

### THE RACKET

No. 9 Crider's Exchange, Bellefonte.

If there is another store in Centre county that can show a larger variety and can offer so many inducements for

### Holiday Shoppers

as The Racket, we'll "fold our tents like the Arabs and as silently steal away." Put The Racket on the list as the place to make your purchases and you will not make a mistake.

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SHEM SPIGELMYER, JR.  
Bellefonte, Pa.

### PERSONAL

—Mr. Michael Shires, of Spring Mills, was in town Tuesday.  
—D. F. Luse attended court at Bellefonte last week as juror.  
—Miss Anna Mingle is spending the week with friends in Aaronsburg.  
—Landlord Bartges has erected a new ice house on the rear of his hotel property.

—Squire Houseman, of Tusseyville was in town Tuesday morning transacting business.  
—Danny Zeigler and Henry Miller spent Sunday with their families at Millheim.

—Mr. S. H. Heckman, of Lock Haven, spent Thanksgiving with his best girl in Centre Hall.

—E. M. Huyett is attending court this week, being summoned as a witness on a civil case.

—Ed. J. Wolf, of the Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, is home on a visit to his mother, west of town.

—C. P. Long, Spring Mills, is on his second trip to Eastern markets buying goods for his new store.

—Mr. John Mersinger, of Tusseyville, was in Centre Hall, Tuesday, and called at the REPORTER office.

—A. L. Katherman, formerly station agent at Centre Hall, arrived in town Monday evening, for a several days stay.

—Ex-Sheriff Spangler spent several days of last week visiting friends at New Berlin, Pa., returning home Saturday evening.

—Wagner Geiss is serving as juror at court this week, and his school is enjoying a week's vacation during his absence.

—Robert Bartges was absent from his post at the hotel last week, as he was summoned as a witness on a case up for trial at court last week.

—Capt. George M. Boal, of Centre Hall, met a number of his Bellefonte friends Friday. He looks as bright and cheerful as ever.—Daily Gazette.

—Druggist Murray spent the early part of the week in breaking in a handsome two-year old horse which he purchased recently. He is a success at that too.

—Mr. Adam Ripka, of Centre Hill, one of Potter townships' good citizens was a visitor in Centre Hall one day this week and favored our sanctum with a call.

—Will Wagner, of Kipple, Pa., was home a few days ago on a visit to his parents at Tusseyville. He spent a day in the mountains hunting for deer and was lucky enough to bring down a deer.

—Rev. C. W. Rishell, who is in charge of the M. E. church at Morrisdale, Pa., and his brother Willis Rishell, of Coburn, were in town on Tuesday. The Rev. is very successful in his ministerial work and is doing much good.

—Dr. "Shady" Harter, of Millheim, the most popular man in the Republican party in Centre county, arrived in town last Monday morning, doing dental work before returning. The Dr.'s face still wears its genial expression and he has as many friends in Centre Hall as ever.

Apply for a Charter  
The Evangelical church at Centre Hall will apply for a charter of incorporation from the court, and a notice to that effect will be found in another column.

Death of an Infant.  
An infant child, aged near one year, of Mr. and Mrs. George Jordan, of Tusseyville, died last Monday.

### COURT DOINGS

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THAT BODY NOW IN SESSION.

Various Cases Disposed of and Continued.—Second Week of Court Now Sitting.—Sentences Imposed.

Last Wednesday afternoon the case of Com. vs. Christ Miller, charged with furnishing liquor to minors, returned a verdict of guilty.

Daniel Butler vs. Henry Vanderpool, pleas, assumpsit. Verdict for the plaintiff for \$77.00.

The case of Samuel and Jesse Long vs. Samuel Long, was given to the jury at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

THURSDAY MORNING.  
Thursday morning the court convened at nine o'clock; the jury rendered a verdict in the Long case for defendant for \$46.65.

Susan Ertel vs. Jonathan Schenck and E. E. Heverly, supervisors of Howard township. Defendants plead surprise. The case was continued.

Susan Nolan vs. Samuel Swabb and M. Gates. Plaintiff suffers a compulsory "non suit."

Susan Nolan vs. Samuel Swabb, Geo. Brown and Wm. Brown. Plaintiff suffers a voluntary "non suit."

Phillip Fessler vs. L. E. Essington. Verdict for plaintiff for \$31.47.

Court adjourned on Thursday noon till Friday morning.

Civil cases other than those already mentioned for the first week were disposed of as follows:

James Higgins vs. Meek & Nagle, settled.

