

The Racket.

wishes you all

A Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year.

Yours for success,

G. R. SPIGELMYER.

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A VERY MERRY XMAS



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An Art display, entirely new.

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a nice dress shoe for a reasonable price don't forget the SARACEN

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CORRESPONDENT DEPARTMENT

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Coburn.

Geo. B. Stover and wife, of Livonia, made a visit at this place.

C. E. Hauck, of Sunbury, made a business trip to this place the other day.

A number of people from this place attended preaching, at Millheim, on Sunday evening.

D. G. Snyder, of Shamokin, was seen on our streets the other day.

Mrs. Daniel Luse, of Centre Hall, made a visit at this place over Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph Condo, of Mocacon, Ill., is visiting in this section.

Rev. E. H. Gerhart, of Lebanon, Pa., preached in the Lutheran church, at this place, on Sunday.

On Monday morning a number of our teachers left for Bellefonte to attend institute.

Miss Mabel Vonada and Miss Mamie Garthoff went to Bellefonte on Tuesday morning to attend institute.

GEORGETOWN.

Georgetown news were out of sight for a while. Highvalley took up so much space in your paper that we had no chance.

The principal talk now days is about the big porkers that were killed this season. Nothing has been said of the big porkers in Georgetown; some tipped the scales at 75 pounds and up to 350.

Jacob Breon, one of our wide-awake farmers, killed 12 hogs and a 600 pound beef in one day.

Mr. Breon was on the sick list for several days, but is better again.

Jacob Kerstetter killed three hogs, the combined weight was 1539 pounds. Jacob is a big man and that is the reason he killed big hogs.

Daniel Hosterman, the assessor, is out every day hunting up the babies. Daniel says that the baby crop is better this year than the corn crop.

The night school, near Drum Station, is coming to a close now. Then the teacher and the public will have a rest by night.

Wm. Wert, of Drum Station, is one of the happiest men in the world; it is because a little dishwasher came to his house, and it came to stay. If you want to see a smile on a face, just call the Major grandpa.

John H. Confer made a great improvement on his house by giving it a coat of paint; neighbors do likewise.

S. G. Rote, living on one of Daniel Meyers' farms near Coburn, lost a valuable horse last week.

Georgetown has a base ball club now, and the girls have a full hand in it. They will play on Sunday as well as any other day.

Christmas is near at hand and the writer of these items wishes one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DO YOU KNOW.

Consumption is preventable? Science has proven that, and also that neglect is suicidal. The worst cold or cough can be secured with Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure. Sold on positive guarantee for over fifty years. For sale by Krumrine Bros., Bellefonte, Pa.

Fiedler.

Wm. Wolf, of this place, is seriously thinking of erecting a stove mill here.

Scarlet rash has made its appearance here and Lydia, daughter of Wm. Musser has been afflicted the past week. Her condition is not serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Winegardner, Fred Malone and lady friend visited at the home of Boyd Wilson, at Coburn, over Sunday.

Rev. H. W. Back Sundayed at J. W. Winkiebleck's.

C. E. Kremer and E. P. Zerby, instructors of our schools, are attending institute this week. Schools will be in session again on Tuesday, December 26.

"Jake" has concluded to buy the coffee, at least, as his share for the winter's expenses.

The school teachers from this place are all attending institute.

Mrs. Henry Zerby, who underwent an operation for the removal of two tumors last week, is getting along very well.

R. E. Stover is confined to his bed with pneumonia, and three of Wm. Musser's children are down with scarlatina.

Henry Krape, who is attending college at New Berlin, came home to spend Christmas with his parents.

Wm. Wolf is busy putting up a saw mill with a stove mill and planer attached. They have bought several timber tracts, which will give employment to a number of men in this locality. They are sawing out the P. P. Bower tract at present.

John Hess moved into the home lately purchased from Dr. Bowersox, while Samuel Mowery, of Woodward, has taken Hess' place on Jackson Stover's farm, and will try his hand at farming.

James Musser will move from his father's farm to his own home in Woodward, next week and Mr. Geary, of Centre Hall, will move on the Jonathan Musser farm.

Mrs. Keller, of Madisonburg, is visiting her son Adam Keller, at this place.

Milesburg.

Quite a number of our young ladies have secured employment in the new shirt factory at Bellefonte.

