

The New Racket.

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Explanation of last week's "Ad."

"MATSURI."

The great celebration day in Japan called "MATSURI," is one on which the particular favorite brand of Tea among the Japanese was served to all visiting guests, and that idea will be carried out in our store on a certain day during the week, April 29 to May 4, to be named in the local columns of The Daily News, and ladies visiting the New Racket on that day will be served with Genuine "Matsuri" Tea imported from Japan for this special purpose.

Please consider yourself invited to the "Matsuri" Celebration, and imagine Ure in Japan. Very Respectfully,

G. R. SPIGLEMYER, SHEM SPIGLEMYER, JR.

Your Attention.

Your attention is hereby called to an important announcement to be found in another column from LYON & Co. They have a large stock of goods and are offering same at prices that deserve your attention. See what they have to say. It may be of interest to you.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

The first buds and blossoms of the season appeared during the past week. Figured China silks, 20 cents a yard; striped wash silk 30 cents a yard—at LYON & Co's

Our farmers are complaining of a dry spell that keeps the ground in bad shape for working. Rain is needed.

Bellefonte has the promise of several shows during the coming season. This will prove a delightful announcement for the small boy.

Prof. Will Reitmeyer, of Lewisburg, is at present instructing the Zion band. Will is a first class teacher, and will put the boys in good shape.

Ellis L. Orvis, Esq., returned on Monday from his trip to Philadelphia where he attended Supreme Court and argued several important cases.

True Irish Hearts at the opera house, this Thursday evening. This is a fine attraction and gave elegant satisfaction when here about a year ago.

Miss Matze Biddle, of Cowan, Union county, is at present visiting friends in Centre county. She is a very agreeable young lady, and since here has made many friends.

On Monday morning William H. Williams, of Snow Shoe, convicted of robbing T. B. Buddinger's store, was taken to the Western Penitentiary by Sheriff Condo.

Hon. A. O. Furst, ex-president judge of this district, has been secured by the John W. Geary Post G. A. R. to deliver the oration on Memorial day at Philipsburg.

The butchers in this section have advanced the price of all kinds of beef in the last week. The beef market has gone up with a boom of late and the retailers must follow suit.

Hon. Thomas A. Riley of Boalsburg, attended court this week. He is enjoying his customary good health, and is catching his full share of trout this season.

Richard McCafferty, the contractor for the masonry of the Lamb street bridge, has a large amount of material on the ground, and expects to have work in full progress in a few days.

The base ball fever has failed to arouse much fever in Bellefonte thus far. Between the coming centennial and hard times there is very little money left for amusements on the diamond.

John Keichline, Esq., has organized a collection agency at this place. Peter Keichline, his brother, is assisting him in this new departure. Bellefonte is sadly in need of an institution of this kind.

On Monday evening the Bellefonte band came out and favored the public with a serenade that attracted many. They have some excellent material in the organization and render choice selections.

And, Reesman, of Centre Hall, was in town on Saturday for the purpose of lifting his commission as Justice of the Peace at that place. He is the successor of James C. Boal, who died about a month ago.

EARLY BELLEFONTE.

INTERESTING SCRAPS OF HISTORY.

The Founders of Bellefonte in 1795—Early settlers and incidents of a century ago that will be interesting at this time.

[The people of Bellefonte are preparing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Bellefonte in 1795. This celebration is to be held on June 6th and 7th of this year and is but a few weeks ahead. At this time we believe the public would be especially interested in reading an account of the early settlement of our town. For this purpose we have decided to publish extracts from Hon. John B. Linn's history of Centre and Clinton counties. While this work has been published some years ago there are many of our readers who never read the same. Mr. Linn's history is generally credited with being as reliable as could be made. The following is his sketch of Bellefonte.]

BELLEFONTE BORO.

The original plot of the town of Bellefonte was laid altogether upon the Griffith Gibbon warrant application of the 3d of April, 1769, No. 248, surveyed July 20, 1769, owned by Wm. Lamb, patented Feb. 5, 1794, and conveyed to John Dunlop, Nov. 3, 1797. Subsequent extensions of Broeckerhoff's and the Valentine's, on the east and south, are on the Wm. Moore warrant of Dec. 1, 1772, surveyed May 26, 1784, and patented to Col. Thomas Hartley; and on the west Bush's extension, etc., on the Wm. Sharon, Jr., application, No. 2681, 3d of April, 1769, and the Jas. Sharon, No. 1923, of same date, owned originally by William Lamb, and deeded to James Harris in 1797.