Thomas Lauver vs. David Harter, plea assumpsit, continued.

T. T. Callagan Packing Co. vs. Brinton, Duncan & Barnes, settled.

John W. Lesky vs. C. C. Cook, plea assumpsit, continued.

George W. Campbell vs. Mary Campbell, plea assumpsit, continued.

Amos Garbrick vs. John Garbrick, settled.

W. C. Heinle vs. John Swartz and Justus Powell, plea, assumpsit, continued.

T. C. Rumberger, use of M. S. Adams and Co. vs. L. L. McLaren, plea, assumpsit. Defendant confessed judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$22.58.

Wm. Wolf vs. L. L. McLaren, plea assumpsit. Defendant confessed judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$30.08.

John A. Davidson, Pres. Charles E. Steadman Supt. and Joseph Wright, trading as Davidson & Son, vs. I. L. McLaren, plea assumpsit. Defendant confessed judgment in favor of plaintiffs for \$152.13.

FRIDAY MORNING.  
Friday morning court called at 9 o'clock, and Andrew W. Timms convicted of attempted rape on Tuesday was sentenced to pay a fine of one dollar, costs of prosecution and Western penitentiary for three years and nine months.

Charles Johnson convicted of larceny of razor sentenced to pay costs of prosecution and six months in the county jail.

Com. vs. George Kern. Charge desertion. Prox. Bertha Kern took up most of the time of the court till Friday afternoon when court adjourned till Monday morning.

All jurors were discharged on Thursday noon.

SECOND WEEK OF COURT.  
Monday morning court called with judges Furst, Riley and Faulkner on the bench. A number of petitions were presented to the court.

Andrew W. Timms was fined an additional dollar to the sentence passed on Friday morning, for jail breaking.

Charles Johnson was fined one dollar and thirty days in jail for jail breaking.

Sheriff Ishler acknowledged deeds to the several purchasers of real estate sold by him by virtue of sundry writs. Court adjourned till after dinner.

A jury was sworn in the case of Joseph Ross vs. Jeremiah Eckenroth, ejectment. C. M. Bower and Ellis L. Orvis for plaintiff, and C. P. Hewes and Clement Dale for defendant. Verdict for plaintiff.

John Glenn vs. Samuel Swabb, plea, replevin, for a cow worth about \$15.00, J. C. Meyer for plaintiff and Wilbur F. Reeder for defendant. Case went to the jury and court adjourned till Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY.  
Tuesday morning the jury in the case of John Glenn vs. Samuel Swabb brought in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

David Lohr and Isabella Lohr, his wife, in right and for the use of said Isabella Lohr vs. the borough of Phillipsburg, plea, trespass. This suit is brought to recover damages for injuries sustained by Mrs. Lohr in falling on a defective board walk in said borough. This case was tried at the April term 1892 and taken up to the Supreme court, and sent back for retrial. C. P. Hewes, Ellis L. Orvis, and C. M. Bower for plaintiff and Harry Keller, W. D. Crosby, and John G. Love for defendant. The case will be submitted to the jury.

Wednesday morning the case of Lohr vs. Phillipsburg boro, was submitted to the jury and up to Wednesday noon no verdict was agreed upon.

Mary A. Blake vs. L. W. Glover, for breach of promise of marriage. The defendant not appearing judgment was taken by default, and the jury assessed

the damages at \$595.  
James and Lot W. Kimport vs. M. G. Brown, plea, ejectment. This action is brought for tract of land in Harris township.

#### HAZING AT STATE COLLEGE.

Sergeant Major Kiefer Bound, Gagged and Beaten by Fellow-students.

A brutal attack was made early last Wednesday morning upon Kiefer, a member of the Junior class, at State College, by a crowd of masked students numbering about twenty. The door of his room in the main dormitory building was forcibly broken in and he was bound, gagged, and carried to a neighboring woods, where he was subjected to the most brutal treatment and left in a semi-unconscious condition. On regaining consciousness his limbs were so beaten that he found himself unable to walk and remained until he was found by a workman about six o'clock, who carried him to his room. He is now under the physician's care, yet his condition is not considered dangerous.

The immediate cause of the trouble was the reporting of Kiefer of two cadets to the commandant for disorderly conduct in their rooms and insubordination. Kiefer is sergeant major of the corps of cadets, and, as the college dormitories are under military discipline, it becomes his duty to report any disturbance occurring in that part of the building under his supervision so that the offense for which he suffered grew out of his strict adherence to duty.

