

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M. and 7 o'clock P. M. by the Pastor, W. C. BANCROFT. Sabbath School at 12 1/2 o'clock after forenoon 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. B. ALLEN, N. G. S. H. KOOKER, A Sec'y. Place of meeting, Main St., opposite McMillon 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. GLENN, M. W. M. T. CONNOR, R.

I. O. of R. M. Minnekaupoo Tribe No. 183, I. O. R. M. of Petroleum Centre, meets every Thursday evening in Good Templar's Hall. Council fires lighted at 7 o'clock. H. HOWE, Sachem. C. L. JUKES, Chief of Records.

Gold at 4 p. m. 118

We have received returns from some few counties and cities additional to those published by us a week ago. But few of these are official, and from three or four tables we have been unable to find two of which agree in their figures. The number of counties and cities heard from is sixty-six—fifty counties and sixteen cities—in which the vote for license is reported at \$9,039, and against, 26,950, making a majority—against local option of 32,089. It is supposed the total vote of the State will increase this majority.

It is not often we find a clergyman who appreciates the benefits of advertising.—But Rev. Mr. Talmage of Brooklyn, N. Y., does appreciate advertising. He opened his Sunday evening service by reference to the criticisms of the newspapers upon the marriage ceremony he performed at his church fair, the couple being dressed in the costume of a century since. He said the notices were good advertisements—the best that could be had. He declared the ceremony was not a mock one but a real one, and the costumes of the couple a great improvement on present fashions. And thereupon he hit at the fashions brought out the applause of his congregation. It was "Congregational" applause. That hit was so, well received the Rev. gentleman went on to advertise that any couple who could not live longer apart could be put out of their misery on application to him. And that brought out both laughter and applause. Then came the sermon.

Mr. R. P. Bradstreet, proprietor of the Rochester House, we understand, met with a severe accident at Foxburg, day before yesterday. In crossing the railroad bridge to get into town he slipped and fell through to the ground, a distance of twenty-five feet. He was picked up in an insensible condition and taken into a hotel near by. An examination revealed the fact that he was dangerously injured about the back and spine, to such an extent as to create partial paralysis.

Officer McHugh indulged in one of his old time foot races this forenoon. An aged stranger arrived in town this forenoon from Oil City with his keg packed full of local option. The Oil City option raised his spirits to that extent that he undertook to run option and everything else. He considered this optional with himself, and warned the aged optionist to leave the town. He disappeared round the corner but reappeared at the next corner. Thomas saw the strategic movement and started in pursuit. Then ensued a lively race, resulting unfortunately for the aged stranger from the fact that his belt broke allowing his unmentionables to drop down, "which the same" tripped him up, and made the capture an easy one. The venerable man is now resting in that retreat prepared for Oil City optionists—the lock up. He was furnished with a copy of the Derrick containing the editor's last dissertation against local option, in hopes of a reformation.

St. Paul has a large stock of lumber on hand.

Boats on the first boat are in order in town on the upper Mississippi.

The Western Press, published at Mercer, copies an article from the Titusville Courier relating to the appointment of Postmaster at this place, in which the Courier defends Mr. Miller, our present postmaster, against the aspersions of sundry partisan journals who have persisted in the statement that Mr. Miller received his re-appointment through ex-Congressman Gillilan. The Press says:

We join hands with the Courier in the tribute it pays to Mr. Gillilan and the Postmaster at Petroleum Centre, Mr. Miller. Of the Postmaster at Oil City we know nothing. Mr. Miller was one of our best citizens for many years—competent, judicious and honest, and it would be difficult to make Mercer county believe that he did not do his whole duty as Postmaster at Petroleum Centre.

Of Gillilan's connection with the appointment the story is simply absurd. Of Mr. Miller's connection with the Post Office here we need only state that the office has been filled with signal ability and to the satisfaction of our citizens irrespective of party belief or creed. Nuff said.

Plumber Items.

Moving day was generally observed in Plumber.

The latest news from 1st ward reports things quiet in that section.

The High School at this place has been closed for the purpose of having the bell repaired.

Local option went into effect April 1st.—This will cause our one hotel to close up. One of our down town citizens intends opening a temperance hotel—Too thin entirely.

We had the pleasure of attending a concert given by Prof. W. H. McCollin, in Prather's Hall, on Wednesday evening.—Opened the concert with grand music.—"Puffing hard against the stream," was well received; Comic song "Shelling green Peas," brought down the house; Ballad, "The Old Sexton" was well sang; a song for the young folks entitled "The Cuckoo," was received with shouts of delight by the youths present. The Prof. recited the poem "The Bears Friche in good style; Comic song, "The Miller's Daughter," was encouraged; Sentimental ballad; "Take back the Vows" was fully appreciated by the lovers of that special kind of music; Comic song: "The Yankee Peddler," was good. The Prof. recited a parody on "Excelsior in good style. The entertainment was closed with a short address by Mr. McC. returning thanks to Rev. Robertson for the use of his organ for the occasion.

