

THE CENTRE REPORTER.

CENTRE HALL, PA., THURS. JAN. 7.

THE NEW RACKET

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

Thirteenth Semi-Annual Clearance Sale. Saturday, Jan. 9, 1897, To Saturday, Jan. 30, inclusive.

CHINA ANNEX--SPECIAL BARGAINS.

Cross Goods--Bargain Counter, front aisle--Novelties and Staples--go to U at a loss to us.

Remnants from the rush and crush of past 2 months go at funny prices.

The Shoe stock needs pruning--U get the benefit. Stop, think! We can't tell U enough to even give U an idea. But U can stick a pin here--The Racket is the store that leads in Bellefonte.

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

20 PER CENT. OFF.

On Wool Dress Goods.

For a short time only. Not just any time you can pick up such bargains, if you are in need, improve this opportunity.

THE REDUCTION SALE

On Underwear started last week is still in force. Another cold wave is scheduled for the latter part of this week.

Now you can get Woolen Underwear at wonderful reduction prices.

W. T. MEYER, Bellefonte.

Bush Arcade. Two doors from postoffice.

Local Items.

Isaac Hampton, Bellefonte's oldest citizen, died Dec. 29, aged 95 years. We have had a week or more of mild, spring-like weather since the holidays.

Will Curry will move on Uriah Osman's farm near this place, next spring.

Uriah Osman contemplates a trip to Salt Lake City, to visit his daughter, Mrs. Horace Zerby.

One can have all the sleighing desired in these diggins providing you take it on bare roads.

This being the end of the first week in the New Year, have you stood by your new resolutions?

Rev. S. H. Dietzel has removed from Potter's Mills, to Cavetown, Washington county, Md.

Bring your sale bills to the Reporter office, where they will be printed in best style and on short notice.

The 16 page Christmas number of the Watchman with cover printed in colors, was pretty and suitable to the season.

The Reformed Sabbath school had an appropriate and enjoyable entertainment on Christmas evening. The Lutheran Sabbath school had quite a fine and interesting entertainment on New Year's evening.

A black bear weighing 400 pounds was shot and killed near Pennfield, on Monday, by Henry Heckman, who had followed the bear for a long distance. The animal was eight feet long.

Quarterly Meeting.

Our last Quarterly meeting will be held on the 9th and 10th inst. Quarterly Conference on Saturday at 1.30 o'clock, in the Zion church, near Tusseyville; Communion services Saturday evening at Linden Hall; Sunday morning at Zion, and Sunday evening at Spring Mills. Rev. Dr. O. L. Saylor, of Bethlehem, Pa., is expected to be with us.

Union County Deaths.

In Millinburg, John, son of Samuel Hackenbush, aged 21 years, 5 months. At New Berlin, Elizabeth Cornelius aged 85 years. In New Berlin, Charles Aurand, age 57 years.

Samuel Crawford.

Samuel Crawford, an old and much esteemed resident and farmer of Gregg township, died at his home, on Sunday, 27 ult., aged about 65 years. He was an upright and useful citizen.

DIED IN ILLINOIS.

Benjamin Schmetzer, a Centre Countian, Passes Away. From an Illinois paper dated Dec. 29, we clip the following: Benjamin Schmetzer, one of the oldest and most respected citizens died at 7.30 o'clock Monday morning, at his home at Dakota. He had been sick for over five weeks, during which time he suffered intensely. A week ago Saturday he was much improved and hopes were entertained of his recovery, but from that time he gradually failed and in spite of the efforts made by his physicians he passed away. His death was due to a complication of diseases, chief of which was neuralgia of the heart. He has had attacks of the same disease at intervals for the past eleven years.

Mr. Schmetzer was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1828. When three years old he removed with his parents to Centre county, which was thereafter his home until his removal to Ill. About 1850 he made a trip of a year's duration through Illinois and Iowa. He did not, however, remove to Stephenson county, Illinois, until 1866. While in the east he was engaged in farming and store-keeping. After going to Dakota he was engaged in the mercantile business for several years. Since then he had been occupied in farming and stock buying. He was very successful in business and owned one of the finest farms in the county.

The deceased led an exemplary life as a citizen and always took a deep interest in public affairs. As a neighbor he was kind and obliging and always stood ready to help those in need. He was intimately connected with the College of Northern Illinois for a number of years. He was one of the founders of that institution and served successively as treasurer and president of the board of trustees.

Mr. Schmetzer was a regular attendant of the Reformed church. In 1855 he married Miss Mary Hay, also a native of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Schmetzer died July 8, 1895. The deceased was a member of a family of four brothers and four sisters, only two of whom survive, viz: Mrs. Mary Shaffer, of Madisonburg, Pa., and Mrs. Esther Gramley, of Rebersburg, Pa. Quite a number of nephews, nieces and other relatives reside in different parts of the county.

