

THE RACKET

What the People Say and Think. (Caught on the fly).

"This is a store; everytime we come to Bellefonte we come in here to look around; U can get anything here, just anything, and the clerks are so obliging."

The arrivals this week are strictly in THE LINE OF BARGAINS

A bargain at The Racket U kno means less than wholesale prices.

We offer 2276 yards standard prints, new Spring styles, at a bargain.

540 yards novelty dress goods, nameless, at eight cents per yard; wholesale price 10 1/2.

600 yards Percalé, Zephyr, 31 inches wide, at a price to U less than we know where to buy it again.

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GOOD NEWS!

For the greatest spring stock of Misses coats, ladies' coats, coats with capes, shoulder capes, wraps, long capes—

For the greatest stock of spring dress goods, whip cords, serges, suitings, henriettas, cashmeres, surahs, china silks, ginghams, etc., call and see us or send for samples.

4-20 tf LYON & CO.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

—Guns, revolvers and ammunition at Culveyhouse's store.

—A street sprinkler for Bellefonte would be a good investment.

—The quilt chanced off by the ladies of the Hubbersburg Evangelical church was drawn by Mrs. Julia Carner.

—On Sunday evening Rev. W. D. Benton, of the Episcopal church delivered his farewell sermon to a large congregation.

—W. Fred Reynolds is making improvements upon his stone residence. Freescoring is being done on the interior and durable stone steps are being laid in front.

—The Prohibitionists will hold their State convention in the opera house, at Harrisburg, on June 7th, to nominate candidates for State Treasurer and Supreme Judge.

—The Bellefonte band made its first public appearance in the diamond, on last Thursday evening. Over thirty men were in line and they played several pieces in a very creditable manner.

—On Saturday Miss Kate E. Stott resigned her position as stamp clerk in the Bellefonte post office, and Miss Henrietta Butts has accepted the position and has been on duty since Monday.

—The county commissioners would greatly appreciate any suggestions as to how the court house yard should be improved. They are thinking of offering a prize for the best and most practical solution of this difficulty, since the cows will be in supremacy in our borough.

—No more fifteen inch trout have been caught lately about Bellefonte. There seems to have been a check upon that kind of fisherman's luck. Trout fishing at its best has not been very successful this season owing to the cold weather and high streams.

—Last Saturday Tony McAllister's brass band from Sandy Ridge, arrived in Bellefonte and delighted the inhabitants with some of their choice music. There are all the way six members of this band, all play horns, and attract considerable attention. The band tarried with us until Monday evening. They left here for Sunbury.

—Harry Jackson, son of banker Geo. W. Jackson, left on Tuesday morning for San Francisco where he obtained a position on the Pacific Mail steamship line. These boats are in part controlled by the Government and carry the mail from San Francisco to foreign ports. Harry spent several years on the school ship Saratoga and has practical experience of life on the ocean waves.

—On Monday morning Bellefonte was alive with music. McAllister's band was out early serenading the natives. Several hand organs were also on hand grinding out music with a vengeance. The birds were singing their morning songs and with the bright warm rays of the sun and the clear sky and balmy atmosphere, it made one feel as though summer had come with a sudden change.

—On Monday evening a portion of the Bellefonte bicycle club took a spin out to Pleasant Gap and concluded their ride by a spurt along Allegheny street. Noticeable in the procession, mounted on a Victor, was Rev. Jas. P. Hughes, principal of the Academy, who is a man in about the 65th year of his life and is remarkably supple and active and can keep up with any of the boys. He thinks a bicycle is just the thing for a man of his age, and calling.

ANOTHER RAILROAD.

TO BE BUILT TO MILL HALL AT ONCE.

A Competing Line of Railroad at Last—Connection With the Beech Creek, Reading, Lehigh and New York Central Systems—To be Completed This Summer—The Central Railroad of Pennsylvania.

