

# THE RACKET

No. 9 and 11 Crider's Exchange, Bellefonte, Pa.

## Butterflies Patterns,

Fashion Sheet, Glass of Fashion and Delineator for July now ready. I have made arrangements for "advance" Patterns, that is, patterns one month in advance of current numbers of Delineator. This has heretofore been possible, only at the largest city agencies.

## Masons Fruit Jars.

3600 in stock, bought when snow was on the ground. The best Mason jar U or I ever saw. They are advancing in price. I can sell 'em to the man that made 'em at the price I charge U. Extra Aluminum Lids and first quality Rubber Rings at Racket prices.

## China Annex Special.

24 Sets Decorated Toilet Ware, 6 pieces \$1.69; 9 pieces \$2.00; 11 pieces \$3.75. Big values.

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# "Hail Columbia"

The Gem of the Ocean" but also hail the gems of merchandising in the Clothing and Hat line which are being



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You are free to examine and at liberty to leave

# Without Buying

but our goods will make a strong appeal.

# Montgomery & Co

Progressive Clothiers, BELLEFONTE, PENN'A.

## CLEVER THING TO DO:

If you have a Brother, or Sister, Father or Mother, Son or Daughter, Uncle or Aunt—of course you have—living in some distant part of the country you can give them an appropriate gift and one that will be appreciated by sending them THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT one year. Costs you only \$1 to do, and will keep them informed during the year about happenings in Centre county. Would that not be the clever thing to do?

## WELL! I GUESS YES!!

FOR \$1.50!—You can get two weekly newspapers for a year—"The Centre Democrat" and either the "Pittsburg Post" or the "Cincinnati Enquirer." Our claim is to furnish the Most News for the Least Money.

# CORRESPONDENTS DEPARTMENT

The News Gathered From Various Sections

## HAPPENINGS IN CENTRE CO

What Our Army of Alert Correspondents See and Observe Worthy of Note—The Local Happenings of Every Community Will be Gladly Published—Send the News, We will Publish it.

### SPRING MILLS.

Candidates were plenty in the past week.

C. P. Long spent a couple days at Harrisburg.

Andy Dunlap's house is ready for a new coat of paint.

Some of the bogus half-dollars have reached our town.

Next Sunday the Lutherans will have Children services.

Children services in the M. E. church was well attended.

Next Saturday is delegate election. Democrats turn out.

D. H. Ruhl spent a week in Lancaster, visiting his parents.

Geo. Lee and family, of Coburn, were visiting at Smith brothers.

Philip Meyer and family, of Boalsburg, were visiting Elias Fetterolf for a couple days.

C. U. Hoffer, of Phillipsburg, candidate for Prothonotary, spent Saturday here shaking hands with his many friends. He is well fitted for the office.

Robert Neese made a business trip to Lock Haven, Williamsport, Tyrone and Punxsutawney. The farthest way round is the nearest way there.

Daniel Breon died in Georgesvalley and was buried at the Cross church; age 64 years, 1 month and 21 days. Smith brothers had charge of the funeral services.

The Ladies mite society held a festival which netted them twenty six dollars, with all that the music was kept away. They played for a better cause; boys, next is your time.

For Constipation take Karl's Clover Root Tea, the great Blood Purifier Cures Headache, Nervousness, Eruptions on the face, and makes the head clear as a bell. Sold by Krumrine Bros., Bellefonte.

### WALKER.

Mr. Gill and wife have returned to their home in Altoona.

The indications thus far are for good grain crops in this vicinity.

Miss Ella Bartrum, of Lock Haven, is visiting friends at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gardner, of Mill Hill, visited friends at this place.

The Red, White and Blue social was well attended, on Saturday evening.

Mr. Bierly, of Cedar Run, is visiting at the home of Mr. R. Bierley, of this place.

Quite a number attended the Children's day services at the Christian church, at Howard.

Mrs. McKee, of Kansas, and another lady, of Lewistown, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Martin.

Mr. Ed Smith and family, of Beech Creek, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Aley.

D. H. Martin, of Lancaster, Pa., one of our intelligent and refined young men, is enjoying the hospitality of his parent's home.

Messrs J. C. Weaver and Mr. Highland, of Bellefonte, gave a very excellent Bible talk, on Sunday morning, in the Presbyterian church.

Catarth Cured. A clear head and sweet breath secured with Shiloh's Catarth Remedy, sold on a guarantee. Nasal injector free. Sold by Krumrine Bros., Bellefonte.

