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Petroleum Centre Lodge, No. 116, I. O. of O. F.

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B. ALLEN, N. G.

B. H. KOOKER, A. Sec'y.
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A. O. of U. W.

Liberty Lodge No. 7, A. O. of U. W., meets every Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, in Odd Fellow's Hall, Petroleum Centre, Penna.

A. M. KLECKER, M. W.

A. KLIER, E.

I. O. of H. M.

Hiawatha Tribe No. 123, I. O. of H. M. of Petroleum Centre, meets every Thursday evening in Good Templar's Hall.

Council fire lighted at 7 o'clock.

H. HOWE, Secy.

R. REYNOLDS, Chief of Records.

Hold at 1 p. m. 11:30.

We notice a committee of refiners and a committee of producers have announced a meeting, to be held at Titusville, to-morrow, to take action on the alleged conspiracy among the exporters of petroleum to break up the refiners and producers associations, and put the game entirely into the hands of the exporters. This new wrinkle looks very much as if it was gotten up in the interest of the Refiner's Combination at the expense of the exporters, in order to force those refiners who are not in the ring either to join or else quit refining. It is well known that the Combination was formed on the pro rata principle, that is, all the oil was to be divided according to the refining capacity of the different ends of the Combination—Pittsburgh, Cleveland, the oil region, &c. Since the producers movement against the combination those refiners not in the ring have had plenty of oil; run their refineries to the fullest extent, and made money where the ring refiners could not. The consequence is the Combination to save themselves have made a new feint to catch the producers, as in the spider and the fly, in their net. We would advise that committee of producers, who ever they may be, to beware of our common enemy—the So. Imp. Co. or Ref. Com. "For ways that are dark, &c., they are notorious.

Potatoes are so scarce and dear throughout Ireland that the governors of the various county jails have been directed by the inspector general to substitute for the regular diet of the prisoner a ration of bread one time a week.

Pleasantville is to have a new bank, with a capital of \$100,000, which will go into operation about the first of January. It will be called the Citizens' Bank.

The West Virginia Lubricator has great faith in the oil territory of that State. A late number has the following:

There is no State in the Union that offers great inducements for capital than does West Virginia, especially in such the case with the oil regions of this State, the development of which is but in its infancy. The cost of testing territory here, as composed with the deep territory of Pennsylvania, is insignificant, and the oil when obtained [we speak of the lubricating oil,] is worth from two to three times per barrel the value of the oil produced there. Aside from the oil business, our hills and mountains are burdened with mineral wealth, and only await the touch of capital to bring them into the market at fair and remunerative profits. The reward that awaits those who come here with means to develop our mineral wealth, is certainly very promising, and we trust, as we have reason to believe, the day is not far distant when capital will find its way here, and the products of West Virginia will be second in commercial importance to no State in the Union.

POLICE.—Before Justice Reynolds. John Thompson and Thomas Riser, arrested several days ago for larceny of clothing from Messrs. Herron, Samuel, Sobel and others, were brought before the Justice on Saturday, and bound over to appear at Franklin. Failing to procure bail they were sent down. Dennis Reagan and James Robinson, just arrived from the "big ditch," better known as the Erie Canal, celebrated their arrival in town by getting outside of immense quantities of family disturbances. Unfortunately for them they fell into the hands of the Philistines and were looked up by officer McHugh. Fined and discharged with notice to quit town.

John Hickey, from the same locality, got drunk also, and committed malicious trespass. Fined and discharged.

President Grant's annual message was read before Congress, yesterday. The document is well written, and consists of a review of the events of the past year affecting the nation, touches up the foreign and domestic policy, treaties made with foreign countries, and the different measures adopted by the administration for the welfare and advancement of the country. The message is concise, and will doubtless meet the views and approbation of a large majority of the people.

The deepest sympathy will be called out towards the two orphaned daughters of Mr. Greeley. Both have been made suddenly orphans by the fast following of the mother, by the father a long home, and one daughter, the elder, has lost more in the melancholy death on board the West India steamer Missouri, which carried to his coral grave the body of one whom she was engaged in marriage. Imagination can hardly picture a greater worldly desolation than has thus suddenly come upon these two young lives, and may the God of the Fatherless hear their cry of anguish and assuage their grief.

