

THE RACKET

No. 9 Crider's Exchange, Bellefonte.

"We kinder think its comin'.
There's a softness in the breeze;
An' the green is almost peepin'
From the winter weathered trees."

During the past three months we have been making preparations for the advent of Spring, and we now extend a hearty invitation to all both great and small to visit

BELLEFONTE'S STORE

The Botany Dress Goods

Department.—Ladies of taste are delighted with the new idea. Ask to C Diamond Crepe, the latest all wool novelty in Black and all fashionable shades. The French Printed Flannels in this department are of unusual beauty and U will find nothing like 'em in Centre Co.

"The Racket" is today easily, the leader among Bellefonte's stores. Kom and C.

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SHEM SPIGELMYER, Jr.
Bellefonte, Pa.

PERSONAL.

—Clark M. Gramley, of Rebersburg, was in Centre Hall on Wednesday.

—Mrs. George Hoffer, of Osceola, is visiting at Mr. J. D. Murray's, in this place.

—Mr. William Camp and son Harry, of Milroy, were in town the beginning of the week.

—D. E. Bible, of Pottsville, gave us a call. He looks well and speaks of business being fair.

—Mr. J. C. Boyd, of Butler, Pa., was the guest of Mrs. Martha Odenkirk last Thursday.

—Miss Bertha Rossman, of Tusseyville, was a caller at the REPORTER office on Friday last.

—Tacy Kreamer returned home last Thursday after several weeks' visit with friends in Lewisburg.

—Mr. Jared Kreamer, of Boalsburg, circulated among friends in Centre Hall a day or so last week.

—Miller Goodhart could not stand the pressure bearing upon him, and has bought a new pneumatic wheel.

—Mr. Henry Rossman, of Tusseyville's prominent citizens and Democrats, circulated among friends in Centre Hall on Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Abe Lukenbach, of Bellefonte, visited among friends in Centre Hall and Brush Valley, several days of this and last week.

—Rev. Eisenberg and C. F. Deininger represented the Centre Hall Republicans at Bellefonte on Tuesday, the latter as a delegate.

—Mr. and Mrs. Morris Furey, of near Bellefonte, spent Saturday and Sunday with Joshua T. Potter and family; they had a pleasant time.

—Constable Reuben Kline, of Gregg township, was in Centre Hall on Wednesday serving some interesting documents on some of our young men.

—Wm. L. Kurtz, son of the editor of the REPORTER, and Gen. Coffroth, were elected delegates to the State convention by the Democracy of Somerset county.

—Mr. John McCoy, of San Francisco, California, arrived here last week, on a visit to his father, John McCoy, at Potters Mills. Mr. McCoy has been in California a number of years.

—The Misses Durst formerly of this section but now residing in western Pennsylvania are renewing acquaintances in this locality. They have lately returned from an extensive trip through Kansas, the northwest and the Pacific coast.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, mother of A. J. Reesman, who has been visiting in this vicinity among friends since last August, will depart this evening for her home in Plainfield, Illinois. She will be accompanied by Mrs. And. Reesman and Clay, who go on a visit of a month or more among friends in the west.

—Maj. Fisher, of Gregg, Col. Fred Reynolds, of Bellefonte, J. G. Bailey and H. C. Campbell, of Ferguson, Mr. McFarlane, of Harris, J. H. Musser, of Aaronsburg, H. G. Duck, of Millheim, and Daniel Brungard and Samuel Gramley, of Miles, were in town Monday, in attendance upon the fire insurance meeting. All these gentlemen speak of a tremendous rain in their respective sections Monday afternoon, and some damage done to fields.

BOILER EXPLODES

NELSON BILGER HORRIBLY MANGLED.

A Terrible Catastrophe at Bilger's Sawmill in McBride's Gap.—One Instantly Killed and Another Severely Scalded.

On Monday morning at about half-past ten o'clock, the boiler burst at Bilger's saw mill, in McBride's Gap, about two miles west of Pleasant Gap, at which Nelson Bilger, son of Jonathan Bilger, one of the owners of the mill property was instantly killed, and Bert Bilger, son of John Bilger was terribly scalded.

