

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. Spigelmeyer.

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.

A Media County Fracas.

The Lewistown Sentinel says: John E. Jordan, of New Lancaster, is farming without fences. Last week he shut up three head of cattle and five hogs for trespass, and when the owner came for his stock he was asked to pay \$8 for damages. Dean, the owner, made an attempt to turn the cattle out without paying, when Jordan struck him with a club. This caused a free fight, in which Jordan had his shoulder dislocated and Dean was beaten about the head with a club by the wife and kicked in the face by her little son, while both the combatants lay on the ground. The result might have proved more serious had not James Gilbert interfered, who took away the club, whereupon the wife took an ax which was also taken out of her hands. She then took up a stone and threw it, and it is believed by those present that the stone struck her husband on the shoulder.

Telephone Operations.

A gang of telephone linemen have been working in the town the last week erecting more poles and running new lines. The lines are in the alleys through the principal part of the town. Running into the exchange here are about thirty-five wires from the east and west. These will all be required to handle the business of the town and the adjoining towns connected with the exchange. The number of wires strung may not seem many, but when one has a glimpse of them it looks like a net work.

K. G. E. Parade Day, Scranton.

Reduced Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad: For the benefit of persons desiring to witness the K. G. E. parade at Scranton, Pa., on May 10, 1898, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from stations on its line (except Pittsburg and Erie and stations east of Trenton, Bordentown, and Mt. Holly), to Scranton and return at rate of single fare for the round trip. These tickets will be sold May 9 and 10, good to return until May 11.

Died Near Aaronsburg

Miss Polly Bower, aged about fifty years, died on Tuesday morning at the home of her brother, Frank Bower, with whom she had been making her home, about two miles east of Aaronsburg. She has been ailing for a long time with cancer of the stomach. She was a daughter of Jacob Bower, deceased, of Pine Creek, and was an aunt of Mrs. W. W. Boob, of Centre Hall. The funeral will take place on Friday morning.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Criminal and Civil Cases Disposed of Last and This Week.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The case of Com. vs. Cyrus Shope, charged with committing an assault and battery upon John W. Mills, was first called. The jury rendered a verdict of not guilty and directed prosecutor, John W. Mills, to pay one-third of the costs and defendant two-thirds.

Com. vs. John W. Mills indicted for assault and battery, and aggravated assault. Defendant pleaded guilty to an assault and was sentenced to pay all costs.

Com. vs. Phillip Beezer, prosecutor John G. Dubbs. The defendant was indicted for keeping and maintaining a nuisance in Bush's Addition. It appeared from the evidence in the case that Mr. Beezer built a slaughter house in Bush's Addition about four years ago. The plaintiff alleged that the stench arising from the house was of such a character that it detracted from the pleasure, enjoyment and comfort of his home as well as of his neighbors. It was also alleged that by reason of this odor it affected the healthfulness of that section which fact was testified to by quite a number of witnesses; on part of the defendant it was alleged that he kept his building in a cleanly condition and that he was careful not to allow anything to gather or remain on the premises that would have a tendency to become offensive. Several physicians were called who testified that the healthfulness of the nearby residents was in no way affected. The jury, on Friday morning, rendered a verdict of guilty of maintaining a nuisance.

The next case of interest was that of the eight boys from State College charged with stealing chickens, turkeys and other produce from farmers in that vicinity, and selling them to hucksters. Some evidence was heard which clearly established their guilt and they all were allowed to enter pleas of guilty. The prosecutors were John Corrigan, Sr., and his son Jas. The latter was implicated in the stealing and turned state's evidence. Wm. Johnstonbaugh pleaded guilty to stealing twenty-five pounds of butter from the State College creamery. He was sentenced to the Huntingdon Reformatory. The rest pleaded guilty to stealing chickens, etc. Frank Gross and James Corrigan were sentenced to the Huntingdon Reformatory. Willis Stevens, John Gillen, I. F. Sowers and John Corrigan were sentenced each to \$1 fine, cost of prosecution and thirty days in jail.

SECOND WEEK.

Court called at 9 o'clock Monday morning with Hon. John G. Love on the bench.

After the presentation of petitions by the attorneys, the court called over the trial list for the week and disposition was made of the following cases. David Rothrock, administrator, vs. Henry Rothrock et al. This case is special and on account of the inability of securing a judge at this time, the case was continued.

Koller & Hawk vs. E. C. Tuten; continued.

D. A. Bean vs. D. T. Cowher and G. W. Cowher; continued.

Mrs. A. R. Long vs. Cyrus Gordon; continued.

Frank P. Blair vs. George R. Boak; continued.

Use of W. H. Black vs. A. M. McClain & Co.; continued.

L. Olin Meek vs. John E. Murray, judgment confessed by defendant for amount claimed by plaintiff.

John I. Thompson et al, executors of Moses Thompson, deceased, vs. John Zimmerman; continued.

The Southern Car Line Co., vs. The Valentine Iron Co; continued.