### NITTANY.

Business is dull, therefore news is scarce through here.

Mrs. Dorman and Miss Mittie Winkleman were to Lock Haven, last Saturday.

Miss Mable Robb spent several days with her parents, at this place, last week.

Don't forget the festival on the 11th. The Nittany band will furnish the music.

Miss Bessie Hall, of Milesburg, has returned home after spending a few days with friends here.

E. J. Peck and family and Grandpa Peck, of this place, spent Sunday at the club house, at Hecla, with the former's parents.

John Holmes is giving some of our men work this summer cleaning fence rows and taking out rocks on the farm he bought.

The Nittany Cornet band has been giving quite a few open air concerts this while back, which are very much appreciated by the people.

Frank Emerick and Arthur Young were home over Sunday seeing after their wives and babies. They left for the woods on Monday, where they are working.

Karl's Clover Root Tea, for Constipation it's the Best and if after using it you don't say so, return the package and get your money. Sold by Krumrine Bros., Bellefonte.

### PENN HALL.

Miss Mary R. Swarm is sporting a new bike.

Andrew Corman, our supervisor, is at present repairing our roads.

Candidates are busy looking up political fences in our section at present.

D. B. Weaver and wife, of Wolfs Store, were visiting in our section last week.

The prospects are for an immense hay and grain crop, throughout our valley.

Henry Zeigler and wife, of Linden Hill, were the guests at C. E. Zeigler's on Monday.

Miss Catherine Houz, of Farmers' Mills, is at present visiting friends and relatives in our section.

A red, white and blue social will be held on the St. Paul's United Evangelical church lawn, on Saturday evening, June 13th. All are invited to come and help a good cause along.

Spring Time is Here.

So is Spring's Sarsaparilla for the Blood. Guaranteed better than the best. For sale at Krumrine's Pharmacy.

### REBERSBURG.

Thomas Wolf, of Madisonburg, was among his friends on our burg, on Friday evening.

Miss Margaret Brungard, of Indianapolis, Ind., came to our burg on Monday to visit her many relatives.

One of our old merchants in the person of Samuel Wait and his wife of Pleasant Gap, were in our burg on Saturday.

Harvey Corman, who believes in having things look more according to his refined taste, is having his house repainted.

Mrs. George Corman, of Freeport, Ill., is the pleasant guest among her many relatives and friends of our burg and vicinity.

Syrus Klinefelter and his wife, of Nipenose, were the pleasant guests of their relatives in our burg latter part of last week.

The house of Thomas Ocker is now in the hands of the painters. Thomas believes in being in harmony with the rest of the people of our burg.

H. Elmer Bierly, who is professor of science and philosophy in Virginia College, Roanoke, Va., returned home on Monday to spend his vacation.

Clark Gramley, who the other week was very suddenly and surprisingly taken to Altoona, we are glad to say is again among his old friends since Saturday. On the 20th inst., as we understand, he will be obliged to leave again.

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Conference, of the Lutheran church, opened on Tuesday evening and will be continued all week. Quite a number of delegates are in our burg from various places to represent their societies.

Miss Grace Chase and her sister, both of Portland, Maine, are the guests of Miss Byrd Stover. They were students of the Virginia College at Roanoke, Va., during the year and both are very fine singers, having been favorites at the college.

Monday morning Albert Steininger, who is the fireman on C. C. Loose's steam saw mill, at David Meyers a few miles east of our burg, was struck slightly on the forehead by a tube which blew from the boiler; his recovery is very promising again.

A CORRECTION.—In the memorial note of our last week's items, the type setter one way or the other overlooked Rev. Muma's name, who was the last speaker of our memorial exercises. We make note of this, simply because we don't believe in showing any partiality in any way whatever.

For the last few weeks our supervisor in the person of James Corman has, indeed, been very faithful by repairing the road between Centre Mills and Kreamerville and, in order, to make the road as it really should be, it will take him a few more weeks. We must also confess that Mr. Corman knows how to make the road good.

Last Wednesday evening Orvis Walker, who recently returned from West Virginia, and Miss Lizzie Haines, one of our accomplished young ladies, were quietly married at the home of the bride by Rev. Muma. Quite a number of their relatives and intimate friends were present to witness the event. The evening was very pleasantly spent by all. May their lives be long and happy together, is the wish of the correspondent.

