

THE NEW RACKET

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

The attention of the reader is directed to the large ad. of THE RACKET on page four of this issue. Scan it carefully.

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

Christmas - AT - MEYERS'

In making your purchases for the Holidays you should see our fine assortment of

HANDKERCHIEFS,

Beautiful Patterns,

STAMPED LINENS,

In Picture Frames, Centre Pieces, Trays, and Doylies, all new designs.

And for the children we have undoubtedly the

FINEST LINE OF DOLLS IN TOWN.

Also little Beds, Trunks, Dishes and Books.

W. T. MEYER,

Bush Arcade, Bellefonte. Two doors from postoffice.

REDUCED RATES.

To Washington on Account of the Inauguration via P. R. R.

For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 1, 2, 3, and 4, valid to return from March 4 to 8, at the following rates: From New York, \$8.00; Philadelphia, \$5.40; Baltimore, \$1.60; Harrisburg, \$5.06; Williamsport, \$8.79; Buffalo, \$11.20; Rochester, \$10.48; Altoona and Pittsburg, \$10.00; and from all other stations on the Pennsylvania system at reduced rates.

This inauguration will be a most interesting event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of the country.

The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad make this line the favorite route to the national capital at all times, and its enormous equipment and splendid terminal advantages at Washington make it especially popular on such occasions.

Sunday, Dec. 20, at Centre Hall, at 10 a. m.; at St. John's at 2 p. m.; at Georges Valley at 7 p. m.

Mifflin County Deaths.

In Armagh, Merl Luther and Earl Arthur, infant sons of Wm. Armstrong aged 12 and 15 days respectively.

In Allensville, Joseph Collanbine, aged 66 years and 4 m.

At Reedsville, Rosanna Crotzer, age 68 years, 6 m.

In Wayne twp., Oliver Ginfen, age 15 years, 4 m.

At Belleville, Joseph Morrison, age about 68 years.

Near Shrader, John W. Rager, age 58 years, 6 m.

In Wayne twp., David Smith, aged 76 years, 7 m.

In Wayne twp., Oscar Wagner, age 18 years, 10 m.

Phillipsburg.

The Phillipsburg borough council has passed an ordinance taxing the telephone, telegraph and electric light poles in the borough limits. The companies interested are making quite a kick over the matter and threaten to test the ordinance in court if it is signed by the burgess.

The death of landlord Leister, of the Potter House of pneumonia, has taken off a hotel man who was respected by the citizens and guests of that popular hotel.

We have the finest assortment of canned goods, evaporated fruits and fine groceries ever offered to the trade in Bellefonte. Goods in this line are fine in quality and very reasonable in price.—Sechler & Co.

DIED AT POTTERS MILLS.

Mrs. Wm. Allison Stricken With Paralysis Friday Morning.

Last Friday morning Mrs. William Allison, of Potters Mills, was stricken with paralysis, which caused her death in a few hours. On the day previous to her death they butchered, and Mrs. Allison was in her usual health, being around all day helping to oversee and manage the work, being in unusually good spirits.

She retired that night feeling as well as usual, and made the remark that "she hoped they would all have a good night's rest."

At six o'clock the next morning her son Edward, who was in an adjoining room, was awakened by hearing his mother call; he immediately hastened to her room, and found her lying on the floor unconscious. From the position in which she was lying it was thought she had arisen, and was seated on a chair when she was stricken with paralysis and fell to the floor.

Edward at once called his sister, Miss Lillie, and together they did all that was possible to try to restore her to consciousness, and Dr. Van-Valzah was at once summoned and arrived about three hours before her death.

When she was first found her right side was paralyzed but in a short time her left side was also paralyzed, and despite all that medical skill could do she expired about half-past eleven o'clock, without having regained consciousness, or being able to speak to those around her.

Her children were at once summoned home but arrived too late to see their mother alive. Mrs. Allison had two light paralytic strokes several years ago, and at times suffered with severe pain in her head from the effects.

She has been a faithful and consistent member of the Presbyterian church for many years, and was highly respected and much beloved by all who knew her, and will be greatly missed in the community in which she lived.

