

THE RACKET.

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

Dissolution of Partnership.

Entire stock of The Racket, including the new China Annex, closing out at Cut Prices. Big Rush. U may as well have a chance at it as Ur Neighbor. Kom quick and get the Cream. Everything must be sold by March 1st. A 2-horse load a day is the output now.

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

THE FOURTH SCHOOL.

Our news counter is the teacher. The books, magazines, papers, etc., are not exactly free, but very cheap. Every one in the town can attend this school, and we are quite sure it will be to their pleasure and profit.

Read good literature. It will add to your enjoyment in life and increase your power to do good.

"Knowledge is Power."

That is why we have added this department to our store.

Wolf & Crawford.

Entertained Their Friends.

Last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bartges entertained their young friends at their home, on the farm, about two miles from town. Two big sled loads invaded the handsome Bartges home, and made merry the night.

On a big long table refreshments were served the jolly crowd, and soon after the dining room was cleared that the guests could cut a few pigeon wings and trip away lightly to the music of the orchestra, Charley Shearer. Everybody took a turn on the floor, and it was three o'clock in the morning before the party took their departure. Miss Della Bartges and her brother Tom cared so well for their friends that all were reluctant to leave at that late hour. Among those present were Maybell Keller, Blanche Durst, Elsie Krise, Elsie Boal, Orpha Breen, Edith Riter, Lizzie Keller, Elsie Homan, Emma Luse, Edna Murray, Jennie Thomas, Martha Boal, Cora Boal, Anna Shoop, Mabel Potts, Jennie Dunkle, Jennie Gill, Stella Krise, Trixie Shawver, Skip Smith, Will Durst, Will McClenahan, Clem Deiningler, Abner Nerhood, Squire John Dauber, Ed. Riter, John Martz, Fred Kurtz, Wilbur Henney, John Shrefler, Wm. Boozer, Robt. Bloom, Geo. Heckman, Frank Ross, Arney Lee, John Thomas, Charley Weiser.

Wall Paper.

Any one who desires to purchase wall paper this season should before purchasing elsewhere, inspect the sample books of Arney & Stover. They are agents for Kaiser & Allman, Philadelphia, the largest wall paper house in the United States. Paper from 3c. up, and border 1 1/2c. per yard up.

Recent Union County Deaths.

In Lewisburg, Patrick Rhen, aged 53 years.
At White Deer, Mrs. Seneighder, aged 63 years.
In East Buffalo, Jacob Kunkle, aged 81 years.
At Cowan, a daughter of John Reddy, aged 11 months.
In West Buffalo, David Edgar, aged 24 years.

Died at Pine Grove.

W. A. Bailey, of Wall Station, died at Pine Grove Mills, Sunday morning at one o'clock, while on a visit to his parents. He leaves two brothers, R. G. and George Bailey, of Altoona. He was aged 32 years. Survived by a wife.

REV. ERDMAN'S TROUBLES

Settled Last Saturday—He to Pay Costs and Leave the County.

Delicacy led us to refrain from making reference in our last week's issue to the unpleasantness which Rev. Erdman, of the Evangelical church of this place got himself into in a case of gross immorality; both on account of the Rev's family and to save our town from adverse criticism to which it is frequently subjected from abroad, was our silence.

But since this scandal has become common talk at home and abroad, we deem it proper to allude to the facts.

This minister months ago was suspected of intimacy with a female by name of Celia Noll, living in the vicinity of Pleasant Gap, and notably while he had a protracted meeting in progress at Lantvertown. Later it was ascertained that he had registered at the Bush house, Bellefonte, as "J. H. Erdman and wife, Lewisburg," and the two occupied the room to which they were assigned until next day; this was on January 14, last. The lady, however, was not Mrs. Erdman but Celia Noll an unmarried girl.

Early last week Wm. Crust, of near Pleasant Gap, appeared before Esq. Keichline of Bellefonte, and made information against Erdman, charging him with adultery.

