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THE RACKET

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

—Mr. T. F. Brumgard, of Rebersburg, was in town on Tuesday. He reports everything favorable in that section.

—Mr. T. F. Kennedy, of State College, had business in town on Wednesday and found time to favor us with a short call.

—George Brandon, the popular proprietor of the Brokerhoff House, has returned from a two weeks visit to friends in New York.

—Aaron Williams spent last week hunting deer in the mountains back of Port Matilda. They brought two deer home, one of which Mr. Woodring killed.

—"She couldn't marry three," of course she couldn't, and all at the same time. It would make trouble in the household—at the opera house next Monday evening.

—On Saturday afternoon the Academy boys defeated the High school team at foot ball by a score of 8 to 6. It was an exceedingly interesting contest and a well played game.

—Mr. Lawrence Fox, of Boalsburg, was in town on Monday and called to see us. He likes to read a genuine democratic paper, and of course renewed his subscription.

—The Jacob Arney, dec'd., homestead and farm, near Centre Hall, one of the finest in Pennsylv., was purchased recently by Dr. Geo. Arney, of Altoona, for \$7,000.

—It is reported that Lawrence Brown, formerly engaged in the coal business at Bellefonte, is quite ill with Bright's disease and is a patient in the hospital of the University of Penna. at Philadelphia.

—Jury commissioner Geo. Bower, of Haines twp., is in town this week attending to duties pertaining to that office. He is an intelligent and agreeable gentleman and is just the kind of a democrat we like to meet.

—Mr. D. C. Keller, of Centre Hall, formerly County Treasurer, is a frequent visitor in town. Mr. Keller lives on one of the finest farms in Pennsylv. and puts in his spare time buying and shipping cattle. He manages to ship from four to six carloads each month to the Philadelphia markets.

—The ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union expect to open a cooking school at this place next February. It is the intention to give the young ladies of the town some practical ideas as to how to get up a decent meal and keep trouble out of the household. Great scheme—divorce cases can be prevented often by such means.

—Last Saturday the State College foot ball team defeated the Haverford team on the latter's ground by a score of 58 to 0. This gives the State College team the pennant and they have been rejoicing greatly over their success. It was a well earned victory and Centre county people are proud of them.

—Joe. McSully, the artistic sign painter, of this place, left on last Thursday morning with the Hettie Bernard Chase company. They travel in their own pullman palace car, and having heard of Joe's accomplishments, engaged him, at a nice salary, to go along and paint the car in the finest style. Joe. can do it as he is a first class artist.

—Doc. Pettingill informed the writer on Saturday that it is correct that he will soon publish a medical work. He assures us that it will be a valuable book and that when put on sale will have a large demand. In it he will give to the public the information and knowledge acquired from years of practice as a physician.

—Prof. W. T. Meyer had a singing class under direction in the Presbyterian chapel during the past two months with the most satisfactory results. He has been solicited to take another class in charge after the holidays and will do so providing fifty scholars can be obtained at \$1 each. Mr. Meyer has had many years experience in such work and is a fine instructor.

NAIL WORKS DIFFICULTIES.

GEN. BEAVER ASSUMES THE INDEBTEDNESS.

The Business Driven to the Wall by the wire Nail Industry—A Large Number of Men Out of Employment.

For some time it has been known in this section that the Bellefonte Iron & Nail company was embarrassed, and that the firm had recently found it necessary to suspend operations. The amount of liabilities made it necessary for Gen. Beaver to execute a deed of trust to Mr. Jennings, of Harrisburg, for a large sum. The following we consider a clear statement of the case: General Beaver, as president of the Bellefonte Iron & Nail company, which cannot at present meet its liabilities, has assumed its indebtedness and an extension of three years was granted by its creditors. For the purpose of securing the creditors, the General transferred all his property, including a paid-up life insurance policy for \$60,000, to a trustee acceptable to the creditors, a large number of whom have indicated the Commonwealth guarantee, trust and safe deposit company, of Harrisburg, as the trustee.

