

THE RACKET



ONE OF THE FINEST

Assortment of Holiday Goods in Bellefonte, U will find at The Racket. The store is particularly suited to the great American Holiday Season. Kom and C Santa Claus "all dressed up in his Sunday Clothes."

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

—You will seldom see anything better than "Fabio Romani" come here. It will be good.

—A new railroad bridge is being put across the race, at the rear of Ryan's cigar store, this week. The old one became unsafe.

—The revival at the United Brethren church, in Bellefonte, is accomplishing much good. Rev. Blackburn is an earnest worker and is meeting with success.

—The boro council has offered a liberal reward of \$500 for the detection, arrest and conviction of any person or persons who may commit incendiarism in Bellefonte.

—The sale of reserved seats for "Fabio Romani," Friday evening, is very large. It will draw a very large house as our people know it to be a first-class attraction.

—James Markle was seriously injured on Tuesday while at work at Jenkins & Lingle's machine shops, this place. A heavy piece of machinery fell on his arm and crushed it badly.

—Two new lime kilns are being put up at Morris' quarries, north of town. The lime industry of this vicinity is of larger proportions than most imagine and represents a large amount of capital.

—Mr. Wm. Derstine and family returned last week from Illinois, and will remain at Bellefonte. They left here about three months ago to make that their future home, but did not like the country.

—Last week Mr. David Wise, of near Zion, killed six hogs that weighed, when dressed, 221 pounds. The largest one weighed 408 pounds. This is the heaviest lot of porkers we have heard of this season. Who can beat it?

—Andy C. Loneberger returned from a three weeks hunt in Cameron county this week. The party he was with captured six deer, one bear, three raccoons and other small game. That was a large haul, and Andy feels good over the trip.

—On Monday evening the Bellefonte minstrels had their first complete rehearsal, in the opera house. It was strictly private you know, yet from what we hear the boys will present some very fine music and will acquit themselves very creditably.

—Woman lives longer than man, goes insane less numerously, commits suicide one-third as often, makes one-tenth the demand on the public purse for support in jails, prisons and almshouses, and in every regard manifests potentiality for good citizenship, mentally and morally.

—Ed. Shaeffer, who left Bellefonte about two years ago to accept a position at Everette, Pa., is now located at Hyndman Pa. He is secretary and treasurer of the "Hyndman Clothing Company," a new firm recently established at that place, and said to be doing an extensive business. Ed always was an energetic young man and we know he will succeed.

—It is noted in commercial circles, especially in toy and fancy goods merchandising, that small change, five and ten cent pieces, are increasing in circulation, the result of breaking small savings banks, tin boxes, miniature barrels, etc., into which deposits were made during the past eleven months. As we approach the holidays, the breaking of such depositories will increase this small coin circulation until it becomes glut in the markets, and an overflow in the coffers of all merchants.

FREE DELIVERY

Will Remain at Bellefonte in the Future—Romors about.

For some time past items have been going the rounds of some of our neighboring exchanges to the effect that the Bellefonte post office would have the free carrier system abolished on account of the alarming decrease of business through that department during the past few years. After one such story has gone around, another like it springs up and in that way these reports are on the go all the time. The cause for this may be attributed to the petty jealousy of some of our neighboring towns who can't keep pace with Bellefonte.

This week Postmaster Fiedler puts an end to these stories by an article in his paper. The true situation is explained in the following manner, which is of interest to all:

As is well known, the amount requisite for the establishment of free mail delivery in any place, under the Postal Laws and Regulations of 1887, is that the town must have either 10,000 population or the office do \$10,000 worth of postal business in one year, or both.

During the year ending April 1, 1890, the Bellefonte post office did a postal business of over \$10,000 and in consequence of the same free delivery was established, beginning July 1, 1890.

