

Pet. Centre, Monday, Jan. 11.

Time of Closing Mails.

P. O., PETROLEUM CENTRE, PA., JULY 27th, 1868.

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

ARRIVE.

South and East, via Irvinston, 10.15 A. M. South and West, " Meadville, 5.30 P. M. North and East, " Corry, 8.25 "

DEPART.

South and West, 3.45 A. M. South East and West, 2.30 P. M. North, East and West, 10.00 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. Oxtory, 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.

THAT in a country like ours there should be any occasion for dispute between capital and labor, is much to be regretted. The whole land is teeming with plenty. There is enough for all, and yet there are cases of extreme destitution within our borders, and there are frequent strikes of laborers against what they allege to be the injustice of their employers. Sometimes these strikes are made upon principles of right, and too frequently there is nothing at issue except what could be amicably adjusted. We have always deprecated this system of strikes. We believe it to be detrimental to the very best interests of the working classes. The true principle upon which labor should resist the encroachments or exactions of capital, is that of co-operation, and we are glad to notice that co-operative societies in most all branches of business are springing into existence in all our large cities. The cities of the country are where these institutions can live and flourish best. In the rural districts there is no especial need for them. These societies have worked wonders for the working people in the large manufacturing towns of England, and the principle works well wherever it has been applied in this country.

The people of this community have reason to feel encouraged at the business prospects before them. The coming season bids fair to be far more lively than any previous one. Stores and residences are in active demand, and much of this kind of property is now changing hands, at very good prices. A large amount of undeveloped oil territory lies in our immediate vicinity, which, during the coming spring and summer will be thoroughly tested, thus giving employment to hundreds of men, who will naturally spend their money at this point. This will of course tend to make all branches of business good here. It is our opinion that Petroleum Centre has years of healthy business growth and prosperity before it.

There is among a certain portion of this community a reprehensible carelessness manifested in the carrying and use of firearms. On Friday night last several parties were giving specimens of their skill as good shots at the upper end of the town. Such exhibitions of lawlessness should be put a stop to at once, or somebody may get seriously if not fatally injured. There is no reason why such rough rowdiness should be tolerated here, even if it is in the oil region.

There is a disposition manifested in certain quarters to bring an undue influence to bear upon the incoming administration, and to suggest a line of policy for General Grant to pursue. Although we do not mix in politics, we venture the assertion that Grant's administration will be characterized by good sound statesmanship and common sense. His course will be such as to merit and receive the approval of the candid thinking, conservative men of all parties, both North and South.

Deer are very plenty in our woods, and are daily brought into this market. Other kinds of game is also quite plentiful, and the hunters too are numerous. We expect every day that Brother Conyer, of the Forest Press, will shoulder his rifle, and come through the woods, to see us, shooting a deer or two on the way, and bring us in some venison. Pete was heavy on the hunt a few days ago. He has not degenerated, we hope.

OIL CITY CORRESPONDENCE.

OIL CITY, Jan. 11.

The Sacred Concert given by the Musical Association on Wednesday evening at St. Joseph's church was a grand success. The best talent of the active membership was in attendance in the choir, and the singing was superb. Selections were given from classical composers including the Chernobini and our own talented Farmer. Some of the finest gems of musical composition were comprised in the programme.

The patient labor of Prof. N. E. Skinner, the Musical Director, and the careful study of the members have resulted in thorough efficiency.

The streets and sidewalks are very sloppy and disagreeable.

The river and creek are rising from the recent rains.

The laundry of Cummings Brothers, on Seneca st., is a home institution, of which Oil City may be proud. Castings are turned out here of very superior workmanship, and at Pittsburgh prices.

At the M. E. Church, there is being held a series of protracted meetings which are causing much interest. There is preaching every evening. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Carruthers, is an earnest zealous man, who is interested in his work.

At the Catholic Church a mission commenced yesterday which will last ten days.

The A. & G. W. Railway, now run by the Erie, has changed its time-table, and passengers experience some inconvenience in regard to connections with the O. C. & A. R. Railroad.

The latter road is doing an immense business in passengers and freights, and is a monument to the ability of the able Superintendent, H. F. Sweetser, Esq.

JUAN.

Anna Starcy, of Hamilton township, Van Buren county, Michigan, has a curious history. A year ago last spring she entered the township attired in a man's clothes, bought forty acres of land, with a house partly constructed, completed the house with her own hands, grabbed out by hand fourteen acres of heavy oak, and fitted the soil for the plow; chopped her own wood, split her own rails, and has the best fence in the township. She has eight acres in wheat, has a ditch in one side of her land regarded as a superior affair, made a first class bob-sled (she dug up trees, and sawed the runners out by hand), and has managed to supply her neighbors with ax helms and splint baskets. After she had put her house to rights she put on women's clothes and called herself Ann Starcy. The account adds that she lives alone. He would be a courageous man who could think of matching that.

