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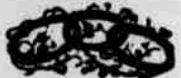
For Centre Pa., Thursday, Dec. 19

Divine Services.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and  
7 P. M. Sabbath School at 12:45 P. M.  
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Prayer Meeting and Sabbath School  
Teacher's Meeting Tuesday evenings of  
each week.



### Petroleum Centre Lodge, No. 715, I. O. of O. F.

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

B. ALLEN, N. G.

F. H. KEEKER, A. Secy.  
Place of meeting, Main St., opposite  
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### A. O. of U. W.

Liberty Lodge No. 7, A. O. of U. W.,  
meets every Monday evening at 7:45 o'clock,  
in Old Fellow's Hall, Petroleum Centre,  
Penn'a.

A. M. KIRKNER, M. W.

### A. KLINE, R.

I. O. of R. M.  
Minnekaune 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.

Sold at 1 p. m. 11 1/4

**FEARFUL ACCIDENT.**—A fearful accident occurred at one of the Stewart wells, on the Poite farm, upper Benschoff Run, about half past six o'clock this morning, which will probably result in the death of a man named C. Strickland, engineer at the well. As near as can be learned, Mr. C. went out about that time to oil the machinery, and must have been caught by the hand wheel belt and drawn over the pulley. He was discovered by an engineer at another well, who strange as it may appear, instead of going to his assistance, rushed wildly over the neighborhood in search of help to aid the unfortunate man, who in the meantime had crawled through the snow on his hands and knees as far as his house, a short distance from the well. When discovered he was laying in the snow at his own door step. He was picked up and taken inside, and an examination of his injuries resulted in finding one shoulder broken and other injuries of a serious nature, which will probably result fatally. When picked up he was spitting blood quite freely, and it was thought was injured inwardly.

Dr. Christie of this place, and Dr. Burdard of Union City, a brother-in-law of the injured man, were sent for and attended to his injuries. Mr. S. has a wife and one child.

We learn these facts from Mr. Lew Benschoff and Mr. Will Stewart, residents of that neighborhood. Mr. Benschoff was of the opinion that the injured man could not survive the day out.

**Sale of Oil Property.**—The Benninghoff Bros. have bought out the interest of Geo. Benschoff, in the Gehring Farm, upper Benschoff Run. This puts them into possession of nearly one-half of that property. Terms private.

The following is an account of the proceedings of the Refiners and Producers Convention, yesterday:

New York, Dec. 18.  
The Producers and Refiners Committee met again today. The Philadelphia party says he approved of a continuation of the contract whereby railway drawbacks are prohibited. Reliable authority states that a decision is now definitely reached on all points except the basis of price when the agreement is to begin to operate. The Refiners committee claim that the price should start on to days' value of crude on the Creek. The Producers firmly refuse this basis and claim as a basis for operations at the start of the agreement the price of crude on the Creek when the meeting first convened, namely, four dollars. As bulk crude is firm at eleven and a quarter this afternoon, having reached from eleven cents this morning, the probability is the basis of price for the beginning of the agreement will be unanimously adopted at four dollars.

#### LATEST.

New York, December 18

The committee have finally adjusted the plan. The Refiners Association agree to take fifteen thousand barrels per day or more, at four dollars per barrel to begin with. The refiners to carry their present stock and to commence taking from the producers immediately to relieve producers as much as possible. Both committees are well satisfied with the result and say that harmony has prevailed throughout. These are the main points. Will send details by mail.

The last well put down by Messrs. Wood, Irwin and Egbert, on the Pierce farm, upper Benschoff Run, proved to be a dry hole. Those gentlemen are not to be discouraged, however, and have full faith in that territory yet. Day before yesterday Mr. Woods and Mr. Irwin located another well on the same farm, which will be drilled at once.—We hope they may have better success in their next venture.

We would call especial attention to the advertisement of Blind Tom, the celebrated colored musical prodigy, who will perform at Sobel's Opera House, on Tuesday evening next. Those of our citizens who have money to spare should reserve it and invest it in a legitimate show. The trouble with this place is there has been too many quack shows billed—consequently good troupes avoid the town. Some of these humbugs are billed to appear here soon. Those who do not desire to get sold will avoid these "whist" encounters and patronize Blind Tom. Tickets can be procured at the Post Office Newsroom.

Don't fail to see the Photograph Novelties in the Rochester House.

Betting is a fool's argument, and he was a choice specimen of an English fool who bet five hundred pounds that the world was flat, in spite of the evidence of his eyes to the contrary. We made note of this cross-backed conservative's challenge many months ago. A man was found ready to take up the bet, and the editor of the Field newspaper was made umpire and stakeholder. The services of scientific men were called in, proper surveys made, and the umpire taught the rash advocate of fatness that "a fool and his money is soon parted," by handing over the stakes to his adversary. Then the "flat" grumbled and published abusive attacks on the umpire. The result was a suit, in which the case went against the rash bettor, who now is firmly convinced that he is a martyr to a general conspiracy, and that to him the world is, as it was to Hamlet, "flat, stale, and unprofitable"

The amount of Petroleum exported during the first ten months of this year, or up to the first of November, was over four thousand barrels less than the amount exported during the corresponding time last year. Since the first of November the exports have been unusually light, so that it is probably safe to assume that at the close of the year the export of oil will fall short of those of last year at least sixty thousand barrels.

