

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M. and 7 o'clock P. M. by the Pastor, W. C. BURNARD.

Petroleum Centre Lodge, No. 715, I. O. of O. F.
Regular meeting nights Friday, at 7 o'clock.

A. O. of U. W.
Liberty Lodge No. 7, A. O. of U. W., meets every Monday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Uncle George Mullen, of Cherrytree, and his son David, paid the town a visit last night. The day was warm and the walk over, apparently "heated their coppers."

Local items are scarce. Warner's Circus passed over the Oil Creek Railroad this morning en route to Carry.

The portable steam saw mill on the Skinner farm was set in motion yesterday. Some 200 feet of planking were sawed.

Elsewhere we publish the advertisement of the decisions in the Roberts-Torpedo case. While the Roberts Torpedo Company has long been considered a monopoly on the part of many operators, there is no doubt but that they have control of the patent on a priority of invention, and the highest court in the country having decided as to the validity of their claim, they certainly ought to be protected in their patent.

The weather is fearful hot today. Oh for a quiet spot in some secluded dell, with a half barrel of lemonade or lager alongside, a few hundred pounds of ice packed around you, and a box of cigars. One might keep cool with all these about him.

Shell, Canfield, everybody knows him as being the best teamster in the country. He is now prepared to haul boilers and engines to any section of the oil region, in addition to doing any kind of hauling. And when Shell undertakes a job of hauling his patrons can rest assured it will be well done.

Our townsman, Mr. M. Herrman, met with a narrow escape from death, at Oil City, this p. m. He was standing on the railroad track talking with some other party and did not notice a train backing down.

Sold out. The local option is a multiple appropriation of \$1000 for the erection of a distillery.

Plumber Items.

The schools closed about a month since, our astute teachers cutting us short one day. We also learn from certain insidious inuendoes cunningly thrown out that they intend compelling the directors to pay them for the two months they did not teach.

Plumber has not become so entirely dormant as folks would have us suppose. Since the sudden demise of Lockwood, there has been a good business opportunity open for some live energetic man who possessed the wherewith to take advantage of time and the vacancy.

Messrs W. H. King & Son, of Pithole, have opened a grocery store in the building formerly occupied by Abbott & Arnott in its palmist days.

Operations for oil are to be commenced soon by Messrs Prather, Culbertson, McClure and McCray, as soon as a sufficient quantity of land can be secured to justify them in their "risky" venture.

Our County Commissioners desire to be immortalized in some way commensurate with the martyred lives they have led whilst performing the harassing duties which have fallen to their lot.

They have not as yet taken any notice of the information sent them and had it not been for the kindness and benevolence of the citizens a burial in the Potter's field would have been the next request.

Prof. Boynton, after a compulsory absence of four weeks, has again returned to his expectant class. They commenced practicing at once for a second concert to be given soon.

Prof. Donaldson and Wise, it is stated, propose to start from Boston July 4th, on a balloon voyage across the ocean, and want two gentlemen to accompany them. They can count us out. We have concluded not to go to Europe this summer on account of a press of job work in the office.

A Mississippi editor threatens to "put a full stop" over each of our eyes. Let him try it; while he is putting his full stop over our eyes, we shall put his nose in a parenthesis.

There were ninety-seven wrathful women in New Orleans the other day, ninety-eight mothers having taken their darlings to a baby show.

An old sea captain remarks that young ladies now-a-days are getting so forward that there's no keeping them ashore.

Flirting with Strangers.

It is a prevailing custom says the Philadelphia Dawn, with young ladies in the country towns, to promenade the streets in the evenings, especially past hotels, and signify to the new comers by looks and gestures that their acquaintance can be made if desired.

Drummers from our wholesale houses, lighting-rod men, vendors of patents, showmen, etc., are so accustomed to those things, that they are not in these towns over night until they have a "duck" in tow, and that "duck," perhaps, the daughter of some respectable citizen, who knows little of the danger his daughter is in.

"The Undeveloped West."

Under the title of the "Undeveloped West; or Five Years in the Territories," the National Publishing Company, of Philadelphia, is about to publish a series of sketches of the western country; made up of personal adventures and observations by J. H. Biadie, Esq., the western correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial.

How a Knight of the Quill got a Drink, and told no Lie.

Robert G——— is a Pittsburgh knight of the quill, who hates to tell a lie, but who likes Schiedam schnapps and similar invigorators. Lately, after a big spree, he told his sorrowing better half that he would never touch another drop of liquor while he had hair on his head.

When we hear men boast of their own talents, we incline to think that their talents should be reckoned as the East Indians reckon rupees—by the lack.

The shrewdest business transaction we

lately have heard of is recorded in the San Diego World. A lunatic was consigned by proper authority to the Asylum located at Stockton. The duty of transporting the lunatic to the Asylum devolved upon the Sheriff and his pay for the service was a mule being \$280 that including an allowance for the safe delivery of the patient.

The New York Graphic, "from the very highest authority," announces that no action will be taken by Plymouth against Mr. Beecher. It furthermore says that neither Mr. Beecher or Mr. Tilton or Mr. Bowen will take any further notice of the scandal with which their names have been associated.

A Southern Judge, by name Hopkins, in binding over a man who attempted, and nearly succeeded in killing another with a shot-gun because of an institution that the shooter was a mulatto, laid down the rule that "whenever a charge is made by the slanderous tongue of another that his blood is tainted, the imperfection of human nature will justify a resort to the shot-gun."

The Erie Dispatch has the following good item of the Colorado potato bug, which it says can be known by its small head, excellent appetite, four legs and big bustle of black and yellow stripes.

Professor Wise is disappointed of his expected aid from Washington but is determined not to give it up so. He publishes a letter in which he insists on the practicability of his proposed atmospheric voyage and declares his purpose to make the trip before he dies, if the thing is possible.

New London which fits out and mans all the polar expeditions, stands by Captain Boddington. They don't believe that Boddington would do anything out of the way, or that he will fail to bring in his ship.

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Local Notices.

For Sale Cheap. One 40-Horse Boiler, Gibbs & Russell make, One 12-Horse Engine in good condition, 800 feet casing, 1,000 feet tubing, 350 feet Sucker Rods, Valves, Working Barrels, &c.

BUSINESS CHANGE. W. A. LOZIER, who has been engaged in the Wholesale Ale trade for the past year, has this day disposed of his entire interest in said business to the firm of Fox & Williams.

NOTICE! Go to W. A. LOZIER, 4th Street, near R. R. track, for your BENZINE, delivered at the wells for \$2.25 per Barrel.

THE TORPEDO PATENT SUITS. Roberts vs. Nicholas Geyer.

The following is the decision rendered by Judge McKennan, at May Term of the Circuit Court in the above case: In the Circuit Court of the United States, in and for the Western District of Pennsylvania.—R. A. L. Roberts vs. Nicholas Geyer.—No. 1.—May Term 1873.—In Equity.

June 22, 1873. Consent issued. The injunction in this case was for infringement of the Roberts' patent of No.—(called the "Bar" Patent)—for increasing the productivity of oil wells.

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