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THE RACKET

To Our Friends and Patrons:

This year has been the most prosperous in the history of the store; our business shows a substantial increase over last year. We want to thank all our customers and also wish them a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Racket Store Co.

Correspondents' Department:

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TO CORRESPONDENTS:

This is the last issue for the year 1904, as no paper will be published December 20th, as that comes during the holiday season when printers are accustomed to take a vacation. Therefore kindly omit your correspondence for next week. We hope to receive from all our correspondents a good newsy letter for the first issue of 1905 which will be Thursday January 5th.

—Thanking one and all for favors during the past year, and wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, we remain

Sincerely Yours,
 Eds. CENTRE DEMOCRAT.

UNIONVILLE.

The following real nice little girls at Julian transacted business in our town during the last week: Mrs. Charley Murray, Mrs. Ira F. Davis, Mrs. Jos. Swisher and Mrs. Sylvester Williams.

A few days ago a large black bear waddled up through our valley. He was first seen by Sam. Emerck coming across his fields within a few hundred yards of his barn passing over the hills, crossing Brugger's farm and within a short distance of the borough line, then over the hills, past Thos. Eckenroth's farm, thence to parts unknown. A number of nimrods were after him and three shots were fired at him but none took effect.

About a year ago Thomas Miller, postmaster at Hawk Run, Clearfield county, left between two suns, for parts unknown taking with him about \$300 of the postoffice funds. Uncle Sam's sleuths immediately got on his tracks and after ten months he was found and captured in the mines at Serammon, 40 miles south of Kansas City, in Kansas and imprisoned in Fort Scott, where he remained 45 days. Last week United States Deputy Marshal, George W. Hamlin, of Paoli, Kansas, brought the prisoner to Pittsburg and turned him over to the U. S. marshal at that place. He will be tried before the U. S. Court to be held at Erie on the 7th of January next, for embezzlement.

PENN TWP.

FINE CREEK MILLS.

The coldest we had was 10 degrees below zero.

J. W. Whitmyer and family, of Hosterman, W. Va., are here on a four week's vacation.

Wm. Winkleblech wears a broad smile since the arrival of a big boy.

Our up-to-date horseman, Loyd Loose, is working on the railroad at present.

Butchering is all done, the next big dinner will be Christmas.

There will be an entertainment at Coburn on Saturday evening, by the Reformed church.

J. B. Rishel and wife, Wm. Musser and family, Charley Rishel and family, all from above Coburn, visited at J. B. Rishel's on Sunday.

Muckle Snyder, of Coburn, is around selling liniment; watch for him.

Pat Stover, our up-to-date butcher, is busy every day.

Dr. Snyder is around selling medicine. Dr. understands his business.

Wm. Musser, of Mt. Hill, is a lumberman. He hitched two horses in the big sled all by himself and went to the mountains to buy a tract of timber. That night he had a big dream that he was hauling logs, jumped out of bed and fell down stairs; that wakened him up.

DRY RIDGE.

Miss Mary Barner left for her home at Farmers Mills, after staying the summer with her Uncle and Aunt, W. C. Karstetter's.

Clark Weaver has been on the sick list the last week.

Ed Zerby left for his home in Georges valley after spending a couple of weeks at the home of W. C. Karstetter's, wonder why?

W. C. Karstetter's were to Farmers Mills over Sunday at the home of George Barner's.

O. B. Smith is the last man on Dry Ridge to hang up the butchering tools Dec. 19.

POTTER TWP.

FRUITTOWN.

Wednesday was the coldest night we had in Fruittown this winter, the thermometer was 14 below zero.

Misses Cathrine Boal and cousin Mary Jordan spent a couple days at Potters Mills among friends.

Those who attended the protracted meeting this week at Sprucecreek were: Emmet Jordan and wife, Greely Jordan and brother John, Ammon Bubb and wife, John Weaver and lady friend, Della Garbrick, John Bubb and lady friend, Lydia Ishler. Now girl's and boy's, the next time you go to church don't try to drive race or you will surely have an upset—now take my advice.

