

THE RACKET.

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

EVERY DEPARTMENT

Is bristling with new Spring and Summer goods—prettier and better than ever and at lower prices too.

To My Old Customers in Penns Valley, from Woodward to Boalsburg:

It is now 9 years since "The Racket" was started in Bellefonte, it has been a success as you know since the first box was opened.

IT AIN'T DONE GROWING YET.

There is a reason for this and you can probably tell why this is thus.

When I came to Bellefonte some of my competitors said "We will give that little Dutchman from Penns Valley 3 months before he is closed out."

G. R. Spigelmyer.

The Maine

was blown up in Cuban waters by treacherous Spaniards and now will no more sail the mighty main. But

The Main Store....

in town is still here and ready for war—on prices. We will make some of our stock walk SPANISH if we have to give it away.

Wolf & Crawford.

GREAT DROUGHT COMING.

Foster Says it Will Occur This Year.—Auroral Displays.

My last bulletin gave forecast of the storm wave to cross the continent from 22d to 26th, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about the 27th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 28th, great central valleys 29th to May 1, eastern states May 2.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 27th, great central valleys 29th, eastern states May 1. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 30th, great central valleys May 2, eastern states May 4.

Temperature of the week ending April 30 will average above normal east of the Rockies and below west. Rainfall for the same period will be generally below in the great central valleys up to about that week. Not far from April 27 general rains will occur, lightest in the great central valleys and in countries near sea level, heaviest in the high table and mountainous countries.

March forecasts of Chicago temperature were not submitted to test heretofore mentioned, but the general forecast for the northern states proved to be good. The forecast for March in southern states has not yet been compared with the records.

The forecast for April temperature at Chicago was submitted to the scientists who have become much interested in these tests.

The general forecasts for May will be published in bulletin of April 30, and will give some indications in reference to the great draught that will occur this year.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week:

Henry McCaslin and Jennie Rossman, both of Nittany.

Wm. J. Madara, Spring Mills, and Caroline Confer, Sober.

William Reed and Margaret Hoover, both of Point Look Out, Centre co.

John Howard, Spring twp., and Blanche Falks, Beech Creek.

James Stickler and Mabel O'Bryan, both of Bellefonte.

Charles S. Bossner, Glenn Falls, N. Y., and Estella Orndorf, Lock Haven.

Harry A. McKelvey, Martha Furnace, and Alice V. Hicks, Stormstown.

Children like it, it saves their lives. We mean One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, grippe, and all throat and lung troubles; for sale by Smith & Crawford.

HEAD CUT OFF.

Wm. H. Wagner Instantly Killed in a Flouring Mill at Milesburg.

William H. Wagner, proprietor of the Milesburg flouring mill met with a horrible accident last Friday afternoon by being caught in the fly wheel of the engine, and was almost instantly killed.

The accident occurred about 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Wagner had been in the mill office, and went into the engine room to see how the machinery was working. He was alone in the engine room at the time, and how the accident occurred will never be known, but in some manner he was caught by or thrown into the rapidly revolving fly wheel of the engine and whirled around, his body striking at every revolution of the wheel.

He was aged about fifty-four years and was a son of John M. Wagner, deceased, one of Centre county's former leading grain dealers and merchant.

Mr. Wagner leaves a wife and eight children.

John A. Pennington Dies at Tyrone.—A Native of Centre Hall.

John A. Pennington died at the family home, on forenoon of 12, of an attack which affected the heart. His age was 67 years, 3 months and 14 d.

He was a native of the vicinity of Centre Hall, a farmer by occupation and spent his life in Centre county until he removed to Tyrone with his family in 1886. On the 27th of Dec. 1883, he was married to Miss Sarah Slack.

Barn Burned Near Siglerville.

The barn of James Ramsey, 2 miles from Siglerville, caught fire on Tuesday afternoon, 12, when discovered it had gained such headway that the building was destroyed, with the farming implements, wagons, buggy, &c.

With the help of neighbors the house was saved. The wind blew burning shingles from the barn and set the mountains on fire and a force of about 50 persons worked during the night to bring it into subjection.—Sentinel.

Watch for the Fakirs.

A gang of swindlers are traveling through the rural districts claiming authority from the state to examine wells. They inspect the water through a microscope and find all kinds of bacteria, cholera and typhoid germs, and permit the farmer and his wife to look through the microscope, where, of course, they see the menagerie that always will be found in a drop of water.

Argued on Tuesday.

The appeal on the Centre Hall water company from the court below asking that the boro be restrained from erecting a water plant, was argued on Tuesday before the Supreme Court now sitting in Philadelphia.

Race Track at Hecla Park.