Next Sunday is known as Palm Sunday and is observed in commemoration of the triumphant entry of the Savior into the city of Jerusalem, as had been predicted by the prophet Zacharias: "Rejoice greatly, oh, daughter of Zion; shout, oh, daughter of Jerusalem; behold, thy king cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." The church has thought proper to appoint a particular day for the commemoration of this event in the life of our Savior. The day is observed by the usual services, the benediction and the blessing of palms.

Now is the time to purchase a Pocket Diary cheap. A fine assortment can be found at the Post Office newsroom.

LOOK HERE.

Now is the time to buy the celebrated Fox & Williams' Buffalo Cream Ale, at W. A. LOZIER'S as he intends to close up on the twenty fourth inst. Also, all those indebted to the same will please come and settle on or before said date, and oblige the undersigned.

W. A. LOZIER.

Waste of wealth may occasionally be relieved; waste of health, seldom; but waste of time, never.

The Cape Ann Advertiser is wondering how many people will miss it after it has been dead two years.

St. Paul people are unusually active in building this year, and the appearance of the city changes rapidly.

A Chicago justice of the peace and two police officers are walking about in fear of being shot, having received threatening letters from convicted criminals.

A little miss of eight, on being recently informed that her affectionate grandmother had made her a life member of a missionary society, objected on the ground that "she did not wish to be eaten by savages."

Another amendment to the constitution is rendered necessary by the refusal of the colored barbers in Cincinnati, to shave persons of their own race.

"Were you ever baptized?" inquired an earnest minister to a green candidate.—"No—no—no, sir. Never only once, and then I fell in."

FIRE AT PARKER CITY.

PARKER CITY, April 4—1 a. m.

A fire broke out here at about half past nine o'clock last evening. Smoke was first discovered issuing from the office of Farrar & Tress, adjoining the Parker House.—The fire spread rapidly up and down the street, on both sides, consuming about sixty buildings, including among the number the Parker House, Central Hotel, Exchange Bank, Savings Bank, Postoffice, Western Union and Pacific telegraph offices, Union Pipe line office, and a number of other offices. The most valuable portion of the town.

The Wilson House was saved by the exertions of the men, who did nobly. The loss is estimated at \$250,000, but will probably exceed that amount.

LATER.—1:45 a. m.—The fire is under control, having burned up the street as far as the Morrison Block and down to the Wilson House.

It is supposed to be the work of an incendiary, it being the third fire within thirty-six hours in this city.

An instance worthy of relating occurred in regard to the land slide on the Oil Creek road, below this place, three days ago and reflects credit on our friend, Mr. George Brew, the section boss on this part of the road, showing him to be alive to the interests of the road and the safety of its passengers. On the morning in question M. Brew arose about 5 o'clock, as is his usual custom, and walked down the road for the purpose of inspecting it before the early train came in, and discovered the slide, a rock weighing a least twelve tons, having come down the hill and laid directly across the track. He immediately went down to the point of the hill and flagged the early passenger train which was about due.—The train was stopped and after an hour's delay the rock was removed. Had it not been for his foresight there is no doubt but what the train and passengers would have been precipitated down the bank into Oil Creek, as the rock lay at a point in the road where the track takes a curve, and it would have been almost impossible for the engineer to have seen it in time to stop the train. Mr. Brew is certainly entitled to the thanks of the passengers on that train at least.

Just think of it! The trains upon all the railways in Central and Northern New York were delayed or were stopped by the snow of the middle of last week. The snow drifts near Richfield Springs were from four to ten feet deep. On the railway leading to the Springs the running of trains were suspended from Wednesday to Saturday, the mails being carried by stage.—On Friday there was no train for twenty-four hours on the Rome and Watertown road, and of course no mails. That in the last quarter of March.

An irate man who was disappointed in his boots, threatened to eat up the shoemaker, but compromised by drinking a cobler.

A contemporary speaks of a fashionable sailor as being "one of the old war horses of the trade." A heavy charger we suppose.

Is there any reason why the name "lap dog" should be monopolized by any particular breed of canines? Don't they all drink that way?

Nitro-glycerine, is now preferred to kerosene for lightening fires. It saves much trouble to the friends and family, and funeral expenses are entirely done away with—as is the experimenter.

A Texas dry-goods dealer has the portraits of fourteen female thieves whom he has caught pilfering from his store.

So far there is but one candidate for Mayor in New Albany, Indiana, and the people are in great distress in consequence.

Neal Dow, of Maine, is going to Europe to lecture on intemperance, with all the eloquence with which he is N. Dow-ed.

The report that the Modoc Indians had been engaged to put war whoops on barrels of army stores has been contradicted.

A printer remarks that he has never been able to give a proof of the pudding till it was locked up in his form.

Ladies' head dresses have become such structures now that the hair dressers have to petition the city government for "permission to build" before they can get ahead.