Of the originally known John Brown party who captured Harper's Ferry and set up a provisional Government for Virginia, but two are now living—Owen Brown, who resides in Western Pennsylvania, and Osborne P. Anderson, a colored man living in Canada. Realf, Luke, Parsons, Gill, and others associated with it, directly and indirectly, each won some distinction during the war, and are now living. Geo. P. Tidd, one of those who escaped, died at the taking of Roanoke Island. Sergeant of a New York Regiment, Barclay Coppie, then a Lieutenant in a Kansas Regiment, was killed at Plate Bridge, Mo., through the destruction of a railroad train by guerrillas.—So says the Worcester Spy.

The Charley Run territory is coming into notice rapidly. A new well was struck on this run a day or two since, which is now doing seventy barrels. The well is owned by Captain Hason and others.

On the Foster Farm, near Oil City, a new well was struck near the race course, and is now being tested, with an excellent show.

SINCE the holidays those of our business men, who went away to enjoy them, are returning, and we notice many old familiar faces on our streets. These men have enjoyed a season of rest and are now ready for business. We are glad to see them coming back, for it betokens livelier times in this community.

The weather has undergone somewhat of a change since Saturday. Early this morning it began to snow hard, and according to present indications we shall have good sleighing soon. This will make business lively for both McDonald and Sawley.

The stiffening up in the oil market, is, we are inclined to believe, entirely due to the small amount of petroleum on hand, both here and at the outside. The producers are now in a condition to control the market effect.

It is reported that a 100 barrel well was struck on the Pison Farm, last Saturday, but we cannot trace the rumor to any reliable source.

PERSONAL.—We notice that Captain H. H. Harpist, Sheriff of the county is in town to-day.

THE NEWS.

Sewell's morocco factory, in Charlestown Massachusetts, burned last Monday night, with a stock of morocco and machinery.—Loss \$20,000, partially insured.

A dispatch from Princess Ann, Md., states that Round, Wilson and Wells, the Chesapeake parties, have been respited until March 5th, to await the trial of their companion, Varley, which will commence this week.

A minority report has been adopted in the Council of the Montana Legislature to remove the Territorial Capitol from Virginia City to Deer Lodge City. A resolute struggle in favor of Helena will be made in the House.

The Bluff Brewery in Quincy, Illinois, was destroyed by fire last Monday. Loss twelve thousand, and no insurance.

At the railroad depot in Fon du Lac, Wis., Monday afternoon, a young man named Chapman, while passing a gate leading into the yard, was accosted by a stranger. Stopping within the gate Chapman was first struck upon the head with a slung-shot, then stabbed in the throat with a dirk, after which a slash was made at the pocket of his pants that contained one hundred dollars. The victim was left unconscious, while the murderer escaped on the train going north.

Several of the Michigan legislators have arrived at Lansing. The United States Senatorial question is the absorbing topic.—Chandler's chances for re-election are good. His rivals are Congressmen Blair, ex-Gov. Terry, and Hon. Charles S. May, ex-Lieutenant Governor. A caucus was held on Tuesday.

The schooner Soy was wrecked off North Point, near Milwaukee, Tuesday morning. She struck a rock and filled immediately.—No lives were lost.

The destitution in the Red River Territory is increasing. Only two pounds of food is granted to each person per week.

General Young seized 121 barrels of whiskey at Cincinnati Tuesday, for violation of the law.

R. M. Brimmer was robbed of one thousand dollars, at noon Tuesday, while standing at the door of the first National Bank of Cincinnati. The robber, named Lewis, was arrested, and the money recovered.

Two prize flags have been awarded to the townships of Northampton and Newton, Pennsylvania, the former giving the largest Democratic majority in October over that of 1864, and the latter the largest in the late Presidential election, in the vote on the October State ticket.

Two deer parks in England are reported to contain twenty-one thousand deer.

A man and wife in New York lay claim to the championship on the strength of having thirty-one children.

Antelope flesh from Omaha is selling at six cents per pound in Chicago. Send some of it here.

Jest So.—The intimation that it is probable that an effort will be made to abolish the franking privilege; in fact, it has inaugurated a frank incense among them.