It is stated that a half mile race track for both wheelmen and horses is to be constructed at Hecla Park this spring. It is also said that a number of meets and races will be held there during the summer season.

Running Steady.

Boob's wheel and spoke works have been running steadily for several weeks on orders, with a good force of men, and the works have the right kind of a hum to further business interests in the town.

Death of Abram C. Wirts.

Mr. Abram C. Wirts, formerly of Houserville, this county, died at his home at Dellville, Perry county, on the 7th of April. Mr. Wirts was a soldier in the late war, a member of the 148th regiment. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his departure.

Pennsylvania Sand.

Some well-meaning Pennsylvanians sent the President by express a little box, which when opened was found to contain sand—just sand, white sand. There was no message along. The President's secretary threw it out of the window.

They are Patriotic.

The Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Spring Mills, have tendered their services to the President in case of war with Spain. There are about fifteen able-bodied men in the order who are ready to put on fighting clothes, when they are wanted.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Regular Session of the Body on Friday Evening.

The town council met in regular session last Friday evening in the council chamber. The members present were John Ritter, C. F. Deininger, Luther Emerick, R. D. Foreman and Clem Luse. The minutes of the last meeting, at which George Floray was elected street commissioner, and W. F. Reeder retained as council and Orris & Bower assistant council, were read and approved.

The street committee reported several walks in need of repairs, and several with blocks nailed on them, which is a violation of a boro ordinance. The street committee was authorized to instruct the street commissioner to notify all parties where walks are not in a safe condition to repair them or build new ones.

The nuisance committee reported several alleys obstructed by wagons, manure piles, lumber, etc. The high constable was instructed to notify all parties who occupy or obstruct the alleys and streets to remove the same. He was also notified to remove all carcasses of dead cats, rats, chickens, etc.

The following bill was ordered paid: W. H. Runkle, burying 4 chickens..... 40 putting up 25 notices..... 25 burying 2 chickens..... 20 burying 1 pig..... 50

All business having been transacted, the council adjourned.

When the boro auditors published their statement of the receipts and expenditures of the boro for the year up to and ending March 14th, 1898, the last order apparently issued by the council was on Nov. 6th to "E. J. Wolf, part salary as secretary for council, \$3.00."

On March 14th, H. W. Kreamer, the boro treasurer had paid out \$338.74 more on boro orders than there was money in the treasury. After Nov. 5th, no item is published in the statements and the tax payer would be led to believe that there were no bills issued. The minutes of the council and the orders issued since Nov. 5th up to March 14th, which one would expect to find in the auditor's statement are the following:

Nov. 19, Orris & Bower, city fees..... 20 00 Harry Swabb, 4 days police service..... 6 00 Jan. 21, Clem Luse, lamp wicks..... 1 25 March 7, Rebecca Sparr, 6 mo. int. on bonds..... 15 00 Lucy Henney, 6 mo. int. on bonds..... 10 00 W. B. Mingie, swearing Boro officers..... 2 50

On March 18, an order was drawn for John McClenahan, lamp lighting from Nov. to March..... 21 25

The orders drawn by the council since Nov. 5th, must be added to the amount the boro treasurer has paid with no funds in the treasury.

Died at Millheim.

Mrs. Maria Kreamer, widow of Joseph Kreamer, died at the home of her daughter, at the Musser house, Millheim, last Sunday morning, after an illness of long duration, at the age of over sixty-five years. The funeral will take place this Thursday afternoon, interment being made in the cemetery at Rebersburg. Mrs. Kreamer's maiden name was Miss Maria Haine, and was born in Reading, Pa. She leaves four children to survive her. They are George Kreamer, merchant at Kreamerville, this county; Mrs. W. S. Musser, Millheim; Ida and Harry, both residing in Illinois.

The New Telephone Company

Mr. Goodhart, one of the inter-counties telephone company, informs us the new company will soon have its line open as far as Linden Hall, and ultimately to Centre Hall, and its operations extend to Johnstown without any charge for talking to the latter point save the 'phone rental. The service eastward will be via Lock Haven into Northumberland county. The capital stock of this new company is \$25,000.

There is no prospect of the company running its line eastward through the valley after reaching this section.

Constables and Forest Fires.

The constables throughout the state are receiving a circular from the state commissioners of forestry, calling their attention to two acts passed by the last legislature, making constables ex-officio fire wardens. They must report to court the first week of quarter sessions of any or no forest or timber land fires. If they extinguish any fires they will be compensated at fifteen cents per hour, and assistants will receive twelve cents an hour. Any person who is called upon to act as an assistant must either serve or undergo a fine and imprisonment. No county is to pay more than \$500 in year for such work. One-half of the amount for such work is to be paid by the county and the other half by the state.

Grand Social.

