

Petroleum Centre Daily Record.

Pet. Centre, Pa., Thursday, Aug 21

Divine Service.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 12 1/2 P. M. Free. 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. Bunchard. 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. BAILEY, A. Sec'y.

Place of meeting, Main St., opposite McClintock 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, Penna.

JAMES WILSON, M. W.

JAMES S. WHITE, R.

I. O. of R. M.

Minnekaunas 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. 115 1/2

The Derrick entirely misunderstands our article on the Buffalo & Jamestown Railroad, deducing some queer conclusions. Our speculations are well founded and we can sustain them. There is a feasible route between Irvineton and Randolph, not extending the distance stated by us vide our's geography—30 miles. The distance between Randolph and Gowanda does not enter into the question, as the Buffalo & Jamestown road will build to Randolph.

That "there is already a railroad line between Buffalo and Irvineton in successful operation" we well know, but do not know "that there is no call for another line to give the Allegheny Valley road a line to Buffalo." What the oil producers want is competing lines so as to insure low freight, which the present line does not afford, as Commodore Vanderbilt controls the whole line from Irvineton. We care nothing for the Valley road one way or the other as it affects our own interests.

The line from Prospect need not be discussed as the grades are impossible for heavy trains—which insure low prices—and the road would be so much needless expense for us to pay.

"Making the Buffalo & Jamestown road a link of the Valley road" is not contemplated. The city and citizens of Buffalo have and always will retain a controlling interest in the B. & J. road. The object is to make a connection with some corporation whose interests are adverse to the Vanderbilt interest.

The Valley Road would consult its own interests and that of its patrons by building to Randolph, as they would then possess a check on the Vanderbilt road, and via the Cross Cut would have two outlets from the oil region at times when Papa Vanderbilt is in a humor to tolerate low freight.

The long and short of the matter is: We desire a direct line to Buffalo which shall be independent of Vanderbilt. This can be accomplished in two ways—via Prospect and via Randolph. To the former there are many objections, not the least of which is the danger of coalescing interests by the Valley and Vanderbilt roads. The route via Randolph insures good grades and a connection with a road whose interests are identical with our own. In discussing this question it must always be borne in mind that the B. & J. road is a perfectly independent corporation in which the city of Buffalo owns \$1,000,000 stock.

Let the Derrick fight its own battles with the Valley road by all means, but in the name of common sense, and in justice to the body of the people, do not lug in private spite into a question of common good. We are not so foolish as to refuse a convenience simply because the Valley road is the instrument.

Clarksville Tobacco Leaf's own reply to a toast of the press: "Gentlemen, the—the press. The press—as I said—the press. (Cheers.) The mill, as I remarked (laughter) the mill—and by the mill I mean the flouring mill—is the civilizer and distributor of the staff of life. The press, gentlemen, (great applause)—the mill and the press stand, so to speak—stand in intimate juxtaposition, of which the mill sustains most intimate relations to the press, while both are productive of indiscriminate grading." (Great applause)

The following good things we copy from the Petersburg Progress. There is more truth than poetry in it:

THE WAY THE OIL MAN FEELS.—At five dollars a barrel the oil man sports his big gold watch and chain, top boots, smokes imported cigars, drives fast horses, and drinks champagne.

At four dollar oil he does the same, but not on quite so extensive a scale.

At three dollars a barrel he torpedoes, calls meetings, "resolutions" and starts a new well. At two dollars a barrel he paws his watch, sells all his B. S., cleans out his well, torpedoes drills deeper, drinks cheap wine and whisky, smokes Wheeling tobies and rides shank's mare to his well.

