

### 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.

G. R. SPIGELMYER,  
SIEM SPIGELMYER, JR.  
Bellefonte, Pa.

### PERSONAL.

—James Potter, of Bellefonte, was in town Wednesday.  
—Simon Harper is attending court at Bellefonte this week as juror.  
—W. B. Mingle is attending court this week at Bellefonte, as juror.  
—Amos Koch, Linden Hall, in trying to pound a stone, mashed a finger.  
—Rev. James Boal was in Pottsville over Sunday and filled a pulpit at that place.  
—Mrs. Flora Bairfoot returned home from Philadelphia Tuesday after a visit of several weeks in the city.  
—D. M. Reynolds don't wear a pile of dry goods around his hand anymore; that torturing six week's felon has healed.  
—Mrs. Mary E. Burkholder, of Centre Hill, gave our sanetum a call, and gave us a lift by extending her newspaper label.

—Messrs. Bower and Shook, overseers of Penn township, were in Centre Hall Tuesday on business pertaining to their office.  
—John D. Decker, of near Potters Mills, who killed the biggest hogs in Centre county, a short time ago, gave our office a call.  
—Andy Reesman was down to Montandon over Sunday, with his daughter, Mrs. McCormick, who is seriously ill of pneumonia.  
—Miss Agnes Murray left this morning for Millersville, Pa., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Prof. H. F. Bitner. She will remain several weeks.  
—Jacob Emerick, esq., one of Penn township's most useful citizens, gave our sanetum a call, and now makes his label to wave for '95. He reports the general health fair down that way.  
—Lot Kimpfort and son Samuel, of Boalsburg, gave our sanetum a brief call on Saturday. He reports nothing new up that way, and himself is the picture of health. He gave our exchequer a lift.

—Alfred Hosterman, of Centre Hill, gave us a brief call. He informs us that Mrs. Hosterman has been quite ill for several months, from an attack of the grip which brought on heart trouble; her many relatives and friends will regret to learn this.  
—William H. Tobias, a former Centre Hall boy, but now located at Salt Lake City, Utah, arrived last week in the valley on a visit to relatives, and spent Wednesday in Centre Hall looking up friends of his boyhood days. Will is a son of Abram Tobias, who resided here and moved to Michigan about twelve years ago. He is in the wholesale and retail confectionery business, and is doing well. He will remain some time before returning to the west.

### Funeral of Mrs. Gregg.

The funeral of Mrs. Andrew Gregg, who died last Wednesday, took place from her late home west of Centre Hall, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and was largely attended. The pall bearers were Austin Curtin, W. H. Everhart, J. J. Shaffer, H. C. Reed, A. S. Grow and Hugh Worrick. She was buried at Centre Hall cemetery.

### Four Score Years Old.

Mrs. Baiser, of Half Moon township, and aged about eighty years, died Thursday morning of last week. She was a member of the Lutheran church and for many years a good Christian lady.  
P. M. Appointed.  
D. W. Miller has received the appointment as post master at Pinegrove Mills.

### CRUEL FIENDS

#### INHUMAN TREATMENT OF A 10-YEAR OLD CHILD.

Milton Harmon and Wife Arrested for Torturing Their Son—Horribly Mutilated—Starved and Whipped.

That the borders of Centre county should furnish material for an unnatural and fiendish tale, equaled only in the days of the Spanish inquisition, seems unparalleled, and without history, yet such is too plain a fact.

Imagination can scarcely conceive the torture and horrible treatment of a small boy by his fiendish parents, which revelations were made by the authorities when investigation was instituted.

About two weeks ago an article was published in the Centre Democrat calling the attention of the authorities to the inhuman treatment of Milton Harmon and wife of their ten-year-old son, and pictured a tale, which for work of fiends can scarcely be equaled.

Harmon lives a short distance back of the store at Axemann, and is a blacksmith by trade, working in the shop south of the Humes' mill, on the road to Bellefonte. The treatment of the boy was subject for talk among neighbors for months, until a few days ago when he was not seen for several days and the authorities were notified. District Attorney Singer and an officer went to the home of Harmon but the child was not found, the parents stating that the boy had been sent to Lewistown. No search was instituted and the officers departed. Telegrams were sent inquiring after information of the boy, but the responses received stated that the boy was still with his parents.

Accordingly on Saturday afternoon the officers made another trip to the home, and a thorough search was instituted. The house was locked, but finding Harmon near the officers compelled him to open the door.

