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Petroleum Centre, Lodge, No. 716, I. O. of O. F.

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S. H. KEENE, A. Sec'y.

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A. O. of U. W.

Liberty Lodge No. 7, A. O. of U. W.,

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Penn'a.

A. M. KLECKNER, M. W.

A. KLIN, R.

I. O. of E. M.

Minneapolis Tribe No. 183, I. O. E. M.,

of Petroleum Centre, meets every Thursday

evening in Good Templar's Hall.

Council fires lighted at 7 o'clock.

H. HOWE, Sec'em.

E. EYNOLD, Chief of Records.

Hold at 1 p. m. 11 1/2

The proposed coalition between the pro-

ducers and refiners creates considerable ex-

citement hereabouts. The details of the

plan are not known, but appear to be that

it insures the sale of 15,000 barrels of oil a

day at at least four dollars cash per barrel

with a strong probability of the price ad-

vancing to \$5.00 in a very short time. The

general opinion appears to be that the ar-

rangement should be entered into as a tem-

porary relief at least. Nearly all the pro-

ducers favor it in that way.

OIL FIRE.—About 8 o'clock Saturday

night, an oil fire occurred at one of the wells

of the Daizell Petroleum Company, on the

Funkville flats, which came near resulting

in a disastrous conflagration. It appears

one of the engineers went out to the tank,

which contained 30 or 40 barrels of oil, with

a lighted lamp, and while leaning over

looking into it the gas caught fire and ex-

ploded, setting fire to the oil which burned

very rapidly, and but for the hard labor of

the engineers would have spread out in all

directions and burned all the wells on the

flats. The derrick at which the tank was

located caught fire several times, but by the

use of steam from the boiler and throwing

on of snow, it was finally put out. Loss probably \$100.

In the matter of the whipping, &c., of

the daughter of Rev. Moore, by Mr. T. B.

Alcorn, Principal of the public school of

this place, which came before the School

Board, at its meeting at Bensenville, on Sat-

urday last, the Board upheld the action of

Mr. Barrett who made the investigation

correct, and dismissed the case.

A telegraph line has been established from

Better to Fairview, by way of Morrison

Well, Millersburg and Kerns City.

EDITOR RECORD:—For the information of producers in this District please publish the answers—so far as received—to the following telegram: Telegram sent—

Petroleum Centre, Dec. 7.

How is action of Producers and Refiners at Titusville received in your District?

J. A. VERA.

Answers thus far—

Titusville, Dec. 7.

Facts not sufficiently public to elicit decided expressions.

E. G. PATTERSON.

Pennsville, Dec. 7.

Unanimously approved so far as heard from.

SAM. Q. BROWN.

Parkers, Dec. 7.

It meets with universal approbation. Our Association meets Monday to instruct Delegates to advocate it.

S. D. KARRS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 7.

Very satisfactory.

H. DEROUSS.

Perrilla City, Dec. 9.

Very favorable. People are ready to adopt any arrangement which has any show of fairness.

G. H. NESBIT.

N. E.—Petersburg, Parkers and Petrolia

represents over one half the production, and in those Districts the attempt will be made to cut down drilling operations.

The coal trade becomes livelier as cold weather grows intense. Burton & Koker, the well known coal dealers, have a large supply on hand of every variety of hard and soft coal in the market. They are selling coal at a barely living profit. We would advise our citizens and oil men to pay B. & K. a call before purchasing their coal elsewhere.

The small pox is raging in Buffalo, principally among the Germans, who oppose vaccination. The Board of Police have passed a resolution ordering the police to report to the surgeon of the force for vaccination.

An old man, fifty six years of age was convicted in the Police Court in Buffalo the other day of stealing a basket of coal from the care of the Erie Railway, and was sent to the Workhouse for twenty days; and yet, Jay Gould, and the other robbers of Erie, are still at large and rolling in wealth.—Justice is certainly blind.

In the course of some thoughtful observations on the subject of compulsory education which is rapidly coming to the front as one of the most important public questions of the time, a local contemporary thinks that if our public school studies were properly modernized, and the schools rendered agreeable and attractive, there would be no need of compulsory education, since attendance would then be voluntary. No one will dispute the need of the reforms to which our contemporary calls attention, neither is there any doubt that if they were carried into practice the percentage of attendance at our public schools would, in all likelihood, be considerably increased. Unhappily, however, there are very many parents who, no matter how pleasant might be the school room, nor how admirable the course of instruction, would still fail to compel their children to attend. This is apparent from the fact that, notwithstanding our greatly improved educational incentives and facilities, the mass of ignorance is steadily increasing, the proportion of the country being greater to-day than it was twenty years ago. There is, of course, much to be said on both sides of the subject; still the question remains whether that interest in the morals of its citizens which every State should possess, does not authorize it to take the nascent vagrant or criminal—for crime and ignorance are closely allied—in hand in time to save him, rather than to build prisons for his restraint after he is matured. It is a very important question, and one which is constantly becoming more grave.