Some days ago two cows and several pigs, the property of Anthony Kane, a resident of Gregg's Switch, were ran over and killed by the cars of the Oil Creek & Allegheny River Railway. Anthony brought suit before Justice Reynolds, and was awarded \$180 damages and costs, the railroad failing to appear although it was understood they offered to settle. The judgment not having been satisfied Constable McHugh, this forenoon, levied on the safe, stores and a quantity of coal at the depot.

The original Buffalo Bill, Texas Jack and nine aboriginal Indians will make their appearance in Oil City sometime during the latter part of this month or early in January, and give an entertainment. Ned Buntline, the celebrated novelist is with the party.

A railway is composed from the Mediterranean to Bagdad. The locomotive will soon be puffing over the land of the Saracens and Crusaders. Jerusalem will probably be a way station, and it may be necessary to cut through the Mount of Olives and fill in the valley of Jehoshaphat. The dust of Judah's kluge will be carted off by the cubic yard, and pilgrims will travel in drawing room cars.

They continue to strike flowing oil wells in the Venango region, but they are not so magnificent in their production as those about Pithole were a few years ago. The Pennsylvania operator is now a legitimate oil producer or dealer, and the days for making fortunes in a week have passed and gone beyond recall. — [Pittsburgh Mail.

The driest of all dried apples is in the possession of a Kentucky family. It was given to a soldier by his betrothed just before he entered the revolutionary army, and after carrying it through all that war, he returned and married the donor, and the apple has been kept as an heirloom ever since.

What Constitutes an Habitual Drunkard.

Judge Stowe at Pittsburgh on Friday, in the case of Eleanor McGinnis vs. John McGinnis, gave his decision in a suit to determine whether or not the defendant was a habitual drunkard and therefore unfit to manage his own estate. It is a decision that will be read with greater interest than is usually accorded to the settlement of a knotty point of law. We quote from it as follows:

"The simple question for the jury is, 'Is the defendant an habitual drunkard?' It is not necessary for the plaintiff to prove, nor for the jury to find, that the habit of drunkenness arises from an irresistible appetite or tendency, nor that the drunkenness must be constant, or occurring at intervals. It may be irregular in its recurrence, but it must be so frequent and continuous as to show that it is a customary or ordinary condition, and not simply occasional and exceptional.

It is not necessary to make out a case of habitual drunkenness, that defendant should be constantly intoxicated. A man may be an habitual drunkard, and yet sober at times for days and weeks together. The true question for the jury are: Had the defendant a fixed habit of drunkenness? Was he habituated to intoxication whenever the opportunity offered?

What constitutes drunkenness cannot be defined with exactness. When it has reached a certain extent, it is easy enough to distinguish it; but in its first stages it is perhaps very hard, if not impossible, for any one to say exactly when sobriety ends and drunkenness begins. It is certainly not merely habitual drinking, as a man may be in the habit of taking one drink, or more of liquor from day to day, or from week to week, or every day and yet not be by any means an habitual drunkard. So long as the drinking produces no perceptible or visible effect upon one, mentally or physically—that is to say, not affecting his conduct or his physical appearance to any perceptible effect—he is not a habitual drunkard in the eye of the law. So that unless a person is either mentally or physically—perceptibly and positively—affected by liquor he cannot be said, under the meaning of the law to be drunk. But when he is affected by liquor to an extent showing that he is either mentally or physically controlled, or so strongly influenced by it as to be positively driven or moved out of his normal condition, he must be said to be drunk; though in one case he might walk well, and in another his mind be apparently clear.

Then if you should find that there was frequent drunkenness on the part of the defendant, was it habitual? That is, was it customary, usual or common, as distinguished from seldom, unusual or occasional?

We again repeat, if you should be of the opinion that the defendant is in the habit of getting drunk, it makes no difference, and constitutes no defense to this proceeding, that you should believe that he is still able to take care of himself and manage his estate. We are not inquiring into his capacity to attend either to himself or his estate, but simply whether he is an habitual drunkard. If he is, the law fixes the rest."

TANK FARM.—The small producers are replacing a number of their old derricks by new ones—this is one good result of the increased price of oil.

There are no new developments on this arm at present, but if the price of oil continues a number of operators are determined to test a large tract of undeveloped territory beyond Blood hill.