W. B. Miles and son, merchants of this place, have a fine line of Xmas goods. It is worth your time to call and see them.

Our borough schools have closed for the holiday season.

Samuel Edward Broom, who has been on the sick list for the past week, is improving fast.

captured Aguinaldo. He says he saw him in the post office recently. Now Jim.

In the list of jurors drawn for the January term of court we notice the name of Z. T. Harshbarger.

Miss Minnie Crain and Miss Woodring, of Port Matilda, spent Tuesday with Miss Crain's cousin, Miss Jose Crain, of this place.

Luther Falton, of McKeesport, is spending a few days at his home in this place.

While Mrs. Edward Poorman and Miss Bessie, Miss Ella Lucas and Samuel Williams, all of Runville, were returning from institute at Bellefonte, on Monday, their horses frightened at something and ran away. Mr. Williams would have been able to hold the horses but the bit on one of the bridles broke and he was unable to do anything. All of the occupants of the vehicle were thrown out but luckily they all escaped injury except Miss Poorman, who had her side hurt, but not seriously.

Beech Creek.

Had Leyden, of Hamilton City, Ontario, Canada, visited his brother, Edward G. Leyden, over Sunday.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church, will hold a social in the Sunday school room, Thursday evening of next week.

McDowel Tibbins and Robert Mothersbaugh, of Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, and Ralph Hall, of Lock Haven Normal, are home on a three weeks' vacation.

The Methodist Sunday school will hold its Christmas entertainment Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. The Presbyterian Sunday school will render their special program Christmas night at 6 o'clock.

Prof. David Pecker, principal of the borough schools. Miss Agnes Polock, Miss May Whitefield and Miss Bertha McGhee, teachers in the schools at Mill Hall, are in Renovo this week in attendance at the county institute.

MISS LOTTIE ROBB:—Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Robb, died Sunday noon after an illness of one week of typhoid fever. The young lady was about nineteen years of age. This family has been sorely afflicted. The son Harry, a young man, has just recovered from an attack of typhoid fever and the father, another daughter, Sadie, and young son Leonard, are all down with the disease. Mr. Robb's condition is extremely critical. The funeral of Miss Lottie Robb took place Tuesday morning.

CORNISH ORGAN.

To Be Given Away to Some Church or Sunday School.

The Centre Democrat will give a fine Chapel Organ to some church or Sunday School in Centre county, and will ask the patrons of the paper to select by vote where it shall go. The following is the method of voting:

NEWSPAPER COUPONS:—A blank ballot or coupon will be printed in each copy of the paper and the name can be filled in same for whatever church, Sunday School or religious organization you may want to vote. These votes should be sent in to this office at once, as they will not be counted after they are six weeks old, and the date and number of each will appear on them.

PREMIUM COUPONS:—Any person who pays his subscription in advance will receive a "Premium Coupon" that will entitle him to one vote for each month his paper is paid in advance, or 12 votes for a year in advance. No one can pay for more than 4 years in advance. Any person who sends in a New cash subscriber to this paper can get a Premium Coupon, entitling him to TWO votes for each month in advance or 24 votes for a year. No subscriptions will be received for less than 6 months.

SUBSTITUTIONS:—In no case will substitutions be allowed during this contest. By that we mean where a subscriber discontinues his subscription and then has someone else subscribe in order to get the benefit of the NEW subscription rate. This practice formerly caused us a great deal of annoyance in revising our list. In any case where a substitution or change in name has taken place, and it is discovered, such votes will not be counted.

The following is the "NEWSPAPER COUPON"; cut it out, as some one will be anxious to have same:

CUT THIS OUT.

COUPON The Centre Democrat.

No. 2 DECEMBER 21

This coupon entitles the holder to one vote for the handsome CORNISH CHAPEL ORGAN

(Made by Cornish & Co., Washington, N. J.) to be given to some Sunday School or Church by The Centre Democrat, Bellefonte, Pa.

This vote cast for:—

If this coupon is held longer than six weeks, or six No's, it will expire and cannot be counted. Send by mail or personally to this office and have it deposited in the Ballot Box.

A ballot box will be kept in this office, under lock and key, where the votes can be deposited and will be counted each week by two judges and the result will be published regularly. The first count will take place on February 1st, 1900.

