

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. 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 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." It is now 112 months and I am still on deck.

G. R. Spigelmyer.

Ladies...

We have a new lot of Shirt Waists.

Gentlemen...

We have a new line of Summer Furnishings for you.

See them while the line is complete.

Wolf & Crawford.

The Growler.

Never mind the chronic growler; every section has at least one of him; he lies awake to find fault and make unkind utterances where there is no occasion; his work he assays to put in a behind-your-back way; he always feels bad; he never thinks there is seen to be much sweeping needed at his own door; in his own community the chronic growler is quietly viewed as close, jealous of his betters, restless, crooked in dealings, no credit on the side of liberality or public enterprise, and desires all to accord him saintly perfection. The less attention you accord the growler the greater is his discomfort.

Veteran Made Happy.

The Lewistown Free Press says Henry Heinbach, of that place, a veteran of the late war, received last week from the government sixteen hundred dollars back pay, with a pension of seventy-two dollars a month granted to him as long as he lives. Mr. Heinbach is very infirm, being a great sufferer from rheumatism, a disease contracted while in the service of his country. He has been completely confined to the house for 8 months, most of the time in bed and being in limited circumstances.

Finishing the Term.

Prof. George B. Snyder, principal of our schools, having determined to serve his country at the front in putting a few lead slugs through the hides of the treacherous Spaniards, the grammar school was left without an instructor to complete the term of one week. The board employed D. R. Foreman and he now has the school in charge. This week ends the eight months term, and David is perfectly able to handle the school, having had charge of the Aaronsburg schools the last term.

Will Re-Open the Church.

Bishop R. Dubs, D. D., LL. D., will be present May 29th, to re-open the United Evangelical church in Centre Hall, will preach morning and evening; he will also preach on the evening of the 26th at Lemont, and Tusseyville the 27th, at 7.30 p. m.

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

THE WATER CASE DECIDED.

The Supreme Court Affirms the Decision of the Lower Court.

The long-discussed water question is finally at an end, and the point over which our citizens have wrangled for years past has been settled. The Supreme court on Monday last handed down its decree affirming the decision of Judge Love dissolving the injunction against the boro by the Centre Hall Water Company restraining the boro from erecting a plant of its own.

In April, 1897, the boro voted to bond the town for \$5000.00 to erect a new water plant. In October last an injunction was issued against the boro by the Centre Hall Water Company. The case was heard before Judge Love who dissolved the injunction. The water company claimed a prior right owing to having served the town since its incorporation in 1853. Judge Love decided otherwise, and the case was appealed by the water company to the supreme court. The case was argued about four weeks ago, and Monday the supreme judges handed down their opinion that the boro had a legal right to erect a plant although a private company had previously occupied the field.

The decision caused general rejoicing among many in the town, and for a few minutes the whistles on Boob's Luse's and Poulson's shops blew off a lively time.

The boro will now go ahead and erect their new plant. The contractors will soon be on the ground to finish their work and the plant can be expected to be in operation in a month or two. The boro has already contracted for about \$6200. This is applied to the purchase of pipe and the laying of the same. A reservoir must be erected for which no contract has been given.

The Water Works—Decree of the Supreme Court.

On Monday the supreme court handed down a decree sanctioning the erection of a water works by our borough. The news was pleasing to the advocates of the movement and not so to the other side. The former instituted an evening jubilee in which young America was given full play in making the welkin ring from throat and anvil with the assistance of a drum to lend martial air to the lusty ratification racket which enthusiastically enthused with enthusiasm and for the time being the Spanish unpleasantness was forgotten, although a big thing on water. The Reporter was lustily cheered in several rounds and duly appreciated, to it belonging the credit of introducing a plentiful supply of the pure, fresh fluid, which has thus received unstinted recognition. The lively ratification lasted several hours and ended, it is said, with some spirited speeches intermixed with hundreds of applauses.

The water directors all received a serenade, which was very kind, and a recognition of their services free of charge for thirty-five years in running the town water works; and then the heretofore friends of our water supply were likewise complimented, which evinced a neighborly feeling. Amid all, men's shortcomings were not unmentioned, as it was an occasion of good time and cheer, and the boys had the approval of the leading citizens of our village.

