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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—(Interfining). "Empress" Teas and Coffees. National Standard 10c Sheet Music. The list is not nearly complete, but enough to show U that The Racket is a unique store in this county and worthy of 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 22 to 25, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about 27, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 28, great central valleys 29 to May 1, eastern states May 2.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 27, great central valleys 29, eastern states May 1. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 30, great central valleys May 2, eastern states May 4.

Temperature of the week ending 8 a. m. May 8 will average below and rainfall above normal east, and the reverse of these west of the Rockies.

The first storm wave of that month will reach the Pacific coast about May 3, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 4, great central valleys 5 to 7, eastern states 8.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about May 3, great central valleys 5, eastern states 7. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 6, great central valleys 8, eastern states 10.

Reduced Rates to Lancaster via P. R. E.

On account of the parade of the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Lancaster, Pa., May 9, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged to sell excursion tickets, from all stations on its line in the state of Pennsylvania, to Lancaster and return, at rate of single fare for the round trip, minimum rate twenty-five cents.

Tickets will be sold on May 8 and 9, good to return until May 10, inclusive, but will not be valid for passage on the Pennsylvania Limited. apr27-28

Recent Union Co. Deaths.

Monkton, Edward Hummel, age 77 years. Lewisburg, B. B. Harris, age 60 yrs. Milton Ella, daughter of Daniel Strader, aged 29 years. Millmont, Mary E. Rearick, age 58y.

Recent Millin County Deaths.

Yeagertown, Maggie Galvin. Lewistown, W. H. Fultz, aged 20y. Milroy, Maria Ritter, aged 48 yrs. Bedford, Thomas Wolfkeil, age 57y.

Try the Reporter for all job printing.

PREACHER TAKES HIS LIFE.

Rev. W. C. McCool a Native of this Valley Commits Suicide.

Rev. William McCool, pastor of the Lutheran church at West Point, Nebraska, committed suicide last Thursday morning by shooting himself with a shot gun, at that place.

Rev. McCool was a native of Gregg township, this county, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob McCool, of Spring Mills, and is well known to many in this valley and throughout this part of the state.

He was a minister of recognized ability and stood well in his charge. About four years ago his wife died, leaving four children. Since then he had shown signs of despondency and melancholia. Last Thursday morning Rev. McCool left his home at West Point, at about nine o'clock, and was seen by several persons proceeding in the direction of the brick yards, where his remains were afterwards found. He had made an appointment with a Lutheran minister of Omaha, Rev. Luther Kuhns, for that day, and was to meet him at noon when the train arrived. As Mr. McCool failed to keep his appointment the gentleman went to the Lutheran parsonage. He had not been seen for several hours and as he had been suffering from melancholia for some time it was feared that he might have sought refuge in death.

A search was at once instituted and he was followed to within a short distance of the brick yards. Here in a barn was found his lifeless body. He had placed the muzzle of the gun in his mouth and pushed off the trigger with his foot. The charge was great enough to blow his head from his shoulders, his features being entirely unrecognizable. The weapon used was a shot gun, which he had borrowed from a neighbor whom he told that he was going hunting. The discovery of his body was not made until some hours after the suicide had been committed.

He was aged about fifty-three years, and leaves a family of four children. He was married to a Miss Fisher, of Selinsgrove, and about fifteen years ago was pastor of the Lutheran charge at New Berlin, Union county. His remains were interred by the side of his wife in the cemetery at Ponca, Neb.

Rev. McCool had many friends in Penns valley where he was born and raised who will be greatly shocked to learn of his untimely end.

Story of April and Enoch Mahew.

During the first week of April some Kylvartown people cut ice eight inches thick from ponds and filled their ice houses. On April 8th, we are informed by a citizen of Goshen township, that it was difficult to drive a wagon on the north side of Lick Run hill, owing to the ice. This brings up the story of 1837, when Enoch Mahew, then residing at Shawsville, drove a cow across the river on the ice on the 13th day of April, which event is yearly revived by the old settlers. Coming back within the recollection of the editor of this paper, we recall that on the 10th and 11th of April, 1894, ten inches of snow fell. In 1874, on April 12th, the mercury sank to 18 degrees, and on the 30th of April, 1888, the thermometer reached the highest temperature, viz: 90 degrees. The warmest April recorded was in 1871, when the thermometer averaged 57 degrees, and the coldest was that of 1874, when the mean temperature was 43 degrees.—Clearfield Raftsmen's Journal.

