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### Petroleum Centre Lodge, No. 115, I. O. of O. F.

Regular meeting nights Friday, at 7 o'clock. Signed.

B. ALLEN, N. G.

S. H. KOOKER, A. Secy.  
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 7 1/2 o'clock, in Odd Fellow's Hall, Petroleum Centre, Penna.

A. M. KLUCKNER, M. W.

A. KLIER, E.

### I. O. of R. M.

Minnekaunce Tribe No. 183, I. O. of R. M. of Petroleum Centre, meets every Thursday evening in Good Templar's Hall.

Council fires lighted at 7 o'clock.

H. HOWE, Sachem.

S. REYNOLDS, Chief of Records.

Gold at 1 p. m. 112 1/2

Some days ago we published an item relative to a lamp explosion in the upper portion of Keesee & Armstrong's flour and feed store, which came near resulting in a serious conflagration. The oil in use in the lamp came from the refinery of Herman, Cornell & Co., and it appears the Titusville refining refiners are trying to make capital out of it from the fact that H. C. & Co. do not belong to the ring, in other words seeking to lead the public to believe that the oil refined by them is of a dangerous and explosive quality. This morning, Mr. L. Braumant, United States Inspector, was in town for the purpose of testing said oil. A quantity of the same oil used in the lamp at the time it exploded was drawn from the barrel and the test applied. It stood the test at 114 deg. Fahrenheit, thus proving beyond a doubt that the oil itself was not the cause of the explosion.

We will say here, for the benefit of the Titusville end of the refinery ring, that we have used oil from the refinery of Messrs Herman, Cornell & Co. for the past four years, and consider that no better can be refined. We might add further that it is an exceedingly small way for the combination to seek to gratify a petty spite against men whom they cannot force to go in with them in their end-avors to gain possession of the oil business. "It won't wash," however.—The Petroleum Centre refiners are not in the ring and cannot be forced in. "Which the same" is right.

One of the largest and old-time insurance companies of New York proposes to reduce its rates about twenty per cent. on the alleged ground that the business for some years past has been so profitable as to justify such reduction.

**APOLOGY.**—A day or two since we published an excellent article entitled "Concerning Oil," from the pen of "Johnnes," an old and valued correspondent. We made no comments on the article, considering that the entire ground was covered in an able and exhaustive manner, and nothing more could be said on the subject. In the article there occurred several annoying typographical errors, and in making a correction we made the item read "grammatical" instead of "typographical errors" as it should have read. Our correspondent is justly indignant and with sufficient cause. We can assure him that the mistake was not intentional on our part. Sort of a "comedy of errors," "only this and nothing more."

The Refiner's Association, whose Board of Directors have been in session in New York for the past few days, we are informed yesterday ratified the plan of an alliance with the producers, as reported by their committee. The plan will probably go into operation as soon as the details are arranged, which will probably be between now and January.

The plan is not looked upon with much favor in this District. If the majority are in favor of it, we presume the Eleventh District will coincide.

The article published in the Record a day or two since calling attention to the distressed family on the Keesee farm, has called forth a liberal response from our charitable people. Nearly all our grocery, flour and feed dealers and butchers, contributed articles of provision, while private citizens sent in money and clothing. The good book says "Blessed is the cheerful giver," which probably means that the Master of Life looks with favor on all such. With this the sick woman and starving little ones, would be more than compensated for their gifts.

The Central Petroleum Company are putting up another rig on the hill, in the vicinity of the new well.

The Petroleum Centre RECORD will not allow us to act as bottle-holder for it in the approaching "mill" with Casey. On the whole, we don't know as we care much; the bottle would probably be empty before we'd get hold of it.—[Derrick.]

To think it would be empty if the Derrick man was around to interview it, otherwise not.

Edwin Forrest, the eminent American tragedian, died suddenly at his residence in Philadelphia, yesterday morning.

Pretty good. The Titusville Press pronounces "Crowcus" among the greatest of American wits. Artemus Ward, Nasby, John Phoenix, &c., are played out hereafter.

The Western Union Telegraph office is being removed to its new quarters in the Central House, today.

The aspirant for the title of "meanest man," this time, is a Boston merchant. He invited a neighbor whose goods were in peril at the fire, to store them in his establishment. The offer was accepted and now the good Samaritan presents his neighbor a bill of a hundred dollars for storage.

