

# THE RACKET

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

Buttericks Delineator, Fashion Sheet and Patterns for November now ready.

**The Weather Prophet** predicts a cold winter. U will soon need underwear and I would like U to know that our stock is complete and at its best.

**Underwear for Men, Underwear for Boys, Underwear for Women, Underwear for Children,** and if U consult your own interest and pocket book, U won't buy a piece until U look through The Racket.

**The China Annex,** The sales in this department is showing a satisfactory increase. The stock of popular priced goods in Dinner and Toilet Sets, Lamps, Glassware and Bric-a-Brac is simply immense. We open today a box as big as a western house, direct importation from Germany, never opened until it reached our door. From factory direct to consumer at one small profit is modern ideal storekeeping.

G. R. SPIGELMYER.

### MONTGOMERY & CO.



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To-day the fall showing is ready—Handsome and well constructed

**CLOTHING** for men, boys and children. The price—possibilities that our vast buying gives, are hinted at in the descriptive list that follows:

**Men's Clothing** "An honest tale speeds best being plainly told." We offer for Fall and Winter wear, all wool and handsomely tailored suits at \$7.50—the samples we show are the exact quality of fabrics, and are a few of many new and bright styles confined exclusively to us.

**OVERCOATS** All-Wool Kersey Overcoats in blue and black at \$7.75. Boy's Overcoats at \$5.00 to 7.50. Children's Overcoats and Reefers \$1.50 to 7.50.

**SUITS** Boy's Suits at \$5, 6, 6.50 and 7.50. Children's Suits at \$1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.50 up to \$5.00. Guyer, Dunlap, Knox Belmar and Army Hats. Pumpkin Contest to be decided on Saturday, Oct. 15, between the hours of 8 and 10 a. m.

Montgomery & Co., Progressive Clothiers, Bellefonte, Pa.

**Look for the Starting Announcement—** In Two Weeks. We have still a large stock of the Powers goods going below cost. **POWERS SHOE COMPANY.**

## CORRESPONDENTS

### DEPARTMENT

**The News Gathered From Various Sections**

#### HAPPENINGS IN CENTRE CO

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

#### Nittany.

Mr. Searl preached an able sermon on Sunday afternoon.

We wonder what became of our neighbor, Mr. Hubersburg.

Sheriff Shaeffer is putting up a new hog pen and buggy shed.

Mrs. Tate was to Bellefonte and Milesburg several days last week.

We are sorry to note that Samuel Martin has been very poorly the past week.

Hub Miller, of Hubersburg, was the guest of Will Shaffer on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Bert Beck and children went to Lock Haven to spend a week among friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Rothrock, of Lock Haven, were the guests of George Geobles over Sunday.

Mr. Culby and family, of Lock Haven, were the guests of his sister, Mrs. Rachel Rossman on Sunday.

Mrs. George Bartley and children, of Hubersburg, were the guests of John and Tom Bartley last Friday.

Miss Eleanor Shaeffer and Miss Verne Allison, of this place, were to Cedar Springs to see their grandpa, Mr. Allison.

Miss Mittie Winkleman, Mrs. Newt Dorman and Miss Bessie Pifer were to Brushvalley several days last week, visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Robb, of Bellefonte, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cole, of Zion, were the guests of their mother, Mrs. Alice Robb, on Sunday.

We should think cheaters were plenty enough that people wouldn't need to gather them on Sunday. They could gather enough through the week.

Mrs. Henry Snavely, Miss Ida Showers and Miss Lillie McCaleb were up to the club house on Saturday to help Mrs. Peck take care of the farmers.

Frank Minick, wife and sisters were over to Penns Valley one day last week to see the ruins of their uncle John Messer's buildings that were burned down a week ago.

#### Howard.

Charles Lucas, who had been sick for some time, is seen on our streets again.

Mr. Sweeney and wife and the Misses Benuissens were fishing on Tuesday afternoon.

Roy Leathers and sister, Minnie, were to Bellefonte on Tuesday, transacting business.

Another car load of cattle left this place for Philadelphia, on Tuesday. This is the third car this season.

The farmers of this section are busy husking corn. The season seems warm to pile so much corn in the cribs.

The Disciples No. 1 are having a series of meetings in this place at this writing. One addition thus far. The meetings are conducted by Mr. Winters.

**DEATH.**—The death of Mrs. Sellers, an aged lady of this place, occurred on Thursday. She had made her home with Dr. O. W. McEntire. The remains were taken to Fillmore, where interment was made on Sunday.

**SURPRISE.**—A few days previous to this writing Mr. Yeager and Miss Elsie Long went away on a visit. When they came home the people were surprised to learn that Long had changed to Yeager. This will encourage some of our other maids, for the town is full of them.

