

Pet. Centre, Pa., Saturday, Sept. 9

Divine Service. METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. Sabbath School at 12 1/2 P. M. outa 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. BERNARD. 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, Penn'a.

JAMES WILSON, M. W. JAMES S. WHITE, R.

I. O. of R. M. Minnekaune 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, Sacem. C. L. JUKES, Chief of Records.

Gold at 1 p. m. 11 3/4

POLICE REPORT.—Yesterday noon, Wm. O'Neil, a denizen of Miller Farm, was arrested by officer Burns, on oath of one Mattie Smith, Em. Hugbison and Ida Castle, charged with malicious mischief and drunken and disorderly conduct. Wm. it appears is a genuine rollicking blade of the old stock and becoming tired of the dull, prosy mode of living at that point, concluded to pay the Centre a visit in search of adventure. Before starting he partook of a liberal quantity of that seductive beverage known in Titusville as the "Citizen's Corpse hot drops" and "Courier Horse straight." Arriving in town he started for the Modoc headquarters running foul of the above "queens of beauty and song," whose blandishments and soft words of guile, delivered under the glare of the red light, he could not withstand, and accordingly he entered in their doors. Once inside he grew boisterous and made free with everything on the premises, breaking a water picher and bowl, boxing the ears of the females, and committing depredations to that extent, in the eyes of the fair ones, that a warrant was deemed necessary to plaster up their wounded honors, and Wm. was arrested as above and taken before Justice Reynolds.

On the charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct he plead guilty and was fined \$5 and costs. On the malicious trespass, he gave bail to appear for a hearing on Tuesday next. He gave the required bail and took his departure, remarking as he left—"I'm no horse thief, Squire, only on a little bum; you know how it is yourself, Squire." We did not learn whether the Justice appreciated this latter saying or not, but William left feeling happy as a clam in high tide.

The railroad war between the Warren & Venango and Franklin & Titusville Railroad Companies, to which we have alluded several times, bids fair to create considerable stir before long. Yesterday the men at work for the Franklin and Titusville company, were served with the following notice:

To C. V. Culver, Gillette and others foreman and workmen:

You are hereby forbid from in any way trespassing upon the line or right of way of the Warren & Venango R. R., or its assignee, the Duakirk, Allegheny Valley & Pittsburgh Railroad.

S. M. NEWTON, Chief Engineer D. A. V. & P. R. R.

ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Sept. 5, 1873 Titusville, Pa.

The men paid no attention to the notice but continued the work of grading. Meantime it is rumored the Warren & Venango Company will quietly put a force of men at work at the same point in a day or two.—Let them fight it out as best they can, although the hope of all hereabouts is that the Warren & Venango Railroad may be pushed through to Oil City as soon as possible.

The 4th Industrial Exposition at Cincolnati, opened with appropriate ceremonies on Wednesday night. Ex-Secretary Cox delivered the opening address.

It is expected that there will be 1,200 visitors in attendance at Conneautville on the 9th of September.

Venango County Agricultural Exhibition.

The second annual exhibition of the Venango County Agricultural Association will be held in Franklin on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October, 14th, 15th & 16th. The Association will make every effort possible to have this exhibition a complete success, but without the aid of all our citizens, especially those engaged in agricultural pursuits, it will not be successful. The Agricultural interests of the county have not received the attention which its importance demands during the past ten years, owing to the fact that the oil business has absorbed the attention of our people. The object in view in this exhibition is to encourage the producing classes of society and by inspiring a generous rivalry among farmers, manufacturers and artisans of all classes, to secure the advancement of all. The exhibition will be purely for the benefit of farmers and manufacturers, and no horse racing will be permitted on the ground while the exhibition is in progress. On the afternoon of the last day, trials of speed will be permitted.

We trust the farmers throughout the county will take this matter in hand and give the Association all the encouragement possible.

H. B. Claffin & Co., Swindled.

[From the N. Y. World.]

Some time last May a man of more than usually prepossessing appearance visited H. B. Claffin & Co.'s wholesale dry goods store and proposed to purchase some goods. To Mr. Guerin, the chief of the credit department, he gave his name as George R. Nash, of the firm of Nash & Co., Bay Ridge, Long Island, and represented that in the event of his becoming a purchaser his friend Howard Pearsall, a gentleman of untold wealth, owning a palatial residence at Richmond Hill, would be responsible for the goods. A few days afterwards another man called, who represented himself as the Pearsall referred to, said he owned two lots on Ninth worth \$6,000 and \$7,000 and another in Brooklyn worth \$10,000, and that he would cheerfully be responsible for all that his friend Nash might purchase. Not many days later Mr. Nash reappeared, and on the strength of Pearsall's representations ordered laces, silks, and other dry goods, to the value of \$991.60, on 30 days credit.—When that time was up, as Mr. Nash failed to put in an appearance, efforts were made to discover his whereabouts, but a visit to Bay Ridge failed to discover the dry goods firm of Nash & Co., and the palatial residence of Pearsall at Richmond Hill was similarly invisible. Detectives here who were put on the track finally succeeded in arresting Nash, who was brought up before Justice Hogan at the toms, a day or two since. On examination he stated that he was 37 years old, was born in Halifax, N. S., kept a hotel at Bay Ridge, and had never passed himself off as a dry goods merchant, nor obtained goods as such. He was fully identified by Mr. Guerin, and was locked up in default of \$1,000 bail. Pearsall is still at large.

