Petroleum Centre Daily Record.

Pet. Centre, Pa., Wednesday, Aug 13

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

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I. O. of R. M.

Mincka once 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. 115⅛

SAD ACCIDENT.—Our worthy townsman, Mr. T. M. Griffith, met with a serious accident this forenoon. Mr. G. is in the employ of his father-in-law, A. Smawley, at the livery stable on Washington street.—While engaged in cleaning a horse, without any warning whatever the animal reared up its hind feet and kicked out the iron shod hoofs striking him in the right side, crushing in two ribs and badly bruising him otherwise. He managed to crawl away from the animal and by that time assistance arrived and he was picked up in an insensible condition and removed into the office and Dr. Christie called in, who dressed the wounds. Dr. C. informed our reporter that although the injuries were severe he did not consider them dangerous unless there was some internal injury. Mr. Griffith has many friends hereabouts, who will regret to learn of his misfortune.

In our report of the iron tank struck by lightning, yesterday, it was stated that the tank contained no oil. This every one who visited it after being struck supposed to be the case. Subsequent investigation established the fact that there was over three thousand barrels of oil in the tank. When this is taken into consideration, it is certainly a most remarkable freak of lightning. The fluid passed in on side of the tank and out on the other, and why the oil, which is well known to be of the most inflammable nature, did not catch fire is past comprehension. One irreverent individual remarked that Providence was evidently well aware of the low price of oil, and consequently did not consider it worth making a benfire of, hence it did not burn. The tank itself is not seriously damaged.

The Hon. Mr. Cohen, formerly one of the city dads of Petroleum Centre, and barring Dutch Henry, Citizen Malloy and Eliza Pert, one of the most distinguished personages in the oil region, arrived in town this forenoon. Judging from his appearance he has been living in a land, not beyond the shining strand, but where his favorite beverage—L'Hime—could be procured in vast quantities, which favored land is probably Oil City and Parker's Landing. As cold water is the prevailing beverage here his tarry will undoubtedly be short.

P. S.—He left for the Celestial City located at the confluence of the waters of Oil Creek with those of the Allegheny River, where whiskey is supposed to run in the gutters as free as water.

LOST.—Mrs. Hillwig desires us to inform the public that she has lost a certified check on the bank of Galway, county of Galway, Ireland. She is willing to pay a reward of £100,000 out the £500,000 which the check calls for. Mrs. Hillwig is a poor lorn widow and hopes the money will be returned.—While informing our reporter of her misfortune in losing the check, Mrs. Hillwig received good news from home, that her favorite son was coming to remove her to Petrolia, which is certainly good news.

What relation is the door to the mat? A step-father.

A large stock of Blotting Paper just received at the Post Office Newsroom.

Food for imagination—Fancy bread.

NOTES.—Our neighbor Norton, the blacksmith, has erected a sign which for elegance of design and execution stands above No. 1.

A youth from Cherrytree visited our place a few days since bent on seeing the sights which he had heard so much about. Stopping at the peanut stand he purchased a watermelon which was dispatched with avidity. Citrons were next attacked with like alacrity. A trip to the lava beds was next in order, mixed drinks, and a crooked path homeward followed. Arriving at home tired nature could be imposed upon no longer. A bed on the floor about an hour. Queen Mab held sway when he awoke. Heartrending moans, perilous acrobatic feats, irregular and nervous evolutions. Old folks are awakened. Rubbing their eyes to be sure, when again comes the sounds. Much alarmed they proceed to discover the cause. The doctor is sent for. Old man suppresses for the time being execrations. The physician pronounces a case of cholera, though not necessarily fatal.—We have seen the victim since, he presents a decidedly exiguous and cadaverous appearance.

