

THE CENTRE REPORTER.

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THE RACKET

No. 9 Critter'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 Flaunels 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.

G. R. SPIGELMYER, SHERIFF SPIGELMYER, Jr. Bellefonte, Pa.

PERSONAL.

—David Foreman is off on a visit among friends in Butler co.

—Ed. Allison, of Potters Mills, was a prominent visitor in Centre Hall on Tuesday.

—Miss Blanche Cronmiller, of Bellefonte, visited at the home of D. K. Geiss, over Sunday.

—Miss Katherine Musser, one of Aaronsburg's fair young ladies, was the guest of Miss Grace Smith on Tuesday.

—F. O. Hosterman, of Millheim, has been in the town for a day or so, making arrangements for his sale of vehicles.

—Mrs. John Mullen and children, of Renova, Pa., have been visiting among friends for several days past in Centre Hall.

—Mr. James Herring, of Altoona, arrived in Centre Hall a few days ago on a short visit among friends in the valley.

—George Bushman caught a 14-inch trout the other day; he walks right up head now, and not much danger of anyone trapping him.

—Miss Lila Harper, who has been spending some time with the family of Mr. J. C. Boal, returned to her home in Tyrone Saturday last.

—W. L. Goodhart, of Millheim, was in town Wednesday morning. He is an enthusiastic bicyclist and uses a wheel entirely in getting about the country.

—Rev. Aikens, of Pinegrove Mills, gave our sanctuary a call on Monday. He preached in several of the Lutheran churches of this charge on Sabbath last, and delivered an able discourse in the evening, in the church here, to a well-filled house.

—Wm. L. Kurtz, of Berlin, Somerset county, accompanied by his family, is visiting his parents here. He reports the June frosts having done great harm out in Somerset; much of the wheat was frozen, causing the heads to be like cheat, and farmers have cut the wheat in many fields to make hay out of it; potatoes were also scorched; grapes, apples and other fruit have also suffered greatly.

4th of July—No Paper.

No paper next week, in order to give all hands a chance to put in the Fourth of July patriotically, enthusiastically, gloriously and gratefully. This is the glorious week when all papers skip one issue for the good of the country, and they constitute the country. Your kind indulgence is asked, reader—please.

Sudden Death.

On Friday, 20th, Mrs. Anna Florence Boob, wife of C. E. Boob, died very suddenly near Loganton, of heart disease. She was the daughter of Thomas M. and Abbey Brungard, and was 24 years, 3 months and 4 days old.

Panther at Large.

A panther is believed to be lurking in Mifflin county woods, not far from Siglerville, the mutilated body of a young steer having been found on the mountain.

Bargains in Clothing.

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

CHILD PLAYS WITH A BLACKSNAKE.

A Four-Year-Old Tot on Friendly Terms With a Serpent.

On Friday last a little four-year-old son of Will Neff, on Church street, while out in the yard came across a black snake that lay in the grass. The little tot was pleased with his find and stood right over the snake, bending down to have a good look at the stranger, seemingly delighted. The snake lay in a coil, but did not strike at the little one.

The little fellow presently called to his mother to come and see what a pretty thing he had found. Mrs. Neff paid no heed to the child's calls at first, thinking there was nothing requiring her attention. The little boy repeated his calls, and tried to pick up the snake to show his mother, and she finally went to where he was, and to her horror saw him standing over a big black snake, coiled between the feet of the child.

The serpent's head was raised and the forked tongue darting out and in. Mrs. Neff endeavored to make the little fellow understand his danger and frighten him away, but he was pleased with the "pretty thing," and it was only after repeated warnings that he stepped from it and she despatched the snake with a stick. It measured near five feet in length.

Leg Amputated.

James Coldren, of this place, who has been in the employ of the coke company at Hastings for nearly three years, and had a leg broken by the snapping of a chain from its holdings where cars are drawn from the mines, had to submit to an amputation of the leg a few days ago, at the Miners' hospital. The accident occurred some months ago and was chronicled in the REPORTER at the time. After the fracture had been set and the leg on a misstep, Jim fell and again broke the healing fracture. Since then there have been no signs of improvement, and he was removed to the hospital at Philipsburg. His condition became so serious that the physicians found an amputation necessary, and the patient is in a critical condition. The family still reside in Centre Hall.

Of Great Interest.

Our article in last week's issue, on "Old Landmarks," was read with great interest all around and has led others to look up further instances of homesteads remaining in the same family for a century and over. The number that would come in the hundred year list are more common than one would suppose, while those running thus for a longer period are more rare and noteworthy. Centre county has an interesting history, and we shall give an occasional installment in future issues.

Death of Bernard Lauth.

Bernard Lauth, of Howard, well-known in business and private circles, died on Monday evening last, having been ill a number of weeks. He was at one time connected with the Howard iron works; he was the inventor of several patents in iron manufacture and realized a fortune thereby. He was born in Germany, and aged near 74 years.

