

Pet. Centre, Pa., Monday, August 11

LIVING SERVICE.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 12 1/2 P. M. etc. 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. Bunch, 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. B. MONTGOMERY, N. G.

C. H. BALEY, A Secy. Place of meeting, Main St., opposite Scott's Hotel.

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 Fellows Hall, Petroleum Centre, Penna.

JAMES WILSON, M. W.

F. JAMES S. WHITE, R.

I. O. of R. M.

Managers Tribe No. 183, I. O. R. M. of Petroleum Centre, meets every Thursday evening in Good Templars 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 Present Panic.

We are really in the midst of a business panic, which like all has little to rest upon. Panic is fright, and fright is cowardly. So it is to-day. Our panicky oil market would cease, if half the facts were looked at and the producer were not a coward.

In the first place the bears exaggerate the production. It is based on the product of a few big strikes while the "heads" is on yet, but the truth is the low prices have closed down hundreds of wells everywhere above and below. Nothing is done anywhere comparatively speaking to increase the product of small wells. Benzine and torpedoes are but little used, while the volume of oil is steadily shrinking from Titusville to Argyll on one side and Turkey City on the other. The increase is limited to a small area where "heads" will soon be off. Production to-day is probably not over 30,000 barrels and certainly won't vary a thousand either way, while the bears call it 27,000 or 28,000. The present string of wells are completed, and the drill stops till spring. No new rigs are building anywhere or by anybody, and the last winter proves the lower country could not be drilled to any extent in cold weather, and before even that sets in the product of to-day will be off one-third.

The price to-day ought to be not less than two dollars. The facts show it. But the necessities of the producer are pressing and the check and rapacity of the capitalists has no limit. Falsehoods, wild rumors, every artful dodge that can go over the wires is daily resorted to, that the price may go down and the producer be compelled to sell his oil at any price, and finally his property also to the distressed capitalist. So soon as the oil and territory is gobbled up these bears will be transformed into bulls. The price will then with date showing how light the production is, how little oil is held in this country, and how long it will be before other wells can be put down to increase the production.

If the producer will only look facts in the face, panicky prices will stop. The Rochester City Gas Light Company have satisfied themselves that petroleum at \$10 per barrel is cheaper than bituminous coal, giving a better light too. Their apparatus is now changed and ready for use. The success attending the lighting of Rochester City with petroleum gas will speedily revolutionize the gas business everywhere, and within two years the cities of America and Europe will be lit with petroleum gas. So with the drill stopped for seven months, with the production one-half what it is now called (28,000) and with the demand trebled for gas purposes, all in the immediate future, it argues well for good prices. If the producer had any backbone, or would act in unison for one week, oil would go to two dollars and the speculators that fatten on our industry have to pay a fair value for our product.

We learn on good authority that a new livery stable is soon to be opened in town. Our citizens will be rejoiced at this piece of good news, as they have done some tall growling and made use of many strange and uncouth cuss words at the present high tariff charged for livery horses and carriages. Opposition is the life of trade. By all means let the new stable be started.

STABBING AFFRAY.—A stabbing affray occurred about one o'clock Sunday morning which resulted in the serious injury of a man named Alonzo Raymond, an employee at Smawley's livery stable, at the hands of one West Evans. It appears Raymond and another man were in a disreputable house at the upper end of town kept by a woman named Frankie Davis. They were in a room and had the door locked, when Evans came into the house and demanded admittance. This was refused by Raymond when Evans immediately kicked the door in. As soon as he got in Raymond clinched and threw him to the floor, during the melee receiving a severe cut in the fleshy part of the left leg near the hip. He held Evans down until the knife was taken from him, and then upon getting up discovered for the first time that he had been cut. The wound bled profusely before being dressed. The knife used is an ugly looking weapon, and has a blade between four and five inches long. The wound was about three inches deep and two inches long. Evans was arrested at his mother's house at the mouth of Bennehoff Run, yesterday forenoon, by Justice Reynolds and Constable Burgess, and confined in the lock up until this morning, when brought before Justice R. for examination. By advice of his counsel he waived a hearing, and was held in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at Franklin to answer the charge. Failing to procure the requisite security he was taken down on the noon train. Raymond was held in the sum of \$100 to appear as witness in the case.

Evans is a hard customer and has figured frequently on the police docket. This case will probably wind up his career for some time to come, as the prospect is good for a few years retirement for him in Allegheny.