At one dollar a barrel the oil man pumps his well by heads, stops paying bills, becomes a star boarder, drinks beer, smokes a pipe, prophesies that oil will touch bottom at fifty cents and will bet you twenty-five dollars Goldsmith's Maid wins the next race throws dice for the cigars, plays billiards, quits drilling wells, drops the corners of his mouth, and refuses to look in a mirror on principal, wears cowhide boots, jean pantaloon, slouch hat, and patronizes confectioners, saloon men and others. When oil goes lower than this he gets behind boxes and watches the sheriff go by with much interest, holds conversations with himself on the oil business, and finally disappears from view in the general mill of "Busted."

Railroads as Common Carriers.

Ex-Governor Palmer, in speech at Clinton Illinois, on the 14th inst., took the ground that the principal fully implied in the ruling of the supreme court was correct when it decided that the charter granted by the British crown to the trustees of Dartmouth College, in the year 1769, is a contract within the meaning of that clause of the United States which declares that no state shall make any law impairing the obligation of contracts, and in short that it is too well established to be shaken or questioned that the state cannot, by the action of the department of its government, impair the charters of private corporations in any material respect.

But he also held that while railroad charters are contracts between the corporators, and the state and cannot be amended in any material respect without the consent of the corporators, railroad companies are common carriers and are bound by that fact to observe the obligations imposed by the common law upon such carriers, the distinguishing feature of the office or employment implied in the term "common carrier" being that its obligations and liabilities are not dependent upon contracts but are imposed by law. Of these duties and obligations he defined a few of those which are least disputed and at present interest the public most. "They must furnish reasonable and ordinary facilities for transportation such as will meet the demands for the public." He maintained that they are obliged by law to undertake the charge of transportation indifferently for all, without partiality or improper discrimination, and for a reasonable compensation; and that these obligations are implied in the very nature of the office, for a common carrier, in the language of the courts of highest authority, is one who holds himself out to the world as ready to undertake to carry all persons, or for all persons, indifferently, for hire, as a business.

Explosion in Pittsburgh:

Pittsburgh, Aug. 20.

An explosion occurred about nine o'clock this morning, in a still of the Commercial Refinery, corner of Thirty-second street and Allegheny Valley Railroad, which was followed with a loud report, scattering the burning oil in all directions, and over a heavy wall in the refinery of Wormser Myers & Co., known as the Petroleum Oil Works. Here it set fire to the cooper and paint shops, and spread from there to the bleaching house and tanks, which also took fire. Four men were at work on the cooper shop, and all escaped but one, named Jake Mitre, who perished in the flames. The cooper, paint shops, two tanks of the Petroleum, and a six hundred barrel tank of the Commercial, were destroyed. The loss of the Petroleum is estimated at \$7,000, and the Commercial between \$3,000 and \$5,000; no insurance. The fire raged with great fury threatening a general conflagration. The heat could be felt for several blocks away. The entire fire department were on the ground, and succeeded in checking the fire before it communicated with other buildings. The refinery consumed was surrounded by Reese, Graft & Co.'s iron mill, Brown's lumber yard, and the Great Western boiler works.

Newport Initial.

Just received at the Post Office New-room 200 boxes of Newport Initial Tinted Papers. It is by far the newest initial paper ever brought to this place. The ladies are respectfully invited to call and examine it. It is neat and cobby.

CANADA OIL NEWS.

For a few days past considerable interest has been felt from reports that the new McDonald well, Durham creek, was a mammoth but the yield being from 460, pure oil. It was determined to go twenty odd feet deeper, with what result a few days will tell. However, the well is claimed to be a good paying one, and Mr. McD. has another rig under way about 150 feet to the north. The venture of Mr. Gibson is over 200 feet down and No. 5 of Mr. Hyde, is awaiting machinery. Mr. Lancy's west side well is rather modest in its commencement, and is now testing. His new well, north of the celebrated Murray well, is down nearly 400 feet. Ditto the new well of Messrs. W. H. & J. McGarvey. Mr. Lancaster's ravine well has been torpedoes, but has not since been tested, and we cannot of course speak of the result. The effort of Messrs. Perkins & Cooley has not been successful. This is rather a damper upon handling old holes in that neighborhood, at least. We understand preparations are being made for a few more wells to the south of the Murray wells and along the creek.

