

THE RACKET

Last week we said EN ROUTE Now say JUST IN

As per R. R. manifest,

2785 LBS.

Assorted Glassware. This big lot crowded itself into the store and is packed as close as sardines in a box.

THE RACKET NOW.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

The snow on Monday caused a large number of trains to be late.

"Forgiven" at the opera house on Monday evening, Feb. 20, by Frederick Bryton.

The town clock is on a strike again. It had stopped for several days but is running all right again.

The new proprietor of the Brockerhoff House has been shipping stock and furniture to this place during the past week.

Achenbach, the baker, was given an order to furnish a dinner for five hundred guests at the College, on next Wednesday.

Last week the Watchman press rooms were flooded by the high water, in Spring Creek. No particular damage was done.

Rev. Charles Steck, pastor of the Lutheran church at Shamokin, Pa., officiated in the Lutheran church at this place, on last Sunday evening.

During the past week our presses were steadily on the go printing tickets for the coming spring elections.

Hugh S. Taylor would make a first class tax collector. He is active and energetic and would get the borough's finances gathered in. Slow individuals are no good in that office.

The next attraction at the opera house will be Frederick Bryton in his famous play entitled "Forgiven," on Monday evening, Feb. 20. This is considered a strong attraction and ranks among the best.

Howard Yergler and wife, of Curwensville, visited friends at this place during the past week. Howard is engaged at that place with his brothers-in-law, contractors for masonry, abutments and bridge piers.

The railroad fare for a trip from Bellefonte to Washington to attend the inauguration and return, will be at the regular excursion rates, 2 cents per mile, or \$10.20 for the round trip via Lewisburg. That does not include Pullman car service.

A beautiful glass window was placed in the Reformed church, at this place, last Friday, a tribute to the memory of Miss Martha Keller, who died at Danville last September, while there visiting friends. It was the gift from her immediate friends.

Emory E. Herr, agent for the Penn. Mutual Life Insurance company, has accepted a position as state agent for the Vermont Life Insurance Co., for Indiana. He is preparing to move with his family to Indianapolis, Indiana, where his headquarters will be in the future.

In another column of this issue an advertisement will be found of all the applications filed with the prothonotary for liquor license this year. The list is larger than in former years, and we are anxious to see what disposition will be made of them. Phillipsburg is well represented on the list.

The Class of '93, of Penna. State College, will hold their Mid-Winter Reception in the Armory building on next Wednesday evening. Among some of the distinguished patronesses will be Mrs. Robert E. Pattison, Mrs. John W. Noble, Mrs. Andrew Carnegie and ladies of this vicinity. Stoper & Fisks orchestra will furnish music for the dancing between the hours of 8 and 1, a. m. This reception promises to be largely attended.

Last Sunday a large number of relatives and friends of Daniel Garman assembled at the Garman House to remind Mr. Garman that it was his 73rd birthday anniversary. An elaborate dinner was prepared for the occasion. The tables were arranged in the form of a cross with a pyramid of fruit, etc., in the centre; and with so many present to partake of the boathouse dishes it certainly made one feel as though such occasions should come real often, and that Mr. Garman's birthdays would always be recognized in such a fitting manner.

A BAD RECORD.

EXPENSES OF OUR POOR DEPARTMENT.

How they have increased in the Six Years—A Change Necessary—How Will you vote on Election day.

Next Tuesday, February 21st, 1893, the annual borough election takes place. Many offices are to be filled which are important to every man or woman who owns a dollar's worth of property in the borough of Bellefonte.

The office of Overseer of the Poor, in Bellefonte, has caused a great deal of discussion in recent years. When it is mentioned thoughtful business men give a significant smile. It is a common thing to hear some of our representative men make open and positive charges of gross irregularities in that department in recent years.

We have been making some very pointed general assertions but they are exactly as we find public sentiment on this matter. While there may be some republicans, and even certain democrats, who do not like the DEMOCRAT'S frankness, we are content to know that we have faithfully endeavored to tell the truth.