Several mad dogs have recently died in Chicago from the effects of biting the citizens.

A Gloucester boy tried to fly his kite with mittens on, one day this week.

GREAT FIRE AT OIL CITY.

Ten to Fifteen Buildings Burned.

Loss Estimated at Over \$50,000.

By special dispatch from Oil City, this forenoon, we learn that a fire broke out in Hick's liquor store, on Centre Street, at about 6 o'clock this morning, the result of which was extremely disastrous, as at least ten buildings and probably more were burned to the ground.

Included among the burned buildings was the Corwin & Beers block, Oil City Savings Bank, W. U. Telegraph office, and a number of grocery, liquor and clothing stores.

The only building that escaped in the conflagration was the office of Fisher Brothers, located near the railroad track.

The fire is said to have originated from a drunken clerk at the store, who dropped a lamp on the floor which exploded and set fire to the room and the building in an instant almost, and before the engine got on the ground the flames were past control.

So hot was the fire that trains on the Oil Creek road were unable to pass for some time.

The loss is said to reach over \$50,000.

We are without full details of this fearful conflagration, but our informant states it to be the most severe that has visited that city for years.

Our citizens were very much excited at receipt of the news, and the expression of sympathy with the sufferers was widespread and general.

A HEAVY OIL SUIT.—In the Court of Pleas at Pittsburgh, on Monday, a suit was commenced by the Columbia Oil Company against John J. Henry and Frederick Fisher, doing business as Fisher Brothers, for the recovery of \$12,041, being an alleged difference in certain oil contracts, which, it is claimed, were not fulfilled. It appears in the declaration set forth in the plaintiff's affidavit that some of the alleged contracts were for the purchase of oil at an high rate as \$4.25 per barrel. It is not surprising that they were not fulfilled at such a price, when oil is now scarcely half that price at the place of delivery indicated. It is probably that the defendants prefer standing suit and paying such difference as is decided to be legal and equitable.

The deed executed by Macbeth's witches, although it was recorded, was illegal, because it was "without a name."

A vigorous aversion to work is said to characterize the street cleaning authorities of New York.

NOTICE.

We expect all parties indebted to this firm to settle their bills before the 1st of May next and avoid unpleasantness, as we intend to close out and leave this town.

SOBEE & AUERHAIM.

Dated, Petroleum Centre, Pa., March 20th

NOTICE.

Having purchased the interest of Mr. J. Burton, in the coal business, I will continue the same at the old stand, where I will be pleased to see the patrons of the old firm and sell them coal, and at the same time receive the "scrip" for bills now due.

Iv. S. H. KOOKER.

The local option law must be enforced. From and after this date and up to the day the local option law goes into effect, I will sell all kinds and brands of wines, and liquor at retail at wholesale prices, as my stock must be closed out. Now is the time to purchase a little vital for home use.

OWEN GAFFNEY

NOTICE

Having leased this day the wells, machinery and implements owned by the western Pennsylvania oil company, on the Pearson farm, the said company and its property will not be liable for any debts incurred by me, and parties furnishing labor, fuel, materials &c., for the operating of said wells, or entering into contracts with me will look to me alone for the settlements of all accounts

JOHN REYNOLDS. Pet. Centre, April 2 1873.

Sobel's Opera House.

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MANAGER - - MR. JAS. F. SHERRY.

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COLEMAN SISTERS,

Misses Louie, Clara, and Alice.

Whose remarkable and brilliant dramatic abilities and rare musical genius have astonished and delighted the most critical audiences in the large cities, while the press has been most lavish in its praise, bearing the most complimentary criticisms and notices upon their performances. The most exquisite Character Actress, Comedienne, Vocalists, Jig and Clog Dancers, Cornet, Fiddle and Banjo players in the world, will be produced for the first time in Petroleum Centre a new emotional Drama written expressly for the COLEMAN SISTERS, by Wm Ver-bay, entitled

DRIVEN FROM HOME

MISS LOUIE.....as Mignie Stanton MISS CLARA.....as Nellie Stanton MISS ALICE.....as Louise Nutbelder Supported by James F. Sherry and a full and powerful Company of selected Artists. During the play the Coleman Sisters will introduce their Great Musical Specialties of Cornet Playing, Singing Dancing, &c.

Admission 20 cts Reserved Seats 75 cts. Tickets for sale at P. O. News Room. Doors open at 7 o'clock performance at 8 o'clock. JOHN W. SHERRY, Agent. Will be at Rouseville on the 8th of April and tickets on the 10th.

VERANDAH



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Particular attention paid to the wants of my customers, and will keep the finest stock of FRESH LAGER AND ALE, CIGARETTES, &c.

OYSTERS in Every Style. Drop in and see me in my new stand.

NOTICE!

Go to W. A. LOZIER,

4th Street, near R. R. track,

for your BENZINE, delivered at the wells for \$2.25

per Barrel.

Petroleum Centre, Feb. 6th—11.

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