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THE RACKET

We are busy taking inventory of our stock and as soon as we finish we will have an interesting announcement to make.

WATCH FOR IT.

Racket Store Co.

Correspondents' Department. Continued on page 3, this section.

PENN TWP.

PIKE.

Sunday was a pleasant day and every one seemed to enjoy it.

Some of our young folks attended protracted meeting at Spring Mills, Sunday evening; meeting has been in progress eight weeks and some 70 converts is the result.

The fantastics at Millheim, on New Year's day in the afternoon, was real good, but the evening parade by the men was still more enjoyed in their white uniforms, by all who saw it.

Verna Hettinger, from Crossroad, spent Sunday with her friend, Martha Barrell.

Henry Hoy's spent Sunday at Harvey Baileys.

Those who visited at Peter Breen's Sunday were John Breen and daughter Katie, from State College, also Andrew Mark and sister Lola.

Boys, get your tin cans and sleigh bells ready as you will soon need them. Bright Bitner and friend Miss Mayme Rossman, spent Sunday evening at Spring Mills.

The Smithtown scribe is again wakening up since we write 1906.

Mrs. Lewis Rossman has been on the sick list.

SMITHTOWN.

W. H. Muser is spending lots of time over in Sugar Valley after his mountain cattle.

Perry Deobler wishes for snow to hitch the coat in the sled, so if it upsets that he will not fall so hard.

Clayton Pressler and Chas. Frankenberg spent Sunday with Ross Mowery's near Madisonburg.

Master Bland Frankenberg is able to get around on crutches; hope he may soon get along without them.

Orlando Hackenberg is busy getting the timber in shape to finish the new manure shed; he does all the carpenter work himself.

H. E. Duce expects to make sale of his stock and farm implements and quit farming this spring.

"HECKLEY" PARK.

Maybe the readers of your newspaper would like to hear some news from Heckley Park and herabouts. We have all been so alfried bizz smokin our sausage and pickin our meat that we hardly had time to take a full breath.

And now this evening while the wind is whistling down the chimney, and the cat and dog is under the stove asleep, I will stretch my legs out on a cheer, lite my corn cob, take my pen in hand and drop you a few lines.

Shuman Zimmerman, one of our nabors, has taken up the study of literature. I heard him tell up at the store that he was reading some stories writ by a man called Shakespeare. He said that they was uncommon good stories but he had an idea they all was a full pack of lies.

About a dozen men and boys went out to Rag valley last Toosday to help the McMullen boys hunt there calves that didn't come home in the fall. They ketched one of them in the fallowin mornin, big; while the critter was comin down the mountain herty split, Charley Workman jumps from behind a tree and grabs it around the neck, then there was a general mix up of Charley and the calf for the space of some seconds durin which they both stood on there heads, several times turned quite a number of somersets, and went through sever-1 other gymnastic exercises; then Charley was seen settin on Mr. C's smokin a cigaret. Then the other fellers ran in and tied him, (I mean the calf) and led him home.

ZEEK.

HUBLERSBURG.

The Thavideus Stephen's Literary Society, comprised of the pupils of Walker township High school, held its fourth meeting in the school room at Hublersburg, Friday afternoon, Jan. 5, and was pronounced a complete success by all present. The debate on the question, "Resolved That Women Should Have The Right of Suffrage," was decided in favor of the affirmative. There were also orations, essays, recitations, select readings, a violin solo, and music by the school. After the exercises, officers were elected for the coming eight weeks. It was decided to hold a public meeting, on Friday evening, Feb. 2, in the Presbyterian church at Hublersburg, to which all are cordially invited. No admission will be charged but a collection will be taken for the benefit of the school.

E. LLOYD ROGERS, Corresponding Sec'y.

Moyer's White Liniment, pint bottles, 25c.

POTTER TWP.

TUSSEY MOUNTAIN.

