

THE RACKET

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LACES! LACES! LACES! LACES! Elegant designs, large assortment of the latest ideas, and we can save money for U if you need any.

Madras, scrims, lace curtains, curtain poles, a new vestibule rod, very convenient and cheap, too.

Silk, Percalé and Lawn waists, superior in style, fit and finish. Ask to see them.

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LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

The Students at Penna State College are at present enjoying their Easter vacation.

The next attraction at the opera house will be "Around the World in 80 Days," on Thursday, April 6th.

John Sourbeck, the green grocery man, received a handsome new wagon this week for delivering goods.

Williamsport is building a city hall at an expense of \$57,000, and it will be completed in fifteen months.

The marriage license crop is quite good again this week—wonder if there will be any April fools on the list?

Rev. Ira C. Mitchell, formerly located at Birmingham, Ala., is now filling a charge at Troy, Penna.

If you do not have a new Easter bonnet to wear to attract attention, put on a pair of cracking shoes.

Frank Deitrick and Samuel Williams are busily engaged in repapering the interior of the Brockerhoff House.

Wm. Jones, the unavoidable and irrepresible collector for the First National Bank at this place, is on the sick list.

A series of select dances are given on Tuesday evenings of each week by Prof. Geo. Rhoades, for the benefit of the new Coleville Cornet Band.

Mrs. Shaeffer, mother of H. B. Shaeffer, the photographer, has been lying quite seriously ill at the home of her daughter, in Lock Haven, during the past week.

Trout fishing season begins the 15th of April. We hear complaint of persons about here violating the law by fishing already. Any information of such an offence furnished us will be looked after in due form.

The Bellefonte Wheelmen are seriously thinking of building a club house, on the island in Spring Creek, near the water works. They have some elaborate plans and are scheming to carry the project through.

The McBride building, corner of Allegheny and Bishop streets, is being repaired and will be occupied after April 1st by the Graham sisters who will keep a fine line of millinery goods. The location is good.

Jacob Gross has opened up his new tailoring establishment, in the room recently vacated by the Snyder sisters, on Bishop street. Having taken a thorough course in the Cleveland cutting school he guarantees the latest and most stylish garments and a sure fit every time.

On Wednesday Mr. Brandon began the shipment of hotel furniture from the Brockerhoff House to Spangler, Pa. Repairs are also being made in the hotel for the new proprietor and new carpets and new furniture are being received.

Miss Myra Holliday and Miss Annie Sechler students, of Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa., are spending their Easter vacation at their homes, this place. Mrs. Holliday is also entertaining Miss Virginia Sudler, of Philadelphia and Miss Clare Stuckey, Dayton, Ohio, both of whom are students of the same college.

Last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Reeder very pleasantly entertained the members of the Bellefonte Bar Association and court officials at their residence, on Allegheny street. Judge Sadler, of Carlisle; Senator Peal, of Lock Haven; Hon. Thos. Murray, of Clearfield; J. M. Hale, of Phillipsburg, were among those present.

The Zion Normal and Classical Institute will open on Monday April 17th. The trustees are fortunate in securing the services of Prof. Thomas H. Leinbach, of Lancaster, Pa., who will conduct the school. He is a graduate of Franklin & Marshall college and comes highly recommended, by the faculty, as a teacher of large experience. Our friends down at Zion have an eye to business and believe in higher education and we feel assured of the future success of the school. The Spring session will be largely attended.

THE TORCH APPLIED.

VALENTINE'S FURNACE IN BLAST AGAIN.

Fires Started on Tuesday, by Mary M. Gephart—The Furnaces Fine Showing Under the Present Management.

