

THE RACKET

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To our customers, one and all, we are thankful for your patronage during the past year, and promising you that The Racket will be a better store in 1903 than it was at any time since the business was started, we ask your continued favors and wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The weather is cold now and the U. S. weather prophet says blizzards are lurking round the corners of this big country and are liable to drop in on us at any time. We have a

Fine lot of Blankets and Haps on hand and U know they are cheaper than coal.

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Correspondents' Department

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Martha.

G. W. Gill, who was laid up for some time with a sore hand, is able to be at work again.

Wm. Maybew, who has been on the sick list for some time, is able to be about again.

Miss Sarah Richards fell upon the ice receiving serious injuries.

Joseph Williams is now very busy hauling stone from Half Moon valley and getting ready to burn a large lime kiln in the spring. Joe is a hustler and an up-to-date farmer.

Mrs. Sarah McKelvey was called to Altoona last week to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. James McClain.

Mrs. Hannah Gingery is quite ill with tuberculosis.

John D. Wagner is now in a critical condition. While his many friends hope for his recovery yet there is very little encouragement to do so.

Newton Weaver and family, of Altoona, are spending a few days with Mrs. Weaver's parents.

Mr. Kyler has again resumed his duties in the P. R. R. station, and is as "merry as a lark" since his visit to his parents and somebody's sister.

Curtis Robinson, while coasting ran into a barbed wire fence, but fortunately he received only a few slight scratches.

Rev. E. L. Williams, of Carlisle College, is visiting his parents of this place.

Old "Santa" has paid us his visit and has gone again.

R. D. Ardry and wife spent Christmas with E. E. Ardry in Bellefonte.

Allie Willes and Myra Cronister attended the Christmas entertainment at Fort Matilda.

Mrs. Sarah Melcher, of Ramey, is visiting her parents at this place.

Rev. Faus, of Snow Shoe, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Royer, of Port Matilda charge, and delivered a very excellent discourse in the M. E. church, Sunday afternoon.

Bethel and Lydia Eberts are spending a few days with relatives in Tyrone.

Lizzie Shawver and Lillian Williams are spending their vacation with friends in Bellefonte.

G. G. Fink is being favored by a visit from his mother and sister Ella.

Paul Turner, of Port Matilda, is visiting his grandparents this week.

Mattie Williams and June Robison spent a few days very pleasantly with friends in Howard.

William Richards and family are visiting their friends at Martha.

Budd Richards and wife were the guests of D. I. Richards and family.

Ellis Ardry is spending a few days in Bellefonte.

Our pedagogues are all attending institute this week.

Rock View.

Wish you all a happy New Year.

Had a white Christmas and the old saying is, "If there is a white Christmas there will be a green Easter."

Rock View Sunday school treated their school on Sunday. All seemed to be well pleased with their treat and they expect to keep their Sunday school all winter.

Miss Rosa Washburn was visiting a few days with Mrs. Ezra Smith.

Miss Emma Swartz, from Clintondale, is visiting with her brother, Harvey.

Quite a crowd spent a very pleasant evening at the home of J. F. Hoy's.

Herbert Swartz gave quite a surprise to his parents, brothers, sisters and his many friends upon returning home unexpectedly from his winter trip; he was part of the time in the state of Illinois and part of the time in the state of Iowa; he was away four years.

Oh, but the people are glad that the time is here when we can get the Centre Democrat, for we missed the county news very much.

Housesville.

Farewell 1902. Welcome 1903.

Among those who spent their Christmas holiday with us we note, E. J. Sholl and wife, Prof. Geo. Bible, J. E. Wagner and Wm. Fry, Jr.

Samuel Houser spent several weeks with friends in this vicinity. Mr. Houser is a native of Centre county, but has been located in Ohio for about forty years.

The funeral of the late Frederick Houser, which was held last Friday, was largely attended. Mr. Houser, died suddenly of heart failure at the age of 78 years.

Mrs. Geo. Scholl spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Dale.

Samuel Hazel, one of G. S. Keller's hustling salesmen passed through town the other day.