DEAR EDITOR OF Centre Democrat:— Just as the old year, 1905, was about to take its final leave, I dreamed a dream, in the midst of my slumbers. And as fast as I dreamed it rolled into numbers. And here is what I saw and heard: I dreamed that I stood on the summit of Tussey mountain and looked over the country, with there prospective telescope, giving me a view of what had been done during the past year, and now is laid in the archives of Time. I looking down on south side of the mountain, I saw the beautiful new house built by Wm. H. Lingle and his frugal wife Sallie. It stands out like a signal tower and can be seen both by day, and by night, for miles, adding not only comfort for his family, but also beauty to his property.

Taking a second look, I saw a small hole in the earth, near Sinking creek on the lands of J. T. Smith, where a prospecting party was prospecting for valuable mineral some time ago; but like the last winter snow, they are gone, and nothing remains but the hole with a plug in it.

Again, while looking westward, I saw smoke issuing from the stack of Ed. Bubb's boiler to his shingle and saw the mill, but the master wood-worm is not there—by the sound of the barking of his dogs he is out after the striped coon.

Now turning eastward, to Strawberry ave., I see that Frank Lingle has also put up a new house; still going on we halt at the water trough, to refresh ourselves, and out came our genial friends. Their names is not "Nile"—the other river where John was baptized in, I wonder if he could not tell us something about the new secret society which was lately organized, known as the "D. N. Society." I wonder if he is not one of the worthy officers; it has been rumored that their castle wherein they meet is in Tusseyville, but I know no place there, except the wagonmaker shop, or the blacksmith shop. In my dream I could not recollect the names, nor the title of the officers. I presume they have grips signs and pass-words, to protect themselves from intruders. While adjusting my telescope to a knot hole, and the telephone receiver to my ear, I saw three or four members in executive session, and this is what I heard one say: "Only male persons can join, and only such that are not fathers of families, and none received under thirty years." Just then some one discovered my phone and telescope and shut me off—will try again later on.

I wonder what was up about a week ago, a young man from Earlstown, was driving along our public roads with one horse and two buggies. Say Roy, did you have one for yourself and Viola and the other for dad and mam? or did some one play a trick on you? It reminded me of a piece of Dutch poetry.

Es fure 'en mon durich unser stat, Are fure in oller ihr, Are hot zwa gile, ane Kummel, Dar mon dar wor en pifer.

EARLSTOWN.

Mrs. James Lytle and children, Ross and Mary, spent Sunday at Lemont.

Mrs. Sam'l Durst was a pleasant caller at Clover Dale, Thursday.

Miss Rosa Taylor went to Madisonburg on Monday, where she will spend some time with her parents J. J. Taylor & Mrs. Geo. Stover, announces sale of her farm stock and implements, Mar. 8.

Chester Conaway returned after a two week's visit at Snow Shoe with his mother, Mrs. Wm. Whiteman.

Mrs. Geo. Michael and Miss Maude Decker spent several days with the former's parents, Uriah Long's in Millheim.

COBURN.

The attempt to liken the High valley scribe to Santa Claus had the desired effect. It brought him out full blast last week like a volcano, after almost a year's silence; and I'll assure you if we are able to keep him awake he will also make one hundred and eight years, but he dare not shave.

L. L. Weaver and family, of Pine Creek, spent Sunday with relatives at this place.

Jacob Snyder was a guest with friends at Woodward on Sunday.

N. B. Schaeffer, of near Centre Hall, spent a short time at Al. Keen's, on Tuesday.

On Monday F. F. son of Emanuel Kerstetter started to Missouri where he will spend about two weeks with Christ Alexander, who formerly lived near Millheim.

Charles Campbell, of Shamokin, visited his sister, Mrs. Jesse Kaler last week. Formerly he was one of our little boys, now he is almost a six-footer.

In this community we know of but one great great grand parent. This is Mrs. Woodward, who resides north of Woodward. She became such on Tuesday when a little boy came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schaeffer near Centre Hall.