For years past the citizens of Bellefonte, and the business men especially, have realized the necessity of our town having a competing line of railroad. As far as railroad facilities are concerned Bellefonte is well supplied as we can at present travel out in six directions: to Lewisburg, Tyrone, Snow Shoe, Lock Haven, over the Pennsylvania railroad lines; to State College over the Bellefonte Central, and several miles east over the Nittany valley railroad, operated for the benefit of the Valentine Furnace company. But practically all freight and passenger traffic, with the exception of what goes to the College, is controlled by the Pennsylvania lines. The effect of this has been that all shippers and passenger traffic were at the mercy of the Pennsylvania railroad company who could, and often did, exact enormous rates from our people who were compelled to use their lines. Bellefonte never received the same benefit of excursion rates as did Lock Haven, Williamsport and other adjacent towns, who enjoyed the benefit of competing lines. There are plenty of instances on record where it would cost as much to have a car load of freight shipped over the Bald Eagle Valley R. R. from Lock Haven to Bellefonte, a distance of about 25 miles, as was charged to bring the same car several hundred miles from a western point. That was rank imposition and we had to bear it.

Smarting under these wrongs a number of moves were made by some of our leading people to get a competing line to Bellefonte. A branch road from Bellefonte, down through Bald Eagle valley, to connect with the Beech Creek railroad at Mill Hall, was contemplated a few years ago. The route was surveyed and much of the line was graded, but for some reason work soon stopped, when the hopes of a competing line were about to be realized. It is generally conceded that this scheme was knocked in the head by the Penna. R. R. officials, by some bargain or deal, so that they could retain their grip on Bellefonte.

For several years past there was much talk of a railroad being built from Bellefonte through Nittany valley, Sugar valley and on to Watsonstown, Pa., to connect with the Reading railroad at that point. While this project was a good one and the route gone over a number of times by engineer corps, it likewise failed to materialize.

THE CENTRAL RAILROAD.

For some years the managers of the Valentine furnace company, who are very heavy shippers, have had continual difficulty with the Pennsylvania railroad company as they claimed they were being charged excessive rates for raw materials hauled to, and iron shipped from the works. The managers of the furnace, along with prominent citizens of town, took the matter into consideration and it was finally decided to make a united effort to have a competing line of railroad reach Bellefonte and that a connecting link from Bellefonte to Mill Hall was needed.

It is said that owing to an existing compact the Beech Creek railroad could not build a branch road into Bellefonte to compete with the P. R. R. Under these circumstances the branch would have to be built by an independent company, but could connect with the Beech Creek at Mill Hall and be a tributary to the Reading, Lehigh and the other large lines on friendly terms.

About a year ago a company was organized to build a railroad from Bellefonte to White Deer Mills, about sixty miles in length, to connect with the Reading. This organization never effected anything. The same company was interviewed recently by Bellefonte citizens and became interested in the branch from Bellefonte to Mill Hall, by the way of Nittany Valley. The company was re-organized last month with the election of W. L. Ross, president; S. H. Hicks, vice president; W. J. McHugh, secretary and treasurer. All these men are Philadelphians. The board of directors comprise the above gentlemen and Charles O. Kruger and William McLaughlin, of Philadelphia; C. M. Clement, of Sunbury, and J. I. Higbee, of Watsonstown.

It was decided to build this branch, to be known as the "Central Railroad of Pennsylvania," providing Bellefonte people subscribed at least \$75,000.00 for the construction, to show that they were interested and would patronize it when built. None of the money is to be paid until the road is constructed and they are to receive 1st mortgage bonds bearing 6 per cent. for their investment. This very liberal proposition was accepted and the full amount of the \$75,000.00 guarantee has been subscribed by our people.

OPERATIONS BEGUN.

For several weeks past an engineer corps has been at work running lines for the new route. J. I. Higbee, of Watsonstown, has been on the ground

and has secured the right of way for almost the entire road to Mill Hall.

