

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 U kno since the first box was opened. Starting with 1200 square feet floor space, it has grown to cover 8200 square feet—twice as large as any store in Bellefonte, and

IT AIN'T DONE GROWING YET.

There is a reason for this and U 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." It is now 112 months and I am still on deck.

G. R. Spigelmyer.

Married!

Mr. Low Price and Miss Fine Quality have been married, and they have taken up their residence in our store. You are invited to the reception today. You are also invited to call at any time. They will always be "at home" to you at

Wolf & Crawford's.

The New Telephone Company.
The Central Telephone Company, in which Mr. W. L. Goodhart, of Millheim is interested, has its main offices at Bellefonte, and will apply for a charter this week. It covers a large territory, including Centre, Clinton, Clearfield, Huntingdon, Montour and Lycoming counties. Public exchanges are to be established at once at Bellefonte, Lock Haven, Jersey Shore, State College and Renovo. All towns in the counties are to be taken in, to connect with the Phoenix at Tyrone, and a new company at Williamsport, which will enable the Central Commercial to establish a long distance service to Pittsburg at once and to Philadelphia by January 1, 1899. The company is capitalized at \$25,000. Its officers are: Wm. Thompson, president, State College; W. L. Goodhart, secretary, Millheim; Ellis L. Orvis, vice president, Bellefonte; W. E. Gheen, treasurer, Antea Fort; directors, Wm. Thompson, Tyson Shadel, H. P. Harvey, P. M. Stephenson, Dr. Houtz, Ellis L. Orvis, F. E. Naginay, Commissioners' Clerk Robb, N. E. Reber. Work on the lines is to be commenced in the near future. The rates all over the territory are to be \$2.00 and \$1.50 per month, extending to Altoona and Williamsport.

Fire in Hartley Township.
The large barn belonging to Alonson Johnson, living at Cohn, Hartley tp., was destroyed by fire, along with its contents, on Wednesday night, 20. The origin of the fire is unknown, being discovered about 10 o'clock. Three horses, seven head of cattle, nine hogs, and all of the farming implements, along with hay, feed, etc., were lost. There was an insurance of \$900 on building and \$500 on contents all in the Buffalo Valley Co.
The fire was evidently of incendiary origin, as two horses and one cow belonging to Elmer Johnson, a son, had been turned out of the barn. Among contents destroyed were two buggies, a new Conklin wagon loaded with oats, and a good binder.—Lewisburg Journal.

Extensive Tobacco Crop.
Advices sent to State College from all the tobacco-growing localities in Pennsylvania indicate that the crop of 1898 will be the most extensive grown since 1889. Experiments conducted in various sections show tobacco is a better paying crop than staple cereals. The counties in which the weed is grown in large quantities are Lancaster, Clinton, York, Dauphin, Chester, and Crawford.

APRIL COURT.

Convened on Monday Morning.—Cases Disposed Of.

April term of court convened on Monday morning with his Honor John G. Love, president judge, on the bench.

The greater part of the morning session was taken up in hearing motions and petitions presented by the different members of the bar.

On motion of C. M. Bower, Esq., Martin L. Snyder, Esq., a member of the Northumberland County Bar and W. B. Everts a member of the Columbia County Bar were admitted to practice in the several Courts of Centre county.

The list of Grand Jurors was then called and L. E. Swartz, a farmer from Walker township, was chosen foreman and after being sworn and charged by the Court they retired to pass upon the several bills of indictment which will be laid before them by the District Attorney.

After proclamation the constables of the several boroughs and townships of Centre county then made the quarterly returns to the Court of Quarter Sessions.

The list of traverse jurors was then called and about forty answered to their names. The list of civil cases was then gone over and those for trial marked.

