

Pet. Centre, Pa., Monday Oct 27

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. cate 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. BUSCHARD. 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 Sec'y. Place of meeting, Main St., opposite McCullough 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 O. F.

Minnekaune Tribe No. 188, I. O. of O. F. 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 1/2

The shooting at Titusville on Saturday was a very sad affair. The boy, Johnnie Newton, it appeared had just arisen and for a little sport took down his father's gun and pointed it at his sister, Ella Newton, telling her he would shoot her, at the same time pulling the trigger. The gun went off and the charge of shot entered the left temple of the unfortunate girl killing her almost instantly. The jury rendered a verdict of accidental death by a gun shot wound at the hands of her brother.

FIRE.—About two o'clock yesterday morning the engine house at the Yankee wells, Wild Cat Hollow, was totally destroyed by fire. The fire is supposed to have been occasioned by the explosion of a lamp which had been left lighted at one end of the building. At the time the fire broke out no one was in the engine house. The loss is estimated at \$500. During the occurrence of the fire, Mr. Chas. L. Jukes, one of the owners of the wells, met with a severe accident. He had climbed up on the walking beam to put out the fire and keep it from catching the Derrick, when he missed his hold and fell to the ground, striking on his left shoulder and badly bruising it. Fortunately none of the bones were broken and he will act be laid up.

The engine house will be rebuilt at once.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock, a sad accident occurred at Red Hot, which resulted in the almost instant death of James Lowrey, aged about six years, son of Mr. Alexander Lowrey, of that place. The boy it seems with two other companions younger than himself, were engaged in playing around an old hand wheel. The wheel stood almost perpendicular leaning slightly against the sumpson post. Two of the little boys were pushing and rocking it backwards when suddenly it fell over, the gudgeon pin striking the unfortunate boy, who was standing directly in front of it, in the pit of the stomach, killing him instantly. Our townsman, Mr. W. A. Lozier, happened to be passing along the road at the time and witnessed the accident, and together with one or two other men raised up the hand wheel and took the boy out, but the vital spark had fled. The blow falls with great severity on Mr. L. and family, who have the sympathy of all in their sad affliction.

CUTTING DOWN SALARIES ON THE RAILROADS.—The wages of the day laborers on the Lake Shore & Southern Michigan Railroad have been cut down twenty-five per cent., the order having gone into effect on the 20th inst. A like reduction is to be made in the salaries of all the officials of the road, commencing on the first of November, though we do not learn whether conductors and telegraph operators are included in the list.

The employees of the N. Y. Central & Hudson River Railroad will have their salaries cut down on the first of November.

The steamer Col. Phillips on Chautauqua Lake, has tied up for the winter at Mayville. The steamer Jamestown is still running, but will soon tie up at Jamestown, for the winter.

Georgia ladies have resolved to buy their cotton to their homes until money is easier

CHANGE OF FIRM—Joe. Malone, everybody knows Joe, has purchased of George Riker, his grocery and meat market, which he intends to run hereafter from early in the morning until late at night, always keeping on hand the best of coffee, teas, sugars, hams, bread, beef, country pork, hams, fresh roll butter, eggs, etc., flour, and in fact everything you need in the house-keeping line can be bought cheap for cash. His stock of teas and coffees cannot be excelled for genuine flavor and goodness of quality in the Centre. Joe intends having one specialty at his store which he knows will increase his custom. He has marked down the price on all of his goods to correspond with eighty cent oil, believing that provisions and groceries can be sold as cheap here as they can be in the neighboring towns, and he wants you to give him a trial before making up your minds that Pet Centre is the dearest town in the United States. He will let you hear more about prices in a future issue.

The wells in the Modoc region, Butler county, are without doubt falling off very rapidly. Those who have gathered statistics aver that the first eight wells of Modoc produced more than the entire district is doing to-day. To form a general idea of the rapidity with which the wells are falling off, examples are given of all the large wells, and those wells which at first went 1,000 barrels are now doing scarcely 200.

On Wednesday last Mr. Fox, proprietor of the Danville rolling mill, paid all his workmen their wages in gold. The Intelligencer says that to many of the young men it was the first payment they had ever received in the precious metal, and they looked upon it with pleasure and felt inclined to retain it as a keepsake.