The college faculty made a thorough investigation of the hazing and succeeded in discovering five or six of the perpetrators, who were then promptly expelled from the institution.

#### Fine Equipment.

The new rolling stock of the new Bellefonte Central arrived a few days ago at Bellefonte from Wilmington, Del., and the passenger cars are standing on the siding at Valentine's turntable. The cars are finely fitted up and furnished—somewhat different from the common run of passenger coaches in use through this section, and instead of the customary seats have revolving chairs. The opening of the road has been postponed from Dec. 4th until about two weeks later owing to unavoidable delays in the construction. The board of trade is so much elated over the project that they will tender the movers in the scheme a grand banquet in a few days and several hundred dollars have been subscribed by the business men for that purpose.

#### School Directors to Meet.

The School Directors' association of Centre county will meet in the court house at Bellefonte on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 10 a. m. Addresses will be delivered as follows: "Furnishing and caring of text books," A. A. Stevens, esq., of Tyrone; "Directors' organizations and benefits to be derived from monthly meetings," Hon. W. K. Alexander, of Millheim. There will be discussions upon "Duties of directors relating to teaching physiology and hygiene," also "Recently enacted laws relating to schools and duties of directors."

There will be two sessions, forenoon and afternoon. Ex-Governor Beaver and Prof. Hamilton, of State College, and others have been invited to be present. Other interesting topics will be discussed. A full attendance of all directors is desired.

#### On the Sick List.

Mr. John M'Coy, of Potters Mills, is quite ill, caused by some stomach trouble which came upon him about a week ago.

The aged widow of Jacob, mother of John and Wm. Wolf, is very low at the home of the former, near Rebersburg.

Mrs. Daniel Kraemer, of Rebersburg, is quite ill and helpless.

Mrs. Peter Hoffer, of this place, is not improving any from her attack of pneumonia, and Mr. Hoffer is still confined to the house, of a severe cold.

Mrs. Laff. Neff has not shown any improvement since our last issue.

The widow of Michael Willow is ill from the effects of a severe cold.

#### Local Items of Interest.

Pork has dropped to 7 in this valley and is likely to get no less.

The report that James Smith had been appointed post-master at Millheim, was incorrect.

Eggs are 24 cents—now if turkeys could be taught to lay hen eggs that would make up for the low price of the Thanksgiving bird.

#### Paid 30 Per Cent.

The receivers of the defunct Houtzdale bank, which was robbed and wrecked by Rev. William H. Dill, its president, during the fall of 1891, have paid during that time but 30 per cent. back to the depositors. The receivers never expect to be able to pay more than 15 per cent. additional.

#### Death at Unionville.

Mrs. Beulah Peters, of Unionville, this county, died at her home near Milesburg last Thursday morning, of pneumonia, at the age of seventy-three years.

### THE WEATHER.

As Predicted by Hicks for the Month of December.

December comes in on the central day of a regular storm period. Being within two days, and next following the center of a Venus equinox on November 29th, we are to expect very active disturbances between the first and the fourth. It will grow very warm as the storm conditions develop and move eastward. The barometer will fall to low readings in westerly regions in the beginning of the period, followed by storms of rain, with lightning and thunder to the south, and turning to snow in central and northerly sections. Heavy easterly gales from the Atlantic will blow into the low area as it advances from the west. A sudden and severe cold wave will rush in behind the storms, and by the end of the period—say the fourth to the sixth—the whole country will feel a touch of the wintry blast. It will be prudent to prepare against possible blizzards northward, during the storms of this period. About the 7th and 8th, the cold will moderate, and another storm development will appear in the west and move to the east. The center of this disturbance will hinge on the 8th, or within fifteen hours of the time of the new moon. Heavy gales, especially on lakes and seas, with much tendency to southern cyclones and northern blizzards, will be natural and probable. Great cold is almost sure to follow.

About the 12th westerly regions will have changed to warmer, winds in eastern parts will change to easterly and southerly, and renewed storms of rain and snow will advance across the country from west to east during the 12th to 16th. The storms will not clear the continent until after the moon's first quarter on the 16th, but colder, clearing weather will dominate the north and west long before it is felt along the Atlantic. The "weather train" at this and all other periods will pass all stations from west to east on about schedule time, but storms will not be prevailing all the way at the same time—neither will the cold. All sections will get "their portion in due season." The center of reactionary disturbances next after this period will be on and touching the 18th and 19th, about which dates it will turn warmer and renewed storms of rain and snow will result in many places. This is near the center of our winter solstice, and stormy, unsettled weather must be looked for generally, overrunning the usual limits of the regular periods, and intensifying the phenomena during the period.

