

CENTRE HALL, PA., THURS. JAN. 23.

THE NEW RACKET

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

We Are Down a Peg Are Up a Dozen Pegs

Above some stores in this town that make big pretensions. If you have any doubt of this Kom and C how it is yourself. A glimpse will convince U.

Our Eleventh Semi-Annual Clearance Sale Is Now in Progress

And special bargains placed on our counters every day.

The New Racket is a Modern Department Store. It does not go by jerks and spurts, but is a good store every day in the year.

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

DO YOU NEED

Any Infants' Long Cashmere Coats? We have them at our selling out prices from 85c to \$4.00 Also, Infants'

KNIT SACKS.

Bootes, little Woolen Under-shirts, White Cashmere Embroidered Shawls, and the long and short

WHITE DRESSES.

The above outfit for babies you can get at our closing-out prices

TORCHON LACES.

Are just coming in season now. We have a large assortment, and some of the finest qualities.

W. T. MEYER,

Bush Arcade, Bellefonte. Two doors from postoffice.

Farm Prices in Illinois.

Daniel Geiss writes to his brother David, of this place, that he sold his farm near Manhattan, Ill., for \$90 per acre. This confirms what Elias Klingler recently wrote to the Reporter that farms in Illinois are bringing from \$80 to \$100 dollars. We advise our western friends if they want cheap farms, to come back to Pennsylvania and buy and thus give our farms a boom. Once it was, go to Illinois for cheap homes; that is changed, now Pennsylvania is the place for cheap homes. Good farms can be purchased in Centre county for \$50 per acre, and some for less. Twenty-five years ago these same farms sold at from \$75 to \$100 per acre.

An Explosion of Coal Dust.

Four men were seriously burned in the Ramey shaft of the Berwind-White Coal Mining Company on Saturday night by an explosion of coal dust following a blaze made by dynamite. An investigation by Mine Inspector Knapper showed that the dust was ignited by the blaze. This is an unusual accident for the soft coal regions.

Here's a Bargain.

I will sell my fine driving horse, 7 years old, new delivery wagon, set of buggy harness, set of express harness, and top buggy all for \$200. Everything new and in first-class condition. Reasons for selling. Address W. W. BOOB, Centre Hall, Pa.

Will Purchase Land.

Howard Homan, of this place, is negotiating for the purchase of about 30 acres of land, part of Wm. K. Alexander's farm near Linden Hall. He will erect a house and stable on his purchase, and occupy the premises. All sorry to see Howard leave here.

Communion services.

Dr. Mathers, of Bellwood, will hold communion services in the Presbyterian church at Spring Mills on Sunday the 29th, at 10.30 a. m., and at Centre Hall at 2.30 p. m. Preparatory service Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

New P. M. at Penn Hall.

Frank M. Fisher has been appointed post-master at Penn Hall, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, Maj. J. B. Fisher. The appointment is a good one and will render general satisfaction.

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Died on Tuesday Morning After a Linger- ing Illness.

On Tuesday morning at three o'clock Alexander Kerr, one of Centre County's oldest and most highly respected citizens, peacefully breathed his last, at his home near Centre Hill, surrounded by his children.

Mr. Kerr had been in poor health and quite feeble for several years, owing principally to his extreme old age, and for the past six or eight months has been confined to his bed, but during all this time was most tenderly cared for by his children.

His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Love, died twenty-two years ago. He was the father of three children, all living; David L. Kerr, who has made his home with his father for the past three years, caring for him in his old age; William Kerr, living on one of his father's farms near Centre Hill, and Mrs. Mary J. Odenkirk, living in Centre Hall.

The father of Alexander Kerr, was William Kerr, a school teacher and surveyor, who came to Penn's valley in 1789. He was a native of Ireland, and emigrated first to Carlisle, Pa. He was the first clerk of the county, commissioner from 1800-9, and was deputy-surveyor of the county from 1809-21. He was county commissioner in 1828. In 1804 he was appointed justice of the peace. He died April 28, 1841. His son, Alexander, who is now lying a corpse, succeeded him as a surveyor, and won the reputation as having been one of the best in Centre county.

Alexander Kerr was one of God's noblest works, an honest man. Of purity of character, a useful citizen and kind neighbor, a Christian and devoted member of the Presbyterian church and liberal in its support; every improvement for the general good found a supporter in the deceased. He was a staunch, unwavering, life-long Democrat. We knew him long and well, and mourn the departure of an esteemed friend and patron. He lived all his life in the vicinity of his birth place.

His age at the time of his death was 91 years, 2 months and 21 days. The funeral will take place tomorrow, Friday, from his late residence, at ten o'clock in the morning, services to be held at the house, conducted by Rev. Eisenberg. Interment will be made in the cemetery at Centre Hill.

Great Scheme for Church Building.

