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Petroleum Centre Lodge, No. 714, I. O. of O. F. Regular meeting nights Friday, at 7 o'clock. W. B. MONTGOMERY, N. G. C. H. BARTLEY, A. Sec'y. Place of meeting, Main St., opposite McCulloch 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 Fellow's Hall; Petroleum Centre, Penn'a. 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. Council fires lighted at 7 o'clock. H. HOWE, Sachem. C. L. JUKES, Chief of Records.

Gold at 1 p. m. 116 1/2

SPECIAL MEETING.

Saturday eve'g July 26, '73

A. O. of U. W.

For the purpose of conferring the degree of "Honor" on Master Workmen, their Wives, Daughters, Sisters and Mothers.

JAMES WILSON, M. W. JAMES S. WHITE, Rec'r.

BEANSHOFF RUN.—This romantic little stream rises in the hill country of Venango county, and in its meanderings freshens the lands of a number of our not very wealthy oil owners at present prices of oil, and lends sustenance to their not very heavy herds, and the flocks in their pastures. This brook is its rise, and for miles on its onward course to the sea is but a span, and can be crossed by the step of man, but as it grows it widens, and revealing its winding waters through the valleys below, it empties its crystal liquid into the romantic Oil Creek, near the Oil Creek Railroad bridge. Now it happens that Beanshoff Run seemingly rolls along and divides our beautiful Laurel Hill Avenue, and travelers to reach its nether bank have to cross several structures composed of a single plank notable for their antiquity and the parties who (now dead) ordered their construction. The huge stones upon which said planks rest are eight unto a century old probably and are fast crumbling away proving the destructibility of old Father Time. Stone upon stone lie round the verge of these crossings, and splintered plank and decaying logs denote the want of a remedial agent. And where once was a good and passable road there is none at all to speak of. Not much glory to our Board of Road Commissioners we have independent of that strict economy so essential to reduce the public debt, we suggest our respected Commissioners take hold of these needed repairs at once. Once that road was repaired and our town would derive a large benefit from the new oil territory at the head of Beanshoff Run. What say our Road Commissioners to this proposition? We feel sure the people would sustain them in this needed improvement.

The State Teachers' Association meets at Pittsburgh, August 11th, 1873. Persons who pay full fare in going over the following roads in Western Pennsylvania, can procure passes at the meeting to return free: Allegheny Valley. Buffalo, Corry & Pittsburgh. Delaware & Hudson. Hanover Branch. Oil Creek & Allegheny River. West Chester & Philadelphia. Wilmington & Reading.

Mr. Albert Rathbun, late operator in the W. U. office at Corry, has been appointed in the same position in this place, vice Irvin removed. Mr. Rathbun comes here highly recommended, and will no doubt add materially to the business of the Company at this point. We welcome him to our midst.

Local Option.

The Warren Ledger thus relates the workings of Local Option in that place:

Under the Local Option law, Warren County voted that liquor nor beer should not be sold within its limits, except for medical purposes. The licenses all expired in June, and most of them in March. What is the result in this short space of time? Who has been benefited? Let us see. There are thirteen places in town where hard cider is dealt out. It is not a popular drink, but in the absence of beer and whiskey, men do drink it and become drunk upon it. Its effects upon the drinker are even worse than whiskey, and greatly worse than beer. But how about the sale of beer? It cannot be retailed; but every person who can purchase a keg and desires to do so, can. The consequence is that beer kegs are as plentiful as blackberries in August. The breweries have doubled their sales over last year. When the saloons sold it, men were content to drop in, take a glass and go about their business. Now they purchase a keg. A keg of beer is worthless soon after it is drawn from. Friends are called in to drain the keg before it loses its vim, and dozens of glasses are drunk where one was before. How about whiskey? Go to the express office and find out. Packages arrive every day for numerous parties, who before contented themselves with a single drink; and there are more drunken men on our streets, we are told, than formerly, when the hotels and saloons were licensed to sell. Then there is no less liquor drunk, and far more cider which is more hurtful than whiskey or beer.

What is the effect upon trade? Ask any man of business in any town in the county. The general answer is that business was never so dull. In Warren the effects are really prostrating.

