

Pet. Centre, Pa. Wednesday, July 9

Divine Service. 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. BURMAN.



Regular meeting nights Friday, at 7 o'clock. W. B. MONTGOMERY, N. G. C. H. BALLEW, A Sec'y.

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

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

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

The discussion at Columbia Farm between Reverend Getty and Graham is said to be getting red hot. Rev. Getty, the Universalist clergyman, is highly educated and a thorough Greek scholar.

It is proper to state that the adherents of Methodism in attendance at the discussion is much greater than those of Universalism.

The new well on the Strawbridge Farm near Cherrytree, is nearly completed. Local news is dull today.

Mr. James Anderson, of this place, who has charge of several wells in the lower district, informs us of a very singular freak in oil wells.

Black Friars—Colored cooks. Capt. Jack has confessed to Shack Nasty Jim that he is the real author of "Betsy and I Are Out."

Mrs. Partington says she never had the smallpox, not she. She was inoculated years ago by an oculist.

A woman at Scranton, Penn., put her tongue to a flat-iron to see if it was hot. That household is remarkable quiet these days.

When a young lady gets a letter she carries it in her hand but a couple of pounds of sausages she manages to squeeze into her pocket.

The crisis in the Italian Ministry continues. Minghetta has failed to form a Cabinet and the King has summoned Count de Cambrea Digny to undertake the task.

The New York News warns young girls against the habit of attending 'moon-light' picnics. It says that balls are nothing in the essence of destroying young girls to these moon-light picnics.

Without loss of time, the ground is being fenced and cleared for the rebuilding of the Alexandra Palace; and this work will be facilitated and shortened by the fact that all the four massive gables being principally of brick-work, resisted the heat effectually.

In speaking of the German Emperor, the Spectator says, "They are elderly men who now control the European chess board."

Henry M. Smith, managing editor of the Chicago Tribune, originated the Chicago jubilee, and made \$60,000 out of it.

NOTES.—An octogenarian from the rural village of Nettown visited Barnum's Show at Titusville. Of course his spouse accompanied him, as they had not missed a show in twenty years.

A gentleman wishing to purchase a Barometer stepped into a hardware store at Titusville, and asked for a Hygrometer, which was shown him at once by an accommodating clerk.

A very aged aged couple, evidently unused to riding upon the cars, took a seat in the smoking car on the O. C. & A. R. R. After a while both of them drew forth their pipes and began to smoke.

One is born to be disappointed said a shoddy member of upperpondom. I just read that the horse was closely related to the man's.

Dickens' Sir Harry Walter, Junior, is discounted by a little girl across the creek, who has two large wax dolls which she married to each other for a year.

Our townsman, Mr. J. M. Boyles, received a telegram this forenoon, announcing that the new well put down by himself, Leslie Bros. and Brady, on the Riddle farm, near Karns City, had struck the sand and was making a big show.

W. H. Longwell, Esq., of the Oil City Derrick, was in town yesterday afternoon. He represents that sheet as in a flourishing condition, and what is almost unheard of in the annals of newspaper history, making money.

Michael Quino, an employee of the Oil Creek Railroad, had his arm crushed by the cars, at Titusville, yesterday.

The English style of wearing the hair is being quite extensively adopted by Eastern fashionable ladies. It is not, as a rule, becoming, but is neat and tidy.

A report is in circulation that the officers of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, together with the officers of the Eastern road are to make a trip to St. John over the Eastern, Main Central and E. & N. A. Railroads during the first of July.

General Sheridan says that the Santee Indians sing Walt's hymns at their scalp dances. Imagine a festive brave, full of day rum, driving a white oak stake through the stomach of a pale-faced prisoner.

The Cortes have ordered amnesty to the Carlites. The time may come when the Carlites will return the compliment.

The pope has again deceived his physicians and the public. He is well enough to walk alone in the gardens of the Vatican.

The Oil City rape case is causing considerable excitement in that place. Titusville is excited over an earthquake. It's very doubtful whether one occurred or not.

Balley & Smith, pop and ice men, are doing a lively business this warm weather, and they deserve it.

The Missouri Republican calls the Entomological Museum, near St. Louis, "The State Bug Shop."

A Danbury man who bought a new pair of boots on Saturday says a ship may stand on one tack all night, if it wants to; but he finds an hour and a half to be an elegant sufficiency.

MY KING.