Fully two-thirds of the wells in this district are either shut down or only pumping by heads. It is very depressing on one to pass from well to well where all was life and activity a few months ago, and witness the total desertion of wells which were considered paying before oil could be bought for half a gallon of molasses a barrel. The amount of capital invested in this, (the third) district, and now wholly inoperative from the low price of oil, not even returning the interest, we estimate at one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) reckoning \$1000 as the average cost per well. The monthly interest alone upon this amount to the people of the district is fourteen thousand dollars per month, at the usual interest of one per cent a month, or about five hundred dollars a day. Much of the money thus invested will prove a total loss, since the wells will be ruined by standing for long a time. These large amounts will not, however compare with the reckless manner in which foolhardy operators in the Butler district are sinking money, not their own, by any means, but the people's. A prominent operator with whom we have conversed, and who is thoroughly acquainted with the lower country, estimates that on an average there is one dry hole a day sunk in that region, involving a total loss of at least eight thousand dollars.—[Peterburg Progress.

A suit for breach of promise has been brought by a man against a woman in Engleland. Miss Jenkinson proposed to Mr. Smith and engaged two young men to act as groomsmen. That was as far as the matter was allowed to go. She jilted Smith. When the writ was served on her, said, "I'll marry him if he makes me, and when I've married him I'll make him live like a toad under a harrow." Smith is a lucky fellow to have been jilted.

The Chinese laborers in Cuba object to being paid in paper. They say it is too thin—as this is for a joke.

Many people in the world live by hook or by crook. They begin with the crook, and then the hook comes naturally enough.

If you don't see what you want, ask for it," has long been a suspicious legend, suggestive of spirits, in many of the stores of the city. Now every large mercantile establishment considers an "levator" for the accommodation of customers absolutely indispensable.

An exchange remarks that notwithstanding the fact that the recent tornado in Iowa blew the feathers off from the poultry, we have yet to hear of a single instance of a woman losing her false hair. The moral of which is, that chickens should use hairpins when venturing out in a tornado.

Postal cards are now used for the detection of criminals. Photographs of the person are pasted on the cards, which are sent broadcast in every direction.

How can manufacturing pay when it takes ten mills to make a cent?

Sailors' ideas are generally crewed.

A fire at Poverty Point, near New Orleans, destroyed a rice mill. Insured for \$12,000.

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.

A FAMOUS TELEGRAPH OPERATOR.—Among the victims of the fever at Shreveport was Alfred Saville, one of the best known and most accomplished telegraph operators in the country, and attached to the command of General John H. Morgan during the late war, the story of whose practical and profitable jokes on the federals enlivened the gloomy annals of those times. His feats on the enemy's wires, throwing large forces of federal cavalry off the scent, directing them to the right and left, opening the lines for the dashing Morgan to sweep through in quest of men and horses are among the most romantic incidents of the war. Few have forgotten how, early in the game, he took possession of the wires between Nashville and a body of federals operating in southern Kentucky, giving peremptory orders not to send any more troops, but plenty of provisions and ammunition, and how an old friend, then in charge at Nashville, detecting the peculiar touch or fingering of the bogus operator, flashed back to him this good humored answer: "Get out, Saville, or I'll send the cavalry after you." Saville volunteered his services at Shreveport after every real operator had been stricken down, and died at his post.—[Macon, Ga., Messenger.

Journalism of the Period.

A Pekin, Ill., local editor wrote the following notice on assuming his duties: "Sensational, distressing details of revolting murders and shocking suicides respectfully solicited. Bible class presentations and ministerial donation parties will be done with promptness and dispatch. Keno banks and their operations made a specialty.—Accurate reports of Sunday school anniversaries guaranteed. The local will cheerfully walk seventeen miles after Sunday school to see and report a prize fight. Funerals and all other melancholy occasions written up in manner to challenge admiration.—Horse races reported in the highest style of the reportorial art. Domestic broils and conjugal infidelities sought for with untiring avidity. Police court proceedings and sermons reported in a manner well calculated to astonish the prisoner, magistrate and preacher. Prompt paying subscribers and good advertisers, when stricken with moral illness, will be cheerfully interviewed, when lying at death's door, with a view to obtaining obituary items, and the greatest pleasure will be taken in exposing your private affairs to the critical gaze of an interested public."

SALT LAKE, UTAH, October 26.

John C. Heenan the prize fighter, died on Saturday morning, near Rawlins, on the Union Pacific Railroad while on his way to San Francisco. He died of consumption.—The body was brought to Ogden, put in a casket and sent from this city for conveyance to New York.