The family consisted of five children but only four were found, and the officers found the boy in a bed room lying on a bed with his hands tied behind his back, and presented a sight which causes the heart to pale. The boy presented a horrible condition, and was covered with a horse blanket. Close to the bed was an old lounge, upon which was a piece of bread, just out of reach of the boy. He was horribly mutilated, starved and beaten. Innumerable sores, bruises, cuts and burns covered his body, where the parents had wreaked their vengeance upon him.

Part of the upper lip was cut out, which had been done with club in the hands of the father. The arms and chest were a mass of bruises and cuts, which had been inflicted with a butcher knife. Across the abdomen was a deep burn, inflicted with a red-hot poker; one ear was cut off with a corn cutter. The parents afterwards dipped the ear in tar and placed it on the boy's head. He was covered with filth and vermin and his form emaciated.

The entire family were taken to Bellefonte and lodged in jail, and the boy was taken to the Bellefonte poor house. The little fellow is bright and intelligent, and said that all the wounds were inflicted by his father and mother, who beat him and gave him little to eat. A week or so ago the boy was taken by his mother and brutally whipped. His hands were then tied behind his back and he was thrown under the cellar stairs into a box, with the parting injunction from her—"There, get into your coffin and die! Damn you!

The boy is an illegitimate offspring of Mrs. Harmon. They worked a few years ago in the Bear Meadows lumber camp, near Linden Hall, and afterwards moved to their present location. The little fellow had been deprived of food for so long that in his hunger he chewed the ends of his fingers, and they were torn and mutilated back to the second joint. His leg was broken several years ago, but the parents never had the fracture reduced, and he has a deformed limb in consequence.

The hovel of Harmon's was a most revolting sight when the officers entered it. Vermin and filth were everywhere, heaped high in corners was garbage and dirt. The three children were covered with rags and vermin, and the sight was anything but inviting.

### Places of Meeting.

Special Centre county Pomona Grange meetings will be held as follows: In Providence Grange hall, in Millheim, on Tuesday, Jan. 30th, at 10 a. m. and 1.30 p. m.

In Leonard Grange hall, at Rock Springs, on Thursday, February 1st, at 10 a. m. and 1.30 p. m.

In Walker Grange hall, in Habelsburg, on Tuesday, February 6th, at 10 a. m. and 1.30 p. m. at same time the new Grange hall of Walker Grange will be dedicated. All Fourth degree members are invited to attend said meetings. The subordinate Grange degree will be exemplified; also the Fifth degree will be conferred in regular form.  
I. S. FRAIN,  
Master.

### Clearfield Licenses.

Up to this writing there have been 104 licenses granted by Judge Gordon in Clearfield county; 74 refused and 12 not yet considered.

### JOHN C. MOTZ.

#### Woodward's Well-known Business Man, Dies on 18.

John C. Motz, of Woodward, for 40 years a leading business man of the east end of this valley, died on last Thursday morning.

Mr. Motz was widely known from his having been concerned in a number of business pursuits, and a man of considerable wealth. He was engaged in the mercantile, milling and lumber business at Woodward, was interested in the bank and a grist mill at Millheim, and held a controlling interest in the Old Fort and Millburg turnpike.

His health for many years had not been good, and in the past six years was a helpless invalid, rheumatism having wracked every joint and and limb in his body; yet his mind was unimpaired to the last.

He was a son of John Motz who at an early day settled at Woodward. A sister, the wife of Dr. G. P. Weaver of Philadelphia, is now the only survivor of the parental family; his sisters were Mrs. Sarah Neff, of Centre Hall; Mrs. Lydia Gutelius, of Millburg; Mrs. Kate Weaver, of Philad., and Mary, unmarried who died in Philadelphia; he had two brothers who died in their infancy. He was an uncle of Mrs. Flora Bairfoot, of this place. His age was 61 years, 6 months and 27 days. He was buried in the Woodward cemetery, the funeral being one of the largest yet held there.

He was a prominent member of the Evangelical church; Rev's Finkbinde and Zenner conducted the services.

A widow, and three sons, William, J. Fisher and Frank, survive him.

### Christian Endeavorers.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union at Harrisburg, Tuesday it was decided to have the Pennsylvania state headquarters for the international convention to be held in Cleveland next July at the Weddell house. It was also decided to hold a Christian Endeavor outing at Mt. Gettysburg for three days next summer, the dates being fixed as July 24, 25 and 26. This outing will occur during the sessions of the Pennsylvania Chatauqua and will be under the auspices of the state executive committee. It is expected to be a great gathering for three days in the woods of Christian Endeavor people from all over the state. The state convention will be held at York October 10, 11 and 12.

### Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted the past week:  
Walter F. Rice and Mary A. Fetters, of Spring township.  
William I. Walker, of Boggs township, and Sarah Mahue, of Liberty township.  
William E. Shaffer and Lousia Hazle, of Madisonburg.  
Andrew P. Colson and Hilda Johnson, of South Park.  
Mike Lipton, of Morrisdale and Annie Kuzaskey, of Philipsburg.  
J. Clark Mattern, and Jennie V. Gray, of Patton township.  
Fritz Thiele and Bertha Thieme, of Half Moon.  
H. B. Waite, and Anna M. Eves, of Half Moon.  
J. S. Walker and M. E. Shortlidge, of Bellefonte.

### First-Class Coaches.

The new passenger coaches on the Nittany Valley railroad were made to order for the Santa Fe road and are first-class in every particular. They are four feet longer than the Pennsylvania standard coaches and are fitted with double section reversible seats, so that two persons in one seat can sit in reverse position. Colored porters in uniform will take care of each car and also act as brakemen. The officials of the Central Pennsylvania railroad, better known as the Nittany Valley, propose to furnish the patrons of their road with first-class passenger service.

### Our Stout Boy.

Tyrone has a young man named Scott Watson, aged 16 years and 8 months, who taps the scales at 274 pounds. His height is 5 feet 2 inches, his neck girths 19 1/2 inches, his breast measures 52 inches and his waist 5 feet. He doesn't often go very far from home, but he can be seen nearly every day on West Sixteenth street.—Tyrone Times.

### Brief Local Items.

Rev. Will Wagner, of this place, last week assisted Rev. Noll, of Bellefonte, in holding a series of meetings in his church.  
Eggs, in these parts, have dropped down to 12 cents per dozen; reason, hens are beginning to lay them down faster.  
Rev. Boal will administer the Lord's supper in the Presbyterian church, this place, next Sabbath forenoon, and have services every evening this week.

### Killed by a Wheel Bursting.

William Kahle left Lewisburg Monday morning to gum a saw on the Lawson farm two miles west of town. He had hardly begun when the enemy wheel burst, striking him over the heart and killing him instantly. A wife and child survive him.

### COURT MELANGE

#### REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING ON MONDAY.

The Criminal List Large.—Cases Disposed of and the Result of Trial.—Good Attendance Throughout.

Wednesday afternoon the case of Jones and Landon vs. State College continued all afternoon. On Thursday morning Judge Furst charged the jury and they retired for deliberation at 9.30. Verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$334.00.

Carrie V. Wilson vs. Harry M'Auly. Plea assumptit; Chambers and Reeder for pliff, and Bower and Orvis for dft. This action was brought to recover for a breach of contract of marriage alleged to have been entered into on New Year's day, 1888, and broken sometime in April, 1891; this case had created a great deal of interest, and the courtroom was well filled with anxious spectators; the jury retired on Thursday evening and brought in a verdict on Friday morning in favor of the plaintiff for \$25.

Bird Coal and Iron Comp. vs. E. C. Humes; plea, assumptit; Love and Judge Bucher for pliff, and Bower & Orvis for dft.; this action was brought to recover certain royalties on coal; verdict was taken in favor of dft on Thursday forenoon before Hon. John B. M'Pherson of Harrisburg.

On Thursday evening the Thomas audit was argued before Judge M'Pherson, and court adj. to Friday morn'g.

Munson Glass Co. vs. M'Calmont & Co.; plea, assumptit; Beaver & Dale for pl'iff and Love and Bower & Orvis for dft.; verdict for defendants.

W. F. Peters vs. Willis Weaver and L. C. Bullock; plea, replevin; Bower & Orvis for pl'f, and Reeder for dft.; this action was brought to recover a buggy; verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$50.

Other cases for special week and not reached were William C. Sleesley vs. J. R. Wolf, plea assumptit, continued.

Sarah M. Richards vs. John B. Mattern, Miles Mattern, J. G. and David Mattern trading and doing business as Mattern Bros., plea assumptit, defendant confessed judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$963.19, payable as follows: \$93.19 costs, \$200 April 1st, 1894; \$550 in six months and the balance in one year, judgment to bear interest in default of any of said payments for thirty days the whole to become due.

Bald Eagle and R. R. gampany vs. Centre county, continued.

Court opened on Monday morning for the regular Quarter sessions of the Peace for January, 1894 with Judges Furst, Riley, and Faulkner on the bench.

The names of the grand jurors were called and sworn. Dr. John F. Harter of Millheim, was chosen foreman.

