

Petroleum Centre Daily Record.

Pet. Centre, Pa. Monday, July 14

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 12 1/2 P. M. etc. free. 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. BURCK AND. 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. E. MONTGOMERY, N. G. C. H. BAILEY, A. Sec'y. Place of meeting, Main 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 Old Fellow's Hall, Petroleum Centre, Penn'a.

JAMES WILSON, M. W. JAMES S. WHITE, R.

I. O. of R. M. Minnekaune 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. 115 1/2. The Post Office Newsroom Soda Fountain is now running in full blast.—Call and try a glass of ice cool soda water.

Dickens' "Box" Just issued in paper cover by the Petersons. Price 25 cents, and for sale at the Post Office Newsroom.

COMPLIMENTARY SERENADE.—On Saturday evening last, the Columbia Silver Cornet Band of Columbia Farm, paid our town a long promised visit, and played some of their sweetest music. The boys were dressed in their elegant new uniforms and never looked better or presented a finer appearance than upon this occasion. They marched down Washington street as far as the P. Office, and thence to the Egbert farm, and thence to Wild Cat Hollow, and without intending any flattery, we must say the universal opinion of all was that their playing could not be excelled, and even surpassed that of many of the so-called crack bands of Pennsylvania. The band is now nearly five years old, and through the exertions of Prof. Smith, the leader, have attained a wonderful proficiency in the art of music.—Below we give a list of the members:

- D C Smith, W A Robb, E flat. J D Hamilton, C S McKallip, B flat. T R Kane, J Holtzworth, E flat alto. W Wadsworth, baritone. W D Jones, S K McKallip, tenor. J C E Hartman, tuba. J H McKallip, bass drum. J W Postlewait, tenor drum. J R Jones, Cymbols. The civil organization is as follows: W D Jones, President; J H McKallip, Vice President; J C E Hartman, Secretary; J D Hamilton, Treasurer.

In this connection, "ye editor" would return his sincere thanks to the members of the band for the complimentary serenade tendered us. The sweet strains of music discoursed by them will "linger round our memory still" for many a day. May they long exist and prosper is the best wish of all. We hope they will pay us many more calls.

Is there no copy-right for one's name? There should be such a law so that a man be enabled to protect his name against "infringement" by being copied. Lately along Central New York there has been quite extended accounts of a great rascal whose Christian name was Hiram Denio—after the distinguished Judge Denio who died not long ago. And now we see that the Kentuckian, Holtshouser, who shot his brother through the head in the presence of the old father at Birdtown—of which the telegraph gave account—was named John Crittenden, and the brother he killed was named Daniel Webster. It was a Kentucky affair, not uncommon is that blood-stained State John Crittenden H. had some grudge against his brother Daniel Webster H. and when Daniel was reading the Ledger John Crittenden came in drawing a navy revolver and shot Daniel Webster through the head. The old father begged the murderer to put a ball through his, the father's head, and end his woes, but the undutiful son did not do it. The assassin John Crittenden was a lieutenant in John Morgan's command during the war, and Daniel Webster

The prisoners in the Franklin jail celebrated the Fourth in good shape through the aid of several good christians of that city. Below is the letter of thanks written by them:

The fifteen prisoners now confined in the county jail respectfully beg leave to tender their sincere thanks to the managers and members of the "Union Sabbath School picnic," for the liberal and very acceptable collation given to us on the "glorious Fourth," and to assure them of our high appreciation of their remembrance of those "who are in bonds." We also desire to return thanks to the Baptist, Sabbath School for some gallons of most excellent lemonade also to Sheriff Mark for several packages of cakes, bon-bons, &c. &c. And, finally, to Turnkey Nolan for an ample supply of fireworks, wherewith to celebrate the ninety-seventh anniversary of our National Independence which patriotic duty we—circumstances duly considered—performed right heartily, and thereby awakened reminiscences of "brighter and happier days."

The Petersburg Progress has the following in regard to the state of the oil market at present:

Oil at a dollar and seventy-five cents a barrel is making four operators wealthy—in debt. It has, however, one redeeming feature, which is this, that there is no stock kept at the wells. The market has been so low, while the paper of many producers matured on the first of the month, that it has taken every dollar which they could rake or scrape together to meet their obligations. There is not, at this time, in the entire 3d district, in tank at the wells, over 20,000 barrels of oil, while number of drilling wells is nearly the same; showing possibly a slight increase over last month. Of these, however, many will not be put down at present, although they have been noted way for some time. There are, in this district some six hundred wells, including pumping, drilling, and rigs ready for operations, of these we estimate the pumping wells at 495 the wells actually drilling at 60; and the rigs already completed at 40.—Although numerous large wells have been struck during the past three months, and the production has been reported as being very heavy, we are prepared to state that there has been a very considerable falling off; according to this estimate the decrease has been 18 1/2 per cent. of the total production of last month. It has been demonstrated beyond all evil, that it does not pay to produce oil at the present prices—no one pretends to dispute it, and those operators who continue to run their small wells, do not do it because of the profit, but because they are compelled to do so from force of circumstances. From present indications the market will remain unsettled until late in the fall, at least, and the prices will fluctuate considerably, possibly touching \$2.25 as a maximum, and \$1.00 as a minimum. Opinions have been expressed that this will continue for a much longer period; and we were informed a day or two since that certain parties had offered to sell ahead for one year at \$1.25 no. This, we do not credit at all, since there is nothing in the present condition of the market, to warrant any such foolish contract on the part of any operator of any foresight whatever. Although business will doubtless continue dull for a time, and producers will have all they can do to keep their feet, times will eventually, possibly in October or November, become better, and financial matters eased off very materially.

