

Pet. Centre, Pa., Friday, June 20

Divine Service.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 12 1/2 P. M. 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. 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. 715, 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 McC. Block 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 Fellows' Hall, Petroleum Centre, Penna.

A. GLENN, M. W. A. M. K. LECKNER, R.

A. O. of H. M.

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

H. HOWE, Sachem. C. L. JUKES, Chief of Records.

Gold at 1 P. M. 116 3/4

Oil News.

The Harris well, on the Goering farm, mention of which we made a day or two since as being nearly ready to test, started pumping on Monday and is now pumping about four barrels per day and increasing. It has a strong volume of gas, enough to run all the wells in that vicinity. Will probably prove a good ten barrel well.

The new well on the same farm, owned by Bennehoff Bros., Irwin and others, of Cherrytree, started pumping about the same time, and is now yielding about four barrels daily and increasing. This well also has a strong volume of gas.

The beauty of the wells in that neighborhood are that they start up small, but increase gradually to about ten or twelve barrels, where they remain for years pumping.

A new well on the Sutley farm, leased by Heydrick & Egbert of Franklin, and put down by Stewart Bros., Geo W. Tarr of Cherrytree, and Jonathan Watson, of Titusville, will be completed early next week. The indications are good. This property adjoins the Goering farm.

The new well on the Strawbridge farm is nearly completed. This farm is located near Cherrytree Village, and the well is put down for the purpose of testing the territory.

On the night of July 4th coming, a benefit ball is to be given at Sobel's Opera House, in aid of our townsman, George W. Wilson, who it is well known has been suffering from paralysis for a long time past. The object is a worthy one and we hope our citizens will each and all lend a helping hand by purchasing tickets. Do this and thy reward shall be, in the language of the poet—

Think not, the good, The gentle deeds of mercy thou hast done, Shall die forgotten all; the poor, the prisoner, The fatherless, the friendless, and the widow, Who daily own the bounty of thy hand, Shall cry to heav'n, and pull a blessing on thee.

There was war among the Modocs, or rather the female portion of it, last night. They had a "wee bit of a ruction, d'ye see," and the result was sundry damaged waterfalls, black eyes, and the like.

A gay old sport from Shamburg, accompanied by two or three companions, appeared in town yesterday, with the avowed purpose of having a little fun with the boys. They adjourned up town and commenced imbibing bad whiskey. The result was the old sport got thoroughly saturated, and his companions failing to get him away, took his horse and put it in the stable. Old sport came to his senses partially after a time, and missing the horse, immediately sought out Justice Reynolds with the avowed intention of arresting the thieves. The Justice informed him he could not have a warrant unless he knew the names of the parties, whereupon he became obstreperous and informed the Justice that he did not know his business. The result was that Shamburg sport had to be put in the bastille for a time to sober up. Upon coming to his senses he was set free and left for Shamburg at once.

We copy the following from the Warren Ledger:

Capt. Dingley is sinking another well on his tract in Pleasant, near Warren. This is the fifth well he has sunk, and hitherto without success, although he has found the rock and some oil. The Captain is over seventy-four years of age hale and hearty—full of ambition; at the same time he looks upon death as an incident,—verily turning aside from ordinary duties to a higher enjoyment. One day last week he traveled on foot twenty miles, after having made his ten mile a day for several days, through woods and brush running lines. He is remarkable for a man of his years. His twenty mile walk caused him no inconvenience except a blister on his heel.

An oil well is being put down in Pine Grove, on the Allen farm. Messrs Patrick & Stoddard are the proprietors. It is hoped the enterprise will be rewarded.

The St. Louis Democrat prints the following beautiful fragments of a poem of twelve verses on "The Streets of St. Louis:"

"Go see what I have seen, Go feel what I have felt; Go out at early dawn And smell what I have smelt."

Mr. Lawrence Barrett, a popular actor, was the recipient of a copy of Plutarch's Lives in five volumes presented by a few of his admirers in Titusville, on Tuesday evening. Mr. H. C. Bloss made a nice presentation speech, in which he recommended the work to Mr. Barrett like a book agent, and Barrett like a good actor concealed his disgust and said he would read a few of the lives, and if he liked them he would go through the whole.—[Venango Spectator.

Who killed the man who was talked to death?

A woman at Omaha dreamed that a man would come along and sell her some pills which would cure her of dyspepsia. Sure enough he came and she bought the pills, took two, and was as cold as a hammer when her husband came home.

It is said that Germans rarely commit suicide in their native land, yet in New York City, last year, fully forty per cent. of the cases of self-destruction were among Germans. The same ratio, it is said will hold good in other places having a larger German population.

A provident mother at St. Mary's, Pa., left her three children, the oldest five years of age, to keep house while she went to visit a neighbor. She has now no house to pay rent for, nor children to feed.