"I'll kill somebody before I go to supper," was the remark of Mr. Rob Cox as he walked up to the bar of a Memphis saloon and ordered his forty-third cocktail, after drinking which he began knocking off the hats of the loafers therein assembled, and flourishing his pistol with threats of shooting. They all took it meekly, and no one afforded Mr. Cox a reasonable excuse for shooting. He was beginning to get hungry, when, fortunately, a young man named Martin attempted to leave the room, and on going out looked over his shoulder to see if anybody was going to shoot at him. Mr. Cox thought this was his last chance to avoid a cold supper. "What are you looking at?" he indignantly demanded. "Nothing, Mr. Cox," was the reply, whereupon Mr. Cox promptly shot him through the head and went home to his supper. This should be a warning to all Memphis people not to look back when they start to leave a bar room. Mr. Cox will be tried but there is little doubt of his acquittal. He was insane with hunger, and killed Martin in self defence. — [St. Louis Democrat.

Yet another arbitration. A Renter's telegram from Paris in a London paper says: M. Thiers has been chosen arbitrator in the long-pending colonial question between the English and Portuguese Governments.

Suspension Bridge—How Stands the Test of Time.

It is now some twenty years since the great Suspension Bridge was built over the Niagara River. The question of its safety has recently been agitated, and critical investigation has accordingly been made by the Chief Engineer and Directors of the Great Western Railway. The caps on the towers covering the cables have been moved, and the cables found to be as perfect in all respects as ever they were. But most important of all, the anchorage of the cables was thoroughly inspected. The masonry over one of them was removed for about twelve feet, or below where the wires are attached to the anchor chains. A portion of the cable is imbedded in water lime cement. For twenty years this has been so, yet, on removing it and rubbing the points of the wires, the latter were found as bright and perfect as when placed there; the cement having preserved the wire and another chain intact. The examination was made in the presence of competent engineers, who have expressed themselves as amply to the bridge company. — [Lockport Daily Journal.

Parker Oil Field.

BUTLER COUNTY.
The "Major" is the name of the new well recently struck on the W. C. Adams farm, near Fairview. It has been pumping and flowing oil for several days and is estimated as being fully a 60 barrel well. W. G. Slaughter, A. J. Reep, Alexander McFarland, John A. Brown and Mr. Sanderson are the owners.

A well on the Wilson farm, lying between Petrolia City and Fairview, has been drilled into the third sand and is flowing large quantities of oil. J. C. Hatch and others are the owners of the well.

A well owned by Harrington & Harrop, located on the Gibson farm, between Martinsburg and Argyle, was completed about the commencement of the thirty days' suspension. This well has been torpedooed since the resumption of business, and is now yielding 65 or 70 barrels of oil per day.

The Angell well No. 2, located on land of C. D. Angell & Co. near Fairview, has been pumping for some days and is yielding about 60 barrels of oil per day.

The well at Bonnie Brook, five miles south east of Butler, being drilled by J. M. and J. A. Lambing, is down 1,100 feet and the indications are said to be good. If a strike is made in this quarter a large scope of new territory will be opened up. The Lambing Bros. are deserving of success for their untiring efforts in this quarter.

A well on the McCleary farm, near Fairview, Butler county, owned by B. Dougherty, of Parker's Landing and others, is in the third sand with a good show. — [Oilman's Journal.

Peters' Musical Monthly completes its Tenth Volume with the December number, and it is doing Mr. Peters but simple justice to state that his excellent magazine is improving with age. It was good years ago when it first made its appearance, and it has been steadily improving until the present time, when it can only be pronounced perfect, and indispensable to every lover of music.

The December number, price 30 cents, contains three Ballads, a Christmas Song, an Anthem, a four hand piece, as played at Theodore Thomas' Orchestral Concerts, and three splendid Piano Pieces, any single piece being worth in sheet form more than Mr. Peters asks for the entire lot.

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There was great danger last week of a complete block of the Pipe Lines at Foxburg and Parker. The producers had pooled their oil at certain prices, which buyers would not pay, and the tankage of the pipe companies and at the wells was all filled to overflowing. During the first part of the present week we were informed that oil commenced to be moved at a lively rate, giving relief to all concerned. — [Venango Spectator.

There is a wrong impression abroad, that Petersburg is a hard place, because a number of violators of the law are brought from there to court. We know from personal observation and acquaintance, that there is a class of excellent business men in that community, and the citizens generally compare favorably with those of any other town in the oil regions. They have good police regulations, and bring to justice those who disregard the law. — [Clarion Democrat.

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