

THE RACKET.

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A Modern Department Store, 10,000 SQUARE FEET.

The following first-class lines are obtainable in Centre county only at The Racket, Butterick's Patterns and Publications. "Gold Medal" Black Dress Goods. "Botany Mills" Novelties in Dress Goods. Vantine Silks, exclusive patterns "Centemerie" Kid Gloves. Her Majesty Corsets. Cordette—(Interining.) "Empress" Teas and Coffees. National Standard 10c Sheet Music.

The list is not nearly complete, but enough to show that The Racket is a unique store in this county and worthy of Ur patronage.

No matter where U go, whether in city or town, U will find the above lines only in the leading stores, and this fact should prove to U that The Racket is Bellefonte's leading store. Kom and C.

G. R. Spigelmyer.

We see some of our industrious folks making garden; true the season is at hand, and we have a full line of tools suitable for doing such work.

Shovels, Rakes, Hoes, etc., etc.

We also handle Poultry Wire

In the different widths. In fact our stock of Hardware in general is more complete than ever.

We will also be glad to give information or get prices on any article pertaining to this line not usually kept in the general trade.

Wolf & Crawford.

Weather Outlook.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from the 11th to 15th and the next will reach the Pacific coast about 15th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 16, great central valleys 17th to 19th, eastern states 20.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 16th, great central valleys 17th, eastern states 19th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 18th, great central valleys 20th, eastern states 22d.

Temperature of the week ending 8 a. m. April 24 will average below normal east of the Rockies and above west. Precipitation will average about normal generally.

Forecasts heretofore published said that the first half of April would give us moderate weather and the last half moderate extremes. April is usually considered an even tempered month; not so this year. Soon after April 12 the weather will go into chaos and this unbridled condition will not end much before the close of May.

An Expensive Duck Egg.

Ducks eggs are not usually expensive, but Levi Slater, of Butler, will have to pay over \$1,950 for one. Incidentally there was a suit for slander attachment. Last winter Slater accused a boy who lives with Mrs. Olive Miller with stealing a duck egg. Slater was not overly polite in his accusation; consequently Mrs. Miller had him arrested. A justice of the peace fined Slater twenty-five dollars and costs. Then Mrs. Miller sued for slander and the jury recently awarded her \$1,950.

All Wheat is Dead.

A dispatch says nearly all the wheat through Central Illinois, from Danville to Havana, considered the best portion of the State, is dead. There was a large acreage sown last fall. Farmers are discouraged.

Wanted—Twenty-five tons scrap metal. Will pay from April 10th to May 10th, 50 cents per 100 pounds in trade, or 40 cents cash for good metal.

W. O. REARICK.

Try the Reporter for all job printing.

The Borough Statement.

The borough statement, which is now out, gives the following investments in borough bonds for the water plant:

Mrs. Rebecca Sparr, Harris, \$3000 " M. E. Burkholder, Cen. Hill, 1000 " M. J. Odenkirk, Centre Hall, 1000 " Lucy Henney, " " 1500 Mr. G. W. Hosterman, " " 1000

These parties, same as those who invested in the old plant, did it in good faith, no doubt.

Under the latter the borough had no debt; under the new the debt and expenditure is \$9000 or over, with high tax and insufficient water.

Suppose some were to demand a destruction and ruin of the new investment, how would it be liked? The order account is not intelligible as to many of the items. The citizens were anxious to know what each of the two reservoirs has cost, but the items are not set apart under separate heads in a business like manner, thus leaving the taxpayers in the dark.

Many items are not given in the statement, withheld for some reason.

The bonded debt is not correctly given, as bonds amounting to \$9000 are not mentioned for a purpose. Besides there are items of expenditure and orders outstanding, amounting to some \$1200 which properly should have appeared in the statement.

The auditors say the accounts were placed in their hands in this shape. They did right in giving a liberal circulation to the report.

Taking last year's report with this one, it would seem that upwards of \$10,000, or over, will be the expense of the water plant—double what was sacredly promised in the outstart; an average of about \$100 dollars on each town property!

In 1897, at the June meeting of council, the committee reported cost of reservoirs, \$400. Now, the cost is suppressed, but from reliable informants, the cost is about \$2500! and no reservoir to hold water. The same year the committee reported purchase of the Bible spring "with an overabundance of water for every and all purposes." After spending hundreds of dollars on this scheme, it had to be abandoned for utter insufficiency of the spring.

Council had timely warning from men experienced in water works, and by other citizens, that both the spring above and the reservoir scheme, were moonshine ideas. Now you have it.