The names of the traverse jurors were then called and absentees noted and the Sheriff directed to have absent jurors in court by Tuesday morning.

A number of petitions were presented by different members of the bar. Court adjourned till 2 p. m.

Afternoon session. Sundry persons were discharged under insolvent law. Com. vs. Robert Watkins, charge jail breaking. Prosecutor W. A. Ishler, defendant plead guilty and sentenced to pay costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment for one year.

Com. vs. John A. Snyder, charged with stealing ten bronze turkeys from the chicken coop of Luther Musser, near Penn Hall, on the night of Dec. 11. Snyder shipped ten turkeys by express from Coburn, and it was supposed that these were the ones stolen from Musser. Jesse Snyder, father of accused, testified that he sold defendant the turkeys, and defendant was discharged.

### The Sick Ones.

Perry Breon, 2 miles east of here, is very ill of inflammation of the bowels. Mrs. Lafayette Neff is quite low and little hope of her recovery.  
D. H. Lenker, of Aaronsburg, has a severe attack of grip.

### A LEWISBURG HALFPENNY.

He Elopes with Another Man's Wife.—A Big Sensation.

On night of Jan. 18, Mark Halfpenny, a man of high social relations and interested in the woolen mills there and having a wife and family, eloped with Mrs. Alvin Angstadt, the wife of a prominent tobacconist. The couple met at Watson's and after taking supper at Cooner's hotel bought tickets and had their baggage checked for Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Angstadt took his wife's trunk to the depot and bade her good-bye, believing that she intended visiting relatives at Bealesburg. Halfpenny had often visited Angstadt's house and with the latter's wife the three passed the evenings playing cards. Angstadt never having the slightest suspicion that his wife was playing him false. Angstadt is now almost distracted with grief and has telegraphed the chief of police of Cleveland to arrest the couple when they call for their baggage.

### Communion Services.

Communion services will be held in the Presbyterian church at this place, by Rev. Boal, on next Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock. Preparatory service on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

### Japanese Tea

The young people of the Presbyterian church will give a Japanese tea in the room over Harper & Kreamer's store, on the evening of February 22.

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



### HE DIDN'T TAKE A PAPER.

But He Probably Will When His Note Turns Up.

In this country, under our generous free school system, there is no pardonable excuse for any one not being able to read, and at the very moderate price for the yearly subscription, a newspaper can now be had in any family. Where it is otherwise it is willful ignorance, and very often proves very expensive.

The latest illustration of the kind is the case of ex-County Commissioner Daniel Bieber, of Monroe township, Snyder county, who did not deem it worth his while to subscribe for a county paper, or any other, whereby to keep himself informed as to the current events of the day. If he had done so, he today would not be living in suspense, says the Selingsrove Times.

Mr. Bieber is a man who has always relied on his own opinion in preference to accepting any outside suggestions and now he is in a hole.

Recently the immortal lightning rod man put in an appearance at Bieber's home and after explaining the beauty and utility of a new style of copper rod he was introducing, and informing Bieber that he was selected on account of his prominence in his neighborhood, as the man to help along the sale of the new rod, the generous offer was made to rod his entire barn for two dollars and twenty-five cents; but that this being a special offer for a special introduction purpose there must be an agreement to bind the contract.

Flattered by his selection as the most prominent man in his section, and the agent's very liberal offer, Bieber accepted the terms and signed the contract, promising himself the beautiful appearance his barn would make decked in bright new copper rods. The agent left with the contract in his possession, and Bieber has waited for the agent to appear with promised conductors, but, alas, he came not, and now some persons who read the papers have told Bieber not to lay awake nights waiting for the rods, but to replenish his pocket book to meet payment of a note that will soon put in an appearance for perhaps \$225 instead of \$25 the amount named in the agreement executed by him for the rods. So the world moves on.

### It Should be in Every House.

J. B. Wilson, 371 Clay St., Sharpensburg, Pa., says he will not be without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, that it cured his wife who was threatened with Pneumonia after an attack of "La Grippe," when various other remedies and several physicians had done her no good. Robert Barber, of Cooksport, Pa., claims Dr. King's New Discovery has done him more good than anything he ever used for Lung Trouble. Nothing like it. Try it. Free Trial Bottles at J. D. Murray's Drug Store. Large bottles, 50c. and \$1.00.

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Mrs. Wm. Harter, of Aaronsburg, whose condition has been quite serious the past three weeks, has slightly improved.

Mrs. Wes. Whiteman, of our town, still continues to be an invalid.  
Mrs. D. B. Brisbin was taken by a sudden attack of illness, Tuesday eve.

