Pet. Centre, Pa. Saturday, July 19

Divine Service.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 1/4 P. M. Sabbath School at 121/4 P. M. eats free. A cordial invitation extended to alt.

REV. G. MOORE, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN GHURCH.
Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M., and 7 o'clock P. M., by the Pastor, W. C. Burcharo. Sabbata School at 1254, directly after forenoon service.

Prayer Meeting and Sabbath School Teacher's Meeting Tuesday evenings of



Petroleum Centre Lodge, No. 715, I. O. of O. F.

Regular meeting nights Friday, at o'eleck. Signed.
W. B. MONTGOMERY, N. G. C. H. BALLEY, A Sec'y.

There of meeting, Main St., opposite
McClintock House.

Liberty Lodge No. 7, A. O. of U. W., meets every Monday evening at 7½ o'clock, n Odd Fellow's Hall, Petroleum Centre, Penn'a.

James S. White, R.

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

Council fires lighted at 7 o'clock H. HOWE, Sachem. o'clock 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 sods wa ter

Dicken's "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 con-Charles Parsons, all residents of Pioneer .-Truxell, it appears, is an honest hard working man. For a long time past he has been at work at some of the wells on Triumph Hill, near Tidioute, Mrs. Truxell means time residing at Pioneer. Coming home Yesterday for the purpose of removing his family to that point, he discovered the man Parsons in possesion of not only his bouse farnitue, &c, but of his wife in the bargain. He at once commenced to remove his household goods, when the woman put in an appearance with an axe and commenced the work of demolishing the furniture, before being stopped succeeding in breaking the cever of a valuable organ and demolishing a number of chairs and other furniture As soon as this "raction" ceased, with a check and effrontery unparalled almost, the scoundrei Parsons, after being guilty of the most niamous of crimes, that of raining a fellow man's domestic peace, appeared and actua ally claimed the furniture as his own. Instead of taking the law into his own hands as he should have done, and administered to bim a good sound beating, Truxell came to the Centre and swore out warrants for the arrest of the precious pair of ducks .-Constable Durgess made a flying visit to Pioneer, yesterday afternoon, and arrested the woman, but Parsons got wind of the affair and "skipped out." This is about the way the affair stands at present. As soon as the trial comes off undoubtedly there will be enough scandal brought to the surface to satisfy all, as nearly half the poptlation of Pioneer are retained as witnesses. We may add that public sympathy is entirely with Truxell in the affair, and there was even some talk of giving the guilty pair a

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

There was war in the lava beds at a late hour last night. Two squaws bad a regular set-to in regard to a "love of a big laju n," whom both claimed as a "lovyer." They fought one good solid round, and then by mutual consent adopted Jeff. Davis' policy -... All I axes is luf me alone." The relica of war is a damaged rice patch on one, and a head on the other about the size of a gormandizer's body, besides sundry pieces of bair, waterfalls, busties, &c.

Rumors continue to be rife with regard to Pioneer, Columbia, Tarr and Rynd Parms.

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 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 tity of old feathers to work up into railroad may well excite the alarm of producers, and and steamboat cushions. They take the business men generally, for we are all to one boat together. There is a remedy, but that remedy is unactainable. It is to bring down the production until it is no greater than the demand. It is quattainable, 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. But, aside from the natural tendency to low prices which an excess of any article always produces upon the market, there are speculators whose interest it is to keep up the present depress sion. If they can ruin the business of the producers they can buy up large portions of territory at a small figure. The producer is therefore between two fires; one caused by over-production, and another by speculalors, representing a large capital, who bear the market and create panics.

The end of this must come soon. Profuction must stop, either by concert of ace ion, 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 or the other of these things must happen, or a new outle 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 made by a gentleman called Captain Buts ler. His remarks read well and are plausi ble. He states that petroleum can be used for manufacturing gas in large cities. He aggerts that it is cheaper for that purpose at seven dollars a barrel than coal, and that gas made from oil is superior to that now in general use. His statements do not appear to be made at random, nor based upon the theory alone. He was about to complete negotiations for lighting one of the largest cities in the West with gas made from per troieum, and other large cities would follow the example. In this connection Captain Butler said, the cost of refitting existing gas works to adopt them to use petroleum in/ stead of coal, would not be more than two per centum on the original cost of the works.