This Pearsall is the same who came to Warren, some years ago, and purchased all the goods he could get credit for, and opened the Fuller House, at Irwineton. He served a term of imprisonment in Warren jail, for fraud, and later was sent to the penitentiary from Franklin, for some transaction in Venango county. He is a fraud. Claffin & Co. are no more careful than our Warren merchants.—[Warren Ledger.]

This is the same Pearsall that flourished in Pithole for a brief time, and finally brought up in the Western Penitentiary for a robbery committed at the Cottage Saloon, in First street in that place. He is a dead beat and fraud of the first water, and it is to be hoped will be caught and placed beyond the power of swindling others.

The boys on McCray Hill gave the last of a series of hops held at intervals during the summer season, all of which have been well attended. Your reporter availed himself of a pressing invitation and after donning his pigeon tail and immaculate vest repaired to the grove. Dancing had already commenced. Music for the occasion was furnished by Messrs. Wadsworth and Jamison. The light fantastic was tripped until the wee sma' hours, when all departed for their respective homes well satisfied with the evening's enjoyment.

Annie Robinson, a woman well known in sporting circles along Oil Creek, dropped dead at Petrolia, yesterday. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause. She was 22 years of age, and had parents residing in Cleveland.

The Danbury News man says the woman he saw on the plains looked like an eastern woman who has a large family, small wages some debt and a cold on her lungs.

Henry Sweet was arrested at Titusville, Tuesday, for passing Counterfeit money.

Letters from the People.

NOTE.—The manager of this journal, with out endorsing the sentiments of contributors, desires to offer the widest possible latitude for free discussion. It is merely stipulated that communications shall concern matters of public interest, be put in decent language and accompanied with the names of the writers, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

JUSTICE.

Justice is proverbially blind and its ministers commit unnumbered blunders on her name. The rich and opulent do what they may and in this country have nothing to fear. Defaulters—official defaulters for millions—go scott free. But a beggar taking a loaf of bread is sure of prison punishment.

Yes, she is blind. One man goes to Franklin with wristlets while his neighbors equally guilty of violating local opinion are unmolested. Even the foreman of a Grand Jury, doing business in the midst of local opinion, is so happily ignorant of it, that a true bill is ignored under his hand.

Again, some boys here in Inn and frolic, rob bee roasts, pick up old harness and gallop the roads at night on stray horses to see their girls maybe. A simple commitment for one or two would have been well enough. But no, they are hanted down like Greek brigands. Cherrytree township is likely to lose half her boys. Whether guilty or innocent matters not.

And why? To serve the ends of justice? We fear not. Greed and spite. Official gain, and officious zeal rather.

The object of law is to preserve order, of punishment to reform. Those boys who have done wrong could be fined to repay damages sustained by owners, and reprimanded by Justice herself. They would go home better and wiser, and make good men as their fathers before them, properly impressed with the evil they have done, and of the majesty of the law sufficiently vindicated.

But thrust them into jail and into prison with bad men and women, old staggers in crime for a term of months or years, and they will likely come out hardened.

Let us then, as citizens, stand by those who use an honest effort to have restitution made and the boys reprimanded and the county saved a thousand dollars cost.

Let us have mercy, and see that justice falls like the rains on all alike.

JUSTICE TO ALL.

Yesterday witnessed further developments in the Cherrytree larceny case, which have excited so much interest of late. Two boys named McClintock were arrested on warrants issued by Justice Reynolds, charged with receiving a portion of the stolen property. The youngest of the two was set free to enable him to give evidence against the other. The other defendant waived a hearing and entered bail in the sum of \$500 for an appearance at court, his father giving the required bond.

Samuel Royd, another of the defendants, who it will be remembered was on ill to be removed at the time of the arrest of Sattley and Emerick, was also brought down, yesterday. He also waived an examination and entered bail in the sum of \$700 to appear at the November term of court to answer.

This forenoon, a farmer residing some distance beyond Titusville, arrived in town in search of property claimed to have been stolen by this gang.

It is estimated over fifteen hundred chickens have been stolen and sold by this gang at Titusville and other points.