On Tuesday afternoon last, at about 2 o'clock, the Valentine furnace was relighted for its second blast under the present management. On such occasions it is considered essential among furnacemen that the torch should be applied by a lady so as to insure a successful run. At the beginning of the first blast Miss Emily Valentine, daughter of Robert Valentine, the secretary and treasurer of the company, officiated; and on Tuesday Miss Mary Elizabeth Gephart, the eight-year old daughter of the president of the company, was the honored one. Although no announcement was made of the event, quite a large gathering of the employees and visitors were on hand to witness the simple ceremony. The torch was applied in a moment, and soon the flames were roaring upward once more, which will give steady employment to 500 people, and may, if no accident occurs and the market remains profitable, not be quenched for a period of from 3 to 5 years. We are sure our whole community feels a great interest in the continued success of this company, and wishes them all the good luck possible on this happy occasion.

Few of our people have any idea of the volume and magnitude of the business of such a plant, nor of the constant vigilance and untiring zeal required to keep it morning. The large 70 foot stack is lined from 3 to 5 feet in depth with fire brick. From the effect of the intense heat and the friction of the millions of tons of ore, limestone, coke, iron and cinder this lining in from three to five years time wears down to almost nothing. When the present stack was blown out February 12, the thickness of brick at one point was only six inches. This lining had been used three and one-half years; and now that the furnace has been renewed, a stoppage for the same purpose may not be necessary for four or five years. The labor and expense in relining is always very considerable. It can rarely be done in less than six weeks or two months. In this instance Mr. Kelley, the furnace superintendent, showed his usual push and activity. The furnace was blown out February 12th. In ten days the old wall was entirely torn out and removed. In taking out the old hearth a salamander was removed which in its original mass weighed fully 75 tons, and after it was reduced by dynamite and wedging to the smallest possible size, still weighed 30 tons. In rebuilding over 175,000 fire brick were used. To wall them in required the constant work of four men night and day for three weeks. On March 17th the walls were completed; on the 18th a slow fire was started to dry them out, and on Monday the 27th the furnace was filled and ready for the torch. Among furnacemen this is regarded as a remarkably fast record.

The first blast was started by the Valentine company June 3, 1891, and ended February 12, 1893. According to their records less than 36 hours were lost in the whole period of 620 days for either repairs or accidents. During this run the furnace made 55,783 gross tons, or 62,476 net tons of iron. Over 80 per cent. of all the ores used—more than 100,000 tons—were from the company's own mines, near Bellefonte. These mines are in excellent condition and turning out more and better ore to-day than at any prior time in their history, under the excellent management of Mr. Harry C. Valentine, the head of the company's mining department. This fact is evinced by the company's stock house, which is better filled to-day, after the hardest winter experienced for years, than when the company started on its first blast.

Another gratifying feature is the report being sent out by the company to its trade, that not a ton of iron is now on hand; that the whole 62,476 tons have been shipped and sold; that most of their best brands are sold ahead for weeks; that they are likely to be crowded ahead for months to come, and that the reputation of their iron is such that they not only demand but receive the highest price the market commands. On all sides the company is assured of the excellent satisfaction given. Its trade covers such widely scattered points as Baltimore, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Reading and Easton in Pennsylvania; Elmira, Auburn, Troy and Albany, N. Y., and New England as far north as the north-eastern corner of Massachusetts.

Much of the success attained by the recent management of this plant is justly due to J. W. Gephart, Esq., the President of the corporation. His practical business methods and constant oversight has clearly demonstrated that iron can be manufactured at Bellefonte, of a superior quality, and that will compete with any other product in the markets.

This should be, and is, a matter of local pride. Many of the concerns to whom this iron is sold employ from 100 to 500 men in each of their establishments to work it up into anything from a chair castor up to a 1000 horse power engine. Now it our business men would only take hold and start some such establishment here Bellefonte would soon have a veritable boom. Its pure water, healthy climate, superior iron, near-by fuel, reasonable and intelligent labor, all make it a natural centre for the best kind of manufactures. All it requires is pluck and push on the part of its business men and capitalists. Let us first make sure of a competing railroad, and then all push and pull together and we can soon hear her hum and boom.

Death of a Lunatic.

