

### THE CENTRE REPORTER.

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## THE NEW RACKET

No. 9-11 Crider's Exchange, Bellefonte.

Easily the largest and best store in town, and the only

### MODERN DEPARTMENT STORE

IN CENTRE COUNTY.

**BEST IN DRESS GOODS.**—The famous "Botany" Fabrics and "Gold Medal" Black Dress Goods set the pace for this Department, and U will find them nowhere else in Bellefonte.

**BEST IN LININGS.**—Our New York correspondent says, "We will make the Racket Lining Department A 1."

**BEST IN SILKS.**—Exclusive styles, direct from manufacturer.

**BEST IN HOSIERY.**—Hermesdorf Dye only in fine Nos.

**BEST IN EVERYTHING** that makes a store interesting.

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

## 100 YEARS AGO!

You could not get in Bellefonte what you can at the present time. One example:

### LADIES' RIBBED VESTS.

Can be had at 6, 8, 10, 12 1-2, 15, 20, and up to 45c, large assortment of styles and qualities.

### CHILDRENS VESTS AND PANTLETS.

From 10 cents up. This warm is the time for

### FAST BLACK HOSE.

We handle the two best brands made—Y. S. F. and Hermesdorf, positively fast colors, and extra good wearing qualities, 10c up to 50 cents.

### LACE CURTAINS,

From half a dollar up.

## W. T. MEYER,

Bush Arcade, Bellefonte.

Special.

It is seldom that the trade that seeks Bellefonte markets has the advantage of such a mark down sale as Lyon & Co. are advertising in another column on this page. It will pay you to look it up.

### PERSONAL.

—Mrs. Reifnyder, of Millheim, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Boob.

—Mr. George Ishler, of Tusseyville, was a caller at this office yesterday.

—Ira C. Mitchell, Esq., and T. P. Rynder whiled away an hour in our sanctum a few days ago.

—Mr. Felix Lee, of near Centre Hill, is dangerously ill, suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

—Mrs. Homer Barr, of Boalsburg, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jerry Miller several days last week.

—Mr. Jacob Wagner, one of Potter township's most useful citizens, was in town on Saturday on business.

—Rev. O'Boyl, of Shenandoa, arrived Tuesday and will spend several days with friends in this place.

—And J. Stiffler, of Centre Hill, gave us a call; he says the late cold snap did not do much harm out there.

—Dave Booser is again able to be out after having been confined to the house for a week with severe pain in his head.

—That genial and good-looking Democrat, W. M. Cronister, of Port Matilda, favored our sanctum with an hour's call.

—G. Howard Rishell, formerly of this place, has left Pittsburg, and taken charge of the Am. Wringer Co's office in Rochester, N. Y.

—Mrs. R. B. Spangler, of Hastings, Pa. arrived last week and will spend some time at the home of her father-in-law, Mr. John Spangler.

—Our useful townsman, Samuel Rowe, has gone to Chicago, where he has an offer at good wages in a manufactory of stone-crushers.

—Rev. J. A. Bright, formerly of Aaronsburg, now of Topeka, Kansas, will start for his old home May 20th on a visit to his father.

—Our friend C. K. Sober, of Lewistown, accompanied by his son, spent a short time with us the other day. Mr. Sober is the noted fancy shootist.

—Mr. John Krumbine arrived home Saturday from Pittsburg, at which place he has been working for several months past, having been summoned home on account of the serious illness of his little son, who has been suffering from scarlet fever for several weeks.

### A SNAKE STORY.

Several Encounters with Reptiles, one of Them at Aaronsburg years ago.

In the absence of a Centre county snake story we will open the season by relating one from another quarter.

Two blacksnakes, each nine feet long, were killed last week on Abraham De Turk's farm at Straasstown, after a hard battle. Mr. De Turk and his hired man, Wm. Clauser, were working in a field when the former saw a huge reptile. He attempted to kill it, but the great snake ran towards him and tried to coil around his legs. He called Clauser and they finally slaughtered their foe. In a few minutes the mate of the dead snake, which was equally large, was encountered. It also showed fight, but was killed with clubs.