Last week a large shanty for quartering laboring men was erected on the Curtin farm, about two miles east of Bellefonte. Wagon loads of shovels, picks, wheelbarrows, etc., have been taken out, and all the teams that can be had are being engaged to go to work on the road bed. A large force of foreigners were expected on Monday but they did not arrive, but will be on hand by the close of the week.

ROUTE OF THE ROAD.

The station of the new road will be at the foot of lamb street, near the electric light station, on a plot of ground owned by the Reading railroad company. The old Snow Shoe office and freight depot has been leased from the Lehigh Valley railroad company, which will give them the most elegant terminal facilities, right in the very business centre of the town.

Starting at the foot of Lamb street the road will keep the old canal embankment until down near the toll gate, where it takes eastward through Arnor's gap and crosses the Jacksonville road at the D. Z. Kline farm. It continues then in a southeasterly course over the Curtin farms, crossing the Nittany Valley railroad at the high fill. It continues in the same direction, crossing the Zion road near the "Gypay woods," on the Curtin farm. It passes by Nigh ore bank near the engine house, then taking a more easterly direction crosses the summit at Harrison Kline's. It then passes through the farms of Henry Gentzel, Isaac Stover, John Rockey, David Sharer and Henry Garbrick, who lives at the foot of Nittany mountain along the road leading from Pleasant Gap to Zion. From this point it continues in almost a perfectly direct line in the draft or ravine that continues through the entire length of Walker township to Nittany. At Nittany it crosses the road and follows Fishing creek through to Mill Hall.

TOWNS ALONG THE LINE.

The station for Zion will likely be near the school house and Grange Hall, about one-half mile south from Zion. Hecla will be right along the road and so will Hubbersburg as it cuts quite close to the town. Then comes Snyderstown, Nittany and the Junction. It then goes into Clinton county and passes by the following places: Lamar, Clintondale, Mackeyville, Salona, Cedar Springs and, passing through the gap, reaches its terminal where it will join the Beech Creek railroad, at the Mill Hall station.

This route by Nittany valley passes through one of the finest and most productive sections of country in the state. Thrifty farmers live along the entire line who will furnish considerable patronage for the road. But the ore fields along the line will be the most valuable source of freight. Throughout the entire length of Nittany valley there are the most valuable ore fields, whole acres that have never been touched, as they heretofore were too far from the market and wagoning made it too expensive for successful operation.

With this railroad passing directly through these districts there will be considerable activity in the iron ore business. It will bring large tracts of timber close to the markets and this will furnish a great deal of freight for the road. The freight traffic for the Valentine Furnace company will be another important item.

The road is to be pushed along as rapidly as men can go to work, it being their intention to have it completed this summer. That seems to be a large undertaking but it can be done.

To show that they mean business an advertisement will be found in another column for 50,000 white and rock oak ties, to be delivered immediately; and at the bottom of the same will be found the name of "J. W. Gephart, Superintendent of construction, Bellefonte," of the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania. Mr. Gephart called at our office on Monday and furnished us with the above facts. He has been interested particularly in this enterprise and to him much credit is due for what has been accomplished.

The road will be equipped with all necessary rolling stock—engines, cars, etc.—and be operated by the Central Railroad of Penna., and not by the Reading or Beech Creek companies as some suppose.

The same company holds the right of way for the former survey, on through Sugar valley to Watsonstown, but they have no intention of doing anything with that part of the road at present.

The length of the road from Bellefonte to Mill Hall will be about 27 miles making it the same distance as over the Pennsylvania.

During the past two months the CENTRE DEMOCRAT was fully aware of the movements being made in the organization, surveys, subscriptions of stock and other matters pertaining to this road. But as things were not in a definite shape and as obstacles might then have arisen to prevent its construction it was deemed best not to make any mention of it through the columns of the paper. This week, Mr. Gephart, who is one of the leaders of the movement, assured us that everything was definitely settled, that the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania would be built at once and in operation before summer was over.

