

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. Starts from 8. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Rev. G. Moore, Pastor.

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

Prayer Meeting and Sabbath School Teacher's Meeting Tuesday evenings of each week.



Petroleum Centre Lodge, No. 215, I. O. of O. F.

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

W. B. MONTGOMERY, N. G. C. H. BAILEY, A Sec'y. Place of meeting, Main St., opposite McHittcock 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. GLENN, M. W.

A. M. KLECHNER, R.

I. O. of R. M. Minnekaunee 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 1 p. m. 116 3/4

Bob Magee visited the rural districts about Cooperstown, yesterday, in quest of non-explosive kerosene not up to the required standard. He examined every barrel and can between Oil City and the peace Lil hamlet in Jackson township, including some packages condemned as unsafe by one horse inspectors of only a few years experience, and did not discover a single drop of the article but what was as harmless as a spotted mule. It is gratifying to be assured that frightful accidents from dangerous kerosene are likely to disappear from this section of country forever, or at least so long as Governor Hartranft's illustrious appointment continues to gather fresh laurels as the "boss" tester of the gentle fluid. Bob is a big success.—Derrick.

Wonder if he tested any pork or swill barrels and pronounced their contents only 65 gravity. One of our refiners was hard-hearted enough to say the mighty only tested one barrel of oil while here pronouncing it 65 grav, but that he tested at least 25 different barrels of whiskey and pronounced them perfectly fire proof at 290, and this whiskey was all found in the lava beds among the Mohock squaws.

The black-mailing project against J. S. McCray don't seem to progress very favorably. A hundred thousand barrels of oil for a hundred thousand dollars is a good joke. Why don't some one start something rational if they want to bleed McCray? Derrick.

McCray don't stand black mailing for a cent. And as for his unloading a hundred thousand barrels of oil at \$1 per barrel it is simply ridiculous. Oil is at too ruinously low a figure at present to admit of an operator cutting his throat by selling oil at that figure.

We noticed the man last night who doesn't believe that lager will intoxicate. He stopped us near the post office to say—"Mos' harm's be'vage in er'ord. Man c'n drink fifty glasses never feel it more'n (hic) I'm this min't. Lager beer has no more 'fact on me'n so much wa'er. Bet ye two dollar's half foan." We agreed with him and passed on.

Fourteen of the boilers on the Columbia Farm are supplied with gas from the big gas well on their property on Wyckle Run, a tributary of Oil Creek. A pipe line nearly two miles in length conveys the gas to the boilers on the farm. This is a saving to the company of nearly \$75,000 per year.

P. T. Barnum's mammoth show is to exhibit at Titusville on July 5th. He claims to have the biggest show on earth, and of course everybody will attend and find out for themselves as to whether he is a humbug or not.

Now is the time to eat ice cream, and Joe Loger's Ice Cream Saloon on Washington street, is the place to get it nice, cool and highly flavored. Try a dish.

The old cry "see Venice and die" is now changed to "visit Vienna and go into insolvency."

A wife in Sigourney, Iowa, who was sold for an old gun and a small sum for cash, is seeking for a divorce.

We understand the great Titusville "bear," Mr. J. W. Butters, expresses himself in terms more forcible than elegant against the Record, on account of the part taken by him in the alleged sale of 100,000 barrels of oil by J. S. McCray, and reported in this paper. Butters says it was all a joke, but isn't it a strange joke, Butters, that oil dropped down 25 cents per barrel directly after you telegraphed the sale all over the region. Butters allows he is mad enough to clean out both the Record and Derrick.—Don't do it, Butters, the weather is quite too warm, and we have known of Butter meeting in warm weather.

We find the following account of the narrow escape from being killed of our townsman, Mr. Herman, at Oil City, yesterday, in the Titusville Herald of this morning:

Mr. Herman of the firm of Herman, Cornell & Co., refiners, of Petroleum Centre, yesterday made a hairbreadth escape from being shockingly mangled by the cars.—While attempting to cross the Atlantic & Great Western track opposite the passenger depot at Oil City, within a short distance of a train which was backing down, his foot became wedged under the rail in such a manner that it could not be extricated.—A gentleman seeing the danger endeavored to pull him off by main force, but abandoned him to his fate just as the train was within a few feet of him. At this juncture Mr. Herman, with the agony of desperation made a final effort and wrenched his foot away, leaving the boot fast in the rail. He rolled over bars in time to clear the track as the wheel grazed his person. The box of the car struck him on the side, but not with sufficient force to do much injury.—The accident was witnessed by hundreds of his friends and acquaintances, who were powerless to render any assistance, but who were overwhelmed in the congratulations and attentions after his providential escape. It will be a lesson to all who were present never to attempt to cross a track in front of an approaching train, and to the authorities of Oil City to enforce the ordinance compelling engineers to ring the bell while their trains are passing through that dangerous depot.