Husband and Wife in One Grave.

The unusual occurrence of a husband and wife buried at the same time in one grave occurred at Bellefonte on Sunday last. Friday Mrs. Margaret Lyon, widow of John Lyon, died there after a brief illness from paralysis. Her husband, John Lyon, died in Pittsburgh about two months ago and his remains, which had been interred in Pittsburgh, were exhumed and brought to Bellefonte on Saturday, and on Sunday afternoon the bodies of husband and wife were buried in the Lyon family lot in Union Cemetery. Mrs. Lyon was a niece of Judge Acheson, of the United States Circuit Court, and before her marriage was Miss Margaret McKnight, a Pittsburgh belle.

Incendiary Brungard Attempts Suicide.

George Brungard, the farmer near Mackeyville, who confessed to having burned the barn on the farm of Miss Puella Dornblazer, Friday attempted suicide by butting his head against a wall. Doctor Holloway, of Salona, was summoned to attend him. The doctor found that a number of quite serious injuries had been inflicted. Brungard's attempt at self-destruction, says the Wm'sport Sun, was due to remorse over the unfortunate condition of affairs in which he finds himself. He is under \$1500 bail for trial at next term of court.

Reduced Rates to Harrisburg via P. R. E.

On account of the unveiling of the Hartman Monument at Harrisburg, Pa., May 12, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged to sell excursion tickets from all stations on its line in the state of Pennsylvania, to Harrisburg and return, at rate of single fare for the round trip, minimum rate twenty-five cents. Tickets will be sold on May 10, 11, and 12, and will be good to return until May 13, inclusive, but will not be valid for passage on the Pennsylvania Limited. apr27-28

DEATH OF AN AGED LADY.

Mrs. Katharine Miller Dies in Her 88th Year.

The death of Mrs. Katharine Miller occurred last Friday morning at about five o'clock, at the home of her son Jerry Miller, on Church street, at the greatly advanced age of nearly 88 years. Mrs. Miller was the widow of John M. Miller, deceased, who died over twenty years ago, and has since made her home with her son. She was born in Dauphin county, and on August next would have passed her 88th year.

She bore her great age easily, always enjoying good health, except for slight indispositions at times. About ten days before her death, she was attacked with bilious fever. Pleurisy and other complications set in and death soon resulted.

She was the mother of seven children, two of them Mrs. Jacob Ripka, of Centre Hall, and Augustus, who died some months ago at Mill Hall, preceded her in death. The surviving ones are, Jonathan E., of Bellefonte; John, Erie, Pa.; Mrs. P. C. Leitzell, and Mrs. Aaron Erhard, both of Girard, Kansas, and Jerry, Centre Hall.

The funeral took place on Monday forenoon. Interment was made in the Centre Hall cemetery. Rev. Rearick, pastor of the Lutheran church, of which the deceased was a life-long and consistent member, officiated in the services.

SUICIDE RATHER THAN TRIAL.

Farmer Attempts His Life Rather than Defend a Charge of Arson.

Reuben Frantz, a young farmer of Port Matilda, this county, shot himself through the head Tuesday morning, rather than appear in court to stand trial for the crime of arson. During the past year Centre county farmers have been in constant fear because of frequent barn burnings, some of which were undoubtedly the work of incendiaries.

On April 4, Christian Sharer, of Worth township, lost several thousand dollars by the total destruction of his barn and burning of farm implements and live stock. The fire was surely incendiary, and in a few hours Sharer had collected what he deemed indisputable evidence as to the guilty parties. On warrants sworn out by him, Reuben and John Frantz, two neighboring farmers, were arrested and held under \$1,000 bond for trial this week. Monday the men were in Bellefonte, but the case not being called in the evening Reuben went home, ostensibly to summon additional witnesses.