The effect of this road, in a commer-

cial way, will be to add greatly to Bellefonte's shipping facilities. It will give new advantages to the many industries established in our midst by bringing them in contact with many new markets, reduce freight rates what will stimulate and encourage them to enlarge and expand, will be a stimulus for new enterprises to locate here where they can secure so many advantages in the shape of raw materials and a most delightful place to locate.

As we said in our last issue Bellefonte is not dead yet, oh, no. A new era of prosperity is just beginning to dawn upon us which will be felt and appreciated by all.

Bellefonte will boom.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Issued During the Past Week—Taken From the Docket.

- Adam Sheesley, Coburn
Mary Kennelly, Spring Mills
Wm. J. Twigg, Retort
Matta S. Wilson, Boalsburg
Harvey W. Hampton, Bellefonte
Nora Young,
Joseph Mertens, Philipsburg
Agnes Joseph,
Wm. Summers, Portland Mills
Mary Leitzel, Aaronsburg

Caught by a Shaft.

On Saturday Mr. Edward Sellers was at work in the foundry at Oak Hall, where he is engaged in the manufacture of a number of improved farm implements. He was engaged at work near a large pulley that was driven by a belt from the water wheel. By some means the set screw of the large pulley caught the inside of his shirt and coat sleeve and began winding him up about the shaft. By a great effort he managed to throw the belt off after the wheel had made the second revolution and the set screw had lacerated and cut a deep gash in his arm. One of the men in the shop assisted in stopping the machinery or else he might have been more seriously injured. The only injuries he received were on the one arm.

Recent Deaths.

Mrs. Catharine Ney, widow of Michael Ney, died on last Thursday at the residence of her niece, Mrs. James Holloway, in Aaronsburg. Her ailment was cancer; aged 81 years. Interment on Saturday in the Lutheran cemetery.

On Tuesday noon Mrs. Hafer, wife of Dr. A. W. Hafer, of this place, died at her home after an extended illness with consumption. She leaves a husband and four daughters.

Mrs. Pownell, 82 years of age, died in Boggs township Monday afternoon. She was sister of Mrs. J. T. Hoover, of Bellefonte, and also has a sister living at Snow Shoe Intersection.

Spangler Booming.

The new town of Spangler, located five miles west of Hastings, Pa., in Cambria county, must be enjoying a boom. In the Hastings Tribune of this week we notice that James A. McClain, manager of the Spangler Improvement company, advertises for proposals from contractors for the erection and completion of sixty double houses and forty single houses. Bids to be in by May 15, 1893. Plans and specifications furnished at the office of the company at Spangler.

That means furnishing houses for one hundred and sixty families, enough in itself to make a fair sized town. Building operations of that nature is enough to give any community a decided boom.

Death of George Rogers.

On Wednesday evening, May 4th, Mr. George Rogers of this place, while on his way home from a business trip to Pittsburg, stopped off at Altoona to see his sister, Mrs. Robert Roan. Before retiring he complained of a pain in his breast. The next morning he was found a corpse in bed. Mr. Rogers was 53 years of age. For some time past he has been at work on an invention for heating railroad passenger cars by the use of hot air from the engine. He was of an inventive mind and a fine mechanic. The interment occurred on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Laurie, of the Presbyterian church, officiated.

An Elderly Lady Falls.

On Monday morning Mrs. Eliza Curtin, an elderly lady who resides on the corner of Allegheny and Howard streets, went to the cellar where some plumbers were at work making repairs. In going down stairs she stepped on something that caused her to fall forward and her head struck the stone wall. A deep gash several inches long was cut in her forehead and Dr. Hayes was summoned to stitch the wound. She is slowly improving considering her advanced age.

Charles Pierce Married.

Charles Pierce, of Jacksonville, Oregon, some years ago a student in the law office of Orvis, Bower & Orvis, of this place, was married on April 12th to Miss Laura Harrison. They will reside at Seattle during the summer. At one time it was thought that Mr. Pierce would come to this section when he would select a bride.