Work is progressing upon Home Treating Works well, and the Pitchole switch well of Messrs. Eaglehart & Co. Mr. D. Sinclair, having completed the new well of Messrs. Noble & Parsons, east of Taylor's road, having struck a satisfactory show. The well will have the pump in at once. The new venture of Mr. Lawson is ready to commence boring surface. The No. 3 of Mr. Corgell, upon Monroe farm, is down to the rock. The new Guest & Woods well, same territory, is not coming up to expectations, as yet. The well has a liberal supply of gas, but works by pulsation. Messrs. Rose, Rosenberg & McGarvey's well, north of the Empire well, near Marthaville, is down 475 feet, with a good show of oil, and will be test-d forthwith. Upon the Lamb property, Mr. Joe Ward has a rig ready. Mr. Lamb's new well, west of the Perkins twin wells, is drilling in lower rock. We hear of nothing of importance to the north west.

In our last issue we referred to the arrangement made to pump the Wellen & Chamberlain well, Lamb territory, but nothing further than placing the machinery in its place has been done. However, we believe it is "not waiting for the wind" causes the delay in starting. The appearance of the "fixings," elevated in the air, attracts considerable attention in Marthaville and vicinity and curiosity exists to witness the working of the well by the power. No doubt a few days will put matters right.

The Rosenberg & Johnson well, London road, is progressing. [Petroleum Advertiser.]

Nellie Robinson keeps a house of doubtful reputation at Petrolia. One night during the early part of last week, one Owen, a single man, aged about 25 years, called at the house somewhat under the influence of liquor and was shown to bed by one of the fancy young ladies of the house. Owen claims that he had \$96 in his possession, at the time he entered the house and after a that during the night, while he was asleep, the money was stolen from him. He had Nellie and five of her companions arrested for robbery and on Friday last as we passed through Fairview they were having a hearing before A. G. Mahaffy, Esq. The prosecutor during the night which he spent with Nellie and her associates, or at some other time in his life seems to have discovered that they are guilty of other crimes and has had them arrested for keeping a bawdy house, for which they were to have a hearing on Thursday of this week. If this young man really had \$96 in his possession and lost it at the above named house, a wiser plan for him would have been to permit the money to go, say nothing about it, but resolve to pass his nights in more respectable quarters in the future. [Oilman's Journal.]

A stranger from the wilds of Forest Co., in the neighborhood of Tionesta, arrived in town yesterday afternoon. Instead of taking up his lodgings at a respectable hotel, he immediately took his way to the livery beds, and commenced rejoicing with the Modocs, and much sport was occasioned. This morning he put in an appearance at the Justice office and related the story of his woes. His sport cost a cool \$200.

The editor of the Omaha Bee, who had a street fight recently, significantly announces that he has been presented with a handsome and valuable rifle case, manufactured by Remington. It will carry a ball thirty yards with great accuracy. It is loaded by unscrewing the handle, and placing the cartridge in the tube, and is cocked and fired by pulling back the handle and touching a small spring. Besides being quite a novelty a weapon, it is a very fine walking stick.

Eighty-two bodies recovered from the Wawaset slaughter this far.

HURRYGRAPHS.

It costs sixteen dollars to varnish a neighbor's house with rotten eggs in Springfield, Mass.

A Swede walked into a book store the other day, and remarked, "Got any overhauls for letters?" He was handed a bunch of envelopes, and left contented.

A commercial drummer attempted to commit suicide in St. Louis recently by holding a pistol against his face and firing. His cheek was too much for the ball, which fell to the floor flattened.

A boy who was called up by his teacher for giving a schoolmate a black eye, pleaded that he only threw a bit of water at him, but on being pressed in the cross examination, he at last admitted that the water was frozen.

Mr. Emerson, says an exchange, was much pleased with his recent visit to Egypt. He had a particularly agreeable interview with the Sphinx, which is understood to have remarked, with a confidential wink, "You're another."