Hello Pine Grove scribe, I think you are badly mistaken about the Fruittown scribe being a coon hunter; the scribe now is not the one that used to write the items, it used to be the caper but it don't go now; this scribe is better at crawling trees than the other scribe was; I think it's rather hard for the Pine Grove scribe to hunt catnip in this kind of weather when that was the time of Bush meeting at Colyer.

Calvin Runkle and Rose passed through Pole Cat City, Sunday.

Jonas Boal and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with the former's parents, P. S. Boal's.

If any one wants any hogs shot call on Wm. Ishler and Rev. Horner. Wm. shot once and missed it, then Rev. said that he'd hold it, then Wm. said, no, no, leave it go, I will try it again. So it happened at Miss Stoner's butchering.

The Fruittown scribe No. 2 would better go to school awhile as she does not know the difference between Miss and Mrs. and Millin county and town.

A certain girl said that one of the Fruittown boys asked her a couple of times to see her home but she gave him the G. B; she said it spited her since, she wished that she would have taken him.

The Fruittown scribe No. 2 stated that the Editor should correct the items of No. 1 about the parties being at the dance at Penn Cave, it can be proven by other parties that were there and saw them. The reason they don't want it to be known they are afraid that the preacher will put them out of church.

Miss Mary Cooney spent Sunday at the home of Charley Stoner.

James R said that a certain fellow who travels frequently to P. C. City used to tie his ponies under the overhook, but now he changed his place and ties them in the stable I think that Thomas overslept himself for the appearance it was very near daylight, he couldn't get his tying rope open he was afraid that James would come out so he cut his tying rope and skipped for gravel; Rechina said that it would make a good clothes line. James lives on hope that his crop would be better till next spring now Thomas take my advice and don't sleep so long or take the lantern along when you don't need to cut your tying rope.

PUM GROVE.

Roland Keller, Hoover Dalby, George Sharer, Wm. Keller, Roy Shaffer and Kern, from this place, John Reish and Mr. Kramer, from State College, all spent Sunday at the home of W. H. Swartz and family.

Jerome Auman and family, from Linden Hall, Jerome Lingle and mother, from Georgesvalley, assisted in helping the formers father to butcher.

Misses Prudence and Lucia Swartz spent several days at the home of Harry Dingus and family.

P. A. Auman has decided to leave this neighborhood having lived at this place for the past twenty two years. He expects to occupy the Erie farm in Georgesvalley.

Two certain sports from the Old Fort attended preaching services at Tusseyville. After services they accompanied two young ladies home and upon returning home they were followed by a c-a-t; next time J. L. and R. B. do not stay till morning.

Andrew Rote and wife and Mable Bowersox, Eliza Stump, Samuel Stump and wife, of Plum Grove, Jerome Auman and daughter, of Linden Hall, all spent Sunday at the home of Philip Auman's.

David Keller left last week for Erie where he attended state grange.

Philip Auman made a business trip to Boalsburg on Monday.

Wm. Keller and Roy Schaeffer spent Sunday with their friend Geo. Sharer.

Mrs. Wm. Heckman is at present staying with her daughter, Mrs. David Keller.

SMITHTOWN.

Lots of sleighing in this section.

Elmer Lambert is hauling logs for a party near Aaronsburg. Elmer has the team for such work.

Chas. Frankenberger purchased a good heavy draft horse the other day; now he has a big team.

A. A. Alexander is hauling props for Mrs. Hennigh.

Perry Deobler was the first to haul ice in this section.

Mrs. John T. Brown is spending a few weeks in this section.

Alma Musser was away sewing last week; she is kept busy all the time.

Calvin Swartz purchased a fine horse and cow from Peter Breon. Cal must be going to farming again.

George Musser has secured good employment in Philadelphia; good luck to you Geo.

Miss Wilson, from Millheim, expects to spend the winter with A. A. Alexander, of this place.

Nora Alexander is spending a week with Sam Lingle's.

Lewis Foster is on the sick list at the home of Lenk Becktol's.

The Governor doesn't always answer "Certainly," when some one says to him, "I beg your pardon."