Strangers who formerly did their trading here, not finding it handy to procure their drinks, are forming, or have already formed other business relations in Corry, Jamestown and Titusville, where liquor can be had for the asking, and where they can go and return the same day, on the railroads, at a trifling expenditure. Ask our mechanics how their business is. They will tell you that where last year they kept several journeymen, and worked hard themselves, work was constantly pressing, while now there is no work for the journeymen, and hardly sufficient to keep an apprentice at work. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are thus being diverted from our county which legitimately belong here, on account of no licensed places where whiskey or beer can be had. This entire stagnation is not attributable to this cause, as times are generally dull; but much of it is. Ask the men who are traveling over the State.—They will tell you that in all places where licenses prevail business is good, and where Local Option prevails business is dull. I work an inequality—concentrates trade in the whiskey towns; and we notice there is a general murmur of discontent where licensed saloons and hotels are not to be found.

There is no diminution of the drinking by our local population, and those outside of our limits are debarred from the privileges which they seek and find elsewhere. The law should be made to operate throughout the State or it should be repealed on the assembling of the Legislature; and that is most likely. Many who worked for Local Option would vote for license now, on purely business grounds. The advocates of Local Option had good intentions; but they misjudged, it seems to us.—They desired less whiskey drinking, and did not look beyond to the effect on trade in places where licenses were refused. A few months only have elapsed, and yet the effect is clearly perceptible.

PARIS CITY.—This is the name of a new oil town that has sprung up in the lower oil region. It is located on the Hummel farm, near Turkey City, and of course like all other places of that kind is quite lively, and yet an occasional correspondent informs that it is even now in the springtime of its existence, feeling the effects of the extreme, lull times with which the entire oil region is afflicted. The wells on the farm are pumping a great deal of salt water.

One of the cars of the evening freight train going south, last night, became detached between this place and Columbia, and the balance of the train ran nearly to Tarr farm before the loss was discovered.

Capt. Ray is in town.

Albert W. Chamberlain, who was sent to the Ohio Penitentiary for life three weeks ago, for the killing of an old man named McCannaughy, died of cholera yesterday.

There is a German hymn book in Berks county three hundred and twenty-one years old.

Between the Mississippi and Rocky Mountains heavy frosts and rains have delayed agriculture considerably.

We find the following complimentary mention of Petroleum Centre in the Titusville Herald of this morning. Here's our hat, Colonel:

Petroleum Centre is not dead yet by any means. We had heard that it was in a comatose state, but after spending an hour there last evening we came to the conclusion that such was not the case. Schomburg's store exhibited a busy scene; the newsroom of Mr. Wicker was thronged with seekers of the current literature; the post office clerks were busy waiting on anxious correspondents; the clothing stores were giving "fits" to men "off tower." The veteran butcher, Mr. King, whom we well remember as umpire in a debating society in Brighton, N. Y., thirty years ago, was dealing out choice steaks or toothsome chops for to-morrow's breakfast. Ye landlord of the McCray House was bearing up well under the local option ban, and the sidewalk walks were filled with men, women and children.

Across the creek there are a large number of very tasty and commodious dwelling houses. There are a good many solid men in and about Petroleum Centre. It is highly creditable to the good people there that they keep up their daily paper, the Record. Mr. Wicker, the editor and publisher, is one of the veteran printers of the oil region, and should receive hearty encouragement. He is working hard for the welfare of the place, and should be amply repaid with a steady patronage.

An ocean anecdote, apropos of the "In-man crime," is related as follows: "Here we are now, within a quarter of a mile of land," was the joyful announcement made by the captain of an ocean steamer to his grumbling passengers. "Where? Which way is it?" were the eager exclamations which followed. "Anywhere down below here," said the captain, pointing toward the bottom of the sea. "The lead gives us just 120 fathoms of water, and the land come slap up against the brim." Just as the City of Washington came "slap up" against Gull Rock.

To break a slice of bread in twain, while it is on the plate, being passed around is a delicate as well as very impolite piece of business. No one except a backwoodsman used to the job, can do it with ease and gracefulness. With a raw hand it is very awkward work. There are some who try it, however, instead taking the whole piece eating half, and leaving the remainder for the next meal's bash. The centre of the piece breaks with ease, but the crust seems to have a leathery tenacity and you struggle in vain to break it. In the first struggle you shove two pieces of bread off one side of the plate into the gravy, while the remainder goes off the other side on to the floor. You turn red, and the sweat starts on your back. You wish you hadn't attempted to take that piece. And then everybody is looking at you. The host says "never mind," but you would like to know how you can help minding. At last in utter despair you take hold with both hands pull the slice of bread apart and settle back, an object of despair and pity, as you inwardly wish it was a hundred years hence.

