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THE RACKET

Hereafter our store will be open every evening until eight o'clock, except Saturday when we will close at ten o'clock as usual.

Racket Store Co.

Correspondents' Department.
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MOSHANNON.

Arch Williams has returned home from Philadelphia. Glad to see you back, Arch.

C. J. McGowan made a business trip to Karthaus on Friday.

Milford Youdas is ill with the measles.

Geo. Duck, of Viaduct, was a pleasant caller in town on Thursday.

John Howard is now able to be around, after recovering from a fall which he received a few weeks ago.

Rob Keech and Merry Gilliland, of Snow Shoe, are frequent callers in town. Now boys, it is getting too cold to stand out.

It's too cold for Dick to stand out, any more.

Simon Hazzard spent Sunday with his sister in Nittany.

Teachers' local institute will begin in Snow Shoe, on Jan. 27, 1906.

For any information about the "overalls," ask Frankie?

G. A. Daugherty was a caller at the Weaver home on Saturday evening.

Mrs. O'Neil, of Marsh Creek, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Austin Kerin.

Miss Joe Gleason has returned home from Philadelphia.

Quite a number of people attended the festival in Snow Shoe, on Saturday eve.

Grover Duck was seen on our streets, Thursday.

FERGUSON TWP.

CENTRE LINE.

Hello, Centre Line, how's she cutting?

The Lutherans held a union meeting at Centre Line on Sabbath evening; they had a very fine meeting.

Walter Cronister and wife spent Sunday with his parents, Jacob Cronister's.

Cooper Branstetter spent Tuesday evening at Cronister's playing I-doubt-it. He reported having a very fine time.

Rev. Whitney is holding a meeting at Warriors-mark. I hope he will be successful.

The weather is very fine just at present, but no sledding, if there was, there would be something doing around Centre Line.

Francis Briggs moved in one part of the Kephart house; he expects to stay and farm for him next summer.

Miss Lettie Wrye, of Paradise, is spending a few weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Stine.

Henry Cupp is on the sick list with the grip, the past week.

The presiding elder preached a noble sermon on Sunday at the U. B. church at Centre Line.

PINE GLENN.

Mrs. N. Vallmont visited her sister Mrs. Henry Barger, of Moshannon, on Friday.

Maynard Meeker is preparing to move from this place to Penn's Valley soon, where he will do farming on a large scale.

Mrs. Evert Daugherty, of Clearfield, visited her father, Wm. Bowes, of this place during the week.

A team of horses belonging to Robert Askey engaged in an exciting little runaway one day last week, but were caught before any damage was done.

A number of our people are ill with measles, at this writing.

Sunday school was very poorly attended on Sunday morning.

S. C. Walker and son of Snow Shoe, visited in this place on Sunday.

STORMSTOWN.

Those on the sick list around here are, John W. Grove, Annie Gray, Nellie Harshberger, Mary Thomas and Myra Way.

Mr. Cronemiller and his fireman, Chester Eves, are around sawing wood and baling hay.

John Eves and wife have returned from a week's visit to relatives in Lewis-town.

UNIONVILLE.

Caterpillars were on the move in different parts of our town on Sunday.

Lottie Heaton is lying seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Francis Ammerman is convalescing.

Henry Parsons, son-in-law of John H. Stover, will take charge of his father-in-law's farm in the spring.

Ex-County Commissioner Thomas W. Fisher has purchased the large estate of his father, the late Wm. P. Fisher, dec'd from the other heirs and has consequently, become sole owner of the vast estate.

Martin Hogan has been sick in bed a few days, is improving nicely.

Dr. W. U. Irwin is suffering with sorely affected eye sight.

Mattie Wilson, of Martha, attended the funeral of her friend, Mabel Myers, the accomplished young organist of Milesburg, on Monday.

For lack of other news of interest I will now make good my promise, made some time ago, concerning a chapter on "Our Boys."

OUR "BAD BOYS."

