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Pittsburgh Pa., Monday, Dec. 24.

Divine Service.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 12 1/2 P. M. Free. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Rev. G. MOORE, Pastor.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M. and 7 o'clock P. M., by the Pastor, W. C. BRACK. Sabbath School at 12 1/2, directly after afternoon service.

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,

R. ALLEN, N. G.

B. H. KOEHLER, A. Secy.  
Place of meeting, Main St., opposite McKittrick 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. KLECKNER, M. W.

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

Council fires lighted at 7 o'clock.

H. HOWE, Sachem.

R. REYNOLDS, Chief of Records.

Gold at 1 p. m. 111 1/2

**A FRAUD.**—There is a whiskey-guzzling wretch travelling around the country by the name of "Alf. Burnett, the Hummerist." He pretends to give you a half dollar's worth of amusement by making faces at you. He played here to a very poor house, because he gave his exhibition in the afternoon, as he travelled from one "barroom" to the other. It was frightful to see how he would distort his countenance as he poured down the "Pine Top Whiskey," the kind that is set out to the "rounders." Our citizens have concluded that he is poor as a humorist, but good as a "whiskeyist." Your voice is thick and husky, Alf, but nevertheless good be "run one." How are you, showman, that can get along without the aid of any G-d-d-n printer.

E. Fitch, of Youngstown, Ohio, is travelling the country over with what he calls a gift enterprise. He came to see us had some printing done, and then jumped the town upon the "blessed Sabbath" without paying his bills—you "fellows" in the down river country take notice. Our types will know him when he calls upon them by his "meek and lowly ways," and because, like "Uriah Heep" he is a "very humble man." But on 'side of his propensities to steal and defraud, he don't know very much or he would not have allowed the boys to mark his pictures and break him. Fitch, altho' you beat us, the Centre boys were too much for you, and you'd not got the start of us but for the fact that the Oil Creek Railroad ran a Sunday train.

On Tuesday night next, Dec. 24th, there is to be a grand rally at the Rochester House. Thirty turkeys will be raffled for, and a good time may be expected. All are invited to be present and "take a hand in."

Dick's Concert Troupe, advertised to perform at Roscoe Hall last Tuesday evening, did not perform for the want of an audience. Look out for them if you don't want to get "bit." A word to the wise, &c.

The above was copied from the Warren Ledger, since which time the same parties have been here, contracted bills and failed to pay them. The reason they cannot get an audience, is because they are not worthy of it. There is not a "Free and Easy" in town, and there are but few of them but can in fifteen minutes notice give a better concert performance than Dick's troupe of Meadville. When will these old lager beer saloon singers find out that the people of the oil region know "rank krot" from celery. To get an audience now-a-days a troupe must be square, and have some better talent, in case of which the Dick's fail.

**LOST.**—Thomas Heighon lost his watch and four dollars "greenbacks" on Saturday afternoon, by betting upon the "confidence game." He had just fifteen minutes to open "box" that any "school boy" could open in half the time, so the "roper" told him, and he lost. A fool and his money are easily parted. Next!

By the shutting down of the Keffers wells, on the Daisell farm, several good men have been the own out of employment. Those of our oil men in want of good reliable men will do well to inquire of Capt. Keffers, on the Egbert Farm.

The Petroleum Producer's Council met at Oil City, to day, for the purpose of adopting or declining the proposition of the producers and refiners convention, held at New York last week. We sincerely hope, and but reflect the wishes of everybody in this section, that the Council will "turn up the winning card" in this game. The country and the people are looking to the Council for relief. Let them "show up."

The fact is patent to every one in this vicinity that Owen Gaffney sells but the purr set of liquors. Try it.

The sleighing is good these days, and all those who can are paying either Smawley or McDonald a call.

Waters, at the Jewettown Clothing Store, is just receiving his new goods.

The only places in town to buy holiday goods is at Gilbert Gordon's, Geo. W. Winsor's, the P. O. Newsroom, Sobel & Auerhahn's, Von Johnson's, J. W. Beatty's and Maurice Herron's.

In meats, turkeys, &c.—at Geo. W. King, Jr's, and at Parker's.

In flour and feed for some poor family—at Mease & Armstrong's and Warner's.

Other places will receive due attention to-morrow.

Our citizens will bear in mind that to-morrow evening, Blind Tom, the celebrated pianist, is to give one concert at Sobel's Opera House. Tickets can be procured at the Post Office Newsroom. Speaking of him the Montreal Gazette says:

Blind Tom's opening concert last night, drew a large audience at the Theatre. The performance is unique and wonderful. In the finest classical selections of the best composer, or in simple melody, his playing is superb. His imitations of other instruments, as the violin, banjo, guitar, musical box, &c., were inimitable. During the entire performance he held his audience absolutely captive. Never has there been an entertainment in Montreal of which it was possible to speak in terms of more unreserved praise. He appears every night this week, and we advise all lovers of music to bear his performances.

When Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton was delivering her lecture on the Coming Girl, in Green Bay, Wisconsin, the other night, she told how her father, when they were going over the highlands of Scotland together, had a pair of boots made for her, and how she walked therein just as many miles as he, and just as well. After the lecture, a bronze-faced, fuzzy individua stepped around to the green room, and putting forth a knotted palm, said: "An' w' yo sh-k bean's w' the man that w's made the booties for ye?" and there he was. She did.

We direct attention of those interested to the advertisement of P. C. Heinz's Machin shop, Pioneer, Pa., a short distance above this place. He is a gentleman of means, enterprise and mechanical ingenuity, while his experience in the oil trade has been for years in the oil regions. His shop is large and fitted up with the best and latest improved machinery. Many men are employed, and his shop is one which is creditable to this section of Venango county.

Mrs. Samuel Kras residing on Walnut street, Harrisburg, was killed yesterday morning by the explosion of a cooking range.

There is a reported discovery of extensive coal fields at San Diego, California.

The Petersburg Progress says of the recent combination:

Harmony at last! Oil to be sold at four dollars per barrel, &c., &c. Such were the dispatches received on Thursday last. Suppose oil is four dollars? What then? Who will it benefit? None others than those greedy vultures who have in tank 5 or 10,000 barrels of oil, and are waiting to throw it on the market. Will the small producers, having been compelled to sell their oil as they produced, at whatever price they could get, reap no benefit whatever from it, for before they can produce any quantity they will find the market "beared" and the price even lower, if possible, than at present. The manner in which the council has conducted its business cannot but excite grave apprehensions in the minds of the operators who have invested their representatives with their votes. Oil at four dollars by a combination at once most disgraceful and humiliating, may for a few days improve oil, but in the end, the results will be worse than if no combination had been made, inasmuch as discussions will arise, and disputes as to time, price, and other innumerable things by which the refiners will endeavor to break their agreement. They have been opposed at all times to the producers, and their glittering offer in this, their time of hard up, must be regarded with suspicion. While we do not consider the Council as a total failure, we yet think that it has committed most remarkable blunders, but which can in the main be remedied if the different representatives enter into it with the proper spirit, and not for self advancement alone. The defects to which we refer need not be mentioned as they are too well known.

**OIL ITEMS.**—The test well which was started several months ago Cowan-shonock creek, about five miles from Kittanning, struck a gas vein some days since at the depth of about a thousand feet, which our informant states, forced the tools, weighing 2,200 pounds, out of the hole—which was rather rough on the tools—at any rate work was suspended, but will be resumed as soon as circumstances permit.

The Pine Tree wells, situated on the south side of Clarion river, and owned by Mr. R. Blair, are still doing between 75 and 80 barrels a day, with no indications of "playing out."

Mr. P. Dower is starting a rig on the Smith farm, on the hill, a short distance back of the Pine Tree wells.

The old Eldora well is now owned by the Thompson Bros., and is doing 14 barrels.

Smith Cook is putting down two new wells, one on the Beale farm, and one on the Hummel farm. Mr. Cook is an enterprising operator and will no doubt meet with his usual success.—[Petersburg Progress.]

**OIL NEWS.**—We gave a full statement of the progress of oil developments in the county last week, and have little now to add.

The Ellison well, in Washington township on the line of Knox, is down over six hundred feet.

Drilling has commenced on a well on Geo Berlin's farm, in front of his hotel, in Elk township, owned by Brundred and others.

The boiler is on the ground for a new well near Stud and Hosterman's mill, on Beaver creek, just below Blair's Corners.

There are now good paying oil wells in five townships in Clarion county, and next season will doubtless establish this the largest oil producing county in the State, or in the whole world.

The Merten farm is all right, and the town of Mertens is a fixed fact. Prentice, Crawford, the Van Schaick brothers, Wetter and others have leased the major part of the farm, and are putting down wells. "Long legged Bob," "Sherty," "Handy Andy," and "Ned Ives," are putting up a rig, and will begin to drill by next week. They are men of pluck who can go over most anything, especially long legged Bob. He can go over a seven rail fence without climbing. Handy Andy is good on a double shuffle, and Ned is good for anything, while Sherty you may place where you please, only not too close to a hen roost, unless the chickens resent very high. Major Wetter's rig is done and the drilling will commence at once. Not less than six wells will be down on the farm, before Spring. The Merten well, No. 1, gives at least twenty barrels of oil per day.—[Clarion Democrat.]