Festival.

The Rural Sunday School will hold a festival at Plum Grove on next Saturday evening, 30th. The Farmers Mills band will furnish music for the occasion. Ice cream, cake, and all reasonable delicacies will be served. Proceeds for the benefit of the Sunday school. All are cordially invited to attend.

Expensive Fun.

The young Americans who were prosecuted by Mr. Long for misbehavior at the cave festival about two weeks ago, got off with \$4.20 out of pocket in the hearing before Squire Rishell, last Saturday. There was about a half dozen of them, and the evening's fun came pretty high.

Postal Notes.

After June 30, 1894, no postal notes will be issued, and postmasters have been instructed that all such notes issued after that date will be void and must not be paid. All unused postal notes are to be returned to the department.

One Cool Place.

If the summer is getting too hot for any of our readers, up in the direction of the North Pole it will be found just right to cool off and ice free. On account of the cool evenings it is advisable to take an extra wrap along.

Religious Notice.

Rev. J. C. Krause, of Pottsville, Pa., will preach in the Presbyterian church at Centre Hill on July 1st, at 10.30 a. m., Spring Mills at 2.30 p. m. and Centre Hall in the evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Preached a Trial Sermon.

Rev. A. A. Kerlin, of Alexandria, Pa., preached a trial sermon in the Lutheran church, of Milroy, last Sunday morning.

Bargains in Clothing.

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

EASILY TAKEN.

Centre Hall Falls a Scamp from the Pine Grove Mills Ball Team.

This was different. Our redoubtable base ball nine repaired its fallen greatness by managing to place enough scores to its credit in a game last Saturday with the overgrown Pine Grove Mills boys, who came down here to dispute the honor and to recite whole pages of time-worn, weather-beaten rules, which they had carefully studied the night before.

At intervals when they didn't talk the occasion was taken for clever amateur playing and run-getting, and in this way the game was finally ended; otherwise they would have been playing yet. Aside from a few bad errors, our boys showed marked improvement in their playing ability, both at the bat and in the field, and the ailment which was a cross between "buck fever" and stage fright, under which they seriously labored in their first game, was supplanted by nerve and dash. Emboldened by success at the start they showed the visitors points right along, and had time between the acts to smile bewitchingly at their girls and throw bouquets at themselves.

"Skip" Smith and "Sum" Hosterman occupied the points for Centre Hall and worked together like clock-work with a Waterbury attachment. No changes were made in our team save on first base which was a decided improvement. This always was a weak spot.

The greatest trouble with Pine Grove Mills seemed that they mistook the athletic contest for a platform debate, which might have been on almost any subject from man's duplicity to the effect of strong drink on school children. Pine Grove changed pitchers backwards and forwards as if they were going through a Pawnee war dance, jabbered like fire alarms, while our boys reduced their flesh cavorting around the bases and piling up runs.

The score by innings is as follows: Pine Grove Mills—1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 2—5 Centre Hall—1 0 1 1 0 0 6 1—10

Changed Its Course.

A little stream that came out from the bank on the east side of the mill dam at Spring Mills, and crossed the road along the side of the dam, during a late thunder storm changed its course and now comes out several rods farther up, the original channel having become dry. Possibly the vibration of the earth from a heavy peal of thunder may have caused a cave-in of an under-ground passage of this stream, and turned it into a new course.

The Coming Fourth.

The Fourth of July this year comes on July the 4th. Bang, bum, fire, git out, whizz, burrah, shoot, Hall Columbia, sky rockets, fire crackers, zwei glasser lager, the Stars and Stripes, put rackets, paint the town red, get up steam, Bunker Hill, Yorktown, tangle foot, Jerry lightning, etc., etc. July 5th.—Headache, black eye, arm shot off, broken nose, cannon exploded, horse ran off, two squares burned, lock-up full, etc.

Mifflinburg Postoffice Robbed.

On Monday morning at three o'clock burglars entered the Mifflinburg post-office and blew open the safe. They secured \$200 in cash and some postage stamps. The concussion caused by the explosion aroused the neighborhood. A pistol shot was heard in the street signaling those in the office of danger. A few minutes later four men were seen running out of town. The burglars have not been captured.

Two Stables Burned.

Early Saturday morning two stables in Bellefonte, one the property of Judge Furst, the other belonging to W. B. Maitland, were burned to the ground. A calf was burned to death in Judge Furst's stable, along with some hay and grain, while Mr. Maitland lost two loads of hay. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Save the Stove Lining.

Powdered soapstone and salt in equal proportions wet with water will make an everlasting and fire proof mending for the lining of stoves; it is much less expensive and troublesome to procure and put in place than new firebricks. Don't let fire spoil the stove because the brick needs mending.

