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A. O. of U. W.

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

A. M. KLECKNER, M. W.

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Gold at 1/2 p. m. 113

**BASE BALL.**—The match game yesterday, between the second nine of the Senecas of Oil City, and the Petrolia of this place, resulted in the following score:

INNINGS.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Senecas, 1 1 5 0 2 2 1 5 —29  
Petrolia, 2 1 3 2 7 1 2 1 —19

As will be seen by the above score, the Senecas was ahead at the end of the eighth inning. The Petrolia then went to the bat and by clean hits made nine more runs with only one man out, when the Senecas discovering the Petrolia crawling up on them so fast, all came in from the field refusing to play, and as the Umpire failed to call the game, they (the Senecas) lost the game by a score of 8 to 0.

**CURIOUSITIES OF OILDOM.—A REMARKABLE PHENOMENON.**—In sinking the new well on the "Button farm," near Oil City, the drillers, last Thursday, while in slate rock, between the mountain and first sands—struck a powerful gas vein, which was not only invisible, but entirely free from odor. It could only be detected by the boiling of the waters beneath, and its frozen touch as it swept through the derrick like the cold winds from an iceberg. When brought in contact with fire its flames were like that from charcoal. It exhausted itself in about twenty-four hours. The phenomena is somewhat remarkable, and we do not remember to have heard of a like occurrence in this region.

Rumors continue to be rife of the transfer of the Oil Creek Railroad to the management of the Allegheny Valley Railroad. A large force of men are engaged in repairing and ballasting up the main track, the new management, it is said, intending soon to put on a lightning express train from Pittsburgh to Buffalo. A train of this kind would prove a decided advantage to residents of the oil regions.

Members of the Presbyterian Society are requested to bear in mind the congregational meeting at the church, this evening.

An enthusiastic Grant & Wilson meeting was held at the headquarters of the club, last night.

### Suspension of Drilling Oil Wells.

We commend the following article from the Oil City Register to the careful consideration of our oil men. It contains a number of valuable suggestions, and will well repay a perusal:

The movement inaugurated at Parker's Landing, to drill no more wells for six months from the 1st of September, is becoming general. Franklin, Titusville, and Tidoute have endorsed the action of the Parker's meeting, and promise their hearty co-operation. Other sections will do likewise. The Lower Creek, we learn, meet to take action to-day.

There is no use in attempting to conceal the fact, that the Petroleum Region is just now suffering from over-production. Gentlemen may figure on an amount required for foreign export and home consumption, but the stocks fail to decrease, and the production each month grows greater, and prices go down steadily.

The resources of the lower Allegheny oil field seem illimitable, and the extent of the territory already clearly defined is enough to insure an ample supply for this century at least. Thirsting for new fields, the operator is constantly enlarging this area, and the larger it becomes the more he is impoverished.

The action at Parker's, to stop drilling, had become imperative. To continue drilling wells, and with the present rate of increase in the daily production, for ninety days longer, will bankrupt the Oil Region. Prompt and general action on the part of producers may save us from such contingency. For the present to control the production is the only plan that presents itself to producers, and we earnestly hope all will see the necessity of such action, and stop the drilling of any more wells after the 1st prox., for the six months, as specified.

There is another plan which, though deemed impossible at present, will have to be adopted. That is, for the producer to sell his oil as fast as produced, at the market price, whatever it may be. This will have the effect to prevent the gambling in it. The producer will then have cash in his pocket, can pay his debts, and by paying ready money for all the work he has done, can materially lessen the cost of production, and establish the business on a real basis. The cost of production is double what it ought to be, and is caused by the credit system.

The following letter is published by request, consequently we have no interest in the matter whatever. Politics is not our forte and we don't care a continental—bank note who the next President will be, and are willing to go for the one that will pledge himself to do the most to advance the interests of the oil region. The letter is published for the purpose of letting Mr. Bickey right before the public:

FRANKLIN, PA., Aug. 27, 1872.

Capt. F. J. KEPPER, Chairman of Grant & Wilson Club, Petroleum Centre—

Dear Sir:—I hear that it is reported in your place that I have forsaken the Republican ranks and have become a follower of the Sage of Chappaqua. I wish you to correct this, as I am heartily for Grant & Wilson and the rest of the Republican ticket. I am not a sorehead, and am not ready now, nor never will be willing, to shake hands across the bloody chasm, and if they wish me to shake hands with them, they must come across the bloody chasm and we will shake hands on this side. The Dolly Varden's are getting a little sick here, as they cannot get any men in the Liberal to accept the nominations in the Democratic party, which they are now begging men to accept. Please have this published and oblige yours respectfully,

J. M. DICKEY.

### Producers' Meeting.

The producers of this locality held a meeting this afternoon in the Oil Exchange. The action of the meeting at Parker's Landing, to stop drilling oil wells was fully endorsed. Forty-four signed the pledge. The following gentlemen were appointed delegates to the Parker's Landing meeting of producers to be held at Parker's Landing to-morrow: Wm. Hasen, Geo. Cornwall, Wm. M. Williams, Frank Teak, Jacob Shirk.