Two of the models for the Fugate statue are already designated as "the foreman of a fire company tied to a chimney, and calling to the boys to let nobody take their water," and "an aged gentleman with a balance pole about to walk a rope."

The Graphic advertises for an experienced seaman, of good habits, to accompany Prof. Wise on his trans-Atlantic balloon voyage. The "good habits" are essential in order to make sure that he will not drop out of any of the drinking saloons on the way.

A stone cutter received the following epigram from a German, to be cut upon the tombstone of his wife:

Nine wife Susan if she had life till next Friday she'd be dead about two weeks. A tree falls as dead as it stands; all things are impossible with God.

At a court of assizes in France, a man was tried for having murdered his father and mother, before closing the proceedings, the president asked him if he had anything to say. "Beg your pardon, judge," said the rough, "I want to ask your pity for a poor orphan!"

Daniel Webster was not the only bright boy born in New Hampshire. The Boston Globe has heard of another—a youth residing in Dover, who refused to take a pill. His crafty mother thereupon secretly placed the pill in a preserved pear, and gave it to him. Presently she asked, "Tom have you eaten the pear?" He said, "Yes, mother, all but the seed."

Cincinnati, fearing that many species of western fauna will soon be totally exterminated, especially as regards the reptile order, proposes to establish a zoological garden with a complete collection of snakes and things. We would suggest that the same end might be attained with less trouble and expense by fitting up a hall with empty cages and plenty of tumblers of whiskey.

If a Russian of either sex or of any rank should happen to see an opal among goods submitted for purchase, he or she will buy nothing that day, for the opal is in the judgement of the subjects of the Czar, the embodiment of the "evil eye."

The whistle to be substituted in the French Army for the bugle when troops are engaged in skirmishing. During the recent war the whistles were found to act very well in the three companies, while the bugle revolved too much to the enemy.

According to Mr. William F. Poole, the Cincinnati public library has increased from 23,000 to 60,000 in three years. Three-quarters of the books are novels, and female readers far outnumber the male.

The skin of a baby born in Lexington, Va., last week, is said to be half white and half black, "a line drawn from the tip of the nose longitudinally showing the margin of the jet color."

An incident of the fire at Portland, Me., was the refusal of a boatman to rescue a fellow creature from a rope, where he was hanging between life and death, unless he was paid fifty dollars in advance.

Down at Beaufort, S. C., the men take partners for self-bathing for a dance. A handsome young fellow plants himself in the water and opens his arms as the "breaker is coming. A young lady flies to his clasp, and there remains safe until all danger is over.

The government of India estimates that the expenditure for the next five years on 2,700 miles of railway will amount to \$135,000,000. Some works for irrigation are, however, included.

The St. Louis Democrat claims that No. 2 wheat as imported in that city is equal to Toledo wheat, and that the St. Louis trade suffers in consequence of the prevalent ignorance of that fact.

Philadelphia continues to call for a song for the centennial. Try "Old Hundred."

Local Notices.

A Hint to Housewives.—How to Keep Kitchen Ware Clean and Bright.

Every housewife of neat and tidy habits takes especial delight in keeping all the tin, copper and iron ware of her kitchen as clean and bright as painstaking labor can make them. A pride in this direction is commendable, and always meets the smiling approval of the "tyrant man" who pays the household bills. Remember that SAPOLIO is the only thing on earth that will make an old tarnished tin pan or a rusty kettle shine as bright as new. And by the use of Sapolio it is the quickest and easiest thing in the world to keep every utensil in a high state of polish.

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Just issued in paper cover by the Petroleum Centre, Feb. 6th—11.

NOTICE!

Go to W. A. LOZIER,
4th Street, near R. R. track,
for your BENZINE, delivered at the wells for \$1.50 per barrel.

Petroleum Centre, Feb. 6th—11.