—The price of the Centre Democrat and 3-times-a-week World has been reduced from \$1.75 to \$1.65 per year. This is a great combination at a low price. We always furnish "The Most News for the Least Money."

### HOWARD.

Dr. Small, of Cleveland, is a guest of I. C. Leathers.

Joseph Diehl purchased a brand new horse. It is a "beaut."

Wm. Miles and wife, of Milesburg, were guests of H. T. Lucas.

Mr. James McEntire, of Bellefonte, was in our town the past week.

Mrs. Hoy, of Walker, was a guest of Mrs. I. C. Leathers, one day last week.

Mr. Noble and Mr. Stout, of Lock Haven, were in our town over Sunday.

W. R. Hopkins, who had been engaged in Maryland, is home on a short vacation.

Max Allison purchased a new bicycle on Monday. He says he can ride to Hecla Park. It is a dandy.

Misses Clara and Elsie Kline, of this place, who had been to Altoona the past year, are home at this writing.

Quite a number of bicyclers, from Bellefonte, were in our town on Sunday and stopped at the Syracuse House.

Miss Stoner, Miss Hastings and Mr. McCloskey, all of Mill Hill, were guests of I. C. Leathers on Saturday.

Miss Sophia Rockey, of Habersburg; and Mrs. S. P. Hockman, of Spring Mills, were guests of E. C. Deitz, on Monday.

Dr. Small, of Cleveland, and Miss Minnie Leathers, of this place, were to Beech Creek over Sunday. The Dr. and Minnie took a trip to some of our eastern cities on Tuesday.

Quite a number of our people attended the red, white and blue social, at Walker, on Saturday evening. Roy Allison took a load over and the wagon was handsomely decorated with bunting.

A banquet was held at E. C. Deitz's place of refreshments, on Monday evening. Among those present were Prof. J. Frank Holter, Oscar Miles Lucas, and Dr. O. W. McEntire.

A son of Webster Butler, of Marsh Creek, met with an accident one day last week while climbing a cherry tree. He fell to the ground and in the fall tore a large piece of flesh out of his left arm. He was brought to the office of Dr. McEntire where his wound was properly attended to and is reported to be getting along as well as can be expected.

—THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT and the 3 times-a-week World both one year for \$1.65. Think of it, four papers a week for that price. This is a great combination.

### HUBLERSBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hockman, of Spring Mills, were the guests of Julia Brown over Sunday.

Joseph Emerick, one of our supervisors, is repairing the road, going across the Ridge this week.

If the present dry spell does not continue too long there will be an abundance of hay, and another good wheat crop.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Whitman were to

Coburn on Sunday to visit their son William, who is still quite low with typhoid fever.

Every democrat should turn out on Saturday at the primary election, which will be held between the hours of 3 and 7 P. M.

Quite a large picnic was held on Tuesday, at Samuel Hoy's, in honor of Miss Talitha Hoy's sixteenth birthday. There were 150 persons present.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kessinger and daughter, of Pitsaun, Pa., formerly of this place, were circulating among their many friends at this place, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Seibert and Emanuel Markle, of Bellefonte; Mr. and Mrs. Swartz, of Clintondale; and Mr. and Mrs. Trevilyn, of Hecla, were guests at E. J. Markle's on Sunday.

### MADISONBURG.

Andrew Ocker and wife are visiting in Millfin county, at present.

Rev. Romig transacted business in Millfin county a few days last week.

Madisonburg just now has a "spooning" school, thoroughly up-to-date.

Andrew Guiser and wife left on Monday for an extended visit through Union and Snyder counties.

Mrs. Kerstetter and Mrs. Bear, of Centre Hall, spent this week as the guest of their brother Joseph Bierly.

We trust that our people will take a decided interest in the delegate election on Saturday, and not neglect their duty.

It is only a common scene to go to church here in the evening and see some young Misses looking through their fingers at some young men. It must be a mighty homely fellow that a girl can face directly without fear of exposing herself.

A new board-walk is being made in front of the Reformed church at present, which should be continued at least a half mile further. Trusting some of our people will certainly continue the work, for it is extremely necessary at a number of places.

We understand that on Monday the teachers will be elected at Rebersburg for the coming school year. We have only the highest confidence in our school board that they will truly and faithfully remember us this year. We sincerely believe that they will this year give us what belongs to us and what is needed here.

### HIEDLER NOTES.

John Weaver and family, of Coburn, Sundayed at Lloyd Lose's.