WHAT THE LAW SAYS. The Postal Laws and Regulations of 1887, passed during the previous democratic National administration, provide as follows:

That free mail delivery shall be instituted at every incorporated city, village or borough containing a population of not less than ten thousand within its corporate limits, according to the last general census, taken by authority of State or United States law, or at any post-office which produced a gross revenue for the preceding fiscal year of not less than ten thousand dollars. Provided, That in offices where the free delivery shall be established under the provisions of this act, such free delivery shall not be abolished by reason of decrease below ten thousand in population or ten thousand dollars in gross postal revenue, except in the discretion of the Postmaster-General.

Bellefonte did not have the population but it did have the amount of business, over \$10,000 dollars, for the fiscal year ending April 1, 1890.

And to show how neighboring towns, and even some of our own faint-hearted citizens misjudge the financial status of Bellefonte, it may be interesting to them to state that postal receipts of the Bellefonte office from December 1, 1891, to December 1, 1892, were exactly \$9,703.62, which is only \$296.38 short of the \$10,000 necessary in the first place to have it established.

These are the facts in the case, and they don't vary, nor do figures tell falsehoods. Consequently there is not the least cause for alarm.

Court House Janitor. Since the death of the venerable Bartram Galbraith, who held the position of court crier and janitor, the county commissioners must select a new man to look after the buildings. They will make it the duty for the next janitor to keep all the offices, hallways, court room, yard, park, fences, trees, walks, etc., except the jail in order. This will keep one man busy and will require his close attention. Heretofore men had to be hired for every bit of such work that had to be done about the public property. The idea is good.

There are about fourteen applicants in Bellefonte for the position, and it is hard for the commissioners to select a man from the many, nearly all of whom are competent, for this place. Of course, there will be many disappointed. The next court crier will be selected by Judge Furst.

Bill Nye's Cow. Bill Nye in advertising his cow for sale, says: Owing to ill health, I will sell at my residence in town 19, range 18, west, according to government survey, one plush raspberry colored cow, aged eight years, she is a good milkster, and not afraid of the cars or anything else. She is of undaunted courage and gives milk frequently. To a man who does not fear death in any form or manner, she would be a great boon. She is very much attached to her house at present, by means of a stay chain, but she will be sold to anyone who will agree to use her right. She is one-fourth short horned and three-fourths hyena. I will also throw in one double-barrel shot gun which goes with her. In May she generally goes away for a week or two, and returns with a tall, red calf with wobbly legs. Her name is Rose, and I would prefer to sell her to a non-resident.

Died at Williamsport. Mrs. Mary A. Bierly, a resident of Rebersburg, Centre county, died Wednesday morning, Dec. 7th, at Williamsport, after an illness of several weeks, aged 74 years. The deceased was born in Lycoming county and was the mother of Hon. Willis R. Bierly, now of Dakota.

Mercantile Appraiser. Last week Frank Hess, of Philipsburg, was appointed mercantile appraiser of Centre county for 1893. Mr. Hess is one of Philipsburg's active young democrats and will fill the position admirably. Then it was a good idea for the commissioners to recognize that portion of the county in making appointments.

A Good Recipe. A Punxsutawney man who answered a fake advertisement, enclosing twenty-five cents for a recipe to cure redness of the nose, received the following reply: "Drink whiskey till your nose gets blue."

CONVENTION OF AUDITORS.

The county commissioners have issued a circular letter to the auditors in every one of the 51 voting precincts in the county, calling upon them to send at least one from each district to Bellefonte on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1892. A convention of these officials will be held in the arbitration room at 10:30 a. m. The purpose of this meeting will be to give the township and boro auditors full and positive instructions in regard to the holding of the spring elections on February 21st. The printing of the ballots for the districts will be quite a task and will keep the presses moving to get out all the work. The meeting will be addressed by D. F. Fortney, commissioners attorney. The expenses incurred in coming to Bellefonte, according to the circular from the commissioners, the auditors are to charge to their respective districts.

It is important that every district in the county be represented.

Robbers at the Post Office.

