

Divine Service.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 4 1/2 P. M. Sabbath School at 12 1/4 P. M. ...

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 1/4, directly after forenoon service. ...



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. ...

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. ...

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

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

Gold at 1 p. m. 116

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

Dickens' "Boz"

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

POLICE.—Last night a queer old case of domestic infelicity came up before Justice Reynolds for trial. The parties thereto are a man and wife named Truxell and Mrs. Charles Parsons, all residents of Pioneer. ...

As yet Parsons has not been arrested, although the officers are on the watch for him and will undoubtedly succeed in capturing him.

There was war in the lava beds at a late hour last night. Two squaws had a regular set-to in regard to a "love of a big Injun," whom both claimed as a "lovybr." ...

Rumors continue to be rife with regard to the closing up of the railroad stations at Pioneer, Columbia, Tarr and Rynd Farms.

The oil market remains quiet and dull.

It is suggested that persons who go about with their Cashmere shawls turned inside out to show that they are genuine should adopt the custom of walking on their heads to show that their boots are soled.

THE OIL SITUATION.

We copy the following interesting article on the present aspect of the oil business from the Venango Spectator. It is worthy a careful perusal:

The present unsettled condition of the oil market, with a tendency to still lower prices may well excite the alarm of producers, and business men generally, for we are all in one boat together. There is a remedy, but that remedy is unobtainable. It is to bring down the production until it is no greater than the demand. It is unobtainable, because there can be no concert of action among so many producers, nearly all of whom are forced to pump to meet the demands against them. ...

The end of this must come soon. Production must stop, either by concert of action, by prices becoming so low that none but the few larger wells can be kept working, or by a general smash up and sales by the Sheriff. One or the other of these things must happen, or a new outlet for oil must be found that will make the demand at least equal to the supply.

A meeting of producers was held in the lower oil region last week to consult upon the condition of affairs and seek for remedies. An able and exhaustive speech was made by a gentleman called Captain Butler. His remarks read well and are plausible. He states that petroleum can be used for manufacturing gas in large cities. ...

These statements are given with the air of one who understands what he is talking about, and they should receive consideration in a practical way; not by resolutions, but by a test. If a town can be lighted by gas made from petroleum, cheaper than with that made from coal, and if oil gas is purer, and has greater illuminating power, let it be done at once, and done here at home, among the wells. ...

The ratiuous condition of the oil market to-day demands a prompt remedy, if any remedy can be found. The production is now estimated, in round numbers, at 25,000 barrels daily. If this oil could be sold for \$2 per barrel, which is above present rates, it would make the gross receipts from oil \$50,000 per day. ...

All this over-production is caused by the crazy operations in the lower district. It is said that a fifty barrel well at one time in the Butler region was considered but little better than a dry hole, and that the unfortunate holders of such were anxious to sell at cost. It was such a condition of things as that which sent the market down and gave the bear interest-a hold which is not yet broken.

The Venango County Medical Society held its annual meeting in Oil City on Tuesday. Drs. J. H. Christie and H. Jackson were admitted to membership, and Dr. Blaine, of Tionesta, Peck, of Tarr Farm, and Deviney, of South Oil City, were presented for membership. ...

A NEW SWINDLE.—The latest cheating dodge we have heard of is that practiced by men who travel through the country in wagons, stopping at farm houses and in villages, offering to exchange new feathers for old. They represent, so they say, a firm in St. Louis, that wants a large quantity of old feathers to work up into railroad and steamboat cushions. ...

"Good bye, I'm going to a better world," were the last words of James Brown, who perished last Friday at Suffolk, Va. James was a colored man and had been convicted of murdering two ladies. The occasion of his death was a notable one in several respects. ...

A new Masonic Order, "The Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, the Invincible Order of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John of Jerusalem," has just been instituted in Springfield, Massachusetts. ...

The defense in the Goodrich murder case will be emotional insanity no doubt.—The New York Commercial Advertiser says: A wan life-weary, miserable, hunted down woman has been lodged in Brooklyn jail for the murder of Charles Goodrich. ...

Mr. S. H. Bowman, of Pittsburgh, has prepared it for speedy publication "A History of Petroleum and its development with Biographical Sketches of Pioneer and Prominent Operators in all the Oil Region of Pennsylvania. ...

Cochranstown, Crawford county; Jamestown and Sandy Lake, Mercer county; Petrolia Butler county, and Petersburg, Clarion county, are now money order offices.

Time was says the Chicago Journal when dancers aimed to excel in graceful evolution; when composers endeavored to charm the melody of productions; when musicians sought to soothe or awaken the emotions of the listener. All this is now changed. The ballet is a school of female contortionists; composers seem to study who can invent the most intricate wrangle which shall be characterized by the most surprising succession of incomprehensible noises; singers grow purple with their efforts to screech up and down the scale in some extravagant manner never before attempted; instrumental musicians hope to excite admiration solely by expecting "the most difficult piece." ...