The telegraph has recorded the accident by which the aeronaut La Mountain was precipitated from his balloon, at Ionia, Michigan, on the Fourth, and dashed to death upon the ground. It is a remarkable coincidence that three years ago another aeronaut, also called La Mountain, perished in a nearly similar manner, and not a hundred miles from the same place. This was in 1870, at South Bend, Indiana; an impatient crowd cast him off before he was quite ready, with the valve open tied several feet above his head; the balloon shot into a cloud of mist and sleet, which froze the valve board fast. The intrepid voyager climbed the network of the balloon with his teeth.—The balloon collapsed and fell, and the aeronaut was frightfully mangled.

We are informed that nearly all the wells in the Tidoute and Triumph districts are soon to be shut down. At present prices it does not pay to pump them.

Our townsman, Mr. Silas Hughes, left for Tidoute today with the intention of shutting down his wells for the present at least.

On Wednesday evening next, a party of our citizens intend holding a moonlight picnic on the Brown farm, wind and weather permitting. A nice time is anticipated.

Reports of the condition of the cotton crop to July 1st, received at the Agricultural Department, indicate that, whatever may be the injury to the crop from rains and other causes, the deficiency will be supplied by the larger area planted, and this year's crop be at least equal to that of last year.

LOCAL OPTION IN WESTMORELAND.

The hotel keepers of Greensburg are not satisfied with the workings of local option, and desire to have the constitutionality of the act tested. The following from the Argus, of that place, gives an idea of how the matter tests there: "Monday last was fraught with considerable interest to those who have looked upon the Local Option Act as unconstitutional. We do not propose, at present to enter into a detailed statement of what occurred at the meeting—not being present—but this we will venture to assert, after a brief interview with an eminent attorney who was in attendance—Hon. Edgar Cowan—that the Supreme Court will be called upon to settle the matter. It is thus proposed to test the constitutionality of the Act in question, but who will offer himself as a martyr has not been developed. Messrs Cowan and Foster have been retained as counsel, and as the liquor men evidently mean business and are determined that their rights shall be respected, we may expect a lively time."—[Free Press.

The oil well on the Bower farm, about a mile north of Edenburg, in Beaver township, owned by Duncan, Turner and Lowry, is yielding 60 barrels a day. The pipe lines have been laid to that point, and one line, we are informed is immediately to be extended up to the well at Berlin's hotel on the pike, west of Shipperville, where 500 barrels of oil is in tank. Another well is being put down near Berlin's; also one on the Graham, one on the Gates, on the Kribbs one on the Armstrong and another on the Bower farm, and many others in the same neighborhood are preparing to drill.—It is now a fixed fact that the great Parker and Petersburg oil belt extends up in Ash-bald and Elk townships, and as soon as oil becomes a better price, lively times may be expected in that quarter.—[Clarion Democrat.

A WIFE'S POWER.—The power of a wife, for good or evil, is irresistible. Without one, home must be forever unknown.

A good wife is to a man wisdom, strength and courage; a bad one is confusion, weakness and despair. No condition is hopeless to a man where the wife possesses firmness, decision, and economy. There is no outward propriety which counteract indulgence, extravagance and folly at home. No spirit can long endure bad influence. Man is strong, but his heart is not adamant. He delights in enterprise and action, but to sustain him he needs a tranquil mind; and especially if he is an intelligent man, with a whole head, he needs his moral force in the conflict to life. To recover his composure, home must be a place of peace and comfort. There his soul renews its strength and goes forth with fresh vigor to encounter the labors and troubles of life. But if at home he finds no rest, and is there men with bad temper, silliness, jealousy and gloom, or assailed with complaints and censures, hope vanishes and sinks into despair. Such is the case to many who, might seem, have no conflict or trials of life, for such is the wife's power.

A most singular occurrence took place a few weeks ago in Beaver township. When the oil well on the Keeser farm struck a heavy vein of water in the second rock, the water wells at the residences of John G. Mendenhall and P. K. Kribbs, Esq., at Edenburg—half a mile distant—both went dry.

A young man who knows all about it, states that his experience has taught him that a flirt is a fool, who delights in fooling fools, and the fool who is fooled by such a fool is the foolish kind of a fool. He's been fooled badly, we should judge.

The refreshing showers today are more than welcome.

