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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—(Interlining). "Empress" Teas and Coffees. National Standard 10c Sheet Music.

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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.

Mountain Fires.

Sunday and Monday the Seven mountains and Nittany mountain on both sides of the valley, were burning fiercely. On Monday the fire gained considerable headway on Nittany mountain east of Centre Hall. An east wind carried the smoke over the valley. It was so thick and heavy that lamps had to be lighted at five o'clock. It was almost impossible to see one square away, and every one complained of smarting eyes. The strong east wind was bringing the fire up the mountain towards Centre Hall when a terrific thunder storm came up and a thorough drenching cleared the atmosphere. The last month was dry, and the mountains were in prime shape for a forest fire to make great progress. The heavy rain stopped the further progress of the fire.

Grange Notes.

Progress Grange, Centre Hall, will dedicate its new Hall on Saturday, June 24th, at 2 o'clock p. m. A dinner at 5 o'clock p. m., and a festival in the evening. The entire ceremony will be open to the public and will be a grand affair.

The Grange at Centre Hall is incorporated and its property is owned by the membership in common. The title is perpetual in the organization.

The County Grange conducts an insurance company that carries risks for its members amounting to \$2,800,000.

Of the twenty Subordinate Granges in the county twelve own their own halls, and all the others have comfortable homes rented.

After Oil.

The Howard Hustler reports that Martin Gates is trying to organize a company with \$3,000 capital to drill for oil on his farm near Mt. Eagle. It will be remembered that some time ago while digging a well at that place the workmen struck what they supposed to be a good flow of oil.

Fresh Meat.

Ishler's meat wagon will be in Centre Hall regularly each Tuesday and Saturday morning, with strictly fresh and first-class beef, and also veal when obtainable, and at satisfactory prices. All meat offered guaranteed as above, and no pains spared to merit a share of the public patronage.

George Ishler.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The Criminal and Civil List Disposed of during April Term.

Last Thursday morning when court convened at Bellefonte, the case on trial was that of O. J. Sherman and J. D. McKinney, charged with embezzlement by J. M. Bunnell, of Phillipsburg. They plead guilty.

Com. vs. Geo. C. Pifer, indicted for false pretense; prosecutor A. W. Oliver. The prosecutor lives near Graysville, Huntingdon Co., and met this defendant at a Mr. Fye's sale in Ferguson twp., near State College, early in 1897, and the prosecutor was informed that the defendant was anxious to buy some horses, and some time afterwards the defendant's brother, W. H. Pifer, came from Clinton and looked at Mr. Oliver's horses, after which the defendant wrote Mr. Oliver to meet him at Lemont on March 16, 1897, with the horses, at which place the defendant gave Mr. Oliver his note for \$190, at one year after date payable at the First National Bank of Bellefonte, for two of the horses, and represented to Mr. Oliver that he was the owner of a large farm in Porter twp., Clinton Co., and did not owe a dollar. At the close of Com. testimony, on motion of defendant's counsel, the Court held that there could be no conviction as the case was barred by the statutes of limitations, the prosecution not having been instituted in time. Verdict not guilty and the defendant to pay all costs of prosecution.

Com. vs. Clair Rupert and Leo Reardon, indicted for malicious mischief and throwing stones, prosecutor Geo. Spangler. This case is from near Eagleville, and the defendants, who are boys 10 and 13 years of age, were prosecuted for stoning the house of a Mr. Strawcutter and hitting Mr. Spangler's 6-year-old son on the head with a stone, injuring him to such an extent that he could not be in attendance at court. Verdict not guilty but the defendants to pay two-thirds of the costs and the prosecutrix one-third.

Com. vs. Blanche Twohey, indicted for fornication and open lewdness, prosecutor Harry Simler, policeman from Phillipsburg. Verdict not guilty and the county to pay costs.

Com. vs. Frank Rockey, betrayed; prosecutrix Minnie Rachau. This case is from near Zion; verdict not guilty and the defendant to pay two-thirds of the costs and the prosecutrix one-third. The following civil cases were then taken up:

Dr. S. F. Nevling vs. overseer of the poor of Burnside twp. This case grows out of medical services rendered to Thomas Smoke's family, who were charges of the defendant's township in 1892. There was some question for some time whether this family would eventually be settled on Burnside twp. Centre Co., or West Keating twp., Clinton Co. Verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$16.50.

Dr. E. S. Dorworth vs. the poor district of Milesburg Boro. This case is brought to recover for medical services rendered Mrs. Adolph Franks in 1897. Verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$11.29.

