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# The Racket

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Latest patterns, best grade; 2 yards wide; 60 cts. per yard.

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Two kinds—stationery pin stretchers at \$1 and \$1.50; also best moving pin stretcher made—pins positively will not stick; price \$2.

### RACKET STORE CO.

## Correspondents' Department

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### GREGG TWP.

#### FOLK HILL.

Most of the farmers will finish husking corn this week.

Robert Lingle, who was working in Altoona, came home to spend the winter with his parents.

Ammon Vonada expects to leave for Altoona, next week, where he has secured a position with the Altoona traction Co., as motorman; he is a good neighbor and his many friends regret to see him leave.

C. J. Finkle's stove mill is running full force at present.

Rumor says that Mr. Butler, who lives in George Gentzel's tennant house, has rented the Younger homestead where he will take up suburban agriculture.

While thrashing last week a young lad of 13 years had the pleasure of making the G. V. scribe get out of a granery—that's bad.

The band which was organized last Friday eve was well attended; Ammon Butler will give instructions, he is a master of music and has recently graduated from the Freeburg music College.

A. F. Vonada has got the largest hogs in the valley so far; he expects two of them to weigh one half ton; he uses three feeds for one cent—that accounts for the weight.

#### GEORGES VALLEY.

There was a heavy frost in this vicinity last Sunday morning.

The class of band music organized by the Muddy creek scribe, was well attended.

J. H. Fisher has gone to Poe valley this week to do some painting.

C. J. Finkel is about ready to saw on the tract that he recently bought from Mrs. Andy Helms. E. C. Harter expects to stock the mill.

John F. Harter, of this place, has recently bought one-half of his grand-mother's farm for his poultry-plant and has the wall about completed which is solid cement and put up by the best of workmen. The building will be 13 ft. wide and 300 ft. or more long; the yards will extend 125 ft. out from the building; it will be completed before the cold weather sets in and will be one of the finest poultry-plants in this valley. Mr. Harter will go to Dayton, Ohio, in a few weeks to get some full blooded stock and also to order a number of brooders and incubators. The poultryman is a wealthy young man.

#### NORTH PRECINCT.

Rev. Haas delivered an able sermon to a large audience on Sunday morning.

J. H. Hartman and wife, from Millheim, spent Sunday at P. P. Duck's.

T. A. Yearick and wife spent Sunday in Rebersburg.

Benj. Wolf, from Sober, spent a few days at "Jackie" Smith's.

Two of our young men started out for wild turkeys last Monday and instead of going into the mountains they followed the road going through Spayds Gap to Nittany and all at once a grayish looking animal appeared and one of them dashed in a clump of bushes; the other, who had a Winchester, volunteered to stand fight but in twinkle of the eye the animal disappeared and Calvin says, mere wora wunner bore fashruka.

#### BRUSH VALLEY.

F. A. Yearick and wife spent Sunday at Rebersburg.

Harry Hockman spent Sunday afternoon with Domer Spordt.

Grandpap Limbert is the nearest one husking corn in this vicinity.

Kern Decker drives around pretty sporty since he was papa.

Gertie Herman expects to go to Altoona in the spring.

Robert Haugh takes a much larger number of a hat since the arrival of that bouncing boy.

#### BEAVER DAM.

Mrs. John Ilgen was visiting her mother Sarah Breen on Sunday and also Mrs. U. G. Auman and two daughters Lizzie and Furl.

Mrs. Calvin Breen and son Theodore were callers at Benj. Breen over Sunday.

Willis Breen and Henry Immel were at their old place at J. P. Wolf's Sunday.

Corn husking is all the go.

Don't go to bed without a bottle of "Oil of Gladness" in the house. Your darling may have croup. The oil will cure it.

### POTTER TWP.

#### POSSUM RIDGE.

Possom ridge is an awful cold country as it was 108 degrees below zero, hence it was impossible for me to make my appearance, but here I am again as happy as ever.

On Sunday morning Rev. Mumau, of Runville, preached a very interesting sermon; he will preach again on Saturday evening at Fleisher's Gap.

