

RACKET STORE NEWS.

When U Visit Bellefonte

One of the places U should go to C is

THE RACKET

It is always an interesting store, and differs as much from any in the town or county of day and night.

KOM TO C US.

G. R. SPIGELMYER, SHEM SPIGELMYER, JR.

PERSONAL.

—W. C. Duck, of Penn, has moved to Jamesville, Wisconsin.

—Mr. J. P. Grove, of Farmers Mills, is a frequent visitor in Centre Hall.

—Mr. John Mersinger, of Tusseyville, gave the REPORTER a call on Tuesday.

—Robert Wolf, a student at the Theological Seminary, at Gettysburg, is home on his holiday vacation.

—Miss Jane Slabig, who has been located at Lewistown for near a year, has removed to her home at Potters Mills.

—Will Wagner, who is now located at Bellwood, Pa., in the mercantile business, was a guest at the Swartz-Kramrine wedding last night.

—Mrs. Flora Bairfoot departed yesterday morning for Philadelphia, where she will remain until after the holidays. Will Smith accompanied her.

—John Miller, tanner, formerly of this town, now of Williamsport, was around the other day, shaking hands with old friends. He looks tip-top.

—Cal. Gfrerer, who has been working near Bellefonte, will spend several weeks at home. Cal. tells us he intends being married soon, and we hope such is true.

—County Superintendent Gramley, visited our schools Friday last, and also the REPORTER office, knowing it to be an old standby of the cause of education. The Professor is giving our schools zealous attention.

—Mr. Henry Shadow, of Tusseyville, while in town on Saturday, dropped in at the REPORTER office, and renewed his subscription. He says he cannot do without the REPORTER, and says his paper is frequently loaned out, and he is glad to do so.

—Mr. Michael Kerstetter, of Pleasant Gap, was a caller at the REPORTER office on Saturday. Mr. Kerstetter is a gentleman of intelligent views and well versed in the events of the day, and his belief in the Democratic party is unflinching. His call while pleasant was brief.

—Misses Mary and Nellie Meek, daughters of Hon. P. Gray Meek of the Bellefonte Watchman, spent a short time in Centre Hall on Monday afternoon while taking a drive through our valley. The young ladies are bright and accomplished and deservedly popular.

—We have received a copy of the State Tribune, of El Reno, Canadian county, Oklahoma Territory, and at its mast head find the familiar name of Frank Meyer, as editor. Frank is a graduate of the REPORTER office and a son of William Meyer, of Centre Hall. The paper is a creditable sheet and seemingly is well patronized.

No Paper Next Week.

No paper will be issued from this office next week, according to a time honored custom, and it will enable the force to take a rest. The next issue of the REPORTER will be issued January 1, 1894. Remember this, and don't be disappointed if you go to the post-office and your REPORTER does not appear as usual.

Attended.

Society of Christ. Every Sabbath attended late of our town. Evening meeting, and the endeavor meeting, interesting address

INSTITUTE WEEK

INSTRUCTORS SECURED FOR THE INSTITUTE.

Convenes Monday Morning, Dec. 26.—Entertainers of Exceptional Merit.—Program for Week.

The Centre county Teacher's Institute will convene in the court house, in Bellefonte, on Monday morning next, December 26th, and continue in session five days, closing on Friday afternoon, 30th.

County Superintendent Gramley has secured a list of able instructors for the week. On the list of instructors are Prof. James M. Coughlin, Supt. of public schools of Wilkesbarre; Maj. James M. Lee, supt. of public schools of Huntingdon, W. Va.; Prof. A. D. Meloy, of the State Normal at Lock Haven; Prof. J. G. Anderson, of Phillipsburg; and A. Judson Smith, of New Millport, Pa., musical director.

During the week addresses will be delivered by Gen. James A. Beaver, Gen. D. H. Hastings, Hon. John H. Orvis, Pres. G. W. Atherton of State College, Rev. W. E. Fischer, of Centre Hall, D. F. Fortney, Bellefonte, and others.

Enrollment begins promptly at 9.30 o'clock, Monday morning. A fee of \$1 will be charged.

Thursday, Dec. 29th, will be Directors' Day, and several prominent speakers have been secured to address the directors on their various duties of office.

