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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 1/4, 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 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.

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I. O. of R. M. Minnekauna 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

OIL NEWS.

Ziegler's Herald, of Butler, again believes us of the task of original composition on the oil situation. We coincide with it fully. It says:

The Pittsburgh papers, or at least their reporters who write up the market reports for them, say, that oil during the last week rose in price some fifteen cents and this, in the face of several new wells producing largely. These reporters are a batch of wise-acs who ought to take a trip through the oil region and see what they never knew before and what they will never learn by running about a city and forming opinions from what they hear from idlers on the street corners. When an operator strikes a five hundred barrel well, the news is telegraphed to all parts, but when a poor devil strikes a dry hole, everybody shuts the eye and says, "niz." Thus there may be twenty dry holes in a district and not half so many producing wells, still community believes all are good and an immense amount of oil is produced. This is a game which has been played with great success ever since the Troutman well was struck at Modoc and the Shreve well at Millerstown and will continue to be played so long as men can be found to believe it. We are not drawing on the imagination when we say this policy is of the most fruitful causes of the decline in the price of oil, nor are we wrong in charging the operators with being participants in it. Instead of being the means of giving correct information they quietly acquiesce in the false reports circulated because they may possibly be able to speculate to the amount of a few dollars.

It is a well known fact that the production at Modoc has fallen off considerably— even more than any one anticipated. Yet to hear people talk, it would be supposed that more oil was produced in that region than ever. We do not wish to disparage any locality. That is not our object. What we want is the truth, because in its circulation those interested in oil and oil lands can alone reap that rich reward to which they are justly entitled. We have said and say again, there is no just cause for the low price of oil. The production is in the hands of speculators, and until it is left free to be regulated by the ordinary laws of trade, hundreds of people will have labored for themselves in vain, while the land owner will not obtain by royalty or otherwise near what he should.

The Petrolia, Canada, Oil Market.

There was a trifle more activity in the crude market during the past week. The Home Oil Works having created quite a demand for distillate has caused refiners to commence operations again. This will in all probability be kept up for the next 4 or 5 months and will in a great measure revive the market here. Prices have not materially changed still paying 95 cts. to \$1 per bbl. The rapid decline in production of late in Pennsylvania must have its effect in enhancing the value of crude there and will cause an advance at same ratio here. Refined keeps low in New York, 10 1/2 to 11 cts. per gallon has been the average for the past week.

A correspondent of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, who recently passed through the oil region, has this to say of Dr. J. W. James & Co.'s well, on the Barnhart farm: We stopped at the "Boss Spouter," near Millerstown which had been flowing ten days the yield being fifty barrels an hour. The well is 1,440 feet and the pure oil, un-mixed with water, comes in a constant stream about fifteen minutes, flowing with great force when it ceases for the space of about six or eight minutes. And so it spends its days and nights. Two pumps are constantly engaged sending this immense supply through the pipe lines to the railway at Brady's Bend on the Allegheny River. How long it will continue to flow is of course a problem but as there are no other wells very near to tap the vein which feeds it, and the owners hold the land in the immediate vicinity, it will probably hold out longer than most others have done.

A suggestive episode entwined the celebration of the fourth anniversary of the Woman's Suffrage Association, at Cooper Institute, New York, 17th St. There was a meeting of the female parasol and umbrella makers in the same building, and a delegation of these marched into the presence of the Woman Suffragers and listened to the eloquence of Lucy Stone. The president of the Umbrella Makers' Union, Miss Leonard, addressed a few words to the meeting, saying that hundreds of women in New York were suffering not for the ballot but for bread. There was a great deal of significance in that remark. If the champions of equal political rights for women would concentrate their energies upon the object of directly improving the condition of the sex in the industrial sphere, a point might be gained of far more immediate importance than the question of suffrage. We do not condemn the ardor and persistence of the ladies in combating to fight their battles with the world. Let them agitate incessantly—that is the way to accomplish great reforms. But the poor girls who are hard at work from morn till night would be better pleased to have the question of wages agitated in advance of the question of suffrage. Most of fields of labor are already open to women, but open at prices that render the privilege of work a doubtful blessing. While the female suffragists, a year after year, exhibit this hobby to a mocking or indifferent world, the silent workingwomen of the large cities are wearing their lives away in unremunerative toil. Put the bread-basket within easier reach; it is more desirable than the ballot box to the hungry women.

William Allen's majority for Governor of Ohio is 817. Isaac Welch's not majority for State Treasurer is 177.