Love is King! When he commands, Let all meaner things withdraw; Only he, in all the lands, Royal, unrestricted, stands,

Love is King! By right divine, From the Godhead pure he came; Through his veins the fruited vine Flows in everliving wine,

Love is King! No cringing thrall Suing for witholden bliss; As his own be chimeth all That his own he cares to call;

What though he be dispossessed Of his throne? An exile he, Doomed to wander in unrest? Still, above all, is he best In a conscious royalty.

Ab! my King, mistrusted here, Masked in beggarly array! Comes a morning, radiant clear, When, no more a wanderer, Dawns for thee a perfect day.

When the heavens shall swing their gate To thy lordly entering; When the people of thy state And all joy, on thee shall wait, And I triumph in my King!

The police of India have novel ways of extracting confessions from prisoners with-out tortures. One method applied to opium eaters is perfectly simple and sociable.

Some of the commercial papers of St. Petersburg are advocating the establishment of woolen cloth manufactories in South Siberia, near the Chinese frontiers.

Mrs. Lyster of Indiana, was lately buried in her linen wedding garments, which she spun, wove and wore seventy-three years ago.

The Sultan is about to visit the Khedive of Egypt. That powerful vassal is getting a little too independent for his master to manage, so concession and conciliation appear to be the order of the day.

Secretary Fish has officially notified the Representatives of foreign governments of the fact that a Centennial Exposition is in contemplation and inviting the co-operation of their governments.

Another comet has been discovered at Vienna. Suppose he be invited to pause and visit the Exposition.

The London Hour commends the Patent Right Law of the United States. The Emperor of Austria will visit the Czar at St. Petersburg, in the month of December next.

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The Squire's Visitor.

Squire Binks, a retired old gentleman, lives away down on Seventh street. The other morning three old ladies from Macon county came to his house on a visit. They used to know his wife before she was married.

As he sat in the back kitchen wiping his brow, his wife brought out the market basket and said there was not a bit of sugar or tea in the house, and she remarked that while he was going down town he might as well get the molasses jug filled.

When he laid the paper of corn starch on the kitchen table his wife said they must have a codfish for dinner. One of the ladies said in the course of conversation, that she was very fond of codfish.

When he slapped the codfish down on the table with a whang, his wife got him to bring in some water and wood; Mrs. Spoon-anger said she never dined without ale, and the Squire was asked to go down and bring up a bottle.

He got the ale and for fear he would have to trot down town again, he hired an express wagon and loaded it with all sorts of garden truck, a bottle of whiskey, a box of sardines, a pound of snuff, some cove oysters, dried apples, beads, smoked tongue and cut and dried tobacco.

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The ladies said she thought they ought to start on the next Friday, so as to reach home before Sunday. Mrs. Binks said they ought not to be in a hurry.

But his wife said the ladies had concluded to stay until after the Fourth. Then the Squire went out to saw wood and converse with himself.—[Peoria Review.

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Local Notices.

DENTAL NOTICE. Having concluded to close out my business in Petroleum Centre, I desire to inform my old patrons and friends that hereafter I shall be located in Schonblom's new building, Oil City, Pa., and would respectfully invite them to pay me a call.

A Great Horror Done Away With. House cleaning is a great horror to nine men out of every ten.

For Sale Cheap. One 40-Horse Boiler, Gibbs & Russell make, One 12-Horse Engine in good condition, 800 feet casing, 1,000 feet tubing, 360 feet sucker rods, valves, Working Barrels, &c. Also, one Derriek and Rig complete.

NOTICE! Go to W. A. LOZIER, 4th Street, near R. R. track, for your BENZINE, delivered at the wells for \$1.75 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.—E. A. L. Roberts vs. Nicholas Geyer.—No. 1.—May Term 1873.—In Equity.

Subpena and notice of application for preliminary injunction served. December 13, 1873. 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, 1874. Injunction issued, and on the 20th day of January indictment served personally and by copy. May 29, 1873. Rule issued for defendant to show cause why attachment should not issue for contempt in violating injunction and duly served.

June 24, 1873. Rule for attachment in this case came on to be heard, and after argument of counsel pro and con, the Court being full 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 Big Patent), for increasing the productivity 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, No. 7, term 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 offense, I am entirely satisfied that there was fraud present in the wells 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 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 decree of the Court effectual.

FOR SALE. A desirable house on the Egbert Farm. For particulars enquire at the Post Office. June 15-1m.