The mill was operated by Bilger Bros., of Pleasant Gap, and located in McBride's Gap, about one half mile from the foot of the mountain. On the morning of the catastrophe the mill was started up and was running for several hours.

The mill hands, five in number, were cutting shingles, and about ten o'clock, the mill was compelled to shut down, owing to the steam going down in the boiler.

Nelson Bilger was the engineer, and in about fifteen minutes after the mill was stopped, had steam up, and ready for running again. He was engaged at work at the side of the boiler, when it suddenly exploded.

The boiler parted in the middle, the front end flying a distance of about 300 feet, the rear end went out through the mill and landed about 200 feet back, carrying destruction before it with relentless terror.

Nelson was knocked out through the side of the mill and driven into a mud hole up to the waist, a distance of twenty feet, and buried beneath the debris hurled from the wrecked mill. Plates from the middle of the boiler are supposed to have struck him, as he was out of the path of the flying front and back ends.

Nothing but shattered remains almost beyond recognition were left to tell the story of his horrible and untimely death. His neck and back were broken, face contused, while one leg bore four distinct fractures and the other was completely crushed. Unlike his co-worker he was not scalded.

Bert Bilger, an employe of the mill was rendered senseless by the explosion, and was terribly scalded on the left side of his head and down to the hips.

Other employes about the mill had hair-breadth escapes from injury. Only a few minutes before the explosion they were at the side of the boiler packing shingles. The mill is almost a complete wreck.

Bilger's remains were taken to the home of his parents at Pleasant Gap.

He was a young man aged only about twenty-two years, unmarried, and was the support of his aged parents. His funeral took place on Wednesday, interment being made in the cemetery at that place.

Bert Bilger, though severely injured, will recover from his scalds.

The boiler was an old one, and had been purchased second hand by Bilger Bros. The immediate cause of its bursting cannot be explained beyond the fact that it was simply incapable by reason of its weakened construction of big pressure.

Large sections of the boiler were carried in different directions over the pines standing close by the mill, sixty feet high, as shown by broken tree tops, landing 200 feet away. One large section landed on a rock, and bounded away fifty feet. The foundation was completely blown away. A large iron wheel that lay under the boiler was thrown over 100 feet from where it lay.

A Correction.

Mr. John Slack, of Potters Mills, desires to correct some reports circulated by persons with no friendly purpose, relative to the assignment made by him. His financial difficulties were principally caused by the burning of his barn and contents, and the panic. His liabilities are not what some report them to be, and if his farm can be sold at its actual value, there will be enough to pay all, and be some left.

Leg Seriously Hurt.

Harry, a little son of Joshua Potter, two miles west of Centre Hall, had one of his legs severely hurt on Monday; while riding a horse, from some cause the animal shied, and ran up against a fence, pinning Harry's leg between the horse and fence, causing very severe bruises on his leg.

An Equine Wonder.

Wanotoga, Will Mitterling's Hambletonian horse has a half brother at Fort Wayne, Indiana, going quarters in 31 seconds—a 2.04 clip—that of Nancy Hanks. Horsemen are greatly elated, so may Mr. M. be over such phenomenal speed and boom.

Close on Fourth.

The business places of this town have concluded to close on the Fourth, and have the day to celebrate.

Bargains in Clothing.

New suits made to order, \$15 to \$18. All new spring goods, at Montgomery's, Bellefonte.

—Do you want a fine dress shoe at a low figure? Mingle, Bellefonte, has them. Latest styles and shapes.

NEW REFORMED CHURCH.

A Site Purchased by the Ladies Aid Society for the Erection of a Church.

The Ladies Aid society of the Centre Hall Reformed church, purchased two lots at the lower end of town, for the erection of a new church that is in contemplation in the near future. The lots comprise half an acre of the Wolf woods, and front on the main street. Consideration paid is \$500—the funds being part of the accumulation of the aid society in the past few years.