Mrs. Yano, wife of the Japanese charge d'affaires at Washington, arrived in San Francisco by steamer last evening to join her husband at Washington. She is the first Japanese lady who has ever left her native country to join her husband in foreign lands. She will go to Washington overland.

The Congressional excursion party are loading around in Texas at present.

A Madrid dispatch says the insurgent vessels obtained twenty-nine millions reals by plundering merchantmen off Valencina.

Joseph Arch has arrived in New York.

H. W. Burt & Co., bankers and brokers of Buffalo, have resumed business.

Outstanding legal tenders, \$460,374,888

Ten thousand pounds of sterling was received at the assay office in New York yesterday, making a total £1,847,000 since October 6th.

Banks on the continent have raised their discount rates.

A Glasgow dispatch says there are no tidings of the steamer Imabella, nearly a month out from New York. Those immediately interested fear the vessel is lost.

The election for municipal officers in the several places in Paris, day before yesterday, generally resulted in republican success.

The Courier-Journal classes as the principal contributions of Kentucky to the nation repertoire: "Woman horses, whiskey, and blue grass."

Switzerland has 7,000 primary schools, 6,000 teachers, and 400,000 scholars. The education of children is compulsory in all the cantons except Geneva and Uri.

The dog would have been foolish to stay out of the ark because it happened to have a barque of its own.

District Attorney Smith, Lawyer Smiley, and Deputy Sheriff Ware, of Franklin, were in town today.

The largest well at Petrolia at present is...

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.

The New York Sun says a striking instance of gratitude occurred in the freight depot of the Central Railroad the other day. A youth on a petty salary found a wallet containing \$150.00, \$750 being in greenbacks. He soon found the owner and delivered it up without examining the contents, except to see that it contained property of great value in his eyes. The owner snatched the wallet and rewarded the youth by ordering him to stand still while he counted every dollar to know if the finder had stolen any, when he coolly told him he might go.

The net debt of the new city of Boston will be about \$30,000,000 when consolidation takes place.

The obituary notice of a Kentucky lady includes the fact that her hair was six feet eight inches long.

Ship building is active in Wilmington, Del. The caulking hammer is again heard in yards that have been deserted for over ten years.

In a letter to a friend a young lady of Illinois states that she is no engaged but she sees a cloud above the horizon as large as a man's head.

Quite a number of our citizens are engaged in business at Millerstown and other down river towns.

The water in Oil Creek is falling somewhat.

The wells on Cherrytree Run hold out remarkably well. Nearly all of them are yielding from five to twelve barrels daily.

The coal trade livenes up with the advance of cold weather.

A Chinaman took the first premium on butter at the recent fair at Seattle, Washington Territory.

Dog fighting has been prohibited throughout Japan, and any transgressors in this respect are to be fined, and the dogs will be killed.

A wealthy citizen of San Francisco proposes to establish an astronomical observatory on the Sierra Nevada, at least 10,000 feet above the sea level.

The tax levy of Chicago is over \$6,000,000, and the discouraged citizens are beginning to conclude that they may as well die of panic as of taxation.

Low priced oil does not appear to affect Canfield & Dugan's livery stable. They are letting out daily every rig in the stable and have a call for more. They have the best of riding and driving horses, neat and nobby rigs, &c. Call and hire a rig.

Lou. Voucher is engaged in thoroughly renovating his billiard saloon. It is to be newly papered and painted throughout, and when finished will present a more neat and attractive appearance than ever.

WIPED OUT.—The oil town known as Antwerp, in Clarion county, will soon be numbered among the things that were.—Antwerp City has not, as the newspaper says, risen Phoenix like, from the ashes of her unfortunate conflagration, but citizens are speedily leaving her domains, and the stores and hotels are being removed to other places. Petersburg, Foxburg, Dogtown, Modoc and other towns are receiving the former residents of Antwerp city. A correspondent says, "within one week Antwerp will be pretty well cleaned out and only the marks and ruins of business will be left to tell the story of by-gone days."

We have heard it asserted that there was in the hands of our oil producers some \$75,000 of oil buyers paper, and still some of these men can't raise two dollars to pay for their paper.

Gatton & Thomas struck a new well on the "Sand" lease, E. L. Gales tract, this week. The well is now pumping about 14 barrels per day 39 oil.—[Volcano Lubrication]

An Unlimited Scoundrel.

[From the Shreveport (La.) Times.]

