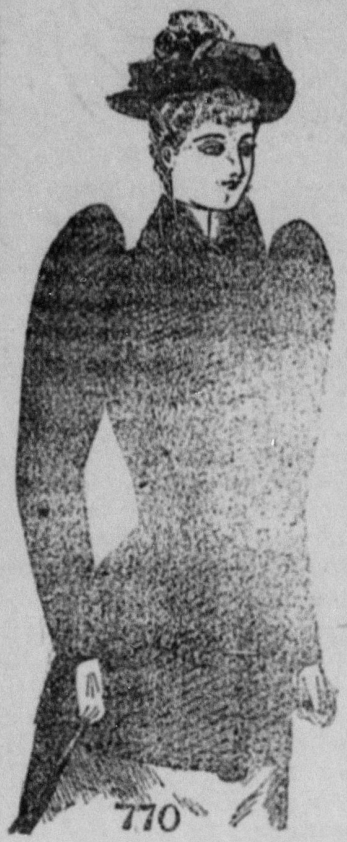


RACKET STORE NEWS



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Special Opening

LADIES' COATS AND WRAPS at the Racket, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1891.

The Ladies of Bellefonte and Centre county are respectfully invited. An immense assortment will be open for inspection, ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$150.00.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

'Little Nugget' is said to be a first class attraction. John Sourbeck is enlarging and improving his store on High street. The Knights of Labor of this place, intend holding their annual ball on holloween night.

SUSPENDS PAYMENT.

PHILIPSBURG BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS.

The Heavy Run Resulting from the Failure of the Clearfield First National and Houtzdale Banks Forces It to Close.

From Phillipsburg Journal, Oct. 5th. A crushing blow to the business interests of our city and neighborhood was received Monday morning when the Phillipsburg bank failed to open its doors as usual, but instead had posted on the large front window the following notice:

'The continued demand by our depositors is greater than we can meet at once. We deem it best for all their interests to suspend payment and liquidate our affairs. We firmly believe we can pay every depositor in full.'

O. PERRY JONES, Cashier. While the closing of the bank was a big surprise to very many of our people, and a source of the very deepest regret, yet no particular excitement followed the announcement.

The cashier of the bank, Mr. O. Perry Jones, assured all that the bank had sufficient cash and assets to pay its liabilities in full without it being necessary for the stockholders to sacrifice their interests, if sufficient time is given to allow the paper now held by the bank to mature and fully realize its value.

The reason for the closing of the bank was due to the excessive demands made upon it by the depositors immediately after the failure of the Houtzdale and Clearfield banks, particularly by time depositors and people who did not really need their money, but became distrustful, partly because its president, Jonathan Boynton, was connected with the defunct Clearfield bank.

Our business men stood by the bank, however, but as the institution had large sums of money loaned out to individuals on good security when not immediately available, and knowing of the drain that would likely continue, in the interest of all it was thought best to cease payment and go into liquidation.

On Tuesday at about 6 a. m. the Penna. railroad depot was discovered to be afire inside. The alarm was given at once, but as the interior was all afire and no fire apparatus being in the town, it was impossible to extinguish it. Some few articles of freight were taken out, but in a very short time it was a mass of flames and soon was reduced to the ground.

Fire at Snow Shoe. On Tuesday at about 6 a. m. the Penna. railroad depot was discovered to be afire inside. The alarm was given at once, but as the interior was all afire and no fire apparatus being in the town, it was impossible to extinguish it.

A Guarantee. Bellefonte people don't like to patronize a poor show and for that reason many people left the opera house last Monday evening after the first and second acts of 'electric spark.'

Reception to Father McArdle. Father McArdle failed to return to Bellefonte on Friday from his trip abroad and the reception was postponed. He arrived on Monday and was tendered a hearty welcome by members of the congregation who assembled in the church on that occasion.

A Sad Affair. Last Saturday an infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Nelson, of Phillipsburg, died. Some embalming fluid in a small bowl used to prevent the dead child's face from discoloring was placed near the corpse.

Steel Vaults. The commissioners are thinking of having the various offices and vaults in the court house fitted up with steel cases and shelves manufactured especially for that purpose by the Office Specialty Mfg. Co., of Rochester, N. Y.

Money in Horses. The Methodist Conference of Iowa has dropped a horse-dealing parson from its list of membership, at his own request. He said he had too much money invested in horses to quit the business.

Fall Weather. Tuesday was the first real cold day of the season. Most people built fires in their stoves and overcoats were worn during the day.

Next Wednesday will be a gala day for Bellefonte, as on that occasion the Odd Fellows of this place will dedicate their handsome hall in the Crider building. Over one hundred sister lodges have been invited to be present and a large number have already signified their acceptance.

VALUABLE FIRE CLAY.

A Big Find of the Material Made Near Altoona.

There has been a big find of fire clay not more than a hundred miles from Altoona, and the finder is the fortunate ex-Sheriff Miles Walker, of Bellefonte. Mr. Walker has been here nearly two weeks for the purpose of having his clay tested at the Allegheny fire clay works, under the supervision of Curtis Moyer, who is an expert in that line of business.

