

FRANCIS SPEER'S

Breezy "That" Column

That some people in Bellefonte are not much for looks until they begin to rubber.

"But did you ever hear a girl in Bellefonte twice that age say 'when I was a girl'?"

"That the girl in Bellefonte isn't necessarily breezy because she puts on a lot of airs.

That the majority of family jars in Bellefonte are caused by jugs and quart bottles.

That if some persons in Bellefonte were to crack a smile they would imagine they were ruined.

That half of the people in Bellefonte who are disappointed in love never realize it until they are married.

That when Hard Harris, of Bellefonte, undertaker, is overworked he has a right to claim he is "dead tired."

That the fellow in Bellefonte who marries the bell of the town may have it ringing in his ear through the balance of his life.

That John—, of Bellefonte, says he hugged his girl so roughly that she made him keep his distance the rest of the evening.

That "Billy" Cassidy, of Bellefonte, says that one never realizes what an aimless existence some men lead, until you go gunning with them.

That most any musician in Bellefonte will tell you that there is quite a difference between buying something for a song and giving your note for it.

That John Kiesel, of Bellefonte, says that his wife is going to get him a pair of lace curtains, and in return he is going to secure for her a rifle for shooting deer.

That Henry Brown, of Bellefonte, says that any member of a choir in our town can take a high note, if it is of the greenback variety.

That the man in Bellefonte who desires to test a friend all he has to do is to give him an opportunity to better his condition at his expense.

That Frank Gailbraith, the Bellefonte jeweler, says that some watch makers are compelled to work very slowly in order to make good time.

That the fellows who have been keeping up the racket in Garman's opera house, had better not get too gay or their measure might be taken.

That Rev. Hower, of Bellefonte, one of our thoughtful and earnest ministers, says the young man who contemplates to fight the devil with fire will discover who has the most ammunition.

That Policeman Harry Dukeman says that he has no objection to the floating population of Bellefonte if they only manage to keep their heads above water.

That a certain married man in the North ward, of Bellefonte, has discovered that a man has to be particular as to what kind of a rag he chews when he intends to pull the wool over his wife's eyes.

That if a certain professional man in Bellefonte wouldn't take so much "Oh-be-joyful" when his wife goes visiting, he probably wouldn't give so many family secrets away.

That Mike Shields, of Bellefonte, says many a fellow in this oldtown boasts that he has money to burn without being in any danger of having the Logan Fire company called out.

That those who contemplate making a Christmas gift of a ring to any of the pretty and obliging telephone girls in Bellefonte should get it for the finger, as they have all the rings in their ears they care about having.

That there resides in the West ward of Bellefonte a young lady who should put a brake on her tongue, or think about a half dozen times before she utters one word. She likes to hear herself talk which is her greatest fault.

That Harry Fenlon, of Bellefonte, says we are living in a momentous epoch. For instance, there is the war on taxes, crash of the trusts, all on the water wagon, home rule for Ireland; then the millennium is only a dream or a moving picture.

That it is said Bellefonte has a home in it that is considered by decent people as a hot house of degeneracy, and a libel on what should be the town's best domicile. It is frequented by a young fellow whose secret life has been nothing but debauchery.

That it is said that a certain woman in Bellefonte is much agitated over the fact that her daughter wants to marry a young man who has a cork leg, a glass eye, as well as a wig and false teeth. Why should she, this good mother, so seriously object to this union when she knows that women always did have a hankering after remnants.

That there is a young man who resides on Linn street, Bellefonte, who had better brush the cobwebs from his own brain before he becomes so presumptuous as to sit in judgment upon the mental conditions of those around him. He is a good Indian, but shouldn't pass judgment on such a deep subject that requires so much gray matter. Sometimes fools tread where angels are afraid to go.

That Col. Hughie Taylor, of Bellefonte, can't say that he was never ripped up the back. The other day he was assisting in unloading a large boiler at the court house when it slipped on the skids. In some way a chair became tangled up in the tail of the Colonel's rain coat and in less than a minute he had a divided garment, clean to the back of the collar. It was a little exasperating but the trouble was, it was done so quickly that he hadn't time to swear.

That Levi Symonds, who is one of the most competent janitors ever in the court house, says that a rabbit can slip over the ground at the rate of a mile a minute, and a man can easily run one down in a day. Howard Spangler chipped in and stated if that was true what was the use of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. carrying the mail between New York and Chicago. Levi also assured his hearers that he was out rabbit hunting once when a "bunnie" came down the road at the rate of 125 miles an hour and he, Levi, stooped down when the rabbit ran against his breast and fell back dead, it's neck being broken. The rabbit he was talking about must have been in training at Pennsylvania State College.