The town was laid out by Col. James Dunlop and James Harris, Esq., in 1795, the streets running parallel with perpendicular to the south line of Griffith Gibbon (N. 75 east W. O. to W. O.) A name for the place readily suggested itself to Mrs. James Harris, and it was at her instance it was called "Bellefonte," from the beautiful spring within its limits.

The first lot-owners and settlers, besides the proprietors, were William Petrikin, Esq., lots Nos. 13 and 14 (now David M. Wagner), in 1796 Adam McKee, Nos. 34 and 35 (now Thomas R. Reynolds and Mrs. J. M. Petrikin); Alexander Diven, No. 35 (now Edmund Blanchard); John Hall (1797), No. 1 now Mrs. Hastings, on Spring street, below the Presbyterian church; Hugh Gallagher, on 15, 16 and 17, now D. G. Bush's, Esq., residence.

The first house was erected by Col. James Dunlop, part of which is still standing on the lot No. 33, now occupied by Jacob Valentine, and was the house in which the courts were first held in 1801. James Harris erected his house at Willow Bank, just outside the boro limits, and William A. Petrikin erected the next house in point of time, where D. M. Wagner now resides, and McKee's tavern, where T. R. Reynolds now resides, was erected in 1797.

John Hall came from Delaware at Mr. Harris' solicitation, and built a house and erected the first blacksmith shop near the foot of Spring street in 1797. Alexander Diven the same year erected a dwelling where Edmund Blanchard now resides. John Dunlop built the Bellefonte forge at the edge of town in 1797, and in 1800, James Smith, son-in-law of Col. Dunlop, built a grist mill where Duncan, Hale & Co's mill now stands, and where of old William Lamb had a saw mill. The same year Roland Curtin came to Bellefonte and opened a store where Joseph Bros. now keep. In 1801 there were residents in Bellefonte: William Alexander (hatter), Col. Dunlop, Hugh Gallagher (tavern keeper), John Hall, Conrad Klyer (weaver), John McCord, Adam McKee, George McKee, Samuel Patterson, William Petrikin, Esq., William Riddle (mason), George Williams (carpenter), Joseph Williams (tanner), Dr. William Harris, David Irvine (lawyer), Abraham Lee, Isaac Lee, John G. Lowrey, John McKee (shoemaker), Jeshur Miles (cabinet maker), John Miles (lawyer), Robert T. Stewart (lawyer).

James Harris built the mill on the site of the present Phoenix mill in 1807. Post Office.—A post office was first established in Bellefonte April 1, 1798, and James Harris appointed postmaster. He was succeeded by R. T. Stewart, Esq., probably, as Mr. Stewart was postmaster as early as 1810, Hamilton Humes was appointed Jan. 4, 1819; Charles Trezilyulny, December 15, 1832; William Grafius, July, 1841; William Grafius died March 1, 1845, and succeeded by Ellen Grafius, who resigned, and Henry McLaughlin was appointed in July, 1845; J. Kidd Shoemaker, April, 1849; Capt. William Cook, appointed June 7, 1823; W. W. Montgomery, March, 1865; John T. Johnson, April, 1869, who still holds the office (1882).

In 1800, when Centre county was created, Milesburg and Bellefonte competed strongly for the honor of becoming the county seat. Milesburg appeared to possess an advantage in the fact that it stood at the head of navigation on Bald Eagle creek, and as that circumstance seemed to operate materially in favor of Milesburg, the proprietors of Bellefonte were spurred to a more than ordinary effort to overcome it. In this emergency the tradition is that those interested in having the county seat, attached a

team to a flatboat having on board a lot of second hand furniture (borrowed from some man's house), and dragged the boat up Spring creek as far as Bellefonte. That done, they hurried a messenger to Lancaster, armed with a properly attested affidavit that the first boat of the season, with freight aboard, had arrived at Bellefonte. This statement of facts appeared to indicate that Bellefonte, and not Milesburg, was at the head of navigation, and being expeditiously pressed by parties in interest, it resulted in the passage of the act making Bellefonte the county seat.