Still, not having a fresh home snake story, we may as well freshen up an old one which made the hair of some of the good people of Aaronsburg and vicinity stand on end, back 35 years ago which was long before college students parted their hair in the middle. This snake had its habitue in the mountains directly north of Aaronsburg, and represented as being 35 feet long and as thick as a stove pipe. Several persons declared they saw it moving along and that it left a trail as if a log had been dragged along. Others averred they had seen the trail. John Moyer and Sam Miller were among the ones claiming to have seen this monster. One man said while he was crossing the mountain he sat down to rest, as he supposed on a log, when to his consternation the "log" began to move, and he made a straight coat-tail for the valley—he had sat down on the sleeping monster and disturbed its snooze. Occasionally parties went out on a hunt for the serpent but never found it.

### Instantly Killed.

Frank Nicely, aged about twenty years, of Lewistown, met with death in a tragic manner near Mapleton depot shortly before noon Friday. He was riding on a west-bound freight train and when near the place mentioned his hat blew off. He alighted from the car and picked it up, and while standing on the south track for the purpose of boarding the train again, he was run down by Chicago limited going east. He was frightfully cut about the head and one leg was mangled. Death relieved him of his suffering within a few minutes.

### Supposed to Have been Frozen.

An inquest was held on Saturday at Slate Run, near Lock Haven, over the remains of a man who was supposed to have been frozen to death in the woods near there during last winter. The pockets of the deceased were filled with apple and pumpkin seeds and shelled corn. He is supposed to have been a fugitive from justice or a lunatic who had escaped from an insane asylum.

### Services on Sabbath.

Rev. Davis will preach in the Presbyterian church at Centre Hill next Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock and at this place in the evening at 7.30 o'clock. Mr. Davis preached an able sermon to his audience in this place last Sabbath afternoon; he has not yet completed his course at the seminary, but is a ready and fluent speaker and his people were greatly pleased with his discourse.

### Decoration Day.

Decoration Day services will be held at this place at 5.30 o'clock in the evening. The Post make an urgent request of all persons having flowers to bring them to the Post room during the forenoon of same day, as there is generally a scarcity of flowers on this occasion. All the Sabbath schools of the town are cordially invited to take part in the services.

### A Noble Man Dead.

In the death of Eckley B. Cox, at his home in Drifton, on Monday, Pennsylvania loses one of its best and noblest citizens. His illness began with rheumatism and developed into pneumonia. He was a large coal operator and always esteemed by the many men in his employ. Mr. Cox was an ardent Democrat, and at one time a state Senator. His life was unsullied.

### How to Get a Polish.

Some one who has tried it says that if a tablespoonful of kerosene is put into four quarts of tepid water, and this is used in washing windows and mirrors, instead of pure water, there will remain upon the cleaned surface a polish no amount of mere friction can give.

### An Extra Wire.

The telephone company have men at work this week putting up an extra wire on the line from Bellefonte across to Lewistown.

—Subscriber for the REPORTER, \$1.50

—A new spring suit from Lewins, Bellefonte, is the proper thing now in clothing.

Figured China Silks, 20c. a yard. Striped Wash Silks, 30c. a yard. Lyon & Co.

### TRIED TO ROB HIM.

Dr. McEntire Had an Experience on Monday Evening.

Dentist McEntire, of Bellefonte, formerly of this town, had an experience in Philadelphia the other day. The Times says: "Dr. McEntire, of Bellefonte, who is a guest at the St. Elmo Hotel, had an exciting experience on one of the Gloucester ferry boats about 8.30 o'clock Monday evening. The boat was just leaving the wharf at Gloucester when the doctor was attacked in the passageway by a strange man, who attempted to extract his watch from his pocket.

Although the doctor is in delicate health, he made a stubborn resistance, and the would-be thief was foiled in his purpose. The chain was broken, but the watch was saved by its owner. A search of the passengers was made, but Dr. McEntire was unable to identify his assailant."

