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Titusville, Pa.

Petroleum Centre Daily Record.

Fri. Centre, Saturday, May 21

FIRE MEETING TO-NIGHT.

The citizens are requested to meet at Sobel's Hall, at 8 o'clock this evening, to devise means for the prevention of fire.

ALMOST A TERRIBLE CONFLAGRATION!

About 9 o'clock last evening a fire broke out in the rear of Geo. W. King's meat market, between Schonblom's grocery store and Howard's hotel, and for a short time it looked as if the whole business portion of the town would be destroyed, which would undoubtedly have been the case had it not been for the almost superhuman exertions of the citizens, and the fact that no wind was blowing at the time, the night being very still.

It is not known how the fire originated, many supposing it to be accidental, while others think it was set on fire for the purpose of plunder. When first discovered the fire was confined to a space of about one foot wide, between King's and Schonblom's stables, which being dry and partially filled with hay and straw, were speedily enveloped in flames, and together with a small building used by Mr. King as a storehouse, were destroyed. From this the fire communicated to the bakehouse attached to Schonblom's grocery, which would certainly have been destroyed together with the adjoining buildings and in all probability the entire street, had it not been, as before stated, for the exertions of those present, who battled the fire inch by inch and finally succeeded in subduing it.

There was a great scarcity of water, the pump used for supplying water to the hydrants being shut down at the time, and the wells in the vicinity having been pumped dry. The pump on the banks of the Creek, owned by Mr. S. A. Woods, and which he has kindly allowed to be used in cases of emergency to force water through the pipes, was not running at the time, but Mr. John Corleyou, who has charge of it, hastened to the engine house and got it to pumping as soon as sufficient steam was raised. While it is conceded that the fire was under control, or nearly so, before the pump was in motion, no blame can be attached to any one, as it was set in motion as soon as possible after the alarm was given. Mr. Woods, in desisting of commendation for allowing the pump to be used at all, as it is done at a great risk to the machinery.

Several parties were quite severely injured by being hit with falling boards. Three men were knocked insensible by the falling of the large stack of Schonblom's bakery. Mr. King estimates his loss at \$1,000, which includes a valuable team of horses that were in the stable at the time and were burned to death.

Mr. Schonblom's loss will reach \$500. His stock was nearly all removed into the street and his loss would have been much greater but for the watchfulness of his friends, who prevented it being stolen.

Other parties suffered small losses by water and breakage in removing.

Had we the space we would mention the names of many who did efficient service, but refrain from doing so as it would be an injustice to others. Suffice it to say all who worked are deserving of great praise.

Speaking of the discovery of gas wells the Erie Dispatch says: A well has been found in the township of West Bloomfield, Ontario county, New York, some twenty miles south of Rochester, which the New York Times entirely regards as a novel discovery, notwithstanding the fact that flowing gas wells are by no means uncommon on the northern slope of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. At Fredonia N. Y., the flow from a gas well has for a long time been sufficient for the supply of the village. Three wells are in operation in this city, the flow from two of which has gone on for two years, with no perceptible falling off in the amount of supply. In the hope of effecting a saving in coal, the city two or three weeks since drilled a well at the City Water Works. Through a pipe less than two inches in diameter, the escape has been sufficient to render the use of other fuel unnecessary. At the other wells mentioned the flow is also sufficient to effect a saving almost equal to the entire amount of coal formerly used by two important manufactories. In no instance has the sinking of a gas well here resulted in failure. Encouraged by the success of the city's venture, several private parties have projected wells, some of which are in progress or will be completed this summer. Of the certainty of securing at this point an abundant supply of natural gas at a depth of from five to six hundred feet, there is no reasonable doubt. Of the revolutionary consequences in cheapening the illumination of our streets and buildings, which the New York Times foresees, we are not so sanguine. Natural gas thus far seems but poorly adapted in its chemical composition to illuminating purposes. Scientific experiment may show some method of using it to better satisfaction than hitherto, but we are quite content with the prospect of being able to start and extinguish our fires at will by turning a stop-cock, making steam for our engines without the agency of coal, and saving altogether in the course of the year a very nice sum in the item of fuel.