Five children survive her, Hon. William M. Allison, of Spring Mills, Mrs. Frank McCoy and Archibald, of Bellefonte, and Edward and Miss Lillie, who lived with their mother at the old home. Her husband, William Allison died twenty years ago. Her age was 73 years and 11 months.

The funeral took place Monday at ten o'clock, Rev. Dr. Laurie, of Bellefonte, officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery at Spring Mills.

A Monument to Constable Barner.

The Ettlinger tragedy at Woodward was revived last week by the erection of a monument over the remains of Constable Barner, who was killed in his attempt to arrest William Ettlinger last spring. The monument is the work of A. M. Mott, of Bellefonte, and is of red Swede granite with Gothic top, six feet four inches high and weighs 2800 pounds. It bears the name, age and date of death on one side and on the other the inscription: "Shot while in the performance of his official duties." The cost of it was \$125, which was raised by popular subscription.

A Year of 13 Months.

The proposition is now made that beginning with the next century, the year be divided into 13 months instead of 12, as at present. Various reasons for this change are urged, the most important one being that the months, with one exception, would contain four weeks, or 28 days, each. This would be very convenient and it would be a great boon to those who have their wages fixed at so much per month, but we are unaware that in any other respect anybody would be benefited.

A Good Pledge.

The Lewistown Gazette says 292 male pupils in the public schools of that town have signed a pledge promising to abstain from smoking cigarettes until each shall have attained the age of 21 years. In the list of signers are pupils from every school room in two wards. A pledge of this kind by the male scholars of Centre Hall, and all other schools, would be a thing to rejoice over. Who introduced cigarette smoking in this town?

Married on Sunday Evening.

Last Sunday evening a quiet wedding took place at the home of Mrs. James Coldren. Rev. Reierick performed the ceremony. The contracting parties were Miss Ella Coldren, of this place, and Mr. Ed. Royer, of Millheim. They will reside in Millheim.

No Paper Next Week.

To afford all hands an opportunity to enjoy the holiday season, our issue for next week will be omitted, for which we ask the kind indulgence of our esteemed patrons, and wish each and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

—A fine gold pen in a beautiful holder, put up in a fine plush case, from \$1.75 to \$3.00. Just the thing for Christmas; at Bushman's Jewelry Store, Centre Hall, Pa.

Fine Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Dried Beef, large new Mackerel, Salt, coarse or fine, 14 lb., 28 lb., 50 lb., 140 lb., bags and 280 lb. bbl. —Sechler & Co., Bellefonte.

GRIMM-COATES.

A Brilliant Marriage at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. John Shook.

On Thursday morning, December 17, guests to the number of about fifty assembled at Mr. and Mrs. John Shook's beautiful new residence at Spring Mills, to witness the marriage of Mr. Charles L. Grimm, of Madisonburg and Miss Minnie J. Coates, of Tyrone. When the old family clock pealed forth the first note of twelve, the bride and groom gracefully marched into the parlor, upon a beautiful new rug purchased by Mr. Shook for the occasion, where Rev. J. M. Reierick pronounced them husband and wife.

After congratulations were extended to the happy couple, Mr. and Mrs. Shook, who so genially entertained the guests, swung open the door leading to the dining room and invited all to the elaborately prepared table,—turkeys, ducks, cakes, fruits, candies, etc., in abundance. Mr. and Mrs. Shook deserve much praise for the fine taste displayed.

At three o'clock the bridal party, accompanied by a large number of the guests went to the depot, where amidst a thick shower of rice they boarded the train for Lloydsville, where a short time will be spent in visiting.

In the spring Mr. and Mrs. Grimm will engage in farming near Madisonburg, on the farm belonging to the groom's father.

Far. Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Quarterly Meeting—Lightning Clause.

The quarterly meeting of the board of directors was held at Ruhl's hotel, in this place, on Monday. Insurance applications to the amount of about \$67,000 were passed by the board.

The board also broadened the clause which insured against damages by fire caused by lightning, by including all injury to buildings by lightning where fire does not ensue, without an increase of rate to policy holders, and applicable to all policies now in force.

It will also be gratifying to the members to learn that no assessment for losses will need be ordered up to this time, the board having managed to meet all losses within the past five years without laying a tax, which speaks well for the board.