On Wednesday morning when John Miller opened the post office he found it filled with smoke, and things somewhat disturbed. A ladder leaning against the sky-light above and the broken glass convinced him that robbers had been at work during the night.

An entrance was effected through this sky-light in the rear of the room and from the top of a low roof, at the back of the building.

Nearly all the drawers in the office were ransacked and the locked ones were forced open. About \$20 worth of stamps were taken from a box and rolled up in tissue paper but was left lay by them. They managed to capture about \$5.00 in small change from the stamp window department. The money order drawer was forced, but nothing of value to them was found. An attempt was made to crack the safe. A clean hole was drilled from the top and reached the inner drawers, but the explosion was not strong enough to break it open, yet the inner door was shattered. The explosion set the contents afire and that prevented them from putting in another charge.

Water was then run in and it kept the interior from being destroyed. When the safe was opened in the morning it was well soaked with water. It contained no valuables or money of any kind, only post office documents.

The thieves got no more than \$5.00 for their night's desperate work, and forgot \$20 in stamps they had found.

Another Fire.

On Friday evening a blaze was discovered in the old foundry building near the passenger station and at the rear of the Republican office. Its timely discovery prevented it from gaining much headway and was easily extinguished. The origin of the fire is considered to be the work of an incendiary, as the buildings had not been occupied for over a year. The chief burgess, A. C. Mingle, has offered a reward of \$300 for the conviction of any person guilty of such work in this boro.

Killed the Entire Flock.

The Renovo Record says C. K. Sober, the champion wing shot of the world, exterminated an entire flock of pheasants one day last week in the wilds of Baker's Run. This may seem incredible, but it is strictly true. The number killed was twenty-four, which were placed together on a string and taken to his home at Lewisburg, Saturday last. Mr. Sober has killed hundreds of pheasants in this county, but his last day's hunt surpassed all his former records.

Will Pay a Second Dividend.

William P. Duncan, assignee of the late Philipsburg banking company, O. P. Jones, cashier, which closed its doors some months ago, owing to the failures of Wm. H. Dill's banks in Clearfield county, will, on Monday next, pay a dividend of fifty cents on the dollar, making a total of seventy-five cents paid up to this time. In a short time the creditors will be paid in full and the bank, in all probability, resume business. This is good news for the many people who deposited their money in this bank.

List of Instructors.

On the list of instructors who will address the teachers on institute week are Superintendent James M. Coughlin, Wilkesbarre, Major James M. Lee, Superintendent of the schools of Huntington, W. Va., Prof. A. D. Melloy, of the Lock Haven Normal school and Prof. J. G. Anderson, of Philipsburg. Institute will begin on Monday morning, Dec. 20th, and continue five days.

Information Wanted.

Mrs. Ellen Campbell, of 102 West Market St., Allegheny, Pa., is anxious to learn of her brother, Francis McBride, who it is supposed lived in this part of the state about 1890. If any one of our readers is acquainted with him or knows his present location they will confer a favor by corresponding with Mrs. Campbell, in Allegheny at once.

Skirt Dance.

The Spanish skirt dance by Szerina, in Fabio Romani, on Friday evening, at the opera house, will be something fine. Get your seats in time as there will be a large house and the chart is being filled out rapidly.

MASQUERADE BALL.

The Logan Fire Company will Dance Friday Evening Dec. 30.

For many years past it has been the custom of the Logan Fire Company of this place to hold a grand masquerade ball on New Year's Eve. They will hold their ball this year, but as New Year's eve would come on Saturday, Friday evening, has been selected for their annual hop.

The Logan boys take pride in holding their annual dance, and never spare any pains to make it a grand social event.

Good music for the dancing and promenade will be furnished by the famous Orpheus Orchestra, of Bellefonte, which guarantees an enjoyable time for all those who delight in tripping the light fantastic toe. The grand march takes place at 9 p. m. and it will be a magnificent combination of handsome costumes, rare make ups, odd masques, all of which will be interesting.

