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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,

W. E. MONTGOMERY, N. G.
C. H. BARKER, A. Secy.
Place of meeting, Kela St., opposite McClintock 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.

A. M. KLENNER, R.

I. O. of R. M.

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

Council free lighted at 7 o'clock.
H. HOWE, Sachem.
C. L. JUKES, Chief of Records.

Gold at 1 p. m. 113 1/2

THE GALLOWS A MEANS OF GRACE.

The gallows is a great Christianizer. In view of the wonderful results that have been achieved by the preparations for the crossbeams and hangman's rope, the question arises whether it may not in time supplant the cross as an emblem of hope and means of reaching happiness eternal. The plety of murderers is remarkable, particularly after conviction. The cast of persons who prepare men for the gallows is simply disgusting. Every minister engaged in the business always reports a glorious triumph, and pictures the greatest villain as being the most gentle saint. We read of a negro in the South, who, with the rope about his neck, was so happy that he said he would not live if he could, for fear he might lose his chances for heaven by mixing with the wicked world again. He appeared to have a species of pity for those who were not going to be hung. To be sure, he had only killed a woman and her three children by chopping them to pieces with an axe, and setting fire to the house in which the crime was committed. We also read of a murderer out West who was so happy that he was going to die, and so eager to reach heaven that he urged the Sheriff to hasten his execution so that he might speed away to eternal joy. A Chicago clergyman, speaking on this subject lately, said that if the scaffold is so effective in preparing criminals for heaven as it appears to be, it should be used with increased vigor as a means of grace. It is painful to reflect that other rogues are not half as happy as murderers. But we find that, despite the certainty of bliss in eternity that seems to console these

condemned men, they leave no effort untried to keep away from it as long as possible. How inconsistent. But then, though this seems to be a sure way of reaching heaven, it is a very disagreeable one.

This morning a man named Buzzard, who has been sick with the consumption for several months past, expired at his house in Bennehoff Run, near the mouth of Tarr Run. This case is a peculiarly sad one. The man in question served through the army for over four years, and while there contracted that fell disease—consumption—which finally ended his existence. The family, consisting of the wife and six children, have subsisted by charity for several months past, and the case is a peculiarly sad one. The remains will be taken to Meadville for burial.

As the family is in a starving condition, Road Commissioner McHugh telegraphed to the County Commissioners to come and take charge of the remains, and accord to them a decent Christian burial. In answer to this, our respected County Commissioners telegraphed back—"Don't know him." The probabilities are that the aforesaid Commissioners did not understand the case or they would not have sent the above. At the same time the law is very defective from the fact that it places the whole thing in charge of the Commissioners, who are located generally at the county seat and far removed from the locality of the event. This should be remedied, as many cases might occur which could not come under the cognizance of the Commissioners soon enough to act in the matter. Consequently the law should be abrogated at once.

We had the pleasure of a call to-day from our friend, Mr. A. L. Hoffman, of Shamburg. Mr. H. has been engaged as Master Mechanic for A. H. Bronson on the Clark farm, Shamburg. We were glad to meet him, and the sight of his jolly phis recalled the "memory of the olden and the golden summer time" when we were boys together. We hope to meet him again soon.

We would call the attention of our readers to the new stock of spring dry goods just received at Sobel & Auerbach's mammoth dry goods store. The stock comprises a complete assortment of elegant hats and bonnets for ladies, rich and rare laces, elegant shawls to suit the most fastidious, and many other articles too numerous to mention. Call and see the stock.

Nr. I. G. Howe met with quite a severe accident, day before yesterday, while coming from Shaw farm. He was on horse back at the time and the horse stumbled and fell, throwing Mr. H. off and falling on him. He was bruised considerably about the shoulder and side. The escape from more serious injury to Mr. Howe will be rejoiced at by his numerous friends hereabouts.

Winter lingers fearfully in the lap of spring.

The Petersburg Progress is one of the best of our exchanges. Since being burned out it has greatly improved, both editorially and typographically. We have nothing more to say, except that those who desire a good exposé of the down river oil field should subscribe for the Progress.