Jones visited Titusville the other day and missing the train he was compelled to stop over night. Proceeding to a No. 1 caravansary he was shown to a room. After disrobing he remembered having read in the Derrick that bed bugs were wont to inhabit hotels at the metropolis, consequently he drew the covers gently down and brought a light to bear upon the "subjects." At first he found nothing to confirm the Derrick's statement. Upon a closer examination he found four which he murdered at once regardless of scriptural and statute law. Finding no more he got in bed and was soon fast in Morpheus clasp.—How long he slept he was unable to determine. But he was thoroughly awake he knew. Arising he struck a light when to his astonishment he saw countless numbers of the bugs arrayed in perfect order on the wall about two inches apart. Do I retain my senses he thought. Surely that is music I hear? A number of bugs in the capacity of pall bearers are carrying those four victims of his and the band are playing a low weird dirge. He watches in amazement the last rites and ceremonies of his nocturnal visitors. The bodies are conveyed into a knot hole slowly followed by the friends and mourners. After the last one had disappeared he again retired, but it was useless, he could not sleep but could only lie and wait as patiently as he could until morning. He assures that rather than undergo a like torture again he will foot it home.

A railroad accident occurred on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, yesterday afternoon, near Scrubgrass. The passenger train went through a trestle bridge and into the river. But three passengers were injured.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

Four convicts escaped from Sing Sing on Monday night.

A break in the Erie canal at Eagle Harbor is reported.

A squadron of Austrian war vessels been ordered to Spain.

Base ball at Baltimore yesterday—Mutuals, 2; Baltimores, 7.

One fatal case of cholera was reported in Columbus, Ohio, yesterday.

Anna Dickinson swears she never proposed to go on the stage as an actress.

The Massachusetts Republican State Convention will be held on September 17th.

One thousand six hundred and fifty-six emigrants arrived at Castle Garden Monday.

The number of persons lost by the Wawasett disaster is now stated at seventy-five.

William Tilden, Probate Judge of Hamilton County, Ohio, died at Sandusky Monday night.

A branch of the National Irish Catholic Benevolent Union has been formed in Columbus, Ohio.

The young Miss Reeves, one of the victims of the New Hampshire stage coach disaster, is dead.

Heavy rains along the line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad have seriously interrupted travel.

The health authorities of New York city are confiscating all unripe fruit exposed for sale in that city.

The fourth annual session of the Convention of the United Caledonian Association commenced in Philadelphia yesterday.

Numerous Baltimore liquor dealers were raided yesterday by the State constabulary, a large quantity of liquors and ale seized.

General W. B. Barringer, of North Carolina, formerly Minister to Spain, is dangerously ill at White Sulphur Springs, Virginia.

Erie boys are put in jail for hooking apples.

PARKER OIL FIELD.

VICINITY OF MODOC OR SUMMIT CITY.

On Monday last we paid a visit to this new oil town, located on the Starr farm, about three miles southeast of Greece City. It now contains some sixty buildings, occupied as family residences, boarding houses, grocery and provision stores, livery stables, hotels, hardware stores, and last, though not least, in the way of money making, there are some seventeen places at which fire water is retailed to the excited operators, fortune seekers and others who will visit the town. Butler county, be it known, voted in favor of local option at the late election; but there are no less than seventeen persons in this new oil town, who seem to have no terror of the law. At the present time there is a contention between the citizens in regard to the name of the town, some contending that it shall be christened Modoc, while other persist in calling it Summit City. Application is being made for a post office, which will doubtless be granted at an early day and the town no doubt, will thereafter inherit the name given on the office. On the Starr farm there are three wells now flowing immense quantities of oil. One owned by Percy, Beck and others commenced flowing on Wednesday of last week, and on Monday following it was still considered good for 500 barrels. The Grace well commenced flowing on Monday of last week, and one week thereafter it was considered good for fully 600 barrels. The well owned by S. P. Boyer and others, also commenced flowing on Monday of last week, and on Monday of this week its production was estimated at 500 or 600 barrels per day.

A new well called the Captain Jack, located on the Harper farm, a short distance east of the old Troutman well, and not far from Modoc or Summit City commenced flowing on Wednesday of last week, and on the following Monday its production was estimated at 500 barrels per day.

A well owned by Gormly, Wick, Hoover and others, located on the McClelland farm, between Greece City and the Starr farm, commenced flowing on Saturday evening last, and the first 24 hours thereafter poured forth about 250 barrels of oil. The strike is regarded as one of the best between the wells on the Starr farm and Greece City.