The natural history editor of the Lexington (Ky.) Press tells this: "A lady residing in a city not a hundred miles from Lexington is the possessor of two pets—a monkey and a parrot—who are by no means congenial friends; in fact, Mrs. C. was in the habit of locking up the monkey whenever she left the house, for fear of his belligerent qualities. One evening, alas! she neglected to do so, and the monkey coming in found the parrot ready for a fight, and a very desperate one ensued. The monkey ruthlessly pulled out every feather of the unfortunate parrot, and broke up the mantel ornaments, and smashed things generally. When Mrs. C. returned she found the monkey chattering on the mantelpiece, and out crept the parrot, looking deeply injured, and greeted her with: 'We've had a hell of a time.' The appropriateness of the remark caused a shout of laughter.

OIL NEWS.—The Haymaker well, on Beaver, has the tools in. They will probably be recovered within a few days. The Forest City well is doing 15 barrels per day, and still has its tremendous flow of gas.

The Lehman well, on the Fillman farm, east side of Turkey Run, narrowly escaped the flames on Thanksgiving last. Its tools struck the first sand and the gas flowed in such quantities as almost to drive the drillers from the derrick. There being a lamp, we believe in the derrick at the time, the gas became ignited and the flames shot upward some fifteen or twenty feet, setting fire to the derrick, bull-wheel and walking beam. With great presence of mind the drillers cut their rope (just new) and exerted themselves to the utmost, and by 2 o'clock in the morning they had extinguished the fire, without any very considerable damage being done.

The Smith well, on the French tract, Little Turkey, is down 970 feet. Judging from the Brimstone well, a short distance below, she will prove good, and will inspire more confidence in the territory to the north and west, which hitherto has been wholly unoperated.

The wells lying between St. Petersburg and the Allegheny are still keeping up to their usual production.

The wells south of the Clarion river are doing first-rate, and continue to produce fully as much as before the shutting down.

The rig at the Stubble well, on Turkey Run known as the Antwerp No. 6, owned by Hulgan & Cray, was burned on Wednesday evening last. It seems that Mr. Cray had shut the well down for a time, and had gone back to start up, and turned on the gas. With the escape of the gas the well commenced to flow and in a few moments the entire rig was in flames. We have not ascertained the loss, but believe that no one was injured.—[St. Petersburg Progress.

The first train over the Warren & Venango Railroad arrived here yesterday from Dunkirk, N. Y. The distance over the road from that point is eighty-eight miles, and the run was made in five hours. The train consisted of the engine, baggage car a passenger coach.—[Titusville Courier.

A case of severe whipping in the public school is agitating the people of Petroleum Centre. The aggrieved party is a Miss Moore, and the "cruel teacher" is T. B. Alcorn, the principal of the school. We don't know the merits of the case, but we do know the barbarous instrument of torture, the rat, has been banished from a great many of the best schools in the country, to the infinite improvement of the temper of the teachers, and the behavior of the pupils.—[Courier.

There has been three wells completed since I last wrote to you, on the western side of the belt, one on the Wilson farm adjoining the Dougherty, which promises 75 to 100 bbls per day. The Angel No. 2, a short distance west of this is doing 65 bbls per day, and one on the Blaney farm, owned by Dummick and others is doing 100 barrels.—[Emmerton Friend.

WHAT NEXT?—The December number of this juvenile magazine is crowded with sprightly and good things, as usual. It is much the cheapest of all the publications for boys and girls, and compares well with the most costly in the variety and merit of its contents. 30 cents a year, with a \$1.00 Prag Chromo free; specimen 3 cents. JOHN B. ALDEN, Publisher, Chicago, Ill.

Looking over an old ledger we see a long array of names of former subscribers who are indebted to us. Some of them have moved away, and are lost to sight, although to memory dear. Others are carrying the contribution box in our most respectable churches, and others again, have died and are angels in heaven, but they owe us just the same.

According to the Danbury News the bravest man yet discovered is a fellow who heard a noise in the cellar, and, carefully avoiding disturbing his wife, crept out on the roof with a pistol and remained there all night.

