

Pet. Centre, Friday, Jan. 8.

Time of Closing Mails.

P. O. PETROLEUM CENTRE, PA., JULY 27th, 1898.

*Mail further notice the mails will arrive at and depart from this office as follows:

ARRIVE.

South and East, via Irvinson, 10:38 A. M. South and West, " Mendville, 5:18 P. M. North and East, " Corry, 9:25 "

DEPART.

South and West, 3:48 A. M. South and East, 2:30 P. M. North and West, 10:03 A. M. H. E. BLACKMON, P. M.

Divine Services.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M., and 7 o'clock P. M.

Rev. J. T. OXTONY, Pastor.

M. E. CHURCH.

Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. Sabbath School at twelve o'clock M. Seats free. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Rev. C. M. HEARD, Pastor.

ST. PETER AND PAUL'S (CATHOLIC) CHURCH.

Mass at 10 1/2 a. m.

Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4 p. m.

Catechism at 2 p. m.

JAMES DUNN, Pastor.

At the present rate of advancement in the arts and sciences, it is impossible to imagine the mighty achievements that may be wrought by the next generation. Steam and electricity have revolutionized the world. There is no telling to what these agencies may yet be applied, nor how many latent powers of nature are to be brought out. Human beings may yet be enabled to travel on and under the water, to navigate the air, to penetrate the bowels of the earth and explore the hidden mysteries of nature. The faculties of mind of man is constantly probing secrets and bringing to light dark and hidden things. Where will this spirit of inquiry lead us to? The human race may become presumptuous, men may aspire to be angels, and bring down divine punishment upon their heads.

The insurrection in Cuba is much more formidable than the Spanish authorities would have the outside world believe. In all probability the Cubans will achieve their independence of the mother country, and the Queen of the Antilles will take her position among the nations of the earth. What then? Can she not be brought into our great confederation of States, be made a member of our Union? There are many nations which ardently desire to possess this magnificent jewel. Even anarchy-afflicted and revolution-stricken Mexico is reaching for it, fearful that the United States may get possession of it.

Quite a large audience witnessed the performance of Humpty Dumpty last night. This evening "Hit Van Winkle" and "Black Eyed Susan" will be repeated by request of a large number of our citizens. Carner and Bates have acquired an immense popularity in this community.

We learn that W. R. Johns, former editor and proprietor of the Oil City Register, has purchased an interest in the Pleasantville Evening News. Mr. Johns is an able writer, and under his management the News will no doubt be a success.

This morning a dense mist hung over our village, and the air was tainted with the smell of oil. On such occasions we envy the dwellers on the hill-tops, where the sun shines bright and clear above the immense clouds of fog.

LARGE numbers of leases are being taken up in different parts of the oil region. It being the intention of the parties taking them to commence, early in the spring, the work of development.

The Senatorial contest is ended. Hon. John Scott, of Huntington, day before yesterday, received the nomination of the Republican caucus, which is equivalent to an election. Mr. Scott is highly spoken of by the press.

The Emperor of Russia will throw a fur mantle, costing 39,000, over the delicate shoulders of Adeline Patti on the occasion of her first appearance in Russia.

The Republicans have nominated Zach Chandler for re-election to the U. S. Senate, in Michigan.

The Clarion Democrat of Saturday last announces that oil was struck at the depth of 700 feet in a well on the Gros farm, four miles from Clarion.

The Venango Citizen has changed hands. Mr. McWhorter has sold out to Colonel J. W. H. Reisinger, of the Tionesta.

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church of this place will be held here Saturday and Sabbath next.

In addition to the usual exercises there will be preaching on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and after the Quarterly Conference will meet.

On Sunday at 9 1/2 o'clock there will be a Love feast. The Sacrament will be administered after preaching.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock a "chalk sermon" will be delivered to the scholars of the Sunday School. A full attendance of the members of the church and congregation is earnestly desired.

C. M. HEARD, Pastor.

EVERYBODY thinks, or wants to think, that he lives in the biggest place.