### Awarded a Verdict of \$12,842.

Phillip Collins, of Ebensburg, was on Wednesday last awarded a verdict of \$12,842 in a case against the Bellefonte Central railroad company for rolling stock in use on that road and which was conveyed to the company when it purchased the road at sheriff's sale three years ago. Mr. Collins proved that the stock did not belong to the old company, but to himself individually.

### Union County Deaths.

In Jackson township, Union county, on the 3d of January, Mr. Daniel Hummel, aged 70 years.  
In East Buffalo township, on the 12th of Jan., Mrs. Sadie Ewig, aged 75 years.  
In Lewisburg, on the 4th of Jan., Wm. Gibson, aged 58 years.  
In Lewisburg, on the 15th of Jan., David M. Kohler, aged 60 years.

—Lewins, Bellefonte, has the most experienced cutter in these parts and at his establishment you can be suited in a manner befitting a prince, and at a reasonable price.

### WORLD'S FAIR AWARDS.

Editor Centre Reporter:

Dear Sir: It may interest your readers to know that at the World's Columbian Exposition one hundred and fifteen awards were made to Pennsylvania farmers for the excellence of their exhibit of grains and seed. Of these, six awards were made to Centre county farmers, as follows:

S. H. Bension, Abdera, for wheat and corn.  
P. F. Bottorf, Pinegrove Mills, for corn.

Isaac S. Frain, Abdera, for wheat.  
Dr. H. K. Hey, Bellefonte, for wheat.  
David Rothrock, Bellefonte, do  
The Penn'a State College, for wheat, corn and oats.

The State College was also given an award for butter, and will receive one of the magnificent medals issued under act of congress. The others will each receive a very handsome diploma. Both medals and diplomas are now making under the supervision of the Secretary of the Treasury, and will be of a very high degree of artistic excellence. They will probably be ready for distribution by July.

JOHN A. WOODWARD,  
Deputy Ex. Com'r.  
Howard, Pa., Jan. 24, 1894.

### Followed His Wife.

Two miles from the village of New Baltimore, Somerset county, there lived all alone for many years Michael Jordan and his wife. Both were upwards of eighty years of age. Saturday Mrs. Jordan died and when a neighbor called to offer consolation to the husband he calmly remarked: "If only she had waited a day or two I would have gone with her." Monday morning Mrs. Jordan was laid to rest, and at two o'clock that afternoon her husband breathed his last.

—Wear boots and shoes suitable to the season. At Mingle's, Bellefonte, you will find them in men's and boys' kip boots, and men's rubber boots. The most reasonable prices and in variety.

—C. P. Long & Co., Spring Mills, intend shipping a car load of dried fruits about Jan. 25th. Bring all you ave for sale during this time.

### SALE REGISTRY.

February 1.—Wm. P. Ribbel, 2 1/2 miles southwest of Spring Mills, 3 head hogs, 4 cows, 4 head young cattle, farm implements, household furniture, etc. Sale at 1 o'clock.

March 20.—E. M. Hoyest, 2 miles south of Linden Hall, 12 head horses and mules, 40 head horn cattle, which consist of Alderney, Jersey, Durham stock and 12 yearling Bulls, which are thoroughly bred short-horn stock, 40 head of sheep, 1 and 2 year old ewes, a complete and new line of farm implements, 20 head shoats and hogs, harness, and other articles.

March 20.—W. A. Kerr and Mrs. M. J. Odenkirk, executors of John Odenkirk, dec'd, at the Old Fort, horses, cows, etc., and household goods, at one o'clock, Wm. O'Connell, auctioneer.

### GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat..... 28  
Rye..... 26  
Corn..... 45  
Oats new..... 35  
Barley..... 45  
Buckwheat..... 45

### PRODUCE AT STORES.

Butter..... 22  
Eggs..... 12  
Lard..... 19  
Shoulders..... 12  
Ham..... 14  
Tallow..... 4  
Potatoes..... 20  
Raisins..... 6

Hard Times  
Purse  
Persuaders.

Little Money  
Counts Big  
At Garman's  
Store.

Here  
is  
A  
Partial  
List

From which to choose; just enough to disclose what is being done all through the endless world of merchandise on sale here:

- Lancaster Glass, 6c
- Amoskeag, 10c
- Table Oilcloth, 15c
- 3 cakes Butter Milk Soap, 25c
- Tablet, 3c
- Big Slate, 4c
- Initial Handkerchiefs, 5c
- Good Laundry Soap, 7c
- Etc., Etc., 10c