Dr. J. L. G. Meyer, of Osceola Mills, is the promulgator of a scheme by which he proposes to erect in his town a grand church, to be known as the Baptist National Monumental church. His plan is to build a church of brown-stone, every National, State and county officer to contribute a stone with their name engraven on it. He has begun with Congress and says that many Senators and members are so taken with the idea that they have taken two or more blocks of stone with their names nicely cut into the face. It is hardly possible that Dr. Meyer's church will be built by Congressmen alone unless the plan is enlarged.

Death of Mary Emerich.

Miss Mary Emerich died on January 17, near Farmers' Mills, aged 82 years, 7 months and 16 days. Burial on the 19, at 10 a. m., at the Union church. She was the only surviving sister of William Emerich, of near Centre Hall. The services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Rearick.

Only a Few.

The snow Sunday was hardly heavy enough for good sleighing, yet one or two, who wanted a trip on runners, and not caring to run the risk of not having any more snow, ventured out and braved the bumps over stones and rough ground. It didn't go so smoothly, but it was sleighing all the same.

Preparing the Statement.

The county auditors have been engaged for the last week or so, looking over the accounts of the county officers. The statement will show a good housekeeping and will be presented to the public on or about the first week in February.

Lutheran Services.

All of Rev. Rearick's appointments for next Sabbath have been recalled as he has been appointed to assist in the installation of Rev. Mumma on next Sunday. The following Sabbath his services will be held in regular order.

The Editorial Excursion.

The national editorial excursion to Florida is having a delightful time; we hear from the excursionists about every other day. Mr. Al. Garman represents the Centre Hall Reporter and will have the grandest time of his life.

At Sheriff Sale Prices.

All goods formerly in the Philadelphia Branch store, clothing to suit men and boys of all ages and sizes, at sacrifice prices, a big supply and must be sold. Now for real bargains.

File Certificates.

January 31, is the last day for filing certificates of nomination for the February election with the county commissioners.

Have We Gold Mines About Us?

Centre county might even turn up to have yellow stuff far more valuable than the deceptive, yellow iron pyrites so commonly found in our rocks. The discovery of gold in porphyry rock sets at naught the theories of geologists and proves that precious minerals may exist in unthought-of places. Geologists are often mistaken. Some years ago a state geologist, after a careful inspection of the land near Karthaus, Clearfield county, declared that, while there was coal beneath the surface of that land, the vein was so small that it would not pay to work it. At present the Berwind White company is shipping thousands of tons of most excellent coal from the Karthaus region. Who knows but that gold or silver may be hidden among the hills of Centre, waiting for some patient explorer to bring it to light?

Tradition has it that the Indians knew of a gold mine on the north-west brow of Egg Hill; also that an injun knew of a gold mine in Sugar valley,—but the red-skin cusses would never reveal the spots where the yellow stuff was. We wouldn't care a pinch of snuff if there never was found a pound of coal in Penn's valley only so we found lots o' gold.

Rebersburg Farmers' Institute.

The Farmers' Institute held at Rebersburg last week, was a success in every particular. We printed the program in last week's issue. The addresses and papers read upon different topics were interesting upon the respective subjects. We are glad to say the citizens generally of the vicinity participated and did all in their power to make the institute a success. The music was good and a fine feature during the entire two days of the institute. It was a feast of practicable and profitable subjects relating to farming and the interests of an agricultural community, devoid of stale, crude ramshackle resolutions and allusions to political questions. The institute was open and free to all, as all are interested in the advancement of the farming interest which really is the backbone of this great country.

The attendance was large, the people of Miles township turned out in full force, and many from a distance were present. When you want a thing well done Miles township is where to go to.

A Success Always.

Parties intending making sale this spring will do well to call at the REPORTER office and learn prices. A large poster at small figures an inquirer will find. THE REPORTER department is constantly adding new material, and you get up-to-date work. It is the only paper that circulates throughout Penns and Brush valleys, and the sale in the register is seen by all.

An Issue Wanted.

As yet there has been no issue put forward to trouble the voters of the town and create dissension among the citizens. No election has yet been held in which peace did not have her mantle frayed and torn along the edges, while several big holes were torn in some places. We must have an issue. It won't be an election without a quarrel and the leaders must create one.

Union County Deaths.

In Millinburg, Jan. 9, Samuel B. Young, aged 81 years. In Hartleton, Jan. 12, widow Elizabeth McClay, aged 92 years, and 4 m. In Centreville, Jan. 10, Miss Elizabeth Walter, aged about 72 years. In Scranton, 13 Jan., Sam'l Foust, aged 67 years; buried at Millinburg. In Centreville, Jan. 15, Adam Musser, aged 70 years.

Offices to be Filled.