Two More.

Since publishing in the Reporter a list of those fishing for the post-mastership at Spring Mills, two names more are given us as having joined the list, these are Michael Shires and C. A. Krape, each sure of getting the best bite. Fishing is good along there and those of the ten who don't hook the post office, need only keep on, throw their lines into Allison's dam and Penn's creek and hook suckers. From all accounts they are having a lively picnic down there--one will be taken and nine will be left.

Houses Scared.

Despite the fact that a greater number of dwellings have been erected in Centre Hall the past year than any year within its history, accommodations for families will be about as short as it was last year. Dwellings are in great demand and the town will show a large increase in population. A number of families who intended moving here cannot find room and are compelled to remain away. The building boom will continue for a year or so at least.

Stolen from a Buggy.

On Sunday evening two young men from Boalsburg visiting at Jared Kreamer's and having their rig tied in front of Kreamer's store, on being ready to start home found their buggy cushions and whip missing. As there is reason to suspect who took those articles the guilty party will be given a reasonable time to leave them at Mr. Jared Kreamer's and avoid arrest.

Two Attempts at Suicide.

Wm. Watt, of Curtin, this county, after being lodged in the lockup at Altoona for drunkenness Tuesday night a week ago made two attempts at suicide--first by cutting his throat with a knife, and then by choking himself. He was caught in time in each attempt and was then put in irons.

Book on the Oil Development.

We have received from John J. Mc-Lauren, of Harrisburg, a copy of an interesting book, "Sketches in Crude Oil," 400 pages, liberally illustrated, and being a complete history of the petroleum industry in all parts of the world. Price \$2. It deserves a place in all libraries.

Shipping Their Machinery.

The machinery for Poulson's handle factory will be shipped here from Howard this week. It will be set up at once and the plant put in operation as soon as possible. The large fifty-horse power engine has been set up and tested and a part of the shafting is already hung.

The largest stock, the lowest prices, and satisfaction guaranteed is what gives the Phillad. Branch, Bellefonte, its big trade. Once a customer always a patron of that store.

STABBED A DOZEN TIMES.

An Enraged Christmas Reveler Terribly Wounds a Passerby. A terrible tragedy was enacted at Giltentown, a small village near Snow Shoe, this county, Monday night, the 28th, and as a result Lewis Fye, aged 45 years, is lying at the point of death from wounds inflicted by Harry Switzer, aged 22 years. Switzer is now lodged in the county jail in Bellefonte awaiting the result of Fye's injuries.

Switzer, as is alleged, purchased a keg of beer and invited a number of his friends to help him celebrate Christmas. The jollification was kept up until a late hour. While Switzer and his friends were seated about a table drinking, a club came crashing through a window and narrowly missed hitting Switzer on the head. He grabbed a long-bladed knife and rushed out into the road. Fye happened to be coming along just at that time, and Switzer made a lunge at him, sinking the knife to the hilt in his shoulder. The two men clinched and then ensued a fearful battle on the roadside.

Fye was unarmed, and as he struggled with his assailant in the darkness he was stabbed in a dozen places, finally falling in a faint from the loss of blood. He was taken to his home and medical aid summoned, but it is thought he cannot live.

Switzer was placed under arrest, and when seen at the jail the following day said he was drunk when the deed was committed and that he had no knowledge of what he had done.

The G. A. R. Elected Officers.

The following are the officers of the Samuel Shannon Post No. 282, G. A. R. for the year 1897:

Post Commander, David Burrell; Senior Vice, Samuel Crozier; Junior Vice, J. V. Horner; Adjutant, W. A. Krise; Quartermaster, Wm. Stiver; Surgeon, Dr. J. H. Van Valzah; Chaplain, G. P. Thomas; Officer of Day, J. I. Condo; Outside Guard, Wm. Snyder; Sergeant Major, George Sweeney; Representative to the State Encampment to be held at Johnstown in June, W. H. Stiver; Alternate W. A. Krise. Post Commander G. M. Boal acted as installing officer.

Child in a Bear's Den.

Little Elsie Yarrow wandered away from her home near Germania, in the Black forest, Lycoming county, Monday morning before Christmas, and all trace of her was lost. A heavy snow had fallen and a searching party organized by the father in search of the forest. The tracks of the child's feet were followed into a bear's den. There Elsie was found lying unconscious. The bear came out of the hole and was killed. Marvelous to state, the child had not been injured by the bear, and will recover.

Many After Plums.