The section by measurement shows twelve feet of good brown clay, two feet of fine soft white clay, two feet solid clay not quite so fine and six feet of homogeneous material showing a clay of extraordinary character, and making in all, twenty-two feet of good clay, and the shaft not yet down to the bottom.

The lower stratum of clay produced a peculiar kind of brick. It resulted in a vitreous composition of dark color and conchoidal fracture, resembling anthracite coal but hard as flint. All the bricks were subject to high heat for a period of 132 hours and came out all right.

Mr. Walker owns 1,800 acres all under laid with this clay, and with any kind of encouragement he will go on and put up works for its manufacture.—Altoona Tribune.

Odd Fellows Day.

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The following route has been selected for the parade: Column will form with right resting on the Diamond and High streets and move over the following route:

North on Allegheny to Linn street, east on Linn to the residence of C. M. Bower, Esq., and counter march to Spring street, thence by Spring to Bishop, east along Bishop to Ridge and counter march to Allegheny, then north along Allegheny to the place of starting and the parade will be dismissed.

The column will halt on Allegheny street with the right resting south of High, to an open order and inward face, to allow the grand officers and column to move in reversed position to point of dismissal.

Visiting their old Homes.

Last Thursday evening Mrs. Noah J. Stover and little daughter Josie, Mrs. James Frazier and two small children, and Mr. and Mrs. Israel Fisher, all of Kansas, arrived in Bellefonte and will spend several months visiting parents and friends in this vicinity.

New Streets.

Brief ordinances were read at the last council making Linn, Lamb and Curtin streets open from their present termini to the eastern line of the boro. Armor street was declared open from the north side of Linn street to the South side of Beaver. A new street was declared open 137 feet west from the eastern line of the boro and extending parallel to it, to be 50 feet wide.

Olewine-Bottorf.

It is announced that the marriage of Mr. John Olewine and Miss M. Elizabeth Bottorf, will be solemnized on this Thursday noon at the residence of the bride's parents, near Lemont. Both parties are well known in this vicinity and this announcement carries with it many hearty congratulations.

Committed to Jail for Loud Talking.

During criminal court last week in the Dauphin county courts, Judge Siminton had occasion to call a young woman before him, from the court room audience, administer a rebuke, and then sentence her to jail for being too demonstrative in her enjoyment of a witness.

Fall Weather.

Tuesday was the first real cold day of the season. Most people built fires in their stoves and overcoats were worn during the day. Fall season has practically set in and heavier clothes will be necessary. The steam heat should be turned on at once.



GEORGE N. BRANDON.

The above is a true portrait of one of Bellefonte's promising young men—Geo. N. Brandon. It is hardly necessary to connect the name with the portrait, as most people in this vicinity are acquainted with, or know of, the original.

For several years congregations, public gatherings, select social parties, and especially during the past year, the many large audiences that assembled at the Garman Opera House, have sat silent while this young man rendered upon the piano with ease and skill the classical productions of the old masters with such accurate interpretation and soul inspiring expression, which always elicited rounds of approving applause.

The subject of this sketch is the only son of Geo. B. Brandon, the popular proprietor of the Brokerhoff House, this place. He was born May 15, 1873, at Jersey City, N. J., and spent his younger days there, where he attended the City public school No. 3.

He became a student in the Bellefonte High school in 1888 and was a member of the class of '91 graduated last June, of which he was one of its foremost students. On Monday the young gentleman left for New York City to seek his fortune; and where he will have better facilities to continue his musical studies.

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The result of the entertainment will place the Y. M. C. A., of this place on a clear footing again and it is to be hoped, that from past experience, they will know that an indebtedness of any kind is a bad thing to carry. Pay as you go, everytime.

Change of Firm.

From an advertisement found in another column it will be learned that the firm of Jackson & Reynolds, millers, has dissolved, W. Fred Reynolds retiring, and the business will be continued by Mr. Geo. W. Jackson. Mr. Jackson has a complete and improved mill and is able to turn out the very best quality of flour and feed. The public have long been acquainted with Mr. Jackson and all know they will be properly cared for when dealing at his mill.

Lock Haven capitalists feel positive that oil and natural gas can be found in Gallagher township if they drill down 2,300 feet. A professional smeller has been over the field and gives out this startling information. All that remains to be done is for them to dig.

If you want to buy a fine parlor ornament, visit Naginey's furniture rooms on Bishop street.

CLEARFIELD'S CRISIS.

CLEARFIELD AND HOUTZDALE BANKS FAIL.

Great Excitement Follows—Rev. Wm. H. Dill, the President of both institutions Arrested and taken to Jail—May not be As bad as first reported.

The First National bank of Clearfield, of which Wm. H. Dill is president, closed its doors Wednesday morning of last week, much to the surprise of many. This institution is one of the oldest, and for years considered among the strongest national banks of the state.

About this time Vice President A. F. Boynton withdrew and sold his stock. This again created excitement, and the depositors felt shaky and continued to pull out from time to time until Saturday, when a heavy run was made, which kept up Monday and Tuesday, aggregating about \$40,000. This run left the bank in a bad condition.