It must be a stout thief who can get away with our dental friend, and in this case it was not a success, we are pleased to say.

### Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were granted during the past week:

Geo. H. Weight, of Benner twp. and Cora Brumgart, of Salona, Clinton county.

Herbert I. Ailman and Nannie M. Houser, of Houserville.

James A. Hatch and Mary L. Burchfield, of Philipsburg.

John M. Bratton and Rella Flick, of Sandy Ridge.

Isaac F. Heaton and May C. Croft, of Boggs township.

W. D. Barr, of Patton twp., and Maggie Moore of Buffalo Run.

C. C. Adams and Sarah J. Bloom, of Milesburg.

Wm. Reese and Laura Morrison, of Sandy Ridge.

Oliver C. Campbell, of Bellefonte, and Anna M. Tate, of Pleasant Gap.

John Harshberger and Mrs. Mary E. Kerstetter, of Penn twp.

### Made Its First Appearance.

"The Lewisburg Journal," under its new proprietor, Wm. L. Kurtz, made its appearance this week, greatly improved in every department and up to the times, and will be a credit to Lewisburg and Union county as well as to the new proprietor. It has changed from the 4-page to the 8-page form and standard width of columns; its editorials are bright and spicy, its local department complete and covers the entire county. In politics the "Journal" will remain Democratic and promises to treat the opposite party with fairness and discard slangwhanging and low abuse—in short it will be a weekly fit to go into any family, and will be deserving the support of every citizen of Union county.

### Shad Plenty.

A break in the Columbia dam has caused many shad to get up the Susquehanna. With new river dams millions of shad will find their way up the North and West Branch and Juniata, and become as plenty as they were before the dams were built, when they could be bought for a cent apiece.

There will be plenty of shad fishing in the river by-and-by. The rift in the Columbia dam is doing the work and the shad are coming up the river in schools. They are being caught in Goldsboro and other points along the river and preparations are being made for the construction of batteries and the use of seines. Many shad have lately been caught in the Juniata.

### Foster's Predictions.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm waves to cross the continent from 15th to 19th and the next will reach the Pacific coast about 20th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 21, great central valleys 22d to 24th and the eastern states 25th. This disturbance will seem to promise rain, but will generally bring disappointment and will make the drought more severe, except in a few localities. Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 20th, the great central valleys 22d and eastern states 24th. Cool wave will cross west of Rockies country about 23d, great central valleys about 25th and eastern states 27th.

### Local Items of Interest.

The weather last week was favorable for corplanting and many of our farmers are done by having made good use of it.

The showers last week served well to keep vegetation fresh.

We are sending notices to those in arrears on the "Reporter," hoping the required attention will be given without delay.

Mrs. Rev. Goodling's flower beds on the Egan. paragonage grounds will be among the finest in town for taste and variety.

### A Cold Snap.

Saturday's thunder gust brot hail to some localities, making Sunday cool enough to require fires indoors, and Monday morning showed there was a freeze during the night, and we hear of ice having formed. Having been windy and somewhat cloudy all night buds and plants did not suffer much damage in Centre county, unless in a few localities where frosts may have appeared.

### COMMITTED TO JAIL.

Holdeman Confessed to Having Committed the Deed.

On Saturday Abram Holdeman, to whom suspicion strongly pointed as being the person who did the malicious work at Squire Houseman's, of which we made mention last week, appeared before Squire Reesman for a hearing. Holdeman at once confessed to having done the deed and claimed he was justifiable in doing it, owing to the bad treatment he had received from persons in that vicinity.

Not being able to secure bail he was placed in the hands of Constable Swabb, who took him to Bellefonte where he was lodged in jail to await a trial at the next term of court.

Mr. Holdeman has a wife and five children who are dependent upon him for support.