The lady members of the First Baptist Church, of Nashville, Tennessee, have struck out boldly for reform. The Union of that city is authority for the statement that they will dispense with all finery on Sunday—wearing no jewels but consistency—and hereafter appear at church in plain calico dresses. This resolution will require some sacrifice of pride and feminine variety; nevertheless the movement is one which may result in a reformation whose influence will extend beyond Nashville.

A sudden gust of wind recently swept through the Representatives' chamber at Columbia, S. C., scattering papers and creating much disorder. A member remarked that it was the first thing that had gone through that House without money to back it.

DEATH FROM GAS.

About seven o'clock Monday morning a young man named Robert F. Jamison, son of John B. Jamison, was found lying on top of an oil tank, at Petrolia, dead. When young Jamison left his home, a few hours before, he was apparently in perfect health. From evidences educed at the Coroner's inquest held on the body, it appears that the deceased was, for some unknown reason, in the habit of inhaling the gas arising from the oil in the tank. His family saw him go to the tank and lie down with his head over the opening, but being nothing unusual it was soon forgotten. At the above mentioned hour laborers who were going to their work near by found him on the top of the tank, dead, with his face in the escaping gas. He was seventeen years of age. The Coroner's jury found that the deceased came to his death from the inhalation of gas from a tank containing oil.—[Fairview Reporter.

BLUE EYES.

At noonday in the crowded street I walked, with absent mind and far— Unnoting aught, till suddenly A face flashed by me like a star. A moment seen—then the swift throng Closed jealously about their prize, And all the memory left to me, Was this—she had blue eyes.

A woman's eyes, you say? Not so. They were too shy, too full of Spring And in their timid depths I saw A girl's soul April blooming. I missed the face—but what of that? I saw the face's dearest part; And still, though lost to me, I keep Their color in my heart.

Her hand's touch and her voice's tone Are things that I never know,— Albeit I think the one is soft, The other musical and low. And shall we meet again? The hope Flashes for a moment and then dies, And only this remains to me— I know she had blue eyes.

The trial of G. C. Dannels, Esq., Principal of the Union School, of this city on charge of assault and battery in whipping young Richards, noticed in last week's paper, resulted in a verdict of not guilty, and the costs were divided between the prosecutor and defendant.

In this connection we would remark that the silly sentimentalism of parents in regard to school government, especially in the matter of corporal punishment, is a great deal to the best interests of the schools. Discipline is as necessary in the school room as in an army, and to have discipline rules and regulations are necessary, and those rules must be obeyed. If a pupil attending the public schools wilfully disobeys rules of order, good judgement would dictate a mild remedy, which, if not effectual, should be succeeded by more harsh measures, even corporal punishment, to secure obedience; but it is not necessary that it should be carried to the extremity of becoming brutal. We know that many, perhaps a majority, view this matter in a different light, and say that it would be better to expel a refractory pupil from school rather than resort to whipping, but being somewhat inclined to compulsory education, we cannot reconcile ourselves to deprive any child, because unruly, of the privilege of attending school, which privilege is guaranteed by the law.

Parents are too apt to sympathize with their children, and have a ready condemnation of teachers, without properly sifting the evidence in the case, as presented by both teacher and pupil, and as a result, the child feels that it has a license to disobey all rules and regulations for the benefit of the school, because it knows there is a court of appeal, the sympathies of which are in its favor, and the powers of which will be to jettison the teacher.

For teachers to use brutality in the punishment of pupils is, of course, not excusable, and we congratulate ourselves on the fact that few teachers capable of so acting are employed in the public schools. If there are such, the remedy is simple and easily applied.—[Venango Citizen.

If you Want a Salesman, Want a Servant Girl, Want to Sell a Horse, Want to Sell a Patent, Want to Lead Money, Want to Buy a House, Want to Sell a Carriage, Want to Borrow Money, Want to Sell an Oil Well, Want to Buy an Engine or Boiler, Want to Sell a House and Lot, Want to Find a Strayed Animal, Want to Purchase an Oil Interest, Want to Sell a Piece of Furniture, Want to Buy a Second-hand Carriage, Want to Sell Tubing, Casing, Gas Pipe, Want to Find an owner for anything Found, advertise in the Record, as no less than ten thousand people read it weekly.

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STRAY.

Come to the premises of the Subscriber at Boughton Switch, Venango Co., Pa., on the 22d of November last, a bay gelding, about four years old, fourteen hands high, white stripe on head, white left hind foot glass eye. The owner by proving property and paying charges can take him.

C. W. BARRAR.

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