

Petroleum Centre Daily Record.

Pet. Centre, Pa., Friday, Aug 15

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I. O. of R. M. Minnecone Tithes No. 183, I. O. R. M. of Petroleum Centre, meets every Thursday evening in Good Templar's Hall.

C. L. JUKES, Chief of Records.

A correspondent of the Tidloute Journal writes up "The Situation" after this fashion: Mr. Editor:—In your issue of Monday under the head of "New Wells," prefaced by, "Oil on the Rampage—Oil Spouters—The Bottom of Oil.—A Loug Adieu to Small wells"—You proceed to give telegrams as received, and in effect showing two very large strikes. I will not question your sincerity, or perfect good faith in giving the reports as received. But rather than a wrong impression may come from this, I respectfully submit that these reports are gotten up and circulated with a view to still farther depress the oil market, and have little resemblance to truth.

We think the correspondent a little off in making the assertion that no 1,000 barrel wells have been struck in the lower region. We know from good authority that such enormous wells have been struck and are being got nearly every day, and that in many instances their production has held up for weeks at nearly that figure.

The Titusville Herald says, iron oil tanks cost when new fifty cents per barrel. At present prices—if the Herald's estimate is correct—oil and tank together can be bought for one dollar and thirty-five cents per barrel.

Mr. T. M. Griffin, who was seriously injured by a horse kicking him, a day for two since, is getting better and will be out in a few days.

Gilbert Gordon put up his sign over his new place of business, yesterday, opposite the Central office.

We heard a good story the other day from one of our old citizens, about a young man whom we will call B., who resides on the McCray Hill. B. has a fashionable wife, who dresses her hair according to the "mode," with "rats" and "braids," &c.—Mrs. B. retired one night of last week, and in undressing her hair let a long braid stay on the bed. Some time after B. retired, and after sitting down for a snooze, felt something wind around his foot and ankle. He immediately aroused his wife; told her that a snake was in bed; cautioned her not to move until he had made his will, and warned her not to marry again until he had been dead at least one year.

On Saturday last, as the morning train northward stopped at Hickory Station, a fine buck was discovered swimming in the river, having probably been scared by some wandering dog. In an instant the plait forms were full, and every window on the river side of the train, containing two heads. If the cars hadn't been heavy they would have tipped over. The deer was watched with breathless interest until he struck the land and with a few swift and graceful leaps disappeared in the woods.

For weeks past there have been rumors to the effect that a combination of capitalists has been formed for the purpose of getting control, by purchase, of the larger portion of the producing territory, with the view of entirely controlling the oil trade.—The famous Standard Oil Company is reported to be the head and front of the movement. Vandergrift & Foreman, the Pipe Line men, and other capitalists in and out of the oil region are interested. The pipe lines are nearly all in the hands of the organization. Large tracts of producing territory have been purchased, and it is stated that "retreats" of wells being drilled are being purchased, as far as possible. Vast tracts of territory undeveloped have also been secured by lease or purchase.

We give the above rumors which have been floating around for the past few weeks, knowing nothing as to their truthfulness.

A terrible fire took place at Portland, Maine, on Saturday afternoon. The fire commenced on board the steamer Diego, a New York, and communicated to the Galt and Atlantic wharves, warehouses and buildings, a large elevator and the steamers Montreal and Calcutta, which were all destroyed. Loss, \$600,000. Insurance, \$300,000.

Judging from a piece of crape hung on the door of one of our leading business houses, yesterday afternoon, there was an evident intention for a first class funeral in which the proprietor was intended for the subject. He came out all right, however, and declares he is not ready for the "cold ground" as yet, and has no desire for a tombstone and inscription. In fact he states it to be his candid belief that the whole affair was only "one of those 'cussed jokes that Joe Brown is always perpetrating on the boys."

That new livery stable, we are credibly informed, is about to be started at once.—Good! Down with monopoly of all kinds.

Von C., our German correspondent at Chautauque Lake, writes thus about the new iron steamer Col. Phillips: "Well, von I was up to dot Sbadagna Lake, I sees some dings, ust de besbd ding vot I see vas de steamer Col. Vhillips vot made von dril drup, uni acbe vos de besder boad on de Lake. Von C.

More showers, today. The bosom of old mother earth must be thoroughly saturated by this time.

Mr. H. Freeman, of Parker's Landing, was in town today.

Today being the anniversary of the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin is observed in the Catholic church as a holiday of obligation.