President Dill submitted the following for publication: 'An unprecedented run on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday on the First National bank of Clearfield, amounting to nearly \$40,000, made it impossible to continue business, and, therefore, the bank suspends payment.'

On Thursday, October 1, Wm. Miller, a bank examiner, arrived from Washington and took charge of the bank. A cursory examination by him showed that there was only about \$1,500 in cash in the institution. There was \$123,000 on deposit. A considerable amount of the assets were in the shape of paper, but a large amount of this was by parties not known to the examiner or the clerks in the bank.

Bank Examiner Miller discovered false entries in the books on Friday and President Dill was under arrest and under \$20,000 bail, which was soon furnished. A second warrant was sworn out later upon the charge of false entries. The amount of bail asked for was \$70,000 which could not be obtained and he remained in the custody of Capt. Clark and another officer at his residence.

HOUTZDALE BANK CLOSES.

The Houtzdale bank was purchased by Dill recently and it is a private concern. When the news of the Clearfield failure reached Houtzdale, Cashier McGrath closed up that bank. A few days previous Dill took a large portion of the deposits from the Houtzdale bank to Clearfield as he claimed it would be more secure there. The Clearfield failure at once closed up the other bank, as there was not more than \$63,000 available assets to pay \$200,000 deposits.

On Friday night a party arrived from Houtzdale with a warrant charging Dill with the embezzlement of \$85,000 and insisted upon his being locked up. Accordingly about 10 o'clock that night Dill was taken to jail. He was accompanied by his wife and was not placed in a cell.

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The latest news from Clearfield are more hopeful, and it is now believed the failure of the First National bank will be traced to the carrying of too great an amount of business paper, and that no evidence of fraud will be shown against President Dill. The United States authorities have fixed Friday next for a hearing of the case, and if the bail asked is not excessive, should the evidence warrant the holding of Dill at all, the bail will be promptly forthcoming.

The Philad. Branch is now prepared for the fall trade and they have unpacked an immense line of clothing—new styles, new goods, new designs and the very lowest prices.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Issued During the Past Week—Taken From the Docket.

- Wm. Brown and Mary Emma Lee, both of Phillipsburg. J. C. Vinnet, Mt. Eagle and Lillian C. Gates, of Nittany. James Fer-neck and Annie Herman, both of Phillipsburg. Isaac W. Baney, Bellefonte and Mary Grenoble, Zion. I. N. Haupt and Sadie Keeler, both of Bellefonte. John Gibson and Mary Carson, both of Powlton. J. T. Shenefelt, Birmingham and Agnes M. Webner, Nittany. John I. Snaveley and Jennie V. Royer, both of Potter twp.

'Little Nugget.' Watch, wait and see the only funny show coming—'Little Nugget,' a farce comedy with a plot; produced by a perfect company of artists; overflowing with new and catchy music; sparkling with new topical songs; ornamental with new dances; embellished with fascinating dresses and pretty girls.

—Alfred Richard, of Phillipsburg, had two fingers cut off on Monday by a circular saw, while at work in Hoover, Hughes & Co's, mill, that place.

—Last Thursday a child of Mr. T. B. Buddinger, Snow Shoe, died of malignant diphtheria. The body was taken by hearse to Williamsport for interment.

—Naginey's furniture store on Bishop street is an interesting place to visit; the room is filled with all kinds of handsome furniture among which are some very fine pieces of workmanship.

—Mrs. Tamson Sellers, widow of the late John Sellers, died at her home in Milesburg on Tuesday morning. Her age was 79 years; two sons and two daughters survive her.

—Last Friday W. E. Gheen, of Jersey Shore, sold his grocery store at this place, to James McCulley, Jr., who will continue the business at the former stand. Mr. McCulley has had the experience in that business to make a success of it.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Table with columns for grain types and prices. Includes items like White wheat, Red wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Cloverseed, Ground plaster, Apples, Raisins, Beans, Onions, Butter, Cheese, Country Shoulders, Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Lard, Eggs, Potatoes, Dried Beef, Canned Beef, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Corn, Lemons, Dried Sweet Corn.

SALEMEN WANTED. Local or Traveling, to sell our Nursery Stock. Salary, Expenses and Steady Employment guaranteed. CHASE BROTHERS COMPANY, Dec. 91. Rochester, N. Y.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION. BELLEFONTE, Pa., October 1st, 1891. The firm of Geo. W. Jackson & Co., Millers and Grain Dealers, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. W. Fred Reynolds retiring. All persons having claims against them will present them for payment. All persons indebted to them will please make settlement. GEO. W. JACKSON, W. FRED REYNOLDS.

BELLEFONTE, Pa., October 1st, 1891. The undersigned having leased the Phoenix Mills, which recently have been remodelled and made almost new, with all the latest improvements in roller milling, and turning out a grade of flour that cannot be surpassed, thanks the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on the Mill during the past thirty years and hopes to merit a continuance of the same. GEO. W. JACKSON.

The Soap for Hard Water is Lenox.