FIRE AT BROXTON STATION.—A portion of the freight house at Brocton station was destroyed by fire about 10 o'clock, Tuesday morning. The fire originated in the Telegraph office in the east end of the building and seems to have started from the falling of a kerosene lamp while the operator, Mr. Edward Cullen, was asleep. The flames were discovered in time to save the greater portion of the building. Fortunately, Mr. J. M. Newton, the station agent, recently had a hose put in position which did good service at the fire. Mr. Cullen was badly burned by the flames, although it is hoped not seriously.

THE BANNER WELL.—The new well upon the Dazell farm which started off at a production of nearly four hundred barrels and which by actual measurement two days after striking pumped 350 barrels of oil is still producing without any material decrease. Though reliable parties quote the daily yield at about 300 barrels, Petroleum Centre was alive yesterday with business men, and the usual number of go-ahead operators seeking leases on the McCray farm adjoining. A bonus of \$500 and half royalty was offered for leases upon this farm but the owner firmly refuses to lease for the present.—Titusville Herald.

SHOOTING AFFAIR.—Yesterday afternoon, Michael McCoy, who resides on the Picraon Farm, concluded to have a "bit or a sprout," and instead of going about it in a decent way, commenced by breaking things in general. Michael's dream of happiness was brought to a close by the appearance of Officer Smith who arrested him for malicious mischief. On the way down Michael made a desperate run for freedom, and refusing to stop when ordered to do so by the officer, received a portion of the contents of a revolver, one ball entering his shoulder and the other his thigh, which speedily brought him to a halt and he was subsequently lodged in the lock-up, and his wounds dressed by a physician. When the alarm of fire was sounded in the evening, the officer had just brought in his supper, and hurried out forgetting to lock the cell door but locking the outside door. This gave Michael an opportunity of escaping which he was not slow to accept, and he broke the lock with an iron bar, and it safe to presume has "gone where the woodbine twineth." Thus endeth the story of Michael.

CARD.

I take this method of returning my sincere thanks to the citizens of Petroleum Centre, also to Mr. Geo. and John Taylor, for their untiring exertions in saving my property from entire destruction last evening.

Geo. W. King, Sr.

A voice comes from Washington Territory saying: "Send us wives!" And a thousand unhappy benedicts respond, "Take ours!"

The Meadville Journal says the report that oil has been struck in Woodcock township, Crawford county, needs confirmation.

Mr. and Mrs. Stillson live in Titusville. Mr. Stillson works all the week at Shamburgh, and is at home only Sundays. A young man applied to Mrs. S. for the position of husband ad interim. She sent him word that there "is a light in the window for them." He came and was received with open arms—by Mr. Stillson and some of his friends whom the coveted Mrs. S. had sent for. The young man said his prayers and got off his "last words," but it wasn't necessary as Stillson, not being a wife-beater, was not afflicted with McFarland's insanity to shoot men. The Lothario was dismissed with a few admonitory kicks and a hair-pin jab or two from Mrs. S.—Translated from the Titusville Herald.—Jamestown Journal.

A report from Cheyenne says the Big Horn expedition is entirely abandoned. About one hundred and fifty members are now camped two miles from there, and will go to the sweetwater mining district.

Gen. Hennessey, who commanded a brigade in the United States army during the rebellion, scrapes castings in one of the four dries at Mauch Chunk. He is a printer, and has worked at the case in one of the Wilkesbarre offices.

Rev. H. W. Beecher says that instead of greeting the brethren with a holy kiss, as Paul exhorted the Thessalonians to do, the sects of Christendom have hitherto treated each other as if the command was "greet the brethren with a holy kick."

Gen Pratt the "Great American Traveler," says that "after thirty years experience, enough to put down a million ordinary men forever, he has come to the conclusion that American politics is hell's grist mill to grind up devils in." Though this be madness, yet there is method in it.

"Is my face dirty?" asked a young lady from the backwoods, while seated with her aunt at the dinner table on a steamboat running from Cairo to New Orleans. "Dirty? No. Why did you ask?" "Because that insulting waiter insists upon putting a towel beside my plate. I've thrown three under the table, and yet every time he comes around he puts another one before me."