It is an old saying that "Boys are boys" and that you can't put an "old head on young shoulders." How often have we heard it remarked by some of our wisecracks, in speaking of our "bad boys": "I tell you, that if Jim Smith or Sam Jones" as the case may be, "aint curbed in his wild career, he will certainly round up in the penitentiary" and with an ominous shake of the head say, "and its all their parents' fault," at the same time forgetting that they, too, were once boys and did their full share of sowing wild oats. Now when I say our boys, I refer to our Unionville boys and some of them were just about as bad as you will find them in any town or village anywhere, and also just as good. Now, I have rounded up a goodly number of them and have also learned of their escapades in their boyhood days and will, without giving them away, enumerate some of their tricks: They could steal eggs from the stables or perhaps out of the house, and go down to the Reach and feast on boiled eggs; one boy stole a fine large rooster out of his father's coop and used it for fox bait; they persecuted one of our merchants almost beyond endurance; they stole apples from the nearby orchards and almost before the apples were fit to eat the boys had their pockets bulging with Early Joe's or Lippencott's; they stole roasts from the cornfields; one boy got a tip that a certain young lady and gentleman were going to keep "steady company" on a certain evening, managed to slip in the open door of the parlor, hid under the sofa and when he emerged from that hole in the wee small hours of the night, after the company had dissolved, he was chuck full of "spoonies" and was considered quite a hero when telling his chums about it; there was a wedding across the creek, of course the boys had to serenade them. They turned out in great force, and here they overstepped the mark. Some of them climbed on the porch roof, broke in the window of the sleeping room in which the bride and groom slept, and tried to pull them out of bed, but failed; they tried to pull the porch down and did other damage to property. The groom had a lot of the ring-leaders arrested the next day, and had not been persuaded to compromise for the small sum of \$5, a number of them would have been placed in limbo, sure, as well as heavily fined.

These are only a few of the many things our bad boys were guilty of. Now let us see who those terrible bad boys were and what has become of them. Any of those, whom I shall mention, who are not guilty, need not "wear the shoe."

John L. Rich is a successful traveling man with headquarters at Tyrone; John P. Bruggar, with Heintz & Co., one of the foremost pickle sellers in the state, lives at Johnstown; George Bruggar, a promising young bridge engineer and draughtsman, Cannonsburg, Pa.; William, Durbin and Ed. Morrison, each have good positions with the P. R. R. Co. at Altoona; Meri and John Harper are employed at Pittsburg; Ed. Musser is with Baldwin locomotive works at Burnham; Howard, Harry and Mont, Musser and Charley Rowan are employed, at good salaries, in the machine shops at Bellwood; Arthur B. Van Valin telegraph operator, Pittsburg; Raymond Van Valin in freight department, same place; Forest D., operator for Western Union at Washington, D. C.; Ralph W., until recently, a book-keeper in a large store in Pittsburg, and William B., engaged in Christian work in Mission work recently located at Pittsburg. These last five are brothers; Howard Pratt, superintendent of West Maryland R. R., Baltimore; Frank W. Pratt, supt. of structural department at Ambridge, Pa.; David Pratt, manager of Cresson Supply Co., Columbia, Pa.; Seth B. Pratt, railway mail clerk between New York and Pittsburg, and James Pratt, a student at Grove City College; A. J. Griest and T. E. Griest, successful business men of our town; E. M. Griest, important position with the Landis, baugh, Barber Co., Philadelphia; Charley Griest is manager of a large company store at Barnesboro; Harry Griest, who was named "Peck," after Peck's bad boy, is now manager of four large Racket stores, located in different towns; John and Samuel Holt good positions at Glenn Union; Roy Peters, at Altoona; Toner Calhoun, at Cramp's shipyard in Philadelphia; Joe Bing, leading painter at Ebsenburg; Elsie Bing, painter and manager of a traveling tent show; Thompson Bing, merchant, Reynoldsville; Rens Bing, clerk at DuBois; John and Clyde Cadwallader, at the Edgar Thompson steel works, East Braddock; Roy Miles, in railroad office at Pitcairn, is building a \$2000 house; Dr. C. A. Van Valin, able dentist, office in Bellefonte; William H. Rumberger, of the firm of Dicks, Rumberger Co., DuBois; Allen, with same Co.; Albert, with Denlinger Bros., Patton; Harry D., with same Co., at Philadelphia; George F., with wholesale grocery Co.; John C., railroad agent for Central R. R. of Pa., at Bellefonte; Roy Hazel, good position in a large restaurant at Homestead; Charley and Don. McEwen, good positions in Pittsburg; Raymond Comley, also in Pittsburg; Walter Underwood, Pitcairn; Bennie Fredericks, who never did anything worse than tie a dog's tail to a tin can, lives happily with his mother up the pike and does the farming; and John McDonnell, a model young man, has become a fixture in the railroad office at Tyrone as night operator with a good round salary to his credit. Now I am sure I have not named the half of the boys who were born or bred, in our town who are now holding lucrative positions of trust and honor with salaries ranging from \$50 per month to \$3000 per

year. If one of our young men strikes out to look for a job he need say "Sir, I am from Unionville" and his employment is assured. Oh, I tell you we are "IT." And oh my, what a pretty chapter I could write about "our girls." May be, some day. Now boys, which of you were bad, when you were young? Every one of the above are readers of the Centre Democrat.