The ladies of the United Evangelical church, of Howard, will hold an oyster and ice cream supper on Saturday evening, Oct. 15th, at the residence of John Locher, Main street; proceeds for the benefit of the Sunday school. An invitation is extended to all.

**DEATH.**—The only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Fletcher died with brain fever on Wednesday. She became excited on Friday, at the reception of Company B. She was afraid the soldiers would shoot her. The child was four years old and everybody's pet. The funeral services were held on Friday and were very largely attended. Interment was made in Schenck's cemetery.

#### Mt. Eagle.

Franklin Deitz is busy housing his corn crop, which appears to be about the best in this vicinity.

The politicians in our vicinity seem to be very quiet; not much is said on either side, yet the time is just coming when an awakening will be a good thing for our reformers to get to work.

Our schools, in this end of the township, have been in progress for a week with very gratifying results. L. A. Leathers has charge of the town school; H. W. Reeder, Pleasant Hill; and W. F. Leathers, Kennedy. With these teachers in charge, this end of the township is expected to hold its own.

About forty of our young people quietly slipped to the home of Miss Ester G. Leathers the other evening while she, with her brother and niece were busily engaged in playing and singing, bursted in upon her and interrupted the music. She was compelled to acknowledge a complete surprise. Several birthday presents were placed upon the table and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The Misses Della and Blanche Badinger, of Snow Shoe, introduced a new game, which was the most enjoyable thing of the evening.

If everyone knew The superior quality Of Hood's Pills, Their gentle, easy Action, their prompt effect upon The torpid liver and inactive bowels, It would be only a short time when They would be used to the exclusion Of every other kind. Hood's Pills Are the only Pills to take With Hood's Sarsaparilla, The One True Blood Purifier.

## WHO PAYS THE TAXES.

The Poor Man Assesses, Proportionately, More Than the Rich Man.

In his speech at Gettysburg, Mr. Jenks showed that the machine boast that the cost of the state government is gotten from the corporations, which, if true, would be small consolation to the average taxpayer. This, because of the total amount of taxes collected in the state, only about \$12,000,000 are collected by the state, while \$38,000,000 are collected by the counties, municipalities, etc., and the bargain of the machine with the corporations is, that if they pay the state tax, they shall be exempt from all other forms of taxation. In other words, the people pay, in county and municipal taxation, more than three times as much as is collected as state tax. The people pay all, indirectly, of course, and directly they pay in this way more than \$3 for every \$1 that passes into the state treasurer's hands. Under the democratic party, before the war, and in every other state in the union, the corporations pay their full share of local, as well as state taxation, so that the rule in Pennsylvania is a favor to the corporations rather than to the people.

But it is not true, as the machine apologists seek to show, that the corporations pay all the state tax. The fact is they pay little more than half of it. According to the report of Auditor General Mylin, in 1896 (the last auditor general's report published, though 1898 is nearly through with) the sources of the state income were as follows:

From financial corporations and associations	\$92,210.53
From corporations (railroads, etc.) and associations	5,983,089.75
Total	\$6,075,300.28
From the counties in tax on personal property, liquor licenses, etc.	5,496,571.98
Other sources, salaries public, fees of officers, fines, etc.	591,571.57
Total	\$5,968,143.83
Grand total	\$12,043,444.11

This completely explodes the contention of the machine that the corporations pay all, even of the state taxes. They pay, as the foregoing figures show, but little more than half of them. Of the \$50,000,000 collected by all the tax levying authorities in 1896 they contributed something less than \$7,000,000 and the people, chiefly the owners of real estate, something more than \$43,000,000, so that as the tax-yielders the people, whose aggregate property is worth very little more than that of the corporations, are made to give up, under machine rule, over six dollars for every one dollar surrendered by the corporations.

It is notorious that everywhere the poor man's cottage or the small farmer's holding is assessed at a far greater percentage of its real value than are the larger properties of wealthy individuals and corporations. It is the poor man therefore, that is most injured by the machine taxation system. He pays in tax many times as much in the first instance, and in one way or other is made to pay it all in the final summing up. The Democratic party does not believe in further taxing anybody. The Republican machine, on the other hand, is busily engaged in devising new schemes of taxation to meet their needs and extravagances. The Democratic party would not alter the present tax laws other than to amend them where it should be made clear that they are unfair to any particular class. The Democrats believe in economy, but are not content to sit silently by and have their Republican opponents gather glory from a tax system that is not, as they falsely and impudently contend, in any sense, a benign scheme from the standpoint of the best interests of the people.

#### Runville.

A young daughter arrived at the home of Jacob Lucas.

Rev. Kelley was to preach at his new circuit, over Sunday.

Mrs. Susie Stewart, of Winburn, is at present visiting friends in this place.

Mrs. Jacob Reasner, of Marsh Creek, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Kate Senect.