The borough debt foots up as follows: Bonds bearing 5 per cent. interest..... \$840 00 Balance due treasurer on bond fund..... 247 53 Balance due treasurer on water account (Treasurer used \$124 42 poor fund, and \$775.58 for rest funds to meet orders of council)..... 319 98

H. P. Malone note from council..... 400 00 2 hose carts \$25 each, 70 feet hose, 50c per foot, \$15, 4 nozzles and other apparatus cannot be learned, extra)..... 250 00 Firm in Wilkesbarre unpaid since last September for supplies furnished..... 43 00 In addition to the above known indebtedness there are many small bills awaiting payment for labor, street lighting, material, fees, etc., aggregating in the east..... 300 00 Making the total debt of the borough at the present time at least..... \$10000 00

Will Celebrate.

The Sons of Veterans propose celebrating the 4th of July in an appropriate manner, in Centre Hall. The affair is a couple months off yet, but the boys at their last meeting decided upon this move. The camp now has a membership of twenty-one and more yet to come in. It is steadily growing in numbers and new members are being added right along. The boys have secured neat uniforms, and look real soldiery.

Walks That Will Last.

Putting down walks made of our native mountain flagstones is a sensible as well as an economic idea. Such walks are lasting and not expensive as the stone slabs are found hereabouts in abundance. Mrs. John Odenkirk, Fr. Bradford, D. F. Luse, W. Wolf, Mrs. Barefoot, and S. Harper, have fine flagstone walks, and soon Dr. Emerlek and the two fronts of the Lutheran church will have similar walks. Ex-sheriff Spangler is also up to date.

He Raved About.

John Zenerick, living in the vicinity of Colyer, made things lively in his own way last Saturday at the station. In Benner's store he began the use of violent and abusive language, and in rearing around upset some goods, breaking a lot of glassware. A warrant was sworn out for his arrest, but it has not been served upon him.

Have Your Policies Transferred.

Parties removing from one location to another should remember that their fire insurance must be transferred to the new location, or their policies will be void. Of course, the agent with whom the party is insured does not know of such changes and cannot be expected to know unless properly notified.

Death at Bellefonte.

Mrs. Alvera E. Wagner, widow of David Wagner, deceased, died at the home of her son-in-law, Col. J. L. Spangler at Bellefonte, last Friday afternoon, aged about 77 years. She had been ill for many months. She leaves three children. Interment was made in the Bellefonte cemetery.

Presbyterian Services.

There will be services in the Presbyterian church at this place next Sunday morning, at 10:30 o'clock, Sabbath school at 9:30; Christian Endeavor at 6 p. m.

Wilson-Linn Wedding.

The Beech Creek, Pa., correspondent of the Lock Haven Republican, has the following: Miss Gertrude Linn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Linn, and Mr. Boyd Wilson, of Centre Hall, Pa., were married at the home of the bride at half-past six o'clock Thursday evening. Rev. Hull of Williamsport, performed the marriage ceremony. Miss Wilson was the bridesmaid and Mr. Harry Wilson, of Lock Haven, brother of the groom, was the best man. A score of invited guests were present and a wedding breakfast followed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson left on the Pennsylvania road the same evening for Philadelphia and New York and upon their return will make their home at Centre Hall, where Mr. Wilson is engaged in business.

Pushing Along.

The Commercial Telephone Company, which has been at work the last couple weeks extending its lines to the Centre Hall territory, is pushing ahead as rapidly as the weather permits. Gangs of men are working from Pleasant Gap and another from Potters Mills. Poles from Potters Mills to Tusseyville and Colyer are up. With fair weather Centre Hall will be reached and some instruments working by May 1st. The Company is anxious to get their lines working as quickly as possible. The lines were promised by March, but owing to the severe winter and the tremendous work in wiring Bellefonte, the work was delayed. They will wire Centre Hall as soon as possible and then strike out for the towns through the lower end of the valley.

For Insurance Companies.

A bill has been introduced in the state senate by Mr. Mitchell making further regulations for life insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth. It provides that insurance companies issuing policies on the life of any citizen without a certificate or a previous examination by a duly registered physician must pay the policy within thirty days after proof of death. Such insurance companies shall make a monthly return to the insurance commissioner, showing in detail all such insurance in force, and companies which fail to comply with this act are debarred from doing business in this state.

Must Have Revenue Stamps.

As the moving season is at hand, it will be well for all persons having properties to rent to remember that all leases of property must have United States government revenue stamps attached. Those for one year must have a twenty-five cent stamp, for two or three years, a fifty cent stamp, and for over three years a stamp costing one dollar. If no stamp lease is used, then each receipt for rent must bear a stamp, and for over three years a stamp costing one dollar. If no stamp lease is used, then each receipt for rent must bear a stamp. This is imperative. Failure to comply with the law meets with heavy penalties.

Eligible to the Office of Judge.