John Zerby's latest expression is: "Call me papa; it's a little boy."

Elmer Boob and family, of Spring Mills, paid a visit to Emil Wetzel's, Saturday and Sunday.

R. E. Stovers sale was well attended last Saturday, but goods did not bring as big prices as at the former sale, two weeks ago.

Preaching services at St. Paul every evening this week and dedication on Sunday morning, all are invited to participate in these services.

John Sheats was taken to the hospital on Monday to have an operation performed on his eye, of which it is feared he will lose his sight. He has the sympathy of all.

George Kreighbaum took his three little boys to the Orphans home, at Loysville last week. The little girl will have a home at Dr. D. F. Bowersox's at Aaronsburg.

### PINE CREEK.

Geo. Bower is again on the sick list.

Simon Rote and wife visited his brother Emanuel, on Sunday.

Ira Gramley and family, of Aaronsburg, were guests at George Bowers, on Sunday.

Geo. B. Shaffer and John Winklebleck, two of our expert wheelmen were to State College over Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Reider, daughter of Esau Reider, of this place, left here on Monday to make her home at Luther Stover's, at Aaronsburg.

Misses Emma and Bessie Burd and their gentlemen friends, of Lewisburg, paid their Uncle John Wagner a brief visit about a week ago.

### COBURN.

The date of the raising of the monster flag at Coburn, this county has been changed from the 11th to the 18th, at six o'clock in the evening. A glorious time is anticipated, by the people in that section.

"BEFORE BABY IS BORN."

A Valuable Little Book of Interest to all Women Sent Free.

Every woman looks forward with feelings of indescribable joy to the one momentous event in her life, compared with which all others pale into insignificance. How proud and happy she will be when her precious babe nestles on her breast—how sweet the name of "Mother!" And yet her happy anticipation of this event is clouded with misgivings of the pain and danger of the ordeal, so that it is impossible to avoid the feelings of constant dread which creeps over her. The danger and suffering attendant upon being a mother can be entirely prevented, so that the coming of the little stranger need not be looked forward to with fear and trembling, as is so often the case. Every woman who reads this paper can obtain absolutely free a valuable and attractive little book entitled "Before Baby is Born," by sending her name and address to the Bradford Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga. This Book contains priceless information to all women, and no one should fail to send for it.

A good appetite is essential to good health.

Hood's Sarsaparilla creates an Appetite, tones and Strengthens the stomach, And builds up the whole system.

It relieves that tired feeling, and by purifying and enriching the blood, it promptly and permanently cures all scrofula eruptions, boils, humors, pimples and sores; strengthens the nerves, and gives sweet, refreshing sleep. No other medicine has taken such hold upon the confidence of the people as Hood's Sarsaparilla, and its record of great cures is unequalled by any other preparation. You may take Hood's Sarsaparilla with the utmost confidence that it will do you good.

### WHEAT AND SPECULATION.

From many Western States come reports of prospects of a large wheat crop. Kansas expects double the yield last year, so do Minnesota and the Dakotas. Other States have equally good prospects, and the farmers foresee low prices again, unless there shall be a shortage from the average yield of all wheat-growing countries.

During the past year, owing to a good demand for wheat and the skillful manipulation of the markets by speculators. Western farmers have enjoyed unusual prosperity. They have greatly reduced their indebtedness, some have acquired considerable capital. Doubtless encouraged by favorable conditions, many increased their acreage, which may account for the prospective yield. If so, they have simply committed the error of men—over-done a profitable business. While they may continue to be fairly prosperous, there is no influence which can long maintain a fictitious price on any product.

The farmer's prosperity during the past year has been fictitious in a measure. The supply of wheat did not equal the demand, it is true, and this caused the price to rise. However, had not their wheat been cornered by speculators and held for a still higher price than that dictated by the law of supply and demand, farmers' profits would not have been so great as they were. If the prospective yield shall amount to greater than the demand, the price will come nearer being normal because there will be little inducement for extensive speculation.

While the farmers cannot expect, by any manipulation of the product, speculative or other, to secure continued high prices, they may find some consolation, if they are humanitarian, in the thought that the toilers of the world will get cheaper bread. Their prosperity during the past year was at the expense of the poor people, the bread-winners. Their lack of prosperity will be the price of the comforts to be enjoyed by the poor. There is always a balancing up of accounts, in the long run.—Grit.

### SPAIN'S DANGEROUS SHIP.

The Pelayo is Formidable Enough in Theory, But May Not Stand the Test.

