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D. PATTON, Pastor.



Petroleum Centre Lodge, No. 715, I. O. of O. F.

Regular meeting nights Friday, at 7 o'clock. Signed.

ALBERT GLENN, N. G.

E. O'FLAHERTY, A Sec'y.
Place of meeting, Main St., opposite McCintock House.

A. O. of U. W.

Liberty Lodge No. 7, A. O. of U. W., meets every Monday evening at 7 o'clock, in Odd Fellow's Hall, Petroleum Centre, Penn'a.

A. GLEN, M. W.

S. H. KOOKER, R.

Gold at 1 p. m. 111 3/4

Down the River.—A gentleman who has just returned from below reports business lively and developments active at Petersburg, Antwerp, Foxburg and Parker's Landing.

The hotels are entertaining crowds, and mine host has the same smile and welcome that is peculiar to him in all places and at all times when stamps are coming in.

Petroleum Centre folks are everywhere. They seem empowered with ubiquity. In the streets and on the farms, prosperous and happy, the Centre man has only one regret and that is the town he left behind him.

All these towns are thriving and growing as only oil towns do. As points of greatest importance, because located on the A. V. R., and the source of supply for the interior, Foxburg and Parker's Landing are much the best, the trade and traffic being immense.

In the first town the buildings are new and multiplying rapidly. Many of them are very handsome structures, among which we note Martin & Harms' new office (Mutual Pipe Line), where G. R. Harms and his book-keepers, James Debbler and E. H. Brady, may be seen at all times. The Pipe Line is transacting an immense business, running over 3,000 barrels per day. The company are putting up additional iron tankage capable of holding 30,000 barrels.

At Parker's Landing matters seemed a trifle less busy, perhaps, but nevertheless sufficiently good. Development is only active some seven miles beyond, in and around Martinsburg.

McKloney & Nesbitt have a 100-barrel well, on the line of the Bane and Jamison farms, about 1 1/2 miles from regular operations. The belt is evidently wide and large.

The oil market is in good shape. Strong demand and large shipments daily by buyers, down the river by boat far exceeding any railway transportation possible.

Our sister town, Shamburg, has been visited by a disastrous conflagration. Having suffered the same way our people can truly sympathize with them. We copy the Titusville Courier's account elsewhere.

The South Improvement Business.

P. H. Watson, President of the South Improvement Company, was again before the House Commerce Committee Friday morning. He testified that those representing one half the oil production had approved the South Improvement plan, but he declined to give their names lest damage to their lives and property might ensue. Freight was advanced about the 1st of March, though a mistake of the railroad managers of New York, particularly of the New York Central, and Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroads, and no by order of the South Improvement Company. Repayment was afterwards made to shippers by the New York lines. The laws of that State forbid railroads from combining to raise freights, but the opinion was legally expressed that his (Watson's) company could contract separately with each road. The South Improvement Company controlled transportation by rail from the oil regions, and would have received drawbacks on all oil shipped by any one. If part of the producers had given in the balance would have been forced in. He thought the arrangement would have benefited producers and refiners, but not consumers. The company contemplated purchasing all the refineries and controlling the export trade. No definite provision was made for the disposal of the contemplated six millions profit on drawback. He produced evidence of the cancellation of the contracts with the railroads, and also read the contracts themselves. These show that the railroads agreed to aid in all legal ways to break down any competition with the South Improvement Company. With each company there was an agreement that the South Improvement Company should have the privilege of suspending all shipments for not longer than one week at a time, and not oftener than once in sixty days. The railroads agreed to pay to the South Improvement Company the same drawbacks and rebates on oil shipped by any other parties than said company that they allowed that company, charging such outside parties said full rates.

On Wednesday evening next, April 24th, Rev. J. D. Herr, of Pittsburgh, a prominent divine of the Methodist Protestant Church, will deliver the third and last lecture of the course before the Columbia Library Association, in the new church, on the Columbia Farm. His subject will be—"The Hobbies we Ride." Rev. Herr is said to be one of the most talented and eloquent clergymen of the Iron City. This is his first visit to the Oil Region, and as he comes by special invitation, he should receive a hearty welcome. We hope those of our citizens who can will reciprocate the kindly feeling shown by the Columbianites who attended the Y. M. C. A. course in this place the past winter, by visiting that farm on Wednesday evening next. We feel sure the lecture will amply repay them for the trip.

On Thursday evening, Rev. Alex. Clark, editor of the Pittsburgh Methodist Recorder, will preach in the church, on the same farm. He is also an able divine, and a rare literary treat may be expected.

Mr. J. Hoover Shannon, traveling agent for the well known Oil City wholesale grocery house of Magaw & Co., is in town today. He represents business good and that first class house selling more goods than all the grocery stores in the city combined.