Tuesday morning when the father, Samuel Frantz, and another brother left home for the train to go to Bellefonte. Reuben remained behind until the former were out of sight, then deliberately drew a revolver and shot himself. The ball entered his head between the temple and left ear and while the wound is very dangerous yet the doctors say there is some hope of recovery as the brain was not penetrated.

Support Home Paper.

The tendency of outside competition from the cities is to discourage the local newspaper and make harder the conditions of its existence. This ought not to be. There is nothing that can take the place of the local newspaper as an active agent in promoting the welfare of a community—certainly not the cheap city weekly, whose interests are elsewhere and which must necessarily be unfamiliar with local opinion and local needs. The churches, charitable organizations and local enterprises are encouraged by the local paper, largely without money price. What foreign publications can or would do this? Such service is worth much in a community. The good town and county paper is worthy of a large and loyal constituency, aside from the fact that such papers expend their money for labor, rent, etc., in the home market.

Seven Months School Term.

The bill providing the minimum school term to be seven months will not affect the present school term, but will go into effect after the closing of the school year ending the first Monday in June, 1899. It provides, however, that the annual term may remain as at present in districts where the maximum amount of tax allowed by law to be levied for school purposes, together with the state appropriation to which such districts are entitled, shall be found insufficient to keep the schools open a greater length of time than six months.

More Loafers than are Needed.

Young men, follow not in the footsteps of the loafer, and make an example of him who was born tired, for verily, their business is overstocked, and the seats in the corners are all taken, and the whittling places all occupied, it is better to saw wood at two bits a cord than to whittle in a loafing match and growl about the government.

Poor Wheat Prospects.

We have seen many of the wheat fields in this county of late, and they present more bare spots of yellow than of green. Some fields will not pay for the plowing or seed sown. The prospect is barely for half a crop. The best farms suffered equally with those of low value, from last winter's destructive cold.

DIED AT CENTRE HILL.

Postmaster Michael Strohm Answers the Last Call.

Potter township lost one of its prominent and esteemed citizens early Monday morning in the death of Mr. Michael Strohm, at Centre Hill after an illness dating back several months, from a general breaking down of health incident to old age.

Mr. Strohm was aged over 82 years, being born in 1816, in Lebanon county, Pa. When about nineteen years of age, with his parents, he came to Centre county. He followed the occupation of farmer for many years until 1877, when he moved to Centre Hill and embarked in the mercantile trade, which he followed until his death. For over twenty years he has served the people of his vicinity as postmaster, retaining his commission until the last. Being of an industrious and energetic disposition, he amassed considerable competence, and was held in high esteem by all who bore his acquaintance. He was a devout Christian, a member of the Methodist church, in which he was actively associated.

About four years ago his wife's sudden death occurred—only a few months before the fiftieth wedding anniversary. Their children were: John, who died at the age of nineteen years; William, of Red Cloud, Neb., who was accidentally shot while hunting; Elмира, wife of W. A. Kerr, of near Centre Hill; James B., ex-County Commissioner, of Centre Hill; Sallie and Annie (twins) who died in infancy; Horace, deceased, and Laura wife of W. W. Bayard, of Philadelphia.

The funeral took place yesterday, Wednesday morning. Interment was made in the M. E. cemetery at Spruce-town.

Dead Lumber Camps.

The lumber camps in the mountain regions south of this valley are gradually being abandoned with the exhaustion of the lumber. John Duncan's camp, one mile south of Paddy mountain, composed of lumber mill and half dozen houses, is quiet and mills and houses torn down and removed and the rails on several miles of tramroad taken up. This camp had been in operation over ten years.

Another large camp, in the mountains 2 miles below Garrity's, quit operations two years ago and the machinery has been removed. The tramroad leading to this mill was 15 miles in length and the rails have been taken up. Its outlet was at Paddy mountain.

With a dozen other lumber operations in the mountains of the Penns creek watershed, the same story may be told. The mountains bordering this valley on the south are about denuded of the magnificent timber with which nature had garbed them.

Have no Right on the Sidewalks.