Well Represented.

Centre Hall is well represented at the teachers' institute at Bellefonte this week. We doubt whether any section of the county sends out as many teachers as this place. They are filling positions in all parts of the county, and the most important is that they are all giving satisfaction. Those from this place there this week are, Ed. J. Wolf, Frank Foreman, Miss Kate Shreffler, in charge of our schools; Hoffer Dale, Miles Arney, Robert Foreman, Miss Helen Bartholomew, Walter Kerlin, Wagner Geiss, W. A. Krise and Andrew Gregg.

Another Horse Sinks Into a Cave.

George Garbrick, a Nittany valley farmer, was plowing in his field a few days ago when suddenly the ground gave way under the hind feet of one of his horses and the animal fell back into an opening of the earth that engulfed the horse up to the animal's ears. The farmer called for help and a dozen men responded and helped to raise the horse out of the ground. That section is full of caves. It is supposed that the covering of one of these caverns, having been worn away, was not strong enough to bear the weight of the horse.

A Valuable Coin.

Mr. M. B. Herring, says the Lock Haven Republican, is the owner of a Queen Ann shilling of the date of 1709 which is a valuable coin, one like it having been sold in London recently for \$86. The one in Mr. Herring's possession is as perfect almost as the day it came from the mint. Mr. Herring, no doubt, came in possession of this coin from his father's belongings, when living at Penn Hall.

Inspecting Cattle.

The state Veterinarian with some appointed assistants, duly empowered under the act of 1895, we are informed by one of the staff, have inspected some cows, and found a few infected with tuberculosis. Such animals, if condemned and killed as the law directs, will be paid for by the state.

Holiday Services.

The Reformed Sunday school of this place will have a Christmas service on Friday evening, 25th.

The Lutheran Sunday school of this place will have an entertainment on New Year's evening.

Far From Home.

Boob, the wheel man, got an order for eight set of sample wheels from Bombay, India. He's doing quite a business in foreign countries, and has established an office in New York City to look after his export trade.

—One-half dozen Roger Bro's silver fruit knives, in case, \$2.25, would make a nice Christmas present for mother; at G. W. Bushman's.

—A muffler or pair of gloves will be a present appreciated by any one. Lewins has made a big reduction in this line, and a selection can easily be made.

DROPS INTO A CAVERN.

Horse Drops 30 Feet Thro the Earth and is Killed.

On Wednesday of last week, while G. B. Campbell, of above Pinegrove, was plowing in a field, with a two-horse team, the leader sank into the ground with his hind feet and could not extricate itself. Mr. Campbell hastened to uncouple the horse and as soon as this was accomplished, his horse disappeared entirely, sinking hind-foremost into the earth landing 30 feet from the surface upon two standing peak shaped rocks in a cavern below. The opening on the surface caused by the breaking thro of the horse, was about three feet in diameter, underneath the cavern was much wider. During the muck the other horse ran off to the stable.

Next day Levi Walker and others went to the spot, and Mr. Walker led down the cavern 30 feet by means of a rope, and found the horse lodged upon the rocks aforesaid, but dead; he managed to take off the gears, and then the men hauled him up to terra firma again. It was very dark at the bottom Walker says but he could see ten feet around into an open chamber. No doubt if explored an immense cavern would be discovered, a matter worthy the attention of some of the nearby State College professors.

Ex-commissioner Campbell, a brother of the above named, informs the Reporter that he and others of that vicinity have for a period five years observed a sinking of the earth for a distance of five miles in line with the cavern in which the horse disappeared and leading to it, now forming a depression extending thro the farms of Campbell, Goss, Hale and Robinson, and Grimes, apparently terminating at Daniel Johnson's, near State College.

A Family's Unlucky Luck.

Near Romola, in this county, there is a family living who have been the victims of bad luck during the past summer. Last Friday Mr. George Weaver, the head of the family, was kicked by a horse and one of his legs was broken in two places. Early in the spring one of his sons was turning "flippers" in the barn and had one of his legs broken. Later in the season another son cut down a tree which fell on him, breaking one of his legs. In the fall one of Mr. Weaver's daughters was bitten on the hand by a copperhead snake. There are several other members of the household and they are wondering what accident is to befall them.