The first case taken up was, H. R. Curtin, administrator of etc., of Constans Curtin, deceased, vs. Austin, Jr., John G. Curtin and James L. Curtin, Frederick A. Curtin and Harry H. Curtin, minor children of James B. Curtin, deceased, Virginia E. Curtin, widow of said James B. Curtin, deceased, and John M. Dale, administrator c. t. a. of Elizabeth I. Curtin, deceased, summons in ejectment, plea not guilty. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for all the right title and interest originally in Constans Curtin in and to all the premises described in the writ; this verdict however to be released in case the defendants pay into court within ten days the sum of \$35,976, being the purchase money and interest on a certain article of agreement dated April 28, A. D., 1877, and recorded in the office for the recording of deeds in Centre county in Miscellaneous Book "E" page 362 etc., the said sum of \$35,976 if paid within said time not to be taken out of court until a proper deed approved by the court is filed in this cause for the benefit of the defendants A. G. Curtin, Jr., administrator of etc., of Roland Curtin, deceased, vs. Austin Curtin, Andrew G. Curtin, Jr., and John M. Dale, administrator, c. t. a. of Eliza I. Curtin deceased; plea not guilty. Verdict in favor of the plaintiffs for all the right title and interest originally in Roland in and to all the premises described in the writ; this verdict however to be released in case the defendants pay into court within ten days the sum of \$49,966.66, being the purchase money and interest on a certain article of agreement dated April 28, A. D., 1877, and recorded in Miscellaneous Book "E" page 387 etc., the said sum of \$49,966.66 if paid within said time not to be taken out of court until a proper deed approved by the court is filed in this case for the benefit of the defendants.

H. R. Curtin, executor of the last will and testament of John Curtin, deceased, vs. H. R. Curtin, John G. Curtin and James L. Curtin, Frederick A. Curtin and Harry H. Curtin, minor children of James B. Curtin, deceased, and Virginia E. Curtin, widow of said James B. Curtin, deceased; plea not guilty. Verdict in favor of the plaintiffs for all the right title and interest originally in John Curtin in and to all the premises described in the writ; this verdict however to be released in case the defendant pay into court within ten days the sum of \$49,966.66, being the purchase money and interest on an article of agreement dated April 28, A. D., 1877, and recorded in Miscellaneous Book "E" page 388 etc., the said sum of \$49,966.66 if paid within said time not to be taken out of court until a proper deed approved by the court is filed in this case for the benefit of the defendants.

R. L. Pierce vs. Thomas Byron; continued at the costs of the defendant.

Hiron F. Corbin and Herman E. Baufang, trading as H. F. Corbin & Co. vs. John Erb. The defendant confessed a judgment in favor of the plaintiffs.

Simon Schloss vs. John Erb; the defendant confessed a judgment in favor of the plaintiff.

A. L. Hench vs. James Kerstetter; settled.

Phoebe Emerick vs. Mattie Emerick; settled.

This completes the full civil list for the first week of court.

Com. vs. Willis Johnsonbaugh, indicted for larceny, prosecutor H. Hayward. This defendant on the night of the 12th of April broke into the State College Creamery and took therefrom about twenty-seven pounds of butter and took the same to Phillipsburg the next day where he was apprehended. The defendant plead guilty to the charge and will be sentenced later in the week.

Com. vs. Harry Saylor, indicted for assault and battery, prosecutor Thomas Walker. This defendant is a deaf mute and stoned the prosecutor on the 18th of April, while he was driving along the public road. Verdict on Tuesday morning not guilty.

Com. vs. Sampson Wolf and Minnie Harpster, indicted for keeping a disorderly house, prosecutor, William Baughman. These defendants have been living in Walker township about one mile east of Hublersburg, where Mr. Wolf is a township's charge and where his wife left him several years ago and sometime last August got Miss Harpster to keep house for him. This girl is better known in and about Bellefonte as "Rosie Posy". The way things were conducted at this house finally became a stench to the people of that community and this prosecution followed. After hearing all the evidence in the case, the defendants plead guilty and were sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, one dollar fine, and undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for nine months.

Com. vs. James Reed, Charles Lucas and John Houtz, indicted, first count, larceny; second count, receiving stolen goods, knowing the same to have been stolen; prosecutor, Geo. T. Bush. These defendants are charged with stealing brass from the foundry of Jenkins & Lingle and selling the same to Peter Mendis a junk dealer. Verdict guilty.

Com. vs. George Hassepping and Harry Pierce, indicted first count, assault and battery; second count, aggravated assault and battery; third count, felonious assault to rob—prosecutor Harry Gensberg. On the morning of the 13th of November last, at about 9 o'clock as this prosecutor was driving through the Pennsvalley narrows in the direction of Union county and, within a short distance of the Union county line, but still in Centre county there suddenly appeared two masked men and held him up by holding the muzzles of their guns to his head and bringing him out of his wagon and assaulting him in trying to get his money so much so that after they had been scared away by the appearance of James W. Runkle and wife, that he Gensberg was unable to stand up and fell. The men were dressed like hunters and each had a sack thrown over the shoulder containing something, and each carried a gun, and wore a black cloth over the face with eyes cut.