Miss Myrtle Freil has gone to live as hired girl for Martin Brower, of near Unionville.

D. F. Shope and family Sundayed with Mrs. Shope parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Lucas.

Rev. Hummel preached the first round on the Runville charge over Sunday. The church was well filled with anxious hearers at this place on Sunday evening. The Rev. preached a very able sermon from the 12th chapter and 14th verse of Paul's epistle to the Corinthians.

Lost, on or about the 27th, of Sept. Edward Poorman had the misfortune of losing a purse containing twenty seven dollars in bills, viz: one twenty, one five and one two, and not certain but might possibly be a complete small pieces in silver. It was lost between Snow Shoe and Runville. Any person finding and presenting the same to the looser will be liberally rewarded.

Mrs. Angeline Curtin, widow of John Curtin, of this place, died at the home of her son Harry McClincy in Union township, Oct. 2nd, and was buried at the Messiah cemetery Oct. 4. Mrs. Curtin was an active member of the United Brethren church. One son and two daughters survive her: Emma, single; Harry McClincy, residing in Union twp; Mrs. Manda Peters residing in Central City.

**What Dr. A. E. Salter Says.**

**BUFFALO, N. Y.,**—Gents:—From my personal knowledge, gained in observing the effect of your "Shiloh's Cure in cases of advanced Consumption, I am prepared to say it is the most remarkable Remedy that has ever been brought to my attention. It has certainly saved many from Consumption. Sold by Krummel Bros., Bellefonte, Pa.

## TREASURY BALANCES.

Their Manipulation in Debauchery of Our Politics—How a Beneficent Democratic Law Operated to the Profit of the People and Was Surprisingly Set Aside by the Machine—The Proof That Democrats, When They Are In, Do Real Reform Work.

The state treasury balances, whether real or fictitious, have never since 1883 fallen below \$3,857,055 and have gone as high as \$6,679,854. According to the reports of the auditor general and state treasurer they have been, for the last ten years, as follows:

1888	\$3,687,055.65
1889	3,969,587.53
1890	4,426,645.45
1891	6,679,854.55
1892	6,000,644.95
1893	5,830,308.07
1894	5,014,642.15
1895	3,429,664.67
1896	5,962,504.19
1897	5,136,700.02
Average	\$4,923,767.66

These are the balances at the end of each fiscal year. The monthly balances are approximately the same. No money is kept in the treasury. It is all in the banks. Here we have, therefore, an average of about \$5,000,000 constantly in the favored fiscal institutions. This is so large a proportion of the total resources of many of them that financiers say a sudden withdrawal of the whole line would create something like a panic. Indeed, that reason has more than once been put forward to stay reforms intended to prevent the carrying of such balances, by cutting down taxes when the balances have been real, or requiring that the money be paid out when they are manufactured. When banks are without adequate money resources of their own, depositing with them ceases to be an option.

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both of those who had to do with the execution of the act and of the books, that it operated largely to the advantage of the treasury. It brought the state considerably more than 1 1/2 or 2 per cent on its moneys that would otherwise have been farmed out to the banks gratis, and it involved absolutely no possibility of loss.

Its repeal was not actual, but virtual. It was not manly, but tricky, after the manner of all the doings of the machine. In 1891 legislation was had largely lessening the flow of money into the sinking fund, so that there remained in that fund practically nothing to be invested under the Humes act. This was not because the balances carried were any less. In fact, they were larger in that year and the year following than ever before or since. But they were kept mainly in the general fund, and the banks got them again, and the machine treasury and the machineites revealed correspondingly.

Here we have the convincing proofs that when the Democrats are in, they do real reform work, and that the great adeo recently made in so-called independent reform circles touching the debauchery of our politics through manipulation of the state deposits is a very old story to the workers of the Democratic party.

**THE PADDED PAY ROLL.**

**Mr. Wanamaker, in Reply to Chairman Elkin, Gives the Names and Records of Some of the Men Who Were on the Roll.**

In his Media speech Mr. Wanamaker said:

"Chairman Elkin, for shame. Dare you stand up and assert that all the politicians who were on the padded pay roll performed any service to the state? Dare you assert that Phillip Gori, of Shechuquo Bradford county, who was appointed to pay a political debt the machine owed to the now discarded Louis Piollet, and who drew from the padded pay roll \$1,080, ever performed any service to the state?"

"Dare you assert that James R. Greiner, of Luzerne county, now serving sentence in the Eastern penitentiary for murder, who, as a political reward from the machine, received nearly \$1,000 from the padded pay roll, and who visited Harrisburg but three days during the session, performed any service to the state?"

"Dare you assert that Jonathan Jones, of Schuylkill county, who testified under oath in a libel case at Pottsville in November, 1897, that his name was placed on the padded pay roll by Senator Coyle, a Quay senator, who drew for him \$900, though he, Jones, was not once in Harrisburg during the session, performed any service to the state?"