JUDOR HOFFMAN, of San Francisco, recently sentenced the first and second officers of the American ship Santee to two years imprisonment in the State prison for cruelty to three apprentices, mere boys. One of the boys testified that he was whipped several times during the voyage—probably forty times; that the defendant frequently compelled him to drink salt water, and upon one occasion he forced him to eat a piece of tobacco as long as a man's finger; it made him very sick, causing him to vomit and to strain a great deal; he had to drink salt water a number of times, and each time that it was forced upon him the mate declared that it would strengthen his lungs and give the ship a good name." Another lad testified that he had been out from New York only a few days when the mate began to maltreat him, frequently striking him with a rope's end because he could not remember the names of the ropes. Sometimes he would make him draw a bucket of water from the sea and drink of it until he could hold no more; on one occasion he made him drink four cups—almost a gallon—it puffed out his stomach until it looked like a toad; he was very sick after it but received no pity from either of the mates; he was kept sawing wood for a month, and was struck once with a heavy piece of wood; the steward said that he had been going to sea for thirty-seven years and had never seen anybody so badly treated as the accused treated the boys.

The penalty upon the brutal officers who buffeted and tortured these poor boys was none too severe. As a general rule American sailors are not cruel to apprentices. Still the worst cases seldom come before the courts. The action of Judge Hoffman will produce a tranquillizing effect upon more than one American vessel.

THE SNOW.

Oh! the snow, the beautiful snow, Filling the sky and earth below; Over the house-tops, over the streets, Over the heads of the people you meet, Dancing.

Flirting. Skimming along; Beautiful snow; it can do no wrong, Flying to kiss a fair lady's cheek, Clinging to lips in a frolicsome freak, Beautiful snow from the Heaven above, Pure as an angel, gentle as love!

Oh! the snow, the beautiful snow, How the flakes gather and laugh as they go Whirling about in the maddening fun, It plays in its glee with every one, Chasing.

Laughing. Hurrying by; It lights on the face and it sparkles the eye! And even the dogs with a bark and a bound Snap at the crystals that eddy around; The town is alive, and its heart in a glow, To welcome the coming of beautiful snow!

How the wild crowd goes swaying along, Hailing each other with humor and song! How the gay sledges, like meteors, flash by, Bright for the moment then lost to the eye; Ringing.

Swinging. Dashing they go. Over the crust of the beautiful snow; Snow so pure when it falls from the sky, To be trampled in mud by the crowd rushing by.

To be trampled and trampled by the thousands of feet, Till it blends with the filth in the horrible streets.

Once I was pure as the snow! Fell like the snow-flakes from heaven to hell; Fell to be trampled as filth of the street; Fell to be soiled, to be spit on and beat; Pleading.

Chasing. Dreading to die; Selling my soul to whoever would buy, Dealing in shame for a morsel of bread, Hating the living and fearing the dead; Merciful God! have I fallen so low? And you I w—once like the beautiful snow.

Once I was fair as the beautiful snow, With an eye like its crystal, a heart like its glow; Once I was loved for my innocent grace— Flatter'd and sought for the charms of my face!

Father, Mother, Sisters all, God, and myself, I have lost by my fall; The verdict which that goes shivering by, Will take a wide sweep lest I wander too high; For all that is on or above me I know, There is nothing as pure as the beautiful snow.

How strange it should be that this beautiful snow Should fall on a sinner with nowhere to go; How strange it should be, when the night comes again, If the snow and the ice struck my desperate brain, Fainting.

Freezing. Dying alone, Too weak for a prayer, too weak for a groan, To be heard in the streets of the crazy town, Gone mad in the joy of the snow coming down.

To lie, and to die in my terrible woe, With a bed and a shroud of the beautiful snow.

SURELY IS COMING.—Sherry's troupe will open here on Thursday evening. On that occasion will be brought out the great play entitled the "Lancashire Lass."

Affairs in Paraguay.

A correspondent says the allies are preparing for another flank movement on Lopez. Marquis Caxas is only waiting until the time arrives to follow up Lopez with light artillery. There appears to be insurmountable difficulties in the way, however. The Paraguayans hold a battery in a narrow pass in the river called Angostura, which gives much trouble. It has been severely bombarded by the Brazilian squadron but has not yet been silenced. Some iron-clads have succeeded in passing it, and remain above until the division in the Chaco arrives. No important move by the squadron will be made, owing to the inclemency of the weather and the immense hardships endured by the troops. There has of late been much sickness in the army, and for fully a week cholera committed great ravages; but the weather having improved and sanitary measures having been more attended to, the health of the army is now reported good, and cholera has completely left the camp. There is not the slightest prospect of a speedy termination to the campaign, and no one attempts to put a limit to its duration. Ten thousand recruits are shortly expected from Brazil; but it is improbable that any further recruits from the Argentine or Oriental republics will be ordered, notwithstanding the very urgent necessity that exists for the measure.

THE following persons will make application for license at the January term of the Court of Quarter Sessions: Samuel Rice, Pioneer, Wholesale. J. H. McCown, Corrupter, Restaurant. J. B. SMITH, Clerk.

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Jan 2-14.