Thirty derricks were blown down in the neighborhood of Triumph by the wind storm on Monday.

The Oil City Councilmen, at their meeting Monday evening, resolved that they would not appropriate any money out of the city treasury for the purpose of celebrating the Fourth of July.

Three freight car robbers were arrested in Kittanning a few days ago and are now in the Armstrong county jail. Complaints of losses of freight on the Allegheny Valley Railroad caused the Company to place detectives along the line, who succeeded, in arresting these three persons, and are after some others suspected of being concerned in the robberies.

Two disabled soldiers, Geo W. Brown and E. S. Kellogg, ask the assistance of our citizens to aid them in supporting their families. All should assist the wounded soldiers as they are entitled to it.

This is the way local option works in Warren county. We copy from the Warren Ledger:

It is said that numerous kegs of beer are taken up King's Hollow, and other out of the way places, Saturdays, and by some hook or crook are emptied on the Sabbath. Perhaps there is no law against this kind of drinking, but it is demoralizing, and quite as bad as drinking at a licensed bar. No license failed to stop whisky or beer drinking, we fear. There is less drinking in town, but more in the hedges and by ways than before.

After long study of the subject, the Philadelphia Star has concluded that "March is a bad month for hauling ashes in uncovered carts."

The Quincy, Ill., Herald says: "The Weekly Montanian wants an editor. The last one was killed by shooting him full of shingle nails."

Strawberries are getting plenty but are not very cheap.

The Atlantic and Great Western earned \$428,524 in May.

A freight train on the A. & G. W. Railroad ran into a freight train on the James town and Franklin Railroad at the "Crossing" on Tuesday afternoon. Several cars of oil were burned, but nobody hurt.

Incident of the Walworth Paricide.

[From the Albany Journal.]

Mansfield Tracy Walworth's eldest daughter, Nellie, has for some time past been attending the school at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Keenwood. On Wednesday she received a message from her uncle, the Rev. Clarence Walworth, desiring her presence at his residence on Chapel street. Being totally unaware of the terrible affliction that had fallen on her family the day previous, she imagined her uncle wished to see and bid her adieu before leaving for Europe as he contemplated doing; and, under the impression that such was the fact, she prepared with a joyous heart for the visit. She arrived at her uncle's residence only to find that he had left instructions for her to immediately come on to Saratoga, and after waiting about an hour she proceeded to the depot, and took the train for that place. She was still unaware of the tragedy, the inmates of Father Walworth's not having the heart to inform her. Seated directly ahead of her in the car was a gentleman reading a New York paper which gave a full account of the paricide, in which the name of the murderer and victim were displayed in glaring capitals at the head. Happening to glance over the passenger's shoulder, her eyes caught the lines, and the sudden revelation threw her into fainting fits, which continued until her arrival at Saratoga. She was kindly cared for by ladies in the car, and on reaching the village was immediately removed to her home.

The Chinamen at Beaver Falls are fast getting into civilized ways. Last Friday there was a row among them and a disposition to kill a celestial brother named Ah Poy, because he reported them for smoking opium. Thirty of the rioters were discharged and matters became quiet again.

A newspaper correspondent says that "Dust thou art, and into dust thou shalt return," may appropriately be quoted to the Lake Shore road.

Speaking of postal cards, a friend who is always asking conundrums wants to know if Uncle Sam can afford to furnish a 3x5 card and can send it to any part of the United States for one cent why can't he afford to carry a 3x5 envelope and letter when we pay for the envelope ourselves.

A Peoria dentist steals the filing out of dead men's teeth.

The editor of the New Hampshire Patriot says that a dog lately passed his town "in a rabid state." We are afraid all the New Hampshire dogs are in a rabid state.

There are two sorts of cats. We doubt the truth of the common saying that one of them has nine lives, but many a poor fellow's back can attest that the other has nine tails.

Josh Billings says: "I have often been told that the best way is to take a bull by the horns; but I think, in many instances, I should prefer the tail hold."

There is a man prowling around Sandy Lake, Mercer county, with a double barrel shot gun. He says he has the contract for the scalps of a dozen lightning rod peddlers and has six to shoot yet. Some of the townspeople think he is insane.

Present progress indicates that the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention will make a little booklet of about 17,987 pages.

A survey has been made for a pipe line from Greece City, Butler county, to Ray Milton, on the line of Jamestown & Franklin Railroad, and it will be completed without delay.

Last year there were manufactured in the Lehigh Valley, Ohio, 212 tons of pig iron and 68,000 tons of bar iron and rail, and there were 371,000 tons of iron shipped from Cleveland.

Every dog has his day: The following beautiful lines were written before Jack's day was over: I'm Captain Jack of the lava beds, I'm "cock of the wall" and chief of the Reds, I kin "lift the bar" and scalp the heads Of the whole United States Army.