The Presbyterian Church.—The Bellefonte Presbyterian church, according to Dr. Linn, dates its organization with that of the county, 1800, though application had been made for supplies for Bellefonte and Milesburg as early as 1795. The first pastor was Rev. Henry R. Wilson, who was installed pastor of the congregations of Bellefonte and Lick Run, April 20, 1803. The first session consisted of Col. James Dunlop, James Harris, Robert Boggs and James Forster. Additions were made to the session in Mr. Wilson's time of James Steel, George Williams, John Lowrey and Joseph Williams.

The pastoral relation of Mr. Wilson with Bellefonte and Lick Run congregations was dissolved October 3, 1809. At the same meeting calls were presented for Rev. James Linn, and he was installed April 17, 1810. Mr. Linn preaching from Rom. v. 10. Rev. John Coulter preached the ordination sermon from 1 Cor. i. 21. Rev. Isaac Grier delivered the charge to the people.

Rev. James Linn's pastorate continued for the almost unexampled period of nearly fifty-eight years. In his time William Alexander was added to the session, having been an elder in West Kishacoquillas, then Hamilton Humes and Thomas McKee, and after them Henry Vandye, James Irvin and James Harris, Jr., and after them were added William Baird, Jr., Thomas Giffin and J. H. Linn. Subsequent members of session were John Rankin, William Marshall, James D. Harris, James Alexander, Hon. Samuel Linn, James Harris, 1858; H. N. McAlister, E. C. Humes and A. O. Furst in 1862.

The first Sabbath school organized in Bellefonte October 18, 1818, was connected with this church, though called "The Bellefonte Sabbath-day School Association."

Bellefonte Academy.—The founders of Bellefonte were mindful of the important interests of public education, and in practical illustration of their sentiments set apart in 1800, for the support of an academy or public school, certain lots and lands in and adjoining the town. These lands were given in trust to Andrew Gregg, William Swaney and Robert Boggs, the trustees appointed for Centre county upon its erection. The Academy was incorporated January 8, 1805, and to the trustees of that institution, as appointed by law, the donated lands were transferred. The first meeting of the trustees was held on the first of Monday May, 1805, at the house of Benjamin Patton.

The act of legislature approved Jan. 9, 1806, appropriated two thousand dollars for the erection of a suitable academy building, and provided that a number of poor children, not exceeding six, should be educated gratis, but that no such child should be taught longer than two years. For a number of years the academy was used for public and select school purposes, but in 1808 the trustees again resumed possession of the building, and March 23d elected J. P. Hughes principal, who still has charge of the institution, with a large corps of teachers.

Borough Corporation.—The act of Legislature erecting the town of Bellefonte into a borough was approved March 28, 1806. Section 1 provides that the town of Bellefonte, in Centre county, including the lots and land attached and belonging to the said town, shall be and the same is hereby erected into a borough which shall be called the "boro of Bellefonte," bounded and limited as follows: by lands of John Dunlop and Nathaniel Simpson on the south and east, by land of James Dunlop on the north, and by Spring creek and land of James Harris on the west, and it shall and may be lawful for the persons residing within the boro of Bellefonte to exercise and enjoy similar rights and privileges, and at the same time, under similar rules and regulations, shall and may elect similar boro officers, which said boro officers and inhabitants shall exercise similar and equal powers and authorities, and be in all things governed by similar rules and regulations as are granted to and provided for the inhabitants and boro officers of the boro of Williamsport, in the county of Lycoming, by an act of Assembly passed in the present session of the Legislature.

The act creating the borough of Williamsport provided that the voters of the borough should assemble annually on the first Monday of May in the court house, between the hours of twelve and six in the evening, and elect one reputable citizen who should be styled the burgess of the boro, and five reputable citizens to be a town council, and "shall also elect a high constable."

[Will be continued next week.]

Special Bargains.—Figured China silk 20 cents a yard, and striped wash silk 30 cents a yard, at LYON & Co.