Jas. A. Wilson, use of W. M. Cronister, now use of Wm. A. Ishler vs. O. G. Ammerman, administrator of etc., of Eliza Ammerman, dec'd, and John Ammerman; verdict in favor of use plaintiff for \$298.57.

W. H. Musser, guardian, use of Lida L. Gregg vs. Harry R. Curtin, deceased. Three cases; one case settled; judgment confessed by the defendant in the other two cases in favor of plaintiff for \$657.00.

W. H. Musser, guardian, use of Fannie B. Gregg (now Brown) vs. Harry R. Curtin, executor of, etc., of John Curtin, dec'd. The defendant confessed judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$657.00.

Caroline E. Rhone vs. Budd Thompson, Dr. J. A. Thompson and Alexander Cheney, executors of, etc., of John I. Thompson, dec'd., with notice to Budd Thompson and all terre tenants. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$10,000.00, with interest from the second day of June, 1898, and an attorney's commission of \$500.

Winfield T. Summers vs. Israel Kauffman, adm'r of etc., of Michael Fishburn, dec'd. This was brought to recover wages for manual labor rendered Michael Fishburn during his life time. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$425.

The following criminal cases were tried by the court without a jury:

Com. vs. Frederick A. Washburn, charged with desertion, prosecutrix Mrs. Kate Washburn. The prosecutrix and defendant were married at Phillipsburg in Dec., 1894, and later he deserted her; the court ordered the defendant pay the costs, \$8 per month, and security in the sum of \$500 for carrying out the decree.

Com. vs. J. W. Coder, charged with desertion, prosecutrix Bridget Coder. This case is from Liberty twp.; the prosecutrix and defendant were married in Dec. 1897, and the wife was deserted early in 1898, since which time the prosecutrix has been receiving aid from the poor district; the court made a like order as in the preceding case.

Com. vs. Frank Harnish, charged with desertion, prosecutrix Annie Harnish. They were married some time in March, 1898, and the husband deserted in Sept. 1898. After hearing the case the court ordered and decreed that the defendant pay the costs of prosecution and pay his wife the sum

of \$4 per month towards her support, and give bond for \$300.

C. L. Gramley, ex'r of, etc., of W. Bierly, dec'd, vs. Martha Long and Jesse Long. This suit is brought to recover for corn and potatoes on the farm now owned by Martha Long; verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$50, subject to the question of law reserved by the court.

Other criminal cases docketed to April sessions were disposed of as follows:

Com. vs. Horace Hunter, betrayed; prosecutrix Nancy Bailey; settled.

Com. vs. Clarence Heverly; betrayed; prosecutrix Cora McKinley; settled.

Com. vs. Charles L. Austin; betrayed; prosecutrix Bessie Toner; settled.

Com. vs. Mary C. Heis, committed to asylum before court.

Com. vs. John Meyers and Joseph Miller, charge larceny; prosecutor Jos. Packer; settled.

Com. vs. Frank Wallace, betrayed; prosecutrix Martha Parsons; settled.

Com. vs. Philip Gers, betrayed; prosecutrix Louisa Henry; settled.

Com. vs. Arthur Yandes, betrayed; prosecutrix Edith Gardner; continued to August sessions.

Com. vs. Roland E. Hockman, betrayed; prosecutrix Emma Jamison; settled.

Com. vs. Charles Houser, assault and battery; prosecutor Isaac Thompson; settled.

Com. vs. James Nolan, embezzlement; prosecutor M. H. Davidson.

Com. vs. Chas. Hoy, betrayed; prosecutrix Bertha Shaffer; settled.

Com. vs. Willis Witherite, betrayed; prosecutrix May Estring; continued.

Com. vs. Jos. Markle, desertion; prosecutrix Amanda Markle; continued.

Com. vs. B. F. Smith, forgery; prosecutor G. E. Homan; settled.

Com. vs. John and Reuben Frantz, arson; prosecutor Christian Sharrer; continued.

Com. vs. Samuel Frantz, surety of the peace; prosecutor Christian Sharrer; continued.

Com. vs. Samuel Frantz, aiding and abetting arson; prosecutor Christian Sharrer; continued.

Com. vs. Jacob Auman, larceny; prosecutor Chas. Auman; bill ignored.

Com. vs. Bertha Jamison, larceny; prosecutor Chas. Auman; bill ignored.

Com. vs. Benj. Shaffer; desertion; prosecutrix Lizzie Shaffer; settled.

Com. vs. Harry Wyle, assault and battery; prosecutor Fred Auman; settled.

Com. vs. Hiram Blowers, betrayed; prosecutrix Catharine Cunningham; continued.

Com. vs. Frank Watson, betrayed; prosecutrix Ada Wilkins; true bill.

