

Pet. Centre, Pa., Tuesday, Sept. 2
Divine Service.
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 12 1/2 P. M. outside. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Rev. G. Moons, Pastor.
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M. and 7 o'clock P. M. by the Pastor, W. C. BURMAN. Sabbath School at 12 1/2 P. M. 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. Stuffed.

W. B. MONTGOMERY, N. G.
C. H. BAILEY, A Sec'y.
Place of meeting, Main St., opposite McCutlock House.

A. C. 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.
Minnekaugus 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

POLICE REPORT. — Recently our sister town of Cherrytree has become quite prominent in police circles. Another one of these cases, in which a long series of petty thieving of chickens, eggs, butter, harness, saddles, bridles, ivory rings, &c., has been unearthed, occupied the attention of Justice Reynolds and Deputy Burns nearly the entire day. The facts of the case appear to be that on Sunday night last a man named Shugert had a span of horses taken from his pasture, and two saddles and bridles from his barn. At an early hour yesterday morning the horses were discovered, minus the saddles and bridles, grazing in the road a short distance from his farm. Inquiries on his part led to the discovery of the fact that a young man named John Emerick, residing between Titusville and the Hyde farm, and a young man named Sutley, a resident of Cherrytree, were the parties who rode the horses away. Warrants were issued for the arrest of the parties and placed in the hands of Constable McFadden, of Cherrytree, who, assisted by Mr. Wm. Tarr, made the arrest and brought the parties to town about 11 p. m. last night and lodged them in the lockup.

This morning an examination was held which elicited facts that placed beyond a doubt the guilt of a party named Sam. Royd, as a receiver of stolen goods from the hands of the above named parties. A search warrant was issued and placed in the hands of Constable Burns, who, accompanied by Justice Reynolds, proceeded to Royd's house and discovered hid in his barn a large quantity of supposed stolen goods. This led to inquiries as to the part of many who had lost harness in this neighborhood, and among the goods was found and identified property belonging to Shell, Canfield, Ren Burgess, Wm. Tarr and others. A warrant was issued for his arrest, but it was found he was too ill for removal. It is stated Royd has turned State evidence.

The examination resulted in Sutley and Emerick being held in the sum of \$700 to appear at Court to answer on the information of Shugert. Other charges are pending against defendants, which will be reported tomorrow.

On Friday evening last, the boys living on the Columbia farm had a little quiet fun. It will be remembered that some time since Mr. D. K. Faulk, a respected resident of the farm, left the ranks of the Benedict crew and entered the state of matrimony somewhat "unbeknownst" to his bachelor friends. On Friday night his lady returned, and the opportunity was seized by the boys to tender a complimentary serenade. The serenade was gone through with in good shape. Dan. It seems had anticipated "this same" and laid in a keg fresh from the town of old Gambrius, "which said" was stored in the cellar of John for safe keeping. As it happened, John came home late on the night in question and discovering a barrel of some kind leaking, and not knowing its contents pitched it down the hill. "All's well that ends well." Fortunately the boys found the keg and contents intact, and the health of Mr. Faulk and bride was drunk in many a flowing bumper.

The Western Natl Association will meet a Pittsburgh to-morrow.

NEW RAILROAD — Yesterday, Chief Engineer Gillett, of the Titusville & Franklin Railroad, arrived in town for the purpose of securing the right of way for grading across the Egbert farm for that railroad. The right of way was secured from Mr. Charles Paist, Superintendent of the Maple Shade Oil Company, and this morning a force of two men, with a promise of a large addition of workmen in a day or two, were put to work at the base of McCray Hill, near the upper end of the Egbert farm. In this connection we learn this road is to be a connecting link with what is known as the Franklin & Pittsburgh Railroad, which if ever completed is supposed to run from Titusville to Franklin; thence to Parker's, and from thence to Pittsburgh, with a branch road running from Parker's to Butler, the contract for which branch road, Engineer Gillett states, has already been let and the road will be completed before snow flies. It is understood C. V. Culver is President of the Company, and that they claim to have a prior charter to that of the Warren & Venango Railroad Company, who have their road bed graded nearly all the way from Titusville to Oil City, at which point they purpose conducting with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. The setting of this gang of men to work would seem to indicate a legal squabble between the two companies. Be that as it may, the men are at work grading on the Egbert farm, and we give the above for more for what they are worth.