At the election to be held on February 18th, the borough will elect two inspectors, judge of election, two school directors, two councilmen, a justice of the peace, overseer of poor, constable, auditor and treasurer. These offices are important ones, and good men should be selected to fill them.

Democratic Caucus.

The Democrats of the borough will hold their caucus in Harper & Kreamer's hall, on Saturday evening next, 25th, to nominate a ticket for the election to be held Tuesday, February 18. It is requested that all Democrats turn out, and voice their sentiments at the caucus.

Clothing at Sheriff Sale Prices.

Don't miss the bargains in ready made clothing, at the Philadelphia Branch, on account of sheriff sale, a full line for men and boys, will be sold at once at great sacrifice.

Hauling Ice.

Many ice houses have been filled lately with ice from four to eight inches in thickness. It is gathered from ponds about the town and is clear and solid.

Sent to State College.

The Pennsylvania exhibit of birds and animals at the Atlanta exposition will be loaned by the board of public grounds and buildings to the State College.

HORSE THIEVES AT WORK,

Evidently a Gang Operating in Union County.—Two Horses Stolen.

On Tuesday night of last week a valuable black mare was stolen from the stable of John A. Keiser, living near West Milton. The thief took along a halter and riding bridle. There is no clue whatever to indicate the direction taken by the thief. The horse is described as being about nine years old, weight near 1200 pounds, sixteen and one half hands high. A reward of \$10 is offered for the recovery of the horse, and \$15.00 for any information leading to the conviction of the thief.

On Wednesday evening a stranger stopped with J. B. Winkleblech, who with his father-in-law, J. Kostenbader, live several miles north of Lewisburg. The stranger pretended he wanted to buy a horse and inquired of Mr. Winkleblech about his best horses. He drove away and called on several neighboring farmers, coming down to the Slifer farm and telling the same story to Harry Stahl. This was the last seen of him. About 6.30 Mr. Winkleblech discovered a horse in the road near the barn, the horse being the one driven by the stranger who had been there an hour or so before. A few moments later he discovered that a valuable young mare was missing—taken no doubt by the man who had been pretending he wanted to buy a horse. The mare taken was a fine bay, sixteen hands high, weight about 1100 pounds, four years old last fall had a little spot of white hair on forehead about four inches long, is a good traveler when not driven too hard, makes a stylish appearance, was shod with "Hold Fast Shoes."

A reward of \$15 will be paid for information leading to the return of the mare and \$10 will be paid for the capture of the thief by Mr. Winkleblech, Lewisburg, Pa.—Lewisburg Journal.

Big Claim for Damages.

The State College water company has a steep claim for damages on its hands. The company is a new one and its water mains were only put down some four weeks ago. In digging a ditch across the street leading thro the village, being unfinished it remained uncovered until next day. An arc light was placed at the ditch to warn persons driving over the road of the danger and the necessity of turning to one side. During the night a young lady, Miss Ida Knepp, of that place, came driving along by herself, and the arc light burning too dimly for her to see the ditch, she struck it and was tumbled headlong to the bottom, sustaining very serious injuries. The lady and the company failed to come to an understanding over the amount of damages, and her claim, as we are informed, is in court for \$10,000 damages.

A Deserted Village.

The boro of Brisbin, Clearfield county, which fifteen years ago was full of life and bustle, is now almost deserted. Good residences can be bought for a song and hundreds of houses are empty. The coal mines being exhausted caused the desertion of the place. Several years ago Kurtz & Son, of this place, had a large flour and feed trade in Brisbin.

A Big Reduction.

The new home for the poor of Clearfield county has been opened and, thus far, only about fifteen per cent. of those who had been living at the expense of the various poor districts have consented to be taken to the poor farm. This reduction of eighty-five per cent. of the poor in that county is a great thing.

Anniversary Supper.

Last Wednesday evening the Odd Fellows Lodge celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of the chartering of the order. A supper was served in their rooms, and quite a number were present. Of the original charter members only two remain, Henry Sankey, of Potters Mills, and D. B. Brisbin, Centre Hall.

Reducing Expenses.

The railroad company is reducing expenses on our line, and is cutting down the coaches on the passenger train, and taking a brakeman off the crew. The section foremen have only enough men to patrol the track, and few repairs will be made until spring.

Great Run of Coal.

The Bald Eagle Valley railroad had a greater run of coal last week than any previous week in its history. The entire number of cars that came eastward was 2,738—2,668 loaded and 70 empty cars,—which number is 105 more cars than the largest previously reported.

GOOD FARM LAND FOR SALE.

A tract of 35 acres in excellent state of cultivation with fruit trees thereon, 1/2 mile east of Centre Hall station, is offered for sale in any quantities to suit purchasers. Apply to Fred Kurtz, Centre Hall.

Clothing at Sacrifice Prices.

