

Pet. Centre, Monday, Jan. 25.

Time of Closing Mails.

P. O., PETROLEUM CENTRE, PA., JULY 27th, 1905.

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

ARRIVE.

South and East, via Irvineton, 10.28 A. M. South and West, " Mendville, 5.18 P. M. North and East, " Corry, 2.58 "

DEPART.

South and West, 8.45 A. M. Arrive West and West, 2.33 P. M. North, East and West, 10.09 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. Oxborn, 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.

A LONG statement appears in the New York Times of Wednesday morning about the early campaigns of Gen. Grant, which are stated to have given dissatisfaction at headquarters at Washington; that he was several times to be superseded, but this was prevented by circumstances. When he began the investment of Vicksburg the movement was condemned at headquarters, and finally after the successful assault on Vicksburg in May, an order was sent to Gen. Banks, then investing Port Hudson, directing him to go and take the command from Gen. Grant, and assume it himself. The order was an imperative one, nevertheless Gen. Banks did not obey the order. He replied and expostulated. The consideration on which that officer based his expostulations, will appear when this remarkable correspondence sees the light. This much, however, may be said. He pointed out that for him to abandon his position at Port Hudson would give up the key of the Mississippi, imperiling not only the tenure of New Orleans but jeopardizing our position of any point of vantage on that vital water-line.

To this rejoinder there came from Washington a second command to supersede Grant and when the impolicy of the step was again pointed out by Banks, he was severely censured for disobedience of orders. The correspondence between Gen. Banks and the authorities at Washington continued till the fall of Vicksburg, when every scrap of paper bearing on the subject was spirited away from the archives of the departments, while Banks putting the writings safely by, kept his own counsel. The secret of this critical passage in his life was, until a month, unknown to him so closely touches. P. S.—Charles A. Dana, who was assistant Secretary of war pronounced the above statement utterly false. We give the above story and the contradiction for what they are worth.

We are pleased to notice in town, our old friend Burr Spencer, Jr., formerly of the Drug House of Spencer & Bullymore, Buffalo, N. Y., who is now, with John D. Park, wholesale patent medicine and fancy goods house, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Spencer is well and favorably known throughout the oil region. He is a young man of sterling worth, and is very highly esteemed by all who know him. As the agent of an enterprising western house, he should receive the attention of our retail dealers in drugs. We don't know how long Mr. Spencer is to stop in the oil region, but as an old friend we give him the benefit of this notice. He can be seen at the Drug Store of A. D. Miller & Co., and will also make calls on all our druggists and fancy goods dealers.

If you want a roast or a steak extra good go to Bleomer's, next door to Schonblom's. He has just put on his hooks a beef that dressed one thousand pounds. Young, fat, sweet, tender, juicy, the roast and steaks are incomparable.

INCREASE.—A well on the Niagara Petroleum Company's property, near the Pierson Farm, which was doing only 7 barrels, was torpedoed a day or two since, and has increased to 50 barrels per day. It is owned by Mr. Geo. Boyles.

Several new buildings are soon to be put up at this point, as residences, by men with families, who intend to make this their abiding place for some time to come. This is but one of the evidences of the prosperity of Petroleum Centre.

The Hopeful View.

Dr. Johnson was accustomed to say frequently, by way of reproof or instruction to friends, that the habit of looking at the best side of every event was worth more to any person than a thousand pounds a year.— And Dr. Johnson was right, for cheerfulness is man's normal condition, and despondency and melancholy, the inevitable results of dwelling on the dark side, lead to dyspepsia and hypochondria, the most terrible afflictions man can have visited upon him. If misfortunes come, don't fold your hands in despair, but face the blow at once and seek to repair injury. There are but few reverses that might not have been worse. Think of that, and then try and find something in the event to cheer you or make you reconciled. Will moping and mourning over your troubles make them take wings? Will the constant contemplation of your sorrows and the enumeration of your woes, to yourself or your friends make them less grievous to be borne?— Think about them just as little as possible, and endeavor to find some sheering circumstances, some ray of light, some ground for hope in the afflictions that have come upon you.

The poet has said that "Hope springs eternal in the human breast;" and so it will with any encouragement. But if you persistently crush the bright-winged spirit, and make your heart as gloomy as your countenance, then it will in time seek a more congenial abiding place. Look upward always—the sunshine is there, and if you seek its cheering influence you will find it. The man who is continually croaking about his ill-luck, who goes about bemoaning his misfortune and piteously complaining that he has no friends, and that fate is against him, will soon be without any one to sympathize with him indeed. The gods help them who help themselves, and those only who work in the light, work cheerfully. The whistling laborer accomplishes twice as much as his desponding companion, who stops to groan, and whose vital energies have been stifled by the gloom he carries about him. Yes, Dr. Johnson was right.

