

The New Racket.

No. 9 AND 11, CROOKER EX. BELLEFONTE, PA.

Looking Backward

The biggest improvement in the history of the business was made during April, 1895, and the change from a country to a city store quickly accomplished.

Looking Forward

We know "the best laid schemes of men and mice gang aft aglay," but an increasing patronage spurs us on to further efforts and it won't be our fault if 1896 don't show further improvement.

BROOMS

Are an everyday household necessity. We have 50 dozen that came to us at a loss to the manufacturer. They were made to sell at 25c a piece—January 1st to 7th inclusive, U can have

2 FOR 25 CENTS

and only two to a family—See north middle window, and remember Jan 1st to 7th at that price.

G. E. SPIGLEMYER, SHREWSPIGLEMYER, JR.

FREE SCHOLARSHIP.

To Lock Haven State Normal for the Winter Term.

THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT will give away a free scholarship to the Lock Haven State Normal, for the Winter Term which commences January 6th, 1896, and continues 12 weeks. This will entitle the recipient to all the privileges of that institution, tuition and boarding, and is worth \$51.00 in cash. In addition to the above we will give a second prize, tuition for the Winter Term, worth \$15.00.

Persons paying their subscription in advance will receive Premium Coupons entitling them to one vote for every month paid in advance, or 12 votes for a yearly-advance-paid subscription. Any person sending in a NEW cash subscription will be entitled to a Premium Coupon equal to 18 votes.

The votes will be counted each week and the result announced by the auditing committee: Messrs. R. F. Hunter and Wm. G. Runkle, Esq.

The following is the newspaper coupon. Cut it out and vote for some deserving young man or woman whom you think would appreciate this scholarship:

The Centre Democrat Scholarship Coupon.

Write in the blank space below as indicated, the name and address of person preferred to receive the CENTRE DEMOCRAT'S scholarship in the Lock Haven State Normal.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1896.

Cut this out, bring or mail to the CENTRE DEMOCRAT office. After 30 days from date this coupon will not be counted.

THE COUNT.

The following is the total number of votes cast for the above mentioned scholarship, to date:

NAMES.	NO. VOTES.
Wm. Corman, Benner twp.....	3530
Bertha Atwood, Bellefonte.....	1769
Miss Lena Bann, Bellefonte.....	643
Wm. Deitz, Howard.....	509
Cyrus F. Hoy, Zion.....	78
Elery Gansalins.....	71
Gertie Dolan, Bellefonte.....	59
Anna Heverly, Blanchard.....	22
Roy Bell, Pleasant Gap.....	19
Wm. Rockey, Pleasant Gap.....	15
Ambrose Slotman, Pleasant Gap.....	5
Pat Royer, Zion.....	3
Agnes J. Kennedy, Sandy Ridge.....	3
R. J. Snyder, Marion twp.....	2
J. C. Shaffer.....	2
F. H. King, Renovo.....	1
J. F. McCoy.....	1

The following number of votes were cast for the week ending Jan. 1: Bertha Atwood, 13; Wm. Corman, 596; Pat Royer, 3; J. C. Shaffer, 2; F. M. McCoy 1. Ballots too old to count: Wm. Corman 14; Bertha Atwood 2; J. C. Shaffer 1.

ROBT. F. HUNTER } Com.
W. G. RUNKLE }

Wednesday, Jan. 1, '96.

Accepted.

The Senior class of the Bellefonte High school adopted the following resolutions:

"We, the members of the 'Class of '96,' of the Bellefonte High school, resolve that we will accept the kind offer of Mr. J. C. Meyer to award a prize to a member of the Senior class who composes the best biographical sketch, and desire to extend our thanks for same."

CORRESPONDENTS DEPARTMENT.

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LEMONT BUBBLES.

Lost in the Mountains—Wild Turkeys Plenty—Found his Cousin.

LOST:—We came near losing our friend Wade Evey. While out after a Christmas tree he became bewildered and wandered over the mountains for five or six hours, after which he found himself in the McBride gap, about six miles from home.