Distrust of the producers and refiners combination seems to be general, and we think with good reason. There has been full deception practiced on the part of some of the leading producers, and these facts, leaking out, give anything but confidence to the small producers. But the immediate remedy proposed by some is absurd. They say that refineries must be built at once, and that is all that can save the producers. Can refineries be built and oil refined; can the present stock of the refiners be exhausted and the new refineries get their production into market in a week or three days? The relief must be immediate, long before refineries could be put in operation. Sell at any price you can get, seems to be all the salvation of the producers for the next few days.—[Oil City Telegraph]

The Oil City Derrick advocates an entire suspension of development as the only relief for the present low price of oil.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
FRANKLIN, Venango Co., Pa.,  
December 18, 1872.

Notice is hereby given that the Poor House in and for the county of Venango is erected, and all necessary accommodations will be provided for the reception of paupers therein on the days and dates hereafter mentioned. The Overseers of the poor in the several districts of the county are required by law to bring the paupers of their respective districts to said poor house at Sugar Creek station, on the Atlantic and Great Western railroad, in the following order:

The paupers of the townships of Allegany, Cornplanter, Clinton, Cambria, Cherrytree and the borough of Cooperstown on Thursday, the 26th day of December, 1872.

The paupers of the townships of Cranberry, Frenchcreek, Irwin, Jackson, the borough of Emlenton and city of Franklin on Friday, the 27th day of December, 1872.

The paupers of the townships of Mineral, Oakland, Oil Creek, Pinegrove, President, and First and Second Districts of the city of Oil City on Monday, the 30th day of December, 1872.

The paupers of the townships of Plum, Richland, Rockland, Sugar Creek, Sandy-creek, Scrubgrass and the boroughs of Pleasantville, Pithole and Utica on Tuesday, the 31st day of December, 1872.

HENRY DUNN,  
JAMES P. MIDDLE, } Co. Coms.  
A. M. TURNER,  
Attest: E. W. SCHEIDT, Clerk.

**OIL FIRE**—A novelty in the way of fires occurred at the depot this morning, attracting a good deal of attention. A tank of crude oil, going east on an early morning train, sprang a leak on the track in the yard, and before it was noticed a large amount of oil had run out. An engine coming along about eight o'clock set fire to this oil, and the boys had considerable fun with it, pouring water on it and floating the burning oil around the platform to the danger of the surrounding property. It at last got under the platform, and an alarm was given, and the fire department turned out. Their services were not required, and the apparatus was hauled, and in about half an hour a second alarm was given and they turned out again. This time the fire was all out before the engine was in position, but the boys took a turn and enjoyed a little squirting. No damage, but a big scare, lots of smoke, and a good share of sport.—[Jamestown Journal]

Prize Photographs for four days, in the Rochester House.

The "regular service" at the fort in Oswego, (N. Y.) harbor must be pleasant about these days—that is if one does not care what he says. The artillery company lately there in garrison had left for another station, and while awaiting the arrival of its successors, the surgeon with three privates were left in charge. Two of the privates immediately got into the guard house and the other man was employed as the guard, while the surgeon had to keep up the regular routine, fire the evening gun, and haul down the colors at sunset. In order to relieve the guard, one of the privates in the guard house had to be brought out, and so they alternate, one standing guard over the other, the surgeon, meanwhile, being in command of himself as the only one at liberty for ordinary garrison duty. If he was smart he would physic the privates and send them to the hospital.

**TROUD OF LIFE.**—On Sunday morning, about 2 o'clock, Capt. Smith saw a woman going toward the river, near the old ferry landing, and thinking she wanted to cross the river told her she would have to go over the bridge. She paid no attention to his words but went on. The Captain thought something was wrong, and concluded to watch her. But a very few minutes elapsed before he saw the frail one throw herself into the cold, cold water. The Captain ran down and soon had her out, but, however, until he got in himself, and with the assistance of a couple of gentlemen conveyed her home. She is of the "soiled dove" persuasion and goes by the name of "Curley."—The poor girl wrote a long letter to her "Johnny," telling him of her love, and how cruel he was to "go back" on her, and laid it on the ice with her pocket book (containing seven cents) where it was found on Sunday afternoon.—[Parker's Transcript]

Thomas Alexander Mitchell, M. P., and member of an eminent London shipping house, of great wealth and 60 years of age, has shocked the aristocratic circles of which he was an ornament by leading to the hymnal altar a pretty barmaid from a metropolitan gin palace named the "Irish Harp." He has \$75,000 per year. She has youth and beauty and only failed twice during the ceremony.

Church weddings have lately come to be such occasions of vulgar display that out best people have dropped them altogether, and get married at home.

## Letters from the People.

**REPLY.**—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 Pithole.

PITHOLE, Dec. 17.