A man in Montana, a short time ago squatted on another person's land and built a small frame shanty. When requested to move he positively refused to do so, so one night a squad of men came round after the squatter and his wife were asleep, and lifting the whole concern, shanty and all, with deliberate care carried it to the river and set it on a small raft. Then they pushed the raft out into the stream and let her go. When the squatter got up in the morning to go out he was surprised to find himself about sixty miles down stream, and making good time in a nine-knot current. This is all we shall say about that man. It would be extremely improper to report his remarks in full in this paper.

The Dispatch says that the monument in commemoration of the soldiers and sailors of Erie county, erected in the West Park, was completed on Saturday by raising into position the bronze figures of a soldier and sailor, of colossal size, dressed in the uniforms worn in the late war. The soldier holds the flag in his right hand and a musket trailing in the left. The sailor stands with his left foot on a coil of rope, and both hands resting upon the hilt of his cutlass. Quite a large crowd was attracted during the day, the diversity of opinion and criticism being really amusing. Some thought the figures shouldn't have been more than life size; others that the faces should be whitened; others that the flag should show the stripes and stars; others that the pedestal wasn't high enough, and many were highly pleased and satisfied. The expense thus far is about \$10,000, and no one could have worked more faithfully and diligently than have the Messrs Ball and Reed and Mrs. Moorhead, in the self-imposed task of raising the funds to build a monument that should perpetrate the memory of the heroes of Erie county.

A new pipe line is proposed from Sharpsburg, near Pittsburg, to the Butler oil field. The distance from Sharpsburg to the oil district is thirty-three miles, and the cost of the pipe is estimated at from \$250,000 to \$300,000. Those who are versed in the business say that a profit of 50 or 75 per cent. per annum can be relied upon from the investment. It is said that a wealthy firm of pipe manufacturers in the eastern part of the State are willing to furnish the pipe, lay it, and take their pay in stock. The line, if constructed, will be under the provisions of a free pipe bill. The capacity of the West Penn Railroad can be increased to any extent required, and shipments made to the East as fast as the oil accumulates.

Such is the talk; but unless we are mistaken an exception in the free pipe law will not allow the laying of a pipe from Butler county to Sharpsburg.

The girls and boys are sharpening their lead pencils, hunting for their torn books, buying peanuts, picking up the old bent pins, and otherwise preparing for the school campaign.

DECLINES. — The response in full, of Mr. Richard Grant White to the Graphic invitation for a balloon ride is as follows: "If I could read my title clear To mansions in the skies, I'd bid farewell to every fear, And with your gas arise."

Captain James Wiedner, a victim of the explosion of the steamer George C. Wolf, died in St. Louis Sunday.

Three cholera deaths in Wheeling, Saturday and Sunday.

SHAMBURG. — One of the towns whose rapid growth was once a surprise to oldtimers is Shamburg, which is situated in Venango county upon the extreme head waters of Cherry Run, about six miles southeast of Titusville, having easy communication with Titusville and Miller Farm, which latter is the nearest railroad depot. The excitement commenced in 1866. Several farms in the vicinity became the property of oil operators, who, during the spring and summer, commenced operations in earnest on a number of wells, but met with indifferent success, owing to the fact that they were not bored deep enough. Among the farms which changed hands was the Nathan Stewart farm, which became the property of the Pittsburgh Cherry Run Petroleum Co. One well was put down seven hundred feet and abandoned, but the company taking fresh courage, recommenced the work again, under the superintendency of Dr. Shamburg. In the winter of 1866 they put down a well to the depth of 824 feet, and struck an oil vein which proved to be a sixty barrel well. The great depth required to be drilled caused the territory to be abandoned by a large number of operators.

