

THE RACKET.

No. 2-11 Crider's Exchange, Bellefonte.

Bellefonte's Big Department Store.

8200 SQUARE FEET FLOOR SPACE

If U Kom to Bellefonte to make your Holiday purchases, don't forget that "The Racket" is always the centre of the holiday cyclone, and there is a reason for this.

Don't stop at the side shows when U can see the whole circus for less money.

China Annex.

1800 square feet. Everything in Dishes, Lamps, Glassware, Bric-a-brac. Prices will please U too.

Toy Department—a car load of Toys, Dolls, Books. Everything U can think of and many things U never thought of thinking about.

G. R. Spigelmyer.

THE Star Store.

Established 1880.

G. O. BENNER, Proprietor.

Our line of Holiday goods is nearly all in and waiting for your inspection. You know you can get more for your dollar at The Star than you get at the big stores. Why? Because we have no expense. This is why.

A Few to Study About.

- Ajax Syrup, per gal. 27c
Columbia Flour, 50 lb. sack. \$1.25
Double Edged AX. 65c
Archie's Coffee, per lb. 10c
Headlight Oil, per gal. 9c
Fancy Turkey Red and Bleached Table Linen, per yd. 35c
Any Calico in stock. 35c

The above are only a few. Come and you will see many more than you would expect at such a little hen coop on that popular Flat Iron corner at the station. Please remember that our terms are cash and bring your pocketbook with you. This is another reason why we sell you cheaper.

THE STAR.

Telephone connection.

Grand Opening

Holiday Goods...

Saturday, Dec. 3d.

TO

Saturday, Dec. 24th.

You will be agreeably surprised at both assortment and prices.

Teachers specially invited.

Garman's Store, BELLEFONTE, PA.

Recent Millin County Deaths.

- In Lewistown, Richard D. Bollinger aged 41 years.
In Decatur twp., Mrs. Sarah Goss, aged 93 years.
At Honey Creek, Peter Geistwhite.
At Belleville, Minnie, daughter of H. A. Lantz, aged 23 years.
In Newton Hamilton, the wife of Adam Stahl, aged 68 years.
Near McAlevys Fort, the widow of Finley Strunk, aged 78 years.
In Lewistown, the widow of John Shimp, aged 78 years.

New Legislation.

At the request of a number of soldiers who served with Pennsylvania commands in the war with Spain, legislation will be introduced this winter to permit the admission of children of soldiers serving in that war, into the Soldiers' Orphans schools. At this time only children of soldiers of the Civil war are eligible to these schools.

\$3 REWARD.—Lost, on last Saturday evening, between Wolf's store and the lower end of town, a pocket book containing \$20. The finder will receive the above reward by returning same to Charles Nearhood, Centre Hall.

WORKING ON THE LINE.

The New Telephone Company Pushing In to Town.

That Centre Hall will be connected with the lines of the Commercial Telephone Company is now an assured fact, and unless something unforeseen occurs, the town will be wired and the new system in working order in a few weeks.

The Company started men to map out the line from Linden Hall to Coburn, thence to Woodward, where communication will be made with the Union county line. Contracts have been made for poles and this week the poles will be delivered over the route.

For Centre Hall and the district an exchange will be established. About thirty subscribers have been secured already and much of the territory remains to be canvassed. The exchange will be placed in the bank building in the room occupied by the boro council.

Work will be started on the lines as soon as possible, and pushed through until the system is completed in the valley. In the town fifteen phones have been contracted for, with several more in prospect. Connected with the Centre Hall exchange will be about fifty phones.

Death of the Aged Andrew S. Kreamer.

Andrew S. Kreamer, one of the oldest citizens of Milesburg, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Grove, on Saturday evening, aged 82 years, 11 months and 28 days.

The immediate cause of his death was paralysis of the brain, by which he was stricken on Friday morning, after which he was conscious but a short time and calmly passed away.

Mr. Kreamer belonged to a family somewhat noted for longevity. His father died when in his 88th year and his mother at the age of 94 years. Mrs. Toner, his sister, is the oldest among his brothers and sisters and survives him at the age of 87 years.

Mr. Kreamer was born in Millheim, being a son of Andrew Kreamer and one of ten children, five sons and five daughters, of whom one brother and three sisters survive him. He was married to Miss Amelia Rinkard, of Union county, and four children were born to them.—Daily News.

When Fools Go to Law.