TURKEYS:—Our hunters are taking advantage of the last part of the turkey season. They are on the mountain every day but they do not have the luck to get a shot at them. They report turkeys plenty on the south side of the mountain.

FAIR VISITORS:—Miss Kate Houser, of Bellefonte, was visiting at the home of Henry Eiters, near Shiloh. Also Miss Agnes Wagner, of the same place, was visiting at the home of Miss Etta Johnsonbaugh, near Houserville, and Miss Maggie McClellan, was visiting at Mrs. Alfred Wasson's.

The Presbyterians are having preaching every night this week in their church. Mr. Frank Lee and wife came over from near Pottery Mills, to spend their Christmas with Mrs. L's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tate.

SPRAINED WRIST:—We are sorry to state that Andrew Gregg, the successful teacher of our grammar school, had a badly sprained wrist, but we are unable to say how the accident occurred. Confess, Andrew.

HIS COUSIN:—Our jolly friend J. A. W. spent Christmas in Philipsburg. At institute he found a cousin whom he had never seen or heard of before and, of course, he was elated over the find. That is the reason he was absent from our town last week. He reports having a good time and has been advising the boys to "Go and do likewise." John you are on top of the job, so sing, "Nearer My God to Thee."

ROCK SPRING WAVES.

There was a quiet wedding in our town of Gatesburg. Mr. John Barto and Miss Annie Masterson were married at Stornstons. The writer wishes them success in life.

Mr. John Tansy was visiting friends in Philipsburg.

Some of our farmers are wearing a broad smile since it rained, so that they can plow.

Rev. R. G. Gardner, of Pittsburg, was home visiting his aged parents. Come again.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. D. L. Miller, of Pine Grove, is very ill with typhoid fever.

LOST, LOST:—Our friend W. was lost Saturday night. He was not found till Sunday morning.

John Bowersox and sister Kate, are attending singing convention at Rebersburg.

Thomas Gray, of Tadpole, has his lime kiln burning and expects to make 13,000 bushels of lime.

GOOD LUCK:—James Harpster has a streak of luck. He found a wife.

Miss Mary Frazier and friend Barto, had a very pleasant trip to Altoona. We do not know whether they were on their wedding trip or not.

The people of our town must not get angry when they find out who the writer is. He is not right anyhow.

Mr. Geo. Bell has a very bad cold. You had better stay away from your neighbors.

ZION SCRAPS.

The new house at the west end of town, owned by Mrs. Lesh, will soon be completed. Frank Walz, the expert tinner for H. A. McKee, last week fitted it up with spouting.

The Christmas entertainment here was a grand success. There were many handsome presents, among them an elegant silk hat, received by Boyd Noll, our merchant, from a lady friend. Boyd will look sporty with a "plug hat."

Many of our farmers put in the holiday week plowing. The ground was in good condition.

Invitations will soon be out for a wedding in this community. Guess who it is? Miss Belle Wagner, of Houserville, visited friends about here last week.

Samuel Clevestine and Miss Jennie Garbrick had a narrow escape on Christmas night while returning from Snyder-town. They drove race with Cyrus Hoy and Gertie Brungard and went down over the side of a bridge. The result was not serious, but the boys should take better care of their girls.

GATESBURG SQUALLS.

Christmas is past, and we hope all had a happy time.

HEAVY STORM:—A very heavy rain storm passed over this section last week, blowing down fences and also damaging the roofs of some buildings. It gave a good supply of water.

XMAS SERVICES:—Christmas services were held in the Gatesburg L. church

on the eve of the 24. A large congregation was present. Many were disappointed as they expected to hear an address by George Bollinger of Aaronsburg, who was put on the programme by Prof. Rider, at his own request.

WEDDINGS:—There were several weddings at this place last week. We wish them smooth sailing over life's stormy sea, and a happy honeymoon that will give much joy.