Nature is not fashionable. Niagara does its most majestic cascading in the winter when the fashionables are congregated in cities. In mid winter Niagara avails itself of all the accessories of frost and snow and ice to heighten its grandeur, and no one has seen Niagara in its majesty who has looked upon it only in only summer costume. And so, we suppose, with the Yosemite fall, for we read that lately there was a mass of snow and ice rising cone shaped to a height of more than three hundred feet. This mass commenced forming early in the winter by the freezing of the spray from the cascade. Then the snow storms came on and added their contribution sometimes to the depth of four hundred feet. Then spring poured its waters down into the center of the mass from a height of sixteen hundred feet, the waters rebounding so as to send the spray six hundred feet into the air.

Bayard Taylor is at Casa Guidi, in Florence. A letter from him, written toward the end of February, says: "We have diffidile and gorgeous purple anemones in the meadows, and the young green turf under the olive trees makes one's heart leap.—It is incredible to read of American cold in this heavenly spring air. The trumpets of the carnival are sounding as I write, but it is rather a slipshod, dragged affair."

Dr. W. F. Waugh, of Greenville, has been appointed an assistant surgeon in the United States navy.

As many as thirty brokers and operators in Wall street are ex-journalists, having been at different times connected with the metropolitan press in various capacities.

Birdsboro, Berks county, is to have a new paper, to be called the Pioneer.

Notes 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.

PETROLEUM CENTRE, April 18, 1873.

MR. EDITOR:—I desire to express my thoughts through the columns of the RECORD relative to the working of the late Poor House Law for this county. The law empowering the County Commissioners to act as Overseers of the poor for the whole county works beautifully. The law is rather defective, in not providing for an emergency, or the county commissioners are inhuman. Which is it: Read the following facts then ye county commissioners and law makers answer: This morning a poor man named Buzzard, died on Bennehoff Run. He had been sick some months, and his poor wife had worked hard at washing to support him and their family. This morning found her husbandless and penniless. Their neighbors were all poor and unable to bury the husband.—One of the neighbors came down and made affidavit to the above fact before Eq., Reynolds, and applied to the late overseers of the poor for this township, to bury him, but was told by them that they were no longer poor overseers; that their authority as such had been transferred by the late law to the County Commissioners. The friends of the deceased then sent a telegram to the County Commissioners at Franklin, that S. Buzzard was lying dead at his house and his family are too poor to bury him. "and asked them how to proceed" or "what to do." Now friends of humanity, the answer of that August Board?

"We don't know, Buzzard?"
Great God, does the late law require the County Commissioners to be personally acquainted with every poor man that dies, before they can perform the last sad duty of a christian burial, and if the law is so, would not an ordinary respect for poor humanity suggest a violation of such a law and would not a christian community uphold the Commissioners and even applaud the act.

Yours truly,

A FRIEND TO POOR HUMANITY.

The total cost for the new water pipes to be laid in Harrisburg will be \$185,000.

The sixth annual reunion of the Sixth Army Corps will be held in the Temple of Music, New Haven, on the 14th of May.

Mr. Levi Adkins, of North East, Erie county, has spent ninety-eight years in trying to become a centenarian. He does not despair yet.

There is no truth in the rumor that the Rev. Dr. Henry W. Bellows intends to leave his pulpit, for that of an orthodox denomination. He is very well satisfied where he is.

The third deposit of \$250 a side in the forthcoming prize fight between Arthur Chambers and George Seddons for \$2,000 and the light weight championship was staked on Saturday. The pugilists and their trainers were present. The fight takes place on the 21st of May, in New York City.

It is said that pigeons can be nurtured to the fatness and docility of ortolans by feeding them with wheat steeped in cod liver oil.

When the new Post Office in Boston is completed the various newspapers will receive their exchanges direct by pneumatic tubes.

The authorities of a Minnesota town have sued a neighboring town for not keeping the small pox within their own corporation limits.

The suits of one quarter of the sitting members of the Dominion Parliament are to be contested. Each case will be referred to its special committee.