At last is a clearing up of Erie Railway difficulties. Gould has settled with the new management by the payment of over nine million dollars, or the transfer of property in his possession strictly belonging to the company, and the suits against him are to be dropped. The money, it is reported, will be used in laying a third rail so as to connect with the narrow gauge system of railroads and thus secure a large amount of business of which it is now deprived. The Atlantic and Great Western Railway will follow suit, if it does not precede the Erie, in the change of gauge.

## Haleyton Days.

The Haleyton Days commenced on Saturday, the 14th of December, with the serene sky and the soft atmosphere that often throw their mystic charm around the season, extending for the week preceding and the winter following the winter solstice. It is then the fabled birds sit brooding over their nests, credled on the winter sea.—Old Aëolus keeps the winds tightly shut up in his rocky cavern, and old Sol breathes his sweetest influences that no harm shall come to the fabled birds that being warmed into life. It was a lovely thought of the ancient Greeks to surround the most dreary season of the year with this creation of their fancy. Thus does one of their choicest myths show the Greek homage for the dejection of woman's love, and also clothes with a charming story the celestial peace and the untroubled serenity which often linger around the time when the sun's presence is the shortest, and his rays, fall most softly upon the earth.

We never weary of the pretty fable, and once a year is not too often to recall the memory. Ceix, the son of Hesperus, the Morning Star, marries Haleyton, the daughter of Aëolus, god of the winds.— Their love flows smoothly as a serene day in summer, until Ceix is summoned to Iona on account of his brother's death.— Haleyton parts from her husband with unaccountable sorrow and with a presentiment of coming ill. Her forebodings are only too true. A fierce storm overwhelms the ship and Ceix sinks beneath the waves. Meanwhile Haleyton watches anxiously for his return, makes ready for his arrival, dresses herself in gay apparel, wears frequent incense to the gods, and more than all to Juno. She prays constantly for his return, and that he may remain true to his love for her. At last, the goddess, moved by her distress, sends a vision wherein the death of her husband is revealed to the sorrowing wife. In the morning she goes to the sea-shore that she may look upon the very spot where she last saw him, and borne by the waves, the inanimate body of Ceix approaches the shore. She throws herself into the sea, and as she falls the pitying gods change them both into birds.

To this exquisite Greek allegory we are indebted for our beautiful English word "haleyton," which is a synonym for every peaceful, peaceful and serene influence.

[Providence Journal.]

Navigation of the Hudson is closed for the season.

LIFE.

Way may not life be one long pleasant way, with summer light and summer breeze gay, where rest steals softly o'er the highway one, where the sad heart might never feel alone, Nor, tired of dull employ, stand heaping grain on grain?

Ab! why can we never find such quiet hours

As all the calm existence of the flowers, In thoughtless rapture wasted drowsily, They in the summer live luxuriously, And in the winter sink to earth to rest; Though dreaming, still existing, changing, blest,—

Ab! far more blest than man, to who the earth

Is an unkindly mother from his birth.

A young lady at a church bazaar in San Francisco was offered a five dollar gold piece for one of her curls, and set it off and deposited the coin in the treasury of the Lord. If the young lady kept up the traffic and if she wore the usual number of curls, natural and artificial, she was a valuable adjunct to the Fair, though probably on going home her mother took hold of her "where the hair was short."

All Read that Run—Prices Reduced.

Discount to cash customers—thankful for past favors, and under the stringency of the money market, knowing that we can buy cheap for cash, we prefer to give to our patrons the benefit of cash prices. On and after the first day of January, 1873 we propose to sell for cash, which will be to your advantage as well as our own. Call and see us and we will give you prices that will defy competition. Our motto is live and let live.

**MEASE & ARMSTRONG.**  
All those that are indebted to us for 30 days are requested to call and settle by the 10th of Jan. 1872.

## Local Notices.

### TAKEN UP.

On the premises of C. N. Payne, on Boyd farm, about two months ago, a cow. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, and pay charges, or it will be disposed of as the law requires.

C. N. PAYNE,  
Petroleum Centre, Dec. 20, 1872.  
31.

### SEE HERE.

H. H. WARNER, has just received from home twenty casks more of that cider, that was never beat for quality. Also, apples, eggs, butter, &c. The best butter ever brought into this town, which he will sell 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. McCray having removed to Franklin, parties having communication with him on business or otherwise, are requested hereafter to address their letters to that point.  
31.

Pleasure 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. Hallister'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.  
31.

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

## BLIND TOM CONCERTS

—AT—

## SOBEL'S OPERA HOUSE,

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 24th.

The Celebrated Negro Boy 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 this great

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ADMISSION, 50 cts. - RESERVED SEATS, 1.00

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Pioneer, Pa., Dec. 21, 1872.