

RACKET STORE NEWS.

THE OVERFLOW,

that is customers, we could not possibly wait on last Saturday, kept some of the pretentious stores of the town from looking deserted.

WHY IS THIS THUS?

The why of it is that our stock for just what U want is unequalled in the county, and as for prices, "aye, there's the rub." If U want a Ladies' Coat, a New Dress with late style trimming, Furs, Corsets, Stamped linens for embroidery, China silks, all shades for fancy work, Ribbons, Hosiery, Cashmere gloves, Silk, Cashmere and wool mittens, a Gloria Silk Umbrella, Underwear for Men, Women and Children, Shoes and Rubbers, Zephyr Saxony—Utopia Germantown, Stocking and German knitting yarns, Fancy and Useful baskets, Lace Curtains and Curtin Poles. Anything under regular price.

Too much to talk about.

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LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

—Mr. James R. Alexander, Esq., of this place, has been quite ill of late with typhoid fever.

—Mr. Daniel Bartges, one of Spring Mills representative citizens, was in town the past week and paid us a pleasant call.

—Prof. Frank Rearick, the musician and publisher, of Spring Mills, came to Bellefonte on Saturday astride his bicycle.

—Little "Mac," son of W. C. Heinle, Esq., received a bad cut on his head last week from one of his playmates at school.

—Miss Lambert, daughter of Col. Lambert, of Philadelphia, is being entertained at the residence of General Hastings.

—Mr. John Conly, of near Centre Hall, was in town on Tuesday and paid us a visit. Mr. Conly is a prosperous farmer and an active democrat in that district.

—We were pleased to see the Hon. John T. McCormick, of Ferguson twp., in town the other day. He had been on the sick list for several weeks but is able to be about again.

—John Condo, the hustling commercial tourist—commonly called a drummer—was a pleasant caller recently. John is a genuine democrat and always on hand on election day.

—Harry C. Baney left a sample of fine toilet soap, manufactured by Yecker Bros., Lancaster, at this office. He has been selling their goods through this county for some time.

—O. C. Dewitt, who for a number of years was an employee in the tailoring establishment of Montgomery & Co., left on Monday morning for Cleveland, Ohio, at which place he will make his future residence.

—A handsome roof is being put on the Centre county bank building. The building will also be painted and when completed will present a fine and imposing appearance. That institution is always in for improvements.

—A farmers institute, under the direction of the State Board of Agriculture, will be held at Millheim some time during the coming winter. Meetings or no meetings in that section, the farmers in that vicinity are generally considered the best. They can raise good crops when others fail.

—The old members of the Bellefonte band have been holding meetings during the past week and are getting in good shape. About ten new men will join the organization, and most of them have belonged to other bands and can handle a horn. The indications are that we will soon have a first class band.

—That was a great speech D. F. Fortney made in court last Thursday in the case of Henry M. Meek vs. Wm. Witmer, with nobody to listen but the Court, the opposing counsel and the reporter. Many of the best arguments and speeches made by our attorneys are made only to the Court. When Fortney gets down to thoroughly go through a case he is never excelled in his arguments.

—Last week one of our prominent attorneys grew wrothy at an article in the Gazette, written by Francis Speer. A libel suit was threatened and when the scribe attempted to interview the enraged barrister, he waxed more wrothy and in a very unceremonious manner ejected the poor scribe from the law office. A newspaper man's life is nothing but a string of troubles, and we can heartily sympathize with Bro. Speer in his misfortunes.

A TRIP TO HASTINGS.

A BUSY COAL CENTRE IN CAMBRIA COUNTY.

A Remarkable Growth in Three Years—Large Coal Operations that are in their Infancy—The Country Developing—Interesting Railroad War—What Colonel Spangler is Doing There—Centre county Pluck and Enterprise Wins.

For several years past, the citizens of this community have heard and read of a new and recently developed coal fields in Cambria county. As a certain portion is owned and operated by a company composed of some of the prominent men of Bellefonte, that region becomes all the more interesting. For the purpose of taking a pleasure trip, the writer concluded to accept an invitation to visit the town of Hastings, in the northern part of Cambria county, to see a real mining town in full bloom.

