

The Racket.

No. 79 and 11 Crider's Exchange, Bellefonte, Pa.

A. D. 1900.

Good morning, nice morning, a little airy, but that's to be expected this time of the year.

Looking Backward.

The year 1899 was a "record breaker" in the history of the store, and the people of Bellefonte and Centre county will please accept my thanks for their steady and increasing patronage. Many of you have gone out of your way to get to The Racket. I know it and appreciate it.

Looking Forward.

I have some big improvements in contemplation, and propose with your co-operation, to make The Racket better than ever.

Monday, January 8th

Eleventh Annual Clearance Sale commences. Bargains in every department. Kom and C.

G. R. SPIGELMYER.

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 some other member of the family or household 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.
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The Centre Democrat.
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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 personal 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.

New Pulp Mill.

A project is on foot to secure the erection of large pulp mills in Lock Haven. The advance in the price of paper has created a great demand for pulp, and there is an abundance of wood and the Pennsylvania, Bald Eagle Valley, Beech Creek and Central railroad of Pennsylvania afford good facilities for shipment of the same to the mills.

ON EVERY BOTTLE

Of Shiloh's Consumption Cure is this guarantee: "All we ask of you is to use two-thirds of the contents of this bottle faithfully, then if you can say you are not benefited return the bottle to your Druggist and he may refund the price paid." Price 25 cts., 50 cts. and \$1.00. For sale by Krumrine Bros., Bellefonte, Pa.

CORRESPONDENTS DEPARTMENT

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Nittany.

Messrs. Brown and Reifsnider, of Millheim, were seen on our streets last week.

Bob Border, who had been employed at this place but is now employed at Philadelphia, spent the holidays at this place.

Our postmistress has been all smiles the past week. We think it is because Bob has returned.

Misses Bessie Pifer and Bessie Webner, of Birmingham, spent their vacation at the latter's home, at this place.

The Christmas entertainment, at the Lutheran church, was a grand success. The church was filled to its utmost capacity.

The sick'ly of this place are all improving slowly, at this writing.

Miss Rapp and Miss Clara Robb, of Bellefonte, spent Christmas at the latter's home.

Wilbur Williams has returned from Johnstown, and will spend the winter at home, with his parents.

S. S. Pletcher, of Washington, D. C., sent his brother A. A. Pletcher a novel Christmas present. It was two well-bred fox terrier pups. A. A. values the pups very highly, and spends all his spare time attending them.

We are sorry to state that Jacob Goble, of this place, is very ill at the home of his son Samuel, in Lock Haven. His recovery is doubtful.

Miss Fannie Shaffer, one of Zion's accomplished young ladies, visited her brother, N. C. Shaffer and family over Sunday.

Miss Orpha Pletcher, who has been sewing with Miss Snook, of Bellefonte, is spending her vacation at home, also spending much time skating at Lamar.

The United Evangelicals treated the Sunday School to candy on New Year.

Messrs. James and William Gates have returned home, having been absent several months.

Francis Dorman, of Union county, spent Christmas with his wife at this place.

Oscar Zimmerman, of Pleasant Gap, spent a few days with A. A. Pletcher and family last week.

Earl Peck, son of E. J. Peck, had been quite sick the past week with a swelling in his head, but at this writing is much better.

Irvine Robb spent his vacation at this place, with his parents.

A. G. Robb and family, of Zion, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Robb.

Bert Robb, of Bellefonte, spent his vacation at home with his mother and sisters.

Our blacksmiths are on the strike from morning 'til night. If you don't believe it, ask Newt.

W. E. Shaffer had the misfortune of mashing the big toe on his right foot last week, by a heavy plank falling on it. Just ask Will if it hurt.

E. B. Winkelman is at present buying up poultry for John Stover. These gentlemen are paying six cents a pound, live weight, and they have no trouble in getting poultry. They are hustlers, and are doing a big business.

Prof. I. D. Gresh, of Milton, will conduct a singing class in the new United Evangelical church, of this place, beginning on Monday, Jan. 9th, and ending on Jan. 14th with a grand concert.

Edward Robb has returned from Salona where he had been employed.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. William Nihart died on the 18th of December, and was buried on the 20th.

On the 21st of December, Jacob Hawk died of typhoid fever, aged 82 years, 2 months and 10 days. Mr. Hawk was one of the oldest citizens of this place.

Boalsburg.

Henry Hosterman and wife, of Huntingdon, spent Xmas week at the home of the former's father, Adam Hosterman, in our town.

Revival services are being held this week in the Lutheran church, conducted by Rev. Leisher and an evangelist.