DOMINO.

GREGG TWP.

FINE GAP.

R. A. Douty and C. I. Grenoble made a business to Millheim, Friday.

Sunday was a remarkably fine day; we can thank God for the warm sunshine so late in January.

A number of hunters from this vicinity spent Monday and Tuesday of last week in Little Sugar valley, hunting for bear, but came home empty, wet and tired.

MT. UNION.

Kate Crader and Maggie Long spent Thursday in Brushvalley.

Miss Maggie Baney is spending some time in Millheim.

Joe Messmer, H. E. Bickle and John Snyder are busy cutting logs which they recently purchased.

Mrs. Leonard Messmer, Mrs. Joe Messmer and two sons Charley and John, were callers at John Messmer's on Thursday afternoon.

YANKETOWN.

J. W. Gobble, from Georgesvalley, visited his father one day last week.

Rev. D. A. Ertel passed through our town on Saturday.

A. P. Burrell, agent for Crymo Cressel, would like if his friends would call on him with their orders.

Rev. Snyder preached a fine sermon in the St. Paul church, Sunday evening.

J. W. Crader and sister Katie made a business trip to Millheim on Saturday.

Boyd Hoover, who is working in Pine Creek Hollow, visited his father over Sunday.

WEST PRECINCT.

Sunday was a pleasant day and everybody seemed to enjoy it.

Prayer-meeting at J. W. Beck's was well attended.

Mrs. Harry Weaver is staying at the home of C. A. Weaver's.

Artie Keller spent Sunday at James Wert's.

Frank Long's will leave this vicinity and move to Wolf's Store.

Jacob Catherman left this place and went to Al. Weaver's.

J. C. Rossman and Gardner Grove made a business trip to Lock Haven, last week.

SOBER.

Postmaster U. G. Auman and wife were callers at David Lingel's Sunday.

James Auman's, of near Millheim, were callers at Jacob Gentzel's, Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Wolf and sister Furl spent Sunday afternoon with Sadie Vonada.

Roy Kreider, teacher at Gentzel school, was seen going on the train at this place.

Mrs. Sarah Breen was a caller at U. G. Auman's Sunday.

Conrad Auman is on the sick list.

Look out boys for a wedding in the near future.

Those that will move are, H. V. Gentzel on the Finkle property and Andrew Shawayer on the Gentzel farm.

BEECH.

Scott Decker's sale was largely attended and everything brought fairly good prices.

Mrs. Miles Barger visited a few days last week with friends at Spring Mills.

James Foust, who is employed at Yeagertown, is home for a few weeks.

Miss Olla Sowers is spending a week with Mrs. Henry Haugh.

Those who spent Sunday pleasantly with Miss Ella Decker were, Scott Decker and family; Thomas Decker and family, of Spring Mills; Colonel Decker and wife, of Rebersburg, and Wm. Motter and family, of Potter's Mills.

Mrs. D. C. Lingle spent Sunday afternoon at the home of her brother, G. F. Foust.

Joseph Solt and wife, of Smulton, spent several days last week with friends at this place.

BLACK HAWK.

Douty Bros. Lumber Company are expecting to erect another sawmill for the purpose of sawing of the Duck & Smith tracts.

P. P. Duck attended the school director's institute at Bellefonte last Thursday.

The Brian heirs offer the Brian homestead for sale.

Cal. Rishel and wife, T. F. Wise and wife, Harvey Haugh and wife and Mrs. J. J. Taylor, spent Saturday night at the deathbed of Susan Wise.

Mother Susan Wise died at the home of P. P. Duck on Sunday morning, aged 74 years, and was buried at Madisonburg on Wednesday. She is survived by two brothers, four sons and four daughters.