"You must confess," remarked a New York merchant to a Chicago merchant, as they were discussing the merits of their respective cities, "that New York is the metropolis of the country." "Yes," replied the man of the West: "New York is a right smart place for business. New York is the Chicago of the East." Another Westerner gave it as his opinion "that New York was too far from Indianapolis ever to be much of a place." Which reminds us of the remark made by a rough farmer who lived at the foot of a high mountain in Maine, miles away from any neighbors. A young man from New York roaming about on a fishing tramp, stumbled upon the farmer's lonely house. They entered into conversation, and learning that his guest was from New York, the worthy man exclaimed, in unfeigned surprise: "Well, now, how can you stand it to live so far away from folks?"

Coal has been found on the line of the Central Pacific Railroad. Coal was some time since reported to have been found on the line of the Union Pacific Railroad. Coal has been found on the islands and mainland of our new possessions in the extreme Northwest. Wherever coal is badly needed for our locomotives and steamers, there, by a tortuous, coal beds are discovered. Coal was the base of England's commercial greatness, and as our coal base is immensely broader than that of England, our commercial greatness must become proportionally larger.

A darkey in Natchez was boasting to a grocer of the cheapness of ten pounds of sugar he had bought of a rival store. "Let me weigh the package," said the grocer. The darkey assented, and it was found two pounds short. The colored gentleman looked perplexed for a moment, and then said, "Guess he didn't cheat his child much, for while he was gettin' de sugar I stole two pair of shoes."

WESTERN TRADE VIA NEW ORLEANS—It is a remarkable and very significant fact, that there have recently been going through New Orleans heavy shipments of Malaga fruits, &c., from New York to Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Louis. The railroad charges are so heavy, that it pays to ship freight to the West by sea from New York—N. O. Picayune.

General Stoneman has issued an order disbanding the public guard, a company of about one hundred State soldiers, which has been doing guard duty at the State prison and public buildings in Richmond. The commanding General is silently clearing the Courts of officers disqualified under the Fourteenth Amendment. The removals are not furnished the press.

A conductor on the Eastern railroad, who lives in Gloucester, Mass., was recently awakened from a sound sleep in church, and with his secular twang called out—"Beverly! change cars for Gloucester, Manchester and Beverly Farms!" The effect upon the congregation may be imagined.

A telegram was received at Washington yesterday, announcing that Senator Stewart had been unanimously nominated by the Union caucus for re-election to the Senate of the United States from Nevada.

The anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans is to be celebrated this evening by a grand dance at the American Hotel, given by the Jackson Democratic Association.

The Ogeechee troubles remain unchanged. The military, with the sheriff will go down this morning. More negroes came into Savannah yesterday and surrendered to the military.

The present superficial area of Louisville within the new limits is twelve and one-third square miles. Its previous area was eight and one-fifth square miles. The valuation of the city, including residences is \$63,343,674.

Ben Micky and Thomas Rooney, charged with the murder of the shoemaker Reardon, at Lagrange, Kentucky, have been held to answer before the Circuit Court.

Both Houses of the Legislature have adjourned until Tuesday next.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 7.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, and a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in regard to the late Indian battle.

Mr. Allison presented a memorial from the Legislative Assembly of Idaho, for the establishment of an assay office there. Referred.

Mr. Fessenden presented the memorial of a large number of Episcopal clergymen for the enactment of a law forbidding under heavy penalties the carrying of petroleum in public passenger conveyances.

Mr. Corbett presented a petition for the extension of the Pacific Road to Puget Sound. Referred.

Mr. Nye introduced a bill to facilitate telegraph communication between the Eastern and Western continents. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Trumbull from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported the recommendation of the indefinite postponement of the bill in part execution of Section 4, of Article 4 of the Constitution, "A bill to facilitate the decision of questions in conflict between the United States and States by the Supreme Court of the United States." Agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Edmunds the Senate took up the bill to prevent the holding of civil offices by military officers and to prevent the holding of more than one office at the same time.