The meeting was well attended, and a disposition manifested to heartily co-operate in the movement for controlling the production by stopping the drilling of any more wells for six months.—[Oil City Register, Tuesday.]

It is the confident belief of persons in the oil regions that Col. Wm. Phillips, President of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, will shortly absorb the Oil Creek and Allegheny River Railway, and from their expression of opinions it is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Mr. Danks, the inventor of the revolving puddling furnaces, has taken out patents for machines in Russia, Austria, Germany, France and Spain.

### NOTES OF THE DAY.

Ex-President Johnson opens the campaign for Congress from Tennessee at Gallatin, next Saturday.

J. H. Reterm, a well known coal dealer of Memphis, died at Hot Springs, Ark., on Sunday, from injuries received in a fall the day before.

Four persons were sun-struck at Memphis Monday, two of whom died.

A passenger on the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad fell dead soon after stepping from the train at Memphis Monday evening. From papers found on his person it is supposed he is a Mr. Payne, from Olive Branch, Mississippi.

The Turner festivities at Columbus, Ohio, closed Monday night.

About thirty cases of sun-stroke were reported at St. Louis Monday, which, it is said, probably does not include more than half the cases that occurred.

Seventeen inquests were held and sixty-eight burial permits were issued by the St. Louis Board of health last week.

Judge Sidney Dunsan, one of the oldest citizens of Jacksonville, Illinois, died Sunday night from drinking freely of ice water while overheated.

Mrs. Frederick Asterman, wife of a German laborer of Cincinnati, Monday night, set her clothes in flames by kindling fire in a stove with coal oil, and was mortally burned.

The steamship Nevada, from Liverpool, arrived at New York Monday.

Alderman McMullen, who holds the Mace—O'Baldwin stakes, says they shall not be given up till a fight takes place.

The Pennsylvania Railroad will issue excursion tickets for the Louisville Democratic Convention, good from August 29 till September 15, at half rates.

R. J. Ingersoll, Minister to Russia under President Polk, died Monday at New Haven, Conn., aged eighty-four years.

At Canaan, N. H., Sunday, the wife of Dr. Asa Wheat died from chloroform, administered by her husband before extracting teeth.

Louisville merchants complain that the making that city a port entry did not much improve its direct foreign trade, as only a few small parcels are received.

A Michigan minister being in want of a settlement, advertises the fact, but gives warning that he is as fastidious about a church as most clergies are about a minister, which is putting the boot on the other foot decidedly.

A few days ago a man died in Massachusetts from the use of water drawn through a new lead pipe, about two years since. The poison first showed itself at the tip of his fingers, gradually working into his arms and neck, thence into his heart, resulting in his death.

### How strikes Affect the Poor.

The New York Journal of Commerce is inclined to think the master bakers of Dublin are right in refusing to comply with the unreasonable demands of their journeymen, of which serious "bread riots" are resulting. The editor cannot help remarking "how perversely great numbers of placing themselves on the wrong side of the strike controversy:

We had a curious illustration of this in the course of the Pennsylvania miners' strike last year. In consequence of that strike, coal went up and kept up, and the effect of the advance was felt in the fall and winter by every poor person in New York. The rich men did not mind it; it matters little to them whether coal is \$6 00 or \$9 00 a ton. But with the poor who buy coal by the small quantity, and most of it by the painful from corner groceries is a serious matter when the price of coal advances 25 or 50 per cent. Yet the very classes in this city who suffered from the miners' long strike were those who sympathized with them in idleness of their own choosing.—And all the time they were thus aiding and abetting the miners they were "pouring imprecations" on the heads of the coal operators and coal dealers because coal had advanced. The failure of the strikes was one of the best things that could have happened to the poor of New York. Had it succeeded and the "Molly Maguires" been able to get the firm upper hand at the coal mines, there is hardly any limit to the figure that coal would have reached under the pressure of successive demands from the miners.

Letters from Tehera state that more than one hundred thousand men, women and children have perished in the Persian capital famine and plague, and that the number of victims throughout the country is not less than three millions.