Lottery Suit at Bellefonte.

We see an item that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of Edward Stoner, a cigar maker, on a charge of violation of the national lottery laws. Stoner raffled a gold watch, and one of the ticket holders, who alleges he was unfairly treated, made the charge. Stoner alleges he will make a similar charge against all who took chances. This will be a Bellefonte picnic.

Appeal on a Mining Case.

Mine Inspector Joseph Knapper will appeal to the Supreme court the case in which Judge Gordon decided that the mining law was unconstitutional. The inspector arrived at this conclusion after a conference with Attorney General McCormick.

Railroad Extension.

We learn that the Bellefonte Central Railroad Company has in preparation plans for the extension of its main line to Huntingdon. This, if carried out, would shorten the distance between Bellefonte and the east by about seventy-four miles, which is quite an item.

Heavy Centre Co. Porkers in Snyder Co.

Jas. W. Runkle, who last spring moved from near this place to Middleburg, took with him two Centre county Chester white pigs, which he killed last week; one dressed 451 and the other 465 pounds. Our Snyder county cousins can learn a few points from James as to raising big porkers.

Treasurer Kline's Deputy.

Treasurer elect Kline has appointed his step-son, William Royer, as his deputy, and has made a good selection, being competent and trustworthy. Mr. Royer for a number of years was foreman of the Centre Democrat office.

Gets a Call.

The Lutheran congregation of Millinburg, says the Times, have extended a call to Rev. C. L. McConnell, of Belleville, Pa., to succeed Rev. Dr. J. A. Earnest, who resigned as pastor some months ago.

Sudden Death.

Ed. Livingstone died very suddenly at Pine Grove Mills last Saturday from a paralytic stroke. He was aged about 61 years, and was a member of Co. C. 49th Reg., P. V. He leaves a wife.

Lutheran Services by Rev. Reierick.

Sunday, Dec. 27, at Centre Hall, at 2 p. m.; at Spring Mills, at 7 p. m.; at Tusseyville, at 10 a. m.

If you want the finest Olives, Olive Oil, Flavoring Extracts, Sardines, Pickles, Ketchups, Sauces, Macaroni, Gelatine, Mustards, and Salad Dressings, come to us for them.—Sechler & Co., Bellefonte.

A SHOE STORE!

"Of the people, by the people, for the people;" that's the kind of an establishment this is. Conducted in your interests, supported by your unwavering patronage and intended for your betterment, this store has been a phenomenal success from its inception, and it is growing bigger and better day by day.

Christmas Goods.

It is impossible to find anything in our stock that would not make an acceptable gift—that boy needs a pair of boots or dress shoes, the daughter a pair of dress boots or school shoes, the wife a pair warm leggins or overgaiters, the mother a pair of warm shoes, the father or brother a pair of slippers, etc.

Can you think of anything more economical, more acceptable or more suitable these finching times for the presents you are looking for.

MINGLE'S SHOE STORE, BELLEFONTE, PA.

PROCLAMATION.

Frigid Zone, Dec. 6, 1896.

I, the original and only SANTA CLAUS, God-Father of the Little Chaps, hereby make proclamation:

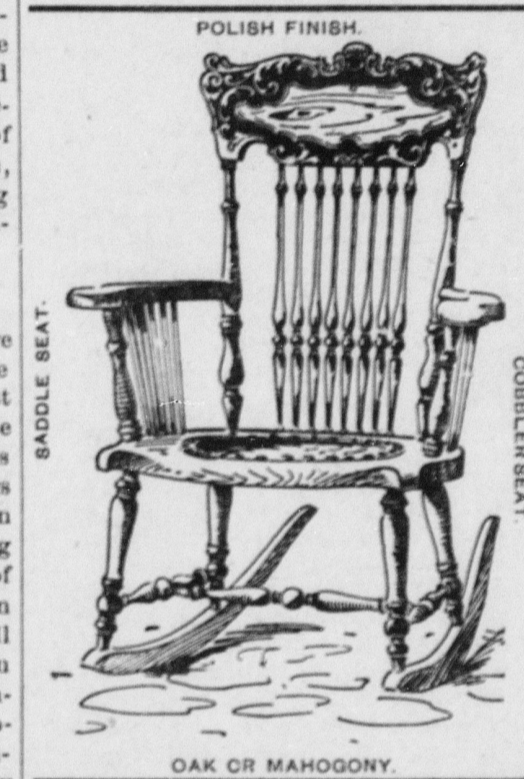
I have appointed Mr. Edwin F. Garmann, of 32 Allegheny St., Bellefonte, Pa., as my special agent in your city to sell all the Skates, Dolls, Toys, Games, etc., which I have been gathering for you for the past twelve months. I have also ordered and commanded Garmann to make known to you that I will be with you early Christmas morning, dressed in my best and richest clothes, and will give to all good children those nice Christmas candies and presents which I have so carefully put up; so you will surely find me. I want you all to be good. Remember, I am the original old Santa Claus; I will come down all the way from the North Pole in my special sleigh, drawn by my pet reindeer.

Given on the 6th day of December, in the 1896th year of my glorious reign in the Frigid Zone.

Santa Claus.

HOLIDAY BARGAINS

At W. R. Brachbill's Furniture Store.



This Chair

ONLY

\$2.99.

Regular price, \$4.25.

A USEFUL

X-MAS PRESENT.

We will offer for sale beginning Saturday, Dec. 12th, '96,

100 FINE PARLOR TABLES

Antique Oak or Mahogany, Polish Finish, size of top, 24x24, Our price, \$1.29. Regular price, \$3.00.

W. R. BRACHBILL,

Telephone 1302.

BELLEFONTE.

THE GLOBE.

Dry Goods, Clothing and Millinery.

Our store last week was crowded with delighted buyers who took advantage of our

GREAT CHRISTMAS OFFERING SALE.

This week the same prices will prevail. Come now before all the choice selections are made.

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY GOODS AT YOUR OWN PRICES.

Here Are a Few More of Our Special Leaders:

Ladies' and Misses' Cloaks.

150 Ladies' Coats, heretofore ranging in price from \$10 to \$15, your choice of this lot, \$7.98. 75 Ladies' Coats, ranging in price from \$7 to \$10, your choice of this lot, \$7.98. 50 Child's Coats, heretofore sold from \$1.25 to 12.50, your choice of this lot, \$1.35. Don't let this opportunity slip by when you can buy Cloaks at these figures.

Comfortables.

A few more of those fine Comforts left. Usually sold for \$1.50, for 98c. 10x4 Blankets, grey and white, 44c. 10x4 Heavy Grey Blankets, 79c.

Umbrellas.

Just received a new invoice of Umbrellas. Solid wood handle and paragon frame, would easily sell any place for \$1.50, we intend to

Close this Lot Out for 98c.

Children's Suits.

Same as last week. A few more of these same goods arrived last week. Children's School Suits, good quality, 87c. Children's Dress Suits, plain or fancy, \$1.19. Children's All-wool Suits, plain colors, \$1.69. And don't forget to look at our Men's Suits for \$3.98.

Domestics

The Globe is the only recognized leader for bargains in this department. Apron Gingham, best quality, 4c. Yd-wide Bi-ached Muslin, heavy, 4c. Cotton Cassimere for men's pants, good quality, 9c. Heavy Unbleached Canton Flannel, per yd., 5c. All Wool Skirting Flannel, per yd. 36c. Turkey Red Table Linen, fast colors, per yd., 17c. Best quality Percales, per yard, 9c. Best quality Chambrays, per yard, 9c. And a thousand other bargains too numerous to mention.

Men's Overcoats.

Men's Heavy Chinchilla Overcoats, regular price \$7.50, now \$4.25. Men's good serviceable Overcoats, good quality, \$3.98. Boy's Overcoats of other houses ask you \$1.50 to \$2.00, we sell you at \$1.25.

Come Now. Don't Wait. Ask your Neighbor Who has Already Been Here.

We positively assert that every statement we make is a veritable fact.

KATZ & CO., LIMITED. Bellefonte, Pa.

"Makers of Low prices and terrors to All Competitors."