The following amounts were expended annually for the purpose of maintaining the poor, and does not contain a single item paid on former judgments but is distinctly the amount expended directly each year for maintaining the poor.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount Expended. 1886 amount expended \$3,231.57, 1887 amount expended 3,704.25, 1888 amount expended 4,828.02, 1889 amount expended 5,973.70, 1890 amount expended 6,476.23, 1891 amount expended 9,500.50

The above is the story of Bellefonte's Overseer of the Poor departments for the past six years and is the official statement rendered from year to year. Long columns of "palaver," excuses, charges and counter charges will not wipe out the above black record.

What are we going to do about it. For the past three years James McClure, the harness dealer, has been acting as one of the Overseers of the Poor and is responsible for his full share of this monstrous expenditure.

There are many people in this town who never gave the overseer of the poor department much thought, but they do kick most everlastingly when the tax collector comes around.

Before you vote next Tuesday, stop and think one moment. Keep these figures in mind: 1886 amount expended \$3,231.57, 1891 amount expended 9,500.50

If you approve of James McClure, and his associate's record, in the Overseer of the Poor department, you will give him your vote for re-election.

If you disapprove such a record, if you want your poor taxes reduced, if you want to see an honest, upright, practical man put in that department you will vote for Mr. J. H. Sands.

The statement which the Pennsylvania railroad has just made of its passenger traffic at the Broad street station, in Philadelphia, is surprising in its magnitude and demonstrates more clearly than anything else can, the absolute necessity that existed for the enlargement of that station.

According to the annual report of Thos. J. Stewart, secretary of internal affairs of Pennsylvania, there are sixteen counties which have no debt of any kind. These are Bradford, Centre, Erie, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Lawrence, Lehigh, Luzerne, Northumberland, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Venango, Washington and Wyoming.

LENTON REGULATIONS.

In accordance with the established custom of the Catholic church, the season of Lent, commencing with Ash Wednesday and ending with Holy Saturday, the seven weeks are observed by the faithful as a time of prayer and penance. The rules vary in accordance with climate and conditions, as for instance last year the rules were practically abrogated on account of the prevalence of the grip.

First. All the faithful who have completed their 21st year are, unless legitimately dispensed, bound to observe the fast of Lent.

Second. They are to make only one full meal a day, except Sunday.

Third. The meal allowed on fast days is not to be taken till about noon.

Fourth. A small refreshment, commonly called collation, is allowed in the evening. No general rule as to the quantity of food permitted at this time is or can be made, but the practice of most regular Christians is never to let it exceed the fourth part of an ordinary meal.

Fifth. In the morning a piece of bread, not exceeding two ounces, with a drink of coffee, tea or coffee, or any similar beverage, can be taken.

Sixth. When the principal meal cannot be taken about noon, it is lawful to invert the order by taking the collation in the morning and dinner in the evening.

Seventh. In preparing food that is permitted, lard or fat may be made use of.

Eighth. The following persons are exempt from the obligation of fasting: Young persons under 21 years of age, the sick, pregnant women or those giving suck to infants, persons obliged to hard labor and all who through weakness cannot fast without great prejudice to their health.

Ninth. By dispensation, the use of flesh meats will be allowed at all meals on Sundays, and once a day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with the exception of the Saturday in Ember week and the last Saturday of Lent. The use of butter, cheese, milk and eggs is also permitted every day in Lent. The use of flesh meat and fish at the same meal on any day, even on Sunday, is forbidden.

Tenth. Persons dispensed from the obligation of fasting are not bound by the restriction of using meat only at one meal on days on which its use is granted by dispensation. Those who are obliged to fast are permitted to use meat only at one meal.

Eleventh. The time for making the Easter communion will date from the first Sunday in Lent till the Sunday within the octave of Ascension (May 14) inclusive.

The use of flesh-meat on Saturdays throughout the year is allowed for a term of years by dispensation from the Holy See.

HOW DO THE TAXPAYERS LIKE IT?

The Auditors report of the borough of Bellefonte for the year ending the 1st Monday of March, 1892, shows that for the year Jas. I. McClure paid two hundred and twenty-six dollars and fifty cents for medical attendance upon the poor.

When Keichline was overseer one hundred dollars paid all the doctor bills. For the year ending March, 1891, doctor bills for medical attendance upon the poor amounted to over \$450.

Doctor bills are always very high the year before McClure comes out for reelection. How do the taxpayers of the borough like this?