### The Fruit Crop Prospect.

The fruit trees all over this county are heavily laden with blossoms, and no frost has yet done any damage, which leaves hope for a full apple crop. There are some close observers, however, who inform the "Reporter" that when the apple blossoms are white, as they are this spring, that such means few apples. On the other hand when the blossoms have a reddish tint, then a full apple crop may be expected—a white blossom is not fruitful but a reddish one is. Now would be the time to make observation of the truthfulness of this; note whether the apple blossoms are a pure white or tinted with red, and bide your time for results. If the white blossoms bring apples then this theory is knocked out.

Cherries, we are told, were killed in the bud previous to the late cold snap.

### Local Sparklets.

On Tuesday afternoon there was a brief fall of snow hereabouts.

Frank M'Farlane, of Harris, says Sunday night's cold gave the potatoes a severe scorching up that way.

We enjoyed a dish of lettuce from a large head sent up from Charlestown by Mrs. Wit M'Cornick.

Tuesday was quite cool and cloudy. Wheat still shows signs of getting stronger.

Judging from the manner in which the ladies are getting in their work, Centre Hall will have more and prettier flower beds than ever.

### Mr. Mitchell's Lecture.

Mr. Mitchell's last lecture was delivered on Sunday evening in the Evangelical church before a full house, and not one left feeling sorry for having heard the able gentleman. The topic, "What is Death," was exhaustively treated and so well fortified with biblical proof and scientific reasoning that none could fail to understand this all-important subject and every hearer felt edified by the powerful discourse. We do not think that there is another lawyer in the United States who could handle the same subject, "Man and his Destiny," with a power and depth equal to Mr. Mitchell, in the three lectures delivered to large audiences in the Reformed, Lutheran and Evangelical churches in this town.

### Taxbill Passes the House.

The revenue bill framed by the State tax conference passed finally Tuesday morning in the house. The vote was 147 to 14.

The passage of the bill is a personal triumph for Chairman Ritter, of the ways and means committee. Its passage by the senate is considered doubtful.

### Vetoed.

Gov. Hastings vetoed the bill permitting chief burgesses to hold other offices. The governor says he is constrained to believe it is contrary to sound public policy to permit chief burgesses to hold any other office and especially one to which the councils have power to appoint.

### No More Pay for Scapls.

Commissioner's attorney, D. F. Fortney, who is a sound lawyer, has rendered an opinion, declaring the act allowing a bounty on scapls unconstitutional. Accordingly the commissioners of Centre county will pay no more premiums upon scapls.

### School Entertainment.

Tomorrow evening is the date for the school exhibition to be given by Prof. E. J. Wolf's school, in the auditorium on Grange Park. This entertainment promises to be a rare treat as they have taken great pains in the preparation for it.

### Reformed Classis.

The West Susquehanna Classis met in St. John's Reformed Church, Mifflinburg, on Wednesday. The retiring President of the classis is Rev. Eisenberg, of this place.

—Wanted—Potatoes, Smoke meats, and all kinds of country produce; will pay highest market prices.—C. P. Long, Spring Mills.

—Read Lyon & Co's great spring opening on page five of the REPORTER. They offer some extraordinary bargains in all departments of their store. Their stock is larger than any in this part of the state, and a dollar invested there brings returns.

### HYPNOTISM IN KANSAS.

A Letter by a Minister Who was a Former Resident of This Place.

Hon. Fred. Kurtz, Editor:

A few weeks back I noticed in the REPORTER an account of a certain judicial decision in Kansas, in the forming of which decision an alleged hypnotic influence was supposed to have played some part. I feel called upon in this instance to defend the fair fame of the state of my adoption and of which I am now a citizen, for evidently at the time of the insertion the facts of the case was unknown to yourself.

Briefly stated the facts are these: It was desirable to a man named Gray to have Thomas Patton put out of the way. Gray approached a third party, McDonald, whom he persuaded that Patton was lying in wait for McDonald and would kill him on sight. Gray advised McDonald to forestall Patton on the first opportunity. Gray then placed McDonald in ambush and arranged that Patton should pass that way, with the result that the latter was shot.