The storm period beginning about the 22nd and reaching to the 26th, promises many winter storms, and many sections will have their supplies of "Christmas snow" greatly replenished during the progress of these storms. The full moon is on the 22nd and will hasten the crisis early in the period. The Arctic wave following the storms will have brought very cold weather to much of the country by the night of the 26th. The equinox of Mercury is central with the full moon on the 22nd, which fact is almost a guarantee that heavy sleet will be a characteristic feature of the period. Men of the wire take notice! Prepare for great cold after the storms. About the 29th and 30th will fall a reaction to warmer, and the month is apt to close with reactionary storms to the east, with rising barometer and colder, clearing weather in sight in the north and west.

#### Buy Your Soap at Home.

A party is traveling through the county selling castle soap, one box for one dollar; with the choice of four articles, viz: China dishes, 63 pieces, one marble clock, two very fine tablecloths or a very fine lamp. "Pay the dollar now, will deliver the goods next week." If you like to take chances on seeing the soap man again give him your dollar. If not, buy soap of some of your home dealers.

#### Another Postal Card.

A large postal card, in use for some months, will soon become obsolete if reports be true. It is given out that the government has decided that the size of the card is greater than is needed, as has been shown in the great majority of cases in its use, and therefore a new card, not so large, will be issued in a few weeks, possibly by the beginning of the new year.

#### The Grip Epidemic.

The now much feared epidemic, la grippe, has made its appearance again since cold weather has set in and a number of pupils in our community are suffering. Numerous deaths could be traced to the disease last year and it is not unlikely that the fatality list will be augmented again this year.

#### Fire at Howard.

The dwelling house of J. K. Tipton, in Howard, was destroyed by fire last Thursday, while the family were absent taking Thanksgiving dinner with neighbors. The loss is about half covered by insurance.

A good pair of shoes will make an excellent and appreciated Christmas present. Mingle's shoe store, Bellefonte, can furnish anything in that line to be had.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

# Royal Baking Powder

## ABSOLUTELY PURE

#### Gobble About Gobblers.

Turkeys never were so plenty as this year; wild ones are also very plenty in the mountains. The spring and summer were unusually favorable for raising this sort of fowls.

Turkeys having been so low in price we hope every family enjoyed a roast on Thanksgiving.

Turkeys sold at 6 cents per lb., at Tyrone last week.

In Pittsburg, last week, dressed turkeys sold at from 9 to 11c.; in former years they brought from 20 to 25.

From all parts of the state come the same reports—turkeys plenty, prices low, and market overstocked.

Mrs. J. A. Keller, of near this place, is reported to have upwards of 80 turkeys; James Durst boasts of 54, some of which weigh 33 lbs.—we guess Jim will send his biggest gobbler to Cleveland.

Sam: "Say, Pete, which 'ed yer soonest be, a canary or a gobbler? I'd soonest be a turkey, then I could lick any thing that's got feathers in the barnyard."

Pete: "I'd soonest be a canary, then I'd be in the sittin' room all the time with the ladies, while a turkey gits chawed up the first Thanksgiving that comes 'round."

#### A Sudden Death.

William Swartz, a deaf and dumb man whose face was familiar about the Bellefonte railroad station, was found dead in the water closet of the Bellefonte poor-house on Thursday of last week. He had been noticed about as usual on that day, hence death must have visited him suddenly. Apoplexy no doubt was the cause of his death. He was over 70 years of age.

He hailed from one of the oldest and most respectable families of our county, who settled in Penns valley many years ago; he was a brother of the venerable George Swartz who died near Millheim over 25 years ago, and an uncle of dentist George Swartz who died the past summer. The deceased at one time was possessed of a handsome fortune, but from no fault of his he lost it and was reduced to poverty and became a public charge.

#### Thanksgiving Service.

A union thanksgiving service was held in the Evangelical church, of this place, on last Thursday forenoon. All the resident ministers were present, namely, Rev's Boal, Isenberg, Gooding and Wagner. Rev. Boal delivered a very interesting discourse which was listened to with great attention by the audience. A choir, composed of singers from the different churches, rendered good music from familiar hymns suited to the occasion; Miss Sadie Sholl presided at the organ.