Elmer Snyder, of Tyrone, was a pleasant caller at Wm. Hastings last week. We think he was the pleasant caller to Miss Lizzie, as she is always ready to lift the latch to receive him as a welcome guest.

David Kustenbender and wife, of Pa. Furnace, were welcome guests at Jacob Harpster and wife last week.

Mr. John Harpster, of Port Matilda, is visiting relatives in this section. He gets around quite smart, considering his age, he is 83 years.

Daniel Harpster, of this place, had better be looking after the fair sex or he will be put on the bachelor list. Whoop her up Dan, as there is plenty waiting for you.

The joint counsel, of the different charges of the L. church, met at Pine Grove on the 28, to settle up the business of the year, and to transact business for the coming year.

WEDDING TRIP:—James Harpster, of Rock Spring is away on his wedding trip and has not returned yet. We hope he will enjoy sailing the matrimonial boat.

The Star Ointment Company of Pa. Furnace, is doing a large business. They made a shipment of 8 gr. gross last week, and expect to do better in the future.

Scott Biesler, of this place, is thinking of locating in Philadelphia. He started for said place on Christmas morn and did not return for several days. We think he will soon stay for good. That is right Scott, it is not good for man to be alone, and you know it.

The old year will soon be gone and the new one here, so let us all try and make a clear record in all we undertake to do and we will come out all right in the end, with our books posted up and our debts all paid.

HUBLERSBURG ITEMS.

DULL CHRISTMAS:—Nothing of importance took place in this vicinity on Christmas, with the exception of a few roasts and family reunions.

SERENADING:—Mr. John Beck and bride, from Loveville, arrived at this place as the guests of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, on Christmas evening and it didn't take long until young America was out making Rome howl.

Harry McCaully and Herb Decker, were home from Mill Hall last week to spend Christmas.

John Weaver is housed up at present with a badly sprained foot. Hope he will soon be able to be about again.

Mr. George Bright, a theological student, was the guest of Miss Mary Bergstresser, last week. On Sunday evening a week he preached a very interesting Christmas sermon.

Miss Sophia Rocky was off on an extended trip last week.

Miss Cornelia Hall, our primary teacher, who had been to Renovo last week to spend Christmas with her parents, is at her post this week again.

HELPMATE:—It is rumored that one of our young men in this vicinity is going to take a helpmate unto himself in the near future. How is it Frank.

BOALSBURG BUBBLES.

Dr. Frank Wood, son of Dr. J. F. Wood, died on Christmas eve, just one year ago to the day since his father died. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, at the home of his mother where he died. The Dr. was a successful physician and had quite an extensive practice in Ohio, where he was located for several years past.

J. P. Meyers came home from college and took sick with a disease caused from having a very bad cold, and is quite sick at present.

Mrs. Black has gone to the home of her father, who is very sick at present; he is quite old.

A. M. Musser, of Ohio, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Henry Fredric.

Miss Emma Womer, a young lady of this place, was married last Tuesday to Mr. McAllister, of Wilkesbarre. We wish them many happy New Year's.

MUSICAL CONVENTION:—A good musical convention will be held here, beginning next Monday evening. The convention will be conducted by Prof. P. H. Meyer, musical instructor, and Miss Annie Brooks of Pleasant Gap, as organist. All lovers of music are invited to attend.

Mr. H. M. Hosterman is home on a vacation, he is teaching school at Huntingdon. Henry looks well; glad to see him come back again.

P. M. Weber and family, of Huntingdon, were visiting friends in and about Boalsburg the past week, glad to see him come to his old home.

The stock of the Philada. Branch is being closed out by the new purchaser, S. Oberndorf. It must be converted into money.

PENN HALL.

DEATH OF DANIEL BARTGES:—Daniel Bartges, who had been suffering of consumption for the last year, died on Friday December 20th. The funeral services were held at Rebersburg on Tuesday, December 24th. Two sons, and two daughters, were present. The deceased was a well known and a good citizen of this place.

A good many have already filled their ice houses with a new supply of the crystal article.