OVER THE COUNTY.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all—friend and foe—civilized and heathen.

The Beck farm near Loganton was sold recently to E. M. DeLong for \$4000.

The roof on James Linsey's barn, near Colyer was blown off by the storm the past week.

The Mary Ann Boal property at Peru was sold on Saturday by J. S. Houseman atty, for heirs to John H. Boal, for \$330.

Mrs. W. T. Glenn and Miss Annie Glenn, of State College, left this week for Brooklyn, N. Y., where they will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. Kottcamp.

While sawing wood with a circular saw on the Reynolds farm near Roopersburg, on Wednesday, of last week, John Spilley had his right arm caught in the saw and badly cut.

The County Commissioners are now busy making the settlements with the Collectors and Assessors for the year 1909. This is the busiest season of the year in the Commissioners' office.

Rev. Dr. L. Kryder Evans, on Sunday, Dec. 12th, celebrated the completion of the thirty-eighth year of his pastorate of Trinity Reformed church at Pottstown. Dr. Evans is a native of Gregg township.

Correspondents will omit their news items for next week, as there will be no paper issued, as is the custom during Christmas week. In the meantime we wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Several weeks ago Frank Kremer, of Millheim, lost a high-priced horse. He replaced it with another that cost him \$245, but only had it for a short time when it also died so that he is out a big lot of the long green.

Notice:—The annual meeting of the Zion Union Cemetery Association will be held in the Grange Hall, Jan. 1st, at 1 o'clock p. m. All lot owners are requested to attend. Signed S. H. Shaffer, Sec'y; J. A. Hoy, President.

E. M. Huyett, of the McNitt-Huyett Lumber Co., whose saw mill is at Waddle, is recovering from the effect of several broken ribs. While at work up there he fell, striking his side against a large piece of timber, with the unfortunate result.

Among the changes of tenants next spring will be these: B. F. Rickert from the Andrew Korman farm, near Spring Mills, to the Stoner farm, near Tusseyville, now occupied by Henry Lingle. Mr. Lingle will move to the Brockerhoff farm, east of Old Fort.

E. M. Boone, of South Dakota, is in his former home in Haines township. He is farming in South Dakota and tells us crops were fair out there and had enough rain too. He is pleased with that country and so are the rest of Centre countians now residing there.

The next Penn State catalogue will offer four new courses of instruction. In the agricultural school there will be offered a course in landscape gardening, in the school of engineering a course in architecture, in the school of liberal arts a pre-legal course and in the school of natural science a pre-medical course.

In this year, 1909, it was one hundred years since the first buildings in Boalsburg were built. It was intended that a fitting celebration of this should be held some time during the summer, but on account of the unavoidable absence of Theodore Boal, and for other good reasons, it was postponed.

On Tuesday night while Thos. A. Hosterman and Bruce Weaver were driving in opposite directions, on the public road near Colyer, their vehicles collided owing to the darkness. The wheel on Weaver's buggy was smashed and the shafts on the harness were broken and Mr. Hosterman's horse ran away. Neither of the men was injured, which was exceedingly fortunate.

On Saturday, Dec. 1st, there was an unusual event in Boalsburg. On account of the extreme drought a bucket brigade was formed to carry water from McFarlane's dam, over a mile away. The citizens found this rather slow work so water was hauled to the town and sold for ten cents a tubful. On Monday the rain and sleet made it a little easier for them to get enough water to do their washing.

The other day while H. G. Stover, of Millheim, was cleaning his horse's stables he let the horses out to water. As one of Mr. Stover's boys was pushing a wheelbarrow into the stable one of the horses started to run and jumped upon the wheelbarrow, breaking it down. The weight of the horse forced one of the broken handles of the wheelbarrow into its body, injuring it to such an extent that Mr. Stover decided to kill it.

Last week a singular instance took place which might have left Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brooks, residing west of Centre Hall, without a home. On hearing of the burning of the stable of Foster Jodon, near Pleasant Gap, they started over to sympathize with him in his loss. In their absence a spark from the kitchen stove set fire to the carpet. William Walker, in passing, saw the flames and on bursting in the door extinguished them before any great damage was done.

WILL RECOVER.

Thomas Miller of Beech Creek Shot by Accident.