A full supply of men's and boys' clothing at sacrifice prices, on account of sheriff's sale, at the old Philadelphia Branch. Never a chance like it for bargains in or out of Bellefonte, like at the old Lewins stand.

COUNTY NEWS,

Clipped and Condensed for our Readers.

M. Corman has purchased the farm of Esq. Shaffer, near Zion.

Gentzel & Eby think of putting a 25 horse-power into their chop mill at Zion.

Sheriff Condo has eleven boarders, all good eaters and not so good in other respects.

A child of H. O. Fiedler, of Haines twp., fell against a hot stove and received some serious burns.

Ira C. Mitchell has put a neat consultation room into the rear of his law office, required by his large and increasing practice.

J. J. Gramley, some time ago seriously hurt by an upset caused by his run-away team, is able to be about again, we are pleased to say.

The widow of John Hoffer is quite ill at her home in Bellefonte.

Wednesday of last week a son of Ammon Gramley died at his home near Hubersburg, from pneumonia.

A few nights ago a team of Robert Hackenborg tore loose and ran off, at Millheim, completely wrecking his spring wagon.

Luther Geisweit is erecting some of his buildings on the burned site at Coburn.

Aaron W. Ulrich, of Penn twp., recently sold a bull which weighed 1900. That must have been a regular bulldozer.

Hard Times for Non-advertisers.

Catalogues may find lodgment on a shelf, but the frequent arrival of a reputable journal is a constant and sure reminder, which sooner or later must bear fruit. It is the non advertiser who complains of hard times. When everybody is rushed, it is no trick to secure custom; it is when his neighbors are idle that the man, who has wisely kept his name and goods before the public, finds himself so well known that he gets his full share of what patronage is to be had. The time to make hay is while the sun shines. Repair the roof while the weather is favorable and there is no leak when the storm comes.

Read Ayer's Almanac, which your druggist will gladly hand you, and note the wonderful cures of rheumatism, catarrh, scrofula, dyspepsia, eczema, debility, humors, and sores, by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the only Sarsaparilla admitted at the World's Fair.

THE GLOBE.

DRY GOODS AND MILLINERY

MID-WINTER CLEANING SALE!

Now is the Time,

Now is Your Opportunity,

Now You Can Buy

Merchandise at far less than cost of production. Every dollar possible of Fall and Winter Goods must be moved out of store to give way to our Spring Lines. Cost or value not considered.

In our Novelty Dress Goods we have cut the price just in half, giving you the choicest and best goods in the market at 50 cents on the dollar.

All Woolen Hosiery and Gloves sold at just one-third off regular prices.

All Coats formerly sold at \$12, now go at \$7.50.

Table Linens and Napkins one-third off regular prices.

All \$10 Coats now at \$6.

All \$7.50 Coats now go at \$4.

Ladies' and Misses Coats and Wraps.

All Coats that were sold at \$15 to \$25, all now go at \$10.

Choice of any Child's Coat in the house now at \$2. There are some \$8 and \$10 Coats now in this lot.

We have about 180 Overcoats on hand yet. We will guarantee to discount any prices named to you in any other store, at least 25 per cent. If you need an Overcoat come and see us before you buy.

KATZ & CO., LIMITED. Bellefonte, Pa.



..PRACTICAL PRESENTS.

Suitable gifts for any member of the family, young or old. Glance over our abbreviated list:

- Ladies' Carpet Slippers..... 25c
Ladies' Velvet Slippers..... 50c
Ladies' Fine Leather Slippers, from 50c to \$1.75
Men's Carpet Slippers..... 30c
Men's Velvet Slippers..... 50c
Men's Imitation Alligator Leather..... 75c
Men's Russia Leather..... 1.25
Ladies' Overgaiters..... from 25c to 75c
Ladies' Leggins, come above the knee..... 1.50
Misses..... 1.25
Childs'..... 1.00

Considering the outlay nothing is more acceptable than a pair of our slippers, shoes or overgaiters, for a gift.

Mingle's Shoe Store, - Bellefonte.

Great Before Stock Taking Sale!

3,000 yds. best Canton, always sold at 10 & 12 1/2c, now 8c. Today it would cost 10c a yd. at wholesale. Our New York buyer made a great hit when he bought the lot.

10,000 cakes Brownie Soap 1c straight. Not quite so large but the equal in fineness of anything in town at 5c.

500 Cups and Saucers sold at from 15 to 25c, to go at 10c each. Don't wait, as they won't last long. Tea Pots, slightly crazed at 10c, worth three times 10c.

Still another lot of full pound bars Oleine Soap, 4c.

Children's and Ladies' Coats—not large sleeves—but the cloth and making is there, to go at \$1.00 each. Some cost \$3, some \$4, and some as high as \$7. Now at \$1. It is an outrage, but such is good merchandise. Must make room for the new.

GARMAN'S STORE. BELLEFONTE, PENN.