It is useless to go to a foundry for things that are lost.

Coburn.

Our new blacksmith, William J. Vonada, moved into Philip Meyer's house and will now be found at his shop regularly.

On Christmas Miss Jennie Kerstetter, of Drum Station, was married to George Sechrist of Northumberland. The drum corps of that town gave them a serenading on Christmas evening.

The protracted meetings of the Evangelical church will commence on Sunday evening, Jan. 4.

Mrs. Andrew Vonada is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Stover, in Sunbury.

Randall and Stuart Harter, students in Keller's business college at Lewisburg, spent Christmas with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Beekey and daughter Sarah, of Millburg; F. P. Vonada, of Penn Cave; Charles Kaler and wife, of Northumberland county and Boyd Vonada, wife and child, of Reading, all spent Christmas very pleasantly in our town.

Kreider Stover and wife, of Collins, W. Va., came here one day last week and are spending a few weeks among relatives and friends.

Michael Fiedler and wife, of Millheim, spent Sunday at the home of A. M. Harter.

At the home Harry Miller, of Pine Creek Mills, the joys of Christmas were suddenly changed to sorrow on account of the unexpected death of their four months' old daughter, Helen. In the morning Mr. and Mrs. Miller and Helen went to visit Mrs. Miller's parents near Millheim, and spent the greater part of the day there and returned home early in the evening. The child was healthy and seemed all right during the day and when they came home and took the wraps off the child, lo, it was dead. The cause of death is unknown. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Wetzel, of Rebersburg, in Aaronsburg, where interment was made on Monday.

The entertainment given by the Reformed Sunday school last Wednesday evening was a successful affair. The church was crowded and many could not gain admittance. The Cantata, "The Old Fashioned Santa Claus" was represented by the following cast: Santa Claus—T. A. Hosterman; Jack Frost—Orvis Meyer; Annabelle—Miss Katharine Kaler; Amy—Miss Elsie Kerstetter; Ethel—Miss Bertha Hosterman; Silas Stout—Rollo Shaffer; Sammy Slim—Warren Korman; Alfred Tennyson Longfellow Jones—Zwingly Weaver; Faries—Misses Lottie Kerstetter, Lizzie Vonada, Nora Kaler, Sallie Keen and Minnie Ream; Elives—Martin Stover, Calvin Bartges, Ralph Kerstetter, Daniel Bartges and Maurice Krader.

COBURN NO. 2.

Loyd Lase and family, of Smithtown, Sunday with Johnny Weaver's.

Howard Stover and wife was to Millheim, on Sunday.

Clayton Corman is visiting his friends and relatives here.

Henry Beekey and family, of Millburg, are visiting with Mrs. Samuel Everett.

Kreider Stover and wife, of W. Virginia, are spending their holidays with friends.

Elmer Styers and lady friend, Miss Ida King, of Union county, spent Sunday at the home of Michael Everts.

Charles Kayler and wife, of Fisher's Ferry, are visiting with his parents, Thomas Kayler's.

Nittany.

We are having a variety weather at present, snow, sleet and rain all in one day.

Xmas passed off very nicely at this place.

Charley Gonsaulus spent Xmas with his family at this place.

Mrs. D. O. Dorman and her two little girls spent their Xmas at Mill Hall and Mackeyville.

T. W. Tolbert, of Windber, spent ten days very pleasantly with his parents.

Jno. Rockey and wife, of Yarnell, were the guests of F. S. Yearick's over Sunday.

Earl, the 8 year old son of E. J. Peck, met with quite a serious accident about ten days ago; while handling a loaded revolver it discharged, the lead going through the thick part of his left hand; there were no bones broken however, and he is getting along alright.

Ernest McKibben and family, of Mill Hall, spent Xmas with S. M. McCaleb.

Orpha and Alma Pletcher and Mr. Robb, took in the entertainment at this place on Friday evening.

Bessie Webner, of Pittsburg, is spending the holidays with her parents at this place.

Mrs. Mary Dorman and daughter Marie, of Jersey Shore, are visiting friends of this place.

