

Divine Service.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 4 1/2 P. M. Sabbath School at 12 1/2 P. M. cents free. A cordial invitation extended to all.

REV. T. GRAHAM, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M. and 7 o'clock P. M., by the Pastor, W. C. BURCHARD. 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.

Minnekannee 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. 11 3/4

A Plumer correspondent writes:

One of your Petroleum Centre young men was discovered in the Third Ward House, a day or two since. We would advise that young man to hold his wig tight.

Mr. John O'Neal, an old and esteemed citizen, has returned home from a visit to Pine Grove, and reports times dull in that vicinity. Game is plenty but more hunters than game.

The Plumer schools are progro. sing.

We are in receipt of a programme announcing a grand complimentary concert to Thomas Bensen by his many friends, at Patterson, New Jersey. Among the list of artists who have volunteered their services for the occasion we find the names of our former towns people, Mrs. Martha Carman and Miss Mary H. Henderson, who both take prominent parts. Their many friends in the oil region will be pleased to learn they hold high positions in musical circles in that city. Mrs. Carman has been engaged to play the organ and sing in one of the leading churches. We wish them abundant success.

The weather is rainy and disagreeable to day.

We noticed in town yesterday, Mr. L. H. Smith of Titusville. Mr. S. was one of the prominent operators of Pithole, and a leading member of the once famous Swordsman's Club of that place. At present he is among the heavy operators in the Modoc and Milderowa districts. He looks just as jolly as when acting as C. H. B. of the Swordsman's Club and Forty Thieves of Pithole.

Elsewhere we publish the County Superintendent's School Report, as reported to the State Department of Education. The report shows the schools of Venango County to be in a highly flourishing condition, and we think will compare favorably with many other and more wealthy and influential counties of the State. This we consider to be mainly due to the untiring efforts of Prof. W. J. McClure, our able and efficient County Superintendent, than whom no better can be found in Western Pennsylvania. We commend the report to the careful perusal of the taxpayers and friends of education in Venango County. It will repay a careful perusal.

We are informed from reliable sources that a new pipe line is projected from Modoc City and the lower oil fields to Titusville. Meetings have been held in Titusville and sock taken to the amount of over \$100,000 already. This line is supposed to be in the interest of the Creek refiners.

I. O. O. F.—The report of the Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, read at the last meeting of that body, shows the following returns of the Order during the past year:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes No. of Lodges (5,045), Initiations (59,250), Members (334,097), Revenue of Lodges and Encampments (\$4,291,074), Relief paid by Lodges and Encampments (\$1,503,481.40).

The report of M. W. Grand Sire C. A. Logan, represents the Order as never more prosperous and harmonious than at the present time.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge in 1874 will be held at Atlanta, Georgia.

A Bombay telegram of Sept. 12 announces the capture of a slave dhow near the Seychelles Islands, off the eastern coast of Africa, by the British naval sloop Dapne. The dhow had had 300 slaves on board, but only 50, and those reduced to skeletons, were alive. The others had died of small pox.

Two-thirds of the flourishing mining town of Fairplay, Colorado, was destroyed by fire Friday night. The fire originated in the Fairplay House and spread rapidly in all directions. All the hotels, printing offices, postoffice, express office and U. S. Land Office, were entirely destroyed.

Venango County School Report.

[W. J. McCLURE.]

One year has elapsed since I assumed the duties and responsibilities of the office of Superintendent; and I can truthfully say that although there has been much to discourage the friends of education in some of the districts, yet taking the schools of the county as a whole they have at least done fair work.

HOUSES—There are in the county 191 school buildings, nine of which were built during the year; two—one at Pleasantville and one at Emlenton are in course of construction, and will be completed by December. Some of the sites are not the best, beauty of location frequently, and some times even accessibility being sacrificed to less worthy considerations. The houses built are generally first class but the furniture placed in some of them is the old style of desk made of boards planed on one side, and designed to seat from two to six scholars. I think that those interested will discover soon that patent furniture on account of its durability, if for nothing else, is much cheaper, in the end. Of the school buildings in the county twenty seven are first-class, one hundred and nineteen good, and forty-five unfit for use.

SCHOOLS—There are in the county 231 schools, 64 of which are graded, 8 graded during the year; these schools are scattered over 516 square miles of territory a portion of which is poor and sparsely settled; but it is not always the poor district that has poor schools; neither do all of the poor districts have schools below the average; but it appears that wherever the people of a district have the desire to secure good schools for their children, there they are found; but the cost in a weak district is relatively much heavier than in the wealthy. If the State appropriation were increased about four fold it would remedy this.

