

# Petroleum Centre Daily Record.

Petroleum Centre Pa., Monday, August 19

## Divine Service.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 12 1/2 P. M. cate free. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Rev. P. W. SCOTFIELD, 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 8 o'clock. Signed.

ALBERT GLENN, N. G.

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

**A. O. of U. W.**  
Liberty Lodge No. 7, A. O. of U. W., meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock, in Odd Fellow's Hall, Petroleum Centre, Penn'a.

A. M. KLECKNER, M. W.

J. H. MERRILL, R.

Gold at 1 p. m. 115

**KANSAS CITY ITEMS.**—A Kansas City correspondent writes as follows:

As a few items from this "thriving city" may not prove unacceptable, I will take the liberty to dot them down.

There was quite an excitement caused on the Brown farm, Thursday morning, by the running away of a horse attached to a buggy in which was seated Mr. Cooper Williams, Mr. Gibson and a little girl. The horse, a thorough bred Arabian steed, rather high strung and vicious, became excited and ran off, throwing Mr. Williams from the buggy and breaking his right arm below the elbow. Strange to say the other parties escaped uninjured. The owner cannot be too strongly censured for allowing irresponsible persons to drive a blooded animal of such well known runaway proclivities. It is said he has ran off frequently of late, always heading for the ancient borough of Cherrytree.

This is the third accident of the kind that has occurred on the Brown farm within the last few months. Rather an unlucky place for people's limbs.

Mr. Knickerbocker, who came so near losing his life a short time since, by being run through a bull wheel shaft, is recovering and will soon be convalescent.

The new school house is almost completed and will be an ornament to the town. Our esteemed fellow townsman, S. G. Elliott, Jr., and his estimable lady have returned from their wedding tour, and gave a ball and reception Friday evening, at Murray's Hall. A pleasant time was had.

Messrs. Wright, Vincent & Co., are almost ready to begin drilling on their new well on the Dempsey Plate. Success to their efforts. Mr. Harvey Young & Bros. are about to begin a new well on the Harper tract. Mr. A. G. Harper commences a new well on the hill beyond the Brown farm this week. More anon, Figs.

A Democratic and Liberal Republican meeting was held at Sobel's Opera House, Saturday night, for the purpose of organizing a Greeley and Brown campaign club for the ensuing campaign. The committee on permanent organization reported the following list of officers who were unanimously chosen officers of the club:

President—Wm. Robinson.  
Vice Presidents—O. F. Schonblom, John C. Shay.

Secretaries—A. Kilne, M. T. Connor.  
Corresponding Secretary—John McOmber.

Treasurer—James Deahler.  
The roll has been opened and up to Saturday night had been signed by 220 voters.

The boiler at the Gordon & Co. well, on the Fox farm, near Foxburg, exploded yesterday, smashing things in general about the well, but fortunately injuring no person. The cause of the explosion is attributed to the bad workmanship and bad material of the boiler, which was entirely new having been in use but two or three days.

A telegram from St. Petersburg, to-day, announces the death of Mr. A. S. Haver, formerly of this place, which occurred in that town yesterday. Mr. H. was well known to our citizens, having been engaged in the practice of law here for several years. He leaves a wife, who has the sympathies of the entire community in her sad affliction. The remains will be taken to Nunda, N. Y., for burial.

A bank of excellent meerschaum clay has been discovered in Southern California, and workmen are to be imported from Europe to manufacture it into pipes.

Pheasants may be hunted from August 1st to December 30th.

A report having been current that Mr. W. A. Torrence, the popular and efficient Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company's office in this place, was about to resign his position and leave town, we are authorized to state is unfounded. Mr. Torrence came to stay and is undoubtedly a permanent fixture, "which the same" we are pleased to announce, as no better or more capable man for that position, or who fills it more acceptably to the public, could be found.

It is said that Dr. Livingstone has discovered, with great delight, the long disputed origin of a familiar lyric of home and childhood in the spirited war song of an African royal drum corps, which runs thusly:

Boo tcha! Boo tcha! Kilda Kaff!  
Kutti muppa netti maff!  
Hangis lida pon a wall;  
Dreestm downan d eit mall!

John Schemmerhorn, of Alton, Illinois, thought one of his cows was afflicted with the hollow horn last week. To satisfy himself he caught the beast and held her by the tail while his wife rapped on the horn with a tack hammer. A moment later a barnyard tableau was seen, as Schemmerhorn soared over a ten foot board fence, and his wife has an aperture in her Dolly Varden that a week's constant labor with a sewing machine will hardly repair.

The officers of our army have from now until the 1st of December to wear out their old clothes. The official order prescribing the new uniform goes into effect on that date, positively, though those who choose are at liberty to anticipate its changes.