Charles E. Patton vs. J. P. Stover, feigned issue, general issue; case settled.

Clara Rupp vs. D. A. Grove, feigned issue and general issue. Some time ago D. A. Grove issued an execution on a judgment which he had against John A. Rupp. Mrs. Clara Rupp, wife of John Rupp, made claim to the property levied upon by the sheriff, and the writ was accordingly returned under what is known as the "interpleader." The present action was brought to test the title to the personal property thus levied upon. The plaintiff was successful in proving that the title was in her name, which was evidenced by a verdict in her favor. The attorneys for the defendant at once made a motion for a new trial, with reasons to be filed in ten days. This motion was granted and will be argued at June argument court.

Wm. Thomas vs. Thomas A. and Martha Ashcroft; voluntary non-suit was entered.

A motion for a new trial was granted, with reasons to be filed within ten days, in the case of Com. vs. Phillip Beezer.

Wm. M. Seigle vs. The Iron City Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Verdict in favor of plaintiff rendered in the sum of \$539.90.

John Q. Miles vs. Mrs. S. A. Butler. This was an action of Replevin; case continued at cost of the plaintiff.

G. G. Snyder and Jas. Snyder, trading as Snyder Bros. vs. Thomas Collins; case continued with a view to settlement.

J. B. Ard and P. F. Bottorf vs. The Pine Grove Water Company; ejectment. Voluntary non-suit entered.

Mary C. Weaver vs. Thomas B. Motz, administrator of etc., of Noah Weaver, deceased; verdict in favor of plaintiff in sum of \$3152.72.

Kate M. Dale, use of A. Blanche Hoy, vs. Clement Dale and A. Blanche Hoy, executors of C. Dale, Jr., dec'd, Verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$2387.32.

Executors of etc., of Christian Dale, Sr., deceased, vs. Clement Dale and A. Blanche Hoy, executors of C. Dale, Jr. deceased. Verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$124.

Mrs. R. E. Lose and N. W. Ream, administrators of Wm. Lose, deceased, vs. Daniel Long and Daniel Homan. Voluntary non-suit entered.

John P. Condo, use of F. P. Ingram vs. John P. Sohring. Case settled.

Sarah Matilda Richards vs. Mattern Bros. Verdict for plaintiff for \$618.65.

Jno. A. Logue and W. A. Hartsock, adm'rs of etc., of Josephine Williams, dec'd, vs. J. C. Henderson. Josephine Williams, now dec'd, entered a judgment against Wm. Kline J. C. Henderson and Geo. Kline, in 1895 or 96. This note disappeared from the file in the prothonotary's office, and when an attempt was made for its collection, one of the defendants, John C. Henderson, alleged that he never signed any note in favor of Mrs. Williams, and upon which were the names of Wm. and Geo. Kline. The case was tried at January court last, and a verdict, under the evidence, was found against J. C. Henderson and the two Klines. Attorneys for Mr. Henderson were granted a rule to show cause why the judgment entered on the verdict should not be opened as to himself. This was argued at March argument court and judgment was accordingly opened as to J. C. Henderson.

This case practically was on the same line of evidence that was the case at January court, the plaintiff alleging that the defendant signed the note in question, and the defendant denying to have ever signed such a note. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs in the sum of \$340.20.

J. Edward Mastin vs. J. H. Eskridge; assumpsit. Verdict in favor of plaintiff in the sum of \$5187.42.

REV. ERDMAN'S CASE

Found Guilty at Bellefonte and Goes to Jail for Six Months.

The case of Rev. Erdman, late a pastor in this place, was tried in court last week, and attracted a great deal of attention. The Reverend has a wife and six children and with his family was well thought of here, until he fell in with Celia Noll, of Pleasant Gap, while holding a revival at Lauertown, which brought his downfall.

He was arrested twice, the first time on the information of T. E. Crust, of Lauertown. But this case was withdrawn on condition that he leave the county and cease his intimacy with the Noll girl. He left the county and went to Shamokin, but did not mend his ways. For this reason he was arrested on information furnished by John Stover, of Pleasant Gap. The trial ended on Friday. Erdman was found guilty and sentenced to six months in the county jail, \$1 fine and costs of prosecution.

When Game Was Plenty.

Our old democratic friend, Michael Shafer, Esq., now of near this place, formerly of Zion, while in pleasant chat in our sanctum, Monday, related of the plentifulness of game, in Centre county, back in his boyhood days.

For their meat the settlers depended solely upon the wild game of the forests. Deer were so numerous that one could be shot any hour near home, and it was common for them to mingle and browse with the cattle in the pasture fields showing none of that shyness at the approach of man now so characteristic of that animal. One season within a short time, the Shafer family killed forty-five deer with the use of one gun, and the firing of only forth-eight shots, and this was done within two miles of home.

He speaks of 500 deer having been killed by the settlers in a single season without seemingly decreasing their number. Think of that, ye hunters of to-day!

Bears were plenty, also wild turkeys. To keep up the supply of venison was a small matter. The streams were alive with large trout, and in an hour's time one could catch all that were needed by a family.