MCLELLAN'S INSTITUTE FOR BOYS

At West Chester, Pa. A beautiful and elevated situation, 2 1/2 miles west of Philadelphia. Spacious playgrounds, with Gymnasium, students prepared for College, Polytechnic Schools or Business. Special provision made for very young boys. Many scientific, artistic, and literary departments. Vacation season begins Sept. 10. Address: McLELLAN'S, West Chester, Pa. aug 21 1m.

DR. WILLIAMS HAS DISCOVERED A POSITIVE CURE

For Catarrh (a vegetable specific); also, a sure remedy for Piles, (a healing ointment). Price of either medicine, by mail, \$1.00. Warranted. Trial sample box free. Williams Medicine Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. Box 1235.

DON'T BE HUMBUGGED

With quacks and impostors, who will not cure a disease, but in ninety cases out of a hundred dose you with bismuth calomel, &c., making your case worse. Resort at once to the only avowed remedy that can be relied on, Dr. McClellan's Root Blood Searcher, which banishes from the system all forms of private diseases, and virus in the blood; also, seminal weakness, loss of energy, loss of memory, and all nervous diseases, and restores the system, which destroys both mind and body, rendering marriage impossible. Warranted. Price by mail (securely sealed, no exposure) \$1.00 per package. Each package makes a cure of Blood Searcher. Williams Medicine Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. Box 1235. Pamphlet Free.

Furunculosis, Boils, and Eruptions on the face, Tetter, Ringworm, Fleas, and Eruptions on the face, and all eruptions and skin diseases, have their origin from a virus in the blood. Dr. McClellan's Root Blood Searcher strikes at the source of all eruptions and diseases by neutralizing and purging every kind of humor and corruption from the blood. Warranted. Price, by mail, \$1.00. (Roots sufficient to make a quart of blood searcher.) Williams Medicine Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. Box 1235.

Consumption has its origin in a scrofulous and corrupt state of the blood, hence the fallacy of treating lung disease with cough syrup, balsam, &c., &c. To cure consumption we must purify and enrich the blood, and when the blood is pure, consumption cannot exist. Dr. McClellan's Root Blood Searcher penetrates the secret ambush of this deadly and exterminator, it roots and limits. Try one single package by return mail, (price \$1.00) and you will always be thankful. Williams Medicine Co., Box 1235. List of persons cured sent free.

Dyspepsia remains their health, appetite and strength, chills and fever are broken up, the torpid liver and kidneys are roused to action and the suffering and invalid rapidly recovers, all by the purifying and enriching influence of Dr. McClellan's Root Blood Searcher. Try it. Price, by mail, \$1.00. Warranted. Williams Medicine Co., Box 1235, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dissolution Notice.

The copartnership heretofore existing between Pond, Frasier & Co., in the business of oil producing, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts against the late firm will be settled by Frasier & Co., who will hereafter conduct the business as before, on the Hanson farm, near Oil City, Pa.

J. W. POND.

A. L. FRASIER.

Mrs. Wm. J. BOULMAN.

Administratrix.

Dated August 9, 1873.

To Advertisers.—All persons who contemplate making contracts with newspapers for the insertion of advertisements should send to

Geo. P. Rowell & Co.,

for a Circular, or enclose 25 cents for their one hundred page Pamphlet, containing Lists of 3,000 Newspapers and estimates showing the cost of advertising, also many useful hints to advertisers, and some account of the experience of men who are known as successful Advertisers. This firm are proprietors of the American Newspaper Advertising Agency.

41 PARK ROW, N. Y.,

The St. Louis Dispatch is going to publish an edition on Sunday afternoon, a novelty in newspapers in this country.

A Virginia lady gathering berries, was lately struck twice in the breast by a rattlesnake, but thanks to toilet artifices escaped harm.

Abram Benson was fatally injured at Albany yesterday while trying to escape from jail.

A reduction of wages has sent the hordes of Brooklyn on a strike.