The crop of plums is far too small to supply Centre county Republicans who are willing to accept them from the new county officials and from the post-master makers. There are upwards of 250 applicants for the 61 post-offices in the county; 77 applicants for commissioners' clerk; five lawyers ask to be commissioners' attorney; 13 men are after the court house janitorship; 21 are seeking the two positions of distiller's storekeeper and gauger.

Accepted the Call.

The call recently tendered Rev. Christine, of Northumberland county, to the Sinking Creek charge of the Presbyterian church, has been accepted and he will take charge of his pastorate about the first of February. The charge is composed of the Centre Hall, Centre Hill and Spring Mills congregations, and has been without a regular pastor for several years.

Sold his Property.

George Ocker sold his home in this town, including four lots, for \$1900. He intends to move to the station, to be convenient to his grain and coal business.

Mr. H. J. Wise, of Zion, we understand, is the purchaser, and intends occupying it next spring.

Coming Wedding.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Belle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boal, and Mr. John A. Heckman, at the home of the bride's parents, west of Old Fort, on Thursday evening next, January 14th. The ceremony will take place at six o'clock, and a number of invitations have been sent out.

Married.

At the M. E. parsonage, Spring Mills, by Rev. T. S. Faus, on Dec. 22, 1896, C. E. Zeigler, of Penn Hall, and Miss Minnie L. Miller, of Madisonburg.

Bought a Home in Centre Hall.

Henry Emerick, of Brush valley, has purchased the home of the late Ezra Grumbine, in this place, for \$1200. He will quit farming and next spring become a citizen of our town.

You certainly need a new equipment of underwear or a good dress suit. Call at Lewins, Bellefonte, and you will appreciate what he has in that line.

FIRE IN LEWISTOWN.

An Early Morning Blaze Which Raged for Five Hours.

Fire broke out last Saturday morning at 2 o'clock and raged for five hours before it was under control. The loss will reach \$40,000, with insurance amounting to \$30,000.

The fire, which is of supposed incendiary origin, started in the stable of Peter Spangler, and before a stream of water could be got on it had spread so rapidly that the whole alley from Brown to Dorcas streets was on fire. The flames consumed all the stables, communicated to the tin shop of Spangler & Brother, the wholesale grocery house of H. A. Felix, the barber shop and dwelling house of Peter Dreyer, the livery stable of Tice Brothers, and the livery stable and undertaking establishment of W. H. Felix. In spite of the efforts of the firemen all these places were destroyed, together with fifteen private stables. The Miller House was badly damaged by water and parts of it by fire, and the clothing store of George H. Swain was damaged by water. Two horses were roasted to death in the Miller House stable.

Attracted Attention.

Among the many handsome window displays that we saw in Bellefonte during the holiday season, none was more deserving of praise than that of Katz & Co., of the famous "Globe" establishment.

It was unique of its kind, and deserves more than a passing notice, and was the first of its kind ever seen there. Instead of filling their windows with a display of their handsome stock as they usually do, they made arrangements with his "Imperial Majesty," "Santa Claus," and had him busy at work all day and far into the night making toys for the little children.

The windows were all the time surrounded by a merry and delightful throng of little ones, who testified their delight by their joyous shouts. In a conspicuous corner Santa Claus had his own private mail box in which he received the letters from the children. Several hundred were handed in, and Messrs. Katz & Co. donated a very handsome dressed doll to the little girl who wrote the best and most characteristic letter to "His Majesty." The letters were handed over to a committee of ladies who awarded the prize to Miss May Sechler, and we agree with them that the prize was worthily bestowed.

We congratulate Messrs. Katz & Co. on their enterprise. They certainly merit the success they are now achieving.

Christmas.

Christmas was unusually quiet in this town and vicinity, altho it had a bright sky and the ground white with snow, but no sleighing for a want of depth of the "beautiful." In some of the adjoining counties the lovers of sleighing could enjoy sleigh-rides, behind the merry jingling bells, having been favored a few days previous with about a foot of snow.

In the afternoon a well-behaved party of Christmas fanatics from across the valley, paraded our streets, clad in grotesque mode, in carts and on horse back, with a large four-horse wagon decorated with Christmas trees, etc. The fellows were so everlastingly disguised that you couldn't tell whether they were Hotentots, Feejee Islanders or millionaires from the United States Senate, as the latter cut up some queer monkey shins occasionally.

Seriously Ill.

The wife of the late John Sankey, of this place and her daughter Alda, we learn from Dr. Jacobs, are seriously ill from typhoid pneumonia, and both in a precarious condition. We are glad to say that within the past few days the daughter, Alda, has been able to sit up again.