A Mercer county farmer sold another two dressed hogs. Each farmer weighed the porkers on his own scales and there was a difference in weight of a few pounds, amounting to 27 cents. The men became stubborn and the matter could not be adjusted. Suit was brought, and the case has gone through the Squire's hands, tried before court and still the parties are not satisfied, and it will come up for trial again at the next court. Thus far the costs, aside from that for the attorneys, amounts to \$450. What fools some mortals are.

Still Unclaimed.

The two hose carts, with several hundred feet of fire hose and other apparatus, are still lying unclaimed in the freight house at the station. The council will not lift the goods, claiming that the goods were never ordered from the manufacturers, and that the order was placed by a former president of council without authority. Unless the supplies are lifted by the council there are very good grounds for another legal suit by the boro.

The Governor Having a Busy Season.

Governor Daniel Hastings has advertised his horses for sale and is having his private papers packed to be shipped to Bellefonte. He will be kept busy until the eve of the inauguration clearing up the unfinished business in his office in order that Colonel Stone may start in with a clean calendar.

And He Blew Out the Gas.

A. F. Koch, of Lewisburg, registered at the City hotel on Friday evening and was assigned to room No. 32. The next morning he was found almost asphyxiated and had it not been for the timely arrival of Dr. Reinhold, he probably would not have recovered. He had blown out the gas upon retiring.—Williamsport Sun.

A Three Legged Calf.

A Jersey cow owned by P. H. Meyer, at Boalsburg, gave birth to a three legged calf. The two hind legs were perfectly natural but only one leg supported the front end of the calf's body. After living several days, Mr. Meyer killed the freak.

Will Meet to Settle.

The council and contractor Malone will meet tomorrow, Friday evening, to settle up the account for building the boro water plant. The contractors have asked several times for a settlement, but were unable to secure it.

Pheasants, Rabbits and Bear.

W. R. Haynes and George B. Uzzle, the well known Centre county sportsmen, with other hunters returned from one of their trips a few days ago. They captured twenty-three pheasants, five rabbits and a 242 pound bear.

A stubborn cough or tickling in the throat yields to One Minute Cough Cure. Harmless in effect, touches the right spot, reliable and just what is wanted. It acts at once; for sale by Smith & Crawford.

Amassed a Fortune in Honest Dealing.

The appraisers of the estate of the late Balzer Weber, the Howard merchant who died recently, have filed their statement which shows the deceased to have left personal property to the value of \$199,077. In addition there is real estate which will bring the estate of deceased up to almost \$250,000. Balzer Weber was an illustration of what a young man with determination can do in this country. He landed from Germany in 1840 with but \$2.50 to his name, but at once went to work at anything he could get to do. First tanning, then peddling and finally drifting to Howard, where engaged in the mercantile business in 1858, continuing there until his death. In that time he amassed a fortune of \$250,000. The appraisement shows in holdings an aggregate of 2,750 shares of railroad and bank stock, worth at par \$150,000. The entire estate is bequeathed to the five surviving children.

Farmer Hamilton Makes Hay.

It is said that Professor John Hamilton, at present Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, will succeed Thomas J. Edge as head of the Agricultural Department, under Gov. Stone. Edge has not made up his mind whether to try for it again, and has gone off to Texas. Meantime, Hamilton is making hay in the good, old farmer way, and hopes to shake a plum tree that will drop the fruit. He stumped among the farmers for Stone, and did him considerable good.

George Hutchinson, of Huntingdon, who is connected with the Dairy and Food Department, wants to succeed Hamilton as deputy, and he has two Republican members of the Legislature in leash, who are for him, which means something in connection with a Senatorial fight.

A Snyder County Ghost Story.

The Port Treverton correspondent of the Middleburg Post says: The Klondike Mining Company composed largely of farmers in and about Port Treverton, are in a dilemma, and have suspended operations indefinitely. The supposition is that a large amount of money was buried there by Indians, and therefore the miners were allowed to dig only at night. After a very deep hole had been dug the miners struck what seemed to be a large flat stone, presumably the cover of the money chest. The miners as well as the president were elated, but every time they struck the rock a deep hollow groan was heard. This frightened them and to add to their horror, a large fiery ball was seen floating through the woods over them. The Company is now hunting for lost tools and lanterns.

A Disastrous Fire Averted.

Last Saturday Wilson's creamery at the station narrowly escaped destruction by fire, and but for a timely discovery this new industry would have been a heap of ruins. A pile of soft coal was placed near the boiler. The heat from the boiler caused the coal to ignite, and it would have been but a short time until the fire would have communicated to the frame structure. The burning coal was removed and the danger was over.