Court convened on Monday morning, and after hearing petitions Judge Love sentenced; those convicted last week. O. J. Sherman and J. D. McKinney were sentenced to pay costs, a fine of \$50, and be imprisoned in county jail one year and two months.

Wm. Gomer, costs \$1 fine and one year in county jail.

The first case taken up was D. H. Bean vs. D. T. Cowher and G. W. Cowher, on note for \$75. Verdict for plaintiff for \$101.17.

First National Bank of Bellefonte vs. A. M. McClain and Isaac Thomas, on a note. Verdict for plaintiff for \$308.

Minnie Brew vs. adms. of G. W. Jackson. Verdict for plaintiff for \$328.5.

John P. Harris, trustee Wm. A. Thomas estate, vs. Joseph Sellers. Settled.

Chas. K. McCafferty vs. Lancashire Insurance Co. Settled.

Julia L. Hale vs. Chas. Ammerman. Discontinued.

A Queer Case Tried.

A peculiar case was before the Millin county court. Jeff. Mort and his son, James, were charged by William Yohn with disturbing a religious meeting. The plea of the defense was that the new set, that worshiped in Atkinson's Mills, had caused a disturbance in the family of Jeff. Mort (now 75 years old) and had nearly separated him and his wife.

The jury returned a verdict of "not guilty," on the charge of disturbing the meeting, but divided the costs between the plaintiff and defendants. This is supposed to have virtually meant that there were aggravating circumstances connected with both sides of the case.

Improving the Place.

What is known as the Confer farm on the pike near the top of the Seven mountains, having come into possession of Wm. J. Thompson's estate by ejectment proceedings, has been leased for a term of years by E. M. Huyett of this place, who has placed thereon Daniel Slotman as manager. Mr. Huyett being of a disposition to have all his belongings in No. 1 condition, is making needed improvements upon the property in a score of items besides adding a 'phone.

Reduced Rates to Harrisburg via P. R. R.

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

GRAMLEY RE-ELECTED.

Chosen Superintendent of Schools by a Nice Majority.

The school directors settled the contest for county superintendent by re-electing Prof. C. L. Gramley, by a nice majority.

The convention convened in the court house at Bellefonte on Tuesday at half-past twelve o'clock. The meeting was called to order by Prof. C. L. Gramley, and Hon. C. T. Fryberger, of Phillipsburg, was elected president, with H. C. Quigley, Esq., of Bellefonte, Dr. George S. Frank, of Millheim, as secretaries.

The roll call showed 176 delegates present with very few absentees.

John A. Daley, of Curtin township, moved that the county superintendent's salary for the next three years be fixed at \$1500 per year. D. F. Fortney Esq., of Bellefonte, offered an amendment making it \$1800. The amendment was voted down overwhelmingly and the original motion carried.

G. W. Reese, of Bellefonte, offered the following resolution which was unanimously passed:

Resolved. That great injustice would be done the school children of our state if the Governor reduces the annual appropriation to the public schools.

Nominations, for county superintendent for the ensuing three years was next in order.

D. F. Fortney, Esq., nominated Prof. C. L. Gramley, of Rebersburg, the present incumbent; W. C. Heinle, Esq., named A. Reist Rutt, of Bellefonte; George S. Frank nominated Prof. H. C. Rothrock, of Millheim.

G. W. Reese arose and withdrew the name of Prof. Rutt, and the vote was called for.

The roll call resulted, C. L. Gramley 123, H. C. Rothrock 53. The president therefore declared C. L. Gramley the choice of the convention for the ensuing term.

Mr. Gramley in a neat speech thanked the convention for the honor conferred and promised to do his best to serve the schools faithfully in the future as he has in the past.

Working Across the Valley.

The new Commercial telephone lines are now extended across the valley to Potters Mills, Tusseyville, Colyer, and Huyett's mill in the Seven mountains. Phones have been placed in Carson's store, Reish's hotel and Alex. McCoy's residence at Potters Mills. S. M. Swartz and W. F. Rockey at Tusseyville have instruments, while Colyer and two of E. M. Huyett's mills above Colyer and Potters Mills will be connected. Only four or five 'phones have been placed in Centre Hall, but the rest will go in as soon as the exchange is fitted up to handle the business. The switch board was shipped from Chicago, and as it is expected at any time, the company will be prompt in getting it to work to accommodate their patrons. It is supposed that there will be about twenty instruments in Centre Hall, and along with the surrounding country the exchange will have about fifty or sixty phones. The switch board will have capacity for fifty lines.

Illegal Fishing Friends.