Both Gray and McDonald were arrested. Gray was tried first as an accessory before the act, and not as a hypnotizer. He was convicted as accessory, as I am sure he would have been in Pennsylvania. The case went to the Supreme Court and was sustained, as again I am sure would have been the result in the Keystone state.

McDonald was then tried by another jury, and raised the plea of self-defense. He was acquitted. This case of course did not go to the Supreme Court for judgment. His acquittal settled it. It sometimes happens that justice is defeated even among the thirteen original colonies, and we know that juries are frequently fearful and wonderfully constituted. But hypnotism was not the plea upon which McDonald was acquitted, but self-defense was, neither was it the charge upon which Gray was convicted, but accessory and instigation was. At least not yet in our commonwealth is hypnotism regarded a valid defense nor even a palliation for crime.

Very Truly Yours,

R. B. WOLF.

### RAINFALL FOR MAY.

registered by the Reporter's gauge.  
Wednesday night, 8th, 1-8 inch.  
Thursday afternoon, 9, 1-8 inch.  
Sat. afternoon and night, 11, 1/2 inch.  
Tuesday morning, 14, 1-8 inch.

—You can save \$5 on every \$10 purchase you make at our store. We have received a big stock of spring goods, and they are exceptionally cheap.—Lewins, Bellefonte.

## THE GLOBE.

### DRY GOODS and MILLINERY.

#### It May Need A WHOLE PAGE

To make the false seem true, but this small space points you to the fact that we are selling "High Class Dry Goods" for less money than others are selling shoddy stuff for.

#### The Store Keeps Growing

In the confidence of every one who has occasion to visit it. The people come here to look and to buy, and our printed announcements are devoted to telling the news just as it is, and we always try to make it as fresh, bright and interesting as the store and its contents.

Remember we say, and stick to it, "Lowest Prices in Town," and this low price is not alone on one article, but it runs through the entire stock. Our banner is out to the breezes,

#### "Quality for Quality--Price for price."

We will do better than any other firm in the city, besides showing the largest stock of high class goods to select from.

We captured the trade on TABLE LINEN last week. They are not all sold yet. We will sell what we have left of them, and there is still a good assortment, at the same price, which means fully a saving of 33 per cent.

A few weeks from now there will be many sorry ladies in the country—sorry because they do not have a BLACK CREPON DRESS. We have ten pieces of these goods which we are closing out at about one-half their real value. Don't fail to see them.

#### OUR MILLINERY DEPARTMENT IS BOOMING.

with the largest kind of a

"B."

We desire to apologize to the very many whom we were compelled to disappoint last Saturday, but the crowd came too strong and although we had nine people at work in our work room, several orders were not filled until Monday morning. We have engaged additional help this week, and there will be no more disappointments. New shapes received every day by express.

We are doing more business in our "Millinery Department" than all the other millinery stores in town combined.

#### The :-: Finest :-: Work,.....

Artistic trimming, and lowest prices make a combination that proves irresistible.

Business Building Prices at the Globe.

**KATZ & CO.,**  
LIMITED.  
Bellefonte, Pa.

### Your Shoe Bill

Is a big item of your expense. You can

### Reduce It

By trading with us. From baby to grandpa can find suitable

### Footwear

Here. We have all sizes, all styles, all prices—for all people. A very

### Special Thing

Is our Ladies' Button and Lace.

### Mingle's Shoe Store.

BELLEFONTE.

## MONEY ROOM....

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—o—

The Dollar of Our Fore-Fathers Has become the Dime of Today.

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We have many wonderful bargains—for example a \$2 Cravenette 60 in. wide, now \$1.25. Five yds. ample to make a dress. Grandest Cape material made. Perfectly waterproof.

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52 in. Dress Cloth for Capes and Dresses. Was last season's 75c quality, now 48c. 2 yds. plenty for a cape, 96c, and 5 yds. for a dress, \$2.40. Always holds its color.

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Table Oil Cloth, 12 1-2 and 15c. Buttermilk Soap, 7c. Lancaster Gingham, 5c.

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GARMANS.

BELLEFONTE, PA.