The present Reformed church, at the west end of Church street, is in fair condition. The organization dates back to December 21, 1853, under Rev. P. S. Fisher, with the following members: Christian Hoffer, George Hoffer, Peter Hoffer, William Keller, John H. Keller, Daniel Faber, Jacob Bitner, John Faber, David Keller, Leah Keller, Magdaline Hoffer, Mary A. Hoffer, Lydia Hoffer, Mary A. Keller, Elizabeth Witmer, Mary Faber, Elizabeth Alexander, Annie Witmer and Margaret Witmer. The church was dedicated Christmas 1853, Rev. B. S. Schueck, D. D., delivered the sermon. The cost of the church was \$2350.

Of the above nineteen members the following are still living: Peter Hoffer, John H. Keller, Mary A. Hoffer, Lydia Hoffer, Annie Witmer and Margaret Witmer—all living at Centre Hall.

The time for the erection of the new church has not yet been fully determined upon, but through the untiring labors of the ladies of the aid society, a very good location has been secured, and paid for, with still a handsome surplus in the treasury of the society. The ladies who were active in this work deserve great credit for what they have accomplished.

The congregation began with nineteen members forty-one years ago, now it has over a hundred of a membership.

An Enjoyable Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Hayes and family, of Dewart, Northumberland county, Pa., arrived at the home of Joshua T. Potter Thursday evening last, after a pleasant drive via Sugar Valley narrows to Loganton, thence over the mountain to Tylersville, Rebersburg, Madisonburg and Centre Hall, making the trip, a distance of sixty miles, in less than ten hours—driving a team of handsome Hambletonians in a fine carriage. Mr. Hayes is one of Northumberland county's progressive farmers. Mrs. Hayes is a sister of Mrs. Potter; they left on Saturday morning for home via Lock Haven, Jersey Shore, Newberry, Williamsport and Montgomery where they have friends, reaching home the last of the week.

A Remarkable Catch.

One afternoon last week Doc. Ritter made one of the largest hauls of fish from Sinking creek, that has yet been made from that stream at one time. He made a cast while leisurely fishing along, and got a bite. He started to pull out, but all he could do was to drag his catch toward the bank, and he had fifteen fish and an eel in the catch. They fish were on a string and had been lost by his neighbor, George Clements, who had lost the bunch and fortunately floated down stream to Ritter.

Death of an Old Citizen.

Mr. John Homan died at Aaronsburg last Friday, aged about eighty years. Mr. Homan was an old citizen of Haines township, and a farmer by occupation. He was a widower, having been twice married. He was a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Homan's first wife was a daughter of Mathias Beuch, and his second wife was Susan, daughter of Joseph Condo, dec'd, of Aaronsburg.

Short Items of Interest.

Thunder gusts last Sunday; in fact we have a thunder gust nearly every day.

Read the article in another column, "Old Landmarks," you will find it interesting. We may give further installments hereafter.

The Reformed people of this place might this year celebrate the 41st anniversary of the organization and erection of their church. This would be fitting in the old edifice.

Our State Papers.

There are issued in this state 183 daily papers, 3 tri-weeklies, 21 semi-weeklies, 925 weeklies, 8 bi-weeklies, 23 semi-monthlies, 8 bi-monthlies and 21 quarterlies, a total of 1408 publications. New York and Illinois exceeds this total.

Costs in Advance.

Judge Bell, of Blair county, says that a witness in any common law proceeding has a right to demand his costs in advance when subpoenaed to appear at court, as he would be justified in remaining away should his costs not be paid.

Will Celebrate.

Mill Hall will celebrate the Fourth in grand old style. There will be speechmaking and a parade.

Bargains in Clothing.

New suits made to order, \$15 to \$18. All new Spring goods, at Montgomery's, Bellefonte.

A HORSE STOLEN

THE THIEF CAPTURED AND IS NOW LODGED IN JAIL.

A Thief Steals a Horse at Unionville, is Taken up and now Awaits Trial Before the Court.

Last Sunday night a horse was stolen from the stable of J. F. Holt, at Unionville, by a man giving his name as George Rowan, who took the horse to Lock Haven, where he sold it, and was captured shortly after, and lodged in the jail at Bellefonte to await trial at the next term of court.