#### Hotel Changes.

The license of the Coburn hotel was at this week's court transferred from the late proprietor Willis Rishell to R. O. Braught, who lately was engaged in the livery business at Coburn. Willis will go to Harrisburg where he will take possession of the Metropolitan hotel, corner 6th and Walnut streets. Mr. Braught takes possession of the Coburn house on Thursday of this week.

#### Appropriate Presents.

Nothing could be more appropriate for a Christmas present to a son or father than a good warm overcoat or suit, which would be both serviceable and useful this cold weather. Lewins, at Bellefonte, has just such articles in abundance to select from, along with a full line of furnishing goods, and they can be had at prices below the average.

#### Big Crop of Cloverseed.

Our friend, George Gentzel, of Gregg township, no doubt, can boast of a larger crop of cloverseed from his farm than perhaps any other farmer in this valley; his yield is 126 bushels. Cloverseed is trump in price even if turkeys are in the slump. Mr. Gentzel knows something about farming.

#### Not Small-Pox.

It is now denied that there is small-pox in Altoona. The board of health visited the family who was supposed to have been afflicted with the malignant disease and after an examination pronounced it chicken pox.

#### Pulled Them In.

Sheriff Ishler recently received information that there were a number of fish dams and baskets in Bald Eagle creek, and he hid himself to the stream and removed a number of these illegal contrivances.

Cold wintry weather demands good stout foot wear, and just such can be found in all styles and prices at Mingle's shoe store, Bellefonte.

#### Home News Cut Short.

Our next door neighbor, David Meyer, had a little black bow-wow which disappeared about Thanksgiving. Any one bringing it back will be fined \$5.

Will Flory has bought Harry Ding's route for gathering cream.

Some of the councilmen could make themselves useful for once by picking their loose stones from the road, they spoil the sleighing.

Rev. Minnick has closed the protracted meeting held in the M. E. church in this place.

We had pretty fair sleighing in this section since Monday and weather just cold enough to preserve it.

Huyett's ferocious Texas steer is just cute enough to keep beyond rifle range altho Doc Riter grazed his nose with a ball on Tuesday.

Our town boys are now enjoying their long-range coasting, from the top of the mountain thro town.

Sam Runkle sports the handsomest team in all this section, and the prettiest girls are just too glad to have Samuel take them out sleigh riding.

Our resident physicians inform us there is not an unusual amount of sickness in this section at present.

#### School Report.

The following is the report of the Centre Hill school, Potter township, for the month ending November 27th: Number belonging during month; boys 29, girls 19, total, 48. Per cent. of attendance during month; boys 91, girls 90, total 91. Those who were present every day during the month were, John Burkholder, Irvin Runkle, James Runkle, Jennie Beaver, Annie Beaver, Lizzie Alexander, Lidie Smith, Laura Runkle, Grace Runkle, Ella Moyer and Gertrude Burkholder. Visitors are always welcome.

R. S. KERR, Teacher.

#### All Free.

Those who have used Dr. King's New Discovery know its value, and those who have not, have now the opportunity to try it free. Call on the advertised Druggist and get a Trial Bottle Free. Send your name and address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills Free, as well as a copy of Guide to Health and Household Instructor, Free. All of which is guaranteed to do you good and cost you nothing. J. D. Murray's Druggstore.

C. P. Long & Co. have just received a car load of salt which is sold at the following prices, grain bags, 54c., bbls., \$1.19.

#### GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat	58
Eye	58
Cor'n	46
Barley	28
Stocks	47

#### PRODUCE AT STORES.

Butter	50
Eggs	28
Lard	12
Shoulder	12
Ham	14
Tallow	4
Potatoes	50
Sides	10

## Christmas ANNUAL OPENING

### Saturday, Dec. 9th.

### Monday, Dec. 11th.

Our efforts this year will be to show a larger and more varied stock suitable for the season and at much lower prices than goods of like character can be bought elsewhere.

In Handkerchiefs from the one for the baby in silk to the one for the man, have been selected with great care. A Ladies' or Children's Initial Handkerchief at 5c, and 3 doz. lines of more expensive ones in nearly all letters.

In Aprons we have about 8 styles at 25c. each that are certainly beautiful. Some few at a lower price and others a little higher in embroidered goods.

Coats—a lot of Ladies' Cheviots at \$3.50 each. A great bargain.

You must come to see us and you will not wonder that we are busy, when you see our elegant stock.

### Garmans.