Quite a number from this place attended the Christmas entertainment at Farmers Mill, on Tuesday evening a week, and reported grand.

Mr. James Mowery and wife, of Altoona, were the guests at F. K. Carter's last week.

Miss Mary Boyer, of Hartleton, was visiting in our section last week.

AFT R COAL:—A. G. Burrell started operations in his coal mine last week, which will add a new enterprise in our section. Mr. Burrell thinks he will strike plenty of coal shortly.

Geo. Rockey, of near Bellefonte, spent Sunday visiting friends here.

Messrs A. P. Burrell and J. M. Messmer were away a few days last week swapping horses. Of course they did not get swapped. They say it always takes two to make a bargain.

A TUMBLE:—A certain dude took rather a tumble while going to a wedding. A. B., hereafter take a mother's advice and take the road and don't sneak through the woods and fields.

Miss Kate Schull, of Farmers Mills, was the guest of Miss Eva D. Carter, on Monday.

MARRIED:—Harry W. Weaver, of Georges Valley, and Ida M. Marks of this place were united in marriage, at the home of the brides parents, on Christmas by Rev. Hoch, pastor of the United Evangelical church.

Mrs. Frederick Meyer who has been seriously ill for quite a while is reported no better at this writing.

Prof. G. F. W. Mark and wife, of Erie, Pa., are here spending their vacation at the gentlemen's parental home.

H. F. Weaver is doing a rushing business with the sale of his new cookstove.

We understand the newly married couple of this place, while on a honeymoon trip to Farmers Mills were favored by some choice music by the calthumpian band at that place.

J. E. Rishell, of Farmers Mills, was here on business on Tuesday.

C. E. Zeigler spent Sunday at Madisonburg.

A number of people of this place are attending the Musical Convention, at Georges Valley this week.

F. M. Ream was laid up with a severe attack of neuralgia a few days.

UNIONVILLE ITEMS.

A. B. Hall killed three turkeys for Christmas.

Toads and grass-hoppers were seen in the fields last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pratt, of Harrisburg, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Pratt.

Edward Lowery, son of Joseph Lowery, at this writing, is dangerously ill with that fatal disease typhoid fever.

Presbyterians and Methodists gave their children their annual treat on Christmas.

E. M. Lucas purchased a brand new horse one day last week. Next get Funky a new buggy, he gets tired walking around the hill.

Frank Smith, the expert Miller of Karthaus, was home spending Christmas.

Mrs. Ruben Iddings died at her home Dec. 23, aged about 70 years.

New railroad, and war with England is the topic of the day.

Who killed the tame turkey at the Cambridge farm? Was it some of the Bellefonte hunters?

H. Holtzworth has made quite an improvement on his house.

John Emerick has killed the largest porker in our community, it weighed 408 pounds.

John A. Geary, of Harrisburg, was in town last week shaking hands with his old friends.

The wind storm of last Thursday night was destructive to fences.

Miss Myra Smith, who is attending the Lock Haven Normal School, is home spending her vacation and calling on her many friends.

John Rich cut quite a dash on Saturday morning breaking in Mr. Pratt's new team of horses. He is the boy that knows how to handle a wild team.

Master Harry and Edgar Earon and sister, of Lock Haven, are guests of their uncle, W. H. Earon. They think the little boys and girls here are too nice for anything.

Mr. and Mrs. John Daley, of Bradford, arrived over Sunday in our town.

Howard Holtzworth was the lucky man at the shooting match on Saturday. He won four fine turkeys.

David Pratt, of Houtzdale, spent Christmas with his parents.

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THE PRIZE OF ROME.

An Annual Award by the French Government For Art Works.