BELLEFONTE'S CENTENNIAL.

At this writing the prospects for the coming centennial are most flattering. The committees in charge assure all that it will be one of the most elaborate affairs ever seen in central Pennsylvania. The finance committee have met with substantial encouragement from every quarter; almost everybody is responding with a hearty contribution, which is the principal thing needed to make the affair a success.

The firemen promise a turnout at their convention, which will be held at the same time, that will surpass anything of the kind ever seen in this part of the state. From Dubois, Ridgway, Clearfield, Johnstown, Tyrone, Philipsburg, Lock Haven, Lewisburg and other places, large delegations of firemen and their friends have announced their intention to come.

The centennial celebration proper, on Friday, will consist of a mammoth pageant to display the civic, military and industrial achievements of the county, along with an interesting programme for the entire day.

On Thursday and Friday evenings there will be a great pyrotechnical display in which over \$500 worth of fireworks will be displayed each night. Experts have been engaged to construct and manufacture the same at this place. A complete programme will be published later. The centennial will be a success.

HARRIS-WARFIELD.

The leading society event of the season occurred here Tuesday evening in the marriage of Miss Emily Elliott Harris, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Harris, to Mr. Frank Warfield, of Bellefonte, formerly general freight agent of the Beech Creek railroad, now general passenger and freight agent of the Central Railroad of Penna.

The wedding took place at 6:30 p. m. and was only attended by the immediate relatives. The parlors of the Harris residence were handsomely decorated with evergreens, potted plants and cut flowers for this nuptial celebration and was a bower of fragrance and beauty.

Promptly at the appointed hour Lohnengrin's wedding march was performed by Miss Margaret Snowden, daughter of Major General Snowden, of Philadelphia. In a few seconds the wedding party appeared. First the ushers, Messrs. John and Edward Harris, brothers of the bride, followed by three flower girls, dressed in blue, namely: Miss Mary Swoope, of Curwensville; Miss Mary Weaver, of Clearfield; and Miss Elizabeth Gephart, of Bellefonte. Then came the bride, leaning on the arm of her father. The bride was attired in a gown of pure white satin trimmed with Irish point lace and orange blossoms. She wore a bridal veil caught with diamonds, the gift of the groom, and carried a huge bouquet of bridal roses and lilies of the valley, while numerous small clusters of the latter daintily depended with tiny ribbons, adorned her costume. They were met at the altar by the bridegroom and his best man, Mr. Charles Wilhelm, of Reading, and the officiating minister, Rev. William Laurie, D. D. who pronounced the ceremony which united the two young people for life. The ring was used and the bride was given away by her father. Following the ceremony and congratulations of those present a sumptuous wedding repast was served and this was followed with a reception from 7 to 9. Fully 500 people from at home and abroad tendered their congratulations. The happy couple departed in a special car on the late train over the Central railroad for a brief trip, after which they will take up their residence in Bellefonte.

Stott-Rankin.

This Thursday evening the wedding ceremony of Miss Annie Stott and Mr. Edward B. Rankin, will take place at the home of the bride's parents, corner of Bishop and Spring street, this place. A large number of invitations have been issued for the occasion. Miss Stott is one of Bellefonte's charming young ladies who is deserving of an industrious and faithful husband which she will find in Mr. Rankin, who for some years past has held a responsible position at this place as manager of the Union Telegraph office. It is said that he will later accept a position in one of the departments at Harrisburg.

Club Reception.

On Friday evening, May 10th, the members of the Adelphi Club, at State College, will hold a reception at University Inn. The patronesses for the occasion will be Mrs. C. W. Callaway, Mrs. G. S. Good, Mrs. T. W. Kinkaid, Miss H. A. McElwain, Mrs. W. F. Reeder, Mrs. J. L. Spangler and Mrs. E. E. Sparks. The Adelphi Club is a purely social organization and they give some splendid receptions.

"True Irish Hearts."

"True Irish Hearts" is the attraction at the opera house this evening with a splendid company of singers, dancers, and specialty people. Judiciously interspersed are a number of new songs, a succession of rollicking dances and a true representation of Irish merry-making. In this scene a genuine Irish piper will discourse melodies new to this country on this novel instrument. Prices as usual, 15, 35, 50 and 75 cents.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS.