MILES TWP.

WEST BRUSHVALLEY.

Sunday was a pleasant day.

Frank Yearick, wife and family Sunday in Pennsylv.

John Grenoble, of Farmers Mills, spent Sunday afternoon with his mother Mrs. Grenoble.

Miss Minnie Grenoble spent Friday in Madisonburg.

Harry Wert, wife and family and Mrs. James Duck Sundayed at the home of Jacob Musser's.

C. P. and Miss Elsie Grenoble spent Sunday afternoon at G. F. and K. E. Jackson's.

Mrs. Geo. Grenoble and Mrs. Erie visited Mrs. Douty on Wednesday afternoon.

Grandmother Rishel is seriously ill at this writing.

Mrs. Mowery is spending a few days in Aaronsburg.

Some of our young sports spent Sunday afternoon with George Gengerich and were entertained with his graphophone which grinds out some fine music.

The exploration of the cave of F. P. Duck caused a great excitement for the poor boys which were the viewers, there were people that were all through the cave and were as far as human could go, and hardly found water enough to drink. Boys, when you make the trip over you make a boat and sail through your big pond and see whether you get to dry ground on the other side, those precious stones you can find just at the entrance. Boy's did you see a bat that scared you, or what was the cause? Edward did your age go back on you? Boy's, you would better send for some fire arms the next time you go in that cave, or the bats might carry you in the great pond which you explored and drown you.

Sunday school was largely attended at St. Paul's U. Evan. church on Sunday forenoon.

The stave mill in Greens gap will soon shut down sawing staves for the winter, but will start to saw big lumber.

The fellow who knows it all never keeps it to himself.

BEECH CREEK.

Harry, son of James Gunsallus, is ill with smallpox at the home of his father in Blanchard.

Templeton C. Smith, of the township, has arranged for the purchase of the stock of the general store of Henry C. Williams in this borough.

Dr. Henry T. Parsons has located at 1801 Vine street, Philadelphia.

Constable John P. DeHaas went out to the Scootac and arrested two men of Lock Haver who killed rabbits in other manner than with gun in violation of the game law. It is said in case the question will arise it will be determined, whether it is illegal to dig a rabbit out of a natural hole in the ground and kill it.

The Sunday schools of the Methodist and Disciple churches will observe Christmas with a special entertainment at 7 p. m. Saturday evening, "the night before Christmas." A small admission fee will be charged. The Presbyterian Sunday school will meet at 10 a. m. Sunday as usual, but at that time a special service will be held and gifts distributed to the scholars.

The question of whether or not the application for a licensed hotel in this borough will be granted continues to agitate this entire community. No decision has been rendered by the court and is not likely to be before the first Monday in January.

The ice on the Beech creek is about ten inches thick and of finest quality.

LINDEN HALL.

F. E. Wieland and family spent Sunday in Boalsburg.

Mrs. Lillian Ross Meyer returned to her home in Bowling Green, Va., on Friday.

The United Evangelicals are having their entertainment for Xmas on Saturday evening.

Mrs. J. H. Ross and daughter Ella called on E. C. Ross', Sunday.

John Wiehly and wife spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. John Schreck, of Lemont.

Jacob Zong is very much pleased over the arrival of a young son at their home.

GREGG TWP.

BUZZARD'S GLORY.

Hello, you Muddy Creek scribe, where have you been? Last week I heard that your lantern exploded coming home from church one evening. There was one of our sporting young fellows out at Spring Mills and smelled the landlord's breath, and came home full, and on the way he met the church people and wanted to show off by kicking at a lantern but it all stopped at once by him being taken by the neck.

Hello, you Yanketown scribe, where have you been the last month? did you just fall out of the sleigh, and when did you see a man take a ride on a pig last? Steward Ripka is cutting paper wood for A. Confer.

Henry Lingle, our wide-awake farmer, is done hanging corn.

K. Zettle is in the huckster business; you can see Roland in some parts of the country every day.

Mrs. Sarah Reeder captured the butcher belt from W. Ripka by $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

CONFER VALLEY, NO. 2.