Mr. G. W. Glace, farmer, living one mile west of here, is quite ill from heart trouble.

Mrs. John Puff, of this place, we are sorry to learn, is seriously ill of consumption.

Another Wedding.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 24th, Christmas eve, Frank Gfrerer and Miss Sadie E. Royer were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Royer, just a short distance south of the Old Fort, on the Benner farm. Rev. Renwick officiated in the ceremony, which was witnessed by only the immediate friends and relatives.

Pleasant Gap Has a Boom.

Our sister village, Pleasant Gap, on the other side of the mountain, has a building boom on hand, which will afford work for its mechanics. The following citizens are about to erect new houses: Amon Kerstetter, Henry Twimire, and Harry Hile. In addition James Kerstetter intends remodeling his dwelling. The place is already large enough to wear boro pants.

A larger and better line of storm coats no store in Centre county ever carried than do Lewins, at Bellefonte. The stock will be pushed out at a lively rate the next few weeks. Prices will make them go.

A RUBBER ON YOUR FOOT....

...Is worth two or three doctors' bills. Which would you rather have? We have none of the doctors' bills, but we have rafts of Rubbers--Rubbers to burn, as it were.

The Rubbers cover your feet better than our prices cover the cost to the makers, but the season has been a backward one, and the makers would rather have a little money in bank than a factory full of overshoes, hence we got them to sell at low prices. It is the same all through our stock. Good stout Shoes for everybody--bought cheap--sold cheap.

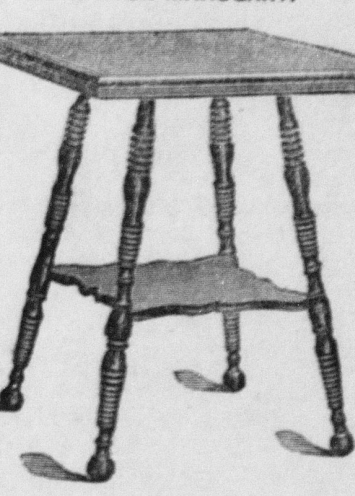
MINGLE'S SHOE STORE, BELLEFONTE, PA.

Our Annual Clearance Sale Has Begun. Bargains in every Line.

GARMAN'S STORE, Bellefonte.

ANNUAL Clearance Sale Of Furniture at W. R. Brachbill's. Previous to taking account of stock, we offer great bargains.

HERE YOU ARE, ONLY \$1.29.. Regular price, \$3.00.



W. R. BRACHBILL, Bellefonte. Telephone 1302.

THE GLOBE.

Dry Goods, Clothing and Millinery.

A FEW CHOICE BARGAINS.

Left over from the Holiday rush. Bargains that you cannot afford to miss. So come early and get first choice. The following are a few of the many bargains we have now to offer you. Rather than carry the goods over for another season we have cut them without regard to cost.

THEY ARE YOURS WHILE THEY LAST.

Chenille Goods.

250 Chenille Table Covers, large size and a regular 75c quality, heavy and mixed patterns, you never bought the same goods before under above price. We will close out this lot at the uniform price of 39c.

White Metal Teaspoons.

50 doz. White Metal Teaspoons guaranteed not to tarnish and will outwear any silver spoon in your house, per set 10c.

Table Lamp Shades.

Fancy fold, painted edges with swell top, 13 inches in diameter, assorted shades of red, green and yellow, complete with holders; about 75 left now 12c.

Ladies' Handkerchiefs.

33 doz. Ladies' White Embroidered handkerchiefs; a handkerchief you never in your life bought under 10c. each. To close them out we offer you your choice of the entire lot at 5c.

Fruit Plates.

A few left over from the Holiday rush; sold all along and still sell at other stores at 90c. and \$1.00 per doz. We close out the remainder of this stock at 54c per doz.

Table Cloths.

25 All Linen White Table Cloths Fancy bordered and large size, a regular 75c. quality to go at the low price of 48c.

Parlor Lamps.

A few left over from the Xmas selection; a beautiful lamp at a low price, but would be a beautiful lamp at any price; stands 16 inches high, metal base 7 in. globe, both body and shade artistically decorated in chaste designs. Fitted with tin ring and No. 2 Sun burner; regular price of this lamp is \$1.50, we close out the remainder for 98c.

A few Domestic Bargains.

Yard wide unbleached muslin per yard 4c. Best Quality Percales 4c. Best Quality Calicoes 4c. Good Heavy Shirting 5c. All Wool Skirting 36c. Good Dress Gingham 5c. Apron Gingham 4c. Good Quality Black Sateen 8c.

KATZ & CO., LIMITED, Bellefonte, Pa.

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