There are six ordained woman pastors in the Universalist Church in the United States. This is the only church which admits women to ordination.

There are about seven million dwelling houses in the United States that cost in the aggregate something near seven billion dollars. House that for nigh?

A project for the formation of a tunnel under the straits of Gibraltar has been presented to the Spanish minister of agriculture.

Chicago is to have increased postal facilities. It is proposed to redistrict the city, appointing sub-stations similar to those in New York, where, in addition to the transaction of the carrier business, the affairs of the money-order and registry offices may be carried on.

The Territory of Utah contains no less than twenty-two smelting works, that have been erected at different times since 1870, which are able to treat no less than four hundred and sixty-four tons of ore a day.

A wonderful cave has just been discovered in Kansas, which has a lake of pure, clear water extending almost from the entrance, in a northeast direction, as far as the vision of the discoverer could reach. He threw stones as far as possible, and could hear nothing but the splashing sound that water gives echoed back to him. The height of the roof above the water is seven or eight feet.

"The Angels in the Panorama Business," is the heading given by the Chicago Times to its description of the aurora-borealis. Skye, but apt.

Henry Ward Beecher wants a successful colony of some foreign singing birds established in America. There is this good thing about it, that they will not be obliged to learn English, like other immigrants, but can go on singing in their own tongue in which they were born.

The Iowa Elevator in Chicago, which was destroyed by fire a few days since, is now estimated, may have been the work of an interested incendiary. It is stated that there were actually in the elevator 81,959 bushels of corn, while receipts calling for 313,000 bushels were outstanding.

Telegraph poles in Norway are preserved from decay by introducing a solution of sulphate of copper into holes, bored into the freshly felled timber to a depth of five or six inches, and plugged up with tar coated with tar or varnish. The application is repeated two or three times a year for several years.

In New York the other day a woman reduced herself to a frightful state of intoxication by drinking the washings out of a number of chlorodyne bottles, while three other persons managed to get tipsy on a box of "Pulmonio wafers" which contained morphine, and which they divided between them.

A number of the leading business men of New York are said to exhibit vagaries which can only be explained by the theory of insanity. One man of wealth and rare business capacity has been building a flying machine. Another business man of wealth and character has spent \$40,000 in the vain attempt to extract iodine from sea water.

# Letters from the People.

**NORX.**—The manager of this journal, without endorsing the sentiments of contributors desires to offer the widest possible latitude for free discussion. It is merely stipulated that communications shall concern 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.

PETROLEUM CENTRE, Aug. 19, 1872.

MR. EDITOR:—This morning's Herald has a well written letter from a correspondent calling attention to the over production and its remedy—the cessation of drilling.—While no doubt over-production is more or less a fact and the remedy a plain, if not a feasible one, I think the paper contract system has a more injurious effect on the oil business than any other, these contracts are without any intention of either party to the contract to deliver oil. It is always at the expiration of the time, a question of difference only, and this question has been answered frequently of late by the failure of men in high repute.

Now this is a great and growing evil. Speculation, based on these flimsy contracts, stimulates production one day by giving a figure too high and depresses it some other day by giving less than it is intrinsically worth. In other words the actual production is but a shuttlecock in the hands of sharpers to manipulate values to suit their purposes for they will sell and agree to deliver one half a dozen times the daily production for every day of the year to come.

It is because a cabal can by this pernicious system, set at defiance the experience and judgment based on years of business life, that so many men of means and ability fall.

At least half our over-production, and more than half the evils we have to complain of as incidental to the oil trade, owe their origin directly to these gamblers, who as a rule have no oil and want none.

Again, there is a class of contracts for actual delivery that have been quite popular with producers, i. e. live contracts for first six or all year. A high average, as the producer as a rule is always good for his side and as the other party is on the whole less likely to be. If the market rules low any time, a failure is likely to result and the producer gains nothing. If speculation must remain as a part of the oil business—and as long as men can be lured by the hope of easy gain, it will most likely—let us by common consent put it under restraint.—Let every contract be for actual delivery of oil on cars, and one dollar a barrel be put up for collateral by each contractor. It will require money to run the thing and irresponsible parties will be out.

What the producer needs as badly as anything else is that the business should come right down to actual trade—a real demand for consumption. Then the supply will soon adjust itself. The growth and development of the oil field will be natural.

The producer will have spot oil to sell.—The refiner and exporter will buy as they need it and pay all it is worth in the markets of the world. CRUDE.

The comet story has been a delightful exegesis for Jones. He says he and "her" have about done up the "guess what star will be our home" business, and he now has her in sweet expectancy of the planetary jar. In the lonely hours, he finds it makes a great difference in the amount of space between them.

