

Pet. Centre, Pa., Thursday Oct. 23
Divine Service.
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Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 12 1/2 P. M. Enters free. A cordial invitation extended to all.

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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,
S. H. KOOKER, N. G.
J. C. E. HARTMAN, A. Secy.
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.
Minnekaunee 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. 108 3/4
This morning a new locomotive destined for the Parker & Karns City Railroad, passed over the Oil Creek Road en route to Parker's Landing. It was a splendid piece of work, and named after Geo. M. Parker, of Parker's Landing.

Taylor, the photograph man, ever Chris-tie's Drug Store, informs us he has returned to town and reopened his gallery and can be found there hereafter ready to take photographs of any size or description in the highest style of the art. Owing to other pressing business engagements he has been compelled to close his gallery temporarily, but hereafter it will be kept open constantly, and he solicits the public to call and examine his work.

For the benefit of the travelling public Mr. Hare, our gentlemanly ticket and express agent at this point, informs us that the midnight train going north is a through train from Pittsburgh to Buffalo; also, the early train going south runs direct from Buffalo to Pittsburgh. Travellers leaving here in the morning arrive at Pittsburgh at 1 p. m. the same day. The morning train north and the evening train south do not connect with trains on the Valley Road.

Our near neighbors, Howe & Cook, the well known dealers in second hand engines, tubing, &c., are doing a good business.—They are now engaged in getting out a lot of tubing and pipe for a new pipe line in the down river district.

Will. A. Lozier, advertises in another column, that he will sell benzine, delivered at the wells, at \$1 per barrel. He sells only the purest of benzine. Give him a call.

The surveyors engaged in the work of surveying the proposed Grand Trunk Pipe Line from the Butler oil fields to Titusville are at work at present between this place and Kane City. The line is surveyed from Butler to this point nearly. Well informed oil men appear to think the line will never be built. Others think it will be built in the interest of the Standard Oil Company of Cleveland.

What man is there with soul so dead,
But what unto himself hath said,
Snowden & Pugh, at the Petroleum Exchange Hotel keep the finest oysters, both shell and tub, to be found in the oil region. That man would certainly say so after eating a dozen on the half shell opened by the skillful hand of either Tom or Billy.

The citizens of Northern Piscataquis, Me. had a regular pitched battle recently with a gang of horse thieves who infested the district. After eight steeds had been stolen, the farmers turned out en masse to hunt the rascals, whose camp was finally surprised. A small battle, during which two combatants on each side were severely wounded, resulted in the capture of the thieves, greatly to the relief of the vicinage.

President Grant yesterday declined to pardon Michael Kane, convicted of killing his brother in New York last May, and sentenced last week to imprisonment at Al-bany for two years, for manslaughter, although a recommendation for pardon was signed by the entire jury that convicted him.

The attention of operators appears to be divided between the Durham Creek territory and the new Lawyer well rated as a first-class one, located west end of blind line, and the new Drader territory, north west of Marlborough. These different localities have proved that oil is not confined, even at the present day, to any particular neighborhood, but may be found along the belt for miles. Hence it is not surprising to find development going on in different directions.

At Durham Creek the No. 2 Messrs. W. H. & J. McGarvey well started up Wednesday evening, but was troubled with fresh water. However it is hoped the full test will prove the well to be a good one. Murray No. 2 has been overhauled and improved. Mr. Lancaster's new well has a good show at 380 feet the well will be completed and tested immediately. Under the hill, near the old Murray well, Messrs. Collier & Woodward are preparing a rig. A little to the east rise of hill, Messrs. Perkins, Cooley & Gieson's well is sustaining the character of a first-class pumper. In the ravine the McDougal well is down 420 feet. North of the ravine the new Lancy well is drilling at 350. The third well of Mr. DeDonaid in that quarter, has not reached expectations; the rig is being moved for a fourth venture. We understand a few more wells are about commencing along Durham Creek.

Messrs. Perkins & Cooley have struck out east of Petrolia and have a well drilling upon lot 19, in the 11th Elliott property, where the same owners hold considerable territory and purpose making a thorough test. There cannot be a reasonable doubt of oil being got in paying quantities east of Petrolia, yet the present venture may be a little too far north. Certainly the old Upton well, of half dozen years past, proved that oil was to be had south east of the village. It is confidently expected that a new oil field will yet be found in that direction.