Those familiar with the status of affairs say there is very little if any doubt about the extension being granted by the creditors, as they will be more certainly secured in that way than otherwise. Active measures will be at once taken to have the works resume operation. The depression in the nail business is said to be largely the cause of the suspension. The works are in excellent order and favorably located both for labor, fuel and iron.

General Beaver's friends say he has abundant property to cover all the indebtedness of the company, whose liabilities are about \$200,000. The mill has a capacity of 540 kegs of cut nails per day and with fourteen puddling furnaces and three heating ovens is complete in every respect.

Most of the company's paper is held by banks throughout the state, and the failure will not affect any other interests in Bellefonte. The only persons involved will be the stockholders of the concern, who are General Beaver, J. P. Gephart, J. W. Gephart and Mrs. L. T. Munson.

The talk that General Hastings has leased the plant and intends putting in machinery for making wire nails is not correct, though such an enterprise is looked upon with much favor by Bellefonte capitalists, as Centre county iron makes excellent wire, and with coal so near this mill should be able to compete with the Western factories and find ready sale for its product.

Speaking of the firm's embarrassment, a gentleman who is in the nail business says: "The iron mills, that is the rolling mills, are paying much better than the nail mills. The Eastern concerns are suffering from an overstocked market, caused by the rapid development of the fast nail-making machines of the west. Why, there are enough nail machines in this country, which, if kept running steadily for forty-two consecutive days, could make all the nails that the country could use in a year.

"There is no money in the nail business now and there hasn't been for the past three years. I don't believe there is a nail mill in the country which has declared a dividend during the past year."

Filling the Wheel.

Jury Commissioners George Bower, of Aaronsburg, and Samuel Aley, of Marion twp., began work this week on selecting a new lot of jurymen for the ensuing year. The list of names made out is 650 and is apportioned politically and generally upon the vote cast for Black and Watres, for Lieut. Governor in 1890. The jurors are selected on the proportion of 74 for ever 100 votes cast.

TOTAL VOTE CAST.

Chauncey Black, Democrat..... 5,113
Louis Watres, Republican..... 3,509

Total No. of Jurors drawn..... 650

Democratic Jurors..... 382
Republican Jurors..... 268

The next apportionment will be based upon the vote cast for President in 1892. Dept. Geo. B. Crawford was selected by the board as secretary and he makes a good official. The commissioners have hundreds of applicants for position as jurymen. They are exercising much care so that good reliable names only compose the list.

Fine Book Case.

Last Saturday Mr. Frank Naginey, the enterprising Bishop street furniture dealer, placed a large and handsome book case in the law offices of Orvis, Bower & Orvis, in the Crider exchange building. The case extends along the entire side of the room and will hold several hundred volumes. It is a fine piece of furniture and the firm is pleased with it.

Died at Beech Creek.

John S. Romig, of Beech Creek died on Thursday at one o'clock p. m. of heart disease, aged 74 years. Deceased leaves a wife, three sons and two daughters. The funeral occurred on Sunday forenoon at 10.30 o'clock from the Eagleville Dieple church.

NO JONAH IN THAT WHALE.

But a Five-Gallon Demijohn of Good Rye Whiskey.

A sperm whale was found on the Maryland beach Saturday night about fifteen miles from where the United States steamer Dispatch foundered.

The monster is 30 feet long and weighs about 10,000 pounds. The surfmen have cut it up and will reduce it to oil. Inside of the whale were found a number of empty bottles and a five-gallon demijohn sealed up and full of good old rye whiskey.

This may appear incredible, but the demijohn was exhibited there with its contents intact, and reliable parties saw it.

County Detective Abolished.