BELLEFONTE'S BIG FIRE.

Narrow Escape of a Portion of the Town.—Loss \$100,000.

Last Thursday afternoon a spark from the cupola at the foundry of Jenkins & Lingle, in the old car shops at Bellefonte, lit on the roof of one of the buildings and a blaze was quickly started. A high wind was blowing, and sparks were carried from the burning buildings to dwellings on the hill hundreds of feet to the east, and at one time dozens of buildings were on fire in different parts of the town. It was one of the most stubborn fires Bellefonte ever had, and their fire departments had more than they could cope with. Assistance was asked of Tyrone and a company responded, but were sent back while on their way to Bellefonte.

Two of the four brick buildings of the foundry were destroyed. Frank P. Blair's house and stable and the stable of Oscar Wetzell were burned. While these buildings were burning smoke was seen issuing from the large steam flouring mill owned by Col. W. F. Reynolds. The mill was a frame structure and the building was burned in a few moments after the fire started. The large steel grain tanks in front of the mill prevented the fire from spreading to the buildings on the hill fronting the mill, but the residence of Mrs. Catharine Garrett on the hill went down. A number of buildings had the roofs partly burned off but the bucket brigade did effective work.

The estimated losses and insurance are as follows: Jenkins & Lingle, on patterns \$50,000, no insurance; Colonel Reynolds, on mill, elevator and flour \$40,000, partly covered by insurance; Bellefonte car works \$10,000, partly insured; Catherine Gehret, \$1,500, insured; on stables and damaged residences, \$10,000, mostly covered; Frank P. Blair, \$96,000, insurance \$4,000.

There was a Rush On.
Last Sunday afternoon C. F. Deining and Wilbur Henney drove to Bellefonte and brought here about forty Philadelphia Sunday papers. The excitement was up to such a pitch the papers were all gone in scarce a minute, and half the crowd was disappointed. Arrangements will be made by news agent Sandoe to get these papers here Sunday hereafter. The people want the news and cannot wait until Monday morning for Saturday's news. No news was received until Sunday afternoon until the arrival of the papers, and then about six o'clock in the evening a war bulletin was posted with the latest dispatches. There was more discussion on the imbroglia with the Spaniards than the religious services excited.

School Entertainment.

Prof. Snyder's school will hold an entertainment on Saturday evening, May 14th, in the grange auditorium. The schools close that week and the scholars propose to give it a fitting wind-up. Rehearsals are being held weekly, preparing for the occasion. Recitations, music, tableaux, etc., will be on the program.

—Souvenir Spoons of the Battleships, Watches, American and Cuban Flags given away by MONTGOMERY & Co.

A SUDDEN DEATH.

Michael Burkholder, at Centre Hill, Dies Suddenly Friday Morning.

Michael Burkholder, living about one mile west of Centre Hill, died suddenly last Friday morning from congestion of the brain, after an illness of only a few hours.

His death was a great surprise to his acquaintances and could scarcely be believed when his untimely and sudden end was announced. On Thursday afternoon he was out in Centre Hall with the team doing some hauling. While here he complained of having severe pains in his head. On his way home from town he became quite ill, and was unable to get to the house without help. Medical assistance was summoned at once, but his condition grew more serious every hour. He suffered greatly until Friday morning when death ended his intense sufferings.

Mr. Burkholder was aged about 54 years. He was the last surviving male member of that family. He leaves a wife and six children, and two sisters residing at Centre Hill.

The funeral took place on Monday morning. Interment was made in the cemetery at Tusseyville. Rev. Eisenberg, of the Reformed church, of which the deceased was a member officiated at the services. The funeral was very largely attended.

Overrun With Bums.