To reach Hastings by rail, the trip was over the P. R. R. to Bellwood. There a change is made to Penna. & Northwestern railroad, or what formerly was the Bell's Gap railroad, on which you travel as far as La Jose. The ride from Bellwood for many miles is a climb up the heavy grade. The road hugs the mountain sides for miles, crossing intervening ravines, then back along the sides of an opposing hill, thus making numerous horse shoe curves several miles long and probably less than a quarter of a mile distant at the points, which are of different elevations. By this means the train winds about until you are on the summit, many hundred feet above the starting point. The trip to La Jose is of little import. You are on the highlands of the Allegheny mountains. The soil does not appear to be the most fertile. The timber of this region was cut years ago; it is sparsely settled and the people are either engaged in working small farms or are employed about the mines.

At La Jose you change cars for Hastings, a seven mile branch of the Penna. (Clearfield and Cambria) railroad which takes you to your objective point, the present terminus of that road. As the town of Hastings did not exist three years ago, and the surface was a dense forest covered with a heavy growth of hemlock and laurel, and having seen many mining towns in other parts of the state—composed chiefly of mere huts built on stumps for foundations—one would naturally expect to see the same at Hastings.

HASTINGS IN VIEW.

After a ride of six hours from Bellefonte, Hastings appeared in view. Owing to the wretched cars and dirty windows, the passengers could see nothing distinctly until they alighted. A surprise was in store; spread out before you is a blooming town, fresh and new, with good buildings, regularly surveyed and graded streets, good boardwalks leading in every direction, several fine churches, hotels, stores, mining operations, new buildings in the course of erection, all of which covers a large area and comprises a population of over 1700 people.

Nearly all the dwelling houses are good size, two-story, frame structures, with solid masonry foundations. The majority of the buildings are handsomely painted, and many would be ornamental to any street in Bellefonte.

There are no less than about twenty stores here and many do a business that would fill some of our merchants with envy. They carry large lines of goods, sell strictly for cash and all appear to be on the highway to prosperity.

The town is well supplied with hotels, there are at least ten of them here and every one has a liquor license. Several hotels are of a good size and are well furnished; while others appear to be in the business only for the purpose of selling rum and they also are successful. The principal streets of the place are nicely graded and stone crossings are in place at every corner.

RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

The people of this town have not forgotten religious work. The first building to attract attention, with its lofty spire and gilded cross, is the large Catholic church located on the hill and can be seen from any part of the town. The priest's home, next to the church, is a neat and attractive residence. This church was completed last January and has the strongest membership. The Methodists have a handsome church building which was completed recently and dedicated about a month ago by Rev. Houck, of Bellefonte. Another church building is in the course of erection and will be the house of worship for the Swedish Lutheran congregation who hold services in their native language and have a fair sized congregation. The members of the Presbyterian faith in that vicinity have organized a congregation and are also contemplating the erection of a handsome house of worship. While the people in that vicinity are great beer drinkers and may be somewhat crude in their morality, yet there is a firm conviction in some and a reverence for the Sabbath and a belief in a God.

The town is an incorporation with active borough officials, who take an interest in the place. They have a large school building with four rooms. Only three are occupied, yet a fourth school may be started this season. A

machine shop is being erected for repairing mining machinery. A brick yard is a recent addition. Many new buildings are being erected for dwellings, stores and one particularly for a bank, which has been established there for some time.

The Hastings Tribune is the name of a sprightly, new and well edited weekly paper published there and is a credit to the town. Mr. Kayler is the editor and publisher, formerly of Philadelphia. It is a fair sized paper, chuck full of home advertisements and local news and has a circulation of almost a thousand.

The population of the town is about 1700, representing at least ten nationalities. The native population of that section of country are German Catholics, who were brought to Cambria county many years ago by Prince Gallitzin, a Russian nobleman and priest, who founded Gallitzin, Pa. These same people have a Catholic church at Carrolltown. (7 miles from Hastings) with a congregation of over 3,000 members. There is established there the order of St. Benedictine, a Monastery, and Sister house and they own over 2,000 acres of the very best coal lands. There is no Protestant church at Carrolltown.

CAMBRIA COAL FIELDS.