**A FALL FROM GRACE.**—A stranger, who occupied the pulpit in a Baptist church, near Utica, on Sunday week, during the first prayer leaned heavily on the desk in front of him which proved to be not fastened as it should be. Suddenly the devout raised their eyes at a startling crash, and beheld the desk, the Bible, the hymn-book, a vase of flowers and an empty goblet strewn upon the floor, while amid the pile floundered the officiating clergyman. Fortunately, he was unharmed, and after order was restored, proceeded with the services.

Nevada papers report the discovery of a natural soda formation, which is pronounced equal to the best European soda. It is in the shape of a well or reservoir, upon the banks of which the deposits form inexhaustible quantities.

One of the features of street life in New York at present is a little Italian boy who draws remarkably spirited and well executed pictures on the sidewalks with colored crayons. He is always surrounded with a crowd by which he is well rewarded.

In view of the great advance in coal in Great Britain the passenger and freight tariffs have been increased on the English railroads, and also on some of the local steamship lines.

Squirrels and rabbits may be hunted from August 1st to January 1st.

A Louisiana paper is named "Homers Iliad."

We copy the following oil news from the Petersburg Progress:

The Coulter well No. 2 on the Foust farm is down about 800 feet.

The Martin Branch well, Cap Spurr, was torpedoed last month while doing 6 barrels. The result has been that she is now reduced to a 3 barrel well.

The dispute in regard to the Porterfield & Treat No. 9 has not yet been settled. It will be remembered that Evans claims that it is on his "protection." It was expected that a definite settlement would have been reached last Saturday, and that the well would go down, but nothing has been done at the work as yet. It would appear to make but little difference, since there are no wells in the immediate vicinity which are now producing any great quantity of oil.

Joseph Foust is starting a new well in his orchard, just above the Porterfield & Treat well.

The Harris & McLaughlin well No. 2, on the Colliner farm, is in the sand some six feet, but has not, as yet, any show at all.

Payne well No. 2, on the Colliner farm, is doing fully 40 barrels. It is a new strike.

The Ralph well is doing about 8 barrels. It is on the Foust farm.

The Nancy well is troubled with her cups, they are not working right. She is now doing but ten barrels, but it is claimed that were she in order she would produce 40 barrels.

The A. W. Robinson well on the Joel Fink tract is down 925 feet.

The O K No. 1 well has been pumping by heads for some time back, owing to the scarcity of water. No. 2 cannot drill from the same cause.

Whitting No. 7 is down about 400 feet.

On last Monday morning week Hannah well No. 2, A. S. Palmer & Sons, was torpedoed, and her production increased to 40 barrels.

The Porterfield & McCombs rig, which was burned on the afternoon of the same day that Foxburg took fire has been rebuilt, and they are about ready to resume pumping.

A. S. Palmer & Sons have three new rigs up at Grass Flats. They are all Hannaha, and two of them are already drilling.

The well which has been going down at Blyson Run has reached a depth of 1,400 feet, with no signs of oil.

The well at the forks of the Clarion is down, and producing about 2 gallons per day.

The well at Clarion is down 1,000 feet, having passed through the first and second sands, but not yet having reached the third. They are still drilling.

The Rock hill No. 1 was torpedoed last week, and the production increased about 3 barrels.

Petrolia City is growing rapidly. It is now much larger than Fairview. In addition to numerous stores of all descriptions machine and other workshops, it has recently opened a very fine hotel, called the "Forest House," where dinner in the best city style—the Continental of Philadelphia not excepted—is gotten up. It is the center of a large oil development; several large wells in the vicinity are producing from 250, 125, 83 to 60 barrels a day, each. The land on which this new town is located, was heretofore owned by Moses Graham, A. Campbell, Thomas Jamison, and A. Blaney. While Mr. Jamison still retains his farm, the others have sold their respective interests. A post office is much needed here; Fairview is too far away, and Martinsburg is also at too great a distance. The population of Argyle, Gibsonville, and Petrolia City, should certainly have U. S. Mail Accommodations brought to their doors.

While every surrounding is favorable to this place, it is to be hoped that immediate arrangements be made to have these towns all incorporated under one government in order that peace, happiness and the ends of justice be properly cultivated, and law and order enforced judiciously, and vice and immorality be suppressed without fear or prejudice.

The various oil developments around and in the vicinity of this place, are growing to such prodigious dimensions, that it is impossible to do them justice in a brief notice.

Here the belt system or theory would seem to be totally ignored. Indeed it always seemed an improbable, if not an absurd theory, to suppose that Nature, several hundred feet underneath the surface of this globe, inserted a vein of oil duly running 22° west of south, or 22° east of north, and that no oil can or could be found at any other point of the compass. This puerile theory does not now receive even calm consideration in the neighborhood of Petrolia. Instead of the "belt," indications would favor the "basin" theory; and from the extent of the territory where oil has here been found, the latter is undoubtedly the most probable. A few weeks will test this subject more thoroughly.—[East Brady Independent.