A strong "local optionist" living at Girard Station, on the Lake Shore road, was robbed a few days ago of a barrel of whiskey.

Josh "never knew an auctioneer to lie, unless it was absolutely convenient.

The man most likely to make his mark in the world—one who cannot write his own name.

A fifty-foot petrified monster has been discovered near Fort Dodge, Iowa, with ribs six feet long; and a local scientist concludes it is the fossil of the dragon spoken of in Scripture.

The jails are an epidemic in this State.

Jameson, N. Y., concluded that the man who nearly starved to death in the lock up, was responsible for it, as he crawled in through the key-hole.

A Norwich girl returned a lost pocket book, containing considerable money to its owner and received a one cent postage stamp in return, which had been used.

The Globe says that "Mr. Clay is a sharp politician." No doubt of it, but the editor of the Globe is a sharper.

We measure everything by comparison.—No wonder the dwellers in the region of the Sierra Nevada are not "carried away by their first view of the Alps. And this is the comment a correspondent of the Sacramento Union made upon his first view of the famous Dover Cliffs of England. "The famous chalk cliffs were not as white as a Nevada alkali flat and as far height—why compared with the Sierras or the Coast Range, or even Telegraph Hill, the cliffs of Dover are mere holes in the beach."

One of the most experienced underwriters now in Boston expresses the belief that oiled rags occasion more fires in this country than any other single cause—a fact not duly appreciated by those who daily use them, and suffer them to lie around loose and ignite, or throw them into a heap and thus increase the danger.

A Pittsburgh coroner makes no charge where he sits on a young man who parted his hair in the middle. He says that his personal satisfaction is enough without the fee.

An engineer has invented a machine which will cut off the general reporter from many an item. It is a hot-water pump with which to squirt hot water on deaf persons who walk on the track.

A Charleston father gave a young man who had saved his daughter from drowning a two year old steer and a shot-gun.

To take down the gridiron from the nail where it is banging with the left hand is a sign that there will be a broil in the kitchen.

There is a youth in Philadelphia, who does the obituary business for the Philadelphia Ledger. The following are the latest effusions.

They put away the little dresses, That our Laura used to wear; For she will need them on earth never, She has climbed the golden stair. And this: She struggled hard to get her breath, But she was soon released by death, And now, in heaven, she is at rest.

So rapid is the destruction of lobsters that it is predicted that the present generation of humans is the last that is to enjoy the luxury of this valuable shell-fish. Despite the statement that the supply is inexhaustible, any one who looks into a fish market finds demonstration that the reverse is the fact; that the rapidly diminishing size of those caught points to their speedy extinction, unless the merciless slaughter is arrested.

"Lame!" sighted Mrs. Partington.—"Here I have been sufferin' the bigamies of death for three mortal week. First I was seized with a bled lin' phrenology in the hamshire of the brain, which was exceeded by the stoppage of the left ventilator of the heart. This gave me inflammation of the left borax, and I am sick with the chloroform morbus. There is no blessin' like of health, particularly when you're ill.

How is this for high in the "cool North?" The Houghton (Lake Superior) Mining Gazette says that on the 8th inst., the mercury there reached ninety in the shade, and the mosquitoes were lively, full voiced, and more than numerous. On the same day there was ice enough in Marquette bay to interfere with the progress of a steamer.

The Houghton (Lake Superior) Gazette laughs at the ado made by the Pacific coast press over the gold yield of the Gwin and Idaho mines, set down at \$1,500 to \$2,000 per day, whilst the Calumet and Hecla copper mines in the neighborhood of Houghton last month produced \$20,000 worth of copper per day, and still keeps up that rate.

A horrible story of crime comes in a dispatch from Decatur, Illinois. A woman accidentally poisoned herself, and on her supposed death-bed confessed to having at different times murdered her husband, daughter, son-in-law, two grand children, and other connection of the family, and to have been poisoned with a mixture prepared for her son.