A Few Yet to Come.

The first snow of the season fell on Nov. 24th, and according to the old time weather prophets, there will fall twenty-four snows during the winter of 1898-99. This calculation is based on the number of the day of the month on which the snow fell. If the first snow had fallen November 10th, then, according to the aforesaid calculation, ten snow falls should occur during the winter.

Cannot Fill It.

It was the desire of the council that the upper reservoir be filled with water in order to give it a test. The springs are by no means low, but no headway can be made, the capacity of the springs being barely more, or only equal to the demand. On Sunday there was about two feet of water in the basin, which will not be increased unless we have a freshet.

Shipping Machinery Away.

W. W. Boob, having discontinued the manufacture of -pokes and wheels, has sold his wheel machinery in the shops and is shipping it to other parts. He will replace his large engine and boiler with one of smaller size, and the spoke and wheel industry in our town is now a thing of the past.

A War in Rates Likely.

With the Commercial Telephone Co. invading the territory in the county occupied by the Bell Company, there promises to be a lively cutting of rates by the two companies. The subscribers are the ones who will receive the benefit, and will be far from opposing any reduction.

Will Make Ice.

The cold snap of the past ten days has been greeted with pleasure by the ice men, who are anxious for a harvest. A couple days more without a thaw and the cutting will begin.

When you call for De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve the great pile cure, don't accept anything else. Don't be talked into accepting a substitute for piles, sores and burns; for sale by Smith & Crawford.

THE GOODMAN CASE.

The Woodward-Ettlinger Damage Suit.—Decision Reserved.

The Goodman case for damages for the burning of the Ettlinger house, was tried at Bellefonte, last week.

Thirty months after the famous Woodward tragedy, a jury on Friday last assessed the damages for the burned Ettlinger house at \$865. The owner, Emma C. Goodman, sought to recover over \$2,000. The court, however, has ruled that the liability is a question of law on which an opinion will be given later. The owner may have to stand the loss herself, as the county was declared not liable and the sheriff burned the property only as a last resort to capture the outlaw.

At a hurried glance it would seem to us that if under the discharge of his duty the sheriff was warranted in burning the house, he should not be held responsible. If the public safety required the burning of the house in order to capture the outlaw, why should not the county be liable? If Ettlinger had been the owner of the burned house, having fortified himself in it to resist the law, the destruction of his fort was at his own risk, and not a cent of damage to follow. Mrs. Goodman is an innocent party; should her property be sacrificed to serve the common good? It would not seem right.

It is said there is no record of a like case and an award of damages. A common sense ruling will settle it. When the government, in case of war, insurrection, or riot, finds it necessary to take, or destroy private property to assert its authority, the same is paid for by the government, local or general.

Where a riot causes the destruction of private property by the act of the mob, the local government must pay for the damage done. This was the verdict in the case of the Pittsburg riot, some years ago, and in other instances. It would be singular that a mob should destroy private property and the local government be obliged to pay for it; while if the agents of the government, found it necessary to destroy private property to quell defiance of the law, the innocent owner of such property, would have to suffer such loss. There would be no justice in that.

Death of John J. Meyers, of Lock Haven.

Mr. John J. Meyers, one of Lock Haven's best citizens, says the Clinton Republican, died Monday evening, at the home of W. H. Wren, aged about 73 years.

Mr. Meyers was a man of the strictest integrity and had the esteem and respect of all the people of this city. He came to Lock Haven from Pennsylvania about 40 years ago and with M. B. Herring engaged in the tannery business with which he was connected until about three years ago.

He was a kind hearted gentleman, reserved in his manner, quiet in his demeanor and attended strictly to his own business. He was one of the leaders in the movement for the erection of a Methodist church in the First ward.

[Mr. Meyers was a brother of William Meyers, of Centre Hall, long a resident of this place and who died here a few years ago.]

To Increase the Size of Fish.

It will interest the various game and fish protective associations to learn that the Pennsylvania Fish Protective Association, among its various bills to be presented to the legislature, will ask that trout protection be increased from five to six inches, and black bass from six to nine inches, an improved warden service and the legalizing of the dip net under prescribed conditions.

One Week Vacation.

During the coming holidays the schools will be given but one week vacation, instead of two as has been customary for several years past. The Teachers' Institute convenes next week at Bellefonte, and the scholars will be given only this one week while their instructors are attending the sessions. The week following between Christmas and New Year, always considered the vacation week, will be taught.