Every scribe of the Centre Democrat should give all the latest news, and not statements to jog our neighbors. To the good of all the readers, I will say that the editor receives his items without knowing whether it is to stir or just intended as a joke. So do not blame the editor but the scribe. I will say that anything in my items is never written with the intention of hurting any ones feelings.

HOUSERVILLE.

Dr. Houser, of Baileyville, visited his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Houser who are ill at present. Mrs. Houser is the oldest inhabitant of this place having passed her 85th year, and Mr. Houser is almost 83. Until quite recently Mrs. Houser has been active about her household duties.

The telephone line in this section is completed and now a person can hello to his neighbor.

Emanuel Musser and wife, of State College, and Jacob Bottorf and wife, of Lemont, spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Jacob Houser.

Mrs. John Meckley returned home after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. John Marshall, near Benore.

George Herkheimer transacted business in Bellefonte, Tuesday.

Mrs. Winona Bottorf is able to be out again.

Rev. Alfred Wirtz preached in the U. B. church on Sunday evening.

Clarence Benner is nursing a sore hand which he had the misfortune of cutting while chopping wood.

NITTANY

Robt. Kramer, of Mill Hall, was in our town one evening last week on business.

We noticed Wm. Dorman, of Oak Grove, on our streets last week.

S. Peck and E. J. Peck were to Bellefonte last week on business.

We are sorry to note the illness of Mrs. James Gunsallus.

County Sup't Ertter visited our schools last week.

Mrs. Amanda Markle, of Pleasant Gap, visited Wm. Garbrick and family last week.

H. P. Zerby and Harry Baker were to Bellefonte last week on business.

Dr. Kurtz, of Howard, was summoned to our town to attend old mother Webb, who is critically ill.

Ira C. Ohl is all smiles since the arrival of a young son at their home.

Clyde Holmes and wife and Miss Annie Minnek visited friends at Lamar on Sunday.

Clyde Mauck, of Rote, visited friends here last week.

Sunday was a beautiful day and made one think of spring; we have the robins with us, with their merry songs.

We noticed a Mr. Rothrock, of Lock Haven, in our town Sunday who was the guest of Miss Mittie Winkleman.

Four of W. E. Kessinger's children are confined to the house at present.

Mrs. Less Swartz, daughter and son Ralph, are on the sick list.

James Rathmel, of Lamar, visited W. E. Kessinger and family on Sunday.

Our young folks are attending big meeting at Clintondale.

SALONA.

DRY RIDGE.

At Rote was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday evening the 17th, the contracting parties being Miss Rosa Neff, daughter of Joseph and Mrs. Neff, and Frank Bower. Promptly at 8 o'clock to strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Miss Dora Sager, the bridal party entered the parlor where Rev. Price pronounced the words that bind the happy couple for life. The bride wore a handsome gown of white silk and bridal veil. Following the ceremony elegant refreshments were served to 125 invited guests. The bride was the recipient of a number of useful and valuable presents. Mr. and Mrs. Bower went to housekeeping at once in their already furnished home which awaited them.

Clark Weaver has been nursing a sore foot the last couple days.

William Rader and wife and Edward Smith, of Lock Haven, spent Sunday with their parents, Olive Smith's.

Ray Bilet, of Lamar, visited Farus Shaffer's over Sunday.

Herbert Hobson, of Lock Haven, called on his many friends here on Sunday.

Miss Carrie Jones, who has been home for some time, left Monday for Woolrich where she is employed in the woolen factory.

Mrs. Dan Bower who had a stroke about three weeks ago, is not improving.

COBURN.

Miss Hannah Evert assists Miss Nora Kling at the toll gate, during Mr. Kling's absence as juror.

At their meeting last Friday evening the members of the Coburn band elected the following officers to serve for one year. Pres., W. E. Braucht; vice pres., C. N. Meyer; treas., W. T. Korman; asst. leader, A. B. Meyer. The boys are preparing to furnish excellent music for the coming season.

The democratic caucus, and probably the republican, will be held on Saturday to nominate candidates for the various township offices. Some important offices are to be filled, as tax collector and justice of the peace, to fill the unexpired term of C. A. Weaver, resigned. Some light will probably be given on the new law concerning the supervisors and all the voters should come out. It would be valuable information if some public spirited speaker would explain to the voters how the new road tax law affects them and whether a cash tax or a work tax is preferable to them. Politics seems to be dull as we know of no candidate for office, but would suggest for overseer a man who is good to the poor and needy, those who could, at least, earn their tobacco.