Billy Casey, of Petrolia, is after the editors who said he had slain Parker, at that place some two weeks ago. He intends to commence with Wicker, of the Record, where he will also probably stop.—Venango Citizen.

Plato's tradition of the lost continent is being verified by leading geologists, and that the space now occupied by the Atlantic Ocean was once that continent. Upon the Rocky Mountains abundant evidence of the theory that they are outskirts of it are found in the aquatic plants and shells strewn over them. The White Mountains and the Adirondacks are also recognized by those interested as high points of the boundary of the country which lies under the sea.

The new well of Mawblinney, Vanauddall & Co., on the Wilson farm, near Fairview, is reported today at 250 barrels.—[Oil City Telegraph.]

The Forest Press speaking of Prof. Porter, who is preparing to start a new Democratic paper in Clarion, says: "Prof. Porter is bustling about like a streak of gas in Tophet with a cotton shirt on, preparing for the publication of the 'Eternal Democrat' in Clarion, which is to annihilate Brown where he stands, and blow Sam. Young clear over the border."

A Miss Apple tried to commit suicide at Mariposa, California, lately, because she was neglected fruit. Miss Apple wanted to be one of a pair.

The oil producers of the Venango region have decided to cut down drilling operations in that vicinity, and thus keep down an increase of production. This, they think, will tend to increase the price of oil, and enable them to regulate the market.—Pittsburgh Mail.

## A "Real Romance."

The Meadville Republican contains a sort of Romance in real life, in which the facts are so singularly related, that we give the following synopsis: On Friday last a young lady of about twenty years of age called on the Justice of the Peace of Venango Boro, and in a private interview related the history of five years of her life. She said that when fifteen years of age she was living with a family in Cussewago township, and while there an acquaintance of the family a young man, came there and stopped a few weeks. The young man was about sixteen years of age, and during his residence there the family went away on a visit of three days, leaving the young man and girl alone to "keep house." The family returned, the young man departed, and in due season the young girl took upon herself the honors of a mother, without the honors of a wife—and all on account of "keeping house" with the young man.—The young woman was an orphan, dependent upon herself for support, and a friend adopting the baby, the young girl left the family and went "into the world to earn bread." For years the young lady and her friends had been looking for the young man but his whereabouts could not be ascertained. She worked in Oil City, Rousseville, Union and other places, and preserved her reputation as an industrious and well behaved young lady.

For a few weeks past she has been stopping in Meadville, and one day last week concluded to visit her old friends in Venango Co. As she left the reception room in the depot to enter the car, she met the young man, the father of the child, face to face. They had not seen each other nor heard a word concerning the life of the other for five years, and after the first surprise and greeting were over the young man drew her aside and they narrated the story of their lives since their experience in "house keeping." During the relation of their experiences their little child, or Cupid, riddled an arrow into each of their hearts, and they renewed the vows of a truer and holier love. And they were married, and the visit of the mother and wife to the Justice of the Peace was to ascertain whether they could with propriety demand their child from its adopted parents. It is a strange denouncement to a not so extraordinary affair, and it is to be hoped that they will secure their child.

The scholar whipping case at Franklin still engrosses the attention of the public. Both parties are out with communications in this week's Spectator. Both claim to be right and thus the matter stands. The Spectator says of it:

Very reluctantly we give place this week to two communications in reference to a whipping case in our public school, which has been a matter of public talk for the past two weeks. We have nothing to say about the merits of either side of the question, both having a bearing in our columns, which gives the public as much as we know about it. Although we do not hold ourselves responsible for anything either side may say, we will not publish any more communications about this case, believing that more interesting matter can be found for our columns.

The mania for arresting school teachers for inflicting corporal punishment is raging in this section. Franklin and Petroleum Centre have had their cases and Oil City, determined not to be out done, has also succeeded in working up a similar case.—Miss Egbert, a school teacher in that place, was tried before the school board for giving a son of J. J. Vandergrift a first class whipping. The board justified her action.—Venango Citizen.

"Crowcus," the Historian of Pitbois, has left Titusville once more, for the third or fourth time the present season. The Oil City Derrick publishes its standing puff for him, announcing his departure.

A device has been invented for giving to a photographic image—such as head or other figure—the appearance of being separated from any back ground, isolated from neighboring objects and entirely surrounded by the atmosphere. The effect is obtained by surrounding the photograph with a mirror, so that of the apparent depth of the space around the image appears almost unlimited.

