

THE RACKET.

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

BELLEFONTE'S BIGGEST AND BUSIEST STORE.

Fall Goods Are coming every day in Immense quantities and "The Racket," as usual, Leads The Procession in All the necessities and Novelties at Prices that are never higher and Frequently half the prices Asked By some stores that are Great Only on paper. Kom and C.

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

We Want Feet....

To fit our shoes. If you've got a pair, (feet we mean), bring them to us that we may fit them with shoes that will be so high in quality and low in price that you will doubt our ability to obtain such shoes honestly. We will explain in advance however, that we offer them at such prices for the purpose of disposing of our Summer stock, as well as odds and ends, prior to filling up for the Fall season. The above refers to Black goods entirely.

Our Russet Stock,

We offer you at twenty-five per cent. off the regular retail price. These bargains you cannot afford to miss. Come early and take advantage of them.

WOLF & CRAWFORD.

The Picnic.

The management of the grangers picnic are getting the arrangements in shape for the big event in Centre Hall beginning on Sept. 13th, and several of the attractions billed will be better than any former year. For the week in the shape of music the Pleasant Gap band will be here. It is unnecessary to comment on the quality of music this organization furnishes as it is one of the oldest in the county, and during the past year Centre Hall has heard it several times and were satisfied. Another means of affording transportation to Centre Hall will be the running of a Herdic line between Centre Hall and Lewistown during the week. This will give the Mifflin county people a chance to get here. Six coaches will be run using about twenty-four horses.

The Smiths Have a Reunion.

Five thousand people from all over the country attended the Smiths reunion in Lakemont Park, near Altoona, on Thursday of last week. The program of exercises, including addresses, was carried out fully, and the reunion was an immense success.

There were present many Centre county Smiths, the Pennsylvania Smiths, Ohio Smiths, Virginia Smiths, the northern Smiths, southern Smiths, eastern Smiths, western Smiths, the big Smiths, little Smiths, rich Smiths, poor Smiths, male Smiths, female Smiths, good Smiths, bad Smiths, tin Smiths, silver Smiths, lock Smiths, black-Smiths, gun-Smiths, and the Schmidts, Smyths, and other Smiths. It was a smit-ting affair for all non-Smiths.

Lightning Spits a House.

At Altoona lightning struck a chimney in the center of Josiah Yon's house and cut the house in two, the halves falling away from each other and leaving a breach five feet wide.

All the summer clothing at Lewins, Bellefonte, is being offered at sweeping reductions to make room for new stock. He has the genuine bargains of the season and the prices on all lines have been cut in two. These bargains are going rapidly and cannot last long.

FOR A FOURTH SCHOOL.

The Board Considering the project and Another Problem.

The board of boro school directors held a meeting on Monday evening, the purpose of which was the consideration of opening a fourth school, owing to the crowded condition and better service accruing from it. During the last term the instructors were somewhat hampered by the increase in pupils, and the directors are of the impression that there would be a decided advantage in opening another room and receive the surplus. A census taken of the town recently shows as many scholars as last year, besides a number who will attend from the township.

All the directors are of the opinion that a fourth school is necessary, but the board is divided on the question of opening it at once, owing to the expense which has not been provided for. New furniture will be required and additional money for salary. The tax has been laid for 1897, and if the project goes through the money will have to be borrowed. The board will meet again on Friday evening, when likely a decision will be arrived at. The school building contains four rooms, the Patrons of Husbandry occupying one. An entire new equipment will be necessary.

Prof. Shannon, of Turbotville, who was unanimously elected by the board as principal of the schools, desires to be relieved from the position. The board received a letter to that effect on Tuesday morning. Prof. Shannon has given no reason for this action on his part, and the board is at a loss how to supply his position. A new teacher will be necessary and as there are only three or four weeks yet before the school term opens, the board must do some lively hustling in getting a man.

Our Industries.

Our industries are in full operation and have been for over a year, with enlarged capacity.

Rearick's implement works have continued with their usual run of orders.

Boob's wheel works have been enlarged to double their capacity within two years and orders are keeping the shops busy.

Poulson's handle factory has been running steadily since they were started near a year ago.

Luses' planing mill has been enlarged and a sawmill added for manufacturing lumber.

Colyer's sawmill and machinery for other wood work is busy turning out work.