Mrs. Ellen Holderman returned home on Saturday after spending a week visiting friends and relatives in Millfin county.

Two of our expert coon hunters, while out hunting coons one night last week, thought it was in vain but all at once the dogs barked away up the mountain and off went the boys on a gallop, they said, "we'll have him to night. When the poor boys got there it happened to be a poor little rabbit instead of a coon.

Geo. Bitner and wife passed through town on Sunday.

#### COLYER.

John Diehl, wife and son, of Linden Hall and Rev. and Mrs. Dubbs and children of Centreville, spent Sunday at the home of Samuel Florey, of Tusseyville.

The sad news reached here of the death of Uriah Fleisher, formerly of this place, but now of California. The body will be brought east for burial.

John Lee and wife returned home after a visit to Milton and other places.

Mrs. M. F. Rossman and daughter Blanch, attended the funeral of John Stover of Centre Hall on Sunday.

Claud Werth and Miss Lily Frank, daughter of Philip Frank, were quietly married Wednesday evening at the U. Ev. parsonage at Centre Hall.

#### PLUM GROVE.

Jerome Auman and family spent Sunday at the Fort with Mrs. Auman's parents Geo. Bradford's.

Last Wednesday two young ladies, who were visiting at Plum Grove, thought they would learn engineering. They got on the engine and started off, but they stopped when they got on top of the ice house.

Some people have a good bit of corn to husk yet, while others are done.

Rev. John Keller, of North Carolina, made a short visit to his father, James Keller.

James Poorman, of Boalsburg, has been helping his son Sidney to husk corn.

### BENNER TWP.

#### ROCKVIEW.

Boys hurry up and get your corn husked for it is nearly time for Hallow'en.

John Grove is the first to get his corn in.

Wm. Allbright and family spent Sunday with his parents; "Billy" looks old fashioned.

Our Reformed people attended communion in Bellefonte on Sunday.

Mrs. John Emerick is on the sick list.

Wm. Miller and wife spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Wetzel.

Am. Garbrick spent Sunday with one of his old friends H. K. Hoy.

Boys, get your calithumpian band in order again, get some "confetti" to sprinkle the bride.

Our "kid glove" farmer has stopped working by the month, and is husking corn by the bushel, but he says it don't pay; no wonder when he only husks three piles in a half a day, how about it Xmas?

Wess Tate and family spent Sunday at P. B. Hartman's.

Mike Grove and family, James Mackey and wife spent Sunday at John Grove's.

Elsworth Sunday and family spent Sunday at Jacob Sunday's.

Anybody wishing to buy a pair of well broken young rabbit hounds, call on J. F. Hoy.

### GORTON HEIGHTS.

Mrs. Francis Poorman visited at Snow Shoe, Saturday.

Sara Wiggins was a Peale visitor on Friday.

Mrs. G. Clark and son Elvyn Sundayed, at Peale.

The following visited at J. U. Wiggins Sunday: Misses Nellie Williams, Mae Fleming and Marion, John and James Fleming, and Marshall Boor all of Peale.

Lyons Poorman is visiting at Lock Haven at present.

A Sunday school was organized at this place on last Sunday.

Some Snow Shoe hunters were in this vicinity.

While passing on Pennsylvania avenue at the Ward house, Saturday afternoon 14th, a week, Harry H. Gardner suddenly felt a stinging sensation in the elbow of his right arm. Hastily rolling up his sleeve he found that he been shot, though the ball which hit him had almost spent its force and dropped to the pavement by his side. It first penetrated the back of his coat and then passed through his coat sleeve, and scraped his elbow, making a considerable gash. The ball came from a high-pressure rifle in the hands of a gunner west of the hill at the edge of town, and traveled a remarkable distance. Whether it came from the rifle of a hunter or a marksman is not known. The occurrence doesn't speak favorably for the use of the high-pressure rifle within possible reach of a town, or in the hands of incompetent persons. The supposition that the ball may have come from the rifles on the Sheridan troop range is unfounded. Careful investigation has been made and it shows that the ball was not from a troop rifle.