As the proceeds are for the benefit of the steamer fund everybody should buy a ticket. The Logan steamer has paid for itself time and again. No property owner in Bellefonte should refuse.

The admission will be 50 cents. All are invited, but good order will be maintained and improper characters will not be admitted.

Public Schools.

Dr. D. J. Waller, Jr., state superintendent of public instruction, in his coming report says the increase in the state appropriation has produced a great advance in the educational states of Pennsylvania. He suggests an increase of two months in the school term, closer supervision and higher grade certificates. He favors the payment of the actual expenses of directors at the triennial convention and for one day at the county institute, but opposes the payment of salaries to directors and says it would do great harm to the schools.

The state appropriation for the year was not five millions, but two millions of dollars. The great appropriation of five millions of dollars first became available on the first Monday of June of the current year, 1892. The direct effect of that munificent sum will therefore appear for the first time in the statistics to be given in the annual report of 1893.

Rupert—Bogert.

On Thursday evening, of last week, the social circles of Zion, and vicinity, were all astrir, as it was the occasion of the wedding of Miss M. Belle Rupert, a handsome and popular young lady of that community, to Mr. Elliott Bogert, of Seneca, New York. The wedding ceremony occurred in the Reformed church at that place, with the pastor, Rev. Miles O. Noll, officiating. Miss Fannie Fisher, of Zion, and James Barnhart, of Bellefonte, acted as bridesmaid and groomsmen in the ceremony. Afterwards the wedding party returned to her parents, T. B. Rupert's home, where a reception was held and an enjoyable evening was spent.

There was much difficulty experienced in returning from the church. Some boys, many of whom were rather old built nine cross fences over the road and the last was a big pile of logs. It just cost the groom a dollar bill to get through.

Francis Speer was down, too. It is said he fell over a rail pile in Zion, and rolled into a mud puddle, and like when at the Boalsburg convention, he cried for help. Must have been full again, Francey.

Boyd Noll rode with Harvey Royer to Rupert's that night in a cart, and when passing through a mud puddle the traces parted, the cart tilted back, and he landed, with his best Sunday clothes and those brand new \$7 gaiters, in the mud. He is still sighing for his gaiters.

Fred Smith, of Bellefonte, is the young man who so gallantly jumped out and tore the fences down to let the wedding party reach home. He charged one dollar for his valuable services, though. Some even say that Fred built the fences in the first place.

It was a great time in Zion. May happiness go with the young couple is the wish of all our people. Zion, Pa., Dec. 10. X.

Sale Bills.

Are you going to have sale this year? If you are you must have bills printed. This office carries a large supply of type and material for printing large, well displayed sale bills.

Our prices are reasonable, and cheaper than most offices. We give each a free advertisement of his sale in the CENTRE DEMOCRAT, who gets his bills at this office.

BE CAREFUL: When an auctioneer approaches you and solicits you to have your bills printed at certain other office, without a doubt, he gets a "bonus" or "divy" for it from the printer and you generally pay for it in the end.

We don't have middle men out drumming up work. By coming straight to this office, or sending direct by mail, for your sale bills you will get the best work at reasonable prices.

Ready made clothing for men, boys and children. Suits, overcoats and stormers, for the little people, in abundance. Tailoring a specialty.

MONTGOMERY & Co., Bellefonte, Pa.

FAUBLE'S NEW STORES

Of course you can buy your Clothing as cheap as your neighbor, but you must buy them of

FAUBLE'S Brockerhoff House Block.

MARRIAGE LICENCES

Issued During the Past Week—Taken From the Docket.