ANOTHER STORY.

Above pleasant allusions we made from what we took for granted was the proceeding without having been a leader-on, only hearing the noise at the time. Next afternoon and evening we heard the complaint of respectable citizens that it was partly a drunken mob. Oaths and vile language filled the air; the premises of some of our best citizens were approached and abusive utterances with profanity used to insult them; there were women seriously ill who were greatly disturbed by the racket and appeals were made to the leaders that Mrs. Geiss and Mrs. McClenathan were too ill to stand the firing of the anvils, but without effect. Constable Swab appeared and asked a similar favor since his wife was not well enough to bear the firing, but only for a brief period was this done. Some of our councilmen, it is also said, were heavily intoxicated along with others who followed such lead. This is the substance of the complaints we heard from many good citizens next day, and we were sorry to hear it, as some are leading off in setting a bad example to young men here.

Prominent and foremost in this drunken mob were C. F. Deininger, president of the Centre Hall town council; John Rider, a member of the town council, and Wm. Gross Mingle, son of Wm. B. Mingle, cashier of the Penns Valley bank.

The good citizens of the town are indignant over the drunken orgy, and that half grown boys should be led into disgraceful conduct and drunks.

Gratitude.

A short time ago a rich bachelor died and left his wealth to the ladies who had refused to marry him. He said it was to them he was indebted for the happy life he had led.

Festival.

The United Evangelical Sunday school and C. E. Society will hold a festival in Rearick's hall on Decoration day, afternoon and evening.

A Sunday Find.

No little excitement was raised last Sunday afternoon, by George Mowery finding a set of human bones in a box in a clump of bushes a short distance above the tanyard house occupied by George Row, consisting of the bones from thigh to feet and of both hands and arms, flesh dried on, apparently from a large person. Calling Dr. Emerick's attention to the discovery he had but which disappeared in some mysterious way, several years ago, and which explained the mystery.

Commencement Week.

Commencement week at the Pennsylvania State College will be from June 12th to 15th, inclusive. Rev. Dr. Lawrence M. Coffelt will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning at 10.30, and the Hon. John Stewart, of Chambersburg will deliver the address to the graduating class. One of the special entertainment features will be a reproduction of "The Rivals" which was so successfully played by the Thespians, the college dramatic society during the winter.

Reformed Class.

The Reformed church class meets in this place next week and its sessions will doubtless be of interest to the members of that denomination especially, as well as to others. In order to afford members of the Lutheran church the opportunity to attend the Sunday services of classes there will be no services in the Lutheran church on Sabbath, 22, and services in the Reformed church on morning, afternoon and evening of that day.

Old Glory Hung High.

Across the mountain at Reedsville, in Millin county, an American flag 27 feet wide and 40 feet long, was suspended between two peaks of the Blue Mountain, at an elevation of 400 feet, by means of a wire cable 1500 feet long. The flag was made by the women of Reedsville, and is suspended higher in the air than any flag in the state. Its raising on Saturday evening was attended by one of the largest demonstrations in the history of the county.

Foundations Nearly Up.

The new grange hall out at the other end of town is being pushed right along. The masons will not have many more days to work on the foundation, and with favorable weather the building will be pushed along without delay. The lower floor will have two well arranged store rooms, and on the second floor will be the lodge room and a large public hall, something the town is much in need of.

Coughed Up a Toad.

James M. Somerville, aged 22 years, died near Philipsburg Sunday morning, 8. He had been ailing for some time, and it was supposed until a few days ago that his trouble was consumption, but during a coughing spasm Friday before his death he coughed up a live toad, weighing nearly two ounces.

Suit for Damages.

A few days ago attorney J. M. Dale filed a declaration in the Common Pleas Court of Centre county in the case of Mrs. Mary Fox against the Penn's Railroad Company for damages in the sum of \$50,000 for the killing of her husband, Joseph Fox, who was run over by a train of shifting coal cars at Bellefonte some months ago.

Officers Elected.

The Lewisburg and Tyrone Railroad Company, an affiliated line of the Pennsylvania, at the annual meeting held on Monday elected officers and directors as follows: President, Samuel Rea; directors, James P. Coburn, S. C. Stewart, N. P. Shortridge, W. H. Barnes, Charles E. Pugh and Wm. A. Patton.