A man named Bierly, who lived near Tylersville, Clinton county, died Sunday night. The deceased was a lunatic and had been kept confined for nearly sixty years. Some time ago we published a long sketch of the unfortunate being and his surroundings. When a young man he was disappointed in love and on account of the fickleness of the woman he loved lost his mind. He was kept for many years in a house built for him on the farm of his brother near Tylersville. Of late he had become dangerous and no one but a woman could approach him. He was kept chained in his room and the wife of his brother was the only person who could with safety minister to his wants. Saturday night last he fell from his bed and broke an arm. The shock to his worn out system could not be survived. The deceased was a man nearly eighty years of age. What a life his must have been! For nearly three score years he has not seen the light of day only through the windows of his prison. Why he was not sent to the asylum we do not know but at last he has been called from earth and his season of darkness is at an end.

Damage Case Decided.

The following case of damages may be worthy of note by Centre county supervisors:

In the last Snyder county court the case of Isaac Snyder against Spring township was tried. The Post says of it: Some time in the summer of 1890 the plaintiff in this case was moving his traction engine and thresher to the farm of Mr. Mitchell. In going there the plaintiff was compelled to pass over a wooden bridge. The plaintiff went ahead and directed the way over it, but when the engine got on it the bridge broke down and the engine fell to the bottom of the creek, doing considerable damage. For this the plaintiff sued the township of Spring. The township claimed that the plaintiff was guilty of negligence, that he should have examined the bridge, &c., but since the traction engine has its rights upon the highway, the township supervisors must afford them as much protection as other vehicles, and it becomes the duty of the supervisors to examine their bridges thoroughly and completely if they wish to escape damages. The jury in this case rendered a verdict in favor of Mr. Wagner.

The Loveland Axe Works.

The Lock Haven Express says preparations for rebuilding the burned forge shops of the Loveland axe works at Lamar are being made and the firm expect to have the factory in operation again by June 1st. The order for the lumber for the building has been given and the site of the new structure has been staked out ready for commencing the work of excavating in a few days. The new forge shops will be considerably larger than those destroyed by fire and will be much more convenient for doing the work of axe making than before.

Thoughtful Girls.

Everett girls are considerate and practical as well as free from modesty. One evening recently while a young man and his best girl were snugly seated in a sleigh drawn by a spirited horse, the harness broke, and being pretty far from home and nothing to fix it the young lady produced one of her garters and handed it to her escort who immediately repaired the broken harness and they happily proceeded onward.

As Good as New.

Nittany Valley railroad engine, No. 3, passed eastward Friday afternoon from Renovo shops. The engine was sent to the shops a few months ago to be rebuilt and was turned out with all the latest improvements. The engine is to be used on the road leading to Valentine's Iron Works near this place.

Death of David Zeigler.

David Zeigler died on Friday morning at Lock Haven and was buried Sunday afternoon. He was 64 years, 11 months and 23 days old; leaves a wife, four sons and two daughters. The deceased was born and raised in Brush Valley, where many of his relatives still reside.

Notice to Subscribers.

If you expect to change your place of residence this spring be sure to inform this office by card; being sure to give your former address as well as the new one. Attend to this and your paper will reach you regularly.

Want Waterworks.

After drinking wellwater for over a century, the citizens of Millheim, Pa., are thinking of building a system of water works for their town. The borough council has the matter under advisement.

TRIAL LIST.

For First Week April Term—Commencing Monday April 24.

- Walter A. Wood vs J. H. Rishel. James Higgins vs Meek and Nagle. E. E. Pressler vs Oscar Duck, estate. Harry Vanpool vs D. W. Holt. Dr. J. G. Hartswick vs L. T. Munson, Adm'r. J. R. Bible, vs Elmira J. Decker. J. G. Fehl vs W. T. Meyer. James Higgins vs Meek and Nagle. J. O. McCormick vs W. K. Alexander. H. F. Bitner vs Robt. O'Boyle, Adm'r. Elizabeth Lingle vs W. B. Mingle, Adm'r.

TRIAL LIST—SECOND WEEK.