AN APPARENT REVIVAL OF BUSINESS.

The Valentine Furnace to start on Monday—General improvement in business—Wages being increased.

Next Monday, the 6th, the fires in the Valentine Furnace, at this place will be lighted and will resume operations in every department. This plant was shut down about two months ago during which time many repairs and improvements were made. The mine banks, owned by the company, were kept in full operation during that time and will continue during the summer.

The condition of the iron trade has improved very much during the past season. Large shipments are being made daily which equals the full capacity of the plant. On Monday ten car loads of iron were sent out, and other days similar amounts.

The rolling mills have been in constant operation for some time. Down at Milesburg the charcoal furnace of McCoy & Linn is in operation and turning out its full capacity of their famous brand of charcoal iron.

These are encouraging signs that the iron trade is improving and that a brighter future is in store in this line of trade.

It is in order to note that there is a general awakening in business centres. There is a demand for new products, as most of the stock in hand was consumed during the business depression of the past year.

Stocks, silver, cotton, cattle, leather and other commodities have all enjoyed a decided rise in value; it is now the turn of manufactured products and the upward movement has fully begun.

According to Bradstreet's, 75,000 industrial operatives have had their wages raised during the month of April. But this increase in the purchasing power of the masses has been supplemented by an increase in the number of employes and in the hours of labor. In every trade the stimulus of returning confidence has been felt.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Issued During the Past Week—Taken from the Docket.

- Jasper N. Gill, - - - Pleasant Gap
Ida A. Miller, - - - Bellefonte
Wm. H. Meyers, - - - Boalsburg
Elizabeth Weaver, - - - Oak Hall
Mark Pidrick, - - - Wilmington Del.
Mary E. Beates, - - - Burnside Twp.
H. N. Hoy, - - - Benner Twp.
Sallie Garbrick, - - - College
Harry H. Wagner, - - - Clearfield Co.
Beulah Stine, - - - S. Philipsburg
John F. Garner - - - State College
Margaret Wise, - - - Fillmore
Frank Warfield, - - - Bellefonte
Emily E. Harris, - - - "
M. W. Shank, - - - Snow Shoe
Julia E. Crispin, - - - "
REEDER-TELLER—At the United Evangelical parsonage, March 28, 1895, by Rev. G. E. Zehner, Geo. Reeder and Mrs. Mary J. Teller, both of Milesburg.

MILLER-SPOTTS—At the United Evangelical parsonage, April 21, 1895, by Rev. G. E. Zehner, G. E. Zehner, Louis Miller and Miss Della Spotts, both of Bellefonte.

MARLER-RODGERS—At Haag's hotel, April 17, 1895, by Rev. G. E. Zehner, Henry G. Marler of Clintondale, and Miss Josie E. Rodgers, of Nittany.

HENDERSON-TAYLOR—At the United Evangelical parsonage, April 18, 1895, by Rev. G. E. Zehner, Burton K. Henderson and Miss Jennie T. Taylor, both of Bellefonte.

GILL-MILLER—At the United Evangelical parsonage, April 21, 1895, by Rev. G. E. Zehner, Jasper N. Gill of Pleasant Gap, and Miss Ida A. Miller, of Bellefonte.

MYERS-WEAVER—At the United Evangelical parsonage, April 25, 1895, by Rev. G. E. Zehner, Wm. H. Myers, of Boalsburg, and Miss Lizzie Weaver, of Oak Hall.

Adapted From the Russian Method.

Although Governor Beaver refuses to divulge any information regarding the new process for tinning black sheets, the inventor, his partner, has not been so silent. The inventor is William Rogers, of Leechburg. He secretly obtained the Russian method of iron-making, and, learning why it did not rust, has been applying his knowledge toward a new process of making tin plate. All oxidation is prevented by hammering.

Special Bargains.

Figured China silk 20 cents a yard, and striped wash silk 30 cents a yard, at LYON & Co.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the name of WM. F. SMITH, of Bellefonte, formerly of Penn township, as a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Red wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Ground plaster, etc.

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