It is said that all of Cambria county is underlaid with valuable coal beds of the finest bituminous coal. There are at least three workable veins which range from two to six feet in thickness. As other portions of this state had coal fields this part of Cambria county remained, until recently, undeveloped. Every farmer had several coal drifts on his homestead which were easily worked to supply him with his winter's fuel and they thought no more of it.

THE LOCATION OF HASTINGS.

In the summer of 1887, Colonel J. L. Spangler, one of our prominent attorneys of the Bellefonte bar heard, by chance, of the rich coal deposits in this portion of Cambria county. He made a trip there soon after, and by going in the old drifts found rich veins of coal. Col. Spangler then reported his find to Gen. D. H. Hastings, his intimate friend; and Prof. Isaac Harvey, the geologist, made a careful survey of the region and located the most desirable coal lands. They at once quietly went to work and in a few months secured options on over 11,000 acres of land. Gov. Beaver was taken into the scheme, also. The three gentlemen realized that a big undertaking was before them, which required additional capital and Robert H. Coleman, of Lebanon, was made a partner and gave the financial assistance.

They formed what is known as the Bluebaker Coal Co., with a capital stock of \$500,000; Gen. Beaver is President. Hastings, Spangler and Coleman are the directors. They purchased the 11,000 acres and are adding all they can buy. They also are leasing tracts to other operators for a royalty of about 10 cts. per ton.

BEDBUGS AND FLEAS.

In April 1888 Col. Spangler purchased a farm and timber tract of 175 acres for the location of a town to be called "Hastings." At that time there was but one house, within a half a mile of the town site and there they remained that summer until bedbugs and fleas compelled them to get a tent and establish a camp of their own. The town site was soon lumbered out and buildings began springing up.

The Sterling Coal Co., composed principally of the stockholders of the Bluebaker Coal Co., began operating mines. J. L. Mitchell, of Tyrone, opened a large mine and built 150 coke ovens. Then Campbell & Dunwiddee began operating another tract. These operations employed several hundred men and the town began growing rapidly.

CAPACITY OF THE MINES.

The Sterling Coal company has 5 mines at Hastings with a capacity of 60 cars per day; they also own and operate three large mines at Houtzdale, and own 500 coal cars. Mitchell's operations ship 25 cars of coke and 10 of coal per day. Campbell & Dunwiddee 15 cars per day. Sterling Co. employs over 400 miners, Mitchell about 300 and Campbell & Dunwiddee about 150. Along with other there are over 1,000 men employed about Hastings.

On last Saturday afternoon was the regular two week's pay day at the Sterling office. The writer saw Mr. J. C. Patterson, who is Mr. Spangler's chief assistant, count \$6,700 and pass it out the window in envelopes to the men who thronged and crowded about the office for several hours. Every man gets cash; there are no store order deductions made. It is estimated that no less than \$30,000 are paid out each month by the mine operators.

Col. Spangler is located here and is Supt. for Sterling Coal Co., Hastings Improvement Co., Supt. of the Bluebaker Coal Co., and last but not least of the Spangler Improvement Co. These different interests require his close attention. Gen. Hastings is manager for the Sterling Coal Co., and has his offices at 419 Walnut St., Philadelphia, and 22 Broadway, N. Y. city. The output of these mines is sold almost entirely at the seaboard for supplying steamers.

RAILROAD DEVELOPMENTS.

When these people began operating in the Hastings region there was no railroad within seven miles, and when the P. R. R. officials at Philadelphia were

first asked to build a line to Hastings, to carry away the product of the mines to be operated, one of the influential directors somewhat sarcastically remarked: "We will build you a cow path; that will give you all the accommodations necessary." They finally consented and the road was completed to Hastings. Another branch is being built from Crescent to Hastings which will be finished in the course of a few months.

The Beech Creek road, owned by the New York Central is pushing its lines into this region and is a formidable rival to P. R. R. The Pattons, McGees, Langs, Kerr and other capitalists own many thousand acres of coal lands adjoining the Bluebaker Coal Co's. property and they want to ship over the Beech Creek road providing it puts a line in Cambria Co. They have located lines from Kernore to La Jose and the P. R. R. is locating lines there also, for the purpose of blocking their way to the Patton and other lands, by way of Chest-creek. The B. C. R. R. then played another scheme. They located another line from Gazzim, their present terminus, to Mahaffey, thence to Cherry Tree, and up the Susquehanna into these lands, then through Indiana county to connect with the Pittsburg & Western; thus giving the New York & Central and the Philad. & Reading a through line to Pittsburg, Chicago and the West which it is claimed would be 100 miles shorter than by the P. R. R., and would place them in the heart of these large coal fields.