—For a cough or cold take Krumrine's Compound Syrup of Tar—cures in one day.

The auctioneer puts things up only to knock them down.

The hot-headed fellow is generally quickest to get cold feet.

### ADJOINING COUNTIES.

The evening train running from Lewisburg to Millfinburg has shown by its patronage that it is necessary, and the railroad company will likely continue it in service.

Another company is being formed to organize another brick company in Howard with a capital of \$25,000. They expect to commence the erection of the plant within a few weeks.

Hon. J. K. P. Hall and family, of Ridgway, passed through Lock Haven Saturday morning enroute to New York City, where Senator Hall will receive treatment from a specialist. The party went by the special Pullman car "Japan."

Suffering from depreations in his chestnut orchard and fruit farms in Irish Valley, C. K. Sober last week ordered a fierce bloodhound from a kennel at Dayton, O. He is determined that the thieving on his famous farms shall stop, and will use the dog to ferret out the perpetrators.

Ex-county Treasurer Joseph F. Hayes, dealer in county produce, of Mackeyville, slipped on the walk at his home Friday morning and broke the bone of his left leg entirely off about three inches above the knee. It will be remembered that Mr. Hayes walks with a crutch and as it had rained during the night the boards of the walk were quite slippery, which caused the fall.

Mrs. Matilda Scott died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Strunk, in Belleville, last Thursday morning just as the day dawned, having reached the ripe age of 92 years, 8 months and 9 days. About three years ago, she was bitten on the forehead by a mosquito. The bite became inflamed and never fully healed. The wound finally turned to cancer, from the effects of which she died.

At the funeral of the late Jacob Cox, of Hensheytown, among the large company of mourners were three aged brothers of the departed, Rev. Samuel Cox, of Juniata, 90 years of age; James Cox, of Warriorsmark, 72 years of age; and Patton Cox, of Tyrone, 70 years of age. Another brother, Isaac Cox, of Tyrone, 86 years of age, was prevented from being at the funeral because of the infirmities of old age. The deceased gentleman, according to the family record, was in his 82nd year.

The Jackson, Mich., Morning Patriot, of Oct. 7th, says: Chauncey F. York, the Malena man of Warriorsmark, had become the owner of the Palmer cottage, on the north shore of Clark's lake, Mich., which he will make his summer home in the future. The Patriot also intimates that Mr. York is considering moving his factory from Warriorsmark to Jackson, Mr. York has a large and prosperous business at Warriorsmark and the change would prove a serious loss to that community.

Boyd Heckman and a companion by the name of Walker, of near Mackeyville, left their homes Friday morning to hunt on the mountain near the sand springs, Mr. Heckman had a hatchet strapped to his back and in walking over the wet mountain side he slipped and fell on his back, the blade of the hatchet being thrust into the muscles of his back near his spine and kidneys. He succeeded in reaching around and drew the ax from the wound and slowly moving down the mountain, the wound bleeding profusely, he called for his companion who finally heard him and came to his assistance. Learning of the dangerous injury to his companion, Mr. Walker hurried to the valley and succeeded in getting John F. Fortney and his carriage to the scene. Mr. Fortney hauled the injured man to his home and his companion hurried for Dr. Dumm, who upon examination found it necessary to have the aid of another surgeon, whereupon Dr. R. B. Watson was summoned. It is not yet known what the full extent of the injury and the young man's chances for recovery are.

#### He Got the Bear.

Clarence Ringler, while coon hunting in the woods near Trout Run, Lycoming county, Saturday night fired a black bear. Though he built a fire, the reflection did not disclose him in his hiding place, so Ringler crouped at the foot of the tree until dawn. Then he remembered that there is a penalty of \$25 for shooting on Sunday. He knew that if he were to leave the tree the bear would come down and escape. He could see the animal close against the trunk of the tree, about 30 feet above ground, and he determined to have the game. There was no other way than to remain on guard, and this he did until 6 o'clock on Monday morning, when in the gray dawn, he drew a bead on the black heap up in the tree and let drive. There was a scratching and struggling for a minute, and then the bear, badly wounded, came tumbling down. A second shot killed it. The bear weighed 287 pounds.