These statements are given with the air of one who understands what he is talking about, and they should receive considerar tion 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 fliuminating power, let it be done at once, and done bere at home, among the wells. If Frank lin, Oil City, Titnsville, Meadville and Erle were thus lighted, the figures could be made to show that the light furnished was better and cheaper, the days of cosl gas would be over while oil could be procured at even ten dollars per barrel. But it seems an up hill business to ask St. Louis or Chir cago to try petroleum gas before we try it ourselves at home. Here in Franklin is a good place to test Capt. Butler's statements; -we will not say theory, for he talks of facts and experiments.

The ruluous 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. It is estimated that there are 4,400 pumping wells in the entire region, which cost \$6 each daily, for labor and contingencies, and that there are eight wells going down daily, at an average cost of \$6,000 each. From these statistics. which are as accurate as the nature of the business will permit, it is easy to see that the producers as a mass are daily losing ground.

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 Butter region was considered but little better than a dry hole, and that the unfortunate holders of such were anxious to rell 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 ngt yet broken.

The Venango County Medical Society held its annual meeting in Oil City on Tues the closing up of the railroad stations at day. Drs. J. H. Christie and H. Jackson were admitted to membership, and Drs-Blaine, of Tionesta, Peck, of Tarr Farm, and Deviney, of South Oil City, were presented for membership. Drs. Ritchey, Weish and Dille were appointed to prepare dissertations for the next meeting. The Soadopt the custom of walking on their heads ciety adjourned to meet in Emlenton on the toled Tuesday of October, 1873.

A NEW SWINDLE.-The latest cheating donge we have heard of is that practicad by men who travel through the country in wagons, stopping at tarm houses and in villages, offering to exchange new feathers its mark in several places. for old. They represent, so they say, a firm in St. Lodis, that wants a large quanold feathers from people credulous enough to give their property to strangers, and promise to return and bring new teathers -When they leave that is the last seen of the rascals. They have been operating pretty extensively in Frenchereck and Sandycreek townships, and are supposed to have come brough Mercer county into Venango.

"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. "While Brown was expiring," says an account in the Herald, "a negro, who was in the upper branches of au adjoining tree, and stooping eagerly forward to see the suspended man, lost his battance and wes precipitated to the ground with such force as to break his neck, and he was carried home a corps, The execution was witnessed by a son of Mrs. Doxler, one of the murdered ladies and by the condemned man's wife. The day wound up with a good deal of drunkenness, several fights, two runaway horses smashing buggies, and other incidents." But Jemes Brown had gone to a better world.

A new Masonic Order, "The Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, the Invincible Order of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John of Jerusalem," Das just been instituted in Springfield, Massachusetts. The charter comes from the Grand Body in England. and the name selected is "Unity Conclave," Only Knights Templar are eligible to the degrees. Unity Conclave is the second instituted in Massachusetts, and the first having been started in Worcester.

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 iall for the murder of Charles Goodrich .-She admits she billed him, but her words and actions bear only too sad evidence that the frenzy verging on madness which led to the deed, still possesses her. What wonder that she seeks oblivion of her wretched existence in suicida? The truth of her awfai story is not all ont yet, but enough is known to stamp the memory of her betrayer with infamy and to stir in the public breasts as much pity for the poor crazed murderess as there is loathing for her heart less and brutal victim

Mr. S. H. Bowman, of Pittsburgh, has prepare d for spendy publication "A history of Petroleum and Its development with Biographical Sket ches of Pioneer and Prom/i nent Operators in all the Oil Region of Pennsylvania.

Cochrantown, Crawlord county; Jamestown and Sandy Lake, Mercer county; Petrolla Butler county, and Petersburg, Clare ion county, are now money order offices.