SCHOOL BOARDS—A goodly number of the School Boards of Venango county are composed of men of intelligence, who feel the responsibility they are under to their God, to their country and the children meritingly under their care, in performing the duties appertaining to this exceedingly important office and go to work, determined to secure efficient teachers, holding at the same time these truths; care and sufficient salary will procure efficient teachers, and efficient teachers will secure good schools. It is not necessary to state that they have succeeded, that their schools are good, that the people of these districts pay their school tax cheerfully and look upon their schools as their crowning glory. But there are other boards in which men of this class are in a minority and other council prevail; the sum set as the teachers salary is the lowest at which it is thought the schools can be filled, and too often the sum paid their teachers is more than they are worth.

TEACHERS—Venango county has many excellent teachers; teachers that have done honor to the profession—good men, good women engaged in the noblest calling of life—the intellectual and moral elevation of the masses. Yet truth constrains us to say that she has her drones, and to them may be attributed nine-tenths of the opposition to the cause of education found in the land. The patrons of these schools see that their children are under teachers that are anxious, not to teach them as much as possible each day and month, but to see the evening shadows extend and the month roll by. What shall be done with them is the question of the hour?

WORK DONE—I held forty-seven public examinations, examined three hundred and eighty-five (385) applicants, granted two hundred and fifty-six certificates averaging one and eight-ninths (1-8/9) nearly, and refused one hundred and twenty-nine, about 33 per cent. made one hundred and seventy-four visits to schools averaging one hour and forty-five minutes, wrote two hundred and twenty-one official letters, held two local institutes and one county institute, conducted a normal school in South Oil City, commencing May twenty-sixth and continuing eleven weeks, and traveled two thousand six hundred and thirty-seven miles during the year in discharging my duties.

In conclusion I would respectfully make the following suggestions to the School Boards in our county.

1st. Grade your teachers salaries according to their certificates; it will prove a stimulus to those deficient in scholastic attainments.

2d. After a teacher has had a fair trial in a school and has proven incompetent, discharge that teacher. He is doing the reverse of what you employed him to do and should not be there.

3d. Have but one school term in the year, and let it commence about the first of September. There is but little advancement the first month of a term, and when there are two terms one month, is lost besides this, the 5th and 6th months of a term advance the children more than the first four.

4th. Have your secretary visit your schools monthly, and make a monthly report to you in writing, stating the condition of each school in your district, and pay him for his time.

5th. Two or three times during the school term require your teachers to assemble in your district, each bringing with him a class (the S. B. to select the class from each school) to be examined in convention by the teacher of the school to which the class belongs, the S. B. reserving the right of asking questions for appointing some; one thereto. No teacher to know which class he will be required to bring out more than two days in advance of the convention.

6th. Appropriate a portion of the school funds sufficient to furnish each member of the School Board with a copy of the Pennsylvania School Journal; (It is legal to do so.) It is the official organ of the School Department, and contains many valuable hints that may be of use to you in the discharge of your duties.

I return my sincere thanks, to all from whom I received favors during the year.

In the Oregon Grant Convention it was stated by a Mr. Baker that "Senator Mitchell had seen the resolution endorsing his past life, and expressed himself satisfied with it." It is supposed that Hipple wrote the resolution himself.

Mr. Wilkie Collins, the English novelist, arrived in New York by the steamer Algeria on Thursday last. He will give a series of readings in this country.

The Republicans of Forest county have nominated the following ticket: For Assembly, F. E. Allison; District Attorney, S. D. Irwin; Commissioner, James K. Clark; Coroner, M. Ittel; Auditor, G. Jamison; Jury Commissioner, Wm. Patterson.

On the evenings of September 30th, October 1st and 2nd, the Odd Fellows of St. Petersburg will give a fair, and on the third night a brilliant ball will be included. All this takes place in the new building built by the Order.

For the past few days we have been enjoying genuine summer weather. Yesterday straw hats and linen dusters were in demand. But we shall soon have it cold enough to pay for this.

Two serious railway accidents have lately occurred in Hungary, one near "Goedolow" and the other near the Styrian frontier. Several deaths and many injuries were caused by the latter.

The Bavarian Government has forbidden Bavarian students of theology to enter the German college at Rome as long as it remains under the direction of the Jesuits or any kindred order.

A few days since a riot broke out at Puttambay, in the Madras Presidency, Ind. A detachment of the Forty-third regiment was sent there by special train and after eight of the rioters had been killed, order was restored.

The Luncheon local board of health in England, in consequence of an advance in the price of gas, have resolved to light the town with petroleum oil, and have made a contract for the purpose. A few of the petroleum lamps have been tried, and the board of health allege that the light is quite equal to the gas formerly supplied.