After discussion the morning hour expired and the Senate resumed consideration of the bill for the relief of Sue Murphy, which was also debated without action until 3:40, when on motion of Mr. Trumbull, the Senate went into executive session, and in a few minutes afterwards adjourned.

HOUSE.

A resolution was passed directing the Printing Committee to investigate the stationery contract of the Interior Department, and suspending all further payment till after action by the House.

The Speaker presented a message from the President, with a report of the Sec'y of State in reply to the House's resolution of July 24, 1867, declaring sympathy with the suffering Creoles. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, and was addressed by Mr. Coburn on the question of finances.

Mr. Shanks spoke in favor of the recognition of the Provisional Government of Crete.

The Committee rose, and Mr. Ashley introduced a bill to facilitate commercial intercourse between States and Territories, which was referred to the Committee on Territories. Adjourned.

THE NEWS.

More are drowned in the bowl than in the sea.

The greatest and noblest revenge is forgiveness.

The contented man is never poor, the discontented never rich.

Foot races between girls are attractions at Iowa cattle shows.

Prussia has produced a new sect called the "Jumpers."

The San Francisco Labor Exchange is fighting the keepers of sailor's boarding houses.

Virginia journals are rejoicing over the revival of cloth manufactures in that State.

The Houghton (Lake Superior) Gazette says the Northwestern Railway Company do not propose to run a road to Houghton from Marquette next summer, as they have lost over \$27,000 by the operation already.

Six members of a family on Sixth street, New York, were poisoned Sunday night, by drinking tea in which arsenic had been put. Three, of them, children between eight and twelve, are in a dangerous condition.

Horace Greeley is said to be writing a pamphlet to present to Congress, urging the immediate return to specie payment, and taking the ground that if it is not done this year there is great danger to the national credit.

The organization of the Louisville, Harrodsburg and Virginia Railroad was perfected yesterday.

A "Grecian Bend" ball was announced to come off in Springfield Massachusetts, on Tuesday, at which a premium was offered for the largest "bend."

Rosa Bonheur's annual income is about eighty thousand francs. She is now engaged in painting a group of dogs for the Emperor of Russia.

Sims Reeves, the tenor, indorses the demand that the English orchestras shall lower their pitch. Basses are willing that it should be kept up.

In Delaware they flog thieves at the public whipping post, and in Massachusetts they flog grown up young women in the public schools.

Two Methodist ministers recently traveled through China. Their professional skill in tea drinking won the hearts of the Celestials.

Performances in the Music Hall, in New Haven, Connecticut, are interrupted by rowdies, who quarrel with and curse each other so loudly as to stop the plays.

The new Cincinnati hospital will be dedicated to-day.

Vigilance Committees are being organized in most of the wards of New York city, for the purpose of bringing rogues to justice.

Certain county districts oppose being annexed to Cincinnati. It is thought they can be induced to consent. A committee is now pressing this matter on the Legislature.

Local Notices.

Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes.—A large assortment at REYNOLDS, BRODHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre Street, opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

New Flour, Feed and Grocery Store!

J. S. PRATHER,

At the OLD BANK BUILDING, ON MAIN-ST., opposite the McClintock House, has on hand a large and first class stock of Flour, Feed and Groceries, which he is selling at a low figure. Don't forget the place—where A. D. Cotton & Company broke up. Jan 7th.

VARIETY STORE.

AT

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Can be found a complete stock of Blank Books, full and half bound, from 10c. to \$1.10 a quire, Blank Notes, Drafts and Receipts Books.

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With all styles of Note and Cap Papers.

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Complete stock of DIARIES for 1899.

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Also, a Circulating Library, composed of standard works and the latest out. Terms only \$2.50 for six months. dec 11th.

Dry Goods, a large stock at REYNOLDS, BRODHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre St., opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

LADIES wishing to make an appropriate present, will find beautiful SLIPPER PATTERNS at A. S. SMITH'S Boot & Shoe Store, dec 1st.