Passing toward the north-west nearly across the road from the Marlborough school house, Messrs. Stern, Peat, Johnson & Guard have a rig under way for a new venture. Messrs. Lambie & Ward are putting down a well near Ward wells. The burnt well of Messrs. Gardner & Denroche, Webster territory is being tested, and is likely to be a good day well. Messrs. Peat, Johnson & Guard have a well going down upon territory a little to the east of the "North-west," of Mr. Dryder. Mr. Callanan is preparing for another venture. Messrs. McCaughey & Wood are putting down a well upon lot 2, in the 11th, near the old "Mysterious Well," put down by Messrs. J. McGarvey & Co. Generally speaking the development to the north-west is light. In fact the low price of oil puts a damper upon operations in the whole oil district.—Petrolia Advertiser.

The Courts of Illinois are reported to have already over 8,000 divorce cases on their dockets with accessions of new applications at the rate of 29,000 per annum.

NEARER HOME.

One sweetly solemn thought,
Comes to me o'erland o'er
I'm nearer home to-day
Than I ever have been before.
Nearer my Father's home,
Where the many mansions be,
Nearer the great white throne,
Nearer to the Jasper sea.
Nearer the bounds of life,
Where we lay our burdens down,
Nearer leaving the cross,
Nearer gaining the crown.
But lying darkly between,
Winding down through the night,
In the dim and unknown stream
That leads me at last to light.
Closer, closer, my steps
Come to the dark abyss,
Closer death to my lips
Presses the awful chasm.
Father, perfect my trust,
Strengthen the sight of my faith,
Let me feel as I would when I stand
On the rock of the shore of death.
Fell as I would when my feet
Are slipping on the brink,
For it may be I'm nearer home,
Nearer now than I think!
Eight hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars, coined in twenty-dollar gold pieces, was delivered yesterday morning to Superintendent Pollock, at the Philadelphia mint. The gold weighed over a ton and a half.
Friend Schenblom, after going to the expense of fixing up and moving into the Rochester House building, has come to the conclusion to move back owing to the difficulty of getting insured we understand.

From recent court proceedings in Westmoreland county, as published in the Greensburg Herald, it would appear that the Court there takes a different view of the local option law from the opinion pronounced by Judge Acheson in the Mueller case. The case is as follows:
Commonwealth vs. Samuel Dillinger.—Charge selling liquor without license.—Verdict of guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of \$125 to the Commonwealth for the use of East Huntingdon School district, and costs of prosecution.

This was a case where the party was a distiller and sold by the gallon and upwards as a manufacturer. He took counsel from his attorney, who told him he could thus sell under the law as a manufacturer by taking out a county license. But he found out by his trial that such counsel was rather expensive. Mr. Dillinger is a very respectable man; but was misled by bad counsellors.

TOOK NOTICE.

Taking into consideration the dullness of the times and the low price of oil, not speaking of the scarcity of money, I have concluded to reduce the price of BENZINE delivered at the wells to \$1.00 per barrel. My motto is live and let live. Pay me a call before going elsewhere and I will satisfy you as to quality and price of Benzine. Old stand Railroad track on Fourth Street.

W. A. LOZIER.

Petroleum Centre, Oct. 23, 1873.
Base ball at New York yesterday—Atlantics, 4; Athletics, 4.

The salt works which formerly lined the shores of Cape Cod have nearly all disappeared. At the present prices of salt and labor, extensive repairs and improvements on them do not pay, and as fast as the works become too much deteriorated for use they are abandoned.

It is stated that in England among railway employees the post of money taker, is much sought for on account of the surprising amount of cash which accrues to the money taking clerk by way of perquisites—the money being left by passengers in their hurry to take their places in the train.

Failures in the Oil Trade.

[London (Ontario) Free Press]
The failures of Parsons & Co., Toronto, for \$80,000, and the Carbon Oil Company, of Hamilton, for \$400,000, are indicative of the condition of the petroleum and refining trade. Those who have been doing a sound business upon the "pay as you go" principle, fear nothing. They make their contracts run parallel with their purchases, and by keeping on solid ground, thus avoiding flotation schemes, ride out a storm safely. It would be pleasing to believe that the two firms named are the only ones involved in the fall that has taken place. It is known, however, that others are heavily involved, and that misfortune has overtaken them also. As we all know, the petroleum and the refining business was not long ago in a flourishing condition. The extent to which this was the case may be understood from the fact that upwards of 400 coopers were employed in London alone in making barrels for the trade. Since the great "strikes" in the States, our manufacturers are no longer able to compete in the European market with the United States makers in refined oil.—And the cause is plain; in that wells averaging from five to twenty barrels a day cannot be worked as cheaply as those yielding on an average 100 barrels. The result is that refiners on the other side can buy crude petroleum so much cheaper than our wells can produce it that the refiners are unable to continue the export trade. Hence they are reduced to manufacture for the home market alone. The quantity of refined oil consumed in Canada scarcely exceeds 80,000 barrels a year, and this could be turned out by one large refinery in this city. The bottom has dropped out of the trade, as far as the export of it is concerned, for some time to come. It has had many ups and downs before, but the cause of the present condition is a deep-seated one.