A lady writes to the New York Herald: "I happen to be the wife of an inveterate smoker and do boldly avow that I love the perfume of his cigar better than all the perfumes of Arabia. I think there is nothing more delightful and I am never more happy than when my husband is by my side, with slippers on, and a fragrant Havana between his lips—a picture of home comfort which many a poor married man has never seen, who is driven from home by a cross, selfish wife who would rather send her husband to the 'club' or worse places, so as to be rid of his after dinner smoke.

Some of the New York passenger railway companies are resisting at law the tax imposed upon their personal estate by the Tax Commissioner. They insist that too much is put down to real estate and that the whole of their liabilities should be directed from capital, thus virtually exempting them from all tax.

The mechanics in Parsons, Kansas, have held a meeting and implored the local papers to cease their glowing accounts of the "advantages" offered by their town.—They say that the place is already overcrowded, and they "want a rest." This is something entirely new in Western town experiences.

The Clarion Oil Field.

On Thursday last we made a short trip through a portion of the oil field adjoining Embleton on the north and east, in company with our friend, Charley Babst.

At Turkey City we found operations active. A large number of leases have been taken on the Weller farm, which is now the great centre of attraction to experienced operators. Thos. McDonough, Esq., of Franklin, has just struck a good well on the lands of Judge Keating but a short distance from the Judge's old Richland Furnace. Judge Keating owns some 1400 acres of land in this locality, all in one body; and it promises to be excellent for oil development.

At Central City (Dogtown) we found a large number of new rigs, and several wells just commencing to drill. Embleton is well represented, all through this section. Pickwick City, on the Hummel farm, is building up fast, and presents a decidedly permanent appearance. The line of development extends some ten miles beyond Pickwick, marking out enough territory for a decade of successful development.

The oil field forms a semi-circle on the one side of Embleton which is the only accessible outlet of this vast field. The Butler and lower Venango development is crowding toward us on the other side.—Thus encompassed, with unsurpassed facilities for transportation by river, rail and excellent roads, the future of our place is assured.—[Embleton Messenger.

Said a seven-footer to a diminutive specimen of humanity who approached him threateningly, "If you weren't strike me, and I should accidentally find it out, you would be sorry."

An Illinois paper remarks that "Our readers needn't try to get any points out of our political articles; we put 'em in this week because our patent medicine stereotypes have been mislaid."

The end of the oil belt seems to have run out in Butler county, or run into the ground so deep that it cannot be found. A dozen or more dry holes west of Greece City, 1600 feet deep is a strong intimation that the belt is played out in that direction. It is a long belt having been developed from near Butler, to near Berlin's, in Clarion county a distance of about thirty miles. Along the whole distance (within sight of each other are standing derricks aggregating thousands. The belt is from one to two miles wide, and has occasional dry streaks through it. Over 15,000 barrels of oil a day is produced on this belt, being more than two-thirds of the total production of the whole oil region.—[Clarion Democrat.

"Scratch a Russian and you will find a Cossack" Scratch a professional politician, who is offering himself to the farmers as a political Moses to achieve for their deliverance remarks the Chicago Times, "and you will find an officeholder or a fellow who in some way, has got government for his partner in business."

Life at the "old roadside house" at Chapoague, where the daughters and nieces of the late Mr. Greeley reside, passes very pleasantly. Croquet, card writing for the press, etc., fill up the time. Owing to the sickness of one of the carriage horses, riding has been suspended for a while. On the Fourth of July a wealthy neighbor gave a croquet party, which the young ladies attended.

The City Auditor of Boston in his financial report for the year ending April 30 just published states the total payments for the year at \$17,500,000. The aggregate debt of Boston on April 30 was \$37,671,672 of which \$30,553,116 was funded. The means on hand for paying the debt amounted to \$13,928,777, leaving a net debt of all of \$23,744,891.

A piece of glass an inch long was taken from the head of a Rochester man recently, in whose skull it had been imbedded for twenty years. He had complained occasionally of a pain in the head.

A letter from Memphis warns people to be careful about eating blackberries raspberries and plums. It is stated that they have been found to be deadly owing to the germs of caterpillars which they contain, generating indigestion cholera in twenty minutes.

We noticed our old friend, Dr. U. G. Mease, of Pleasantville, in town today. He is looking exceedingly well. The Doctor is one of the most successful practitioners in this region.

A meeting of oil operators was held at Parker's Landing, on Friday evening last. The meeting was addressed by Capt. Butler of Tidoute, who spoke mainly in regard to new uses for petroleum. The main idea appears to be the introduction of petroleum in our large cities to take the place of gas. The plan sounds well on paper but put into practical use would not probably work so well.

We learn day palace coaches are to be put on the Oil Creek and Allegheny Valley Railroads before long.

Local Notices.

Dissolution Notice. The firm of Mease & Armstrong is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The books and accounts of the late firm have been placed in the hands of Justice Reynolds for collection, and all parties knowing themselves indebted will do well to call on him and settle the same at once and save costs.

U. G. MEASE. T. S. ARMSTRONG. Petroleum Centre, July 14, 1873.

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A. G. HARPER. Kane City, June 17 1873—11

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