The Rochester Chronicle of a late date says of the Arlington minstrels: "The Arlingtons met with an ovation last evening that was gratifying in the extreme. The hall was crowded in every part, extra stools being necessary to accommodate the rush. There is nothing like a full house to place the audience and the performer in full sympathy, and it is far easier to 'catch a house' when the benches are full. As a consequence the performance passed off with eclat, and the roars of laughter that succeeded every burlesque were evidence sufficient of the merit of the piece. Among the gems of the performance of last evening were the 'Old Man's Song' (original), by D. W. Collins, and the banjo eccentricities by Mr. William Arlington. Collins deserves great credit for his fine impersonation of an eighty year old vet., and the voice, action and dress could not be surpassed. Arlington was exceedingly funny, and kept the house in a roar with the drolleries for which he is so famous. The company is a very strong one. There will be another performance this evening, with a complete change of programme."

This celebrated company will perform at the Opera House in this place, on Wednesday evening next.

The Titusville Herald publishes in a late number what purports to be a private letter from the South, which is as full of lies as an egg is full of meat, and the editors of that journal ought to know it. The writer says: "I don't like anything at the South but climate. Any Northern man who has lived what we call barely comfortably would be absolutely shocked at the way they live down here. Nasty in their person (the very best of them) hog and corn constitute their chief diet; their tables are filthy, and their guests are hogs."

The writer must have been herding with low down whites or negroes during his stay South. In that case he has a perfect right to say their "guests are hogs." He knows himself probably.

People are very careless of their hogs about here. They leave the animals to take care of themselves during the winter months, and they roam around at pleasure devouring what they can get. Is there no law against cruelty to animals? There certainly ought to be.

We learn that on Friday last Messrs. Haskell & Kern struck a hundred barrel well at Pleasantville. They own the land in fee.

The weather is decidedly mild and spring-like. We shall probably have it cold enough to make up for this, along in February and March.

Last Saturday oil reached \$7 per barrel at this point. Two hundred barrels sold at that figure.

For one night at least, the people of this place will have a rest from concerts and theatres.

THE NEWS.

Chicago has 170 fire alarm telegraph boxes.

The word "hats" occurs but once in the Bible. See Daniel, 3rd chapter, and 21st verse.

Chicago used 5,000,000,000 gallons of water last year, mixed with whiskey.

A boy of fourteen was recently married at Holly Springs, Miss., to a woman of thirty-two.

A Christmas goose, sent by a kind friend to two prisoners in a Canada jail, was stuffed with files and steel saws.

A late theatre-meeting in Cincinnati under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, was conducted wholly by men connected with the press. All right; for editors and printers ought to be good, and even be able to preach, when called upon.

The fire Commissioners of Brooklyn, on Wednesday disbanded three engine companies, four horse companies and one hook and ladder company, representing an aggregate of two hundred and seventy-six volunteer firemen. They were disbanded for disorderly conduct and fighting.

Gen. Sherman has been quite ill at St. Louis for several days past.

E. W. Wise, a photographer of Hannibal Missouri, was arrested a day or two ago for manufacturing counterfeits on postal currency.

Lake Arizona advices say: Sickness of a malignant type prevailed at Tucson, and almost every person in the place was attacked, and many had died.

The latest news from Japan is to the following effect: The Mikado of Japan has issued a proclamation announcing that peace reigns throughout the land. Aides justified his opposition to Saigons and the Southern Princes. All seemed progressing favorably for the Southern cause. The Northern Princes openly disavow the conduct of Admiral Enomoto's storming Hakodadi and seizing the Mikado's vessels of war. No Northern army is now in the field. The Southerners are disbanding their troops— The attack and capture of Hakodadi was under the supervision of European officers. The Southerners offered but little opposition. Admiral Enomoto issued stringent orders to seize and confiscate all foreign vessels conveying troops and stores. There were many breaches of neutrality by foreign ships. The Tycoon's brother, N-sabuteyo, arrived from Paris on the 16th of December and soon after had an interview with the Mikado. It is reported that he is entrusted with a mission of peace to his brother. The financial troubles of the government of Japan are great.

BRIGHAM YOUNG has been favored with an important revelation. The Lord has ordered him to try irrigation and cotton growing. Brigham proposes to dig a canal from Salt Lake City to Salt Lake Valley. This command interferes with Brigham's contract to build a portion of the Pacific Railroad. Brigham said at first that the Lord informed him that the railroad should never be made. When the bills for the contracts were offered, behold, Brigham's lead all the rest, and it was thought that he 'made a good thing by flying in the face of his imperative command. Brigham's contract begins at Ogden. The Superintendent, Durant, thinks the time has arrived for Brigham to muster his men and barrows. The prophet pleads further delay on the score of mid-winter. The grading is heavy, the snow is deep, and the ground frozen hard. One who has witnessed the preliminary struggle, predicts that notwithstanding all these objections the railroad man will prove the true prophet, and Brigham's last revelation a failure.

EAST India papers publish the confession of a Hindoo, named Ramadheen, not quite twenty-one years of age, who for the last twenty months has followed the calling of a poisoner. He does not pretend to scorpions or remove of any kind. He calls his victims "shikar" (game), and alleges no other excuse for his practices than that it was very dull at home in his village. The persons he poisoned in the year and a half are about twenty-seven; but he is very careless in figures, and talks of a family whom he may murder with a lordly negligence as to the number of its members. Most of his victims were either Brahmins or fakirs, and his favorite hunting grounds were what he calls "holy places."