When the robbery was discovered Monday morning dispatches were sent over the surrounding country to be on the lookout for the horse, and it was but a short time until word was received from Hubbersburg stating that a horse answering the description had passed through that town, with a rider.

This led to the surmise that the thief was on his way to Lock Haven and there dispose of the animal, which proved correct. Holt went to Lock Haven and discovered the horse in a livery stable. The liveryman had purchased it from the thief for \$25. He was given a check for the amount, which he had cashed at a shoe store.

Forepaugh was in Lock Haven that day, and the thief was found at the show and was arrested by a policeman. Tuesday morning he was brought to Bellefonte and given a hearing before Justice Keichline, who remanded him to jail.

At the hearing the man claimed he had bought the horse for \$15, and had spent the \$25 at the show throwing balls at babies and treating the boys, etc.

He is a coal miner by trade and is from Philipsburg. He is aged about twenty-five years, and does not bear the expression of a strictly honest citizen.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted the past week: Mr. Martin M. Keller, of College twp., and Miss Nora M. Rimmey, of Spring twp.

Mr. Geo. R. Parker, and Miss Mary C. Schofield, both of Bellefonte.

Mr. W. W. W. Krisher, of Cherry Run, Union Co., Pa., and Miss B. A. Grimm, of Sober, Centre county.

Mr. Thomas Crowley, of Philadelphia, and Miss Laura K. Wright, of Milesburg.

Rev. Geo. E. Limbert, of Grove City, Mercer Co., and Miss Flora Moyer, of Centre Mills, Centre Co.

Dr. A. W. Hafer, of Bellefonte, and Miss Laura Hess, of Harris twp.

Mr. John Hartsock, of Buffalo Run, and Miss Myrtle E. Robinson, of Huston twp.

The Heaviest Rain Yet.

Monday afternoon, between four and six o'clock, we had the heaviest thunder shower of the season. The rain came down in streams and the low places were soon under water and gutters and gullies bank full. There was terrific lightning and thunder during the entire shower. We expect to hear of great damage to fields and crops by washouts, the re-planting from the flood a few weeks ago, no doubt has been washed away again, and it would now be too late in the season to plant corn or potatoes again. Tuesday noon there was also a light thunder shower.

A Sonambulist's Jump.

The Lock Haven Democrat says a few nights ago Frank Day, a fireman on the P. and E. railroad, jumped out the window of his bedroom, Grove and Clinton streets, while asleep, and fell on a number of flower pots that were piled up in the yard. Strange to say he was not awakened by his nocturnal adventure. Friends in the house hearing the noise went out and succeeded in bringing him out of his sonambulist state. He was not injured any.

Thomas Decker Dead.

Thomas Decker, formerly of Georges valley, and a brother of Michael Decker, of near Centre Hall, and Green Decker, of near Spring Mills, died at his home in Lock Haven, last week, of dropsy of which he had been ailing for some time, and was buried in the Lock Haven cemetery last Sunday.

Mr. Decker moved from this vicinity to Lock Haven some fifteen years ago. He was a millwright by trade, and aged about 58 years.

James Carpenter Hanged.

On Thursday James Carpenter was executed at Millintown for the murder of his father last December at Port Royal. The murderer's mother is serving a term of two years in the western penitentiary as an accessory to the crime.

Indifferent.

The northern precinct of Potter didn't seem to take much interest in the judgeship fight. There were four votes for Furst and four for Love.

In our boro there were sixteen for Furst, and three for Love.

Lost a Cow.

George S. Weaver, living about two miles east of the Fort, while driving his stock home on Thursday, one of his cows, a valuable one, slipped and broke a leg; it was found necessary to kill her. Sorry for you, George.

The Fourth.

Millheim and Millhall will celebrate the Fourth in riproarious style, and make the eagle scream. Centre Hall had a big jubilee last year, and will give others a chance this year.

Bargains in Clothing.

New suits made to order, \$15 to \$18. All new spring goods, at Montgomery's, Bellefonte.