One of the most singular sights growing out of the war is a continuous line of peach trees of nearly fifty miles in length, around Petersburg, and extending toward Richmond. They are growing from the breast-works thrown up by the rebel army, and are the only legacy left by the poor fellows who were on the advance line within one hundred yards of our forces. Having eaten the fruit while on picket duty, they cast the seed aside, and now they appear in one continuous line of forty-five miles of beautiful trees, which yielded an abundant crop last year.

Miss Kelllogg visited the Union State Lunatic Asylum a few days ago, and asked leave to sing to the more violent patients, accompanying herself on a guitar. The unfortunate inmates were deeply affected, examined her from head to foot, asked to see the pretty little boat with which she beat time turned her round and round, and finally the woman insisted upon kissing her, to all of which the young singer amably consented.

At the funeral of "Buffalo Bill," a noted and desperate character on the Plains, a short time since, his wife bent over the corpse, and said, in tones of infinite sorrow and tenderness: "I know he bore a hard name among men; but I loved him. He was all I had to love."

A New York coal heaver, seventy-four years of age drunk, at one breath, a pint of Bowery whisky, and still lives, justly claims the championship.

Two illustrious Frenchmen have discovered the secret of the manufacture of Chinese gongs, and these delightful instruments are to be as cheap as jawsharps.

The Boston Post says: "Some little Indiana boys had a real nice time last week, playing with a revolver, till it went off, and they were all invited to the funeral of one of the little boys."

In addition to other comforts of a home Mr. Pullman has attached to his palace cars on the Pacific railroad a permanent chaplain. This clerical officer is an Episcopalian.

Hear this brute—While in the dark on thy soft hand I hung, And heard the tempting siren in thy tongue—What flames, what darts, what anguish I endured! But then the candle entered—I was cured.

A new oil spring was discovered in Isabella county, Michigan, on the 29th ult., by Mr. Norman, of Mill Brook, on his farm.

This forenoon, Annie Hart and Julia Collins, not believing in the Bible injunction to "love one another," had a war of words, which resulted in Julia threatening to carve Annie into mince meat, whereupon Annie became greatly frightened and with trembling voice laid the case before Justice Reynolds, taking solemn oath that she was afraid Julia would dismember her. The result was that the gentle Julia was held in the sum of \$500 to answer, and the lovely Annie in the sum of \$50 to appear against her. So endeth another chapter of the sixteenth amendment.

And now comes another story, not of the war in Cuba, or of the recent Fenian movements, but of pyrethroids made happy by a glass of John Theobald's ice cool Lager. Go to the Opera House Saloon, try it and be satisfied.

Rev. McWatney, formerly of Pittsburgh, but who has been travelling in Europe for the past two years, will officiate at the Presbyterian Church to-morrow, forenoon and evening.

Tarr Farm Post of the G. A. R., will visit Titusville on Decoration Day. They have engaged the services of the Columbia Cornet Band and a drum corps.

Mr. F. B. Gotrie, of Titusville, has purchased the Tuttle farm, on West Hickory, where the Venture well is pumping 250 barrels per day. The Herald says there are other claimants to the property and that it will doubtless result in litigation.

The Malt House of Francis Perat, in Philadelphia was burned yesterday. Loss \$75,000.

CARD.

We take this occasion to return thanks to the citizens of Petroleum Centre for their efficient aid in saving our property at the fire last evening.

SCHONBLUM & WING.

Local Notices.

We would call the attention of our business men to the superior styles of job printing, both plain and fancy, at present being turned out from this office. We are prepared to execute job printing of every description in the latest and most fashionable style of the art, and at reasonable rates.

Soda Water and Ice Cream at J. W. Beatty's.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The largest and finest stock of Family Groceries, ever

brought to Petroleum Centre, is

now being received and offered

at heavily reduced prices.—

These goods are bought in New

York at the present low prices

for cash, and we propose to let

our friends and patrons have

the benefit of low prices.

Parties wishing to buy choice

groceries at very low figures

will do well to call on us before

purchasing elsewhere.

SCHONBLUM & WING.

Shad, Glass, Doors, Potty &c. Large stock very cheap at the Furniture Store. m10-11

Soda Water and Ice Cream at J. W. Beatty's.

THE PYRAMIDS of splendid coal over at Codrington & Cornwell's yard are perfectly wonderful. march1011.