The evening entertainments for the week promise to be of the best. On Monday evening James M. Coughlin will deliver his lecture on "Character Building." Tuesday evening Maj. Lee, will lecture on "Black the Heels of Your Boots." Wednesday evening, the Schumann concert company will give a concert. Thursday evening, J. R. Clark, lectures on "Hits and Misses." 25 cents admission will be charged, except on Wednesday evening, when 50 cents will be charged.

The New Schedule.

The new train schedule which went into effect on Monday morning, meets with public approval. The morning mail from the east arrives twenty minutes earlier, and the evening passenger at 4.01 instead of 4.28. The afternoon mail leaves Bellefonte fifteen minutes later than before. The time of the run between Montandon and Bellefonte has been cut down and the speed of train raised. This is good news to the traveling public, but there is still room for a slice to be cut off the time between the two points.

Much Small Change.

It is noted in commercial circles, especially in toy and fancy goods merchandising, that small change, five and ten cent pieces, are increasing in circulation, the result of breaking small savings banks, tin boxes, miniature barrels, etc., into which deposits were made during the past eleven months. As we approach the holidays, the breaking of such depositories will increase this small coin circulation until it becomes a glut in the markets, and an overflow in the coffers of all merchants.

One on Centre County.

A verdant young preacher over in Centre county begins his remarks on every occasion, "It affords me pleasure to announce," and added this the other night: "It affords me pleasure to announce that brother Snively, of Snow Shoe, has died according to arrangements, and the funeral will take place on Tuesday next." And a broad smile spread itself over the congregation.

It Helps Make the Man.

A good, nice fitting suit of clothes puts a man on good terms with himself and the world. A man is at his best when he is well and comfortably dressed, and whether engaged in business or pleasure, he is pretty sure of being well received wherever he goes. If you want the acme of comfort, fit, style and quality at the lowest figures give Lewins, at the Philadelphia Branch, Bellefonte, a call.

Died in Williamsport.

Mrs. Mary A. Blerly, a resident of Rebersburg, died in Williamsport on Wednesday morning, Dec. 7th at Williamsport, after an illness of several weeks, aged seventy-four years. The deceased was born in Lycoming county and was the mother of Hon. Willis R. Blerly, now of Dakota.

Damages for Injuries.

For injuries to his spine received in the collision between the Snow Shoe and Bald Eagle Valley passenger trains, on October 17, 1891, O. P. Kreamer, of Milesburg, has just settled a suit for \$25,000 damages by taking \$4,500 and agreeing to pay his share of the costs.

Christmas Service.

The Reformed Sunday School of Aaronsburg, will have a Christmas service on Monday evening, Dec. 26.

—The sugar at 4 cents, raisins at 8 cents, and our ajax syrup at 50 cents defies competition. Try them.—G. O. Benner.

—Pork and beef wanted by C. P. Long.

FIRE AT MILESBURG.

Carriage Works Destroyed by Fire Sunday Morning.

On Sunday morning the town of Milesburg was visited by a fierce conflagration which for a time threatened the destruction of much valuable property. About one o'clock in the morning several boys discovered flames issuing from the carriage works of L. C. Bullock, and the alarm was given and the town aroused, but before assistance came the flames had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the building. Adjoining property was in danger of being destroyed, and the citizens telephoned to Bellefonte for assistance. The steam fire company was sent down and the flames were got under control, but only after the carriage works were completely destroyed. The fire was evidently the work of an incendiary, and it originated on the second floor of the building in the paint room. Several buggies and carriages belonging to other parties were destroyed, and the loss on the building and stock will be about \$4,000, on which there is an insurance of about \$2500.

A Unique Entertainment.

The display of Japanese curios in Harper & Kreamer's hall on Saturday evening, was a unique and interesting entertainment. The curios are the property of Miss Irvine, sister of Mrs. Rev. Eisenberg, with whom Miss Irvine has been visiting for some time. Miss Irvine has lately returned from a five years' service as missionary of the Reformed church, to Japan, and with her she brought many fine articles which were presented her by residents of that country. Fine inlaid panels, idols, coins, lacquered work, vases, embroidery, and many other things composed the collection, which is valued at many hundred dollars. During the evening Miss Irvine arrayed herself in Japanese costume and gave the audience an idea of the peculiar customs and manners of the Japanese ladies. The Ladies Aid Society of the Reformed church, under whose auspices the entertainment was given, realized about thirty dollars, which goes toward the erection of a new Reformed church in Centre Hall. Miss Irvine will return to Japan before long but will not take the collection with her.