Dr. S. B. Baresford, who died recently in Hartford, is said to have owned the finest gallery of paintings in Connecticut.

The Androscoggin river is higher than at any time since 1863.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct.—I met a man in the Cosmopolitan Hotel to-day, and asked him if he knew Ben Holliday.
"Old Ben or Young Ben?" he inquired.
"Old Ben," I answered.
"Very well indeed," said he.
"What sort of a man is Old Ben?" was the next question.

"The best index to his character is a story that I heard him tell in the Lick House upon his return from the wreck of the Golden Gate. You see, Ben was a passenger on that vessel when she was burnt. Somebody asked him how he escaped from the burning ship. 'Well,' says Ben, 'you see, I was on the main deck forward. It was a good place to be, for the motion of the ship as she headed toward the shore was driving the flames aft. I knew the ship was dead gone. The best place for Ben Holliday was overboard, and I began to look about for something to float on. The life preservers were stowed, and I didn't know where to find them. Pretty soon I seen a man coming up the fore hatch on a broad step ladder to a lower deck where the steerage passengers lived. There was a whole lot of them down there, and the women were squalling and wailing. I asked the man who came up if he had any further use for that ladder, and he said he hadn't; that it wasn't his anyhow. So I took my knife and cut the lashing, and hauled the ladder on deck. It was heavy, and mighty hard work; but I dragged it to the side of the ship and hove it overboard, and jumped after it and got on it, and the first thing I knew the wheel struck it, and that's what hurt my back. I floated on the ladder until a boat picked me up.

"What about the steerage passengers who were left below without any ladder?" inquired one of the listeners.

"Oh, I didn't know any of them," Ben replied. "I had no business with them. I was looking out for Ben Holliday's interest."

Here the Cosmopolitan man looked me full in the eyes and said: "That's the sort of a man Ben Holliday is. You ought to get acquainted with him. He's a mighty pleasant old fellow."

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation.
The approaching close of another year brings with it the occasion of renewed thanksgiving and acknowledgement to the Almighty Ruler of the universe for the unnumbered mercies which he has bestowed upon us. Abundant harvests have been among the rewards of industry. With local exceptions, health has been among the blessings enjoyed. Tranquility at home and peace with other nations have prevailed. Frazzled industry is regaining its merited recognition and its merited rewards gradually, but, under the Providence of God, surely, as we trust, the nation is recovering from the lingering results of a dreadful civil strife. For these and all other mercies vouchsafed it becomes us as a people to return heartfelt and grateful acknowledgments, and with our thanksgiving, we may unite in prayers for the cessation of local, and temporary sufferings. I therefore, recommend that on Thursday, the 27th day of November next, the people meet in their respective places of worship to make their acknowledgments to Almighty God for His bounty and His protection, and to offer up praises for their continuance.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.
Done at the city of Washington, this 14th day of October, in the year of our Lord 1873, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-seventh.
Signed by the President,
U. S. GRANT.
HAMILTON FISKE, Secretary of State.

It is perhaps not generally understood by owners of vehicles and their drivers, that pedestrians possess, by law, the right of way in crossing a street. If drivers, therefore, see a lady or gentleman passing over a cross-walk in front of them, they have no right to shout out: "Get out of the way there, or I'll run over you!" The pedestrian is entitled to walk, and no driver has the right to discommode him. The contrary opinion generally prevails, and we therefore allude to the matter that drivers may not exercise too much freedom in scolding "foot-passengers."

A man named Tome imprisoned in the York county jail ten or twelve years for contempt of court, was set at liberty a few days since by the grand jury, on the ground that he was so silently punished. His contempt for the court that imprisoned him was probably no less active when released.

Three young wild cats were shot in Berks county last week.

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A cow in Kentucky, bitten in the udder by a copperhead snake, was saved from death by being copiously dosed with whisky.

Williamsport has 15 school houses.

Wilkie Collins will lecture in Williamsport.

Pennsylvania farmers are busy husking corn just now.