#### Victim of Odd Accident.

Glover Horton was the victim of a peculiar accident while going to Altoona from Bellwood, Wednesday evening about 6:25 o'clock. He was seated at an open car window and when a locomotive took water at the troughs just west of Bellwood a quantity of it was thrown into the window. It struck Horton and frightened him so badly that he threw himself backward to avoid being hurt as he thought. His actions caused a strain of muscles of the body and resulted in a sprain of the neck. He also suffered a nervous shock. He was admitted to the Altoona hospital for treatment.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE CANDIDATES

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ishment but died years ago, and since then he has provided a comfortable home for his aged mother, and sister, out of a meagre salary by clerical work. This one fact, his devotion to his parents more than anything else, will commend him to your favorable consideration. The voters of Centre county never elected him to an office. He has filled the position of deputy sheriff because he is known as a careful, competent, and reliable man who is punctual in all matters and had the endorsement of most every attorney at the bar; he was chosen upon merit not favor and had to earn every dollar of his salary. The charge that he is a persistent office holder is unfair—even unjust.

Harry Jackson, courteous and obliging, would make an excellent official; and will appreciate your support.

### BEAUTY AT A DISCOUNT.

The most beautiful plant in the world is so deadly poisonous that near approach to it sometimes results fatally. The most beautiful flower contains such poisonous odor that men and animals are killed by it. Now the most beautiful woman contains such poisonous juice in her pretty mouth that the most horrible death may result from her bite. Beauty must be at a discount.

Professor Miller of the University of Berlin is an expert in bacteriology. A short time ago he took an arrow, dipped it in the saliva of a beautiful German girl and shot it into a rabbit. The death of that little creature was more terrible than if the arrow had been dipped in the venom of the most deadly snake.

In applying his discovery Professor Miller advises dentists to be very careful when operating in the mouths of beautiful women. He advises fathers and mothers not to allow their babies to chew their fingers. He is especially emphatic in his advice to young men that they be very careful in courtship and marriage, when there is a pretty girl in the case.

#### What next?

### Self Insurance.

Do you notice what the savings banks are doing since the insurance investigation began? Perhaps you have not seen the figures. Not many have been given out, in fact, but statistics enough to prove that people are doing more of their own insurance than ever before are yours for the asking. In New York State, for instance, where is the storm center of insurance troubles, savings banks deposits increased in the last fiscal year more than eighty-five millions, the past six months recording considerably more than half that amount—to be exact, fifty-two millions. These savings banks take good care of the money intrusted to their care. They don't steal, they don't speculate, and they don't waste it on big dinners and extravagant salaries. There have been savings banks that failed, but nowadays such a thing is extremely rare. If the insurance companies had been managed like the savings banks they would have been better insurance companies and they would not have been in the muss they are wallowing in now.—Grit.

New and astounding rascalities are being discovered in Philadelphia every week by a judicial investigation. The guilty parties are the leaders of the G. O. P. who have been crying "prosperity" with every breath and at the same time were "prospering" from thousands and millions of dollars robbed from the city and state. The latest discovery of infamously robbery was brought out at the investigation last week in a contract for the erection of a small-pox pest house. In every class of work the specifications were violated, prices raised, inferior material used, walls reduced in size and in some instances not erected. Henchmen of the party leaders attested that all was faithfully done according to specifications. The investigation last week showed that all was a fraud upon the taxpayers to the tune of many thousand dollars, which went to the bosses of the ballot box stuffers, fraudulent registration officials, and authors of a score of other crimes of robbery running high in the millions of dollars. If the voters and taxpayers will not put their condemnation upon the party, by their votes at the coming election, then they are committed as endorsing the most astounding wrongs and robberies ever known. The bad example set has been followed by many corrupt officials, in counties throughout the state; and our own county of Centre has some of the G. O. P. followers and newspapers abusing Mayor Weaver and endorsing these iniquities and ready to practice the same tactics when the opportunity presents itself.