How different now—a party of half a dozen will camp in the woods for a week, far from home, and often return without a deer. Deer are nearly extinct from too much hunting and destruction of the forests. The streams have few trout and the majority are small, and it often takes a day to catch a "mes," and sometimes can't even do that.

Those in Luck.

For the first time in years our grain merchants paid one dollar for wheat the last week. For months the price has been almost there or hanging close, and it took the war with Spain to give the market the necessary rise. There are some farmers in the valley who have held off for this price, but they are few in number, and nearly all the wheat was sold at from eighty to ninety-five cents. A large amount of wheat was sold this week and the farmers who held off were in luck.

Souvenir Spoons of the Battleships, Watches, American and Cuban Flags given away by

MONTGOMERY & CO.

FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

What the State Commander Suggests for Its Observance.

Commander Stauffer, of the Pennsylvania department of the Grand Army of the Republic, has issued his annual Memorial Day general orders. He suggests as a part of the observance of the day the attendance of posts at church services on Sunday, May 29. He also suggests that pastors be asked to select texts illustrative to these subjects: "The gain of American citizenship by the success of the Union soldier," and "The unquestioned and everlasting right of the cause of those who battled for the Union." He suggests that the school children be again asked to participate in Memorial day's celebration, that everybody be interested in it, that organizations other than military be welcomed to participate, and that the sacredness of the day be observed. He says that Memorial day will not be a day of sackcloth and ashes, nor mourning, nor fasting, should not be devoted to frivolous pastime. It is a day for the flag, flowers and communion with the nation's dead.

Saving a Chestnut Orchard.

C. K. Sober is starting a chestnut orchard on his farm, near Shamokin. He is grafting some choice varieties on native young trees, the tract adjoining the mountain side. He already has about 100 acres prepared. Last year he began on a tract of some 30 acres. The trees are about a rod apart. He expects returns in three years, each tree likely to yield about a peck from the start.—Lewisburg Journal.

Sold His Milk Route.

Lyman Smith, who collects cream for the Spring Mills creamery through this district, has sold his horses and wagons to Ed. Nerhood, present clerk in Wolf & Crawford's store, who will cover the route. Ed. takes possession on July 1st.

Finger Crushed.

Tuesday afternoon a brakeman on the local freight, named Barnhart, had the first finger on his left hand crushed while coupling crr at this station. Dr. Jacobs dressed the injury and amputated the member at the first joint.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Wm. Loffin and Matred H. Goss, of Phillipsburg.

Chas. C. Wilkinson and Nora Belle Fieck both of Sandy Ridge, Pa. Noah Auman, of Spring Mills, and Minnie E. Auman, of Hubersburg.

Thirty-five years make a generation. That is how long Adolph Fisher, of Zanesville, O., suffered from piles. He was cured by using three boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve; for sale by Smith & Crawford.

THE Star Store.

Established 1859. G. O. Bonner, 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 sparingly as possible.

STUDY THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY.

- N. Y. Cream Cheese, good quality..... 12c
Head Light Oil, 150 test, per gal..... 8c
24 in. Hand Saw, guaranteed cast steel..... 24c
5 in. Iron Stand with 4 Legs, for scrubbing..... 22c
10 qt. Tin Bucket..... 10c
Wire Nails per lb..... 2 1/2c
Ladies' Storm Rubbers..... 75c
Asson'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 string 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.

Keep an eye on our big window.

THE STAR.

This is claimed brought Chestnut Blight into America—from Imported Stock—W.W.K.

We Lead, Others Follow.

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.

PRICES NEVER SO LOW IN FURNITURE!

W. R. BRACHBILL,

Phone 1302. Bellefonte, Pa.

THE GLOBE.

Dry Goods, Millinery, Carpets.

The policy of this store is more liberal than other stores. Patrons get just what they want, and if perchance they should not want it when they get home, they know they don't have to keep it. Your money back for the asking.

Bellefonte's Cheapest sellers of all that is reliable. That's all we are, all we claim to be, and all that we wish to be.

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 Ginghams, 5c.
Good quality Calico, 4c.
Good quality Percales, 9c., and a better quality at 12c.
We have the finest Zephyr and Madras Ginghams, 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.

OUR NEW CARPET DEPARTMENT.

Has started off with a genuine boom. Our customers tell us that our prices are way below our competitors. We have an elegant assortment. Our prices are very low, as we want to make a record our first season. Our great leaders are,
Elegant Ingrain Carpet at 25c. A strictly Half Wool Ingrain Carpet at 37c.
And a handsome line of Brussels Carpets at 50 and 60c.
New Mattings just received.

OUR MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

Is as usual up to date. It excels anything of the kind in Central Penna. Everything that is new in Millinery we receive the same day it makes its appearance in New York and Philadelphia. All Hats trimmed free of charge.

KATZ & CO.,

Makers of Low Prices and Terrors to All Competitors. BELLEFONTE