"I have in my possession other names that were on the padded pay roll, and the amounts of salary they received, and stand ready to furnish before a court of record indisputable proof that these men performed no labor for the state, and that the money was paid as political rewards."

"I am discussing Mr. Elkin as a public official, and not as a private individual, and all interrogatories are addressed to him as the official head of an organization."

"Chairman Elkin, though you have been declared an unfaithful state official and have been dismissed for cause from public office, and though your attempted defense is a complete confession of your guilt, and your explanations, in the light of historical facts, have convicted you of the grossest misrepresentations, still, under the principle of law that grants immunity to a coploteur who turns state's evidence, and gives testimony that will result to the good of the public, there may yet be left a chance for you to save yourself, in some degree, if you will give to the people of this state the inside history of that fatal indemnity bond transaction."

**WANTED!**—A few men and women that can mind their own business to take the place of some here that don't.

At the barn of J. P. Frank on last Friday forenoon, C. McC. Gramley thrashed 272 bushels of oats in 2 1/4 hours.

Abraham Brindle has a visitor from Tyrone, we did not learn the name, but is a young gentleman, some relation to the above.

Husking corn is one of the leading occupations at present, and lots of tables are brought forth by the taking of bushels crushed per day.

On Saturday evening Dr. Monroe, presiding elder of the M. E. church, will give a discourse in the church at this place. It may be a good treat, so let us all go to hear him.

We have some people in our town that are so well at carrying news that they won't take time to chase a flea from the surface of their nose, but rather carry the noble practice of "tell tale."

It will pay anyone to buy a broom and sweep the rubbish from their own door.

Thursday evening brought a cheerful scene to the home of Serenes Harry, when his daughter Emma was united in matrimony to a Mr. Stoner, of Salona, Clinton county, and on the following evening the calatumpian band of this place gave them some of their choicest music. Of course the result was satisfactory and we made old Salona haul out the segars. We wish them a long and a happy life. Rev. George of the Reformed church performed the ceremony.

**WANTED!**—Several Trustworthy Persons in this state to manage our business in their own and nearby counties. It is mainly office work conducted at home. Salary straight \$30 a year and expenses—definite, board, no more, no less salary. Monthly \$75. References. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope, Herbert E. Hess, Pres't, Dep't M., Chicago, Ill.

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The Quaker Valley Mfg. Co., of Chicago, have requested us to announce that they have several thousand sets of the finest gold silver-plated War Memorial Spoons left over from their recent distribution. They will mail, post-paid, a full set of six of these spoons to every subscriber of the CENTRE DEMOCRAT, who will send name and address—a postal card will do. If, on receipt of the spoons, you find them the most exquisitely beautiful specimens of the silversmith's art you ever saw, and worth \$7.50 result 75 cents, as payment in full, within 30 days: if not pleased, return spoons immediately. Each spoon is engraved with names of the late war, and every subscriber should accept this most remarkable offer, and obtain a set before it is too late. All that's necessary is to say you're a subscriber to the CENTRE DEMOCRAT (this is important) and that you accept Memorial Spoon Offer. Address QUAKER VALLEY MFG. CO., 307 W. Harrison St., Chicago.

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**BARGAINS, WANTS, ETC.**

**FOR SALE CHEAP!**—A good Hartford Bicycle will be sold for \$15.00 cash. The wheel is almost as good as new and can be seen at this office.

**WANTED!**—Any information of the present address of G. W. Smith, recently of Boyceville, Pa., will be considered a favor if sent to this office.

**WANTED!**—The present address of William Raymond, formerly of Bellefonte, Pa., by the Centre Democrat.

**WANTED!**—The present postoffice address of John Gifford, recently of Osceola Mills, Pa., by the Centre Democrat.

**FOR SALE!**—A copy of "Commemorative Record," biographies in Centre, Clinton, Union and Snyder counties, just published. List price \$3, will be sold at a reduction. Inquire at this office.

**WANTED!**—Information as to the present address of Jared C. Logan, formerly address Akron, Ohio. An account of \$9.00, for unpaid subscription, against said party, will be paid at a liberal reduction. Address THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT, Bellefonte, Pa.

**MONEY TO LOAN.**

In large and small sums on first class real estate security. Apply in person or address, G. E. RUCKLE, Attorney-at-Law, Bellefonte, Pa.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.**

Estate of Wm. J. Thompson, dec'd, late of this county, in and for the county of Centre, Pennsylvania. Letters testamentary upon said estate having been granted by the Register of Wills to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims, to present them for settlement. All claims against said estate shall be presented to J. J. Irvn, of Oak Hill, who is authorized to act for the executor.

Orvis, Bowler & Orvis, Attorneys. Edward E. Mitchell, Executor.