A bill was introduced in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, last Thursday, by Mr. Cressy, of Columbia, by request, to make women eligible to the office of judge in courts of record. The measure provides "that women learned in the law are and shall be eligible to the office of judge of all the courts of record in this Commonwealth, and when elected or appointed thereto, shall be entitled to all the rights, powers, privileges and emoluments pertaining to the office and subject to its duties and responsibilities."

Wedded in Bellefonte.

A notable wedding was a Bellefonte event yesterday, that of John Shugert and Catherine Curtin Harris, both of the same place. The groom is the son of J. D. Shugert, cashier of the Centre County bank and holds a responsible position in the bank, while the bride is the granddaughter of the late ex-Governor A. G. Curtin.

The Reporter extends its congratulations to the happy couple and best wishes for a happy life.

Tramps Rob a Church.

Some miscreant Sunday night broke into St. John's Roman Catholic church at Bellefonte, and stole the golden chalice, valued at \$200, from the altar, then broke open the poor box and carried away the contents. Just how much money was in the box is not known. It is generally believed the theft was the work of tramps, though no trace of the depredators could be obtained.

Fire Insurance.

The quarterly meeting of the directors of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Ins. Comp. was held at Runkel's hotel on Tuesday.

Insurance risks to amount of \$72,911 were taken. Aaron Weaver, director from Haines, for several years, declined, and Zach. Thomas, of Aaronsburg, was chosen to fill the vacancy.

Seasonable Stylish Goods.

Mrs. C. B. Boob has received her new stock of millinery goods, and asks the ladies to call and see the new styles. Opening, April 13th and 14th.

Born Near Millheim—Died in Illinois.

Michael Swartz, an old and respected citizen, died at the home of his son, near Orangeville on Friday morning, 7th inst., at ten minutes of one o'clock. The funeral was held Sunday at half past nine o'clock, Rev. Heitzell officiating.

Michael Swartz was born near Millheim, Centre county, Pa., on July 21, 1821, making his age 77 years, 8 months and 16 days. He was raised on a farm. In 1844 he married Miss Bettie Mench. He remained in Pennsylvania ten years longer and then settled in Stephentown county, purchasing a farm near Orangeville. He has four children living: Phillip at Pocatonia, Mrs. Hannah Burger of Lee county, Ill., David M., who occupies the old homestead, and Mrs. Susan M. Lambert, who lives in Iowa.—Freepost Bulletin.

Head Knocked Off by a Singular Accident.

Samuel M. Graham, of the firm of Graham, Horn & Co., of Philipsburg, was instantly killed by a large silver hurler from a stump which was being dynamited about 10 o'clock Thursday morning, 6th.

In attempting to get a kodak picture of the stump as it was blown up into the air the silver struck him on the breast and neck, almost severing his head from the shoulders.

He was aged 31 years, a member of the Masonic Order and well known in foot ball and base ball circles (throughout central Pennsylvania. He enlisted for the Cuban war and was in camp with our boys at Chickamauga as a member of Capt. Taylor's company.

Beating Uncle Sam.

The evasion of the internal revenue law by banks is proceeding throughout the south and west without a sign of protest by the government. Checks are no longer known in the ordinary transaction of business. A man in a western town, being in debt for a trifling sum, gave what was supposed to be a check, but which, on examination proved to be a receipt to the bank for the amount mentioned. It read like this: Date, etc.—"Received of the First National bank of —" many dollars. Signed So-and-So. All that was to do was to endorse this receipt and get the money. No 2-cent revenue stamp is needed on such a paper, which as a strictly local device, pleases the people who like to beat the government credit.

Death's Doings.

Mary Ann Duly, died at Lemont, aged 80 years and 10 months.

The wife of John P. Seibert, of Benner twp., died a short time ago, aged 66 years. She was a sister of Rev. Jas. Boal, former minister of the Centre Hall Presbyterian charge. Husband and 10 children survive.

Laura Boalich, died near Lemont, aged 52 years. The deceased and her mother years ago kept the toll-gate this side of Bellefonte.

Recent Union county deaths: Near Hartleton, Henry Vonada, aged 77 years. In Lewisburg, G. A. Stahl, age 68 years. In Lewisburg, Catherine Marsh, aged 67 years.

No Reduction in Insurance Rates.

To mislead voters into favoring a borough water plant certain parties busied themselves in giving assurances that thereby the insurance rates would be reduced one-half. A prominent insurance agent informed us a short time ago, there would be no reduction except, perhaps, a very slight one on business houses, and on these only after a committee of insurance men came here on inspection and found an abundant supply of water all the year.

New Millinery.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18th and 19th, I will have on exhibition, at my rooms at Tusseyville, the finest assortment of millinery goods, for the spring and summer trade. All the latest styles in hats and bonnets, and latest novelties in trimmings. A fine assortment of ready trimmed hats to select from. Ladies are cordially invited to call. Mrs. M. C. ISHLER.