The P. R. R. is awake also and have some of their very best engineers and railroad men at work in this country. Both companies have their engineers located at Cherry Tree and are working side by side, running parallel lines up the head waters of the Susquehanna, each trying to secure the right of way, in order to block the other. The engineer corps often work side by side, using signs only in giving bearings etc. At one point a personal encounter took place and a B. C. engineer was doused headlong into the river.

These roads are about four miles west of Hastings. The Bluebaker Coal Co. have most of their lands here and have leased a number of tracts to operators.

"SPANGLER" BOOMING.

Col. Spangler seeing these railroad operations at once purchased a farm along the Susquehanna four miles from Hastings and seven from Cherry Tree, which by its location is a central point of that coal region, and is on the line of these two great railroads. The P. R. R. intend to put in yards and repair shops at this place. The coal companies interested in and about Spangler will be: Sterling Coal Co., 3 operations; Glennwood Coal Co., 2 operations; Carbon Coal Co., 1 operation; Walnut Run Coal Co., 3 operations and others will follow. It is estimated that fully 50,000 acres of coal lands will be controlled and operated from this point. Taking all these facts into consideration the new town of "Spangler" promises to outstrip Hastings in a short time. The town plot has been laid out, arrangements have been completed for street gradings and a number of parties have made application for town lots, which will be sold at auction, on the ground in a short time. The Cambria & Clearfield railroad from Crescent has its road there now.

This short sketch will give our people some idea of what is transpiring there in the heart of Cambria county. Too much credit can not be given to Gen. Hastings, Col. Spangler and Gov. Beaver for their remarkable undertaking in this great coal field. Their operations are of a large scope, and have become exceedingly valuable.

We often heard of Hastings, but a visit there was necessary to convince us that it was far beyond our expectations. It is a booming country; plenty of capital is interested, and in the course of a very few years we predict it will be one of the largest and most important bituminous coal centers of Pennsylvania.

Howard Yerger is located here and is prospering. He is a mining engineer. Scott Harris has been located at Hastings for several years and holds a position at Mitchell's mines.

PLEASANTLY ENTERTAINED.

The writer takes this opportunity of expressing his appreciation of the hospitality and entertainment extended while there by Col. Spangler and his estimable wife, who are at present living at the club house of the Sterling Coal Co., at Hastings. This is the finest building of the town; is large and of handsome design, heated by steam and furnished in exquisite style. They here have all the comforts to be desired, and they consider it a pleasure to entertain friends from their home of Bellefonte. Our short trip to Hastings was, in short, very pleasant and exceedingly interesting. Thinking that a short sketch of the trip would be of interest to our readers we have described what was to be seen and enjoyed.

C. R. K.

Cleary Case to be Appealed.

The Cleary murder case, at Lock Haven, is to be carried to the Supreme Court again by the lawyers for the defense, Messrs. McCormick and Kress.

—The prices at Mingle's shoe store were always the most reasonable. Good reliable stock that always sells on its merits.

LADIES' AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Women in Every County to Aid the World's Fair Managers.

Executive Commissioner Whitman of the board of World's fair managers will establish a ladies auxiliary in every county of the state to co-operate with the committee on woman's work of the board in enlisting the interest and active effort of the ladies of Pennsylvania in the endeavor to secure as large an exhibit as practicable of the products of their sex at the Columbian exposition. These societies will be under the immediate direction of the committee on woman's work of which Mrs. Harriet A. Lucas, of Philadelphia, is chairman. The naming of the ladies has been left to the members of the board in the several counties which have immediate representatives thereon.

This county will be represented by the following ladies:

Mrs. Henrietta Foster, Philipsburg; Mrs. L. H. Barnard, State College; Mrs. Cameron Burnside, Howard; Mrs. W. K. Alexander, Millheim; Mrs. Witmer Wolf, Centre Hall; Miss Alice Wilson, Miss Mary Brockerhoff, Mrs. W. F. Reeder, Miss Gertrude Reber, Bellefonte.