Look not upon the water melon when it is red, nor upon the stewed plum when it giveth color in the cup; at last it biteth like a soft-shell crab and stingeth like the choir ere morbus.

### Down Breaks!—The Dream of a Newly Married Railroader, and Its Consequences.

[From the St. Louis Democrat.]

"Ed," is a brakeman employed on the Chicago, Alton and St. Louis Railroad. He was married only a few weeks ago. His wife had been wearing a piece of red flannel round her neck for the last ten days, and complaining of a wry neck. This is how it came to pass:

"Ed," had just been doing extra duty, taking a sleek friend's train in addition to his own, and so had not been in bed for forty-eight hours. As a matter of course, he was nearly worn, out and as soon as his supper had been eaten he went to bed, to sleep, perchance to dream. He was soon locked in the arms of Morpheus and Mary, and dreaming. Again his foot was on his native platform, and he heard the warning toot of the whistle for brakes. The shadowy train bore him swiftly on; and the telegraph posts fleeted past quicker and quicker; the whole country fled by like a panorama mounted on sheet-lightning rollers. In his dream he heard far off another roar, and swinging out by the railings he saw another train coming at lightning speed around the curve. Both trains were crowded with passengers; in another moment they would rush together, and from the pile of ruin a cry of agony would shiver to the tingling stars from the lips of the maimed and dying. The engineer had seen their danger, for at that moment, in his dream, he heard the whistle calling for brakes sound loud and unearthly. With the strength of desperation he gripped the brake and turned it down. There was a yell of pain, and "Ed" woke to find himself sitting up in bed and holding his wife by the ears, having almost twisted off her head.

That's how "Ed's" wife came to wear a piece of red flannel round her throat and complain of a wry neck.

**OIL NEWS.**—The Kumbaugh well, Washington sp., continues to give encouraging signs.

The Fairview district is still the centre of excitement. All the wells down so far have been a success.

From the Jamison or Boydstown well about 7 miles north of Butler, on the Conno. quenessing, we have also additional news. The red sand rock has been passed and the drilling is now in a boulder rock.

During last week we had further favorable reports from the Thorn Creek well.—The indications are regarded as decidedly good, and we hope to record a success there before long. This well is on Thorn Creek about seven miles south of Butler, and two west of Saxonburgh.

Work and drilling continue at the Stoney run [McCauley's] well, about five miles north of Butler; also at the Bonnie Brook [Stephenson's] well, about four miles east of Butler on Kittenning road. We hope in time to have good news from these and all other wells drilling in the county.—[Butler Citizen.]

During the storm Monday night, a two hundred and fifty barrel tank of oil on Triumph Hill, was struck by lightning, and immediately took fire. The fire raged with great violence, spreading to adjoining tanks and wells, until some two acres were in a sea of flame. Mr. George Forman has two wells burned. No lives known to be lost.

The oil excitement, consequent upon the recent big strike, in Butler county, is on the increase. Three new wells have been started, and a new town laid out. Five thousand dollars per acre has been refused. The well is doing nearly two hundred barrels, and increasing, and the belief obtains that Butler county is the real oil centre.

Mobile has two twins who cannot be punished for any offense, because neither can be identified. Recently one of these young ladies put to flight a policeman. In court she proved to be her sister. An officer accompanied her home to arrest the other, but on arriving could not tell which he had brought and which was already there, and went away sorrowing without either.

It is said that the architectural taste of Americans has never been so rapidly educated as during these months since the Chicago fire. In all our great cities, but in Chicago most notably, men require better and handsomer buildings than ever before.

And now the New York thermometers are on a strike. During the oppressively hot weather of last Wednesday and Thursday it is said that the mercury, instead of remaining at the height proper to the extreme intensity of the heat, quietly sank down several degrees, as though exhausted by its efforts to keep up with the weather.

Newport has been more largely patronized by foreign diplomats this season than any other watering place in the country.

GRANT HATS at the JAMESTOWN CLOTHING STORE.

Says the New York Bulletin: "Just at present, business affairs in the South and South west appear to be in a sort of full preceding the activity that may be expected to result from the crop movement. The first installments of new cotton are beginning to arrive in Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama and other States, and admonish the country store-keepers that their stocks of goods are very light, and that the planters will soon be in a condition to buy freely. As a result we notice in nearly all our Southern exchanges reports of a general stampede of merchants from the interior to New York to buy goods. The same condition of affairs is noticeable in the Western States, and at present the indications may be regarded as favorable for a very active though probably a very late fall trade."

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