.

Homer D. Decker et ux to Harry E. Breon, August 28, 1909, tract of land in Spring township, \$200.

E. S. Long et ux to A. J. Long, Sept. 1, 1909, tract of land in Boggs township, \$100.

C. T. Fryberger et ux to Russell Bigelow, August 22, 1909, lot in Philipsburg, \$3600.

Samuel Ard to W. W. Braucht, Aug. 31, 1909, tract of land in Penn township, \$511.

Harriet Dinges to W. W. Braucht, May 31, 1909, tract of land in Penn twp., \$2,000.

W. E. Hurley, sheriff to M. C. Gephart, August 30, 1909, tract of land in Taylor twp., \$165.

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