Bartholmew's mill keeps grinding from morn to eve.

All the above mentioned industries are run by steam.

The New Water Works.

Our esteemed boro council has again fallen back upon the idea of building a new water plant and again dropped the matter of purchasing the old water plant. Bids are invited for the work on the new plant.

It is asserted a standing bid has been waiting acceptance since last spring to "do the job for \$5000, with 2 1/2 miles of large mains including three large reservoirs with capacity to hold water sufficient to supply a very large town." For the information of persons desirous to have a contract: There is space enough around Centre Hall to construct three reservoirs large enough to hold a supply of water for two cities as big as Philadelphia, and when completed, bids may be invited to fill them with water.

Broke its Neck.

Last Sunday morning John Conley, the farmer east of the station, lost a valuable Hambletonian colt four months old, by it breaking its neck. Mr. Conley's hired boy and another young lad took the colt out of the stable and tried to lead it around. The colt being frisky and wild broke away from the boys and ran through the woods. A long rope was attached to the halter, and the colt became entangled in the rope, throwing itself and breaking its neck. This is the third horse Mr. Conley has lost by them breaking their necks right around his barn, and he's of the opinion that he has had enough of that luck to start with.

New Pension Board.

Dr. Musser, of Aaronsburg; Dr. Russell, of Unionville, and Dr. Hayes, of Bellefonte, have been appointed the new pension examining board for Centre county, and will take charge of their official duties about Sept. 1st. There was a big list of Republican and gold Democrat applicants for this chunk of pie, but the Repubs justly won the pot.

Rev. Rearick's Appointments.

Sunday, Aug. 29, at Centre Hall, at 7 p. m.; at St. John's church, at 2 p. m.; at Georges Valley at 10 a. m.

A good, neat fitting suit is always desired and every young man is admired who wears clothing up-to-date in cut and goods. Lewins, Bellefonte, has one of the largest lines in the county, and a suit from his store is always bound to please. A large stock from which to select and then the price being always lower than any competitor is what is giving the Philad. Branch the large trade it enjoys.

FIRE AT STATE COLLEGE.

The College Barn Burned to the Ground Friday Evening.

The large barn of the Pennsylvania State College was completely destroyed by fire last Friday evening. It broke out about fifteen minutes after seven and by nine o'clock the large building was burned to the ground.

All the livestock and farm machinery was saved and, by strenuous efforts on the part of the people, the fire was prevented from spreading to other buildings. A large building, standing not more than fifteen feet from the barn, escaped with a slight scorching.

All this year's crops of hay and grain were in this barn and were totally consumed by the fierce flames. The loss is placed at \$10,000, fully covered by insurance.

The barn was an immense structure and stood just west of the main college building. It was erected about six years ago.

The origin of the fire is a mystery, but is believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion. The light from the fire could be seen for miles around.

Insurance Meeting.

Jacob Bottorf, of Lemont; J. G. Bailey, of Fairbrook; Frank McFarlane, of Oak Hall; John Shook and J. W. Evans, of Spring Mills; H. E. Duck, of Millheim; Aaron D. Weaver, of Aaronsburg; Jasper R. Brungart and Samuel Gramley, of Rebersburg, all directors of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Centre Hall, with Fred Kurtz, president, D. F. Luse, secretary, and B. H. Arney, treasurer, met at Runkle's hotel, on Tuesday, at a regular meeting of the company. The company has been most fortunate in losses, and is ably managed. It now holds risks to the amount of over one million and a half dollars. New insurances were taken to the amount of about \$64,000. The rate is low, and many applications are rejected at every session of the board as undesirable risks.

Where Shall it be Placed?

The large cannon sent the G. A. R. by the government still remains at the station and has not been hauled away. The Post is undecided where the gun shall be mounted. Some want it placed in the cemetery, while there is a strong sentiment in favor of having it mounted in the centre of the diamond in front of the hotel. The G. A. R. will hold a meeting soon and decide where it shall be placed. Subscriptions will be asked of our citizens to help defray the expenses in setting up the gun. It will be an attraction in the town and once in a while the boys will be expected to turn it loose.

Fires Temporarily Banked.