Ott-Koch.

On Wednesday evening, December 15th, Mr. Alfred Ott, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Ott, who formerly resided near Centre Hall, but now located at Axemant, was married to Miss Ida M. Koch, at the residence of the bride a short distance east of Bellefonte, by Rev. Houshour, of the Lutheran church. The wedding took place at six o'clock and was attended by over sixty guests. The bride and groom departed the same evening on a tour to eastern cities.

Ship Early.

People who intend to send holiday presents by express to near or distant parts of the state or country, should not delay the shipment until a day or two before the holidays, as many such contributions of regard and remembrance to assure safe delivery should be sent at least a week before December 25, as within two or three days of that period all express lines are overloaded with shipments.

A Railroad Office "Cracked."

Saturday morning at 3 o'clock masked burglars blew open the safe in the office of the Lewisburg and Tyrone Railroad, at Lewisburg. No trains pass between 8 P. M. and 5 A. M. and there is no night operator. The watchman frustrated the robbers, but none were caught. Detectives say the work was done by expert Philadelphia cracksmen.

Deer Season Over.

The season for the legal killing of deer closed on the 15th inst., and the hunters can now lay away their trusty guns and dream of the chances they have missed and what they will bring down next season. It was a profitable season for some but others fared not so well. Deer were plenty, but somehow the boys could not get at them.

Will Not Have It for Christmas.

Millheim will not have the much needed new railroad for a Christmas gift, but ground may be broken when the shell of the next easter egg is broken, if they pitch in like sixty. Centre Hall went through a lively experience of railroad building—it was a tough pull—but we got there.

A Tyrone Clergyman Called to New York.

Rev. J. R. Davies, who has been pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Tyrone, the past four years, has received a call from the trustees of the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian church, New York, to succeed the late Dr. Howard Crosby.

Will Be on Time

The comet missed us, but Christmas will be here on time—and we hope it will be a merry one to all the REPORTER'S patrons and the rest of mankind.

—The shoes sold by A. C. Mingle, Bellefonte, are all guaranteed. No inferior stock in the store.

A FIRE BUG CAUGHT.

A Young Man Arrested at Bellefonte for Settling Fire to Buildings.

Bellefonte has had numerous incendiary fires in the last several months and they became so numerous and frequent that the Council offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of the incendiary. Last Friday evening between 10 and 11 o'clock, Mrs. Pearl, who lives over Baur & Co.'s store on Allegheny street, was alarmed by the smell of smoke and going to the rear window she saw a man crouching against the wall near a fire which was starting in the rear of Bauer's store. She called and asked him what he was doing and he answered her by saying, "go away from me, woman." Mrs. Pearl then rushed out into the street and called an officer who, in company with Nicholas Baur and son, John, went around and arrested the man, who proved to be Furst Crider, a young man aged about 23, a student at the Bellefonte academy, connected with some of the best families in Bellefonte and quite well off. His home is in Lock Haven. What his motive was for starting the fire no one can understand. He was evidently under the influence of liquor when arrested and gave as his reason for coming in there that some fellows were after him to whip him and that he came in there to hide. He denied having started the fire and said he had not noticed it. The fire was extinguished without any damage being done. Crider was lodged in jail, and on Saturday morning was given a hearing before Judge Furst, who bound him over in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at court. He was released from jail on Monday morning. Sentiment is about equally divided as to the guilt of the young man, and many think he is the unfortunate victim of a chain of circumstances, and that the fire bug is still at large.

Died at Spring Mills.

On last Thursday morning Mr. Jacob Fredericks died at his home in Spring Mills. Mr. Fredericks had been in poor health for some time, suffering from stomach trouble, but was not considered dangerously ill until last Tuesday, when he grew suddenly worse which resulted in his death on Thursday morning. Mr. Fredericks was aged sixty-four years. His wife and five children survive him. Interment was made on Saturday morning, in the cemetery at Penn Hall.

Large Sale of Property.

The Barcroft property at Spring Mills, better known as the Duncan property, has been sold by Mrs. Barcroft, who resides in Philadelphia. Robert Smith, of near Woodward, is the purchaser. The property embraces the brick mansion, brick store, hotel, and frame store building near the creek, and ware-house at the railroad. The price paid is about \$6000. This is about one-third it was at one time valued at. Mr. Smith will occupy the brick mansion next spring.