A shooting accident occurred along Rattlesnake Run, in the Schobos region on Thursday of last week, which resulted in Thomas Miller, of Beech Creek receiving a change of shot in his side. It appears that Harry Bear, a miner, was walking along with a hammerless gun, with Miller about ten feet in advance of him, when suddenly the gun was discharged by accident, and the entire load of shot and a wad struck Miller fairly, and was embedded in the flesh and striking the ribs where they lodged.

The injured man was able to walk and in due time reached his home where Dr. Tibbons extracted the fine shot. He now is resting easy and no serious results are anticipated.

The blush of a really bashful girl is a straight flush that always wins.

Central R. R. of Pa. Train Schedule

Leave Bellefonte—For Mill Hall—7:05 a.m., 1:30 and 5:55 p.m.

Leave Mill Hall—For Bellefonte—4:33 a.m., 1:56 and 5:35

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Albert E. Bartges admr. to Geo. E. Menach, Dec. 15, 1909, Millheim Boro.; \$260.

Albert E. Bartges admr. to Orlando Hackenburr, Dec. 15, 1909, Millheim Boro.; \$650.

Albert E. Bartges admr. to C. Sumner Musser, Dec. 15, 1909, Penn Twp.; \$351.

Albert E. Bartges admr. to B. D. Brislin et al, Dec. 15, 1909, tract of land in Potter Twp.; \$7000.

William L. Foster et al to Alice S. Weaver, Oct. 18, 1909, tract of land in State College; \$450.

Christina Rishell et bar to Harry C. Shirk, April 6, 1909, tract of land in Potter Twp.; \$6200.

Paul V. Stevenson to Pal Chapter of the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Aug. 1, 1909, tract of land in State College; \$1.

Henry C. Quigley, admr. of Thos. Huston, Dec'd to Joseph H. Long, Nov. 29th, 1909, tract of land in Walker Twp.; \$125.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co. to Alfred T. Poorman, June 1, 1909, tract of land in Snow Shoe Twp.; \$50.

Alfred C. Leathers to John Krumrine, Dec. 11, 1909, lot in State College; \$775.

Andrew B. Struble to Alice R. Struble, Dec. 16, 1909, lot in State College; \$4000.

Sara S. Welsh to Martin Luther Beck, Nov. 15, 1909, lot in Howard Boro.; \$100.

Had the Money.

On Wednesday Officer Harry Miller arrested a man named John Spackman, who is charged by Joseph Eberts, of Martha with breaking open a writing desk in the Eberts home and stealing \$65.00. When searched this sum in the exact denominations named in the information, was found on him.

It appears that the daughter of Eberts died in the western part of the state and was taken to Martha last Friday, to the home of her brother, when the elder Eberts went to their son's home to attend the funeral, and upon returning to their house found the desk broken open and money gone, and a trunk filled in which was a sum of money belonging to a domestic, but which was overlooked. Spackman was seen enter the house by neighbors. Spackman was taken to Port Matilda, where a hearing was held before Squire Williams of that place.—Tyronne Herald.

Rough on Dayton.

Thomas Toot, long a resident of Potter township but later living on this side of the county, and for the last few months making his home in Dayton, Ohio, has returned and makes his home in Julian. Mr. Toot gives his reason for leaving Dayton, was that there was too much swearing—profanity—in that Ohio city, and resolved to shake off the dust of it from his shoes and go back to good old Centre where profanity is not the rule.

Wants to Raise the Maine.

Representative Sulzer, of New York, said that after the holiday recess, he will go before the house naval affairs committee and argue for a report on his bill to raise the battleship Maine from the harbor of Havana. He says the sentiment in favor of the bill is strong and that if the committee will report the bill it will be approved by a large majority.

Two is company and three is a divorce, says an exchange.

A POPULAR EVENT

How Pupils Were Accustomed to Celebrate Christmas.

It was a custom that has died off, scholars of the village and country schools would bar out the pedagogue (teacher) at Christmas time as a reminder that a Christmas gift was to be assured before he could enter the school room. This scheme was planned a week or more before Christmas by the scholars of the respective schools in private convention held and plans for the event matured, all of which was kept from the knowledge of the knight of the hickory, his weapon in those days.

The last day of school before Christmas was the time fixed upon for the interesting event, and early in the morn or during the night, the boys and girls would stealthily meet in the school room to blockade doors, windows, and shutters, and perhaps the chimney, to prevent the teacher's entrance, until a truce had been arranged which amounted to a promise from teacher that he would treat all to a Christmas gift which, in most of cases, the pedagogue assented to. Any effort of the teacher to forcibly run the "blockade" was resisted by those within the fort and often defeated his efforts. When he would succeed an entrance there was a general skedaddle of the juveniles for fear of being treated to a "hickory" reception instead of the usual Santa Claus goods. We suppose some of the older teachers attending institute this week in Bellefonte, still held his Christmas ing out fresh within memory as a fond recollection and experience. However, when it was known beforehand, that a teacher intended to treat his scholars, there was no penning-out fixed upon.