Some Weather Figures.

Weatherman Demain, of Harrisburg who gives the record of the past ten years, says the warmest March was that of 1896 with an average of 54 degrees and the coldest that of 1892 with an average of 48 degrees. The highest temperature in the ten years was 92 degrees on April 18th, 1896, and the lowest 22 degrees on April 6th, 1898. The greatest amount of snowfall in the decade was 13 inches on April 11th, 1894.

Recent Millin County Deaths.

Everett, Col. John Bowman, age 72. York, Mrs. P. Diven, age 57 years. Burnham, Grant Leaper, age 30 y. Yeagertown, Wm. Leightley, age 86. Wayne, Susan Reb. McCormick, age 81 years. Yeagertown, Clell Orth, age ----

Term Ended.

The public schools closed their seven months' term Monday, and young America is again free. The last few days were taken up with examinations for promotions.

Seven Months' School Term.

Governor Stone last week approved the bill extending the minimum term to seven months.

We here-by inform you

That we have replenished our stock of Paints, etc.

We now have to offer you 1 and 2 pound and one-half gal. cans Ready Mixed Paints in about 20 different shades—

1 lb. Cans, best goods, at 10c. 2 lb. Cans, best goods, at 19c.

White Lead in oil in 1, 2, 3, 5, 12½ and 25 lb. cans.

4 shades, in Ready Mixed Coach Paints.

Oak, Cherry or Walnut Graining Colors, Siennas, Umbers, Drop Blacks, etc.

Linseed Oil, Turpentine, Varnish, Japan Dryer, Shellac, Hard Oil, etc.

Paint and Varnish Brushes.

All these Goods at the Very Lowest Prices.

You know we are never behind when prices are considered.

S. M. SWARTZ, TUSSEYVILLE, PA.

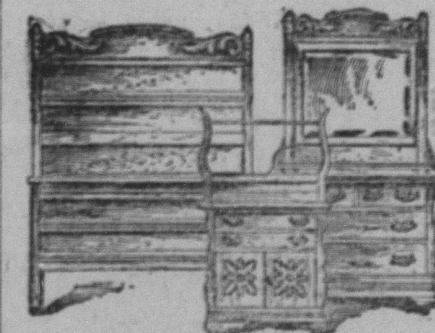
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In Penns Valley to select from

...AT LESS MONEY...

Than can be bought elsewhere.



We pay the toll or car fare for every Suit sold.

JOHN SMITH & BRO,

Spring Mills.

Rheumatism Cured.

My wife has used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism with great relief, and I can recommend it as a splendid liniment for rheumatism and other household use for which we have found it valuable.—W. J. Cuyler, Red Creek, New York.

Mr. Cuyler is one of the leading merchants of this village and one of the most prominent men in this vicinity.—W. G. Phippin, editor Red Creek Herald. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

Easily Elected.

Oscar Emerick, a brother of Dr. Emerick of this place, still remains popular with the people of Freepost, Ill., as indicated by his election as town clerk by 594 majority.

HELLO!

Tell Your Neighbors About the

30 Golden Oak Chamber Suits

Just received at W. R. Brachbill's. They were bought at a sacrifice sale before the advance in prices. Now you get the prices.

A Solid Oak Suit, Large Beveled Plate Mirror, Double Top, price \$12.75

W. R. BRACHBILL,

Phone 1203.

Bellefonte, Pa.

See the New Mottled Granite Ware.

Carpets woven in one piece—newest designs—called Pro Brussels.

Druggists and Art Squares.

On an average new goods every day. Don't come here for old stock. New and modern goods at much less than old stock.

Garman's Store.

Bellefonte, Pa.

BORAXINE

A substitute for soap, for all washing and cleansing purposes.

ONE-THIRD THE COST OF SOAP.

Dip the garment in hot water, lay it on the wash-board and with thumb and finger, sprinkle a little Boraxine over garment, roll it up and lay in tub and soak 30 minutes. Rub lightly on wash-board and dirt will fall out at once; if water gets too dirty take clean. Rinse to get suds out. Blue with a little Boraxine in the water and your wash is done. A blessing to every housekeeper using it. 10c. a lb. package.

G. H. LONG,

Spring Mills, Pa.

To Our Friends and Patrons.

Before you send your money out of the county to some mail order house, or buy a bill of goods from some traveling grocerman or dry goods peddler that claims to be selling goods at retail at wholesale prices, come in and see us and bring a list of the goods you want, and see if we cannot sell you the same as cheap or cheaper for spot cash than they will, and at the same time you will be sure of getting nothing but reliable goods.

H. F. ROSSMAN,

SPRING MILLS.