Chas. Fisher is spending the week in Sunbury, the guest of his brother William and family.

Mrs. Lot Kimport and daughter Myra are spending several weeks in Altoona at the home of her son and brother.

Edward Hunter, a former resident, spent several days last week in Boalsburg.

A number of our citizens hastened to Liden Hall Saturday night, but to little avail, for the fire was beyond control.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Segner died Friday morning, and was buried in the cemetery at Boalsburg on Saturday afternoon. Rev. G. W. Leisher officiated.

The week of winter services, in the Reformed church, will be held next week. Rev. C. E. Critz will preach several evenings of that week. Holy Communion will be held on Jan. the 14th. Preparatory services Friday morning before.

A story goes the rounds that a certain young man forgot the day appointed for his wedding and went to work as usual on the appointed day. He was so forgetful of it until a gray haired man from Centre Hall appeared and informed him that the bride was waiting. Then, he came to himself and face to face with the stern realities of life, and for the first time in his life it dawned upon him that from henceforth he must be the slave of a woman.

Fillmore.

Dear brother and sister correspondents, I hope you all had "A Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year" and fared as well as I did. I helped to knock the stuffing out of a large turkey.

We are glad to say, at this writing, Mrs. E. H. Marshall is improving under the skillful treatment of Dr. W. U. Irvin.

Feed is scarce, but lots of tenants got "Gray Horses" for a New Year present. These require very little feed, but you must have a new shelter for them.

On the 26th of March, Reuben Crust will sell 5 work horse, 25 head of cattle, 35 head of sheep, a lot of hogs and a fine lot of farm implements, all in good condition.

On the 8th of March J. Kyle McFarland will have sale of his farm stock and implements.

On the 3rd, E. P. Tate will have sale—2 fine driving horses, also cattle hogs and implements. There will be several sales this spring but we cannot give the dates at present.

The boys sent their best girls to Bellefonte with Pan to get Christmas presents. William, you took good care of those girls.

Our blacksmith, J. C. Rockey, has been kept very busy for the last week; to horses a day last week.

Robert Ducey, wife and family, of Phillipsburg, visited friends here the past week.

Joseph Tressler and wife visited their son Daniel in Altoona, during the holidays.

Miss Ivy Lyle and sister, of Bellwood, are visiting at the home of A. C. Kelley, at present.

Edgar Kelley and brother George came home and helped to make Christmas a merry day at home. Both returned to the Phillipsburg Brick Works, where they have been employed this winter.

Rebersburg.

The Xmas entertainments in the different churches were, without doubt, interesting and instructive, and especially impressive upon the minds of the young folks.

Through the different entertainments our burg was livelier than usual during the holidays. Friends and sweet hearts were of course glad to take each other by the hand. We regret to say that we did not learn all the names of the different guests who have been such pleasant visitors in our burg during the past week.

Joseph Miller, who for some time had not been very well, is seriously ill. Mr. Miller is one of our aged men.

Mr. Harman, who is a representative of the theological department of Selinsgrove University, delivered an interesting discourse in the Lutheran church on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Pehl, one of our aged women, who recently moved to her son Fred, is seriously ill.

On account of the unusual weather, our people are beginning to fill their ice houses.

Rev. W. W. Sholl, who had been visiting his parents for nearly two weeks, left on Tuesday for his charge at Westport, Pa., via Williamsport, where he expects to visit some of his old friends.

Orvis Walker and wife, of Potter county, have been pleasant visitors among their old friends at our burg over Xmas.

The following of our promising young men are among those who have been attending normals, seminaries and colleges during the past year and a number of whom will again return to their much loved institutions during this week: Messrs. Henry Meyer, Lee Sholl and Edward Royer, Schuykill Seminary, Fredericksburg, Pa; Curtis Bierly, Lock Haven State Normal; Lancaster Zeigler, Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. Like all students, they have been greatly delighted to spend their Xmas vacation at home.

Penn Hall.

Henry Chappel and wife, of Lewisburg, are visiting friends in our section.

On Sunday evening the Reformed Sunday School rendered a most interesting program, appropriate to Christmas. The Christmas exercises at the Lutheran church, Monday afternoon, were also very interesting.

J. Frank Meyer, of the John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., spent his vacation at his parental home.

J. S. Houtz, of Kingston, Ill., was the guest of his sister, Mrs. D. W. Zeigler, last week.

S. P. Gramley took the laurels in killing the champion porkers in this neck of woods.

H. N. Meyer, of the Millersville Normal, spent his vacation with his parents.

M. L. Snyder, Esq. and family, of Sunbury, are visiting at the home of Mrs. J. B. Fisher.

L. E. Rossmann sold a team of horses to H. H. Mark, of Centre Hall, last week.

Miss Blanche Meyer, of Bellefonte, spent Christmas at her parental home.