Time was says the Chicago Journal when daucers aimed to excel in graceful evolution; when composers endeavored to charm the melody of productions; when musicians sought to sooth 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; instrumen, tal musicians hope to excite admiration most dimenst pieces." To do something difficult, is the great achievement aimed at. Where is public taste going to?

A Detchman and an irishman once met on a lonely highway. As they met each smiled thinking be 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 nayther of us."

A short time ago, Alten 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 whereas bouts by a fluck of buzzards which were at out a warrant against three men whom she suspects of committing the outrage.

In a recent article on a fair in this locals back where he took it from.

The storm which passed over Tidioute | Boston ladies put on clean stockings with this (Thursday) morning did considerable damage to oil wells in this section. The storm was short but very severe, and it left

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

In close proximity stood two other woodn tanks, the three containing 1,323 barrels of oil. Before the fire bad got beadway, six hundred barrels of oil were run from the tanks, thus saving it, and averting a much larger confisgration. Two of the tanks were covered with a wooden building and this was soon in flames.

oil ran down the hill and threatened the dump/tank of Fisher Bros., and the machine shops and bouses on the run. Close by the burning tank were three houses: two of which were inhabited, the third being emp/ ty. 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 bouse owned by Pas Monroe was saved by pulling down the one between it and the fire. The buruity of 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. A small tank standing near the others but containing no oil caught fire but did not burn down. The beavy rain which tell during the conflagration did much to keep the within bounds.

The less 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.-Tidioute Jour-

A VALUABLE PROPERTY SOLD -The publie sale of the McElbeny farm in Frenchcreek township, by A. A. Plumer, Receiver, took place as ad verticed on Friday last The property was knocked down to Col James Binkeley for twenty-one thousand nine bundred and twenty-five dollars, and was purchased for James Blakeley, Dr. A. G Egpert, C. E. Talt and Henry McElbeny' to whom the deed was made. The farm consists of one bundred and seventy-two acres, but derives it value principally from the deposits of coal. The McElbeny, coal bank war is ended by this sale, satisfactorily, we believe, to all parties. The new owners are gentlemen of enterprise and means and they will fully develope the property. - [Venango Spectator.

The first bale of cotton of this years crop was sold in New York Tuesday at thirty/ six cents per pound. It was grown in Texa

Father Clarence Walworth and niece sailed for Europe yesterday.

The Martineburg (West Va.,) Statesman proposes Charles J. Faulkner, formerly Millinery Trimming 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 Louis' ville Ledger rather likes the idea.

Tue success of the battoon experiment, now on the carpet, will prove whether o not it is Wise to cross the Atlantic.

The dwelling of L. M. Siggins, near Pleas antville, was struck by lightning on Monz day. 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. Avise itor, 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/recomment ded lightning rod which has proved worth.

Here is the way Henry Watterson, of the Courier-Jonrnal, describes the Shab: "The Shah himself is an ugly ouss. He reseme bles closely the pictures of the more cruel of his forefathers, contained in the early editions of the Arabian Nights. I dare my 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 flerce eyed, tallow-vianged, ugly beast as ever wore a diamond or carried a scimeter; and bis 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 work on his corpso. His wife has aworn your life. If Captain Jack bas a worse countepance he is no true Modoc.

To the telegraphic announcement of railroad accident near Schenectady, recentity, the editor of a Western paper says a ly, in which one man was killed and sovebrother editor took a valuable premium, ral wounded, is added this important statebut an nakind policeman made him put it ment. "The express train was delayed only one hour!"

they have their photographs taken. A philosopher is trying to study out the resson. But the most interesting point of is. quiry is, how did the reporter learn the

"Cannot something be done to preven young ladies from being insulted on tostreets at night?" asks a Cincinnati pape There can. Just have the girl's mother tuck ber in her little bed at eight o'clos in the evening and lock the door on her.

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Petroleum Centre, Feb. 6th-11.