Cut His Throat.

Some years ago Jacob Miller, of New Berlin, became surety to the extent of \$8,000 for a man named Baum. Miller was recently obliged to pay the amount and it so weighed upon his mind that he destroyed his own life by cutting his throat last week.

A Narrow Escape.

At Punxsutawney last Saturday afternoon two children were swinging in a hammock under a large maple tree. They tired of this and left it just before a lightning bolt split the tree in two.

—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.—Mingie's, Bellefonte.

—Subscribe for the REPORTER.

LIGHTNING'S WORK.

A Horse Killed and Several Persons Knocked Down.

During the heavy thunder storm which passed over Brush Valley last Saturday afternoon, lightning struck the comb of the roof of Jeremiah Hoy's barn near Madisonburg. Robert Miller, of Millheim, with a horse sought shelter under the overshot of the barn when the storm came on. There were two other men whose names we did not learn, under the overshot at the same time. The bolt came down a rafter. Miller was holding the horse. The lightning killed the horse, and knocked Miller down, stunning all the parties under the overshot at the time. One of Mr. Miller's arms showed marks of severe burns from the electricity. Fortunately the barn was not set on fire.

Another Stunner.

On Saturday afternoon, while Squire Housenan, of Tusseyville, was at work in his garden, a ball from the clouds made for him, but missed its mark and struck an apple tree in the garden, only a few yards from him with a terrific report. He was somewhat stunned, and as he puts it, "nearly knocked him sensible." He describes it as having been like a ball of fire.

Chain Workers Strike.

This morning the men employed at McCoy & Linn's chain works, just below the nail works, went on a strike says Monday's Daily News. So far as can be learned the strike was precipitated, not so much because of the low scale, but by what the old workmen termed an unfair division of the work.

According to the story of one of the men, it was agreed when work was begun that all the old workers should be given the best work, in consideration of them working for a low scale. This, he claimed, had not been done; but that most of the best work, if not all of it, had been given to the new men who had hardly finished their trade. The scale of prices paid was on the basis of 4j cents a hundred links for trace chains, and this is two cents lower than is paid at the York works and three cents lower than is paid in the western part of the state. Our informant claimed that it was impossible to make anything like fair wages at such prices. He told of one man who worked two days on log chains and made but 67 cents in the two days. The differences between the employes and the firm were satisfactorily adjusted and the men went back to work Wednesday morning.

The Gods Smile on Him.

There is a man near Centre Hall who always pays for his paper in advance. He has never been sick a day in his life—never had any corns or the toothache—his potatoes never rot—the weevil never eats his wheat—the frost never kills his corn or beans—the babies never cry at night—his wife never scolds—and he never gets the small-pox.

Killed Both.

Last Thursday evening a terrible accident resulting in the loss of two lives, occurred at the saw mill of Grossler & Co., at DeLoys's firing near Cammal, Lyeomung Co. The fireman Joseph Ricker, accompanied by his five-year-old daughter, had gone to the mill to burn the surplus sawdust, when, without the least warning, the boiler exploded, instantly killing the man and child.

Injurious to Rubber.

Our bicycle riders will be interested to learn that a writer on hardware remarks that in the use of rubber tire for bicycles it must be borne in mind that no oil, varnish or grease should be allowed to touch them. Oil is an enemy to rubber. Care in this respect should be had in applying oil to bearings.

Mercury Up.

The closing days of last week were quite hot, and a summer spell seems to have struck us. Friday and Saturday the heat was intense, the thermometer running over the 95 mark in the shade. Every one was hunting a cool place to escape the heat.

Two Crops.

The Lock Haven Express is authority for the following: Michael Jobson, a Bald Eagle Valley farmer, has a pear tree which is well loaded with green fruit and is also in full bloom at present for the second time this year. It is a peculiarity of this particular pear tree to blossom twice every year.

Thundergusts.

Thundergusts still seem to be the order of the day—and of night too. Hardly a day has passed without having one pass over the valley, or just on the edge, and they haven't been small affairs either.

Healthy Section.

We are glad to note that the general health of our community is good. Little sickness prevails and our physicians are having an easy, though not profitable time of it.

Orate at Millheim.

Ira C. Mitchell, Esq., of Bellefonte, is to be the 4th of July orator at Millheim.

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

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

WEDDING.

Rev. Samuel C. Stover and Miss Sadie Kuhns Married.

On Thursday evening, June 14th, Rev. Samuel C. Stover, of Cessna, Pa., and Miss Sadie Kuhns, of Berlin, Pa., were united in wedlock in the Reformed church at Berlin. The church had been artistically decorated with potted plants, cut flowers and ferns. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. R. Kremer.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the mansion house at Berlin. The bride and groom the next day left on a wedding trip to Atlantic City and other points in the east.