Lawrence Ohl and W. Webner went up the river again after spending Xmas with their parents at this place.

George Gonsaulus and wife spent their Xmas at Beech Creek at the latter's home.

W. Gates and family spent their Xmas in Johnstown with Mrs. Gates' parents; they returned home on Monday.

W. Mauk and wife were to Rote on Sunday, the guests of W. Mauk's parents.

We wish everybody a happy and prosperous New Year.

School children are having a vacation this week while the teachers are attending institute.

James Gonsaulus are visiting friends at different points up the river.

A Druggist's Advice.

Mr. C. L. Thompson, a druggist of Danville, Ind., gives the following wholesome advice to his customers: "If you should ever need a remedy for croup or whooping cough, get Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It absolutely has no equal for the prevention and cure of croup, and if taken in time and according to directions, it is a most excellent remedy for whooping cough and all throat and lung troubles. I would recommend that a bottle of this medicine be kept in the home at all times, especially where there are children in the family." For sale by Green's Pharmacy.

You may burn your books, but even the smoke will come in volumes.

Millheim.

The Christmas entertainments given by the Lutheran and Reformed Sunday schools respectively last Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, were very good, and the churches were crowded both evenings with attentive and appreciative audiences.

Maud Bailey, of State College, is the guest of Jess Harter.

T. R. Buck, of Harrisburg, was a visitor in town during the holidays.

J. C. Keen and family left for Altoona, Thursday morning, where they will make their home.

Harry Miller and wife are mourning the death of their infant which occurred Christmas Day. They spent day with Mrs. Miller's parents, Jacob Stover's, near town, and when they reached home, they found the child had died on the way home, evidently had smothered to death as it had not been sick.

Clayton Pressler and Peter Breon spent a week at Williamsport.

Thurman and Anna Tressler, of Linden Hall, are visiting their grandparents, W. H. Reifsnnyder's.

Ammon Breon, of Altoona, is spending sometime under the parental roof.

Ed. Brown and wife, of Lemont, arrived in town Christmas and are spending their honeymoon with his parents.

J. J. Gentzel, of Sober, one of Penn township's energetic farmers transacted business on Saturday.

Harter Bros., of Coburn, purchased a tract of timberland in Miles twp., from J. H. Reifsnnyder.

A. Y. Burrell, of Gregg twp., was in town last week.

Cyrus Meyer, of Coburn, one of the heavy weights, of the Meyer & Co., lumbermen, transacted business in town Monday.

The B. E. N. B. and P. Valley turnpike road Co. got a lot of sewer pipes to put in the road instead of wooden bridges.

W. F. Smith and wife spent Sunday at Bellefonte.

Mary Noll is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Sheffer, at Dewart.

Lewis Detwiler, son of Henry Detwiler, of Creamery, returned to this place after an absence of 28 years. His home is now in the state of Washington.

The writer wishes all the readers a Happy New Year.

Howard.

All Sabbath schools of this place gave treats to their scholars.

A box social was held at the home of Wm. Wilson on Saturday evening by the ladies of the Christian Chapel, and a nice sum netted for the church.

Rev. I. N. Bair was presented with a beautiful rocking chair by the Union Bible Class of this place.

Balsler Weber, who is attending Mercersburg Academy, spent his vacation at the home of his father, A. Weber. Also, Messrs. Geo. Pletcher, Sherman Hoiter, Jesse Leathers, Clare Tipton and Miss Susan Pletcher, who are attending school in Williamsport, came home for the holidays.

W. C. Hensyl, who is attending Jefferson Medical College, spent his holiday vacation at the home of his mother, Mrs. S. E. Hensyl.

Claude Moore is suffering with a severe attack of rheumatism.

The remains of the late John Strickland of Blaine City were brought to this place on last Wednesday for interment.

Near half a hundred chickens were stolen during last week.

Chas. Woodward, who is attending Dickinson Seminary is home.

Miss Anna Muffy who is attending school at Lock Haven Normal, is home.

Boalsburg.

John Stuart and wife of State College, were recent visitors in town.