A. G. Burrell made a business trip to Altoona last week.

Wallace Mosser and wife returned from an extended trip to Williamsport.

We are informed that the Evangelicals will start a series of meetings on next Monday evening.

The Edwin Bell Sons Co. are running their stave mill north of town on full time.

Coburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn, of near Howard, were visiting their daughter, Mrs. B. B. Wilson, of near this place, over Sunday.

James Platt left on Tuesday morning for Clearfield, where he has secured employment in a lumber camp.

Miss Maud Cassler, of Lewisburg, was visiting friends at this place on Saturday.

Mrs. S. B. Styers, after spending a week very pleasantly at Moshannon, came home on Monday afternoon.

Charles Wisner, a student of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, was at home with his mother during vacation.

Miss Blanche E. Billmeyer is visiting friends in Union county at present.

R. F. Vonada left last Wednesday for Reading, Pa.

Miss Bertha Kersteter is on the sick list but is improving.

R. H. Billmeyer went to his home in Milton on Saturday, on account of sickness in the family.

The Howard Creamery Co. began to harvest its ice crop on Tuesday.

Rev. Buck, of the U. E. church, began a series of meetings at this place on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. P. H. Stover is visiting friends in Bellwood at present.

BOYS AND GIRLS going to school can make big money by writing letters for us during evenings. For full particulars send stamped envelope to Bellefonte Art and Novelty Co., Bellefonte, Pa.

Unionville.

Mrs. Jack Shibley is very sick with paralysis and is no better at this writing.

Rev. E. L. Williams, of Carlisle, visited his brother at this place this week.

Gilbert Underwood is home on vacation from George School, Edward Russell is home from U. of P., Phila., and Mary Buck from Lock Haven Normal. All are looking well.

We are glad to note Mrs. Wm. Iddings is improving.

The Y.P.S.C.E. will hold a social in the Presbyterian church, on Friday evening next.

Squire B. W. Shibley is making a marked improvement in his home by the addition of a new porch and ell. That's right Barney, keep up with the times.

J. W. Smith, of Osceola, visited home over Sunday.

Our merchants are busy harvesting a crop of ice.

Watch meeting was held at Messiah church, Bush Hollow.

Rev. King preached an eloquent sermon on Sunday morning.

Skating is the principal amusement with the young folks at present.

Wedding bells will be ringing again before long. Don't tell I've told you.

Mrs. Dr. Longshore, of Cal., formerly of Australia, and sister, are visiting at Wm. Iddings.

Don't forget the Teachers' Local Institute at this place, Jan. 12th and 13th. All are invited.

Wanted—The Fool Killer, to kill all the scandal mongers of our town.

Our boys schools opened after two weeks vacation.

Miss McCann, of Tyrone, is visiting at P. J. McDonnell's.

Messrs. Samuel and John Brugger are home again.

Ex-Sheriff Cronister's fitting passed through town on Monday.

Dr. C. A. Van Valin, who was badly hurt by his horse some time ago, is improving slowly. His arm was broken and shoulder dislocated.

Messrs. Charles, Harry R. and W. Penn Griest and David Pratt spent Christmas at home. All the boys are holding responsible positions in Cambria and Clearfield counties and we are glad to say are held in high esteem.

Geo. Rumberger, Jr., the hustling salesman for DuBois Produce Co., with his bride, visited his sisters Mrs. Jos. Brugger and Mrs. E. M. Griest, recently. George is another of our Unionville boys who is making his mark.

Axemann.

Here we are again.

A Happy New Year to all, is the wish of the writer.

Miss Lizzie Weaver, of State College, returned home last week after spending some time at the home of her sister Mrs. H. E. Harter.

Mrs. Patrick Scanlon returned home on Saturday after spending a few months with relatives at Beaver Falls and Altoona.

Many of our people are suffering with colds owing to the sudden change of the weather.

Mrs. Andrew Harter, near Oak Grove, spent Wednesday night of last week at the home of E. Breon of this town.

Daniel Rider is ill at present with an attack of pleurisy.

On Friday Mr. Elmer Swartz, one of our progressive farmers, while shredding corn fodder accidentally got his finger between the cogs which was crushed so badly that amputation was necessary.

Feidler.

"Jake" says Fox need not worry about the coffee, but should spend his time in reading and practicing the eleven commandments.

With the beginning of this new year many will form good resolutions which are easier made than kept.