A good overseer, one who runs the poor department in the interest of the taxpayers rather than himself, can have all medical attendance upon the poor done for \$100 a year. Taxpayers, how do you like McClure's methods?

Local Institute At Spring Mills.

The teachers of Potter, Gregg, Penn, Haines, and Miles townships, will hold a local institute in the Academy building at Spring Mills, on Friday evening and Saturday, February 24th and 25th.

Dr. D. M. Wolf will have charge of the institute, teachers in neighboring townships will be benefitted by attending. Teachers from a distance will be entertained free, and a profitable time for all friends of education is anticipated. For further particulars apply to R. U. Bitner, C. E. Royer, P. W. Leitzell or J. F. Zeigler, committee of arrangements.

Reduced Rates to Washington.

For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of president-elect Cleveland, the Penna. railroad company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 2nd, 3rd and 4th, valid to return until March 7th, 1893. The excursion rate will be \$10 from all points on the main line between Pittsburg and Bellwood. From stations east of Bellwood a rate of two cents per mile will apply. The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania railroad make this line the favorite route to the national capital on all occasions.

THE BOROUGH DEBT.

In the proceedings of the council, as published in the papers of last week, it is stated that the borough solicitor had been directed to draw an ordinance under which the bonds about due might be refunded. Whether the solicitor was directed to do so, or not, the fact that such a statement should have been made in the council of the borough is startling. We have had blundering enough in reference to our borough debt. It is time that council does something according to law.

The legislature has provided just how a debt shall be refunded. It is the duty of the council to follow the law, and not fool around with a bit of an ordinance, in reference to the refunding of our enormous debt.

The Act of Assembly approved the 14th day of April, 1881, provides the manner in which the debt of any borough, school district, or municipality shall be refunded: "It shall be lawful," says the Act, "for any such borough * * * etc., to redeem or pay off any or all of the bonds or other interest bearing indebtedness so issued, which may be matured and payable * * * and for that purpose shall have the right to issue and sell bonds, either with or without coupons attached, bearing interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, redeemable at option of the * * * borough issuing the same in five years, and payable at any time not exceeding twenty years after date thereof."

Here is an act of assembly, very plain, which directs how the borough debt shall be refunded and within what time it is to be paid. It is the business of the council to follow the law. It provides that beginning, not later than five years after issue, the bonds, that is the whole debt, shall be paid in twenty years. We need no ordinance. All that is to be done is to follow the law. Let the council pass a resolution, properly drawn, authorizing, 1st, coupon bonds to be issued, as this act of assembly provides, to bear interest at say four per cent. 2nd, authorizing the borough treasurer to negotiate these bonds. 3rd, that it shall appear on the face of the bonds that a tax sufficient to pay the interest semi-annually and the principal of the debt within twenty years from date of issue.

This is not difficult to do. The debt is \$90,000.00. It must be paid in twenty years. To begin with at four per cent. it will take \$3,600 to pay the interest at first. To pay the debt in twenty it must be paid at the rate of \$4,500.00 per year.

The act of assembly means the debt shall be paid by the end of the twenty years. Not that at the end of that time there shall be a re-issue of the bonds.

It would also be well for the council, or their attorney, to study the 4th and 7th sections of the act of April 20, 1874. The act just referred to is not repealed, nor is it in conflict with the act of 14th of April, 1881, except that the time in which the bonds re-issued must be paid is by the latter act made twenty years instead of thirty, as in the former.

State College Ceremonies.

The ceremonies of the formal opening of the new engineering building at the State College will take place in the college chapel at 2 o'clock Wednesday, February 22. The admirable planned program is as follows:

Presentation of the building to the board of trustees, Gen. James A. Beaver chairman of building committee; Acceptance of the building on behalf of the college, Col. Francis Jordan, president of the board; Addresses—"The State and Higher Education," Governor R. E. Pattison; "The Educational Benefits of Scientific and Technical Training," Gen. Francis A. Walker, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology; "Education in its Relations to Our Government," Hon. John W. Noble, secretary of the interior; "The Practical Spirit in Modern Education," Dr. J. G. Schurman president of Cornell University; prayer and benediction, Rev. W. A. Honck.