For several years past the DEMOCRAT frequently called upon the court and district attorney to abolish the office of County Detective. Our reason was, to abolish an unnecessary item of expense upon the taxpayers of this county. The act of 1874, creating such an office, says that such an officer can be appointed when the court and district attorney deem it necessary. It did not mean that when a man was appointed that such service should be continual.

In Centre county the county detective received a salary of \$20 per month or \$240 per year. The only use made of the official was for serving notices, making arrests, etc., for which he received the regular stipulated fee. This same service could have been rendered by any constable, who is the real officer elected for that purpose. Then by mailing such papers to the constables living in the vicinity of the party to be reached, much additional cost could be saved in the form of mileage. Again, when the district attorney is in need of a special officer, upon the commission of some great crime, better results can be obtained by engaging an officer for that event and at a less cost than \$240 per year.

Last week District Attorney Meyer presented a petition to court in which these objections were embodied, praying that the office be abolished, and the same was granted by Judge Furst.

Col. Amos Mullen, the present incumbent since 1885, will serve until the end of the month of December. The taxpayers of Centre county will not object to seeing this item of \$240 per year disappear from the annual statement. The DEMOCRAT says "Amen," for it boldly and fearlessly, during the past year, demanded such a move. Economy in public offices always reduces the burden of taxation.

Institute Entertainments.

During the coming session of the Teachers' Institute there will be three evening entertainments. The first one on Monday evening will be a lecture by Hon. Henry Houck, deputy State Superintendent of Public Schools, who will lecture on the subject "Bound to Win."

On Tuesday evening Hon. Henry Hall, of New York, will deliver his famous lecture on "The Gospel of Get There."

On Wednesday evening the entertainment will be by the Kellogg Concert Company. This undoubtedly is one of the best concert companies on the road and Superintendent Eiters is to be congratulated on his success in securing them.

A New Bridge Wanted.

At argument court at Lock Haven last week on petition of citizens of Beech Creek, Clinton county, and citizens of Liberty twp., this county, the Court granted a rule on the county commissioners to show cause why a new bridge should not be erected at Beech Creek. The Sheriff served the papers on the commissioners. Commissioner Mussina stated that last Spring the Commissioners of Centre and Clinton counties met at Beech Creek and offered to erect the superstructure of a bridge if the borough of Beech Creek and Liberty twp., would erect the abutments. The offer was not accepted.

Mr. Frain Honored.

Mr. Isaac Frain, of Abdera, attended the meetings of Pomona Grange on last Friday at Centre Hall, and was for the fourth time elected to the office of Master. Mr. Frain is a gentleman of broad depth of mind and the members of the order recognizing his intellectual ability refused that he should go out of office, although it was his sincere wish that the order should elect some other to fill his position. With such earnest and sincere men at the head, the Grange is bound to prosper and increase in membership.—Reporter.

Fisher-Kaup.

This Thursday evening an interesting event will take place at Boalsburg when Mr. John Fisher and Miss Eva Kaup will be united in marriage. The ceremony will be performed in the Lutheran church at that place at 7.30 in the evening. A reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kaup, after the ceremony. The contracting parties are from the prominent families of that community and are well and favorably known throughout that community. We wish them well in their new venture.

—Get one quick—one of those late style, handsomely made overcoats at the Philad. Branch.

THE STATE'S SCHOOLS.

REPORT OF SUPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION WALLER.

Some Interesting Statistics—Nearly a Quarter Million Schools and 969,500 pupils—Centre county Schools.

The annual report of Superintendent of Public Instruction Waller for the school year ending June 1 last, will be issued the latter part of the present month. Like all similar documents issued from this department it is largely made up of statistics well worth the careful perusal of every friend of the public school system in Pennsylvania. The report shows that there are 22,884 schools in the state with 969,500 pupils. Philadelphia leads with 2,694 schools, followed by Allegheny county with 1,659. Cameron county with its 46 has less schools than any other county in the state. They are attended by 1,468 pupils, taught by 63 teachers. The average attendance is 1,093. Pike has 64 schools, Sullivan 80, and Forest 60.