During the past ten days Centre Hall has been visited by bums and vagrants of a more impudent and persistent type than ever before. They were both male and female, and had all sorts of stories and lamentable tales to tell of the point they wished to reach and the pitiful misfortunes which befell them. In one party were four strong and able-bodied specimens. One carried an arm in a sling, with a sore, which he himself caused by acids. Another with an empty sleeve had a suspicious bulge on the side as though the missing arm was strapped to his body. They hailed every person they met on the streets, invaded all our houses, and when refused in some cases heaped imprecations upon the parties because money was not forthcoming. All four were half drunk, and should have been run in and put to work for the boro. The town needs some protection from hobos of that class.

—For Sale.—Eggs for hatching from fine, large, pure-bred white Wyandotte hens, at 50 cts. per set of 15. Reductions on larger lots.

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G. O. Benner, Proprietor. Our Terms—Cash before delivery.

Although many things in the line of general merchandise are on the rise, yet we are using our best efforts to keep prices down, and in hundreds of articles you will find us selling at the old figures. Only where we are absolutely compelled, do we advance, and then just as springily as possible.

STUDY THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY.

- N. Y. Cream Cheese, good quality..... 12c
- Head Light Oil, 150 test, per gal..... 24c
- 24 in. Hand Saw, guaranteed cast steel..... 24c
- 5 in. Iron Stand with 4 Lasts, for cobbling..... 30c
- 19 qt. Tin Bucket..... 18c
- Wire Nails, per lb..... 25c
- Ladies' Storm Rubber..... 25c
- Amson's Alarm Clock, worth \$1, only..... 75c
- Wash Boiler, copper bottom, iron handles, covered..... 90c
- Felt Window Shades, 36 in. wide, 6 ft. long on spring rollers..... 12c
- 10 piece Laundry Soap, nicely wrapped, Shultz & Co. make..... 25c

It will be dollars, not cents, in your pocket to deal at the Star store. You will find us on the Popular Flat Iron Corner at the Station.

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For a short time only—2-year-old Rose Bushes, 10c. each—worth five times that amount.

Gladiolus, Tuberoses,—bulbs 1c. each.

Cannas—5c. each.

Caladiums, or Elephant Ears, 10c. each.

Organdies, Dimities, Gingham, —in a great assortment.

Mattings, Rugs and Art Squares —a few choice patterns in Ingrain Carpets.

Initial Writing Papers—all the latest in that line.

Have you a wedding present to buy? This is the place to get it.

Roman Stripes and all the new fads in Linings.

Belts, Neck Ribbons, Shirt Waists Sets, Collars, Cuffs, etc.

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Here We Are Again.

A Solid Oak Chamber Suit, large Bevel Mirror, Double Tops, (on Bureau and Washstand,) regular price, \$18.00, **OUR PRICE, \$12.75**

Ask to see our large Antique Arm Rocker, (iron rods through arms,) \$1.50.

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Bargains in Dry Goods This Week.

Wash Silks at 23c. per yard. All new patterns and fast colors.
34 inch Fancy Novelties in Dress Goods, in red, green, brown and blue at 15c.
40 inch Fancy Novelties in Dress Goods, all shades including black at 25c. The same goods are priced elsewhere, 35c.
54 inch Broad Cloth, (all the rage for suits) regular price \$1.00, we sell at 75c.
It is nearly time to buy Wash Dress Goods. Early buyers get first choice. Fast Color Lace Jaconets, 12c.
Fast Color Striped and Check Linens, 10c.
Lace Organdies, Figured Lawns and Fancy Mulls at 9c.

The New Idea Paper Patterns. All Patterns just one price, 10 cents. Equally as good as those you have been paying from 25 to 40 cents for. We guarantee every Pattern to be absolutely correct.

India Linen as low as 5c. and up to 35c.
Ladies' Shirt Waists, elegant styles as low as 48c., all fast colors.
Yard wide good Unbleached Muslin, 4 1/2c.
Lancaster Gingham, 5c.
Good quality Calico, 4c.
Good quality Percales, 9c., and a better quality at 12c.
We have the finest Zephyr and Madras Gingham, just the proper thing for Shirt Waists at 15c.
Other stores ask 25c. for them.
Ladies' Black Mohair Skirts, \$1.25. It is less than the material in them is worth—we throw in the making.
A big box of Buttermilk Soap, 3 cakes for 5c.
Ladies' ready-made Wrappers, 50c.

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OUR MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

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Makers of Low Prices and Terrors to All Competitors. **BELLEFONTE.**