Grading out in California, in the San Diego country must be exciting business.—The World of San Diego, mentions an instance where the workmen grading for a railway near that city, came upon a colony of tarantulas. These venomous spiders attacked the Irishmen and actually drove the men into the water, the only safe retreat against those animals.

Pickpockets do not enjoy life in California. An old "bull whacker" felt a strange hand in his pocket there recently and pulling out his penknife, with a blade that weighed a pound, cut off the man's hand at the wrist and threw it after him with the advice to "put it in whiskey where it would keep."

Billings gives us two items on "gain": The partridge gouse and pheasant are cousins, and either one of them straddle a grid iron natural wau' tew have been born there.

It is reported that an American, named Reeve now commands the Cuban patriots.

In France they have formed new political club, in which both men and woman are admitted.

The editor of the Gallatin Union calls our journal "wrapping paper." He himself knows, from the sores on his head, that it is the best rapping paper in the country.

Rather suggestive—Water running out of the milk car on a railroad—to keep the lactical fluid cool, of course.

Chicopee, Mass., has a Fountain Extinguisher Company. Why fountains should be extinguished it would be hard to say.

Eighty-two varieties of farming implements are made at one establishment in Chicago. The State of Ohio consumes more iron in the manufacture of farming implements than any other State.

A French surgeon inserts watch crystals in the skulls of dogs in order that he may observe their brain-works. If he thinks he can make good watch dogs in that way, then that Frenchman is mistaken.

A young man in New York is becoming independently rich by breaking off marriage engagements objectional to his father at \$100 a time.

A rumor that Mr. Boucicault is about to produce an original play induces an English writer to ask "Whose is it?"

"Do you know sir, that I am worth a hundred thousand pounds?" "Yes I do; and I know that it is all you are worth!"

FARO BANK PULLED.—Thursday afternoon last an officer made a raid on the Petrolia faro bank, surprising the proprietors and what customers there happened to be in the room, and claiming the entire establishment, together with the horses, as his meat. In the confusion that followed some of the sports succeeded in hiding the checks and other "furniture" peculiar to the business. Four young gentlemen were just seating themselves to enjoy a game of poker, and had bought their checks for the purpose, and these with the stakes were hustled down into pockets. There is an air of mystery hanging about the affair that we cannot chase away. We have no account of any trial nor fines nor anything like that which usually follows under such circumstances. The world goes on as it did before and so does the faro bank.—[Petrolia Reporter.

Petroleum in California.

Rumors have been current for some time past of discoveries of petroleum on the Pacific slope. Their truth is at length confirmed by the Los Angeles Express, which gives the following particulars of the region in which the petroleum has been found.—It says: "The oil region is situated thirty-five miles northwest from the city of Los Angeles on the road to Fort Teja, and fourteen miles from the Mission of San Fernando. Three tunnels have been cut from 70 to 100 feet in depth, and from two wells the flow of oil is continuous. The petroleum is led through iron pipes a large tanks, and is dipped with bucket from springs. The cost of transportation to Los Angeles is about two cents per gallon. We have seen the report of Louis Faiker, now State Assayer, who estimates the value of the crude petroleum submitted to him for analysis to be much greater than that of Pennsylvania or elsewhere in the United States."

BEAVER FALLS EXCITED.

How the Chinamen Must Have Their Little Vices.

The Chinese at Beaver Falls do not cordially respond to civilizing efforts. An attempt was made last week to cut off their opium, and a row was the immediate consequence. A small but select band under the leadership of Cho Hung visited Ah Poy, the treasurer of the celestials, and in about the usual tone adopted at the time of a strike, demanded their money. This Ah Poy refused to give, and a wordy fight followed. Ah Poy, in the language that you see upon the very best tea chests, renounced and pleaded with a crowd, but Cho Hung flung his choices hieroglyphics back, until finally they came to blows. Ah Poy got the worst of it all and withdrew, while Cho Hung mustered his forces. Notwithstanding the rumors that floated about the city, to the effect that the whole force had intended their money, and were intending to strike out heavily for home, it appears, from the best intelligence, that Cho Hung could not but thirty-five who would exist under his standard. They, however, are steadfast, and will probably leave in a body for San Francisco. The managers claim they are well rid of a troublesome faction, and their places will be filled by a party who are already on the way.

