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Pet. Centre Fla., Tuesday, Dec. 17

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

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

B ALLEN, N. G.

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

Place of meeting, Main St., opposite McJillock 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, Penn'a.

A. M. KLECKNER, M. W.

A. KLINE, R.

I. O. of R. M.

Minneapolis Tribe No. 188, 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.

Hold at 1 p. m. 11 1/2

There appears to be no new developments on the oil question, except that the bottom is gradually going out of the market, and the belief is fast gaining ground that a general crash has got to come, the result of which will do the swamping of those greedy operators in the down river country who in the very face of ruin, have continued the work of developing, notwithstanding their written pledge not to do so, thereby largely increasing the production and hastening the disaster which otherwise might easily have been averted, but for their greediness.

The coalition between the producers and refiners may be a wise move on the part of the Council, but we are inclined to doubt its expediency. We have all along deprecated any "shaking of hands across the bloody chasm" with our old enemies—the South Improvement Company, Refiner's Combination, and the whole of conspirators against the region.

A few days will probably tell the story.

The cold winds of winter have now commenced their work. They have penetrated every crevice and entered every unprotected dwelling. The rays of the sun have lost their power to warm the chilling forms of those who are not clothed with comfortable raiment. The time has come when the suffering poor will, more than at any other time feel the inconveniences of poverty.—This time of year, more than any other, the sympathies of those who are surrounded by plenty of this world's goods, should be awakened to activity in behalf of the poor and penitents. We have many of these in our towns, who should receive aid and sympathy, not alone in giving of money and food, but in unnumbered methods of showing kindness to them in their distress and poverty.

THAT DOG FIGHT.—An announced yesterday, the matched dog fight for \$25 a side came off. One was of a brindle color, and owned by Charley Johnson, of Pithole. The other one, and the heaviest of the two, was of a white color, and owned by a man named Murray, residing on the Egbert Farm.—The parties, consisting of the combined sporting fraternity of the region, at first proceeded to the Egbert Farm, and requested permission to have the fight come off there. This was refused by Mr. Paley, Superintendent of that farm. They then took the Warren & Venango railroad track, and proceeded as far as Benshoff Inn. Permission was denied them to have the fight come off in Geo. King's slaughter house.—The company then proceeded to the pet house, on Benshoff Hill, where the fight came off.

The Johnson dog was handled by Ziegenmeyer, of Oil City, a noted "doggit." Murray handled his own dog. Three rounds were fought, resulting in the Petroleum Centre dog coming out "the upper dog in the fight." Thus ended this much talked of sporting event.

We might add here that dog fighting is a relic of barbarous ages, and we hope the proper officers will see to it that our town is not disgraced with any similar exhibitions.

A fearful runaway occurred on Stevenson Hill, yesterday afternoon, which came near being a fatal ride to Mrs. J. M. Howe, a very estimable lady residing in the neighborhood of Cherrytree. Mrs. H. was coming to town in a sleigh, and when just turning off the Wood Farm on top of the hill, the horse started without apparent cause and ran down Stevenson Hill at a most furious pace. When near the old Fox wells the sleigh struck a "breaker" in the road and was thrown over eight feet into the air, tossing Mrs. Howe at least twenty feet to one side of the road. The unfortunate woman struck the frozen ground with her head, receiving fearful bruises about the head, and rendering her insensible. She was picked up and taken into the house of Mr. Wm. Spear, where, after an application of the proper restoratives by a physician, she was restored to consciousness, and subsequently removed to her home. The escape from death was a narrow one.

POLICE.—Ed. Moore, was arrested by officer McHugh, this forenoon, on complaint of Abbey Ann Graham, a colored sister, for an aggravated assault and battery. Case tried by Justice Reynolds; sentence not passed. Ed. Moore, Mrs. Meek and Mary Fitzgerald, arrested for larceny on complaint of W. H. Parks. Case not tried.

Ed Moore, Mary Fitzgerald and Mrs. Meek, arrested on the above complaint, were held to bail to appear at Franklin.—Failing to produce the collateral, they were taken down this afternoon by officer McHugh.