POLICE.—On oath of a woman named Warner, Mrs. Dunnegan was brought before Justice Reynolds, this morning, charged with selling liquor without license and selling liquor to minors. Mrs. Warner testified that Mrs. Dunnegan had sold liquor to her son a young man named Evans, who was a minor. The young man also swore that he had drunk liquor at her place. Mrs. Dunnegan brought forward at least twelve witnesses who all testified that she had never sold liquor to the plaintiff's son. On the selling without license she was held in the sum of \$150 for an appearance at Court. In the other case she was discharged and the plaintiff made to pay the costs. Mrs. Dunnegan gave the required bail and was set free. Judging from a portion of the evidence in the case there was an intention to levy black mail from Mrs. Dunnegan. She informed our reporter that the Warner woman offered to withdraw the charges if Mrs. D. would give her \$25. This she refused to do and the cases went to trial as above. This case grew out of the stabbing affray of Saturday night an account of which will be published elsewhere.

From a gentleman who came up from St. Petersburg, yesterday morning, we learn that our former townman, Mr. Harry Derosse, now Burgess of St. Petersburg, was violently assaulted Saturday night by a man named Barney Vessel, and during the melee which ensued Vessel literally obeyed one of Mr. Derosse's ears off. The affair it seems grew out of some hard feeling on the part of Vessel at the manner in which the borough laws were enforced by Derosse. Vessel was former Burgess of the town in buckwheat times, and our informant states, is jealous at the improvements going on under the present administration. Vessel is a very wealthy man, but having turned cannibal, it is to be hoped Mr. Derosse will follow him to the extent of the law. This is the story as told our reporter. Mr. Derosse is widely known and respected in this section, and his assailant is universally condemned by all.

Sunville Seminary will open Sept. 11. Sunville is as free as possible from bad influences. The new building speaks of the enterprise and good taste of the community. Young ladies may go to Sunville and prepare for college or for teaching in the public schools. The school will contain a normal department. Good board and low prices. Instruction given on piano and organ. For further particulars address

S. H. PRATHER, Principal, Sunville, Pa.

We noticed the genial countenance of our former townman, Mr. J. M. Dickey, in town on Saturday. Mr. D. has hosts of friends here and his visits are always welcome.

We hear rumors on the street this forenoon of the striking of a fifteen hundred barrel flowing well near the Troutman well. Owned by W. W. Thompson, of Titusville. Fifty cent oil may be looked for soon.

The reason why young ladies are so anxious to get husbands is because every woman is amles until she is married.

Butter per pound and eggs per dozen are each 18 cents in Kittanning.

A DANGEROUS WEAPON.—A man was banged the other day at San Francisco for murder with a weapon of a peculiarly dangerous, and for a long time mysterious nature. This is a sand club, formed by filling an eel skin with sand. When this instrument was first brought into use the authorities were greatly puzzled by deaths, apparently from violence, yet no marks could be found on the outside of the body. A burglar was finally captured with a sand club in his possession made out of an eel skin stuffed with sand. Being closely questioned he explained its use. When the victim is struck, for instance on the head, he drops insensible and soon dies from congestion of the brain. Often the skull suffers no injury from the stroke; and if the person struck recovers sensibility he gradually relapses into a condition of idiosyncrasy. Sometimes a man struck on the body will be knocked down by the peculiar force of the blow, and feel no immediate results from it. In a few weeks, however, the flesh will begin to mowily under the line of blow and rot down to the bone. Heller, the celebrated pianist, is supposed to have met his death in Mexico from a stroke of this diabolical weapon.

THE BUTLER PRISONERS.—Mrs. Snyder and Jno. W. Foreman, of Butler, as reported last week, had a hearing Saturday afternoon before Justice Keck, at that place. During the trial Mrs. Snyder wept when she could not make the Justice believe with her that it was cholera from which her husband was suffering, or that a spider had gone into the coffee to bathe and poisoned it. The testimony of the attending physicians was taken, which went to show that arsenic had been found in the coffee, and that Snyder had drunk too much of it to kill him. One of the neighbors testified that Foreman was in the habit of kissing Mrs. Snyder, and that she offered no apparent resistance, &c.; in view of all this the parties were committed for trial.

We of Pennsylvania have been accustomed to regard ourselves as more favored by nature in the possession of oil springs than any other spot on the globe. But even our rich petroleum wells would seem to be rivalled by naphtha springs of the Caucasus; for the great naphtha fountains near Bakon is said to spout this liquid to the height of forty feet, in a jet which has a diameter of ten inches at the base. Many companies have been formed to turn this abundance of naphtha to practical account.