The lead in our vicinity is laggons and extract wood. Keep the ball rolling.

John C. Auman made a flying trip to Poters Mills last week.

Mrs. E. S. Crater butchered on last Tuesday; aunt Minnie was at home helping.

Moyer Gentzel and Charles Lingle were out hunting cottontails; hope they left some for next year.

The Confer valley scribe No. 1 I suppose is dead, for he was not seen for a long time; hope he will come again.

Clayton says he likes to go to school.

MUDDY CREEK.

9 degrees below zero last Friday.

Ammon Vonadu went to Burnham to seek employment.

M. McClenathan moved to Spring Mills on Tuesday.

The Beaver Dam scribe is catching eels; he says it is a paying business. We wish him success.

William Lingle and lady friend, from Centre Hall, were visiting W. Ripka's on Sunday.

H. P. Zerby, from Nittany, was visiting his friends at this place.

Paw says he handles letters of credit; no wonder, he is successor to J. M.

Mr. Houser and family, from Spring Mills, were visiting Edward Long's on Sunday.

Harry Wagner and Judge were in our community on Saturday. Poor Judge had to stay till Sunday morning. The tracks in the snow gave him away.

W. Lingle and R. Finkle are the first to fill their ice houses, along the creek. Protracted meeting closed on Sunday evening.

Elmer Boob is on the sick list.

I wonder where Prof. D— is? He hasn't been at the school house for a month. How about it R.

YANKEETOWN.

Hello, Georgetown scribe, we heard you went up salt river.

Mrs. Peter Breon is nursing Mrs. Howard Weaver who is on the sick list.

J. W. Gobble spent part of Sunday with his father Samuel Gobble.

Frank Ream intends to go to Rebersburg to work till the 1st of January.

Miss Leah Rider went to Pottstown on a two weeks' visit.

Harry Bailey and wife spent Sunday at Aaronsburg with the former's sister, Mrs. Bower.

Mr. Weaver and wife will spend the holidays at Lock Haven.

Miss Gertrude Breon is on the sick list; we hope for her a speedy recovery.

WINTER SNAKE STORY.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad is using a combination of crushed stone and snakes in its concrete work in the large new shops being erected at Sayre, Pa. The crushed stone is procured from a gravel bed near the Auburn branch. The picks of the workmen ruthlessly uncover these hibernating places, and the laborers say that fully 1000 snakes are troubled in their winter's sleep on each working day.

One den thus invaded was found to contain over 100 snakes, twisted together in a large ball, twined and intertwined, laced and interlaced, a veritable delirium phantom of a Medusa head and each particular snake in the lethargic stupor of Nature's winter repose.

Frequently, suspended from the frozen covering of the pit, the workmen see a snake with one end frozen fast and the other end dangling in silent protest to the demolishing hand of man.

But the workmen are without feeling. Everything is food for the stone crusher, and the hibernating mass is thrust helplessly into the hopper, changed to cracked stone and smangled snakes and then becomes a part of the Lehigh's new shops.

Stephen Fellows, who shot and killed his wife and wounded his 16-year old son, Willie, at Barnsboro on September 15, was found guilty of murder in the first degree in the Cambria county court at Ebensburg, Friday.

WINTER SNAKE STORY.

Some time ago a Bradford Italian named Rich was shot by a resident of Mt. Alton. Rich, it appears, became too familiar with the wife of the Mt. Alton man. The man watched developments, secured a shotgun and on a most sensational occasion fired the contents of the gun at Rich, wounding him about the back in a shocking manner. Rich was brought to the Bradford hospital and ultimately recovered. This week at Smethport the case against the shooter was passed upon by the Grand jury and "not a true bill" was rendered. So the case was thrown out of court, and it is surmised that in the future young Mr. Rich will not be a target under circumstances such as those which attended his experience at Mt. Alton. Meanwhile the finding of the Grand jury, although somewhat unusual, is generally approved. The shooter admitted the shooting and was proud of it.

Beck Family Reunion.