**ED. RECORD.**—It has been quite a while since you heard from this once famous place. In fact, quietness has prevailed to such an extent that I thought it hardly worth while to bother you with an item, however, wish to see our town not "lively forgotten" promoted me to furnish you a few items as to our ups and downs.

The shutting down process has had a damaging effect. Wells which were pumping from ten to twenty barrels each are now only yielding five to ten and many small wells have ceased altogether. I know of no territory that has suffered more than this, especially as the operators were all poor and only entering upon business, as nearly all the wells were newly put down, however, they pride themselves in their pluck. The wells now running are Haskell No. 2, Morey farm, doing about ten barrels; Perkins and Beebe, on the Holmden farm, doing about eight and ten each. There are some four or five others which can hardly raise fuel funds. Thus the thirty day agreement has lost to us some fifty to sixty barrels per day.

The Borough in proportion to the above has lost its vim. Our colored jailor, Mr. Carter, reports business dull at the lock up and is in no way backward about condemning the South Improvement Company "an all odder dam tings dat come up in oil matters—aint been a decent fight is town since the thirty day agreement, in fact any man can go for the town with a bull dog without being hurt.

The Danforth House, under the management of Col. Alford, still shows a comfortable front.

The only indication of old times that has recently occurred was the dog fight which came off day before yesterday. The fight was in the neighborhood of Plumer and I am sorry to say (on the dogs account) that our dog had to throw up the sponge in favor of your Petroleum Centre animal, but never mind our dogs are not all dead. We'll fetch them \$25 back. The result of the above contest was the death of both dogs and no man fight, the whiskey having run out before the pups got to work.

There has been no oil sold here for nearly two months, and I understand, unless the producers agency soon comes to something definite, the Pipe Co., and others will purchase on their own hook.

The sighting from here to Titusville never was so good, yet the young bloods fail to put in an appearance.

Yours again,

HANS.

Go and see those beautiful Photographs in the Rochester House.

**OIL NEWS**—In Richland township, two new wells were struck on Saturday on the Wm. Shoup farm, in one of which Mr. Wm. Hester is part owner. They are both being tubed and give promise of large wells.

The Johnson well on the east side of the David Shoup farm, was struck on Saturday week, was tubed and is now doing 45 barrels. The owners are Graham & Shoup, Peter Killgier, Sam'l Bostaph, Adam Dearleph and D. Bostaph Esq.

A well was struck on the Dan'l E. Knight farm on Friday. When the sand was struck the oil spouted out in a strong volume.—Tubing is now in process. About a dozen other wells are going down on this farm but this was the first struck.—[Clarion Democrat]

**BURNING OF AN OIL CAR.**—On Wednesday evening, between 5 and 7 o'clock, an iron tank car full of petroleum caught fire at Foster Station, on the Allegheny Valley Road, and was totally destroyed. A spark from the locomotive is supposed to have caused the fire. The car was one of a train, but was detached before any of the others were ignited. The passenger train due at Oil City at 9 o'clock in the evening, was delayed some two hours in consequence of the mishap.

**A DASTARDLY ACT.**—On Sunday night last some mean cuss or cusses turned the stop cock of the Fagundas Farm Oil Tank at Fagundas and allowed the oil flow to waste. As yet the guilty party has not been found. A reward of \$500 is offered for the arrest and conviction of the guilty party. We sincerely hope the villain will be caught and severely dealt with.—[Tid-loute Journal]

William Henry Russell, a merchant of New York, died in the street car Saturday, aged 78 years.

## Local Notices.

### SEE HERE.

**H. H. WARNER.** has just received from home twenty casks more of that older, that was never beat for quality. Also, apples, eggs, butter, &c. The best butter ever brought into this town, which he will for cash, but will not trust any more goods after the first of January, 1873.

All those indebted to him are requested to call and settle without delay and save costs.

H. H. WARNER.

**NOTICE.**—Mr. James S. McGray having removed to Franklin, parties having communication with him on business or otherwise, are requested hereafter to address their letters to that point.

Please lovers will bear in mind that on Monday evening next, a social party is to be given at Sobel's Opera House, by Mrs. Selover of this place. Hollister's Band of Pioneer, are to furnish music for the occasion. The tickets are placed at the very low price of \$1. Everything has been laid out for a nice time, and those who attend cannot help but enjoy themselves.

Butter and cheese are almost indispensable articles of food. Properly used, they are nutritious and healthy; but an inordinate use of either cause indigestion and dyspepsia. Owen Gaffney's Sunday Comfort, a judiciously used will remove both of these troubles.

## CIGARS

Lovers of good cigars will find several entirely new brands, never before introduced in this place, at the Post Office News Room. They are warranted pure Havanas.

## BLIND TOM CONCERTS!

### SOBEL'S OPERA HOUSE,

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 24th.

The Celebrated Negro Blind Pianist,

### BLIND TOM,

The Great Musical Prodigy of the age, and Most MARVELLOUS MUSICAL GENIUS LIVING

Before he is permanently withdrawn from before the public it is a duty you owe to yourself to see and hear the great

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### Marshall & Richards

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Petroleum Centre, Dec. 5, 1872.—11

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Petroleum Centre, Pa., Dec. 4th, 1872.

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