SMULLTON.

Irvin Harry, of Mill Hall, was the guest of his parents, Serene Harry's, on Saturday and Sunday.

Ambrose Douty and wife, of Madisonburg, spent Sunday with his brother Harry Douty.

Mrs. W. E. Smull and children spent the past week with her parents at Beech Creek.

Mrs. Robert Hackenberg who had been keeping house for her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Musser the past week, returned home on Friday.

Newton Brungart made a business trip to Lock Haven on Monday.

Everybody enjoyed the spring like weather on Sunday.

Mrs. Harvy Limbert, of this place, and Mrs. George Winkleblock and daughter Katie, of Aaronsburg, were the guests of Adam Griesinger's on Sunday.

Jacob Walizer is at present making shingle blocks.

Mrs. Robert Hackenberg is laid up with a severe cold.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Among those that were entertained at the home of W. H. Swartz and family were Elmer Swartz and family, Herbert Swartz and family, all from Madisonburg; Mrs. Harry Dinges and daughter Mary, of Centre Hall, also Daniel Houser, from Pleasant Gap.

Mrs. W. H. Swartz visited with Rev. W. H. Brown and family at East Prospect, York county, she also spent several days at Millersburg, enjoying her trip very much.

We had fine weather all winter; week before last we had about 2 inches of snow. Some of the farmers are plowing. The roads are very rough and muddy.

Editor, anyone that wishes to send for our coupons can have them if they pay the postage.

We are all well.

MRS. W. H. SWARTZ,
Northumberland, Pa.
R. F. D. No. 1 box 82 North'd county

BEECH CREEK.

Robert Gunsallus, mostly known as Bob of Osage, Mitchell county, Iowa, is around shaking hands with old friends and relatives in this place. Mr. Gunsallus moved from his farm in Big Run, or what was generally nicknamed "Pill-cat Hollow, about eight years ago and seems well pleased with his Western home; he says there is the place to make big money, but that you can not expect to get rich with it work. Robert was one of the best marksmen in Clinton and Centre counties and always enjoyed a good hunt and is greatly missed by his old chums. He looks very old fashioned in his farming garb. His farm consists of about 414 acres; he keeps about 22 milk cows. They do not raise any wheat where he is from and very little rye; corn, oats, flax and barley being the chief product. They also pay all cash tax there. His farm is so level that he can see the town of Osage, at 6 1/2 miles distance. He also says you would almost cry for the sake of finding a stone to throw at anything; also that they have had about two feet of snow all winter. Their winters there are not so open as they are in Pennsylvania.

Walter got tired of the woods, or especially what they call Swamping, as he played off sick and went and helped his brother-in-law saw logs; he also said it was bad enough if he couldn't make enough on the farm to keep him one winter, but you know working in the woods is not quite so nice as farming, for you can not sit down on your plow handles and rest in winter like you can in summer, for in the woods there is most always some one to keep an eye on you. Wonder what such people would do if they had to make a living by working in the woods.

Joseph Hanley and wife went to house-keeping in the farm house owned by Ambrose Brady.

Milford, Elery and Grover Masden spent Wednesday at the home of their sister Mrs. Joseph Gunsallus.

Boys you had better get your call-thumpian band ready for business as the report is that Elery L. is to bring his bride home before long.

Ambrose Brady, assistant mail carrier, handled the mail Saturday and shouldn't think he would enjoy it very much as the roads are terribly muddy.

Mr. Harvey, of Flemington, and C. W. Cook, of Blanchard, were seen passing through this place Wednesday.

A light snow fell in this place Wednesday morning, but did not last long on account of the balance of the day being warmer than usual; the bright sunshine was welcomed by all.

Master Charlie Fritz is numbered among the sick at present, but hope for his speedy recovery.

Roy Linn, who has been working for Mr. Boyer at Hyner Run, is spending a few days at home.

Charles Mapes, who went away with the intention of hauling in the wood, returned home on account of his team being too light for the work.

On the 21, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gunsallus gave a dinner in honor of their brother Robert A. Gunsallus, who is here visiting from Osage, Iowa. It was a reunion of mother and her three sons; those being present were: Mrs. Martha Gunsallus, W. Frank, Robert A., Joseph L. and family, Mrs. Eliza Dehaas, and A. P. Sallada, of Rauchtown, Pa.

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