- John Liggett vs Lehigh Valley Coal Co. James S. DeLong vs J. P. Findley, et al. D. W. Herring vs A. M. Hoover, et al. James and Lot Kimport vs M. G. Brown. Lot Kimport vs M. G. Brown. Mary Fravel vs Sarah Crissman, Exrs. Commonwealth vs Patrick Dooley. H. White & Co. vs Julia D. Kitz, Jacob Garbrick vs David Harter. W. E. Church vs Julia D. Kitz, Exrs. W. I. Fleming vs Equitable Life Assurance Society. Beaver, Gephart & Dale vs Mary E. Pile, et al. Catharine Reagan vs Beech Creek R. R. Co., et al. Bellefonte Borough vs Samuel H. Dehl. Foster Fannon vs D. B. Thomas. Danville Hospital vs Overseer of Poor, Bellefonte. Samuel Marsh vs Hoover, Hughes & Co. Alfred Jones vs Penna State College. Mary V. Hale, et al, vs Bellefonte Central R. R. Co. Orvis, Bower & Orvis vs J. C. Motz. W. F. Rockey vs I. L. M'Larry. Phillip Collins vs Bellefonte Central R. R. Co. Conrad Immel vs Beecher & Sober. Sarah M. Richards vs Mattern Bros. Geo. R. Boak vs J. H. and C. H. Bates. Benjamin Nearhood vs Jonathan Auman. Elizabeth D. Kunes vs Jno. B. Shaw, et al.

Lock Haven Forgers.

For some time past sharpers have been at work in Lock Haven passing worthless checks. On Wednesday evening of last week two of the sharpers went to Elliot's clothing store, the one ordering a suit and offering as a deposit a check on the First National bank of Bellefonte, payable to Clyde J. Thomas and signed by A. G. Morris, the lime stone operator, of Tyrone. It was for \$16 and the forger asked for the difference of \$8 between the amount of deposit and the price of the suit to be paid him in cash. This Mr. Elliott refused and kept the entire check. He was not satisfied that all was right and telephoned to Bellefonte only to find out that Mr. Morris does not keep an account there and that the check was forged. Lock Haven police are hard at work on the case.

Gilbert—Steck.

Miss Carrie M. Steck, daughter of Rev. J. M. Steck, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer at Williamsport, was led to the altar Friday evening at Williamsport by Professor H. S. Gilbert, principal of the North Washington institute, Butler county, Pa. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, assisted by her brother, Rev. W. F. Steck, of Phillipsburg. After the ceremony an informal reception was held in the Sunday school room, and then Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert left for Butler county, their future home. The bride is well acquainted there, having formerly been a teacher in the institution of which her husband is principal.

Midnight Fire.

The house occupied by Frank Garret and family, near Bush's Addition, was destroyed by fire last Friday night with all its contents. The family were not at home and nothing was saved. There had been fire in a stove during the day but the stove and pipe were taken down and sparks from the chimney flue may have caused the conflagration. The building was owned by S. M. Buck, on which there was \$800 insurance, and \$400 on the contents.

Married Sunday Evening.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the East Main street M. E. parsonage Lock Haven, Sunday night, the contracting parties being Mr. Warren Emery, of Dunstons, and Miss Rebecca Irvin, of Julian, Centre county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. H. Sehenck.

Get Ready for Arbor Day.

The Governor has given due force and effect to the tree-planting law for the current year by designating April 15 and 29 as arbor days the two dates being necessary to make the proclamation practically applicable to the northern and southern sections of the State.

Death of Mrs. Passmore.

Mrs. Alice, wife of James Passmore, proprietor of the Passmore House, Phillipsburg, died there on Monday morning. She had been ill for some time past. The funeral occurred on Wednesday. Her age was 57 years.

A SAD DEATH.

DUE TO A SHOCK OF LIGHTNING.

Causes Mental Derangement of Dr. Wm. C. Grove, of Milesburg—A Fall from a Window Causes Death.