Tall men like short woman; short men, if they like tall woman, are referred to a spire-like dame in Burlington, Iowa. She is six feet seven and a half inches in stature, and is still growing. She is further described as good looking, and what is still better, as rich. Yet the swains of Iowa look but shyly at this towering virgin, for if any one of them could muster courage to propose to her, how could he, if accepted, obtainly salute her without getting upon a chair or calling for a ladder?

NOTICE.

Parties knowing themselves indebted to us will do well to settle before July 1st next, thereby saving unnecessary trouble and expense, as all accounts not settled by that date will be collected by law.

SOBEL & AUERHAM.

Pet. Centre, Pa., June 16th.

A countryman at Dyersburg, Tenn., was noticed the other day gravely setting his watch by a painted sign in front of a jeweler's.

A sense of humor serves many people; in lieu of wisdom and keeps them from making themselves ridiculous through print.

Albany is a good place to start a temperance paper, but after one is started it don't take long for it to starve.—[Brooklyn Eagle.

Stokes, among other things, is something of a wag. Somebody asked him, the other day, what he thought of the Tombs, and he said it was a horrible cell!

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, 960 feet Sucker Rods, Valves, Working Barrels, &c. Also, one Derrick and Rig complete. The above property will be sold cheap for cash. For particulars enquire of A. G. HARPER, Kane City, Venango County, Pa. A. G. HARPER. Kane City, June 17 1873—11

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, who will continue the business at the old stand. Mr. Lozier desires us to return his sincere thanks to his many patrons for the liberal patronage extended to him during the past year. E. A. Phillips will act as agent for the new proprietors, and keeps a full supply of that fine Buffalo Cream Ale on hand. Mr. Lozier desires all parties indebted to him to settle at once as he wishes to have his books balanced. Dated April 24, 1873.

NOTICE!

Go to W. A. LOZIER, 4th Street, near R. R. track, for your BENZINE, delivered at the wells for \$2.00 per Barrel.

Petroleum Centre, Feb. 6th—11.

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.—E. A. Roberts vs. Nicholas Geyer.—No. 1.—May Term 1873.—In Equity.

November 21, 1872. Bill filed and subpoena issued.

Subpoena and notice of application for preliminary injunction served.

December 18, 1872. Motion for preliminary injunction heard, and the Court being duly advised in the premises; the injunction awarded as prayed for, and decrees filed.

January 14, 1873. Injunction issued, and on the 29th day of January indictment served personally and by copy.

May 22, 1873. Rule issued for defendant to show cause why attachment should not issue for contempt in violating injunction and duly served.

June 23, 1873. Rule for attachment in this case came on to be heard, and after argument of counsel pro and con, the Court being fully advised in the premises, the rule is made absolute, and the sentence of the Court is, that the said defendant, Nicholas Geyer, be imprisoned in the common jail of Allegheny County for and during the term of ten days, and that he pay the costs of this proceeding.

June 26, 1873. Commitment issued.

The injunction in this case was for infringement of the Roberts' patent of No.—(called the Bug Patent), for increasing the productiveness of oil wells. The act of infringement for which the defendant was committed for contempt, consisted in aiding Alexander Hamar in exploding torpedoes in oil wells being the same act of infringement for which Hamar was also committed in the case No. 3, November Term, 1866, as before stated.

The Court McKennan, J., after delivering his opinion in the Hamar case, proceeded to sentence Nicholas Geyer for contempt, and delivered the following oral opinion:

In the case of Nicholas Geyer charged with the same offence, I am entirely satisfied that there was fraud present in the Hamar well at least. As I have intimated to the counsel in the course of the argument, the presence of fluid in the wells, whether discovered or not, is an infringement of the patent, and a breach of the injunction of the Court.

Mr. Roberts, by his patent lawyer one of the principal elements of his invention being tampering, and wherever there is fluid sufficient in a well, at the time of the explosion of a torpedo, to operate as tampering, whether it gets there naturally or is put there artificially, his patent is infringed. This was clearly the case in regard to the Boals well.

But Mr. Geyer seems to have been misled by Hamar, who told him that he merely wanted to make an experiment; and I do not think, this being the first time, that he ought to be very severely punished.

He also is adjudged guilty of contempt and ordered to pay the costs of this proceeding, and undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for ten days.—I hope this will be the last of these cases, because, if the matter comes to our notice again, we will be constrained to impose such punishment as will tend to make the decrees of the Court effectual. June 17—1m.