Main's Show Coming.

Walter L. Main's famous railroad show will visit Bellefonte on Saturday, May the 27th. Main's circus and menagerie is a first class railroad show and visited Bellefonte on former occasions, so that our people know it will be worth seeing. A large advertisement containing full description, will appear in our next issue.

KILLED INSTANTLY.

TERRIBLE DEATH OF THOS. C. WEAVER.

In Kentucky last Thursday—Crushed in a Log Jam—Incidents of the Accident—Formerly of this county.

On last Thursday, Thomas C. Weaver, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Weaver, of Woodward, who had been living at Williamsburg, Kentucky, engaged in lumbering, was instantly crushed to death against a rock by a log while attempting to start a log jam.

The body was shipped home for interment and was to arrive at Bellefonte on Saturday evening, but the trains missed connection and the family of the deceased and corpse were compelled to remain in Tyrone over Sunday. They arrived in Bellefonte Monday morning and continued to their former home, at Woodward, where the interment occurred on Tuesday forenoon.

Thos. Weaver and Charles Allen, of Millburg, Pa., began a lumber operation at Pleasant View, Kentucky, in Nov. 1892. The recent heavy rains had caused a freshet and they were floating logs down the stream to the mill boom. The logs stopped running and Mr. Weaver and J. Dickenson, the Sawyer, started on horseback up the stream to see if there was a log jam. After traveling seventeen miles they came to a turn in the stream where the logs were lodged. Three large logs were lodged at one point, against a large rock along the bank of the stream. While trying to start them they suddenly moved, when the butt of one of them struck Weaver on the right temple and crushed him against the rock. At the same instant Dickenson was struck down and his arm was pinned fast so that he could not extricate himself and it was broken in two places, above and below the elbow. He saw Weaver lying close by him on the slanting rock, almost in the stream. He spoke but Mr. Weaver did not answer; noticing the blood oozing from the mouth, nose and ears, he then realized that the unfortunate man had been instantly killed and the body was in danger of rolling into the high water and being at once carried away. Although suffering great pain he held the lifeless body of his companion with the arm that was free. In that terrible situation, miles from habitation and in an unfrequented mountain district, he awaited his fate. By good luck, an hour later, he was discovered by a man on the opposite side of the stream who came at once to the rescue, and with the assistance of a boy they managed to get the body to Jellico where they telegraphed the sad news to Mr. Allen who came at once to take charge of the body and accompany it, with Mr. Weaver's family, to its final resting place at Woodward.

Thos. C. Weaver was a young man about 39 years of age. He was married to Miss Lizzie Snathers 19 years ago, while engaged in the oil business in Butler county, who with two daughters, Maud 18 years and Blanche 15, survive him.

Mr. Weaver was well known in this section as for a number of years, previous to going to Kentucky, he was engaged in traveling for T. C. Else & Co., of Philadelphia, in this part of the state, and his many friends will be pained to hear of his death.

—Curb market in Bellefonte opened up this week. The attendance was not very large as the farmers do not have very much at this season of the year to dispose.

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

GARMANS.



See the Hermsdorf's Fast Black? Aren't They Pretty!

Hermsdorf dye for the Baby, Young Lady and Mens sizes. The largest and finest stock of goods in town and at lowest prices.

GARMANS.

FAUBLE'S

BOCKERHOFF HOUSE BLOCK.

We Aim

to

Please You

We don't consider anything sold until you are perfectly satisfied with your choice.

NO MATTER

No matter what you buy from us, you can take it home, try it on, show it to your neighbors, or anybody and get their opinion as to the

Fit,

Style,

Quality

AND

Value

You have received for your money, and if you have any reason to regret your purchase, we will cheerfully refund

YOUR MONEY

FAUBLE'S

STORES,

BELLEFONTE, PA.