Mrs. Jeremiah Winklebeck bought Miss Anette Beam's farm on Saturday. Consideration close to \$5,000.

RUNVILLE.

There will be a spelling bee held at the Runville school house, Thursday night Jan. 11. Come one come all.

Mrs. Mary Hancock is visiting relatives at Philipsburg.

Roy Rodgers made a flying trip to Tyrone Friday night.

Mrs. Margaret Gross, of Bellefonte, who has been visiting at this place returned to her home Monday.

Mrs. Henry Witherite is the guest of her parents at Philipsburg.

Now for the fudge and sleigh parties. Mrs. Maude Plotner and daughter, of Willmore, are visiting at Rev. Binghams.

SMULLTON.

Robert Hackenberg and wife were to Aaronsburg on Saturday.

Mrs. William Weight spent several days with relatives in Union Co.

Frank Housman and family, of Millheim, were the guests of Harve Smull's on Sunday.

Sallie Brungart, daughter of Cyrus Brungart, spent several days with her uncle, Newton Brungart.

Mrs. Parker was to Sunbury several days to visit her daughter.

Newton Brungart is on the sick list.

Eve Malloy's sale was well attended on Saturday.

BUFFALO RUN.

Once more we will pen you a few lines—the scribe was busy and neglected his duty as correspondent.

The writer, in looking over the columns of the county papers, find that there has been no notice of the wedding of A. C. Laufer and Miss Angelia Stine, which took place on the evening of Christmas at the parsonage at Stormstown, at 8 o'clock, by Rev. Taylor, after which they partook of a sumptuous feast at the home of the bride's father, John Stine, who did everything to make all pleasant for the guests who had assembled to spend the evening, numbering about thirty.

Mary Carson who has been on the sick list for some time is on the mend.

J. U. Thompson, who just finished his course at Drew Seminary, departed on Saturday for Pittsburg where he will assist the minister of the largest church in that place.

J. G. Carson killed fourteen fine hogs on Tuesday.

F. H. Clemson shipped a car load of wheat on Tuesday.

J. A. Hoy transacted business at the county seat on last Friday.

J. P. Neill, who has been in Pittsburg carpentering, came home on a short vacation.

Among those who are working in Altoona from this place are C. E. Hartsock, George Kelly, Carroll Furst, Charles Pennington and Clark Hartsock.

An effort will be made before long to have some one with the long green to open up the lime industry in this end of the valley; the limestone here are equal with any in the state in quality and in quantity. A grade for a railroad to Waddle a distance of one mile could be had without a fill or cut and a stream of never failing water runs through the valley.

CENTRE HALL.

The sale of Sarah Durst's property and household goods will take place tomorrow, Friday.

Sara Brungart visited friends in Rebersburg, during the past week.

Hoffer Dale returned to University of Penna. at Philadelphia, last week to resume his studies.

Lomis Wilson is able to be around again.

Calvin Runkle, of Tusseyville, brother of W. G. Runkle, dist. atty., is growing weaker gradually. He has been suffering with typhoid fever for a long while.

The Union prayer service this week has been very well attended. The sermons and talks are very interesting.

Since going to the sanitarium at Bellefonte, John Weber seems to be improving slowly.

Mrs. Lucy Henry returned last week from a visit to her son Wilber and family at Wilmering and Anna Shoop at Beaverdale. Samuel Shoop also visited his daughter Anna at Beaverdale.

About three inches of snow the beginning of the week, was the first real signs of winter.

Charles Duncan, dry goods man from Shamokin, spent Sunday at Centre Hall Hotel.

Samuel Sump is now employed at the foundry. Hope he will be followed by many more.

The children of Elmer Royer, of Earlstown, have been ill with scarlet rash for over a week.

ROLAND.

Katherine Curtin has returned to Philadelphia to school, after spending two week vacation with her parents at this place.

Much praise is due little Nannie Bathurst for her beautiful singing in Sabbath school.

Adam Ginger is visiting friends in Altoona.