The Valentine Iron Company at Bellefonte on Friday temporarily banked the fires in their large furnace, and as a result several hundred men were thrown out of employment. The suspension is only temporary and was caused by the recent decline in iron, and the financial difficulties under which the company is laboring. Negotiations are pending, which, if successfully carried through, will enable the furnace to resume within a week or ten days. If not it will close down and the fires extinguished.

Accidents in Nittany Valley.

The Lock Haven Express says that a six-year-old son of George Berry, of near Clintondale, had his leg broken and was bruised about the head by a farm gate falling upon him Saturday.

Mrs. Luther Strunk and several children were thrown out of a wagon Saturday forenoon near their home in Nittany Valley, and all were more or less injured. Mrs. Strunk had an arm broken at the wrist and one child was injured very badly. The horse they were driving frightened at the rattling of milk cans in the wagon.

Horse Drops Dead.

D. J. Meyer, of this place, arrived home on Tuesday evening with several horses he had purchased in Philadelphia, driving from the city to this place in five days.

The horses after being stabled here showed no signs of anything wrong, and began to eat hay. Very soon the best one, a large black, took a chill, a stimulant was administered, soon after the horse laid down, and in less than half an hour was found dead. It is not known what the cause was.

Sold His Implement Store.

W. O. Rearick, the manufacturer of the Centre Hall corn planter and dealer in farm implements, has sold his retail department to H. I. Wise, of our town. Mr. Wise will occupy the store room in the foundry building and will look after the trade in implements in our valley. Mr. Rearick will confine himself entirely to the products of his shop.

Went to Buffalo.

Penns valley sent a good representation to Buffalo to attend the national G. A. R. encampment being held there this week. Capt. George M. Boal, W. A. Krise, David Burrell, George Sweeney, George P. Thomas, and Robert Bloom left Monday to take in the encampment. The boys will take in Niagara Falls and other points of interest in that section of the country.

PLAIN WATER FACTS.

Pin Them in Centre Hall Hats—No Getting Around the Truth.

Four points that put all in a nutshell:

1st. A fair measurement taken the other day proved that the springs of the old water company had a flow of four times the quantity of water claimed for the Bible supply by the "experts" in the council, who wildly claimed three times more than they have, making them short 7 in judgment.

2nd. It was falsely put out by certain persons that the water company had watered its stock! and innocent persons were persuaded to believe the falsehood. A statement, carefully taken from the books of the company, and laid before the council, shows that the net cost was near \$9000 while the stock is less than \$5000, or \$4000 less than it should be! How awfully those fellows "watered" their lie!

3rd. These self-righteous shavers of notes at from 12 to 20 per cent. put out the story that the company was having dividends of 12 per cent. The statement taken from the same books shows that their dividends on the net cost are between 7 and 8 per cent. A 5 per cent. falsehood. The company's gains were barely ordinary.

4th. The oft-repeated fib that the company is extortionate in its water rents, was bred in the same nest; its charges are only one-third and one-half of most other towns in the state.

For over 30 years the water managers gave their services free of charge, for the benefit of the town.

Warming Up.

The four Republican applicants for the post office appointment in Centre Hall are warming up as the time approaches for Congressman Arnold to make the appointment. Ex-postmasters Reesman and Brisbin, who were early in the field, are pulling the wires for all that is in it. The other boys, Jeff Shaffer and George S. Clements, are in it too, and say they will stay until the finish. The fight among the boys for the job is attracting more attention from the public as the time draws near, and the Democrats are enjoying the squabble. It is no fight of theirs. Congressman Arnold has been making the changes right on time. The term of Postmaster Meyer expires on Oct. 1st, and the appointment will be made in about two weeks.

Compliments.

Whenever a young lawyer is married the wedding notice always describes him as a "rising young attorney." A notice without this phrase would be almost illegal. Probably the adjective is frequently used because it's quite a rise for the legal chap to get the girl. Similarly, when a groom is running a grocery in a hit-or-miss fashion, the papers are accustomed to say that he "is prosperously engaged in mercantile pursuits." If a bride chances to be bony, bulbous or plain, the phrase, "beautiful and accomplished" must not be omitted as part of the description. These are a few of the honored rules in regard to the use of the adjectives.—Ex.

A New Creamery.

Parties are making an effort to erect a creamery at Centre Hall and if our citizens of enterprise give it the necessary aid, the project will be a success, as \$1000 have already been pledged.