New York has 25,000 tenement houses. The population resident in these tenement houses is estimated at 560,000. The cellar population alone numbers upwards of 30,000. The bulk of these wretched abodes of the poor having been built in an violation of the plainest laws of health. One would think the government of New York would prefer ten, rather than twenty occupants in a house with the number of cubic feet of air essential to the health of four. Unless the city fathers pay attention to this matter at an early day New York will prove a plague-spot.

Captain Timothy C. Spaulding, of the bark Elizabeth, of New Bedford, while coming southwest of Madagascar, struck a very large sperm whale. On opening the whale he had the good luck to discover two hundred and eighty-five pounds of ambergris—worth over twenty thousand dollars. This article is found only in small quantities. The old price was one pound of ambergris for one pound of gold.

Local Notices.

GREAT BARGAINS!

OFFERED TO THE

Citizens of Petroleum Centre!

In the way of

Blank Books, Stationery, Fancy Goods, Worsteds, Bird Cages, School Books, &c. &c. at

ESLER'S VARIETY Store,

35 SPRING STREET,

TITUSVILLE, PA.

Jan 21-1m

Clocks.—A splendid assortment at Isham's. Jan 21-1f

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

Guitar Strings.—A large lot of the best Guitar Strings the market affords, just received at Isham's. Jan 21-1f

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.

ALMONA.—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, if it is used, cause the hair to grow on scalp which has long lacked 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 Seward's Comb Co. It is the best. A. D. MILLER & CO., Wholesale and Retail Druggists, Agents for Petroleum Centre, Pa. nov 12-1m.

Beautiful Slipper Patterns at A. S. Smith's Boot & Shoe Store. dec 15-1f

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

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

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 15-1f

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

1,500 rolls WALL PAPER received this day at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

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 24-1f

Call and examine the top assortment of SLIPPER PATTERNS at A. S. Smith's Boot & Shoe Store. dec 15-1f

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

A large assortment of FINE SEWED BOOTS at A. S. Smith's Boot & Shoe Store. dec 15-1f

DIABIES for 1869 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. Parham'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 9-1f

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

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. Plantz's Fashionable Boot Shop, Washington Street, Petroleum Centre, Pa. Give him a trial. sept 10-1f

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

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Attraction! EXTRAORDINARY.

OPERA HOUSE!

PETROLEUM CENTRE, PA.

For One Night Only! Wednesday Eve., Jan. 27th,

Great Arlington

MINSTRELS!

FROM ARLINGTON HALL, CHICAGO, Under the immediate direction of

William Arlington

The Western Comet!

ASSISTED BY

SAM. PRICE!

Eccentric Comedian,

D. L. MORRIS,

The Great Dutch Comedian,

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The Original "Happy Old Man,"

FOSTELLE!

The Charming Prima Donna and Danseuse,

THE SALKELD BROS.,

The Talented English Musicians,

L'ESTRANGE!

The Great Tenor,

ROSENTHAL,

The Pleasing Vocalist,

SUPPORTED BY FIFTEEN OF THE MOST TALENTED PERFORMERS IN THE PROFESSION

Admission 50 cents. Reserved Seats, 75 cts.

Doors open at 7 o'clock. Performance commences at 8 o'clock.

CHARLES H. DAY,

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Dealer in

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Orders by the Car or Ton promptly Filled

Also, Agent for the celebrated

KEEL RIDGE COAL!

OFFICE on Second Street, near R. R. Track,

PETROLEUM CENTRE, PA.

Jan 25-1f

A. T. LEGGETT,

Manufacturer and Dealer in

HARNESS,

Seed Bags,

Valve Cups, &c.

Experienced workmen are employed, and Harness of all kinds kept constantly on hand and made to order.

P. C. Heinz's Pat. Seed-Bag For Sale.

Repairing Done at all Times!

Call and examine our stock and prices.

Main-St., below the McClintock House.

Petroleum Centre, Pa., Jan. 7th, 1888.—1f.

Dissolution.

THE co-partnership heretofore existing between W. R. Klingensmith, H. Klingensmith and N. B. Hofford, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

N. B. Hofford retires from the firm and W. R. Klingensmith and H. Klingensmith continue in the business, and assume all bills, for or against the late firm.

W. R. KLINGENSMITH, H. KLINGENSMITH, N. B. HOFFORD.

Petroleum Centre, Jan. 11, 1888.—8w

Wanted.

A FIRST CLASS PARTHY COOK is wanted at the Petroleum House, Oil City, Pa. Apply immediately. Jan 22-3f. STAATS & WHITE, Prop'rs.

Wanted.

TO RENT OR PURCHASE a Dwelling House in Petroleum Centre. Apply to T. T. MAPEN. Jan 22-3f.

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

SOLID Gold Jewelry, Ladies' Sets, Far Rings, Pins, Sleeve Buttons, &c., at ISHAM & CO'S.

DIAMOND PENS and RING. at ISHAM & CO'S.