A warrant was thereupon placed in the hands of constable Dunlap who at once came to Centre Hall and arrested the preacher. Not hoping to obtain bail in this town, the two proceeded to Lindenhall, where Erdman persuaded D. I. Tressler to go on a \$500 bond for Erdman's appearance for a hearing before Esq. Keichline, which was fixed for last Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

On Saturday last Mr. Erdman was at Bellefonte and ended the unpleasant scrape by a settlement, the terms of which were, that Erdman pay all costs and at once leave the county, which he did, boarding Saturday afternoon's 2:15 train east, at Bellefonte, reaching our town his wife and children joined him, the family going to some place east, followed by their personal effects.

The family resided here about two years. Mrs. Erdman was respected by her neighbors and is the mother of six interesting little children.

The Lock Haven Democrat of Tuesday evening contains the following account of his doings in that city.

Erdman and the young woman came to this city last week and engaged boarding at one of the boarding houses here. The suspicious actions of Erdman attracted attention, and finally it became known that he was the Erdman who had been in trouble in Bellefonte. This morning he is charged with his crime. He admitted that he was an Evangelical minister, and that he had labored at Centre Hall, but he denied being a married man. He also stated that he was not married to the young woman who accompanied him but asserted that he intended making her his wife in a few weeks. Both he and his female companion were ordered to leave the house.

His Lucky Night.

Monday night a twenty-pound turkey was raffled off in town, and for pure genuine luck Charley Weiser seems to carry the charm. He won the bird first throw. For more amusement for the boys Charley put up the turkey again, and this time too he was at the head of the charmed circle. Again the boys were given a chance to win the bird, but Charley's throw was the highest, and after winning three times concluded to keep the bird. Weiser will be debarred from all games by the boys.

Cost More than the Land.

A long continued piece of litigation that has cost about \$1,000, exclusive of attorney's fees, ended Saturday with a verdict for the plaintiff for six cents. The action was one in trespass, brought by Alice Garbrick against J. B. Geutzel, to settle a dispute over a strip of land 40 rods long and 6 feet wide. Besides the 6 cents the plaintiff got about two-thirds of the land in dispute.

Cold Baptism.

Sunday last they had a public baptism of three young men and two women in the Susquehanna river at Lewisburg. They were obliged to cut a passage into the river through ice some six inches thick, and notwithstanding the cold weather, a large crowd of country people and Lewisburg spectators were present.

Death of a Child.

James, the bright three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Odenkirk, of Old Fort, died last Friday. The little fellow was taken sick with measles only a few days before, but with other complications, his death was speedy. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, interment being made in the cemetery here.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: E. P. Lues and Nora I. Spotts, both of Union township.

James W. Campbell and N. Mable Orris, both of Milesburg.
Rev. Charles W. Hipple, of Mt. Holly Springs, Pa., and Miss Maggie Murry, of Boggs twp.

Death of an Esteemed Citizen.

The death of Mr. Fred Zettle, one of Gregg township's most esteemed citizens, occurred last Saturday morning at his home in Georges Valley, at the age of 73 years, 6 months and 8 days. He had suffered from ill health for many years, but was never confined closely until within the last year or two, within which time he seldom left his home. The Monday previous to his death Mr. Zettle was compelled to take to his bed, which he left only as a corpse. He suffered from a general breaking down of the system, being a hard-worker all his life, his advanced age did not allow him to recuperate. He was the father of twelve children, ten of whom, seven sons and three daughters, with mother, survive him. Three sons and one daughter reside in western states, and the rest remain yet in this section. The funeral took place on Tuesday morning, interment being made in the Georges Valley cemetery. Rev. Rearick, of Lutheran church, officiated at the services.

Dr. Colfelt's Case.

The presbytery of Philadelphia in secret session on Monday considered the application for reinstatement made by Rev. Lawrence M. Colfelt, who was suspended by the presbytery five years ago for sustaining Dr. Briggs in his alleged heresies.

Dr. Colfelt was pastor of the Oxford Presbyterian church but resigned his pastorate when the suspension fell. Recently the Oxford church solicited his return, and hence the application. He is now dean of Pennsylvania state college.

