

Petroleum Centre Daily Record.

Fel. Centre, Pa., Thursday, May 2

Divine Service.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and
7 P. M. Sabbath School at 12 1/2 P. M.
Sings free. A cordial invitation extend-
ed to all.
Rev. P. W. SCOFIELD, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M., and 7 1/2
o'clock P. M.
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
McClintock 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. 113

Mr. Mitchell, the contractor on this divi-
sion of the Warren & Venango Railroad, is
pushing the grading ahead as fast as possi-
ble. He informs us that sufficient iron for lay-
ing the track from Warren to Titusville has
been purchased, and track laying has al-
ready commenced at the Warren end of the
route. The stone for building the piers of
the bridge over the Creek at Columbus farm
are nearly ready, and the lumber for the
freight work will soon be on the ground.—
Not many months more will elapse ere the
pleasant sound of locomotive's whistle on
the Warren & Venango Railroad will be
heard echoing and re-echoing through the
valley of Oil Creek.

Elsewhere we give place to a communi-
cation in reply to an attack in the Oil City
Derrick on Mr. W. J. McClure, of this
place, candidate for the office of County
School Superintendent. As we interpreted
the circular sent forth by State Superin-
tendent Wickersham, the advancement of the
cause of education, and not politics or any
other subject, was the question at issue. Of
the political belief of this gentleman we
know nothing whatever about, in fact never
heard him express an opinion either way,
but we do know that if years of hard study
and a wide and varied experience in school
teaching have anything to do with the of-
fice in question, then Mr. McC. is capable
of filling it to the satisfaction of all friends
of education, irrespective of political bias
or belief. Possibly we may be wrong, but
it seems to us the Derrick, by dragging in a
side issue entirely foreign to education, is
doing a great injury to a worthy man, and
one who has devoted a life time to the hard
task of teaching school at poor wages, as
every one knows that school teachers as a
class do not receive that amount justly due
them for their services. We hope justice
may be done him in the matter.

The Central Petroleum Company have a
gang of workmen engaged in the good work
of digging a drain across the low lands at
the upper end of Washington street.

We have Dolly Varden dresses, bonnets,
hats, gloves, shoes, cigars, cocktails, bit-
ters etc., and now we have Dolly Varden dough-
nuts, cracked with nuts, recently invented
by one of our citizens.

The Walker well, C. P. farm, is now
down about 100 feet.

Weather changeable to-day.

Capt. John P. Barr, of Cranberry town-
ship, was in town to-day. Capt. B. is a
candidate for the office of Register and Re-
corder, subject to the wishes of the Repub-
lican party. Thinks his prospects for the
nomination good.

Mr. A. M. Turner, of Oil City, a candi-
date for County Commissioner, on the same
ticket, was in town yesterday. His an-
nouncement will be found elsewhere.

The rain of to-day is causing the grass to
look green. Rain from now till morning
would considerably change the present bar-
ren aspect of nature; therefore, send it
along, Mr. clerk of the weather.

An itinerant band discoursed execrable
music, on the street, this forenoon. There
is an old saying about "music having
charms to soothe the savage breast." Had
the savages listened to this music it would
have killed them instantly.

The only daughter of the Chief of the
Plute Indians was recently married to a
young lieutenant at Salt Lake. The bride
was attired in a blanket decollete, with
oyster shell necklace, and partook heartily
of the wedding of fricasseed prairie dog and
pickled crickets.

THE COMING TIME.

When men forget their love of gold
And love their honor more;
When truth is only current coin,
And counted o'er and o'er;
When men love freedom for its sake—
For all as well as one—
And for the greatest good, their work,
From day to day is done;
When men throw self aside and live
For some just purpose high,
Then will the glorious era come
When none shall fear to die.

A Pennsylvania Bull-Dog.