On Sunday evening about 8:30 o'clock Dr. William C. Grove died at his residence in Milesburg. He was one of the most successful physicians in Centre county and had a large practice. About two years ago he was out seeing a patient, when on the Divide, about three miles from Milesburg he was caught in a terrible rain and thunder storm. The lightning struck the two horses and the vehicle throwing them over in a ditch. Dr. Grove received such a shock that he became unconscious for some time. The horses were sort of paralyzed, and of course were unable to move, although they were not killed. It happened that just behind the Doctor's conveyance, there were two men in a buggy who immediately rendered relief. After the Doctor had regained consciousness it was found that his mind was affected to the extent that he was not able to tell where he was or what had happened. His friends thought this affliction was only temporary, but instead of getting better he grew worse. He was finally taken to the Danville hospital, but the authorities seemed to think that he could not be cured. He was brought back to Milesburg and confined to a room in his residence.

On Monday night of last week his wife or his attendant left the room for a few moments. While she was absent Dr. Grove got up, went to one of the front windows and succeeded in getting out on the roof of the porch. He made a misstep and fell to the pavement below. He was picked up and carried into the house in an unconscious condition and so remained up to the time of his death. He leaves a wife, a son Edward and a daughter, Miss Julia, to mourn their loss. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in the Union cemetery, in Bellefonte.—Daily Gazette.

Methodists Mad.

The appointments made at the recent M. E. conference held in Bellefonte, does not seem to suit the good church going people of Phillipsburg. Rev. T. S. Wilcox had been the pastor at that place during the past year and so well was he liked that the laymen of the congregation asked that their pastor be continued. The good Methodists of the Pine street church, Williamsport, having heard of Phillipsburg's pastor went quietly to work and had him transferred to their charge. The editor of the Phillipsburg Ledger, who at seasons becomes exceedingly devout, laments thusly upon the loss of their beloved Pastor Wilcox: "The appointment was made without consulting the Phillipsburg people, and they are highly indignant. The Williamsport people went to work and succeeded in having the appointments changed so that Mr. Wilcox would go to their church and a Rev. A. R. Miller (who we understand is a very good man, but hardly big enough for this charge) would come to Phillipsburg. It was an underhanded, outrageous transaction, and unworthy a christian assembly. It was an insult to use the congregation so.

The greatest line of Spring and Summer clothing just opened.

LYON & Co.

A number of Bellefonte people began digging garden on Monday and Tuesday, along the hills. Rather early yet.

"Pirates of Penzance" will be reproduced at the opera house April 14th. Popular prices of admission will be charged.

The Orpheus orchestra will give a public dance, in Bush's Arcade, on Monday evening, April 3rd. There will be a large attendance.

The greatest line of light spring dress goods—Serges, Henriettas, White Goods, Tricots, Gingham, Suras, etc.

LYON & Co.

This Thursday afternoon the Easter rhetoricals of the Bellefonte High School will take place in the brick building. The exercises will be conducted chiefly by members of the graduating class.

If Bellefonte should pick up a genuine "boom" this coming summer, don't be surprised. There are movements on foot that are of considerable importance to our town's prosperity.

The Bellefonte band meets regularly on Thursday night of each week in Bush's Arcade. At present there are twenty five instruments in the organization nearly all of whom are experienced players. Under the direction of Prof. Spangenberg they are progressing rapidly and will soon make a public appearance.

During the past week two bum puddlers, pretending to be from Scranton and on their way to Hastings, Pa., have been beating our people by a pitiful story for begging money. They collected considerable and then blew it in for rum. Don't waste any charity on them; they are beats.

Silkalene Curtain Lace, etc. LYON & Co.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Issued During the Past Week—Taken From the Docket.