Whilst this was fun for the children and oft for the teacher too, others of early mood, would treat it with a frown, instead of accepting the pleasant philosophy. The barring-out scheme has about become obsolete.

FARMING IN KANSAS

Using Traction Engines, Steam or Gasoline.

The use of the most "modern methods" in farming in Kansas is by no means restricted to the huge ranches. In nearly every locality in the state there are farmers who are using traction engines, with either steam or gasoline for power, to plow and harrow. Muscotah, Kan., in Atchison county, furnishes a good example in the Gray & Hilderbrandt ranch. It comprises 650 acres—not large for Kansas—on which the plowing and harrowing is being done with a 20-horsepower gasoline engine. This hauls four fourteen-inch gang plows and a two-horse harrow—the equivalent of saying that the engine does the work of twenty horses. The distance traversed—and it's over "tough" soil, too—is from two to two and a half miles a day. One harrow is placed off to the side, so that the result is a double harrowing of the ground without making a second trip.

There were many doubters of the advisability of investing in an engine for a tract of 650 acres. It was considered too small an area to warrant the initial expense for the machine. The owners of the ranch, however, say that the engine soon will save its cost. Thus far in the test it has proved entirely satisfactory.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas is here. All civilized Nations are celebrating this, the greatest of holidays. We owe the day unalloyed reverence—with cheer and thanksgiving. Frivolity, carousing and sinful pleasures are to be shunned—and will be—by all who have a proper conception of what Christmas is commemorated for. The Christian would celebrate Christmas in holy reverence, convocations and greetings commensurate with what the Day stands for.

A learned writer upon the origin of this great holiday speaks of its origin: "Christmas, the day on which the nativity of the Saviour is observed. The institution of this festival is attributed by the spurious Decretals to Telesphorus, who flourished in the reign of Antoninus Pius, (138-161 A. D.) but the first certain traces of it are found about the time of the Emperor Commodus, (180-192 A. D.) in the reign of Diocletian, (284-305 A. D.) while that ruler was keeping court at Nicomedia. He learned that a multitude of Christians were assembled in the city to celebrate the birthday of Jesus, and having ordered the church doors to be closed he set fire to the building, and the worshippers perished in the flames. It does not appear, however, that there was any uniformity in the region of observing the nativity among the early churches; some held the festival in the month of May or April, others in January."

Among all Christian people the twenty-fifth of December is celebrated as Christmas. Whether that is the accurate date, however, is not essential. All Christians have adopted and accepted that day, as being as near accuracy as Biblical scholarship was able to fix the date after studied research. The event is what we celebrate—not the date of it which might be fixed upon without any doubt being cast upon the nativity, for we know, beyond controversy, that Christ was born. The prophets point to it and the New Testament gives the facts and verifies what was foretold in the Bible centuries before the birthday of the Savior.

The person who amounts to something in this world is the one who, instead of always telling you what ought to be done, goes and does it.

POULTRY DISPLAY.

In connection with Farmer's Week at State College the Poultry Department will hold a poultry show. The members of Centre County Poultry Association, Buffalo Valley Poultry Association, and a number of individual poultry breeders in this section are co-operating with the College poultry department in securing exhibits.

The Centre County Association will award prize ribbons in all classes represented. Judge Wyle, of Telford, will place the award. In addition to the poultry show, addresses on poultry subjects will be given during the week by John H. Robinson, of Boston, Mass.; Judge Wyle and Homer W. Jackson, of the College. Breeders wishing to enter fowls should address J. L. Runkle, Secretary of Centre County Poultry Association, Bellefonte; or Homer W. Jackson, State College, Dept of Poultry Husbandry.

The New Anesthetic.

In last week's Democrat we alluded to the above discovery in medical science. The demonstration of the local anesthetic stovaine (pronounced stovaine) made in Philadelphia Wednesday of last week, seems to establish beyond a doubt that the discovery is one of prime importance in the surgical world. After an injection without the major abdominal operation was performed upon a patient who, while perfectly conscious, was quite oblivious to the fact that the operation had been begun until it was all over. The new anesthetic seems to have every advantage offered by ether without the danger that always attends the use of that anesthetic or the deadly nausea that is its most unpleasant reactionary effect.

Santa Claus is coming next Friday night.

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