A collation will be served to invited guests in the armory at noon. The senior class will hold a reception in the armory in the evening.

Enterprising Correspondents.

During the past week dispatches circulated among the city daily papers, from Bellefonte to the effect that the high waters had caused great alarm and were almost as high as the memorable June flood of 1889; it was a great stretch of the imagination. We had an ordinary freshet and that was all.

Bellefonte has a lot of correspondents for the city papers who most always exaggerate their news items so that they will be accepted. News dispatches from Bellefonte are generally greatly exaggerated.

Walked to Illinois.

Jonathan Gramley, of near Sugar Valley, is 63 years old and has had considerable experience as a traveler. The Journal says Mr. Gramley walked to the state of Illinois from Sugar Valley in the summer of 1839, when he was only 19 years old; seen Chicago when it consisted of only three houses, and who escaped from being killed by the Indians on the shore of Lake Michigan.

The CENTRE DEMOCRAT and the New York Weekly World one year for \$1.75.

THE INAUGURATION.

OF CLEVELAND TO BE A GRAND AFFAIR.

Excursion Rates from Bellefonte only \$9.00 over the Reading Lines—A Trip through the Coal Regions—Are you going?

The work of the committees having charge of the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President elect Cleveland is progressing satisfactorily. More than a hundred civil organizations including Tammany, have thus far reported a probable strength of over 17,000 men to form in line on March 4th. The governors of the following named states have notified the committee that they will be in line accompanied by members of their respective staffs and in many instances by independent military companies: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, Louisiana, and Wisconsin. It is almost certain that a majority of the governors of the remaining states will be present, but as yet they have not notified the committee.

Pennsylvania, as usual, will send the largest representation of any state. Its full National Guard of 8,000 will be in line. New York will send its crack organizations, the Seventh and the Sixty-ninth regiments and probably company A, of the Thirteenth regiment.

The following independent organizations have notified the committee to reserve their portions in the line: Georgia Hussars, Monumental City Guards and Baltimore Rifle Palmette Guards, of Charleston, S. C., Cleveland Troop and Alliance Guards, of Ohio, and the Fort Worth Fencibles. There is every probability that the inauguration of March 4th will surpass all its predecessors.

Excursion to Washington.

The committee appointed to secure rates for an excursion party from Bellefonte to Washington, D. C., to attend the inauguration have been corresponding with the Pennsylvania and Beech Creek lines for rates. The price over the Penna. will be \$10.23, regular excursion rates.

The Beech Creek railroad company are anxious to have the people from Centre county take a ride over their system and have made a very liberal proposition. They guarantee that the full fare from Bellefonte to Washington and return will not exceed \$9.

The party would leave Bellefonte on Thursday afternoon at 4.30 p. m., for Mill Hall, where they would take the Beech Creek road. The trip from there would be by Williamsport, Sunbury, Mauch Chunk, Reading, Norristown to Philadelphia, and from Philadelphia by the famous "Royal Blue Line" to Baltimore and Washington. They guarantee to carry passengers to Washington by not later than Friday noon. The distance of the round trip would be 856 miles which would be at almost one cent a mile, or one half the rate charged by the Pennsylvania company.

A stop of two days will be allowed in Philadelphia or any other point on the return trip. As this offer is much cheaper than the Penn. R. R., and as it goes through the anthracite coal regions, it would also be very interesting and the party has about decided to go that way. It is desired to have a large party and everybody is invited to go along. For further particulars in regard to the excursion apply to J. C. Meyer, Esq., or Al. S. Garman, of this place.

Death of Judge Schaeffer.

Michael Schaeffer, of Salem, Illinois, died suddenly of heart failure, Feb. 3, 1893. He was the oldest brother of ex-Sheriff B. F. Schaeffer, Mrs. P. Dornblaser and Mrs. E. M. Harter, a family well known in Centre county, the father being an early settler at Nittany Hall. Judge Schaeffer was educated for the ministry at Pennsylvania college at Gettysburg, but chose the law as a profession, which he practiced until his death and rose high in his profession in Illinois, the state of his adoption.