- Oscar McMullen, - - - Miles twp. Annie A. Envel, - - - Spring twp. Wm. Hassinger, - - - Spring twp. Emma R. Gordon, - - - " Charles D. Craft, - - - Moshannon Lizzie Lucas, - - - " Edward S. Homer, - - - Milton Hattie F. Bardo, - - - Turbotville Warren F. Stover, - - - Miles twp. Adda Korman, - - - " Charles E. Decker, - - - Lemont Pa Elizabeth Crozier, - - - State College Ira C. Segner, - - - Lamar Agnes A. Walter, - - - Nittany Daniel Callahan, - - - Pleasant Gap Sallie Slabig, - - - Poters Mills Geo. R. Mayes, - - - Phillipsburg Edith E. Ebbs, - - - " J. C. Sunday, - - - Penna Furnace M. M. Mayes, - - - Washington Furnace Harry H. Ryan, - - - Bellefonte Mattie Murray, - - - Snow Shoe W. P. Lilly, - - - Montgomery Minnie I. Olewine, - - - Bellefonte

Latest novelties in Spring Clothing for Men, Boys and Children.

The best suit in the market, for men, at \$10.

Tailoring a specialty. MONTGOMERY & Co., Bellefonte, Pa.

The CENTRE DEMOCRAT and the PHILAD. Weekly Times, both one year for \$1.45.

PUBLIC SALE OF TIMBERLAND.—There will be offered at Public Sale, at the Court House, Bellefonte, Pa., on

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 1893,

The following described timberland, located in Marion township, bounded on the North and East by lands of Jacob Garbrick, on the West by lands of Meses Thompson's heirs, and on the South by lands of Meses Thompson's heirs, containing 23 acres, more or less. This tract is covered with young thrifty timber, mostly chestnut, suitable for fencing purposes. The tract will be sold as a whole or in three, nearly equal, parts, as may suit purchasers, each of which would form a square plot. Terms will be reasonable. Sale to commence at 2 o'clock. D. H. McCATLEY, Executor, Heedsville, Pa.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Samuel Hess, deceased, late of Harris township. The undersigned, an auditor appointed to make distribution of the balance in the hands of the executor of said decedent, will meet all parties interested at his office in Bellefonte, on Friday April 21st, 1893.

WM. C. HEINLE, Auditor.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The Annual meeting of the Stockholders of Bald Eagle Valley Railroad Company, is called for Tuesday, April 11, 1893, at 11 o'clock a. m. at 221 South Fourth street, Philadelphia. Election for President and Directors same day and place.

ALBERT H. WAGNER, Secretary.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the account of Henry Meyer, assignee of George Wolfhart in trust and for the benefit of creditors, and the account of Samuel Grant, assignee of B. W. Royer in trust and for the benefit of creditors, have been filed in the office of the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, and that unless exceptions thereto be filed on or before Tuesday the 25th of April, 1893, the same will be confirmed. W. F. SMITH, Prothonotary.

SALE OF FARM AND TIMBER LAND.

By virtue of the order of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, to me directed, there will be exposed at public sale on the premises, on

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1893,

the following property, to wit:

A FINE FARM located in Ferguson township, known as the Thomas Strouse farm, bounded on the west by lands of Catharine Johnson, on the north by lands of heirs of Samuel Cori, dec'd., on the east by lands of Isaac Thomas, and on the south by lands of Martin Brumgard, containing 79 acres, thereon erected a two story brick dwelling house, bank barn and other outbuildings. Good fruit of all kinds.

13 ACRES TIMBER LAND.

Also at the same time and place, a tract of timber land along the foot of Turkey mountain, adjoining lands of David Reed and others, containing 15 acres, more or less, covered with good chestnut timber.

TERMS: 1/3 of purchase money in cash; 1/3 in one year and the balance in two years, with interest, to be secured by bond and mortgage on the premises. JOHN T. MCCORMICK, Com. Thomas Strouse.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Table with 2 columns: Grain type and Price per bushel. Includes items like White wheat, Red wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Cloverseed, and Ground plaster.

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

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price per unit. Includes Apples, Charred, Beans, Onions, Butter, Tallow, Country Shoulders, Sides, Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Lard, Eggs, Potatoes, and Dried Sweet Corn.

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Body Brussels—Axminsters, Moquettes, Tapestries and Ingrain carpets.

The finest assortment of carpets in town.

Dress goods, all the late fabrics—gimps and braids, linens and sheeting.

Golden gloss, Haynes wood gloss, fine writing papers.

The handsomest carpets in town.

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