Pete Conner, of the Forest Press, tells how they go to camp meeting in Forest county as follows. Pete is an irreverent cuss:

Camp meeting has commenced near Licksburg, at which will be possibly a few roofs saved, probably more made, and certainly many eternally doomed to hell in a profane way. Kegs, dem jugs, jugs, bottles, canteens and thunder mugs, have been filled with whiskey for the occasion; and the people are carousing from the four winds of heaven. They go in carriages, oaks, carts and lumber wagons—some well mounted, and others with crutches and crow bars, mules and asses, on pack-saddles, sheep skins, oak socks and bareback. "Them that have money ride in chaises, and them that have none must walk, by Jesus!" but all the able population go in some style or other, and many of the busy bodies and industrious.

Some go there to serve the Lord— Others go to save board. Some go there to save their souls, Some to triumph at the polls— Some to join in psalm and prayer, Some to drink and fight and swear— Some groan and shout, While others revel; Some pray desout, Some raise the devil—

A semi-serio-indolent jumble, By grace a graceless rough-and-tumble

A well of Richard Neely was drilling in the sand last week on the Knappenberger farm, near Dogtown, when the oil commenced to flow in a large stream. But by some accident the rig caught fire and was burned to the ground, however, before the production could be estimated or utilized.

Casablanca has a rival in a dog recently left by his owner, a druggist, in his store in Sebec, Maine. The store was burned, and the dog stood at an open door and refused (so runs the local account), in the absence of his master, to leave his post, although every effort was made by the bystanders to call him away.

Hon. Joseph Brown, of Erie, is in town, stopping at the Central House. "Joseph" wears the same benign smile as of yore.

Three more enormous flowing wells in the down river region. Oil market flatter than a Dutch pancake in consequence.

A Troy man tried moral assaion to keep the boys from stealing his cherries, but while he was tenderly talking to one, the other four stole his dog.

THE OIL FIELD.

VICINITY OF PARKER CITY.

The well on the Turner farm, about three miles west of Parker City, owned by W. D. Robinson, of Kittanning, and others, has been drilled to the third sand and tared this week. So far but little oil has been obtained.

M. S. Adams' well, near Maple Furnace, is down 300 feet.

VICINITY OF KARNES CITY.

A well located on lease No. 4, owned by Armistead and others, on the Riddle farm, struck the sand on Monday of last week, after which it continued to flow large quantities of oil as the drilling progressed. It is thought this well will prove good for 100 barrels per day.

The well located on lease No. 14, Riddle farm, has been pumping for about two weeks and is considered good for 60 barrels per day. This well was sunk by Armistead and others, but since commencing to pump it has been sold to Captain Grace.

VICINITY OF MILLERSTOWN.

McKlaney Bros., and Galey, have five wells drilling on their property, consisting of about 300 acres, which covers the front adjoining the development. These gentlemen control this large tract, which doubtless will all prove to be good territory, and are determined under the present pressure in business to drill no more wells. They are daily refusing leases, believing it imprudent to continue or encourage more drilling. They believe so strongly in this policy that out of eight wells started but five will be drilled at present.

The Shreve well, the first struck in the vicinity of Millerstown, which for a long time yielded 135 barrels per day, is now yielding about 80 barrels.

The Preston well, on Hemphill farm, near Millerstown, struck the sand a few days ago, and is now pumping 75 barrels per day.

The Howe well, on the Paul McDesmet farm, struck the sand on Tuesday and is reported as doing 250 barrels.

The Jones well, the second struck, yielded 140 barrels for some time, and is now yielding about 90.

The Lambing well, started at 100 barrels and is now yielding 75 barrels per day. [Oilman's Journal.]

Some colored thieves in Harrisburg, who were in the habit of knocking coal off passing trains with poles, knocked a brakeman off the other day by mistake. He proved a hot coal in their hands.

Newport Initial.

Just received at the Post Office Newsroom 200 boxes of Newport Initial Tinted Papers. It is by far the finest initial paper ever brought to this place. The ladies are respectfully invited to call in and examine it. It is neat and sobby.

The new system at the University of Virginia has reduced the board of the students to an almost miraculous degree of cheapness. The University report mentions a case of eight whose board only cost them \$30 per month, and one State student whose total expense for living during the session, including room rent, board, lights, fuel, and washing, has been under \$140.

In England, recently a trial was made of what is claimed to be an unsinkable boat. It is made of boiler plate, shaped somewhat like a flask, air being supplied through holes. The boat upon which the trial was made is capable of holding sixteen people, and is fitted up with lockers, seats, and table. The experimental trial is said to have been successful.

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By order of the Road Commissioners, S. I. McKEE, Town Clerk. Rouseville, August 2d, 1873.

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Geo. P. Rowell & Co.,

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