Rev. Stover is a native of our valley and his parents reside at Farmers Mills. For several years he has been in charge of the Reformed church at Cessna, Bedford county, and has been successful in his pastoral work. On their return they will take up their residence at Cessna, Pa.

Who is to Blame?

We have of late received several complaints from subscribers that they do not get their REPORTER regularly. The fault is not with us, the mailing is done accurately and as regularly as clock work. There must be some carelessness in the postal service somewhere.

Enormous Expense.

This summer's heavy showers have destroyed or damaged a great many roads and bridges. We think 1894 will take the lead for extraordinary expenditures upon roads and bridges from this cause. In some counties the bill will be enormous. Our own county will feel the effects to a considerable degree.

Getting Scarcer.

Fishermen from outside counties are more numerous along the streams of the Paddy Mountain region, than ever before. The streams are lined with the anglers, and it is no wonder the speckled beauties are getting scarce, in spite of stocking.

Too Woolly Like.

Haymaking is coming on. We saw an acre of grass cut Wednesday of last week. The hay crop will be an average one. What is called the big clover is greatly under par with our farmers, it gets too much of a wood-like stem, and does not make near as good hay as the little, old fashioned clover.

Mifflin Co. Democrats.

The Democrats of Mifflin county have nominated the following ticket: Congress, Dr. L. B. Banks; assembly, J. F. Sartain; register and recorder, J. R. Jenkins; sheriff, J. P. Calhoun; jury commissioner, Samuel Watts, jr.

It is Expensive.

A suit was tried in the Clearfield courts at the recent term, involving only \$6, in which the costs were over \$50, saying nothing of attorney fees. Take as little medicine and as little law as possible and you will find it quite en-riching.

Prohibits to Nominate.

The Prohibition county convention will be held at Bellefonte, in the court house, on Tuesday, July 24, at 10.45 a. m., to put in nomination a full temperance county ticket.

Resuming Again.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has issued an order to rush all empty coal and box cars to the west, which means a resumption of the coal and coke business.

To Get in Shape.

Girls who contemplate purchasing a bicycle would do well to harden their muscles in advance by running their mother's sewing machine or rocking the baby.

Dug a Well.

Jacob Lee and Alfred Krape have just finished a well for Mr. Lutz, near Zion, 132 feet in depth, and striking sufficient water.

The Fun Begins.

Next week our farmers will be in the midst of hay making, providing rains do not interfere. Some grass has been mowed this week already, but it is too showery for making good hay.

Lightly Touched.

It is noteworthy that Potters Mills and the south side of the valley did not have near as many rains as we on the north side.

For Sale.

A fine Short horn bull, thorough bred, 1 1/2 years old, for sale by Samuel Slack, Potters Mills. June 14-31

A SHORT CROP.

A General Scarcity of Hay Will Result in the Valley.

Much alarm is being felt by many of our farmers from a scarcity of the hay crop, which is not promising and up to the average. The cause assigned to this was the late heavy snow and unpropitious weather during all the spring, which did much to injure the yield.

On most farms the yield will scarcely be one-fourth what it was one year ago and there will be plenty of farmers who will not have enough to feed their stock, and must dispose of the greater part of the stock, or buy hay.

Baling hay has been a considerable source of revenue to many, but we are informed that very little will be shipped. The grass is very thin and has only reached about one-half its usual height, and what is harvested will find a ready sale.

CAN YOU AFFORD

To buy your clothing before you are thoroughly posted on styles and prices. We invite the inspection of the most critical. All our goods are the very latest production of the leading manufacturers, and our prices the lowest.

MONTGOMERY & Co. Clothing, Bellefonte, Pa.

Strawberries Are Beneficial.

Eat all the strawberries you can. They are most excellent medicine, to say nothing of their nutritive qualities. Do with less meat and spend the money for strawberries while they last. They are a splendid complexion purifier when eaten in quantities and some celebrated beauties have taken what they believed to be beneficial baths in crushed strawberries. They make a good acid wash for the face and a fine dentifrice for the teeth.

Caused by the Strike.

The Pennsylvania railroad reports that its coal and coke tonnage for the year thus far has been 5,833,975 tons, compared with 5,779,718 tons in the corresponding period of 1893, a decrease of 3,945,744 tons, of which 4,682,598 tons were coal, a decrease of 1,731,219 tons, and 1,151,478 tons coke, a decrease of 1,213,524 tons.

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

GRAIN MARKET.

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

PRODUCE AT STORES.

Table with 2 columns: Produce type and price. Includes Butter, Eggs, Lard, Shoulders, Ham, Turkey, Potatoes, Sides.

Your Husband's Dollar.

An increase in the purchasing power of your husband's dollar is worthy of consideration. ....isn't it?

It's worth while reading what we have to say when by so doing you save your husband's dollar. ....isn't it?

Commencement Furnishings,

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