In the early part of 1867 three wells were put down, two of which proved to be paying wells. In the month of July, of that year, Mr. S. G. Murray struck a sixty barrel well about three-eighths of a mile west of the famous Shamburg well, on the so-called Atkinson farm, formerly known as the Fleming farm. A controlling interest was then secured on what was known as the Tailman farm, by F. W. Andrews, of this city, and Stewart Bros., of Pioneer. After that a tract of 160 acres, adjoining the Tailman farm north, was purchased by Dr. Shamburg. Several wells were then put down on each of these farms. Later in the fall Jack Brown and N. H. Cheney struck a 400 barrel flowing well on the Atkinson farm, and W. G. Fee, an old operator of lower Cherry Run, struck another spouter. Proviens to this, flowing wells were regarded as things of the past, and many predicted the last one had been found in the oil regions, hence the wells created a great excitement. The building lots were almost entirely on the A. Poor farm, adjoining the Atkinson farm south, and upon the Tailman farm quite a village sprung up, near Shamburg, thus making three distinct villages, almost within balling distance of each other, named Shamburg, Middletown and Atkinson. The name of Shamburg has always been applied to these three places, in honor of the energetic Doctor, to whom the place is indebted for its oil. There was in the summer of 1868 four hotels, nine grocery and provision stores, one drug store, two clothing stores, three machine shops, the latter for the manufacture and repairing of well tools. There were also two physicians, one Justice of the Peace and two lawyers — The Postoffice, which owes its existence to the energy of the efficient postmaster, A. H. Merrick, was originally located in Shamburg, but the growth of Atkinson and Middletown caused the people to petition the Postoffice Department for its removal to the Tailman farm, and retention of the Postmaster. The request was granted. The removal took place in 1868. The daily production during the summer of 1868 was about 2,500 barrels per day. Shamburg still flourishes, but not to the same extent as in former years. — [Titusville Courier.]

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Oil News. — A well has been struck on the Mehrten farm near Mertena, which on Wednesday had 950 feet of oil in the hole. On Tuesday morning it flowed 20 barrels. — It is being tested and will likely prove the best well on the farm. It is owned by Fargo & Sharkey.

The Hardison well on the Humel farm, whose rig was burned on the fourth, is now doing 50 barrels.
The well on the Armstrong farm about a mile northwest of Edensburg is down, and no good sand rock was found where the sand rock ought to be—hence it is thought it will prove a dry hole.

Canning, Hunt and other Oil City parties, have a rig up and a boiler and engine on the ground, for a new well on the old Clinton Farabee property, in Washington township. A well a mile to the east, and another to the west, were put down recently, and both showed the presence of oil. — It is thought this well is on the same belt as the St. Petersburg district.

The Berila well was torpedooed last week, and is now doing eight barrels a day regularly since it started up. — [Clarion Democrat.]

Miss Searvey, of Belmont, New Hampshire, aged sixty years, died from voluntary starvation on Thursday week, having refused food for twenty-eight days. A sister of the deceased died in the same way a few years ago.

The value of grain of all kinds shipped from Chicago during the week ending Saturday night is, in round numbers, one million three hundred and eighteen thousand dollars; number of bushels one million, nine hundred and seventy-four thousand.

A lady from Pennsylvania spent two weeks among the fashionables at the Grand Central Hotel, Saratoga, and when the time for departure came, to the utmost horror of all the ladies, it was found she had only one trunk.

The public debt statement shows a reduction of \$6,700,000 for August.

By a colliery explosion in Wales, yesterday, five men were killed.

The Leavenworth Times states that a lot for has been received from Fort Sill, August 24, which makes no mention of Indian troubles or apprehended attacks.

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