For judges we have selected the following: Boyd A. Musser, clerk in the Commissioners office and Arthur B. Kimport, deputy prothonotary, who alone will have keys to the box.

The contest will close June 27th, 6 p. m., 1900.

A CHRISTMAS COMEDY.

Rather Exciting, But All Concerned Are Expected to Recover.



"ELL, how did Christmas go off at your house?" Mrs. Talker asked, after she had told Mrs. Spilkins exactly how much each of her own gifts had cost and what she had exchanged them for afterwards.

"Oh, pretty well. We hope to be fully recovered from the effects of it in a week or two. You see, on Christmas Eve the children were so excited about the coming of Santa Claus that they couldn't get to sleep. Young Mr. Fizzleton stayed pretty late, too, at least it seemed so to Mr. Spilkins and myself, though Ethel didn't agree with us. After he left, we found that Harry's breathing was still too regular to be trusted and we must wait to hang the stockings. I said I'd wait up and do it—I'm a poor sleeper, anyhow. Why, I never close my eyes until I've made Mr. Spilkins get up and investigate the smell of gas in the room!"

"Yes, isn't it odd that it only smells after all the jets are turned off? I never used to smell gas until after I was married, but now, I—"

"Smell it every night? So do I. Mr. Spilkins said he'd get up and hang the stockings, said he could wake at any moment he chose. It seemed a pity that he never chooses to wake at the regular hour for getting up, but I said nothing—at least very little. Ethel wasn't sleepy and wanted to hang them, but her father said she'd be thinking of young Fizzleton and forget to notice whether the children were asleep or not. Why, she makes enough noise after he leaves at night to wake the dead!"

"Yes, the worst thing about Love's young dream is the fact that it forgets that other people need sleep!"

"M'm. Well, I knew I'd have to hang those stockings, so when it was time I crept down to get them. We had left them on the dining table, but they were gone!"

"Mercy, burglars!"

"I knew that and flew upstairs. As I reached the head of the stairs, I heard some one creeping along the hall. In a second I was in the bedroom, with the door locked, but Mr. Spilkins wasn't there!"

"Gracious, had they—"

"Then came the most awful groans from the yard below and I knew that they had killed him and thrown him out of the window! I remembered then that I had borrowed his best necktie, the day before, without remembering to ask his consent, and now I was a lone widow, who could never ask forgiveness for the ink I had spilled on it! I flew to the window, calling: 'Police! Murder! Then, I heard some one trying my door!'"

"The burglars, of course. Oh, you poor heroine!"

"Yes, and then came awful screams from Ethel, her voice sounding as it does when her little brother brings a mouse into the room. Seizing my umbrella, I went to her rescue. In the hall I ran into the arms of a man and must have fainted, for the next thing I knew Mr. Spilkins was telling Ethel to burn the ostrich feathers on my new bonnet and see if that would not bring me to!"

"It did, I'm sure! But I thought Mr. Spilkins was murdered and—"

"Well, he wasn't. He had gotten the stockings and hung them, when he heard me call for the police and—"

"But the groans and Ethel's screams?"

"The groaning noise was young Mr. Fizzleton, singing a serenade of Christmas hymns under her window. She slept through that, being roused by her father rattling at my door, and thinking I was murdered!"

"Gracious! I hope that was the end of it!"

"It wasn't. The police came and seeing young Fizzleton in the yard, they brought him in to be identified as the burglar! It took half an hour to induce them to let him go, and then they were still suspicious. While we were thus engaged, the children woke up and ate all the candy in their stockings. I spent the rest of the night between ministering to them and comforting Ethel, who feared that Mr. Fizzleton would blame her for his sufferings. Yes, it was rather an exciting Christmas, but, as I said, we hope to be fully recovered from its effects in a week or two." ELISA ARMSTRONG.

"Strike For Your Altars and Your Fires."

Patriotism is always commendable, but in every breast there should be not only the desire to be a good citizen, but to be strong, able bodied and well fitted for the battle of life. To do this, pure blood is absolutely necessary, and Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one specific which cleanses the blood thoroughly. It acts equally well for both sexes and all ages.

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THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

It is somewhat of a surprise to learn that large numbers of people are looking forward to the first day of January, 1900, as one of unusual importance, believing that it is the first day of a new century.