The Akron Beacon publishes this advertisement: Personal—Wanted.—The undersigned, a healthy young man unable to procure other employment at which he can make an honest living, desires to inform professors of medicine and surgery that he will submit himself to experimental operations of almost any description for reasonable compensation. Address Vivisection, box 2-845.

A toper sneered at a young man for wearing spectacles, when the latter said, "It is better to use glasses over the nose as I do, than under the nose as you do!"

**ADVERTISING.**—The Hartford Churchman has the following sensible article on "The Humbug and the Sense of Advertising."

Concerning advertising there is a great deal of positive humbug. We say "bumbug" because the word "fraud" does not fully cover the case. Advertising is unquestionably one great secret of success. But it must be judicious advertising. Some men want to buy advertising as the vulgar buy pictures, looking to the quantity not the quality. Of course, what is called "large advertising" pays, but, only, however, when done with good judgement. For instance, it is not good judgement, except in very rare cases, to advertise at any price in cheap issues, or charitable publications that are given away. They are seldom read. Next in worthlessness as a vehicle comes the ordinary almanac. These are manufactured to a most surprising extent, and the investment is immensely profitable to apothecaries and paper dealers. The man of paper, cooperating with the man of pills, makes the whole almanac business of mutual profit.—One collector, on the Hudson, to our positive knowledge, has bought, during the last few weeks, no less than ten tons of almanacs which were sent out to country apothecaries for distribution. There is also one wholesale druggist in New York city who sells these things by the ton, instead of sending them out to customers. This is only one of the ways in which injudicious advertisers waste their money. Advertisers should remember that a circulation of ten or fifteen thousand is an unexceptionable medium is worth vastly more than a hundred thousand through the medium of a questionable agent. Printing is not advertising.

**BENZINE EXPLOSION.**—On Saturday morning last a portion of the city was startled by a loud explosion and a general rattling of doors and windows. Dr. A. G. Egbert is building a foundation in rear of the Rural Hotel for his office, and in order to keep the frost from effecting a pile of stones which had been emptied in the excavation, benzine was poured on them Friday night and set on fire. On Saturday morning the contractor came to work and poured between one and two quarts of benzine on the stones, expecting it to ignite from a small fire in one corner of the cellar toward which he had thrown a trail, turning as soon as he emptied his bucket, to go to the barrel, which was a few feet distant, to get more benzine. Just as he left the edge of the cellar he was startled by a loud explosion, and turning around saw his pile of stones dropping back into the cellar. The explosion was caused by the heat in the stones from the fire the night before generating the benzine into gas, which communicated with the fire in the cellar. The concussion broke several windows in Dr. Egbert's house and the Rural Hotel, and was perceptible at least 500 yards distant. Fortunately nobody was hurt.—[Venango Spectator.]

**OIL NEWS.**—A rig on the Jordan tract, east of Turkey run, was burned on Thursday morning last. We have not heard the particulars of the fire, but understand that two men were severely burned.

The Forest City No. 2, on the Master farm, is going down slowly. This well is near the great gas well and is owned by the same company.

Our reporter was in error last week in reporting the rig at the Hulings & Cray well as being burned, since it was merely the engine house.

The Spencer well on the Weller tract, near Turkey City, is about down, and will test considerable territory in that vicinity, as it is considerably to the right of the Heeter well belt, and to the left of the Klinger and Slicker farm belt, so-called. A few days, with no ill-lertune will suffice to tell the tale.

An enterprising market woman has been doing a thriving business in Patterson in selling roll butter, the interior of which, to within half an inch of the surface is filled with axle grease.

The orthodox world has just been shocked by the announcement that a child in London was lately baptized without water. But why should we be scandalized at seeing a child begin life without water when we complacently regard so many of them around us going through life without bread?

There should be no more sneers at Mexico as a barbarous country. The Mayor and several Aldermen of the City of Mexico, having been charged with only an attempt to commit fraud at a recent municipal election, were promptly suspended from the exercise of their functions by order of the Governor.

Many young men are so improvident they cannot keep anything but late hours.

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## Local Notices.

### Honey, Honey.

160 pounds of FRESH HONEY just received at PHELPS PROVISION STORE opposite the Opera House. Also, 25 barrels APPLES, fresh CELERY, POTATOES, FISH, OYSTERS, &c. Come one and all.

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