No Entertainments.

The holiday season will pass off, as far as our meagre knowledge goes, in Centre Hall, without any entertainment, of any kind. Heretofore each year one or two of the Sunday schools got up an exercise of some sort or other, but this year is to be an exception to the general rule. A Christmas service will be held in the Lutheran church on Sunday evening, but we cannot bespeak of its character.

An Appropriate Christmas Present.

The REPORTER sent to your friend as a Christmas present will be appreciated all the year, and make your friend think well of you weekly as he lifts it from the postoffice. Send your friend the REPORTER for six or twelve months, as a Christmas gift, it gives him all the county news, and saves you postage in keeping him posted by letter.

Aaronsburg Favored.

Aaronsburg, besides the distinction of having two brass bands, has two toll gates at the west end, which are served from one toll-house. They form a sort of right angle,—one angle catches the travel to Millheim, the other the travel that leaves the pike at the same place and takes the back road to Coburn.

Successful Hunters.

The Lock Haven Express said that John C. Merrill returned home last Saturday from his annual hunt with the Turtle Lake club in the wilds of Michigan. The party killed forty-three deer, a wolf, a panther and numerous game birds. Mr. Merrill shot four deer one of the number being a white one.

The Rumor Not Correct.

The statement in our last issue of the probability of Cyrus Goss becoming landlord at the Brockerhoff house, Bellefonte, is not correct as he informed us upon inquiry. He had no such intention, and does not think of going into the hotel business just at present.

For Rent.

A two-story dwelling house and lot, with stable, etc., at Centre Hall station is for rent. Possession given at any time. Apply to F. Kurtz.

HERE AND THERE

NEWS ABOUT THE TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Centre County Auditors Requested to Meet December 28th, at Bellefonte.—Other Happenings.

The county commissioners have issued a circular letter to the auditors in every one of the fifty-one voting precincts in the county, calling upon them to send at least one from each district to Bellefonte on Wednesday, December 28th. A convention of these officials will be held in the arbitration room at half-past ten o'clock. The purpose of this meeting will be to give the township and borough auditors full and positive instructions in regard to the holding of the spring elections on February 21st. The printing of these ballots for the districts will be quite a task and will keep the presses moving to get out all the work. The meeting will be addressed by D. F. Fortney, commissioners' attorney. The expenses incurred in coming to Bellefonte, according to the circular from the commissioners, the auditors are to charge to their respective districts. It is important that every district in the county be represented.

A Farmer Regulated by the Moon.

There is a farmer in Lehigh county whose work is entirely mapped out with reference to the moon. Fence posts are planted when the moon "points up" so they are kept from sinking out of sight. The roofs of his buildings were put on when the moon "pointed down" so as to prevent the nails from pulling out of the shingles. Wheat is sown in the "dark of the moon" to hide the seed from the birds and worms. He invariably butchers his hogs when the moon is full, otherwise he claims that the meat would shrivel up in the pan. The quantity of rainfall, according to this moon-awed farmer, can be accurately judged for a month when the new moon appears. If the horn points down that means wet and when the crescent lies on its back, dry weather will prevail.

Killed Three Deer.

Hunting parties have been many this season in the mountains after deer and but few of them have returned home with any game. The Bradford party are an exception and on Friday returned from over a week's hunt in the mountains at Stone Creek with three deer which they killed. Two of them were shot by Tom Goss, and he was in at the death of the third, which was brought down by a shot of David Bradford. It was a good haul and the party get the medal for this vicinity.

Officer Shot At.

Cyrus Luce, formerly of this vicinity, whose appointment as night policeman for Tyrone we noted, has gone through his first experience. A correspondent says: Officer Luce arrested several young fellows in the academy of music Friday night, for disturbing the audience, as well as the performers. While taking them to the lockup one of them drew a revolver and fired at the officer and then made his escape. The policeman was not injured and landed the other prisoners safely in the jug.

Another Wedding.

Weddings have been unusually numerous in this section of late, and this week we chronicle another for which cards have been issued. Mr. David W. Bradford and Miss Carrie May Lawyers will be married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Lawyers, on Thursday evening, December 29th, at seven o'clock in the evening. The wedding will be a brilliant affair and about seventy-five invitations have been issued.