The revival in the Ev. church, under Rev. Foss, is doing wonderful work; persons are being converted and the church revived.

Clara Stanley, of Milesburg, is visiting at the home of Nora Shultz.

Rev. Allen finished the series of sermons on the Ten Commandments, on Sunday morning, using the last four. It was very fine and instructive; persons not understanding their duty would surely do so after listening to his discourse.

The goosebone man, and all other weather prophets' predictions in this part of the country, have failed so far; the weather here is very cold and stormy with some snow.

Ward Daughenbaugh butchered for B. H. Williams on Thursday, 2.

PENN HALL.

Miss Mary Bariges is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Alfred Kreamer, at Wolf's Store.

Squire Houseman, of Tusseyville, transacted business in this place last week.

Miss Mary Deitrich, of Madisonburg, and Miss Neta Royer, of Rebersburg, made a short call on their friend, Miss Lola Ulrich, on Saturday.

F. M. Fisher made a business trip to Bellefonte on Monday.

H. F. McManaway, of Wolf's Store, transacted business in town on Monday.

Miss Mary Moyer, of Tusseyville, was visiting at the home of Jerry Albright's a few days last week.

One of our able school teachers took his best girl to preaching in a horseless buggy, and had the pleasure of walking home.

Mr. Harshberger, of Potters Mills, with his hay baler was kept busy baling hay for the farmers in this vicinity for the past week.

AARONSBURG.

Wm. Acker and wife returned from a few day's visit with friends at Lewisburg.

Miss Stella Kahl, of Green Burr, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ida Wyle.

Miss Jennie Rupp has gone to State College to spend an indefinite time.

Messrs. Wes and Harry Wyle spent a few days at the home of Clayton Wyle's at Milliflung.

Paul Swabb spent a few hours on Saturday with his mother at this place.

John Gettig and sister Mary, of Spring Bank, were visiting old acquaintances in town.

All flesh may be as grass, but some of us are not as green as we look.

UNIONVILLE.

Frank Calhoun, of Lycoming county, who has not been here for fifteen years, spent New Year's day with friends in town and vicinity.

Ed. Stine, train master at Tyrone, spent Sunday with his cousin, Mrs. Martin Hogan.

On last Friday one of the cars of the local freight train jumped the track causing the passenger train to be one hour late.

William Keatley, commander-in-chief of the prop-loading force at this place, has resigned, and his place has been filled by the election of Corporal Joe Gill.

Wm. A. Morrison, of Altoona, being sorely afflicted with a carbuncle on his neck, is visiting at the home of his father, George W. Morrison.

Master James McDonnell, while riding on Buck's mill wagon, accidentally fell off but, fortunately, no legs or arms were broken and James can skate as well as ever.

Clarence Barton, the 12 year old son of Ed. P. Barton, who for many years has been afflicted with an abscess on one of his legs and which thus far has baffled the local freight train jumped the track causing the passenger train to be one hour late.

William P. Fisher, after spending several months in the old home, left on Monday for New York City his permanent home, where he has built up a lucrative law practice.

Howard Holtzworth has erected a lath mill somewhere on the Alleghenies which will be manipulated by his son Charles. Now "Tid" don't feel the edge of the saw while it is in motion.

A delightful home-gathering occurred at the home of aged Mrs. Sophia Stover; Henry Stover and family, of Pittsburg; Fall Stover and family, of Bellefonte; Laura Bricker, of Boonburg, and others being present. Just when that other pleasant event will take place at the Stover home, I refer you to Miss Sussie for further information.

For humanity's sake I desire to mention the fact that there is a most effective healing salve manufactured by the Bell Ointment Company of this town and is known as Bell Ointment. If you have any old sores, cuts or bruises that refuse to heal by the application of other salves, try Bell Ointment and if it fails to cure, get your money back; it is worth its weight in gold. If the company could advertise it as some of the patent medicines are advertised it could not make it fast enough to supply the demand; 15 and 25 cts boxes. Address Joseph Brugger, Fleming, Pa.