#### Plays Fly-Paper Trick.

Peter Hoffman, of Longswamp, Pa., will not play any more tricks on the family cat, having learned better since he placed a piece of sticky fly-paper on the floor of the kitchen so that cat would step on it. His expectation was fulfilled. The cat, in its effort to get rid of the sticky stuff, made a flying leap for the table laden with pies and cakes, plowed its way through the pastry, upset a pot of coffee, severely scalding the baby, and ended by upsetting and smashing a \$5 cut glass cream jar.

### COUNTY FINANCES.

The following is a brief comparison of the total expense of conducting the affairs of Centre county under the present Commissioners and the former Board, during a period of five years. The amounts are taken from the annual statements:

COUNTY EXPENSE:	
1900—Democratic Board,	\$62,502.04
1901— " " "	61,061.41
1902— " " "	66,744.75
Total for 3 years	\$190,308.20
Average yearly expenditure	\$63,436.06

In 1903 Abraham V. Miller and John G. Bailey constituted the new Republican Board; at this time the estimated assets over all liabilities were \$25,001.38

COUNTY EXPENSES:	
1903—Republican Board,	\$60,197.80
1904— " " "	87,574.69
Total for 2 years	\$147,772.49
Average yearly expenditure	73,886.06
an average increase yearly of	\$10,450.18

At this time the estimated assets over all liabilities was only \$17,750.41. This is a loss over amount left them by Democratic Board of \$7,250.97

In other words in two years the average expenses under Miller and Bailey increased	\$20,900.36
Add to this shrinkage in assets	7,250.97
Total	\$28,151.33

That means that under Republican Commissioners it costs the taxpayers of Centre county in two years over \$28,000 more than formerly for general expenses.

Figures drawn from the census show that the average American eats one-third of a can of sweet corn a year, 2% watermelons, 50 eggs and 300 quarts of milk. If some folks could have the watermelon end of their individual menu evened up they wouldn't bother about the other trifles.

The offer of \$3,000 a year to Walter Damrowch, a master hand, to fill the chair of music in a university is not a princely bid when it is considered that stars who have sung and played to his leadership get as much or more for one night's performance.

The czar did not dictate the terms of peace in Tokyo, as General Kuropatkin predicted at the beginning of the war, but he did dictate them, which is the essential thing.

Switzerland sends railway experts over here, but not to give points on how to do it. The Swiss come to study American electric railway methods.

Proof of the political plum tree is the grafting.

The beer drinker is known by his mug.

## Painting

### Paper-Hanging

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Paints, Oils, Glass, Window Shades, Curtain Poles, etc., Furniture Polish makes shabby furniture look like new, also Ja-pa-lac and Sago-lin varnish stains for brightening up the wood work.

NOW is the time to look into the matter. Don't let your house stand out in the exposure all winter wearing a shabby coat of Paint, when it will save your property for a number years longer by attending to it in time, and cost but a small amount to have it looking neat and nobby with a new coat. Nothing but the strictly pure white lead and oil used by us, tinted up in colors desired so that you know just what you are getting, and that we are not using some of the new compositions put on the market and trying the experiment on you to see how they will work.

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## Oriental Rugs

### Priced Like Domestic Grades

For twenty-five years we have been importing Oriental Rugs and during that time have seen a large number of "rug stores" opened; and have recently read advertised rug lore which was more fearfully and wonderfully woven than any rug ever designed by Persian, Turk or Caucasian.

We do not entrust the buying of our Oriental Rugs to men so scantily informed or given to haphazard methods.

Our buyers are not only men who reside in the Orient but they are natives; they know rugs, the values and the people.

We do not juggle a lot of names, price tickets and legends, but do business on straight, legitimate lines, and guarantee that no other rug dealer can meet our low prices.

This is not a bid for public favor. Its a bid for investigation; a warning to those who intend to purchase an Oriental rug to inform themselves, compare the rugs and prices here with those offered elsewhere.

The exhibit continues a few days longer.

## Sleyman & Tadross AT KATZ & GO'S.