Fine assortment of wall paper at Griffes Bros.

All kinds foreign fruits at Fetter, Fenner & Co.'s.

Buy the "Red Hot" Saddle, manufactured in Titusville expressly for the oil country adapted to all kinds of weather, at J. R. Krou's. a12-11

Infringement Notice.

The subscriber has learned that a certain firm in Titusville, known as "Bryan, Dillingham & Co.," have commenced the manufacture of Sucker Rods with Socket Joints. This is a direct infringement on his rights, as his claim is "connecting two sections of rod by means of wedges, wedging sockets, and double coupling bolts." He does not specify any particular shaped wedge, nor of what material it shall be made. All rods made as above described outside of his manufactory, are direct infringements. This, therefore is to

CAUTION OIL OPERATORS.

and all others, against buying or using any rods so made, except those of his manufacture, as by so doing they will lay themselves liable, and will be dealt with according to law.

WM. J. INNIS.

Pioneer, April 9th, 1870.

Gold is a word which Codrington & Cornwell propose render obsolete. For modulus operandi call and see them. march1011.

Gold Fish, Gold Fish at M. S. Simmon's Drug Store.

Sparkling Soda Water at M. S. Simmon's.

All kinds foreign fruits at Fetter, Fenner & Co.'s.

Another fine lot of Plants and Roses received to-day at M. S. Simmon's. m1111.

Just received a large and well assorted stock of shelf hardware at J. Rutherford's. 11.

Soda Water and Ice Cream at J. W. Beatty's.

All kinds foreign fruits at Fetter, Fenner & Co.'s.

Fine assortment of Paper and Cloth Window Shades and Fixtures, just rec'd at m811. GRIFES BROS.

Soda Water and Ice Cream at J. W. Beatty's. ap27-11

CASTOR BITTERS—These celebrated bitters are recommended by physicians as far superior to any in use. They are pleasant to the taste and contain medical ingredients, placing them at the head of all bitters manufactured. Try a bottle, they are for sale at the Drug Store of Griffes Bros. a23-11.

All kinds foreign fruits at Fetter, Fenner & Co.'s.

TAKE NOTICE.

PETROLEUM CENTRE, May 17 1870.

All bills for Torpedoes over thirty days old on the first day of June, will be left with Samuel Reynolds for collection. Walk up to the Captain's office and settle. By order of the Roberts Torpedo Co. LEVI MASON Agt.

Beautiful Gold Fish at M. S. Simmon's Drug Store.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRIMARY MEETINGS, SATURDAY MAY 28, 1870.

CONGRESS.

We are requested to announce the name of W. J. Callahan as a candidate for member of Congress from the 23d district, subject to the usage of the Republican party.

Assembly.

We are authorized to announce the name of Hon. J. B. Nicholson as a candidate for reelection to the Legislature, subject to the usages of the Republican party.

COMMISSIONER.

We are authorized to announce the name of H. B. Nixon, of a companion township, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the usages of the Republican party in the primary meetings.

We are authorized to announce the name of W. R. Phipps, of Ryd Farm, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the usages of the Republican party.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TWO OIL CAPITALISTS.

THE BRADY'S BEND IRON COMPANY

Will sell tracts of land for boring purposes, in near vicinity to the new flowing well on Arwong Run. They will also sell lots on the bank of the Allegheny river, near the new well, convenient for building sites.

W. D. SLACK, Sup't.

Brady's Bend May 10, 1870.—a10-11

REMOVED.

THE GROCERY STORE OF H. C. WACHTER HAS BEEN REMOVED

From the old stand to the building formerly occupied by Bryan,

ON WILD CAT STREET,

At the Railroad Crossing, a large stock of

Groceries & Provisions

of all kinds will be kept at this store, and will be sold at jobbing rates. I have established a

BRANCH STORE,

AT HUNTINGTON'S OLD STAND,

Washington Street,

which will be opened on the 15th for business, where will be kept a first-class and well assorted

stock of

GROCERIES & PROVISIONS.

In this connection I thank my old customers for their very liberal patronage and hope to merit a continuation of the same. Goods delivered FREE OF CHARGE.

H. C. WACHTER.

Petroleum Centre, April 18, 1870.—a10-11