—The popular Russet shoe will be in greater favor than ever this year. We have them in all styles, shapes, and shades, at prices to correspond.—Mingle's, Bellefonte.

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

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

NEFF-ZEIGLER.

Miss Mary Zeigler and Prof. C. R. Neff United in Marriage.

On Thursday of last week, the beautiful mansion of Mrs. Sarah Zeigler was the scene of pleasure and delight, being the day on which her daughter Mary was to be wedded to Prof. C. R. Neff.

Early in the morning the invited guests began to assemble and bring with them many pretty, useful and costly gifts for the bride. They all seemed to have on their wedding garments ready to meet the bride and groom.

The rooms in this beautiful home were all decorated with evergreen and flowers, which gave the rooms and spacious parlor a fine appearance all of which foretold that something more than usual was soon to transpire.

Each of the guests watched the hands of the time honored clock anxiously waiting for it to register the appointed time for the wedding. At precisely 11.30 Rev. George Limbert, of Grove City, Pa., made his appearance in the center of the parlor which was the signal that the bride and groom would soon appear.

Mrs. Frank M. Fisher, of Penn Hall, began playing the wedding march and then the flower girls came in and were closely followed by the bride and groom, who took the center of the parlor. Rev. Limbert read the marriage ceremony in a very distinct and impressive tone of voice and pronounced them man and wife. Congratulations followed, after which the guests were all invited to the tastefully decorated dining parlor to partake of the sumptuous repast which had been prepared for the occasion.

At three o'clock the wedding party were driven away in a carriage amid a shower of old shoes, rice, etc., to the home of Mr. Neff, near Centre Hall. The happy couple have a bright future before them and have the good wishes of every one.

Just Short Enough.

It rains so easily now that one does not need to wish for it.

Young McGeehon caught a two-pound cat-fish at the Stone mill dam a few days ago.

Apple trees that did not bear last year, are full of fruit this summer.

The mason work on the walls of Colver's new building at the station is finished.

The main building on the picnic ground has been painted and adds to the good looks of the premises.

Crops in the county generally look promising.

Capt. Bill Runkle has moved back to Centre Hill on a farm.

Fisherman Spicher, of Barlystown, had a tussle with a four-pound Stone mill dam eel one day last week, that made the water splash and the mud fly; but the eel was landed.

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Local Squibs.

The juveniles of our town fish their share of catties out of the broken Stone Mill dam.

Mrs. E. M. Huyett's large mock orange-bush, full of flowers, at the front gate, is one of the prettiest floral sights in town.

Pedagogues in plenty were in town Monday, to be examined. Some of them had a good spell and some not so good.

The hundred bicyclers that were to spin into this place last Sunday from Johnstown, Altoona and Bellefonte, didn't appear. There was too much thunder in the sky.

A new walk has been laid around on both sides of the Lutheran church. A man won't stumble now, except over his own feet.

Pretty nearly every Republican in the borough, favored the return of Judge Furst to the bench.

One of our boys is reported as catching a cat fish at the Stone Mill dam last week that weighed over two pounds.

Want Heavy Damages.

The National tube works at McKeesport have brought suit against Allegheny county for \$250,000 for damages done through the strike. Of this sum \$18,000 is for damages to the eighteen gas furnaces which have cooled and the lining of which has been destroyed. The balance is for loss of business and from non-fulfillment of contracts.

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SOUL MARCHING.

Fools are still marching; early last Friday morning about 900 of Frye's army marched into Cumberland City from Keyser, W. Va., where they had been for several days. They are now encamped in the fair grounds, two and one-half miles outside of that city. It is said they will stay there until they get reinforcements, when they will reorganize and march to Washington.

—Everything in the shoe line can be had at Mingles, Bellefonte. Large stock, and all panic prices, too.

GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat	52
Rye	50
Corn	45
Oats new	35
Barley	45
Rockwheat	45

PRODUCE AT STORES.

Butter	12
Eggs	10
Lard	8
Shoulders	12
Ham	14
Tallow	4
Potatoes	25
Sides	8

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