The Flushing, Long Island Times tells this: The wife of a prominent judge in this county, while riding home by rail recently, was approached by the conductor for her ticket. Without looking up from the pages of the book in which she was absorbed she thrust her hand in her pocket and handed him what she supposed to be a ticket. In a moment or two she became conscious that he was still standing by her side, and looking up she beheld, to her infinite mortification and the no small amusement of the passengers, the conductor gazing with utmost disgust upon a five-tooth comb! It was remarked by the passengers that the scenery along the route was remarkably fascinating to Mrs. Judge the remainder of the journey.

An experienced husband in Lafayette sent two switches home to his wife, from which she was to make a selection, but before doing it he changed the tags, putting the \$25 one on the \$10 switch, and the vice versa. After a critical examination by herself and lady friends, the choice fell upon the one labeled \$25, and she decided to keep it, notwithstanding her husband's plaintive protest that he could not afford to pay more than \$10 for such an article.

Antwerp had an incendiary Wednesday morning.

The Parker City bridge brings in a sum of \$60 per day.

THE COUNTY POOR HOUSE.—We accompanied the Grand Jury to the County Poor House on last Thursday, and were surprised at the extensive improvements which have been made under the direction of Superintendent McAlevy. The greater portion of the ground in the vicinity of the Poor House has been leveled and cleared of all rubbish and the work of beautifying the grounds is progressing rapidly. In this work which is of a light character, the male portion of the inmates who are able to work are employed. A large tract of land, which had been grown over with brush and brambles, has been cleared and placed in good shape. The work of building an academeised road through the farm is progressing finely and affords employment at certain seasons for the male paupers. Nearly the entire farm has been inclosed with good board fences, and other improvements of a substantial character have been made.—Large crops of hay and oats have been harvested, and the growing crops, potatoes, corn and buck-wheat, look promising. The live stock of the farm is in good condition, and will supply the wants of the Poor House in the meat line during the winter.

The Grand Jury were shown through the entire building by the Superintendent, and everything presented a neat, clean and comfortable appearance. All expressed their admiration at the manner in which the institution is being conducted. The inmates of the building appear contented and happy and are provided with all the comforts necessary to their health. The building and farm, and the manner in which they are conducted, reflect honor and credit upon the county.—Venango Citizen.

The Grand Jury made the following returns to the Court at its last session concerning the Poor House and Jail:

To the Honorable, the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of Venango, Pennsylvania:

We, the Grand Jury, now in session at the August term of said Court, for the year 1873, would respectfully report: That we have visited the County Poor House, situated at Sugar creek, and after a careful examination find the same in good order and repair; that in all its appointments care and diligence have been used to the utmost by its manager and Superintendent, S. McAlevy, Esq., who seems to be the right man in the right place, and we congratulate the County Commissioners and citizens at large upon the wisdom that led his selection, as the one to look after the wants of our "unfortunates" who are forced by circumstances to seek shelter of this hospitable home.

SAM'L REYNOLDS, Foreman.

Franklin, Aug. 29, 1873. To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of Venango, Penn'a:

We, the Grand Jury, now in sessions at the August term of said Court for the year 1873, would respectfully report that we have visited the County Jail and after a thorough examination of the building, its rooms, cells and fixtures, would recommend that the wash room therein be enlarged and new pipes introduced; that all the pipes in the building need more or less repairing, as the same are leaking badly in many places; that a new pipe is needed for the privy, of at least two inches in diameter; that the engine and boiler used for making steam to heat the jail, should be removed from its present position to a building to be erected for that purpose in the rear of the Jail building, as its present location is dangerous to the safety of the jail and its inmates; that the jail building is greatly in need of being painted, which should be done forthwith; and also that wooden shutters should be made and hung at the windows of said jail in order that the building may appear creditable to the good taste and common sense of the inhabitants of our county, and not any longer be pointed to as the standing disgrace of the community.—With these additions and improvements we believe the building can be made comfortable, safe and serviceable for many years.

We would commend the Sheriff and Turkey for the general appearance of cleanliness and good order which is apparent in the building and among the prisoners, well knowing that this could only be (under the existing disadvantages above referred to) by the exercise of unusual care and diligence on the part of the officials in charge thereof.

SAM'L REYNOLDS, Foreman.

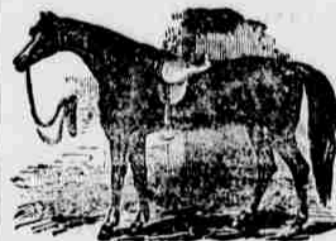
W. H. and J. M. Sannar have reopened the old Venanda Restaurant, and purp ose keeping a first class saloon. Every delicacy of the season will be kept on hand; oysters 10 season. We recommend the boys to the public as being good fellows and guarantee they will treat you well. Give them a call.

The Amateur Cricket Club of Titusville, are traveling in New York. They were beaten at Buffalo on Wednesday by a Canadian club.

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