Mrs. Annie E. Stere, after a continued spell of sickness, is looking quite pert again. She says, "No Unionville item, no Centre Democrat for me."

Mrs. Margaret Brugger butchered a beef that dressed 917 lbs.

Say, readers, do you remember Jacob Peters who used to live up Dicks Run. They say when a boy he used to steal eggs out of the house and go down to the creek with other boys and boil them in an old tin can and that he once stole eggs from under a hatching hen, after the hen had sat on them a couple weeks and traded them for tobacco and cigars. People used to say he was training for the Penitentiary; where is he now? He lives in Iowa. He owns three hundred acres of the finest land on which is erected the largest and finest barn in the state, as well as the finest thorough bred horses and cattle. He has several cows for which he paid \$200 each and two blooded stallions worth \$1,000 each. Don't be worried about that bad boy of yours. You can't most always hardly ever tell how he will turn out.

FROM LEW BULLOCK.

The following is an extract from a letter written by Lew Bullock, formerly of Milesburg, who recently accepted a position as superintendent of a novelty works, at Indiana, Pa.

Editor of Centre Democrat: I wish you would make a correction: You said L. C. Bullock gave a banquet to his friends at the Brockerhoff House before going to Indiana, Pa. Now this is a mistake for if I had given a banquet to my friends, had my finances been liberal enough to allow it, nothing would have given me more pleasure, I assure you, then to have banqueted my friends. Mr. Ray could not have fed them all at the first table in the Brockerhoff dining room. No, no; it was only a few of my associates that I was coming in contact with nearly every day of my life. This was the hardest job I have ever had to do during my life—break away from good, old, insubstantial friends. Friends who have been the right kind of stuff in times when others thought I was nearer "down and out." In conclusion let me say, I like my position very much, the town and the people. I think I am with the people who are my kind; they can't go too lively for me, as far as the business part of it goes. I wish you a prosperous year and much success.

Yours Truly,

L. C. BULLOCK, JR.

Long Lost Body Found.

Lying face down where he had shot himself by accident while hunting rabbits on Thanksgiving day the body of John Crossman was found Wednesday, Dec. 27, in the woods near his home, at Patton, Cambra county. Young Crossman had been missing since he started on the fatal rabbit hunt on Thanksgiving day. Though a search had been instituted shortly after, word to the effect that he was working in Altoona as a brakeman was received by his family, and the hunt for his body was abandoned. When no later word from the young man was found another searching party was organized, which resulted in Wednesday's gruesome discovery.

Flyer Empty for 446 Miles.

A passengerless flyer, running the length of Pennsylvania, was the queer proposition that confronted railroad men on Christmas day. The Pennsylvania limited left Jersey City on December 25. The remarkable thing about the trip is that there was not a passenger on the train from the time it left Jersey City until it reached Pittsburg. This never before occurred in the history of the company.

GREGG TWP.

FARMERS MILLS.

A good many of our people were to Millheim on New Years to see the big parade.

A very quiet wedding took place in our town last Sunday night of which Herbert C. Hettinger and Emma Smith were the accomplished bride and groom. The scribe wishes them a long life, prosperity and happiness.

Frank Waite, from Rebersburg, was a caller at John F. Hagan's one day last week.

Morris J. Long and lady friend Maize Emerick, from Brushvalley, attended the Xmas entertainment at Salem.

George K. Long and Harry Ream left for Pleasant Gap to begin work on Noll's lumber job.

John Ream came home last week from Bethlehem near Philadelphia where he had been employed for some time.

YANKEETOWN.

Miss Lillian Leitzel spent one day last week at the home of E. E. Smith.

Sam'l Gobble is housed up with a bad cold.

Rev. S. Smith and wife visited his sister Mrs. Mary Buffington, at the home of D. A. Jordan.