The Spanish battleship Pelayo, if she is as able as the Spaniards believe, over-matches the American battleship Texas in all points, has more armor than the Iowa and is faster than the Indiana. But vicious, incorrect ideas were followed in her building, from the laying down of her lines to the mounting of her batteries.

Her armor was put on her before such things as Harveyized or nickel steel were known, and, even as ordinary steel there is room for questioning its quality. The disposition of her guns, especially in her main battery, is radically wrong, and cannot be corrected. The Pelayo cannot concentrate her fire like any of our battleships, nor can she cover the same area of fire without excessive manoeuvring.

She carries four heavy guns in single barbettes, one forward, one aft, and the others spononed in each broadside. They are the new French Cuet guns, of only 9-inch caliber, however; but it is said that they are far superior to the larger cannon and that they can do more damage. They have a test record of having pierced 30 inches of steel at the muzzle. She is protected with old-fashioned armor, but her boilers and machinery are new and good, and she should be able to make her full estimated speed of 16 knots an hour. Her coal capacity is fair, and she has a steaming radius as large as that of most of our battleships.

John Ward the great base ball player, better known as the man who discovered the "curved" ball, visited his old friend, Judge McCure, at Lewisburg, last week. His Honor and Mr. Ward played ball together in the good old days of later "seventies." It is said that on the same day that a well known college professor and a man distinguished in the line of mathematics, was demonstrating to his class that a curved ball could not be pitched, a well known ball player was out on the campus sending in "drops," "in-shoots," "out-shoots," and doing all kinds of curved things with a common everyday base ball. The professor and his class were invited out to see a practical demonstration of the curved pitch. He could scarcely believe his own eyes, and placed sticks in an irregular line and challenged any one to send curved balls around them. In the twinkling of an eye the ball left the hands of the famous player, and curved in and out around the sticks like the graceful swimming of a swan. Again and again the ball was sent around the sticks, and still the professor doubted and kept on proving by mathematical formulas the pitching of the curved ball to be impossible. The professor is still living and is no doubt converted over to the curved ball idea. And it is said all of the above happened in Lewisburg.—Chronicle.

### CURVES DEMONSTRATED.

Seven Sons in This War.

The Sheridan troop, of Tyrone, has a remarkable family of Flecks. They are from sinking valley, and are all daring troopers. Lieutenant Thomas M. Fleck, the father, was compelled to resign from the troop on account of the death of a son, but has still seven left in the Sheridan troop. One of these is a sergeant, two are corporals, and four privates.



### THREE NAVAL HEROES.

It is pleasant to read the English recognition of the splendid gallantry, coolness and fertility in expedient of American naval officers and sailors, as illustrated by Dewey and Hobson. The London "News" declares "if the United States can count on self-sacrifices of that kind in great emergencies" it is all up with Cervera and Santiago. Great Britain is a good judge. For hundreds of years it has been the controlling naval power of the world, and its history bristles with records of individual daring. It is great to know how to do a thing and then to do it—to wed knowledge to courage. The Spaniards are brave as any, but their infirmity is in not knowing how to do it.

In American naval history we recall but two incidents that parallel Hobson's daring achievement. He has linked his name with those of Decatur and Cushing.

In 1803-05 the United States was at war with Tripoli to protect American commerce and rescue American sailors from the slavery of the Moslem pirates. Commodore Bainbridge, cruising off Tripoli in the frigate Philadelphia, chased a Tripolitan gunboat into shoal water, and was hauling off when the frigate struck a reef at the mouth of the harbor.

Every effort was made to float her, but without success. She was surrounded by Tripolitan gunboats, and Bainbridge struck his flag. The officers became prisoners of war, and the crew, 300 in number, were held as slaves and put to hard work. The frigate was floated and brought under the guns of the castle. This was in August, 1805.

Decatur was in the squadron as first lieutenant of the Essex. He was but 24 years of age, and entering the navy at 19 had distinguished himself as a youth of unusual talent and bravery. When the Philadelphia was captured he volunteered to enter the harbor and destroy her. Reluctant permission was granted. He set out from Syracuse on a Tripolitan vessel he had captured and named the Intrepid. He arrived off Tripoli February 16, 1804, and at night entered the harbor in boats, with a picked crew, boarded the Philadelphia under the walls of the castle, killed or drove her private crew into the ocean, fired the ship and remained alongside