After a long session of the presbytery, no official announcement was made but one of the members said that Dr. Colfelt had been received under the care of the presbytery as a "candidate for the ministry." The impression is that Dr. Colfelt will be first required to establish himself as a member of the church before further action toward making him a presbyter can be taken.

The Motion of a Key.

An exchange prints the following curious item: "Tie a string about a yard long to a common door key. Then take the string in the right hand and hold it so that the key will clear the floor four or five inches. If you can hold the key steady enough it will begin to swing back and forth in a straight line. Let another person take your left hand in his, and the motion of the key will change from the pendulum like swing to a circular swing. If a third person will place his hand on the shoulder of the second person, the key will stop. Try it, and explain if you can."

Died Near Potters Mills.

Irvin Treaster died last Wednesday morning at his home about one mile south of Potters Mills, of consumption. He had been in bad health for several years, being afflicted with a lung complaint. He had been a grinder in an ax factory several years ago, and it is supposed that in this trade lay the start of the disease. He was aged about fifty years, and was twice married. He leaves a wife and six children to survive him. The funeral took place on Saturday morning. Interment was made in the Zion Evangelical cemetery at Tusseyville, Rev. Brown officiating.

Millhall to Have a Big Firebrick Plant.

A stock company with a capital of 125,000 will be organized for a big firebrick plant at Millhall. Those interested in forming the company are: Moore Fredericks, A. Munroe, R. W. Fredericks, of Lock Haven, and J. G. Calvert, of Jersey Shore. The company will be known as the Clinton County Firebrick company, and the clay will be obtained from the mines at Monument, in the Beech Creek region, 16 miles above Millhall, on the line of the Beech Creek railroad. At that point the company owns 124 acres of land.

No Men Allowed.

Monday evening a big sled load of of Bellefonte's mesdames took possession of Runkle's hotel, where they had a supper. They wanted a sleigh ride and a night off, being encumbered while at home with a husband on their hands, debarred the very men who had to shell out for the fiddler's bill. There were about fifteen in the party, and it was not found necessary to order out the Fire Department during their stay in the town.

Heavy Sentence.

Two years and three months in the Western penitentiary was the sentence passed the other day upon Ardell Campbell, convicted last week of stealing cattle; he was one of a gang operating in this county.

Reformed Church Service.

The appointment at Tusseyville for next Sunday afternoon is recalled; service on the 27th inst. at 10.30 a. m. At Centre Hall next Sunday, 13th inst. at 7 o'clock p. m.

S. H. EISENBERG, Pastor.

Fatal Coasting Accident.

A Lewisburg lad, Harry Shoeh, aged 15 years, a son of Elmer Shoeh, while coasting on the University grounds, was dashed against a class stone, and died soon afterward.

THE ETLINGER TRAGEDY.

The Case Being Continually Recalled in the Village of Woodward.

The famous Etlinger tragedy at Woodward, although now most two years past, is being kept continually freshened by the constant agitation for the payment of \$2,000 for the house burned at that time. Three suits are pending in the common pleas court, but at each term are continued for various reasons.

In the village of Woodward hardly a day passes but the tragedy is discussed and some new phase brought to light. Mrs. Etlinger, with her two children, continues to live at that place, and from her haggard appearance is still suffering tortures for the unwilling part she was made to play in the terrible affair.

A Weird Tale.

A Mifflin county paper says: On night of 18 Jan., Geo. Somers, of Milesburg, was on his way home to Wingate when he came to his old homestead on the island. His deceased mother met him in a vision and walked with him within a few rods of his house. George called to his neighbor, Samuel Eastriche, to come and see his mother. George was so much impressed he could go no farther; down he dropped and began to pray in good earnest. The vision did not leave him until he was solemnly converted. On Wednesday night he went to church, where Rev. Hinley is holding a revival. An opportunity was given him and he related his experience, telling his story to the people.

Years ago the editor of the Reporter heard a good old widow lady of Millheim, tell in a revival meeting how she saw her sainted husband appear in the heavens with a lighted candle to show her "the way." There are mental illusions, but the christian will learn from the good Book that the days of visions ended two thousand years ago.