There is a man in Darby, Penn., who
purchased a bull-dog, which he proposed to
turn loose in his store at night in order to
scare away burglars. The first evening af-
ter he obtained possession of the animal he
locked it in the store and went away a hap-
py man. The next morning, early, he went
around to the store and unlocked the door.
The dog was vigilant—the man was sur-
prised to perceive how very exceedingly
vigilant the dog was—for no sooner was
the door opened than the dog seized its
owner by the leg, suddenly, and seemed to
be animated by earnest and vigorous resolu-
tion not to let go until it had removed at
least one good mouthful. And the man
pulled the dog back and shut the door
on its ribs until the animal relaxed its jaws;
and then the man kicked the dog into the
store and shut the door as if in a hurry
to do something. Then he suspended business
for a week, and spent the vacation firing at
the dog through the windows, and down
the chimney, and up through the cellar
ceiling, with a shot gun, trying to exter-
minate him. And that mercantile estab-
lishment did not open for trade until the
man had paid twice the first cost of the dog
to the dog's former owner to come and take
it home; and then, when he got in he found
that during the bombardment holes had
been shot through mackerel barrels and mo-
lasses cans and coal oil kegs so that there
was misery and ruin everywhere. Dogs
have no charms for this man, and if you
allude in his presence to the noble work
that is being done by the Woman's branch of
the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals, that merchant is always observed
to rise up and swear.

A number of new wells are going down
on the farms adjacent to Fagundas. Among
others, one by John Bentley, who is an ac-
tive energetic Teuton, who is operating at
present on the White farm.

John Bentley, Gilam & Guibe have a well
in the third end in the Pleasant Valley
section. There is oil in that region, and
we shall not be surprised to hear of some
good wells soon.—[Tidoute Commercial.

The last strike on the Bully Hill terri-
tory, about four days ago, is small. The
well is only yielding two barrels per day.—
Owned by Prentice, Crawford & Barbour.

Some misunderstanding exists concerning
the recent amendment to the United States
homestead law. The general opinion that
an agent can hold a land claim for a soldier
or sailor until the title is perfected, is in-
correct. The agent can only hold the land
for six months, and at the expiration of that
time the soldier or sailor must enter upon
personal possession, and there remain for
the full period of one year, in order to se-
cure a title. The same rule applies to the
widows of those who died in the service, or
from wounds or disease contracted therein;
but their orphan children can have a guar-
dian appointed, who can hold the land for
them until they become of age. The usual
entry fee and commission of thirty-two dol-
lars for one hundred and sixty acres of land
must be paid before any entry can be made.

Bowel complaint is epidemic in Pitts-
burgh, resulting the physicians state, from
the impure water they drink. When did
the Pittsburghers quit whiskey and take to
drinking water? They used to say water
was only good for navigation.

A man in Mellonville, Florida, is setting
out 125 acres in orange trees, which will be,
in a year from now, the largest grove on
this continent.

An orange tree in a garden in Los Angel-
os is laden with ripe fruit, unopened buds,
flowers and young oranges in every stage of
growth.

A man in Yamhill county, Oregon, sues
his father and mother-in-law for five thou-
sand dollars damages, because their daugh-
ter and his wife has not turned out so strong
and healthy as they promised.

A muskrat recently bored a hole through
the dam of a large Massachusetts fish pond,
and let several thousand of fine trout into
the brook below, where for several days
afterwards there was excellent fishing.

The venerable ex-Secretary Seward is
said to be rapidly losing the use of his lower
limbs. His intellectual faculties, however,
are altogether unimpaired.

Letters from the People.

NOTE.—The manager of this journal,
without endorsing the sentiments of con-
tributors, desires to offer the widest possible
latitude for free discussion. It is merely
stipulated that communications shall con-
cern matters of public interest, be put in
decent language and accompanied with the
names of the writers, not for publication,
but as a guarantee of good faith.

For the Daily Record.

**The County School Superin-
tendency.**

ED. RECORD:—For the second time the
Oil City Derrick pitches into the so-called
caucus nominee for School Superintendent
for Venango Co. "Death the insatiable
archer," is not more so, than the Derrick—
Every day, some new victim is found im-
paired by its harsh invective, bitter satire,
pungent wit, relentless ridicule, and its
sensational statements and slashing style.—
Monopolies, rival towns, and obnoxious in-
dividuals succumb (?) to its fierce attacks.
Yesterday a prospective governor, a country
schoolmaster, to-morrow, mayhap, (we
shall hear to day from Cincinnati) the
chief magistrate of the republic. That it
should use its circulation and influence to
crush a governor, a president in prospect,
or even to switch the Republican Party off
the main track, which I am willing to con-
cede without argument, it might do, would
elicit no sound from me. But when it so
persistently seeks to crush out our worthy
domine, I wish to set the matter right and
in a truthful light.