In 1872 Mr. Schaeffer was appointed to a position of Judge of the Supreme Courts, of Utah, by President Grant. He held that position for a number of years and some of his rulings in cases brought before him gave him much prominence. Not liking the Mormon settlement, after he remained there several years, he returned to Illinois where he continued the practice of law. Mr. Schaeffer was a finely proportioned man fully six feet tall and of commanding appearance. He was well known to most of the older residents of Nittany valley, where he was born and spent his early days.

The Proper Thing.

An exchange says the proper thing to do is to order your cards, envelopes, bill and note heads from a traveling solicitor, and then ask gratuitous favors from your home paper. That is it's the proper thing for some people to do, for while they can define the word reciprocity, they cannot practice it, owing to their internal construction.

The Centre Democrat and the Philad. Weekly Times, both one year for \$1.45.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Issued During the Past Week—Taken From the Docket.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Location. Percy Blackford, Bellefonte; Ida M. Bowman, Union twp.; Miles Wrye, Halfmoon; Emma Meese, ; David J. Kenepp, Bellefonte; Maggie J. Frazier, Spring twp.; Wm. H. Pletcher, Howard; Mattie L. Miller, Beech Creek

The Opera.

On Tuesday evening the opera house was crowded with a large audience to hear the production of "Pirates of Penzance," a comic opera by local talent in which they were assisted by Miss Furey and Mr. Westbrook, of Altoona. The music for this opera is fine and was well rendered by those who took the principal parts in the play. It was given for the benefit of the Academy and a handsome sum was realized above all expenses.

It is an enormous item, the amount paid in recent years by the overseer of the poor for doctors bills. It is another noticeable fact that so many of our physicians buy harness from James McClure. Harness comes high. The people know that from past experience. Vote for Mr. Sands.

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that the following named persons have filed their petitions for liquor licenses in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Centre county and that application will be made to said court on Tuesday, the 7th day of March, 1893, to grant the same.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Location. Gottlieb Haag, S. W. Bellefonte; John M. Neuhamer, ; Garman & Garman, ; H. C. Yeager, ; Rose McCarty, ; W. L. Daggell, ; D. L. Bartges, ; Jacob L. DeHaas, ; Willis Weaver, ; W. S. Musser, ; Geo. E. Leister, ; Wm. H. McCausland, ; James Fassmore, ; Martha Ashcroft, ; Wm. Parker, ; Tattersall English, ; Simler & Simler, ; R. T. Comley, ; Richard Bowen, ; H. W. Buckingham, ; A. Kohlbecker, ; James A. Decker, ; Jesse Long, ; D. H. Ruhl, ; John W. O'Connor, ; James T. Delong, ; J. H. Odenkirk, ; W. W. Kishel, ; Jeffrey Hayes, ; John W. Farmington, ; Wm. P. Brown, ; Mary Nolan, ; John G. Uzzle, ; Geo. Uzzle, ; Henry Robb, ; G. J. Woodring, ; John Anderson, ; George Deim, ; W. R. Haynes, ; Joseph & Riley, ; Joseph Lehman, ; Orin Vail, ; N. W. Eby, ; John C. Mullinger, ; W. F. SMITH, Clerk.

GOOD MILLING PROPERTY FOR SALE.—The Centre Hill mill, one of the best locations in the county is offered for sale. Always full of work and trade can be readily doubled by a competent party. Only reason for selling being to retire from business. Mill can be rented for a term of years if not sold.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Corrected weekly by Geo. W. Jackson & Co.; White wheat, per bushel, 87; Red wheat, per bushel, 87; Rye, per bushel, 71; Corn, ears per bushel, 45; Corn, shelled per bushel, 50; Oats—new per bushel, 25; Barley, per bushel, 45; Suck wheat, per bushel, 40; Cloverseed, per bushel, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Ground plaster, per ton, 9.50

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

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Apples, dried, per pound, 10; Cherries, dried, per pound, 10; Beans, per quart, 10; Onions, per bushel, 100; Butter, per pound, 25; Tallow, per pound, 5; Country shoulders, 10; Sides, 10; Hams sugar cured, 12; Breakfast Bacon, 14; Lard, per pound, 15; Eggs per dozen, 15; Potatoes per bushel, 100; Dried Sweet Corn per pound, 25

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