The installation of Rev. Stonecypher of the Lutheran church, will take place Sunday.

Miss Margaret Knox, of Cherokee, Iowa, spent the holidays with relatives in this place.

Mrs. Emma Stuart and family are moving to Pittsburg. Oliver Gibbons, of Sauburg, will take charge of the hotel and store formerly owned by J. T. Stuart.

Margaretta Goheen who is a student of Millersville State Normal is spending her vacation here with her parents.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will hold a social on New Year's evening at the home of Mrs. Woods. All are invited.

John Portney and wife spent several days at Hublersburg.

Sallie McCleanehan, of Centre Hall, is visiting Mrs. Fisher.

Port Matilda.

On December 24, 1902, Rev. W. R. Dillen, pastor of the U. B. church at Port Matilda, was called to Bellefonte to perform a marriage ceremony in the parlor of the Brockerhoff House, the deeply interested parties were Elmer Sholl, of Houserville and Minnie M. Lutz, of Buffalo run.

Christmas was properly observed in Port Matilda with the usual full supply of roast turkey on hand; both old and young had a rare opportunity also to lay in a full supply of necessities as well as luxuries from an unusual large stock in display.

Gardner, the 7 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wilson, is at present quite low with typhoid fever.

to Centre Hall.

Had a quiet but pleasant Christmas, which would have been enlivened by good sleighing.

The different churches held appropriate entertainments, the Sabbath schools rendering their program very creditably.

Mrs. Ross has sold her fields on the east side of town, some 14 acres, to Henry and Benj. Emerick, at \$65 per acre.

Clay Resman has a situation in a grocery store in Pittsburg.

The general health of this vicinity is good.

All our teachers are attending institute.

You can't always tell from a girl's sighs how deeply she is in love.

Oak Hall.

Anna Holter, of Howard, was a recent guest at the home of grandmother Mrs. Kaup.

Mary Dale returned home on Wednesday after a two month's stay at Harvey Searson's, at New Haven.

Among the visitors in town during the holidays were James Kline, of Carlisle, Wm. Fry, Jr., of Pittsburg, and Maurice Klingler, of Lock Haven.

Wm. Stamm and daughter Anetta, of Pleasant Gap, and Bliss Meyer, of Bowling Green, Va., were guests at Sunny Hillside last week.

Mrs. Sarah Eiters, of Lemont, was a caller in town on Friday.

Anna Dale spent Tuesday at State College.

Mr. Knopf and wife went to Snow Shoe to visit their daughter, Mrs. Jas. Irvin.

Mr. Grenoble and wife, of Pine Hall, George Kaup, wife and daughter Virgie, of Bellefonte, and Blanche Kaup, of Axemann, were visitors at Mrs. Wm. Kaup's last week.

Mary Eiters is able to be about again after a serious illness.

Anna Steele, of Bellefonte, was a pleasant guest at the home of Geo. Lonebarger last week.

Harry Lonebarger, E. K. and G. W. R. Williams are attending Teacher's Institute this week.

John Peters returned last week from a visit to his sister at Centre Line.

Bess Weber and brother Samuel are visiting at home.

Highvalley.

A Happy New Year for all.

The butchering closed on last Wednesday in the valley.

Snow and good logging; the only trouble now is no timber; otherwise no ills to mention.

Harvey Horner, who was working in Somerset, came home. He says business is brisk; don't know whether he will go back or not, but as likely as not he may.

The Moyer & Vonada lumber job did not start up as was expected; Samuel Alter was in the woods with his team hunting timber; he claimed the hunters have chased all out with bird dogs.

While building a road in a ravine the writer found a tomahawk under a rock; the head is battered up by pounding on rocks.

On Sunday the scribe was surprised when he answered the ring at the door to see Mr. Roland Safer and brother, and two young gentlemen from Union county.

Christmas was spent the old fashioned way in Highvalley. Each one stayed under his own roof and took up with what he had.