Season Ended.

The legal season for all game, animals and birds ends today, Dec. 15th, for the year. The season has been a favorable one for the hunters, with the exception of deer. Rabbits were plentiful and although a great number were killed, they are still plenty, even to playing about the streets of town at night.

Takes Charge Today.

Postmaster G. M. Boal took charge of the Centre Hall office this morning. For the past week he has been undergoing instructions under postmaster Brisbin. Miss Blanche Boal is assistant, and the patrons can be assured of as excellent service as before.

—A pair of fineness shoes, or slippers, makes a holiday present always to be appreciated. They are serviceable and always a part of the apparel needed. There is no better place to select them than at Mingle's Shoe Store, Bellefonte. He has the reputation and has the largest stock.

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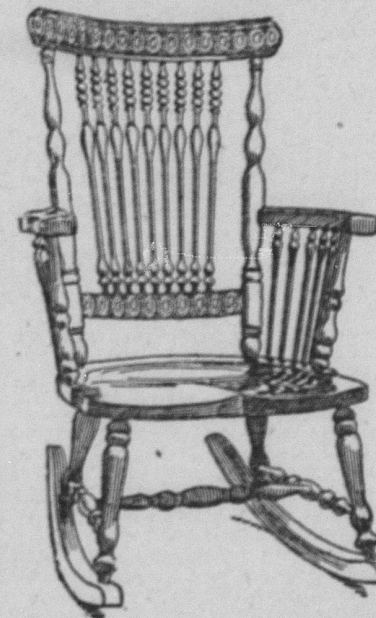
People Know What They Want When They See It.

This is the place to see it. This is the place to be sure of what you are getting. This is the place where each transaction is based upon perfect satisfaction.

Table with 4 columns: Women's Shoes and Slippers, Pocket Knives and Scissors, Linens for Holiday Giving, Handkerchiefs for Ladies, Children, Men; Fine Hosiery for Women, Toys and Games, Finest Candies ever shown in the City, Prices Right, A Useful Gift is Our Fine Chinaware.

Our collection of Gift Giving goods is complete, and our prices are lower than ever. No trouble to show goods. Remember the place is, Wolf & Crawford's Great Mdse. Emporium. CENTRE HALL, PA.

300 CHAIRS 300 FOR X-Mas Presents



Commencing Dec. 1st. we will sell this... Fine High-Arm Polished Rocker, Oak or Mahogany, Saddle or Cobbler Seat, \$2.99 Regular Price, \$4.00. Also Large Rodded Arm Rocker, \$1.50

Come and see our large display of Morris Chairs, Ladies' Desks, etc., for X-mas Presents. W. R. BRACHBILL, Phone 1203. Bellefonte, Pa.

THE GLOBE.

Dry Goods - Millinery - Carpets Santa Claus Headquarters.

Everybody will visit Bellefonte within the coming next ten days as Santa Claus has made this store his headquarters. We want you to meet him here. Never was there such a display of Holiday Goods shown before in Bellefonte. Two weeks ago we trimmed our store, and made ready for His Royal Highness. From time to time he has sent us different articles until now from floor to ceiling our store is packed with Christmas Gifts suitable for both young and old.

Silks, Laces, Embroideries, new Neckwear, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, etc., all take up a share of your time while looking over this vast assortment.

While for the little folks he brought us Dolls, Guns, Drums, Ships, Tin and Iron Trains, Sleds, Wagons, Building and Alphabetical Blocks, Kitchen Sets, and a thousand other articles too numerous to mention. The little ones have to see these to appreciate them.

The Largest Assortment of Celluloid Cases

Ever shown, we show this year. Comb and Brush Cases, Manicure Cases, Sewing Cases, etc. Any one of these makes a handsome present.

Albums, Large, Medium and Small.

We can suit you all. Any price, any size and whatever you may want.

Special Prices from Now Until Xmas

On all other goods. We are making exceptionally low prices in our Dress Goods Department. What is handsomer than a nice dress for mother or sister? Ladies' Capes and Coats are being cut regardless of cost. While in our Men's and Bays' Clothing Department we guarantee to please you both in quality and price.

See Our Show Windows.

Remember we want to see you all this year at Santa Claus' Headquarters.

KATZ & CO., LIMITED. Bellefonte, Pa. "Makers of Low Prices and Terrors to all Competitors."