BIRD SAGES, wholesale and retail. Thirty-four different styles to arrive this week, at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

CANARY BIRDS, best German imported, wholesale and retail, at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

1,600 rolls WALL PAPER received this day at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

Hardware—A large assortment of which is being closed out at reduced rates at REYNOLDS, BRODHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre St., opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

ALBAMA.—This is a newly discovered article to be used for a hair dressing, which is said to be superior to anything of the kind yet placed before the public. It renders the hair soft and glossy, and will, it is said, cause the hair to grow on scabs which have long incased such a covering. It is not properly a hair dye, and yet it will so operate on the roots of the same when applied as to restore it to its original color and luxuriance in a very brief period of time. It is beyond question, a very superior thing, and will more than fill the expectations of any one who may purchase it.—Syracuse Paper, Try Saunders & Conch Co. It is the best. A. D. MILLER & CO., Wholesale and Retail Druggists, Agents for Petroleum Centre, Pa. nov 12th.

Beautiful Slipper Patterns at A. S. Smith's Boot & Shoe Store. dec 15th.

FANCY GOODS, all descriptions, wholesale and retail, for Holiday Presents, at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

Crockery—For all kinds go to REYNOLDS, BRODHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre Street, opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

Call and examine the fine assortment of SLIPPER PATTERNS at A. S. Smith's Boot & Shoe Store. dec 15th.

A large assortment of FINE SEWED BOOTS at A. S. Smith's Boot & Shoe Store. dec 15th.

DIARIES for '99 at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

PAPER AND ENVELOPES at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

Carpets, of every quality and description, at REYNOLDS, BRODHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre Street, opposite the P. O., Oil City, Pa.

Excelsior Billiard Parlors.

To enjoy a delightful and quiet game of Billiards, go to A. O. Parnham's Fashionable Billiard Parlors, on Washington Street, next door to the Rochester House. These Parlors are within a short distance of most of the principal hotels in Petroleum Centre. may 24th.

The best place in town to get a pair of Boots made of the best Stock, that will wear well, and warranted to fit, is at J. A. Plante's Fashionable Boot Shop, Washington Street, Petroleum Centre, Pa. Give him a trial. sep 10th.

CIGARS AND TOBACCO at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

The following persons will make application for License at the January term of the Court of Quarter Sessions: Samuel Rice, Pioneer, Wholesale; J. R. McLean, Proprietor of Restaurant, J. R. SMITH, Clerk.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Capital & Assets, \$3,000,000

E. J. ROSS, Agent,

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This Company,

Being one of the oldest and most reliable in the United States, affords ample security, not only by its large assets, which on January 1st, 1898, were already \$2 1/2 million over its liabilities, but also by the

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Dividends are Declared Annually!

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EVERY FATHER

Should secure a Policy as early as possible, as not only but healthy persons can be insured and it is his moral duty, to provide in the safest way for his family, which he cannot do better, than by a Life Insurance. Money invested in business may bring more interest for a while, but it may all be lost, and the family is thus left destitute. Jan 7th.

OPERA HOUSE!

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Miss KATY TILSTON!

Comedienne and Vocalist.

Kate Vernon,

Kitty Bowd, &c.

Friday Eve., Jan. 8, '99,

Will be presented the Nautical Drama of

Black-Eyed Susan

William - - - - - Mr. Mark Bates.

GRAND BALLET

Mlle Jovetta Vidal.

To conclude with a legend of the Catskill Mountains, entitled,

RIP VAN WINKLE!

OR THE

SLEEP OF TWENTY YEARS!

Rip Van Winkle - - - - - J. W. Carner!

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME NIGHTLY

Doors open at 7 o'clock. Performance at 8 o'clock. Admission 50 cts. - Dress and Seats, 75 cts. - Jan 7th.

BUY the E. Howard American Watch, the best made, of ISHAM & CO.