The lower Hillville coal works belonging to James S. McCray, which have been shut down for some time, have again resumed work. The Catfish Coal Company is also doing business.

The testimony in the trial now going on in San Francisco, of Capt. Clark, of the ship Sunrise, for cruelty to seamen, reveals unparalleled brutality. One witness swore that he was triced up for two days in the galleys, his toes merely touching deck; that he was only released long enough to eat a little bread and drink a little water. The crew generally express the belief that the three men who suicided were driven to desperation by the cruelty of the captain and his mates. Peter Johnson was abused and beaten until he lost his reason, and is now almost an idiot.

The passengers steamers Oceanic and Liverpool arrived in New York yesterday

Mr. C. Waid, of Milwaukee, while attempting to board a freight train, was crushed to death.

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. Frugal 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.

U. S. GRANT.

HAMILTON FISH, Secretary of State.

A man, woman and child with tickets from Chicago to Brockville, got off the train at Mount Forest, Ontario, on Friday, and all three jumped into a pool of deep water. The man and child were drowned. The woman was saved.

In Ohio the Republican State ticket was all elected excepting Governor

The yellow fever is dying out in Baldrige, Georgia.

The closing of the Harmony Cotton mills at Cohoes, was not owing to financial difficulties, but according to the annual custom of that institution.

Peak, Opdyke & Co., the well known New York dry goods firm, who suspended three weeks ago, will resume business to-day.

The Hoboken Savings Bank is likely to have trouble, on account of an extensive transfer of property, which did not suit a heavy depositor. He made a demand for his money. He did not get it, and it will throw the bank into liquidation, it is said.

We learn that work on the Parker City and Kanawha City Railroad has again been resumed and will be pushed vigorously until this very important enterprise is completed. The grading is finished along the entire line, and a large force of workmen employed in laying the ties and rails. On the Parker City end of the route buildings are being removed in order to extend the track into the city. This road will be of great importance to the oil community and its completion is anxiously awaited.—East Brady Independent.

Oil news.—Business throughout the region is looking up and we are hopeful that a brighter day is soon coming. It is true that oil has not advanced much in price but the probabilities are that it will soon.

The pipe line from Millerstown to Pittsburgh will soon be commenced, it is said.—We think it questionable if this will pay.—The facilities already afforded for getting oil out of the region could hardly be surpassed.

The large wells in the vicinity of Modoc continue to fall off in production. The same can be said of the Millerstown, spout-ers.

The pumping capacity of the various pipe lines leading out of the Millerstown district is said to be 5,000 barrels per day.

Parker, Thompson & Co.'s well on the McConnell farm, near Modoc City reached the sand Wednesday last, and has since been flowing at the rate of 300 barrels a day [East Brady Independent.

New water works was an issue at the recent election in Meadville, which shows the point of the joke in the following from the Crawford Democrat:

An Irishman, standing in the vicinity of the depot on being asked to come up to one of the words and vote, indignantly replied: "Bedad if I'll go an inch, last Spring it was no whisky, and now its no water,

Col. J. B. McAllister, of Oil City, has been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

It is intimated that the capacity of the pipe lines leading out of Millerstown, for moving oil, is about six thousand barrels per day.

The project of building a pipe line between Millerstown and Pittsburgh, which has been talked of for some time, seems to be reaching the proper point, and we are informed the work will soon be commenced.

Charles A. Haulin, of Youngville, Warren county, left his home fourteen years ago and his relatives heard nothing of his whereabouts till one day last week, when his brother received a letter stating that he is now in London, and has been at sea all these long years as a ship carpenter, which he is an expert. He says that he will soon sail home, to gladden the hearts of a mother, sister and brother.

Those who look on the bright side of everything are not disappointed on the account of the short crop of buckwheat; they say, "we won't have so hard scratching this winter as we had last."

There was a light fall of snow at Oil City yesterday morning.

The Improved Order of Red Men is growing in New York State. Tribe number twenty was organized in that State last week.

The next session of the Venango county Teachers Institute will be held in South Oil City, commencing October 27th, to continue five days.

Oil Creek is more than booming to-day. Considerable driftwood is going down.

The heaviest rain of the season, yesterday and last night.

The wrecking train passed over the Oil Creek Railroad, yesterday, conveying the relics of the accident at Miller Farm to Oil City for repairs.

Trains have been on time today despite the heavy rains

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