Bliss Pert—the same old drunk.

Dispatches, to the Titusville Courier of this morning, contain the following in regard to the Producers' and Refiners' Combination:

The meeting of the Producers and Refiners was in session to-day, with doors absolutely closed against all outside parties.—Harmony prevailed throughout a six hours' session.

The members of each committee have endeavored to adhere as closely as possible to the Titusville agreement, as the mutual basis of permanent understanding between the producing and refining interests, but several minor concessions have been demanded by each committee, the result of which will probably be the appointment of a special committee of three or six to draft conditions reconciling differences.

No conclusion whatever has been reached to-day. The Committee will meet again to-morrow to debate the conditions to be drafted to-night. The members are very cautious, but extremely resilient.

"The sweetest thing in life" is a sleigh ride with your girl, in one of those new cutters and behind one of those fast horses, constantly kept on hand by Tom. McDonald's aid. Wilson, who superintends McDonald's stables, knows how to do it in city style. A nice groomed horse, clean sleigh, and blankets that don't smell as if you were swallowing a chunk of horse flesh, and elegant buffalo robes. Business is brisk. Try a ride.

The public schools in this place will not be in session this week, in order to afford the teachers an opportunity to attend the Venango county teachers' institute, which began yesterday, at Franklin.

Parker's Landing and Lawrenceburg are agitating the subject of a union under one municipal organization.

A motion to quash the big indictment against Tweed, was denied by Judge Ingraham.

General Dix declines the military escort on the occasion of his inauguration.

Immediate Action.

That the present state of things can continue in the market for a long time, is now impossible. The producers have been waiting and holding on to their oil till insolvent easy threatens many of them. They have a large stock still on hand and are now pumping away at their fullest capacity.—They must either sell immediately or become bankrupt. Of the two courses the best seems to be to sell at once all the oil they hold at the best terms they can possibly make. With the present production and consumption, prices must remain ruinously low, even if there were no combination of refiners to depreciate the market.—It is natural to lay all to them when they are responsible for only a part. As the matter now stands, it would be the better course for every producer to sell at whatever price he can get, and bring money into the region. To let time pass along, living on trust, even if it can be done for a few weeks longer, means bankruptcy, and that no long distance off. Something must be done at once to stay the crisis now threatening.

The proposed combination has done enormous mischief already. It has unsettled the market and every one is waiting to see what can be done next. There is no evidence that even the first barrel will be taken at the stipulated price. The bargain is not closed yet, and they may continue negotiations till the great quantity of oil they are now moving will empower them to again hold out of the market to the ruin of producers.

So we say let the producers sell now at what price the oil will bring, and save themselves for a few days longer. Let all the capital and ability of the association be employed to increase the consumption, instead of ruining the market, as it has done for its whole existence, so far. Let the laws of trade operate unhampered, and if a small producer cannot make a living, he must quit, just as in any other business.—This will take time, but it seems the only way out of trouble to a solid mercantile foundation, and the sooner it is seen by parties interested the sooner will the prosperity of the oil country return.—[Oil City Telegraph.

The "oldest inhabitant,"—that old "rip" whose memory does not run back beyond one season—decries that never has winter shut in—or out—or up—or down—so many people's calculations as has this winter.—Mechanics have been caught with roofless buildings, farmers have been caught with their potatoes in the ground and their corn uncut, vessels without number have been caught by the ice, and frost, and winds away from the haven where they would be and in every department has the cold snap caught the sagacious as well as the imprudent. Men never learn anything by experience. They are eternally taking the obvious, and ever getting caught unprepared. The same story comes from the far West. We have a Portland (Oregon) Bulletin, before us and it is the same in the Northwest. The prospect now is that stockraisers in Eastern Oregon will be terrible sufferers before spring opens, for the first snow fell on the 17th, a thing heretofore unknown to the "oldest inhabitant," though we will wager a reasonable sum that the same thing has occurred within ten years.