A near-sighted Indianapolis woman patched the seat of her husband's pants with a cold buckwheat cake that the children had left in her work basket. The color of the patchwork matched the original trousers; and as the cake was tough, the mistake might never have been discovered, but the old man got caught in a shower a day or two afterward; the patch began to swell; he felt cold patches on his back, and thinking it was the spinal meningitis that had clubbed him, sent for a doctor, who soothed his ears; but he wants a divorce.

Robert W. Sutton, of New York, was yesterday arrested at Westerville, Ohio, in an insane condition and very wild. A license to sell cigars with Barnum's show was found on his person.

We had the pleasure of meeting our old friend, Billy Lamb, of Plumer, this forenoon. Billy is still firm in the faith that deep in the bowels of that particular section of the earth around Plumer lie vast pools of crude petroleum which only await the playing out of the down river region to be developed. The prediction may come true.

We still continue to bear rumors of the failure of prominent operators in the dawn river region.

Col. Cogswell, of the Titusville Herald, was in town last evening.

NEW STRIKE IN BEAVER.—The oil well of Hulings, on the Gates farm, on Canoe Creek, in the northern part of Beaver township reached the sand last Tuesday, and on Wednesday night there was several hundred feet of oil standing in the hole in dedication a good well.

Ex-Governor Colby, Concord, N. H., died yesterday evening, aged 80.

The Shakers are seriously discussing the propriety of introducing marriage as a new element of union in their warfare with the world. This would introduce a change in their line of doctrinal defense, but it would not be the first time a religious body has accommodated itself to circumstances. During and after the war they recruited their numbers from widows and orphans, and those whom battle had impoverished, but now their resources are at an end, and some of their colonies are threatened with extinction. As a rule, new converts do not stay with them longer than four or five years.—Then the iron band of restraint grows too severe, and they fly back to the world and its temptations. How can it be otherwise? In their "families" the domestic ties are unknown, marriage is banished, and little children are made to see the gravity of their elders. There are no toys and picture books in Shaker land, no fire-side games and frolics, no courtship and marriage—nothing but the grim, severe doctrine of self-abnegation, of which converts quickly tire.—[Harriburg Patriot.]

The Indiana saloon keepers are just now busy in devising methods of escaping the liabilities of the State liquor law, which is very similar to the "Adair law" in Ohio in that it provides for the collection of damages from liquor sellers by members of the family or other relatives, in case the drunkard abuses his family or does other mischief. The saloon keepers of Blufftown have issued a regular notification to the public that, having obtained license according to law to sell spirituous liquors, they propose to conduct their business according to law. They therefore, notify all married women who do not want them to sell to their husbands to leave written notice to that effect within three days, "and all unmarried women or girls who have 'fellers' or beaux whom they do not wish to have taking their bitters; our bars will please give like notice."—They have also issued a form of permit for the use of wives, in which they grant the husband the right to drink when they please, and waive all claim for damages arising therefrom.

A passenger train on the Bristol Railroad ran into a herd of cattle near Bristol yesterday, throwing the engine and one car from the track. Nobody injured.

Three deaths from cholera in Cincinnati yesterday.

Steamship City of Bristol, from Liverpool and the Olympic; from Glasgow, arrived yesterday at New York.

One of H. A. Weloy & Co's powder mills, near Tamaqua, Pa, was blown up yesterday. Samuel Miller, of Tamaqua, was killed.

The horse Tom Bowling won the Robin stakes at Long Branch, yesterday, defeating Lizzie Lucas, who beat him last week.

Jackson, Tennessee, was yesterday visited by a serious conflagration, destroying nearly the whole of the business portion of the city.

Professor Mac, of Boston, charged with murderous assault on Dr. Winslow, on Saturday last was held in default of \$20,000 bail.

A Franklin paper, in criticizing Laura Keane's company, calls them: "Idiots, who butchered their characters."

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SOUTHWARD: Meadville Franklin, OH City Express..... 6:40 a m 8:04 a m 8:30 a m Mail..... 12:30 p m 1:57 p m 2:28 p m Accommodation..... 7:00 a m 10:30 a m 11:15 a m Express..... 4:10 p m 6:27 p m 7:10 p m

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FRANKLIN DIVISION. SUNDAY, October 27.

WESTWARD TRAINS. OH City, Franklin, Jamestown, Cleveland 7:00 a m 7:34 a m 9:31 a m 9:50 p m 9:17 a m 10:00 a m 1:57 p m 2:30 p m 3:25 p m 5:50 p m

EASTWARD TRAINS. Cleveland, Jamestown, Franklin, OH City 7:45 a m 12:35 p m 2:15 p m 2:50 p m 3:40 a m 5:30 a m 8:35 a m 9:07 a m