The latest intelligence received from this vast oil field represents that the well owned by Percy, Beck and others, located on the Starr, has on some occasions since being struck, flowed fully 1,000 barrels in twenty-four hours. It keeps up its production remarkably well, and is considered a great strike.

A well owned by Overy, Brawley and others, located on the Starr farm, was drilled some depth into the third sand on Monday of this week, and at once commenced flowing oil at the rate of 400 or 500 barrels per day.

The Preston well, on the Brown farm, above Greece City, which was burned the other day, is about ready to pump again.

[Oilman's Journal.

The Snares of Saratoga.

Ladies (says the Saratoga correspondent of the Boston Globe) are forbidden to step foot inside the precincts of Mr. John Morrissey's great and elegant gambling house. The veto was put upon the ladies by the Young Men's Christian Association, for the purpose of saving the ladies and ruining the men; or, as would appear most clearly in sensible minds, for the purpose of ruining both. For how are women to be saved if men go to destruction? And much more certain is the fact that shutting the women out from any place where men congregate is the best means in the world to abandon it to double fate. A lady, however, went into John Morrissey's house the other day, and looked it over. She was accompanied by a highly agreeable and intelligent Southern gentleman, to whom she was greatly indebted for a minute's explanation of the workings of this institution, its follies and failings. The house is magnificent in frescoing, carving, furniture, cut glass, carpets and chandeliers, beyond anything ever seen in this country. The card tables were covered, as it was early in the morning, so she was deprived of witnessing the games.—The most rich and costly food is served here on plates of gold and silver. The waiters are well trained. Here is the office where the business of the racing is done, and the pools bought and sold. One looks upon the whole thing, takes a realizing sense of it all, and exclaims, "What an elegant and superb hell!"

The fourth annual reunion of the surviving numbers of the 83d Regiment Penn., Vol., will be held at Conneautville, Tuesday, September 9th next.

An old lady, named Catharine Fasnacht, died in the Lebanon county almshouse last week, aged ninety-nine years and eleven months.

The Oil Business.

The oil business is so dull that little interest is felt in new developments. For several days oil has only been worth about $1,50 at the railroad—making the price at the wells $1,25 and less, per barrel. The production has been kept up by the large wells in Butler county, and is likely to continue for some time, as a great many wells are drilling in that region. During June, the average production was 26,449 barrels per day, and when the July report appears it will doubtless show an increase. This is more oil than the consumption demands, and producers should curtail operations. But it seems that nothing but a general smash up, and financial crisis will compel them to suspend drilling new wells. The numerous sheriff's sales show that the crash is coming, and perhaps the sooner the better, for the oil business in general.

The Hallings well on the Gates farm, about a mile north east of Edinburg, is doing about 15 barrels a day. The sand was close, and the well is considered to be on the east edge of the belt.

The Bower well north of Edenburg is still yielding 60 barrels a day.

The tools that were fast, have been taken out of the Berlin well, and drilling is going on.

A large well was struck on the Sam'l Beals farm last week, by Smith Cook. Also one on the Jacob Beals farm, by Louis Collner and McKay.

A new well was struck Friday on the Fox farm, south of Clarion river. It is pumping fifty barrels; owned by Grant and Thomas, of Foxburg and Cleveland.

[Clarion Democrat.

Newport Initial.

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

Esquire McKeage is oil inspector of Butler county.

The Reed House of Erie which was burnt last winter, has not been rebuilt.

Edward Snyder, of Milliport, Pa., was recently stabbed to the heart by electricity as neat as a dirk would have done it.

Green county farmers have been swindled out of about $6,000 by forged notes. The swindler was one Henry Casseman.

There was an increase in the receipts of coal at Pittsburgh during the month of July 1873 over the month of July 1872 of 22,639 tons.

The young men of Mauch Chunk propose to organize a military company to be uniformed in the style of the old Continentals, to represent that borough at the Centenial celebration in 1876.

The Teacher's Association of Pennsylvania holds its twentieth annual session at Pittsburgh, on the 12th, 13th and 14th of August. An excursion to Chautauqua Lake will be one of the features of meeting.

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