We are informed by reliable parties that live in the 7 Mts., that persons have been fishing the trout streams in narrows below Garrity's before the legal time and that along the main run there was a complete path beaten in the snow by fishing before opening of the trout season. These violators of law and decency are supposed to hail from Millin county and we know that dynamite is occasionally used. Whoever the guilty ones may be, regardless as to where from, if anyone knowing their names, will report same, we will see that the proper officials take them in hand for prosecution, allowing parties furnishing the evidence to convict, one half the fine.

Singular Accident.

William Kidder, a carpenter at Madisonburg, met with a singular accident last Wednesday, while working on the house of Mr. Fullmer in that place. Kidder slipped in some manner, and in falling he struck his hand against his hatchet, almost cutting it off. It is feared that the unfortunate man's arm will have to be amputated in order to save his life.

Was Drying Up.

During the month of April there was only a slight rainfall, and the long continued drought began to be in evidence on the vegetation. It was broken on Monday evening by a heavy rainfall, which was long-wished for by every one. Nature got a new start, and the fields and grass which showed some signs of drying up were given another lapse.

List of Letters.

The following is the list of letters un-called for in the Centre Hall postoffice: Nicholas Fox, O. A. Lewis, I. H. Zong 3, I. H. Young, Miss Clara Smith, Miss Gertie Sunday, Mrs. H. N. Smith.

Buying Horses.

Daniel Aherns, from New York, a horse dealer, has been in the valley the last week buying horses. He will ship a car load in a few days. The valley is all right either way in selling or buying horses.

AFTER YOUR HOUSE IS CLEANED

It has to be refitted more or less. We suggest a few things and quote you bargain prices.

- Curtain Poles, 10, 16 and 24c. Brass Stair Rods, 80c. per doz., worth \$1.00. Stair Buttons, 1c. a piece. Lace Curtains, 48c. to \$1.75 per pair. Window Shades, on patent rollers, complete, 10, 14, 22, 30, 48, and 50c. French Plate Mirrors, \$1.45 and \$1.85. Framed Pictures, 20, 50, 65, 95c. and \$1.50. Wall Pockets, 15 and 24c. Nice clean odorless Feathers, 65c. worth 75c. per lb.

We carry the very latest things in Ladies' Ties, Belts, etc.

Belts, 10 to 40c. Sash or Belt Buckles, 10, 19, 25 and 50c.

Beauty Pins, 1c. each. Ladies' Neck Ties, 5 to 24c. Our great sellers are three styles of Chiffon Ties at 24c.

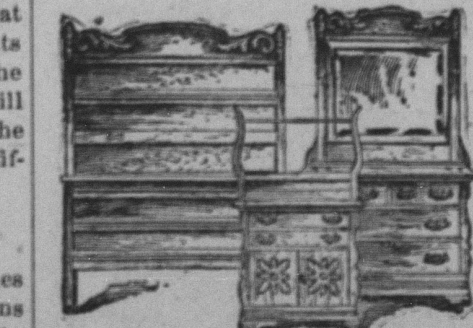
Gem (means the best) Ice Cream Freezers, 4 qt. \$2.25; 6 qt. \$2.75. Hammocks, 45c to \$1.24.

S. M. SWARTZ, TUSSEYVILLE, PA.

We Still Sell Chamber Suits....

At the Same Old Prices. The raise in prices has not affected us

JOHN SMITH & BRO., 9-30 Spring Mills.



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

JOHN SMITH & BRO., 9-30 Spring Mills.

Fell into the Fire.

Josiah Harmon, an aged resident of Rosecrans, Clinton county, met with a singular burning accident Friday. Some rubbish was being burned about the premises, and Mr. Harmon, who was assisting in the work, was taken with a fit of some kind and fell into the flames. His long whiskers were burned off and he was burned about the head and face.

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 Brussel.

Druggets 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.

For \$1.19

Buy a fine Dress Shoe that sold at \$1.37 to \$1.59. This lot has Men's Buff, Calf and Veal Shoes, of different toes, "Dune" to "London."

For \$1.90

You can have any \$2.25 Men's Dress Shoe in the store, not excepting the Vesting Top Vici Kid.

\$2.60

Gets you the finest Ladies' Kid Shoe ever retailed at that price. A Goodyear turn, silk-lined, as soft and easy on your foot as a stocking.

Men's, Boys' and Children's Golf and Yacht Caps, and Men's Crash and Mohair Hats, best styles, 25 and 50c.

Bran, Middlings and Spring Wheat Flour always on hand.

G. H. LONG,

Spring Mills, Pa.

We have just received a lot of

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.

Prices 'Way Down.

COME AND SEE.

H. F. ROSSMAN,

SPRING MILLS.