Judge Mitchell, of Tioga county, says: "A bicyclist has no right upon a sidewalk, and no borough can by ordinance give him that right, or make his riding upon the sidewalk legal. A bicycle is a vehicle, and as such, has no more right to run on the sidewalks than has a cart or wagon drawn by horses. If a bicyclist rides upon the sidewalk he is there illegally, and if he should accidentally run over a child or any person and kill him, he would be guilty of manslaughter, no matter if he were riding with the greatest precaution and care, for the reason that his being upon the sidewalk was in itself illegal and would make accident of this kind serious in its results to the bicyclist; whereas, if he were legally upon the highway, possibly no blame could be attached to him by reason of unavoidable accident of the character referred to.

Hastings Not in the "Dirty Business."

Ex-Governor Daniel H. Hastings was very indignant the other day over the allegation made by Attorney Shields in the Quay trial that he had, in conjunction with Quay, been a borrower from the People's Bank, in February, 1897. The ex-Governor emphatically denied the charge, and telegraphed District Attorney Rothermel that he was ready and willing to go to Philadelphia and so testify. Governor Hastings said: "I don't want my name mixed up in such dirty business in such a gratuitous and malicious manner."

Valuable Cows Killed.

Rev. S. Creighton, of near Mackeyville, having received offers to sell some of his high bred cattle, called on the state veterinarian to make a thorough examination before he would permit them to be sold. The veterinary surgeon found that three registered cows and one grade cow were afflicted with tuberculosis, and they were accordingly killed. Mr. Creighton had been offered \$60 for the cows, but as they were killed by order of the state official he will be paid \$50 apiece for the registered cows and \$30 for the grade cow.

Was Well Known Here.

Samuel McWilliams died at his home at McVeytown, on 13th Inst. Remains were interred at Reedsville. He was a banker at McVeytown, and also the owner of seven of Centre county's best farms.

A FEW THINGS

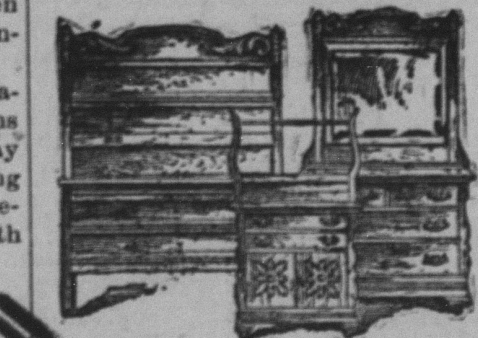
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AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SUPPLY THEM.

- Sunbonnets, 12 and 25c.
- Men's Harvest Straw Hats, 5 to 22c.
- Boys' Harvest Straw Hats, 5 to 17c.
- Sweat Pads, 29c.
- Whitewash Brushes, 3, 4, 5, 10, 19, 22, 29 and 44c.
- Scrub Brushes, 5 to 10c.
- Corn Brooms, 12 to 24c.
- Whisk and Toy Brooms, 10c.
- 12 inch Stove Brushes, 10c.
- 250 Carpet Tacks, 2c.
- Nickle Plated Magnetized Tack Hammer, 8c.
- 4 inch heavy blade Screw Drivers, 8c.
- Flue Stops, 5c.
- 22 inch Galvanized Tubs, 9c.
- Porcelain or Iron Bed Casters, 7c. per set.
- 8-arm Clothes Dryer, 10c.
- 33 1-3 feet Drying Surface Folding Clothes Horses, 48c.

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You want to see the fine line of Couches and Rockers we carry in stock.

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An Important Question.

If your friends or neighbors are suffering from coughs, colds, sore throats, or any throat or lung disease (including consumption), ask them if they have ever used Otto's Cure. This famous German remedy is having a large sale here and is performing some wonderful cures of throat and lung diseases. No matter what other medicines have failed to do, try Otto's Cure. Large sizes 25c. and 50c. Sold by G. H. Long, Spring Mills.

Sugar Valley Notes.

D. M. Morris, and wife of W. E. Conser, are both quite ill. Michael Lamy, of near Greenburr, died on 24, aged 72 years. A new bank barn is being erected on the former George Snook farm.—Clinton Republican.

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

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

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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 groceryman 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.