At Paisley, in Scotland a stained glass window in memory of Sir William Wallace has just been unveiled. Wallace is represented as Sampson; after his conflict with the Philistines, uttering thanks to the God of Battle. The window bears the inscription: "To the memory of the Knight of Ellerslie in this parish."

The Progress says that the Emlenton Pipe Company have just received an immense pump for their Turkey Run Station. We believe that it is the largest in the district. This company, under the most efficient management of Daniel O'Day, has gathered up an immense business, and very deservedly, too, for its employees, from chief to gauger, are courteous and reliable.

A split in a rock on the line of the Parker and Karns City Railroad near Bear Creek, has been the subject of considerable talk and rumors of an endless cavern, the finding of human bones, etc., has been all the go. The bones of some animal were found in the interstice between the rock but they are not regarded as very valuable relics.

Rumor has it that another cave has been discovered away up Bear Creek, near the Railroad. This one has foul air in it and can't be explored.—[Oilman's Journal.]

A woman and two children attempted to jump aboard the steamer Illinois as she was backing out at Columbus, Ky., Saturday, but, miscalculating the distance, fell into the river and were drowned.

A saloon keeper of Indianapolis named Isaac Jackson, was killed last night by two rowdies.

FROM THE FRONT!

Modoc City, Pa., Sept. 27.

The Highflyer well on the Troutman farm owned by Norton, Adams & Co., struck the sand last night. She is flowing at the rate of four hundred barrels per day. Two more new wells will be struck to-night.

The Percy & Beck well, on Starr farm, stopped flowing last Thursday and will be tubed and pumped.

The Smith & Byers iron tank is being rapidly riveted together and will shortly be ready to receive oil.

Another well, called the Prentice well, was struck last Friday on the Webster Barnhart farm. It has three hits in the sand and is flowing 300 barrels.

The Argue well is doing 1,000 barrels strong.

The Say & Shreve's well, on the McCread farm, about four miles southwest of Millertown, is now 1,500 feet deep, and is just through the corn meal sand. The fourth sand is expected at about 1,520 feet.

Clemenger and others are sinking a well five miles southwest of this, and it is 1,200 feet deep. The tools are stuck fast in the salt, of which there is abundance.

Angel & Co.'s well, on the Dugan farm, reported dry, is just through the stray sand, and has not as yet reached the third sand.

The flowing wells in the Modoc district at present number twenty-four, and they have an average production of 7,200 barrels per day. This is exclusive of the McLellan farm. The average falling off of these wells since the first of this month has been at the rate of one-third every forty days.

John Green, an inmate of the Massachusetts State Prison, has confessed to having murdered James Graham at Little Neck Long Island, on the night of February 7th, 1873.

Francis W. Worth, receiver of the Market Savings Bank, of New York, died of Cholera on the 16th inst., while on his way from Havre to New York. He was buried at sea.

All available gold in London is being bought up for shipment to America.

Julian Raderick Benedict, a well-known German comic poet, is defunct.

L. Lippincott, of Pennsylvania, has been appointed receiver for the General Land Office, vice C. B. Boynton, resigned.

Right Rev. George M. Randall, Episcopal Bishop of Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming, died at his residence in Denver, yesterday, of typhoid pneumonia.

By a collision on the Midland Railroad Saturday, two engineers were torn to pieces and the cars badly wrecked. Nearly all the passengers were more or less injured.

Sixteen yellow fever interments at Memphis yesterday.

The First National Bank, of Salt Lake City suspended Saturday.

It is rumored the President has tendered the Chief Justiceship to Senator Conklin.

The steamers leaving Liverpool Saturday for New York will bring out £500,000 in bullion.

Warren has a set of polite thieves. When one of them robs a man he writes a polite note, leaving it in the place of the missing article, explaining to the victim the manner in which the robbery was committed. Mr. Isaac Eddy paid \$150 in greenbacks the other day, for a piece of brown paper, the only writing material the light fingered gentlemen could lay his hands on at the time.

OIL REPORT.—The monthly oil report for August, purporting to be the Pennsylvania Petroleum Report, compiled by S. H. Storz well at Titusville, has been received by us. The production for the month is placed at 936,150 barrels; average per day for thirty-one days, 30,198 barrels.

FORGER CAPTURED.—A man named Anderson was arrested in Pittsburgh, several days ago, for forging checks on the Millertown Savings Bank. He is now confined in the Butler jail.

EXTENDING THEIR LINE.—The Grant Pipe Company is now extending its line in the direction of the front. The first point with which to connect with is Millerstown. It will then in all probability be extended to Modoc and other points.

The maddest man in Camden is Smith. He wound up his clock regularly for fifteen years, and then discovered that it was an eight day clock. He mused on the work that he might have done in those wasted minutes and his profanity is dreadful.

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