Death of Dr. Jerry Hoy.

Dr. Jeremiah Hoy, a native of this county, and at one time well known in this valley, died suddenly at his home in Ohio, a few days ago. He ate a hearty supper, and took a hemorrhage soon after, and expired. He was a brother of Hon. Adam Hoy, dec'd., and was familiarly known as Jerry Hoy, by all of us.

It is Time to Put in its Appearance.

If we are to have sleighing next Sunday, Christmas, it is time the "beautiful snow" puts in its appearance. Christmas without good sleighing is not near so enjoyable as with it; the merry bells and quickly gliding sleighs with their cozy wraps and smiling occupants go far to make Christmas look like Christmas.

Death of an Aged Lady.

Mrs. Henry Moyer, of Miles township, died a few days ago, aged ninety-three years, having been the oldest person in Brush valley. Her funeral took place on Tuesday last. We have no further particulars.

The Season Over.

Deer hunting season is over but you can get a marriage license any time.

—The holidays are a season of happiness and good cheer, and a recipient of a pair of Mingle's fine shoes would have occasion to feel thus all the year round.

Take the Smell Out of Onions.

If you can eat onions why don't you take the smell out of them, which can easily be done. Before they are cooked they may be soaked for awhile in salt and water to help remove the odor, and while cooking place in the pot a piece of bread the size of an egg or larger, tied in a linen bag. This may also be used for any other vegetables with penetrating odors.

A Neat Trick.

For the benefit of our merchants who do not advertise, we give them the following pointer from a Clearfield exchange: A man entered one of the grocery stores in the town and ordered a good outfit of provisions, one of the items being a goodly supply of tobacco. The fellow represented that he was working in the stone quarries, the store having some trade with the quarrymen, the story was not doubted. The goods were put up. Before the man left he casually remarked that he had some other business to attend to and would come for the goods in an hour or so, but as he wanted some tobacco he would take that package, several pounds, along. He took it and himself out of sight, but not out of mind of the storekeeper. The balance of the goods were returned to the shelves. It was a neat trick well played.

Reduced Stock.

Being desirous of reducing my stock about one-half before the 1st of February, '93, I will after the 26th inst., for cash or its equivalent, sell at reduced prices. Any one needing anything in my line will do well to call and see my stock before purchasing elsewhere.

J. R. BIBLE, Potters Mills.

Covers All.

The great Columbus Blizzard Storm Coat, \$10.00

The great Reciprocity Overcoat, \$10.00

The great Protective Tariff Suit \$10.00

The great Free Trade Suit, \$10.00

Children's suits and overcoats in endless variety.

MONTGOMERY & Co. Bellefonte

—3 pounds good mixed candy for 25 cents at Bargain store.—C. P. Long.

—Notice each family coming to Bargain store December 23 and 24 gets a pound package of candy.—C. P. Long.

—The only place in town where you can get the Colechester rubber goods is with us. They are the best. The spading boot can't be beat. Try a pair.—G. O. Benner.

—Complete stock of Clothing, Dry Goods and Notions.—C. P. Long.

—Bed Blankets \$1 per pair and upward.—C. P. Long.

—Wanted.—A quarter of good beef on subscription at this office.

—Bed blankets, \$1 per pair and upwards.—C. P. Long.

—Received a new lot of ladies' coats.—C. P. Long.

GRAIN MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY KURTZ & SON.

Table with 2 columns: Grain type and Price per bushel. Includes Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat.

PRODUCE AT STORES.

Table with 2 columns: Produce type and Price per unit. Includes Butter, Eggs, Lard, Shoulders, Ham, Tallow, Potatoes, Sides.

HURRAH FOR SANTA CLAUS!

Christmas Opening.—Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, Dec 10, 12, and 13.

NO ATTEMPT

To give you an idea of our lines we could not think it—to many and much of a variety.

FOR THE PRESENT,

We are busier than ever for this time of the year. Our Coat and Dress Goods sales surpass any previous efforts. Dress Goods at 10c, 12 1/2, 14, 25, and so on, are decided bargains.

BARGAIN COUNTER

Piles of new things from a penny to 25c. Every article a bargain note to be had as low anywhere. We are sole agents in Bellefonte for the Demorest Sewing Machine.

Garmans.