The average length of the school term in months in Delaware county is 8.42 or 1.96 higher than the average length in the state. Delaware has a longer term than any other county, and Fulton, with but six months, the shortest. Lebanon and Venango are at the head of the column of the highest average per cent. of attendance, each being rated at 90. Monroe and Pike are lowest, each being placed at 75. Fulton ranks one point higher. The average cost per month for each pupil is higher in Forest and lower in Perry than any other county. The cost in Forest is \$1.44; Mercer, \$1.35; Perry, 78 cents, and Monroe and Clarion, 83 cents each.

CENTRE COUNTY'S SCHOOLS.

Whole number of districts, 32; number of schools, 256; average number of months taught, 6.35; teachers (males), 159; (females), 102; average salary of males per month, \$35.23; females, \$29.60; scholars (males), 5,298; (females), 4,819; average number attending school, 6,733; average per cent. of attendance, 82; cost per month, \$1.07; number of mills levied for school purposes, 5.35; number of mills levied for building purposes, 1.75; total amount of taxes levied for school and building purposes, \$70,879.59; state appropriation, \$18,041.66; receipts from taxes and all other sources except state appropriation, \$81,486.19; total receipts, \$99,527.85; cost of school houses, purchasing, building, renting, etc., \$8,058.98; teachers' wages, \$56,428.89; fuel, contingencies, fees of collectors and all other expenses, \$31,190.31; total expenditures, \$95,673.14; resources, \$15,740.14; liabilities, \$40,681.78.

State College Squibs.

Dr. Frear has become proprietor of the Scientific Agriculturalist a paper published in New York and the leading paper of its class. Dr. Frear will edit the paper himself.

The Seniors of the civil engineering department will probably make a trip to New York and vicinity during next January, for the purpose of studying engineering structures.

Two hundred and forty students are on the college register of this term, an increase of forty-four over any previous term.

The playing of the postponed Haverford game last Saturday ends up a satisfactory foot ball season. State College made the best record of any team in the league and is entitled to the pennant.

Death of an Aged Lady.

On Sunday morning, Nov. 29th, Mrs. George Homan, widow, died at the home of her son, Howard Homan, at Centre Hall, at the advanced age of 78 years. About one year ago she met with an accident while living with her brother Jeremiah Haines, at Rebersburg, in receiving a fall which resulted in the breaking of her leg. She never recovered from the effects of the accident and had been confined to her bed ever since, being in ill health for over a year.

The funeral took place on the following Tuesday morning from the residence of her son. The body was taken to Aaronsburg where her late husband is buried and there interred.

"She Couldn't Marry Three."

No company that we have ever heard of has ever come to our city with such favorable couriers as "She Couldn't Marry Three." They have the unanimous endorsement of the New York Press; and this, you may rest assured, will be your only chance to see this superior company, as they will make no stops going from San Francisco to New York city. We have no doubt of their success here. This company will appear at the opera house next Monday evening, Dec. 14.

School Children Happy.

When the run was made on the Phillipsburg Bank and it was compelled to suspend payment, \$1,425 was on deposit in that institution by the school children of that borough. Last week Mr. O. P. Jones made arrangements by which each of the 385 young depositors could obtain their money. This is a very commendable act on the part of Mr. Jones, who assures all the full amount. The children will not soon forget Mr. Jones for this effort in their behalf.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Issued During the Past Week—Taken From the Docket.