The Post Office Newsroom Soda Fountain is now running in full blast.—Call and try a glass of ice cool soda water.

The Minneapolis Tribune states that Minnebaha, the beautiful "Laughing Water," is to be placed under the auctioneer's hammer, and knocked down to the highest bidder. But this is no laughing matter.

An exchange says: "Worcester (Mass.) papers tell of a woman stopping in that city, not yet thirty years old, who is the mother of thirteen children." Well, we should think it was about time she was stopping somewhere.

There is a youth living in Alexandria, Virginia, who is about to proceed to Boston for the purpose of starting from Bunker Hill on a tour through the Northern States carrying the Confederate flag unfurled.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

Like a beech tree, Esquimaux dogs have a very thin bark.

Philadelphia was the birth-place of liberty and the first piano.

It cost a Liverpool clergyman \$25,000, to love two, well but not wisely.

The Khedive is going to build a new pyramid which he is willing to stake against Cheops.

The Pope is going to offer val/h/can in the way of accommodations for the suppressed Jesuits.

Marshallfield, Mo. has a poet "lariat," who, when he is not wooing the muss, whitewashes, and digs wells for a living.

An Iowa editor begs his readers to give him their ears, while he assures them that burning corn cheers the chimney corner more than any other kind of fuel.

A country paper in Minnesota wants to know who swindled the Indians out of "such an infernal cold, country as Minnesota is, and who deluded the white people into it."

Well-dressed men in Chicago have stabling affrays in the street at night and one is wounded the parties get into back and ride away, covering up all their traces.

An editor in Fredericksburg, Va. was asked by a stranger "If it was possible that little town kept up four newspapers," and the reply was, "No, it takes four newspapers to keep up the town."

An exchange says: "When you see a bareheaded man following a cow through the front gate, and filling the air with garden implements and profanity, you may know that his cabbage plants have been set out."

The Boston Transcript says that persons who send poetry to the newspapers should always retain copies. The New York Times suggests that they should also retain the originals.

The Chicago papers are blackguarding each other because they fell into the error of criticising the overture to "Tannhauser," when it was the overture to "William Tell" which was performed.

The late John Carpenter of Marquette, Mich., knocked the ashes out of his pipe on the head of a keg of blasting powder.

An orphan, under age, married his female guardian in Illinois the other day and was compelled to get her written consent to his marriage before the wedding could take place.

Party (who wants a letter)—"My name is Mike How." Postoffice clerk (reformed civil service)—"Well if your name is your cow, what is your cow's name?"—St. Louis Globe.

An Albany method of gambling is to fill two bags, one with sand, the other with salt, and then bet on them. It is simple but they manage to shoot the stab the same as before.

Chemical joke from the New Orleans Herald—"Jupiter had not married Juno, a chance would have existed of her becoming the 'Ox-eyed' of Mercury."

The New York World, borrowing a hint from Solomon, proposes to end the Carlyle-Emerson controversy by cutting "Betsey and I" in two, each of the disputed authors to have half and shut up.

A Vicksburg young man accepted six shillings for saving the life of a handsome heiress, and at last accounts hadn't dashed the money at her father's feet.

The force of habit is fully illustrated in the case of a retired milkman, who says he never sees a can of water without having an almost-irresistible desire to put some milk in it.

A Japanese newspaper in London has now the safeguard of a clerical editor, having the benefit of the contributions of the first Buddhist priest who has resided in London.

The Memphis Avalanche is contented with the knowledge that "Betsey and I are Out," and so far as its columns are concerned it proposes that "they shall stay out."

Sir Josiah Mason, who made his fortune as a weaver at Kidderminster, has arranged to erect and endow a scientific College in Birmingham, England. Nobody can carp at that.

Before falling eight feet upon a pile of stones, always take a reef in your tongue.—If Mr. Seeler of Louisville, had taken this precaution, he would not have bitten off that useful member.

A New Albany, Ind. Judge has decided that if a man get drunk every other week, and stays drunk a week at a time, he is not a habitual drunkard.

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.

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—41

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. F. 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. L. 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 13, 1872. Motion for preliminary injunction heard, and the Court being duly advised in the premises, the injunction awarded as prayed for, and decree 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 2d, 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 2d, 1873. Commitment issued. The injunction in this case was for infringement of the Roberts' patent of No.—(called the But Patent), for increasing the productivity of oil wells. The act of infringement for which the defendant was committed for contempt, consisted in aiding Alexandra Hamer in exploding torpedoes in oil wells being the same act of infringement for which Hamer was also committed in the case No. 3, No. vember Term, 1866, as before stated.

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

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

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

But Mr. Geyer seems to have been misled by Hamer, 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 is also 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 court notice again, we will be constrained to impose such punishment as will tend to make the decree of the Court effectual. June Term.