W. H. Dill Case Postponed.

In the United States Court on last Monday at Pittsburg, a postponement was granted in case of W. H. Dill, president of the First National Bank, of Clearfield, charged with attempts to defraud depositors. To secure postponement, Judge Orvis, counsel for the accused, read the affidavits of Dr. Shearer, Dill's family physician; Mrs. Edith B. Dill, his wife; Thos. E. Clark, the deputy who arrested Dill; ex-Senator Wallace, Oscar Mitchell, J. F. Snyder and others, showing that Dill's mental condition was such that he could not stand the strain of a protracted trial, and Judge Orvis said in his own affidavit that Dill could not assist him in preparing the case.

United States Attorney Lyon made no strenuous resistance to the motion for continuance, which was accordingly done to the May term of 1892.

The case will be a very protracted one.

Long in Business.

We dare say that no one in this valley, not even in the county, can lay claim to having been in continuous business longer than Maj. J. B. Fisher, merchant at Penn Hall. We think we do not overshoot the mark when we set the period at 40 years, as per our recollection. His trade in that time has been as large as that of any store in the valley, and from the opening of business at that point, has gradually sprung up the village of Penn Hall. The Major is still as attentive to business as ever, and it is rarely you find any one to confine himself as closely to all the details as has been his habit. Of course success is natural to follow such perseverance, and the integrity that characterized all his dealings deservedly gained him the implicit confidence of the people and his patrons find him at the old post as regularly as a quarter of a century ago, assisted now by one of his sons.—Reporter.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Issued During the Past Week—Taken From the Docket.

Grant A. Katen and Mary J. Richner, both of Philipsburg.

W. L. Shuey and E. J. Young, both of Boalsburg.

James E. Stover and Annie E. Horner, both of Potter twp.

Wilson Flegal and Maimie Campbell, both of Philipsburg.

A Mighty Hunter.

George Naugle, of Philipsburg, is a mighty hunter, indeed. Last Friday he strolled out of that town two or three miles and brought home a deer, and, not satisfied with that performance, he repeated the feat on Saturday. If the other hunters around that town want to bring down any game this year they had better combine to send Naugle out of the country for a while.

A New Bank.

It is said that a National Bank will soon be established in Philipsburg with the following officers in charge: President, O. B. Schoonover; Vice-President, J. N. Cassanova; Cashier, W. E. Irwin. Such men at the head of affairs would insure its success from the start.

Gone to Boston.

On Tuesday morning, Nov. 10, Mrs. John P. Harris, and her daughter, Miss Edith, of this city, departed for Boston, Mass. Their purpose while there will be to attend the International Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which meets in that city.

Died at Beech Creek.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Quay died at Beech Creek on the 9th inst., aged seventy-six years. She leaves a husband, one son and three daughters. Mrs. Quay was a sister of J. H. McClure, of Bellefonte, and was a member of the M. E. church for some fifty years.

—Going lively—the new stock of overcoats at the Philad. Branch.

—The large stock and elegant assortment of goods always kept on hand by Mingle, the shoe dealer, is the reason so many people patronize that store.

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Rochester Clothing House!

ON HAND.

With the approach of the Fall and Winter season of 1891 and '92 the famous Rochester Clothing House is fully prepared to supply the wants of its many patrons in this county. An immense stock of everything in the line of clothing is on hand for your inspection.

CAN PLEASE YOU.

As we make a study of the wants of our customers, we feel satisfied that we can more than please them with our handsome and new line of goods. We have no old stock in our store—remember that.

RELIABLE GOODS.

Our house has established and retains the reputation to-day of handling nothing but reliable goods. Buy from us once; you will become a permanent customer.

OUR PRICES.

Every merchant or clothing house advertises as being the lowest in price. It is not necessary for us to do that—the public has learned that from dealing with us.

COMPLETE.

We have complete and full lines of everything and anything in the shape of Clothing or Gents Furnishing Goods. Don't fail to come and see our Fall and Winter stock. It is a fine show in itself.

M. FAUBLE,

PROPRIETOR,

BELLEFONTE, PA.