The French nation has for many years owned a handsome palace in the Eternal City, as Rome is frequently called. This is known as the Ville de Medici. It is a beautiful building, standing in the middle of a garden filled with statuary and fine old trees, commanding a view of the famous old city and fitted up with superb furniture, tapestries and pictures, the remains of the former greatness of the once powerful Medici family, who for so many years were high in the political affairs of Italy. Here each year are sent four young Frenchmen—a painter, a sculptor, an architect and a carver of precious stones. These lads are chosen by a competition held at the School of Fine Arts in Paris every spring. The examinations are very searching, and the successful candidates are greatly envied, as well they may be, for, having won their honors, they are housed, fed and provided with a studio and an ample sum of money to pay their expenses for four years—all by the French government.

So it will be seen that it is no small honor to have passed successfully through the ordeal, for not only is the opportunity for the delightful life under such splendid conditions to be desired, but the youth who gains the distinction of being the prize winner is for evermore a marked man. His work is watched for, his future progress is noted, and his career may be said to be definitely made. The conditions under which the examinations are made are very strict. Preliminary trials take place early in the season. All who desire to enter inscribe their names at the government school. Of course only French lads may try. For the painters, a subject is given out—perhaps some incident from the Bible, or an episode from a mythological story—and sketches are made by the students. Twenty or thirty of the most promising sketches are selected, and those chosen then make paintings. These lads then make drawings in charcoal of the subject.

Another selection is made, and those chosen then make paintings. This time ten canvases are selected and their authors go, as they say in French, en loge, which means that each man of the ten enters a small studio, where an easel and materials for work, and he is allowed such models as are necessary to complete his picture. His first sketch of the subject given out is handed to him, and from this he must make a painting about 3 feet by 4 in size. He is not allowed to make any material changes in his composition, but must keep very closely to his original design. Outside his door sits an employee of the school, known as a "guardian," whose business it is to see that the student receives no help, nor may he leave the building, save under charge of this sentinel, who is watchful and keen and not to be trifled with. Three weeks are allowed in which to complete the work. Then the ten canvases are placed in frames. The works are the same size every year, and the old frames do duty over and over again.

Now is an anxious period while a jury composed of distinguished artists deliberate on the merits of the works to determine the order of their excellence. Finally a day comes when all is arranged. The ten pictures are placed in a gallery of the school, and each is numbered; the doors are opened, and the anxious crowd of students rushes in to learn the decision.

You may be sure that the happy No. 1 is a hero and that he is carried around the Latin quarter on the shoulders of his companions. The strain of the past few months is over, and we may forgive him if he gives way to a lot of boisterous nonsense for a few hours. To No. 2 there is some consolation for so narrowly missing the great end he has aimed for, a sort of "consolation prize" being awarded to him in the shape of a sum of money that enables him to travel for a year. Besides, he will compete the next year, and it frequently happens that the second man one season is the successful competitor of the year following.

The winning picture is hung permanently in the school, and the happy man goes to Rome. Each year he must send home evidences of his application and progress, that the state may know he is improving his time.—"A Famous French Painter," by Arthur Hoerber, in St. Nicholas.

Pope Leo's Instructions.

When investigating the Vatican records, Pope Leo XIII said to Dom Gasquet, the librarian, "Publish everything of interest; everything, whether it tends to the discredit or credit of the ecclesiastical authorities, for you may be sure that if the gospels had been written in our day the treachery of Judas and the denial of St. Peter would have been suppressed for fear of scandalizing weak consciences." So Lord Halifax told the English church union the other day.

In the Good Old Times.

Major (to his soldiers, about to storm an entrenchment)—Now, my men, you'll have to look sharp at this business. You've got to imagine that there are 100 cooks up yonder waiting to receive you, each with a sausage in one hand and a roast fowl in the other—Soldaten-ground.

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Rye, per bushel.....	48
Corn, ears, per bushel, new.....	35
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Apples, dried, per pound.....	64
Cherries, dried, per pound, seeded.....	18
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Butter, per pound.....	25
Tallow, per pound.....	60
Country Shoulders.....	10
Sides.....	10
Hams.....	12
Hams, sugar cured.....	12
Breakfast Bacon.....	12
Lard, per pound.....	67
Eggs, per dozen.....	25
Potatoes, per bushel, new.....	20
Dried sweet Corn, per pound.....	10