H. D. Kraep, after spending Christmas at home, returned on Wednesday to Central Pa. College, at New Berlin, where he will resume his studies.

Ralph Stover is improving and will soon be able to be about, after a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Stover are both on the sick list, Mr. Stover being afflicted with rheumatism.

Our farmers are all busy putting away ice, which is of good quality, for next summer's use.

Peter Dorman and wife, of Illinois, are visiting friends and relatives in this their former home.

Kreamerville.

Here we are, the first Thursday in the new year.

We are having pretty cold weather at present.

People are busily engaged in putting away ice.

Joseph Solt is working in the woods, above Spring Mills.

Miss Millie Brindle, who was spending her X-mas at home, returned to Woodward, Tuesday.

Watch meeting was observed by the Methodists here, Sunday night. The meeting was held in W. E. Bairs' house.

The Epworth League, of this place, will hold an entertainment on Saturday evening, 6th, in the church here. It is expected that there will be present two ladies who will give addresses and will please the audience by their trained voices in singing.

Fairbrook.

Another new year, and be it a happy one to all.

Sleighting is good and the people are making good use of it.

Frank Bowersox was home from New Berlin, where he is attending school.

Prof. S. C. Miller and his wife spent their vacation at Mr. Miller's home just below Pine Grove. Prof. Miller is the principal of the schools at Watsontown.

Henry Williams and his wife are visiting at the home of Franklin Bowersox. Mr. Williams is from Snyder county, and was formerly visiting their friends in the mountain city.

The Commercial and Phoenix telephone lines have made connection at Seven Stars, and this gives the Commercial people communication with the western counties.

Yarnell.

Harris Poorman is on the sick list.

The U. B. Church, at this place, is undergoing repairs.

Miss Rachael Woomer is home after a year's stay at Snow Shoe.

Miss Edith Stover spent Christmas at the home of her parents, near Bellefonte.

J. Frank was a pleasant caller at the home of T. G. Zimmerman, one day last week.

Jonathan Packer is suffering from a sprained knee.

Miss Clara Heaton is spending a few days at home. In connection with this it is a noticeable fact that Blaine Rockey is home from his work on Eddy Lick Run.

E. I. Walker has contracted the cutting of the paperwood on the Jackson lands to A. B. Nyman & Bro.

We understand that there are from 2500 to 3000 cords, which must be shipped inside of ten months. Quite a number of men can find work there at good wages.

It is said that James Heaton has gained, in weight, about 229 pounds apothecary's since he has been keeping bachelor's hall.

W. D. Walker stopped at R. S. Confer's for his Christmas dinner on his way home from Guyer, where he had been visiting his brothers.

We are glad to note that Miss Ada Poorman and Mrs. E. I. Walker have entirely recovered. The former from an attack of typhoid fever, the latter an attack of typhoid pneumonia.

Fleming Poorman and family Sundayed at the home of Wm. Fetzer.

Chester Walker attended a protracted meeting at Woomer's, on Saturday evening.

Alfred Poorman is now home from Clearfield county where he has been working in the woods. He expects to put in the balance of the winter working for Nyman Bros. on the mountain.

Moshannon.

John Vail, of this place, who is an operator at Emporium, spent a few days at his home recently. He has returned to his position again.

Miss Mary Lomison has gone to Viaduct for a short time.

Albert Lucas spent Christmas at Howard with his brother, C. C. Lucas, merchant.

Mr. Rupp, the miller, who is employed by J. T. Lucas, spent a few days at his old home at Oak Hall.

Boston Viehdorfer is home this week from West Virginia, where he has been employed by M. P. Bock, lumberman.

The entertainment held in the M. E. church, at this place, was a grand success, the church being well filled. About one hundred pounds of candy was distributed.

Quite a number of the members of the Moshannon Epworth League attended a social given by the Snow Shoe League at the residence of Rev. F. S. Faus, on last Thursday evening. All report a good time.

Samuel Craft, who has been working in Bradford, for some time, made a short visit with his parents lately.

Mrs. Yeager and son Frank, of Portage, formerly of this place, returned home last week, after a short visit among relatives here.

Charles Lucas and wife visited friends in Altoona last week.

Mr. Kennedy and family spent Christmas with their parents.

Sleighting and skating are fine.

Frank Viehdorfer and Miss Kate Bierly visited friends at Renovo recently.

Some of the young folks of this place took advantage of the fine sleighing, on last Friday evening, and went to the entertainment at Snow Shoe, held by Miss Shelley, the elocutionist.

Sober.

Lazy school boys are like postage stamps, because their backs must be licked to make them stick to their letters.