{ Charles Yearick,	Nittany Hall
{ Kate Young,	Scotia, Pa.
{ Matthew Gnoiland,	Philipsburg
{ Bessie Ratcliff,	"
{ Ira V. Gates,	Gatesburg
{ M. Blanche Wye,	Half Moon
{ Charles Legg,	Lock Haven
{ Thersie Mott,	Bellefonte
{ Wm. M. Luse,	Centre Hall
{ Eva D. Kerstetter,	"
{ Alfred L. Ott,	Axeman
{ Ida M. Koch,	Bellefonte
{ Howard Favorite,	Philipsburg
{ Ella Northamer,	"
{ Joseph Dunsmore,	Philipsburg
{ Mardie Dillen,	Ansonville

A Handsome Display.

As the time for making holiday purchases is at hand our merchants are preparing accordingly. On Tuesday a visit to Ed. Garman's store was a pleasant treat. Everything you see is a suggestion for an Xmas or a New Year's present. Long counters are filled with rare articles, artistically designed and finished—cases of all kinds, vases, beautiful calendars, goods that will please the most critical taste. Then there are large dolls and small dolls, games and puzzles for the children. Presents of very costly make, also handsome presents of medium cost; you can find something pretty no matter how little or much you have to spend.

While standing in the midst of all these beautiful things Mr. Garman approached and insisted that his free lunch counter must be sampled before leaving. At a side counter a handsome young Miss supplies you with a cup of delicious coffee, buttered biscuit, salt wafers, etc., and it makes an elegant lunch. In purchasing your holiday gifts be sure to pay Garman's store a visit. It is a treat alone, to see the handsome display.

Prices paid there for country produce, last Saturday: Eggs sold at 28 cents per dozen, butter 28 cents per pound, chickens, 60 to 75 cents per pair; dressed chickens, 35 and 40 cents a piece. Turkeys sold at 12 cents per pound live weight; potatoes 70 cents per bushel, and apples 50 to 60 cents per bushel.

OF INTEREST TO ASSESSORS. The spring election will be held on Tuesday, February 21, and as the law requires the registers to be at the various polling places 60 and 61 days before election, the assessors will sit for that purpose Wednesday and Thursday, December 21 and 22. The latter date is the day for final registration.

To-day, the 15th inst., will close the deer season. Quail hunting also closes on this date.

COUGHING LEADS TO CONSUMPTION Kemp's Balsam stops the cough at once.

GARMANS. CHRISTMAS OPENING!

EVERYBODY INVITED WHETHER THEY CONTEMPLATE PURCHASING OR NOT.

At all prices and in all styles. Dress Goods for everybody, in all colors. An elegant Cloth Dress in blue for \$2.75—worth far more. An all wool blue flannel for dresses at 25c a yard. Underwear—try our celebrated Fleece goods. Better goods and at far less than you ever bought them.

GARMANS.

—Christian Gingerick, aged 80 years, one of Boalsburg's oldest citizens, died one day last week. Peter Kuhn, of the same place and who is well advanced in years is reported to be dangerously ill.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by Geo. W. Jackson & Co.	
White wheat, per bushel.....	60
Red wheat, per bushel.....	59
Rye, per bushel.....	45
Corn, ears per bushel.....	50
Corn, shelled per bushel.....	52
Oats—new per bushel.....	30
Barley, per bushel.....	48
Book wheat, per bushel.....	80
Cloverseed, per bushel.....	\$4.00 to \$6.00
Ground plaster, per ton.....	9.50

PROVISIONS, GROCERIES & C. (as corrected weekly by Bower & Co.)

Apples, dried, per pound.....	40
Cherries, dried, per pound, seeded.....	5
Beans per quart.....	10
Onions, per bushel.....	15
Butter, per pound.....	25
Tallow, per pound.....	5
Country Shoulders.....	16
Sides.....	15
Hams.....	14
Hams sugar cured.....	14
Breakfast Bacon.....	13
Lard, per pound.....	20
Eggs per dozen.....	25
Potatoes per bushel.....	75
Dried Sweet Corn per pound.....	4

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CHRISTMAS OPENING!

SATURDAY, MONDAY and TUESDAY, December 10, 12 and 13.

Everybody invited whether they contemplate purchasing or not.



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Misses' Coats,

Childrens Coats,

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