Through the kindness and generosity of Mr. C. J. Hepburn, Superintendent of the Oil Creek Railroad, a special train will run up the Creek after the performance of Rip Van Winkle by Joe Jefferson, at the Academy of Music, Oil City, on Wednesday evening next. Those desiring to attend can take the accommodation freight leaving here at 4.00 p. m., attend the performance, and return the same night by special train.

Mr. Hepburn is eminently deserving the thanks of the public for his endeavors to accommodate them by furnishing transportation from Oil City on that evening. We hope to see a large attendance, as in the event of the cost of running the train amounting to more than fare collected, that gentleman will be the loser. This should not be the case.

A criminal term of court commences its session at Franklin, to-day. A number of our citizens are in attendance as jurymen and witnesses.

Earthquake shocks continue in Yolo county, California. A volcanic island is rising in Mono Lake. On Friday of last week a round hill camp (in Yolo) was thrown down and the earth opened in many places. No lives were lost.

Two million dollars in old Japanese gold coin have been brought to San Francisco to be reminted for coinage under the new standard.

Ellis Ward has accepted a challenge to row a single scull race with John Biglin, for \$1,000 a side, the race to be rowed half way between home and home.

Disastrous Fire at Shamburg.

Last Saturday evening between eight and nine o'clock, a fire broke out in the clothing store of Hymen & Co., on the Main street of Middletown Shamburg. The store was in charge of Mr. J. Baine. From this store the flames rapidly spread up and down the street. On the south side of the street the following buildings were destroyed:

- Smith & Temple's butcher shop.
- S. A. Tracy's saloon and residence.
- The cigar store of Mr. Solomon.
- Mr. Kirtley's hotel and a vacant building.
- The dry goods store of Mr. Rosenburg.
- Bear's cigar store.
- Squire Poor's office.

The fire swept across the street, with irresistible fury, and for a time it seemed as though the whole town would be destroyed. The building of Harrison Johnson and some other structures were torn down to prevent the spread of the flames. The buildings on south side of the street which were destroyed, were as follows:

The Allegheny house—unoccupied.
The dwelling house of Robert Dunbar. Part of the furniture from this house was saved.

The billiard hall occupied by Mr. Simons, and owned by Mr. Rattel.

Mr. Turner's bakery and two vacant houses between the Allegheny house and Turner's.

On the north side of the street the fire first caught in the Allegheny House. It being a large wooden building, the flames wrapped up and around it with fearful rapidity, spreading along up and down the street. Several buildings were torn down, and the lumber thrown into the street, where it took fire and was consumed.

All the furniture was moved out of the Union Hotel, kept by S. A. Tracy, but the house did not take fire.

The only person injured was Dr. Stack, who had his hand sprained.

At one time during the progress of the fire it was feared that the whole of middle Shamburg would be burned. A great deal of hard work was done to prevent the spread of the flames.

The total loss will reach about \$12,000 without much of any insurance.

The fire was almost entirely extinguished by three o'clock Sunday morning.

We have entered upon the summer campaign of disasters by steamboats and otherwise. Of this we are reminded by the recent shocking occurrence on the Mississippi river. As perfection does not exist either in human contrivances or calculations, accidents will always take place against which no possible safe guard can be provided. But in the majority of cases, they are the result of gross carelessness, or wilfulness, on the part of some one, whose duty required care, fitness and sobriety. Investigation being the order the present time, we hope that during the ensuing season the traveling public will demand of proprietors and managers, of all manner of vehicles and conveyances, that they be, as near as possible, of sound construction, driven and conducted by men of skill and caution, with every safe guard which genius has devised, or experience demonstrated to be of service in the protection or rescue of the helpless human lives temporarily entrusted to their care. We also hope that when accidents happen, and it is shown that these very reasonable requirements have not been complied with, there will be a inflexible determination to bring the offenders to a strict accountability and mete to them condign punishment.

Omaha people carry their heads pretty high for folks who are only twelve hundred feet above the level of the sea.

On March 3d the explosion of a magazine in Tien-Tsin, China, destroyed eighty houses, and many lives were lost. A riot among Chinese laborers in the tin mines of Larat, in northern China, resulted in the loss of many lives.

Martin Day, a well-known cotton merchant, died suddenly of heart disease at Memphis Thursday night.

A fire at Miles Greenwood & Co.'s brass foundry at Cincinnati Friday, damaged the building and stock to the amount of \$10,000.

The new charter for New York city makes a clean sweep of all the present officers, turning out everybody from Mayor down.

The bondholders of the St. Louis and St. Joseph Railroad are moving for the foreclosure of the mortgage, appointment of a receiver sale of the road and division of the proceeds among the creditors.

At the ruins of a mill house in the Chicago burned district, on Monday, workmen came upon some smoldering material which burst into flames on coming in contact with the air. Such occurrences are frequent, showing the existence of fire for over six months.

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