Purchased the Bibby House.

C. P. Long has purchased the old Bibby house, at Spring Mills, and intends making extensive improvements to it. It was built twenty years ago for a summer hotel, but failed of success. The last few years it has been used as a furniture store.

A Great Improvement.

Druggist Murray has had a gang of men at work on his dwelling remodeling the same. A higher roof with new windows and other additions will add greatly to the appearance of his home, making it one of the neatest and coziest in the town.

Festival.

The Ladies' Mite Society of the Lutheran congregation, of Spring Mills, will hold a festival on the evening of May 30th, at Spring Mills. Cake, ice cream, etc., will be served; the public cordially invited.

A Big Order.

The North American Tannery, of Lewistown, has received an order from the war department for 4,075 sides of Texas sole leather to be forwarded to Key West, for making shoes for troops stationed in that vicinity.

The Cuban question and political issues sink into insignificance with the man who suffers from piles. What he most desires, is relief. De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve cures piles. For sale by Smith & Crawford.

ACCIDENT AT A POLE RAISING.

Two of Rebersburg's Patriotic Citizens Seriously Hurt by a Falling Pole.

Last Friday afternoon the patriotic people of Rebersburg raised a flag pole, and before the feat was accomplished two of their good citizens were badly injured by the pole falling.

A large flag was purchased which was to be flung to the breeze from the school yard. A massive piece of timber was secured for the flag staff. A large number of the people assembled to witness Old Glory being raised to the staff, and there were plenty to assist in the heavy work of planting the large pole.

To the belfry of the school building a rope and tackle was fastened to assist in the raising of the pole. The pole was raised about ten feet from the ground when the rope broke. There was a lively scramble of men to get from under this massive piece of timber, but all were not successful. Scott Kerstetter received the full weight and was crushed to the ground. He was insensible when willing hands rescued him and for over a day he hovered between life and death. His injuries are severe, and it is supposed that he has sustained a fracture of the spinal column. Calvin Mallory also received injuries which kept him hosed up for a day or two. After the accident the people went about the work with more caution and raised the pole successfully without further accident.

Went to Fight the Spaniards.

Among those who enlisted last Friday, to fill up Capt. Hugh Taylor's company, were four of Centre Hall's best young men, namely, Prof. Snyder, principal of the town schools; Clyde Smith, Thomas Barges and James Sando. They will make brave soldiers should the war last long enough to give them an opportunity to show it. They left with Capt. Taylor on Friday evening on the 8.30 train for camp at Mt. Gretna, along with 36 others who enlisted at the same time.

Tom Barges failed to pass the rigid examination and came home on Monday evening. The other boys passed the examination and were mustered in the service. Sandoe and Snyder are members of Co. B, 5th Regiment, and Smith of Co. B, 12th Regiment. The boys expect to be moved to Tampa, Florida, in a few days.

Democratic Primaries.

The Democratic county primaries for the election of delegates to the county convention to place a county ticket in the field will be held on Saturday, June 11, and the county convention on the following Tuesday, June 14.

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.

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 want it when they get home, they know they don't have to keep it. Your money back for the asking.

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 Jacquets, 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.

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.

Fishers of Fishes. Revs. Ryan, Manley, Blair and Long, all exponents of the Gospel in different Christian churches, left on Wednesday for Big Run on a trout fishing expedition, and returned Friday. They reported a catch of eight-dozen and four trout. All being ministers of the Gospel, their story, of course must be accepted as true.—Lock Haven Democrat. Gee! We have four ministers in Centre Hall who have often done better fishing than that in one day, and the Reporter will bet the beer for the eight can do it again any day. He Swindles Clergymen. A swindler who has been victimizing clergymen and other citizens in several towns in the western part of the state claims to be an electrician and a relative of some clergyman in a distant city, and to be in hard luck. He is a short, stout man, 28 years old, with brown hair and a short mustache, and rolls his eyes heavenward when trying to "do" his victim. The human machine starts but once and stops but once. You can keep it going longest and most regularly by using De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for constipation and all stomach and liver troubles. For sale by Smith & Crawford.

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. GARMAN'S STORE, BELLEFONTE, PA.

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.