Has Madisonburg a Big Cave?

A news reporter gets up the following: Another new cave was discovered in this county, which proves a far greater wonder than the famous Penn cave. The cave is on the Dietrich farm, near Madisonburg. On Tuesday the cave was explored for the first time by B. F. Miller, of Madisonburg, John Long, of Pittsburg; Bertram Miller, of Huntingdon, and several others.

They describe it as being fully three-quarters of a mile in direct length, but of such tortuous windings and so filled with chambers that to travel the cavern in its entirety one would cover a distance of several miles. There are a number of small streams, waterfalls, deep pits and lakes. Wonderful domes, almost 100 feet in height, are found, while many stalactites and stalagmites are to be seen.

This is "big" and if true, should give town lots in Madisonburg a boom.

Since the above was in type, Mr. S. I. Rachau, of Madisonburg, dropped into our office, and thinks some idle moment he make take a lantern and search for this cave.

Ax and Tool Plants to Be Merged.

The stockholders of the American Ax and Tool Company have voted to consolidate the different plants of that concern near Pittsburg and to erect a plant costing \$500,000. The minority stockholders threaten to withdraw their plants from the company. They advised the Executive Committee to obtain legal advice before erecting the proposed factory. The William H. Mann & Company plant at Manns, near Lewistown, is the largest individual stockholder, and the owners are bitterly opposed to the combination of the plants.

The removal of this plant from Manns would be a serious blow to Reedsville, located about a quarter of a mile from the factory, as a large amount of money is put in circulation there on the weekly pay days of the plant.

Attempts Suicide at Philipsburg.

Mrs. Mary Hendershot, of Allport, attempted suicide in the grounds of the Cottage hospital, at Philipsburg. Her brother is a patient, and the woman, accompanied by her husband, and her husband's sister, applied for admission. As it was not visitors' day they were refused. While her husband was unhitching the horse preparatory to driving away, Mrs. Hendershot drew a pistol and shot herself through the right breast, inflicting a dangerous wound. She was at once taken into the hospital and the ball removed. The woman refuses to give any reason for attempting to take her life.

Sleighing Accident.

Last Friday Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dellelt were out sleighing, and while driving along a short distance on the other side of Centre Hill, the sleigh upset. Mrs. Dellelt was thrown heavily and received a severe bruise of the right arm and shoulder.

On the Sick List.

The wife of Samuel Emerick, of Georges valley, is seriously ill. Miss Mary Reeder, of Georges valley, is quite ill, at the advanced age of 80 years. W. B. Mingle, of our town, is ill, from congestion of the lungs.



Fit for Cupid,

To wear, and therefore fit for any one, no matter how particular or fastidious they may be. Our shoes are fine superlatively, from whatever point you consider them. Their superiority is the secret of their unfailing power to please all wearers. Every trial of our footwear leads to the uniform verdict of unqualified approval. They bear the stamp of fashion, they win every eye, they fit every foot, they save money for every buyer.

MINGLE'S SHOE STORE, BELLEFONTE, PA.
GARMAN'S STORE, BELLEFONTE, PA.

Carpets and Matings and Curtain Goods at Lower Prices than you ever bought the same before in your life.

A CAR LOAD

--OF--

Chamber Suits !

--AT--

W. R. BRACHBILL'S.

Bought at a sacrifice sale.

You Can Buy

A Solid Walnut Suit, With large 24x30 Bevel Mirror, Flush Finish, (Less than manufacturer's price.) **\$16.50**
Ask to see our Solid Antique Oak Suit, With Large Bevel Mirror, only, **\$13.95**

W. R. BRACHBILL,

'Phone 1302. Bellefonte, Pa.

Fourth Week

....Of The Globe's....

Great Mid-Winter Clearing Sale !

The only genuine money saving sale, and the greatest bargain giving house in Bellefonte.

Still a good assortment left.

When in Bellefonte do not fail to visit our store.

KATZ & CO.,

LIMITED.

THE GLOBE, BELLEFONTE.