Runville.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Edward Poorman's, Runville, at high noon, Dec. 25, 1902. The contracting parties being Arthur A. Bedient, of Corning, New York, and Bessie Poorman, of Runville. The wedding march was played by Katherine DuBree, of Phillipsburg. The bride was given away by her father, bridesmaids were Flora B. Poorman and Mabel Poorman, sisters of the bride, the groom's best men were Conrad Bedient, brother of the groom and George Vargason. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. A. Sparks.

The bride was the recipient of many useful presents. They departed on Dec. 27, for their home in Corning, N. Y., where they will reside.

Beech Creek.

There is no improvement in the condition of Samuel H. Glossner, of Eagleville.

Henry Mark and family will move to Loganion where they formerly resided. Mr. Mark has recovered from a violent attack of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Philip Heimer, of the township is on the sick list.

Harvey the 11-year-old son of John W. Waite is ill with appendicitis.

Mrs. E. H. Mothersbaugh who has been ill for several days is able to be about again.

Chat Linn, of the township, is convalescent from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Predicts a Hard Winter.

Using the bones of two geese, hatched last May, Elias Hartz, the Reading goose-bone weather prophet makes his weather prediction. The bones are colored alike, and he says each verifies the other, showing that this winter will be unusually severe, beginning before the middle of December. "It will be one of the old-fashioned kind," he declares; "cold, stormy and with little variation in temperature." Much snow and a late spring are predicted.

From Missouri.

A. R. Alexander formerly of Penn township, now farming at Buffalo, Mo., writes: "We are having fine weather, but a little cold. It was 4 below zero, the coldest we have had this winter, but it is moderating. We have no snow. Our wheat fields are looking very well. Health in general in our country is good. Times good and land advancing in price. Land is 100 per cent higher than it was three years ago. Wish you a Happy New Year.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props. Toledo, O. We the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

W. R. & THURMAN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WARD & THURMAN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surface of the system. Price, 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The stuttering speaker breaks his word.

FIRE AT SPRING MILLS.

Monday, 21st at midnight, a very disastrous fire occurred at Spring Mills which entailed a property loss of some \$7000. The fire started in the rear of the bicycle shop of W. L. Musser, located in a two-story frame building leased by Frank Rearick from Wm. Allison. The fire spread to the second story destroying the printing office of Frank Rearick and the entire building. Adjoining this was a large store building owned by Wm. Pealer and occupied by the large general store of H. F. Rossman. This store and building was destroyed with all its contents.

Wm. Pealer's loss on building is about \$2000, with \$1000 insurance. W. S. Musser's loss is over \$500 with \$325 insurance in Lebanon valley Co. J. F. Rossman's loss on stock is not less than \$6000, with \$3500 insurance, with W. B. Rankin's agency. J. F. Rearick's loss on job printing office and building is \$1000, and no insurance. Mr. Allison's loss was only light and no insurance.

The supposition is that the fire was the work of an incendiary, as there was no stove nor fire in the bicycle shop of Mr. Musser, where the fire originated.

Krape's shoe store building on the opposite side of the street was badly scorched by the heat. Only by the greatest efforts of the citizens was the fire prevented from spreading to other buildings, several of which had started to burn. The wind was in a direction to favor the safety of nearby buildings.

All the insurance was in outside companies.

Will Sail for Europe.

Joel Eitinger, wife and child, of Milton, will sail for Europe on Saturday. Eitinger is a well-known band instructor, and Mrs. Eitinger is a celebrated singer of charming voice, and has appeared in public in some of the eastern towns as a soloist. Both intend to take a course of instruction in Germany musical institutions to reach a higher standard, and for this purpose will remain in Germany six months, and then return to this country and engage in music teaching. Mr. Eitinger, years ago, was an Aaronsburg boy, a son of William Eitinger, and is a cousin of the proprietor of the Democrat.

He was the inventor of a useful mechanical device, known as a "matcher," and sold his patent to a large manufacturing establishment at Milton for \$10,000.

A New Bridge at Lewisburg.

The state will build the new bridge over the Susquehanna at Lewisburg which was authorized by the legislature of 1901. The bridge will be about 1,200 feet long and will be constructed of steel with stone abutments.