First, it has been the custom of the school
directors of the county to hold an informal
meeting in advance of election day to indi-
cate their preference for county superintend-
ent, "On merit and merit alone." To af-
firm anything else, to say that religious pre-
judice a political affinity, had anything to
do with the selection thus made, is to im-
pugn the intelligence and integrity of this
large body of most worthy and respectable
citizens.

In the present case, the selection was
made in the usual way at the appointed time
understood by all and a majority named the
successful applicant, because it was their
conviction that he was superior in every re-
spect to his competitor, a decision that will
doubtless be ratified on election day.

He is a modest, unassuming gentleman,
never boasting of his acquirements or abili-
ties, nor never obtruding his religious or
political opinions on any one. He has
taught successfully for two years at Oil
City and three years here. In his knowl-
edge of grammar, mathematics and physical
science, he has no equal on the list of ap-
plicants. For careful, intelligent pains
taking with children in the school room, for
infusing into them a spirit of emulation
and eager desire to learn; for a consci-
entious discharge of every duty pertaining to
his great and noble profession, I have never
yet seen him surpassed, and having sent six
children to him for three years past, I may
be permitted to bear my humble testimony to
his worth as a teacher which will be endor-
sed by all friends of education. Conceding he
is a practical teacher, that he is in the very
prime and vigor of manhood, that he is en-
ergetic, and will, if elected, devote himself
with arder and ability, to the proper organ-
ization of every school district, assisting the
teachers under his charge by word and
counsel, he certainly has some fitness for
the position deemed essential elsewhere,
and which would not be neutralized any-
where because his political preference was
wise or otherwise. "Let justice be done
though the Heavens fall."

CITIZEN.

The business men and manufacturers of
Titusville have adopted a new plan. For
years past it has been customary to give ex-
tended credits for oil well supplies, machin-
ery, &c. This system has been highly detri-
mental, as it enabled speculators and ad-
venturers to plunge into business recklessly
and trust to luck to meet their obligations.
The dealers and manufacturers have enter-
ed into compact to sell no goods to parties
who fail to settle promptly at thirty days.
We hope this plan will become general
throughout the Oil Regions.

Miss Stevens, a beautiful blonde lady
preacher, is creating a profound religious
sensation in Georgia. She is said to make
all the masculines feel like embracing Chris-
tianity, or at least its exponent and advo-
cate.

The Prime Minister of the Fiji Islands
has gone to Australia for the purpose of
negotiating a loan. Twenty years ago the
islanders were cannibals and most of the
Australians transported criminals.

A wealthy Connecticut man has the audac-
ity to boast that he made his first money by
manufacturing "genuine relics from the
Holy Land." Some of these wooden frauds,
much prized by the simple persons who
bought them, were grown within half a
mile of their own homes.

LAMMERS, THE ONE PRICE CLOTHIER.

Another Combination Broken!

**LAMMERS,
THE ONE PRICE CLOTHIER**

OF THE OIL REGIONS

6 Spring St., TITUSVILLE,

Has broken the outrageous Clothing Monopoly. Chatham
Street has become demoralized. Shoddy Clothing is at a discount. The

ONLY FIRST-CLASS HOUSE!

WHERE YOU CAN FIND ALL THE

LATEST STYLES!

IS AT THE GREAT

One Price Clothing Store!

IN TITUSVILLE,

In Nobby Business Suits!
My Stock contains ever make of Goods.

COATS AND VESTS.

I have a larger assortment than any house outside of
New York City.

There is no doubt but that my Stock of

FANCY PANTS

is ahead of anything in America, either for quality
or style.

FASHIONABLE HATS & CAPS!

WHITE and CHEVIOT SHIRTS.

I cannot be beat in this Department.

MY LINE OF

Men's Furnishing Goods!

IS COMPLETE.

Parties in want of

GOOD CLOTHING,

Can Save Money,

By coming to my Store where there is everything new,
and where you can buy

10 Per Cent. Less than Elsewhere,

And why, do you ask, because I have only

ONE PRICE.

Goods are all marked in plain selling figures, and I sell more
Goods than any 10 stores combined. I sell every customer alike and throw in
NO Shirts, Suspenders or Collars, to make an extra profit on Clothing.
A child of five years can buy as cheap as a man of fifty.

I cordially invite all my old customers in Petroleum
Centre and vicinity to come and purchase their Clothing at
My Store,

PROMISING BETTER GOODS!

And Later Styles for Less Money!

Than Any House in the Region.

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