On Friday evening, (to-morrow), a meeting will be held in Ocker's grain house, to which all friendly to the enterprise, are earnestly invited.

If those of our citizens who are earnestly seeking the good of the town, will turn out and put their shoulders to the wheel, the new enterprise will be assured. Work for Centre Hall with your money and other effort and show that you mean to keep the town a-booming.

Sold on Saturday.

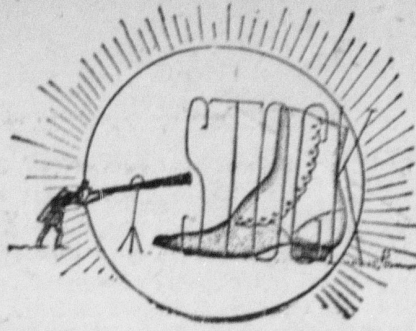
The real estate of the late Mary Smith, dec'd., comprising the house and lot opposite the REPORTER office, two tracts of mountain land on Nittany mountain, and one tract in the Seven mountains, was sold on Saturday afternoon. S. W. Smith purchased the house and lot at \$525, and one 63-acre tract on Nittany mountain, and the 63-acre tract in Seven mountains. William Colyer bought the 19-acre tract west of town at \$10 per acre. S. W. Smith will move off the farm to town next spring.

Heavy Weights.

Mike Condo is the heavy weight in this part of the kingdom. He jerks the beam at 232 pounds.

Just as we talk of heavy weights, in steps G. H. Homan, of Aaronsburg, and he raises the scale beam at 284, which leaves Mike Condo in the lower tier. Mr. Homan informs us crops in his section are good, and that Weaver & Kister's peach orchard is estimated to have 1500 bushels of the fruit. He left with us the first five dollar gold piece we have received in a coon's age.

There are yet several months of warm weather and Lewins, Bellefonte offers a most excellent chance for one to save several dollars in purchasing of him. All summer lines have been reduced. The counters must be cleared, and the price they have marked the goods at will move them.



Have You Looked

through our stock of footwear? It merits your careful inspection. Feet were never called upon to punish themselves. Wearing bad shoes is wholly unnecessary. It's like going on a long pleasure trip to wear a pair of our fine Summer shoes which afford every possible element of comfort. There's scarcely anything more painful than a corn, and most corns are caused by bad shoes. Coming to us for footwear means perfect fits, long wear, moderate prices, and practical economy.

MINCLE'S SHOE STORE, BELLEFONTE, PA.

Ours is the one store where you can count on getting the very latest in everything as it comes from the loom or maker at very lowest prices.

New Crepe DeChene, stock or ties. For ladies only. Beveled or Plain French Mirrors, from 40c. up. Strawberry Cappers—something entirely new—5c.

More of that popular-priced Dress Goods at way below competitors' prices.

Summer Helps for comfort—Ice Cream Freezers, Hammocks, Straw Seats, Porch Screens, Fans, Thompson's Wild Cherry Phosphate, Matting, Rugs for porch use, Croquet Sets, full size, as low as 95c., Lassoes, Marbles and Tops for the boys.

The Salted Tea Crackers sold by us are the finest on the market.

Velocipedes, Wagons, Wheelbarrows, Garden Sets.

GARMAN'S STORE, Bellefonte.

It is a Fact...

Now is the time to buy Furniture

PRICES NEVER SO LOW!

You can save dollars at W. R. Brachbill's.

A Fine Oak Bedroom Suit, 8 Pieces, \$18.75

Regular price, \$28.00. This suit has double Tops, large Bevel Mirror, and 2 High Back Chairs, and Rocker. Solid Oak. No imitation.

We never advertise what we have not got in stock. No goods misrepresented, and you get what you buy.

W. R. BRACHBILL,

Telephone 1302.

BELLEFONTE.

Opening of the Public Schools.

Borough of Centre Hall, } SS: STATE OF PENNA..

To the Parents and Guardians:

You are hereby notified that the Public Schools of this Borough will commence the Fall and Winter Term on Monday, September 20th.

Scholars are requested to be in attendance on the opening day before nine o'clock.

Boys are requested to wear strong, servicable and neat clothing, and the girls to wear new hats or caps, and parents or guardians are recommended to purchase them of "The Globe," Dry Goods, Clothing and Millinery.

KATZ & CO., L'td.

BELLEFONTE, PA.