It would not do for the "oldest inhabitant" to remember a case parallel with present one in hand—whether it be a matter of solid, or heat, or wet, or of drought.—To make himself a useful nuisance the "oldest inhabitant" must declare the present an unprecedented condition of things. And so we go on, year in and year out, no wiser, no better prepared for that which experience should teach us is inevitable, and when we are caught, we appeal to the "oldest inhabitant," and that old fool consoles us with the lie that no human foresight could have averted the evil as he has never before known such a season.

The saw mill of Chapin & Co., at Wattsburg, Erie county, was destroyed by fire last week. Loss, \$6,000, partially insured.

Brown & Struthers, of Warren, are building at their machine shop, an immense gang and circular saw mill for a lumber company in Florida.

Judge Boardman, of Ithaca, will preside at the trial of Stokes.

The Chicago & Rock Island Railroad Company yesterday notified the Stock Exchange of their intention to issue 60,000 shares of new stock.

Rev. Hubbell Loomis, one of the pioneers of Illinois, died at his home in Alton, Sunday night, aged ninety seven years and six months.

Gen. Hancock visited the headquarters of the Department of the East yesterday. He will assume command in a few days.

The offices of the great sawdust swindler's, in New York, has been robbed of the books and papers.

Letters from the People.

NOTE.—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.

Letter from Kane City.

KANE CITY, Dec. 17, 1872.

ES. RECORD.—Thinking a few lines from a citizen of this place would not prove unacceptable to your readers, I take the liberty of furnishing you with a few items for your valuable paper.

The United Brethren are holding a very successful meeting in this place. Rev. Hawkins, of Columbia, delivered an eloquent sermon on Sunday evening to a very attentive and appreciative audience. Great good is being done in our midst. Quite a number have experienced religion, and more are seeking for "that peace which passeth understanding." Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Mr. James Spence and others for the interest they take in the eternal welfare of our citizens.

Our schools are progressing finely under the care of Misses Campbell and Palmer, teachers whom the citizens of this place may well be proud of.

They have organized a spelling school, which meets with the approval of all good citizens, and is being largely attended by both parents and children. The Chief Burgess, however, thinks it is gotten up in opposition to the revival meetings, and denounces it as being a place where bar room loafers, &c., do most congregate. This is all wrong as the school is a decided benefit to all who attend and has nothing to do with the religious gatherings.

A sleighing party consisting of two gentlemen and sixteen ladies went from here to Oil City and back last Saturday evening, and are reported to have had a Wright good time, although the gentlemen are said to have been under the care of a physician ever since suffering from mental aberration. They have the sympathy of all in their sad affliction.

Mr. D. E. Crocker has finished a well on the Brown farm which is being tubed to-day. It bids fair to be a good five barrel well.

Mr. S. S. Hancock has cleaned out his wells and is pumping three with horse power, which is quite an improvement financially, costing less than one-fourth of the usual expense attending that of wells run by steam.

Figs.

The Slicker well, on the Slicker farm, is one of these curious things called a phenomenon. Several months since the contractors the Messrs. Gillespie Bros., commenced drilling and had drilled some 15 or 20 feet, when they struck a crevice in the limestone. This necessitated the blasting of a conductor hole some 40 feet in depth through the hard limestone and bed clay. This occupied four weeks or more. After getting under way again they made excellent progress until the following day, when the rope concluded to part and left the tools in the hole. In this way it has continued, not a week passing but that they had break down in some way. Even the engine gave out and they were compelled to get a new one. But after all this tribulation the worst is yet to come. After encountering and overcoming every sort of ill luck that drillers are heir to, and having reached a depth at which they should have found the third sand, they beheld it not. Wells in the neighborhood, but a few feet below the level of the Slicker well, are pumping at a depth of 1,130 and 1,140 feet, having penetrated the sand to a depth of 30 feet, but the Slicker well is now down 1,160 feet, and there is not the most remote indications that they will ever find sand rock, even though they should go down until the tools should melt with excessive heat. Now there is not what man would call "virtue rewarded" but rather the opposite. It is one of the most singular circumstances connected with drilling of which we have heard.—[Petersburg Progress

Commodore Vanderbilt denies that he has abandoned the underground railway project.

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