On Tuesday, December, 13th, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Beck, of Snyderstown, Pa., gave a dinner in honor of their brother Orlando Beck, of Miles City, Mon., about forty guests were present all being relatives. The day was delightfully spent in listening to the thrilling experience of the older ones and the many jokes that were told, while the dinner was no small part. Every one present pronounced the day a most enjoyable one.

SHARP GAME.

The \$20 bill pulled from the pocket of a young man at a Tyrone hotel last week, and "accidentally" dropped on the floor, proved to be counterfeit. The trick was played on hotel people of other towns. A similar trick was played on a hotel man at Barnesboro, Cambria county, the other night. A bright looking young man—the same chap probably—entered the Globe hotel and while securing a drink at the bar pretended to have lost a diamond ring, but not being able to find it left the hotel saying to the landlord he would pay \$25 for the ring to the finder of the gem. A day or two later another man entered the hotel and while taking a drink pretended that he found a ring right there in the bar room, but would not surrender it to the landlord without proof that it was his. A bargain was finally struck and the landlord paid \$15 for the ring. The hotel man is however yet waiting for the first man to turn up and claim the ring. The "gem" is said to be worth about thirty cents.—Herald.

EVIDENCE AGAINST DEALERS.

The Clearfield Board of Education has sufficient evidence on which to prosecute and convict at least eight or ten dealers of tobacco who have been handing out cigarettes and tobacco to boys under 16 years of age. The board has decided to notify the dealers and if the latter are found to be violating the law in the future, prosecution will follow. The school officials feel that the use of tobacco among the boys seriously interferes with their advancement and the work of the school generally, and that a stop must be put to the pernicious habit.

ANOTHER GUESS COMING.

The Lock Haven Democrat on Monday published the following paragraph: "The First National bank of State College, was opened for business on Thursday, December 15, with the following officers: President, James P. Coburn; vice president, George F. Harris; cashier, Charles M. McCurdy; assistant cashier, M. Montgomery. Directors: James P. Coburn, William P. Humes, W. C. Patterson, M. M. Musser, George F. Harris, W. Fred Reynolds."

The gentlemen named are the organization of the First National Bank of Bellefonte, not State College.

WEATHER REPORT.

Weekly report—Bellefonte Station.

| DATE | TEMPERATURE Maximum | Minimum |
|----------------|------------------------|---------|
| Dec. 15, clear | 30 | -2 |
| 16, clear | 28 | 2 |
| 17, cloudy | 25 | 5 |
| 18, clear | 22 | 30 |
| 19, cloudy | 27 | 13 |
| 20, pt. cloudy | 47 | 22 |
| 21, cloudy | 33 | 27 |

Snow half half an inch Tuesday; snow on 21, 0 inches. The dash (—) means below zero.

Light hair weighs just as much as any other kind.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Here is a Partial List to Buy:

- Athletic Goods
- Bath Robes
- Red-room Slippers
- Belts
- Bags
- Chain
- Clothing
- Collars
- Cuffs
- Caps
- Cuff Buttons
- Coats
- Canes
- Combination Suits
- Collar Buttons
- Flags
- Foot Balls
- Fobs
- Gloves
- Golf Waists, Ladies
- Hats
- Hosiery
- Handkerchiefs
- House Coats
- Jewelry
- Knit Gloves
- Kid Gloves
- Laundry Bags
- Ladies' Gloves
- Mufflers
- Mocha Gloves
- Neckwear
- Night Robes
- Negligee Shirts
- Overcoats
- Overalls
- Pajamas
- Pantaloon
- Pocket Books
- Pillow Tops
- Pennants
- Rain Coats
- Sweaters
- Storm Coats
- Suspenders
- Shirts
- Suits
- Socks
- Suit Cases
- Suede Gloves
- Tams
- Toques
- Traveling Bags
- Trunks
- Trousers
- Underwear
- Umbrellas
- Union Suits
- Vests
- Valies
- Watches

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Here is a Partial List to Buy:

MONTEGOMERY & CO.

KATZ & CO.

We wish all our old friends, as well as the many new ones we have made during the past season, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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