Many societies and organizations, too, have made preparations to celebrate the event with receptions and fitting exercises commemorating the achievements of the closing of the nineteenth century. When does the twentieth century begin? Webster says on this point: "A century consists of a period of 100 years, ending with the hundredth year from which it is named, as the first century (A. D. 1-100 inclusive), the seventh century (A. D. 601-700 inclusive), the eighteenth century (A. D. 1701-1800 inclusive)." The twentieth century would therefore be written "A. D. 1901-2000," and begins on January 1, 1901. This series of questions and answers, compiled by the New York "Sun," will straighten out the tangle:

Question—What is a year?

Answer—Three hundred and sixty-five days.

What is a century?

One hundred years.

When did the year No. 1 end?

December 31 of the year 1.

When did the year No. 2 begin?

January 1 of the year 2.

When did the year 99 end?

December 31, A. D. 99.

Did that complete a century?

No.

When was the century completed?

At the close of the year following 99, or at the close of the year 100.

When did the second century begin?

January 1 of the year 1 of the second century—that is, January 1, A. D. 101.

When did the nineteenth century end?

At the close of the nineteenth hundredth year, or at the close of 1900.

Q. When does the twentieth century begin?

A. It begins on day No. 1 of year No. 1 of the twentieth hundred years—that is, on January 1, A. D. 1901.

A One Legged Rooster.

Phillipsburg Journal:—Squire Boyd Beamer, of Gearhartville, was over in Bald Eagle valley Saturday, and bought a freak of a chicken—rooster with one leg—from M. C. Walk, a resident of the valley. The bird is this year's hatch, and came into this wicked world with but one pin, and there is no sign that nature ever intended to give him the natural allotment of two. Otherwise he is well grown and developed.

HOW IS YOUR WIFE?

Has she lost her beauty? If so, Constipation, Indigestion, Sick Headache are the principal causes. Karl's Clover Root Tea has cured these ills for half a century. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. Money refunded if results are not satisfactory. For sale by Krumrine Bros., Bellefonte, Pa.

—Fine line of Xmas slippers, leggins and fancy Childrens shoes for Xmas presents call and see them. Power's

HOW TO BE HAPPY THOUGH SINGLE.

A Chicago publication which will undoubtedly attract a great deal of attention is a new magazine to be conducted by two enterprising women of Chicago and to be devoted entirely to the interests of the bachelors of the Windy City and of the United States.

Its ambitious programme aims not merely to alleviate the miseries of the submerged class to whom it appeals, but so to set forth the advantages and charms of their condition as to hypnotize them into a belief that they have made a wise choice and that they are really happy and cheerful members of society.

There are of course a great many pleasures open to the bachelor. He can smoke and drink, and he generally does. He can go to the club and meet the same old bores. He can fuss with his tailor, or visit the theatre in company with a bachelor as melancholy as himself. He can drive in solemn loneliness or he can read books in which he is not interested.

And finally, if he is bored to death in one place he can travel to some other place where he will be worse bored.

This comprises pretty nearly the bachelor's allotment of pleasure in a world full of the sunshine of family life, and anything which will add to his supply of enjoyment will be an act of kindness.

But to attempt to make him happy is a contradiction in terms—unless indeed it is the secret purpose of the fair projectors of the magazine to steal a march on bachelordom and lure them all unconsciously into the only state in which happiness is approximately possible.

—Cut prices in photograph cameras and graphophones at Bush's Stationery store.

A Costly Fire at Morrisdale Mines.

A disastrous fire occurred early Friday morning at what is known as Shaft No. 1 of the Morrisdale Coal company, at Morrisdale Mines, some four miles from Phillipsburg. It is thought to have been the work of an incendiary. The mine has a capacity of from 1500 tons to 1700 tons per day, compressed air being used for digging and electricity for hauling.

The engine house, derrick, boiler house, machine shop, blacksmith shop, a large coal house and all machinery were destroyed, having a value of about \$75,000 in all. There was some insurance on the property destroyed, but not enough to cover the entire loss. Aside from the loss by the fire the company will suffer severely, as well as the employes, as there is a demand for all the coal that can be gotten out and the mine was producing every pound of coal that it was possible to mine. It will take a number of weeks to get it in running order again.

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