As we go to press an oil fire of some kind is occurring on McCray Hill.

A post office has been established at James town, Va., for the first time, although Jamestown was the first place permanently settled on this Continent.

Titusville's bonded debt amounts to about \$577,000, an increase of \$119,000 in one year.

The sale of season tickets for the approaching musical festival in Cincinnati commenced on Monday, realizing \$4,750 the first day.

General Alfred Pleasanton has arrived in England, and at last accounts was among several dozen Americans at the Langham Hotel, London.

The Belgian Government has stationed a man-of-war at Ostend, to prevent the encroachment of English fishing vessels.

THE MUTILATED SECURITIES.—Last Monday U. S. Commissioner H. A. Miller, Esq., began taking testimony in regard to the ownership of U. S. bonds and other securities destroyed and mutilated by burning in Lambertson's Bank. It is expected that the evidence will be concluded by Saturday evening. If so, Mr. Gibbhan will leave for Washington on Monday next. Where the depositor proves his loss the mutilated securities will be replaced by duplicates, on the depositor giving bond to indemnify the government against any claim hereafter, as required by the act of Congress published in these columns on the 3d inst. The experts of the Treasury Department have recognized about one hundred and forty thousand dollars of the charred securities. The sum beyond recognition and totally destroyed is estimated at from ten to twenty thousand dollars. It is thought this estimate will cover the entire loss of every description—bonds, currency, and all.

[Venango Spectator.

"The poor have the gospel preached to them." That does not mean Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's church, nor the Rev. Mr. Hepworth's church. The preaching of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was put up at auction in Rev. Hepworth's new church in New York. We suppose the sinners are graduated according to their desire for salvation, and as everything in that church is measured by money, the greatest sinner pays the most money for a seat where he can have the full force of the gospel. The highest premium paid a seat in Hepworth's church was one thousand and fifty dollars, to which is added the assessment on the appraised value of twelve hundred dollars. There were some sinners who paid only a dollar premium, but their chance of gaining Heaven, via Hepworth's church, must be slim. That dollar class of sinners are not worth having. But a thousand and dollar sinner is an object for salvation; such a sinner pays for being gathered into the fold.

Olivier de Kermel lately died of remorse for the murder of his brother, while in the prison at Toulon, France, to which he was sentenced for life.

Prince Napoleon has addressed a letter to his constituents in Corsica, protesting against his expulsion from France.

The Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias of the World meets in Richmond, Va., to-day.

A meeting was held in New Orleans on Monday night to form a league to resist the Kellogg Government.

The latest evidence that the gallows is the door of Heaven, was given at an execution in Georgia, where a wife murderer, named Spann, was hung for his crime. His crime was one of the deepest dyed of this bloody age, but, as usual, the criminal went upon the scaffold to reprimand the miserable sinners who had not committed murder and thus obtained endless bliss.—This wife murderer was hanged on Good Friday and he called attention to the fact that his crucifixion and that of Christ occurred on the same day.

Castelar says there is more good sense at the base of the Spanish character than is generally believed.

There were 518 deaths in New York city last week.

It is said that Dickens cleared \$225,000 in gold during his last visit to America.

A couple of parents in Pennsylvania have named their child Parepa Nileson Kellogg Busk.

The Susquehanna is being stocked with salmon from spaw secured in the Sacramento rivers in California.

More than nine millions of briarwood and on her wooden tobacco pipes are made yearly in this country.

A blind woman in Canada has improved upon the old practice of crying one's eye out. She cried until she saw.

CHANGE.—The firm of Mease & Armstrong long engaged in the flour and feed trade in this place, have disposed of their store and business to a gentleman from Titusville, who takes charge on Monday next. We are sorry to lose these gentlemen from the business interest of the town, but are pleased to learn that it is not their intention to remove from this place. They desire us to return their sincere thanks to their patrons for the liberal patronage extended them during the past two or three years. They also desire us to request all parties indebted to them to call and settle at once as their books must be balanced within the next few days.

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.

GOLDEN TREASURE cigars at the Post Office News Room. Something entirely new.

Local Notices.

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