A Dutchman and an Irishman once met on a lonely highway. As they met each smiled thinking he knew the other. Pat on seeing his mistake, remarked, "Faith, an' I thought it was you, an' you thought it was me an' it's naylor of us."

A short time ago, Allen Ward, a negro, suspected of arson near Thompson Station, Tenn., was taken from custody by a band of armed men, who attempted to hang him.—He escaped was shot at and wounded, and afterwards not seen until a few days ago, when attention was called to his whereabouts by a flock of buzzards which were at work on his corpse. His wife has sworn out a warrant against three men whom she suspects of committing the outrage.

In a recent article on a fair in this locality, the editor of a Western paper says a brother editor took a valuable premium, but an unkind policeman made him put it back where he took it from.

The storm which passed over Tidoute this (Thursday) morning did considerable damage to oil wells in this section. The storm was short but very severe, and it left its mark in several places.

A flash of lightning at about nine o'clock seems to have been the principal disturber of affairs. It struck the Gilson well, knocking down Jerry Zink and his little daughter who were standing near; and almost simultaneously a wooden tank of the Tidoute Oil Pipe Co. near the mouth of Gordon run was ablaze.

In close proximity stood two other wooden tanks, the three containing 1,223 barrels of oil. Before the fire had got headway, six hundred barrels of oil were run from the tanks, thus saving it, and averting a much larger conflagration. Two of the tanks were covered with a wooden building and this was soon in flames.

As the fire reached the tanks the burning oil ran down the hill and threatened the dump tank of Fisher Bros., and the machine shops and houses on the run. Close by the burning tank were three houses: two of which were inhabited, the third being empty. These were in great danger of burning, and were soon cleaned of their contents.—The one located nearest the tank soon caught fire. The third house owned by P. Monroe was saved by pulling down the one between it and the fire. The burning oil ran across the road and down upon the flats setting fire to a small store house, belonging to the company. Here the force of the oil spent itself, and the fire in this direction was stopped. ...

The loss by this fire was 600 barrels of oil besides the houses, damage to furniture &c., on which there was no insurance, amounting in all to about \$1500.—Tidoute Journal.

A VALUABLE PROPERTY SOLD.—The public sale of the McElheny farm in French-creek township, by A. A. Plummer, Receiver, took place as advertised on Friday last. The property was knocked down to Col. James Blakeley for twenty-one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five dollars, and was purchased for James Blakeley, Dr. A. G. Eggert, C. E. Taft and Henry McElheny to whom the deed was made. The farm consists of one hundred and seventy-two acres, but derives its value principally from the deposits of coal. The McElheny coal bank war is ended by this sale, satisfactorily, we believe, to all parties. ...

The first bale of cotton of this year's crop was sold in New York Tuesday at thirty-six cents per pound. It was grown in Texas.

Father Clarence Walworth and niece sailed for Europe yesterday.

The Martinsburg (West Va.,) Statesman proposes Charles J. Faulkner, formerly United States Senator from Virginia. Minister to England and during the war Confederate Minister to France, as the farmer's candidate for President in 1873. The Louisville Ledger rather likes the idea.

The success of the balloon experiment, now on the carpet, will prove whether or not it is wise to cross the Atlantic.

The dwelling of L. M. Siggins, near Piens antville, was struck by lightning on Monday. The house was considerably damaged and a sewing machine near which Mrs Siggins was sitting, was torn to pieces.—The lady was not seriously injured. A visitor, Mr. Lewis, who was lying on a lounge near a window, was prostrated by the shock but soon recovered. The building is new and was supplied with a highly recommended lightning rod which has proved worthless.

Here is the way Henry Watterson, of the Courier-Journal, describes the Shah: "The Shah himself is an ugly case. He resembles closely the pictures of the more cruel of his forefathers, contained in the early editions of the Arabian Nights. I dare say he has caused many a poor devil's head to be chopped off on a notice of five minutes and it would not surprise me to learn that he has a trick of making himself a widower three or four times a month. A fierce eyed, yellow-visaged, ugly beast as ever wore a diamond vizier or carried a scimitar; and his grand vizier, who is along with him, is only a tribe less brutal and vicious. If you meet either in a dark alley you would tremble for your life. If Captain Jack has a worse countenance he is no true Modoc.

To the telegraphic announcement of a railroad accident near Schenectady, recently, in which one man was killed and several wounded, is added this important statement: "The express train was delayed only one hour!"

Boston ladies put on clean stockings when they have their photographs taken. A philosopher is trying to study out the reason. But the most interesting point of inquiry is, how did the reporter learn the fact?

"Cannot something be done to prevent young ladies from being insulted on our streets at night?" asks a Cincinnati paper. There can. Just have the girl's mother tuck her in her little bed at eight o'clock in the evening and lock the door on her.

Local Notices.

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Which will be sold at

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Cheaper than the Cheapest.

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Petroleum Centre, Feb. 6th-11.