Newport is to have a grand diplomatic ball next week.

Shoddy people are very numerous at Saratoga Springs.

Maine fashionables in large numbers are at Mount Desert.

New London is preparing for a grand naval and military ball.

West Point has been snubbed by its former patrons this year.

The season at Atlantic City has been flat stale and unprofitable.

The White Mountains and the Adirondacks are infested with tourists and mosquitoes.

At Newport the demand for dwellings and suites of rooms has never been greater than at present.

English floating rafts are promised at Long Branch. They are in vogue at the English seaside resorts.

A large number of English tourists have made their appearance this summer at our watering places.

Illinois has 705 more miles of railroad than any other State in the Union.

The trial of Laura Fair has been set for September 2d.

## Local Notices.

### To The Oil Producing Public.

The General Committee have directed their counsel to test the validity of the claims made under the alleged patents concerning the use of casing in oil and salt wells. Suits have already been commenced and the testimony is now being taken.

The committee solicit subscriptions to the und necessary for that purpose, which must be sent to F. W. Mitchell, Treasurer, Rousseville, Pa., with name and postoffice address.

By order of the General Committee.  
E. G. PATTERSON, Chairman.  
F. W. HASTINGS, Secretary.  
aug 17-1w.

## Carpet Weaving.

Parties desiring Carpet Weaving done neatly and cheaply, should call on JAMES McCULLOUGH, SHOP NO 18 MILL ST. Rear of the Titusville Flouring Mills, Titusville, Pa.  
aug 17-1w

Just received at the JAMESTOWN CLOTHING STORE, a large assortment of new and nobby styles of HATS & CAPS.

GREELEY HATS at the JAMESTOWN CLOTHING STORE.

GRANT HATS at the JAMESTOWN CLOTHING STORE.

Hats! Hats! Caps! Caps!  
At the JAMESTOWN CLOTHING STORE. Just received from New York, Paris and London, and will be sold remarkably cheap. Call and examine styles and prices.

A. ALDEN.

For Pure Wines warranted as such by the Brotherhood of Brocton Lager to GAFFNEY'S.

The best Pittsburgh Lager at GAFFNEY'S.

HATS AND CAPS in great variety and in all styles, just received by express from New York, at the JAMESTOWN CLOTHING STORE. Call and look at them.  
August 12-1f.

## For Sale or Rent.

A desirable residence located on the Egbert Farm, a short distance from town. For particulars apply to

OWEN GAFFNEY  
Petroleum Centre, June 14, 1872.  
J14-1f.

## For Sale

15,000 to 20,000 feet of SECOND-HAND TUBING, at from 25 to 35 cts. per foot. The Tubing is in first class order and all ready fitted.  
April 23, 1f. H. H. WARNER.

## Found Running at Large.

On the premises of Henry Wright in Oil Creek township, Venango County, Pa., on Saturday, August 3d, 1872, two large WHITE SOWS, about a year and a half old, one SPOTTED BARROW, and ONE SHOAT. The owner or owners are requested to call and identify property and pay charges, otherwise they will be disposed of as the law requires.

HENRY WRIGHT,  
Oil Creek Township, Aug. 13, 1872.  
aug 15-3f.

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF TRAINS ON O. C. & A. R. R.

On and after Sunday, June 2nd, 1872, trains will run as follows:

NORTH	NO. 5.	NO. 3.	NO. 1.
Leave Irvine.		11.45 A. M.	3.05 P. M.
Leave Oil City 6.00 A. M.	2.27 P. M.	6.15 P. M.	
" Pet. Cen 6.39 "	3.10 "	7.07 "	
" Titusv. 7.10 "	3.55 "	7.50 "	
Arrive Corry, 8.45 "	5.25 "	9.15 "	
No. 2—Accommodation Freight.			
Leaves Oil City 9.40 A. M.	Pet. Centre, 10.26; Titusville, 11.15; Ar. Corry, 12.50 P. M.		
SOUTH.	NO. 2.	NO. 4.	NO. 6.
Leave Corry, 10.45 A. M.	6.10 A. M.	6.05 P. M.	
" Titusv. 12.10 P. M.	7.30 "	7.35 "	
" P. Cen. 1.10 "	8.20 "	8.35 "	
Arrive O. City 1.50 "	9.05 "	9.25 "	
" Irvine. 4.48 "	11.40 "		
No. 10—Accommodation Freight.			
Leaves Corry 1.15 P. M.	Titusv. 2.50; Pet. Centre. 3.55; Ar at Oil City, 4.40 P. M.		
No. 5 and 6 run on Sunday.			