Henry Hoy and W. D. Bartsge spent Sunday at the home of Henry Mark.

There was a quilting party at the home of Mrs. W. B. Feidler one day last week, but it was a failure on account of the bad weather.

Miss Elsie Ulrick and sister, Mrs. D. A. Erle, spent Tuesday of this week in Millheim.

Henry Heckman, of Ohio, spent one day last week with his cousin, Mrs. Henry Mark; this was his first visit to Pennsylvania within 42 years.

WEST FREMONT.

B. B. Miller lost a valuable cow.

William Keller is in our section sawing wood and shredding corn fodder.

Benjamin Limbert and John Roush are talking about taking a trip west this spring.

Katie Long, who had an operation performed on her arm, is getting along finely.

Katie and Verna Rachau and Mayme Wert, spent Christmas at Coburn.

H. S. Limbert was the first one seen on our road taking a sleigh ride and it went hip-er-by-clip. Now maid, watch her chance.

SLEEPY HOLLOW.

The protracted meeting at Locust grove is still in progress with good success.

Wesley Gobble, wife and daughter Mary, spent a week in Altoona visiting friends.

Boys and girls that go to the sawmill skating on Sunday had better attend Sunday school.

Miss Jamison, who had the misfortune to fall and hurt her foot, is able to be about again.

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.

The Daughter of the Regiment is not the only girl with a regiment of admirers.

"COAL OIL JOHNNY."

Blew In \$3,000,000 In Seven Months. Gave away Hotels and Cabs.

John W. Steele, famous as "Coal Oil Johnny," is on his deathbed at the Free homestead near Franklin Pa. He will leave as a legacy to his wife the memory of a man who acquired the reputation in seven brief months of being next to Lucullus the most remarkable spendthrift in history.

Between 1862 and 1863 Steele gambled, spent and gave away \$3,000,000. At the end of 1863, when he was 22 years old he had not a cent. He couldn't get work. He had no credit. The hundreds of friends he thought he had during the days he spent his fortune disappeared the day they found his funds were exhausted. Then he looked for credit. Men he met when he was rich turned their backs upon him. He left the Pennsylvania oil fields with a broken heart and an empty pocket. For 40 years he has been a wanderer in the West. His one ambition was to avoid oil men and forget the existence in which he averaged over \$10,000 a day.

Steele's picturesque appearance in the days he roamed the streets of Petroleum Center, Pa., are described by natives, who recall him parading the main street with clothes plastered with paper money from his chin to his knees. This was distributed before he touched the pillow that night.

Once in New York city Steele bought enough champagne to fill a bathtub, and he bathed in the costly liquid. There also he engaged a cab, purchased it and then gave it to the hired driver. In Philadelphia for a fabulous sum he bought a hotel and gave it to a clerk. He never paid less than \$5 for a shoe shine. He always tipped his barber \$10.

The morning he went broke he did not even have credit in the hotel that he had bought for the owner. That day he counted up the time and the fun he had. One year and seven months had elapsed from the time his foster mother, living in a log cabin at the outskirts of Oil City, threw coal oil in the stove and was consumed by flames. Her death gave Steele the nickname of "Coal Oil Johnny." He made the name historical. It was his mother's property that made him wealthy. Her farm covered an ocean of oil, and royalties received by her had amounted to \$700,000 before death. They increased that much before "Johnny" became of age.

When he went broke he traveled West, working where he could get a job. He worked on a railroad in South Dakota, and lived for a time in the state of Washington. At last he settled in Kansas and worked as a cooper. His wife helped him back to Pennsylvania. She is now at his bedside. None of the men who helped "Johnny" spend his money are there.



WHITE IS KING

with us. It's the greatest White Sale ever held in Bellefonte. That's what our customers tell us, anyway. Everything under the head of White Goods at away under prices. Think of what you need in under-mustins, Sheetings, Pillow Cases, Embroideries, Laces, etc. Competitive sales are but a mere "pigmy" compared to our

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