George Swartz and Annie Mowery, both of Hublersburg.
Chas. W. Lutz and Id. E. Shuff, both of Altoona.
D. H. Krebs, Pine Grove Mills and Maria C. Corl, State College.
John W. Baisor, Benore and Anna B. Mattern, Buffalo Run.
Samuel S. Frank and Gertrude S. Kreamer, both of Rebersburg.
Harry Blowers and Annie Ewing, both of Taylor twp.
John M. Fisher and Eva L. Kaup, both of Boalsburg.
Geo. C. Sanford and Mary Lewis, both of Phillipsburg.
Benjamin Kelly and Catharine Reese, both of Worth twp.
Samuel J. Shunk, Poe Mills and Annie Snyder, of Centre Hall.
Robt. P. Odenkirk, Old Fort and Catharine N. Sankey, Centre Hall.
Wm. Weber and Blanche E. Hensyle, both of Howard.
S. M. Sankey, Phillipsburg and Ida M. Gardner, State College.
Scott McMurtree and Emeline Gramley, both of Spring Mills.

Fall of Railroad News.

There is a proposed railroad, on paper, known as the "Bellefonte and Eastern," which has been much talked of during the last few years. The line to extend from Bellefonte to Watsonstown and of course goes considerable distance out of line to tap the booming village of Loganton. This set the natives wild but the railroad didn't come. The patient editor of the Journal, has a great faculty of keeping the citizens in good humor and hopeful as he regularly manages to get possession of some positive fact that this road will be built soon and right through Loganton. This is his latest information and we hope it is correct.

"Good news concerning the proposed railroad through Sugar Valley comes from Hightown. Several hundred men are at work on the road, near that place, so it is said. They are headed westward, and if reports can be relied on, much work will be done toward the completion of the road to Loganton before April 1st, '92. It is not positively known whether this statement is wholly true or not, but the fact that a prominent citizen of Green township actually saw and spoke with the men at work as above mentioned, gives credence to the belief that this railroad will be built in the course of another year.

Married.

SWARTZ-MOWERY—At the Lutheran parsonage in Bellefonte, Dec. 2nd, Mr. George Swartz and Miss Annie Mowery, both of Hublersburg, by Rev. W. K. Diehl.

HOY-DORMAN—Dec. 3rd at the Lutheran parsonage, Nittany, by Rev. W. K. Diehl, Mr. U. H. Hoy, of Jacksonville and Miss Kate Dorman, of Nittany.

Good Scheme.

A Vermont editor has invented a new way of stirring up delinquent subscribers. He writes obituary notices of them assuming that they are dead since he has not heard from them.

—"Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the opera house Thursday evening, Dec. 17th.

—"If you want to know why "she couldn't marry three" go to the opera house next Monday evening.

—"Ladies if you want to know why "she couldn't marry three" go to the opera house next Monday evening.

—"On Sunday morning about 4 o'clock Mrs. Fulton, relict of Mr. Jessie Fulton, died at her home near Centre Furnace, of consumption. The funeral took place on Tuesday morning.

—"The reason Mingle's shoe store is so popular, they are careful to handle only the most reliable class of goods and customers have the assurance of receiving full value every time.

—"If we can't fit you from our immense stock of ready made clothing, remember we conduct one of the best tailoring departments in the county which has won its reputation for excellent fitting garments, at reasonable prices—Philad. Branch.

—"The statement is made that the employees of the Sandy Ridge Fire brick works will receive their pay on the 15th of December and that operations will be resumed on the first of January.

—"The first convention of the Altoona District Epworth League will be held in the First M. E. church of Altoona, on Thursday, Dec. 17. Every society in the district is urged to send as large delegation as it can.

—"Thomas Motz, of Leadville, Col., arrived last week, to visit his old home and friends near Woodward. Mr. Motz left for Colorado some ten years ago, where he is engaged in mining, and is prospering. He gives a very favorable account of parts of Colorado.

—"Fine lounges, large easy chairs, rocking chairs of every description, handsome book cases and many other articles suitable for Xmas presents, can be found at Naginey's furniture store on Bishop street.

—"The Ladies' Aid Society of the Centre Hall Reformed church, who will hold a musical convention beginning Monday, January 11th, have been successful in securing the services of Prof. E. W. Crawford, of Tusseyville as director.

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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.

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