Class No. 1, of the U. Ev. S. S. of Linden Hall, will hold a social at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Gettig on the evening of April 30th, from 6 to 10. The young ladies of this class have prepared an excellent program, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, and choice recitations. Refreshments will be served. All are cordially invited as it will be an evening well spent in innocent and wholesome amusement. This class indebted themselves to the sum of \$25 for the new church towards which the proceeds will go, and will also aid the members socially. Come and help a good cause.

FISHING BEGINS.

Fishermen's Luck.—Fish Stories That Are "Not Fish-stories."—The Grave and the Comic.

Last Friday, 15, was the opening of the trout season, and the chances of getting wet were greater from overhead than by tramping the edges of the streams. Yet amid all the rain there was considerable of a turn out, some under rubber coats, others under a family umbrella for shelter, while others "took theirs raw" and got ringing wet. Luck was fair, bad and indifferent.

Our railroad station agent, who is a piscatorial D. D., hid himself to the mountains and got 52 speckled beauties of fair average and one big soaking.

Our portly Democratic friend, farmer G. W. Glace, of near this place, started for the mountains on Friday afternoon, and returned next afternoon with a few over eight dozen trout, without having even once spit on his bait.

The Bellefonte creek whippers were out in considerable force and hooked anywhere from half dozen to fifty trout apiece, depending pretty much upon the quality of the anti-rattlesnake under cork, we guess.

Our dominies, Christine, Presbyterian, and Rhoads, United Evangelical, pooled their interests and went to the head of Penns creek to try their luck. Their luck was—caught one, and for some reason, either because it was an odd number, or it may have been too juvenile, it was thrown into the stream again without making a splash.

The writer tried his luck at Cherry run, Saturday, and within two hours time had a dozen trout over average size. It didn't rain a drop that day although not a Baptist or a Dunker, yet we were immersed, with the aid of a flat, treacherous, slanting stone, and got wet all the same to the extent of about 50 per cent. of us.

A party from Bellefonte, said now to have been from Tyrone—which, for the credit of Bellefonte we are biased to believe—hired a rig at Baum's livery and, fully "equipped," drove hither to Penns creek. Reaching their destination, the horse was unharnessed and tied to a tree near to where the two preachers, Christine and Rhoads of this town, had their unharnessed horse tied. The strangers, not knowing the conical effect of drinking Penns creek water, soon became limber jointed and made up their minds to hitch up and go home. By some optical illusion, caused by the water they drank, they harnessed and hitched up the horse belonging to the clergymen, and with harness in somewhat of a twist they succeeded in getting back to Baum's livery. But Baum wouldn't own the steed; his customers couldn't explain about any swapping having been done or boot money being given. When the "fishers of men" were ready to go home, there was consternation! their horse was not east and another steed in its stead. The bridles were exchanged, the one had some extra fix-in's about to which the wrong horse did not submit and a "shift" had to be resorted to.

By aid of the 'phone Baum got at the bottom facts and sent the horse that didn't belong to him over here and found the Reverends in the best of mood to swap back.

On Monday Rev's Rhoads and Christine again tried their luck, in the mountains, and returned with a score of 127.

Landlord Shawver, on Tuesday, had 8 dozen trout for his score, and it wasn't a good day even.

Death of Mrs. R. L. Gearhart.

A peculiarly sad death at Bellefonte, at nine o'clock Sunday morning was that of Mrs. Carrie Gearhart, wife of Rev. R. L. Gearhart, formerly pastor of the Reformed church at Bellefonte, but now editor of the Reformed Sunday School Tract, published at Lancaster, Pa. Mrs. Gearhart had been ill over a year with cancer of the stomach. Her husband little thinking that death was so near, went Saturday to Laurelton, where he preached Sunday, all unconscious of his wife's death. The deceased was a daughter of the late Hon. John Cessna, of Bedford, and was aged fifty years. She is survived by her husband and four children; also by her mother, two brothers and one sister.

Death of an Aged Lady.

Mrs. David Stover died in Haines township, on 13, aged 87 years. A be- loved husband and three children, two of them married, are left to mourn the loss of a beloved wife and mother. Interment at Wolf's Chapel, on Saturday.—Journal.

Pastor Recalls his Appointment.

Rev. Robert O'Boyle, well-known in Centre Hall, pastor of the Reformed Church, Shenandoah, has recalled his acceptance of the call extended to him by the Paradise charge near Milton, as his people are unanimously opposed to his leaving.

What it Amounts To.

The state treasurer has paid out all the public school appropriations for 1897. The payments for 1898 will be un- meped in June. The appropria- ments to \$5,500,000 per year.

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Come and inspect our stock before buying. Don't pay 10c for an article when you can buy the same thing for 5c.

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