We find the following "good things of this life" in the old valuable Venango Spectator:

There is a big fellow with a cad countenance now hanging around the Oil City Drifts and handing down the river passengers tracts with such titles as "Are You Ready?" and "Now is the Time to Pray." Perhaps it is one of Bishop's duds to get back that pass.

The Tidlouters are now supplied with rattlebelly whiskey put up in old fruit cans and labelled "Standard Corn."

The speck of war in Titusville between the Octavo Oil Company and Oil Creek and Allegheny River Railroad Company, in reference to laying a line of pipe by the former from their refinery to the Warren and Venango Railroad, ended in the triumph of the Octaves. At one time the affair threatened serious consequences. Every body was wishing for the Citizens' Corps, but that body of renowned warriors was enjoying a watermelon campaign at Chautauque Lake.

Somebody might do a good business by establishing a military newspaper in Titusville. After the plan of the Army and Navy Journal. The Courier and Herald up there are filled with accounts of the Citizens' Corps in camp, sufficient in volume to warrant starting a paper solely for military purposes.

"FIVE DOLLAR OIL."—The prospect for five dollar oil is gloomier now than it was previous to the famous "Shut' er down for thirty days" movements last fall. Yet nobody suggests two or three brass bands and a procession with banners and flags. The new sporting wells of Butler are too big of reinsurance. There is no remedy save that of letting things take their own course until we reach bottom.

Will S. Hays, the composer, is at Chautauque Lake. They sent for him to compose the lake so the Citizens' Corps wouldn't get sick while sailing in Byrom's yacht.

The following oil items we copy from the Volcano Lubricator, the organ of the West Virginia oil field:

O'Brien Bros., & Weitzel struck a 25 barrel well last week. This well is situated on the Gale tract.

The National Petroleum Company's property was sold at Trustee's sale last week.—Mr. Lyman B. Dellicker was the purchaser.

Culbert & Carle struck a new well on the West Va. O. & O. L. Co., tract, last week. We have not heard the production estimated.

Geo. Grotton & Bro., and Thomas struck a new well on the Gale tract last week.—The well is pumping 10 or 15 barrels of heavy oil per day, and the royalty is only one-tenth.

Two or three more new wells are reported in the down river region. Would that the bottom might drop out soon, and oil go down to ten cents per barrel if need be, in order that the bears might see the "slippery places on which they stand." The time is coming slow but sure.

The Oil Creek Railroad Company are replacing the Tarr Farm bridge with an almost entirely new structure. The trestle work north of the bridge has also been filled up, and other improvements made.—The Oil Creek Railroad is one of the safest and best managed pieces of road in the entire country, and the company are continually laboring for the accommodation of their patrons.

Wm. Betts is putting into his machine shop a large 16 horse boiler and engine. This will make his machine shop as complete a one in all its appointments as the region affords.

There is a well on the Smik lease, put down last year, which has not pumped above five barrels a day until within the last week. Mr. Smik the owner considered it a very poor well, and commenced making preparations to remove the rig to some favorable location, when without previous warning it started off one day this week at twenty barrels. It still continues to yield at these figures, and the removal of the rig has been indefinitely postponed.—[Tidloute Journal.

One of the heaviest storms we have had this season passed over yesterday afternoon, accompanied by a slight fall of hail. At the time of writing the Antwerp pipe line station is reported to be on fire, supposed to have been struck by lightning. From the immense volumes of smoke a large quantity of oil must be burning.—Later. A 1200 barrel tank with 6 feet of oil burned, engine house, etc., saved.—[Petersburg Progress.

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Sheriff Oyster, of McKean county, offers to shell out five hundred dollars for the arrest of a murderer named Bromley, described as follows: Weight, 180; about forty-five years of age; rusty dark hair; coarse chin whiskers, a little gray; high cheek bones; coarse featured, and about five feet ten inches high.

The post-office name of Millerstown is not Millerstown, but Barabart's Mills, Butler county, Pa. There is a post-office in Perry county, called Millerstown, and to that office a large number of misdirected letters have been sent which were intended for the Butler County Millerstown.

The Brigadier General, Colonels, Majors, Captains, Lieutenants, and bottleholders, comprising the "Citizens Corps" of Titusville, are boarding at a hotel at Bemus Point, near Chautauque Lake.—[Venango Citizen.

Within the last three days twenty-two vessels have been chartered for the foreign petroleum trade at New York, with a carrying capacity of 100,000 barrels.

The British steam yacht Deerhound, which landed a cargo of guns and ammunition recently on the Spanish coast, for the Carliete, has been captured by Spanish men of war.

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