As the scourge through which we are passing has served to develop the noblest traits that adorn humanity, so, too, it has brought to the surface passions that would disgrace a Comanche. Among the vile few with which this community has been cursed in its days of death and desolation, one J. C. Grady stands pre-eminent. This base creature, shortly after the breaking out of the epidemic, volunteered his services as a nurse, and while in that capacity, at the residence of an estimable citizen, Capt. W. W. Barrett, is supposed to have stolen five hundred dollars—that sum being missed after Grady's leaving the house, and he showing a large sum of money while on a spree shortly after. Arrested for outrageous disorderly conduct, he showed so much professional skill in trying to dig out of the calaboose as to leave no doubt that it was not his first stay within prison walls. But these exploits were nothing in comparison with what were to follow. In the scarcity of nurses, Grady succeeded in foisting himself upon a worthy couple residing a short distance from this city—the husband being down with the fever at the time. From his drunken neglect the lady was soon a widow and was taken with the malady. While lying fever-scorched and battling with death, this fiend made a brutal attempt upon her person. But Heaven lent the almost dying woman strength in her dire extremity, and she succeeded in foisting the wretch's hellish design. Fearing a rope and a short shrift, Grady "lit out," and is supposed to have gone in the direction of Little Rock, where he at one time figured as a printer.

That the public at large may "spot" the brute, we give the following description of Grady: He is about twenty-eight or thirty years old; five feet eight or nine inches high; weighs 130 pounds; has gray eyes; light brown curly hair; light mustache; has a broken nose, hare lip, and is an ugly cuss generally, whose looks would condemn him without due process of law. Our hope is to hear soon of his arrest and speedy execution.

CHILLING REVERIES.—The pleasant skies and genial breezes of October are becoming more and more a rarity as we approach the last autumnal month. Cold and shortening days, dark and lengthening nights are elbowing their way in the calendar, and boisterous winds, dizzling rains, naked branches and decaying leaves form the prelude to dreary, bleak December. These are the rough experiences of the year. Sloppy walks, muddy crossings, dreaching rains, chilling draughts, shocking cabs, form the opening overture to the piercing blasts and drifting snows of snug midwinter. The elements of the last week, through occasionally relieved by brilliant sunsets and prophetic mornings, are suggestive of something sharp to come.

The Allen-Hogan Fight.

St. Louis, Oct. 27.

Preparations for the prize fight between Tom Allen and Ben Hogan to-morrow are about completed. The contest will come off some place down the river. Allen left the city yesterday, and Hogan to-day, and will be picked up by the excursion boat as she goes down. Both are under bonds to keep the peace in Missouri. Governor Beveridge, of Illinois, has instructed the sheriffs of St. Clair and Madison counties, opposite here to prevent a fight on the Illinois side if possible, and it is probable the battle will take place some distance from the city.—Both men are said to be in splendid condition.

The prevailing hard times has not injured the oyster trade. Snowden & Pugh, at the Petroleum Exchange, continue to receive fresh oysters daily.

Work on the Grand Trunk Pipe Line from Titusville to the lower oil fields is to be commenced at once.

Next Saturday being the feast of all saints as a holiday of obligation, will be duly observed by all Catholic churches.

Many of our merchants are now laying in their goods for the winter.

The remains of the boy Lowrey, who was killed at Red Hot, day before yesterday, passed through here this afternoon. We did not learn where the funeral was to be held.

The yellow fever is increasing in several Southern cities, and great suffering prevails. Here is a good chance for the charitably inclined among our citizens to do something in aid of suffering humanity.

The tools are fast in the Devlin well, on the Bowman farm, upper Beneshoff Run, so fast in the hole that they cannot be gotten out. The hole was about 100 feet deep.—The derrick has been moved a short distance from the old hole and a new well will be started at once.

Travel over the Oil Creek Road is good at present.

The wells in the down river district continue to fall off rapidly. By the time general cold weather sets in we look for an increase in the price of oil.

A meeting has been called at Titusville to take measures for the relief of the sufferers from yellow fever at Memphis.

The weather is cold and disagreeable today.

The attempt to find a fourth sand below Petrolia was unsuccessful.

From every District at the front we have reports of a falling off in the production.

TO THE CITIZENS OF PENNSYLVANIA.—Your attention is specially invited to the fact that the National Banks are now prepared to receive subscriptions to the Capital Stock of the Central Board of Finance. The funds realized from this source are to be employed in the erection of the building for the International Exhibition, and the expenses connected with the same. It is confidently believed that the Keystone State will be represented by the name of every citizen alive to patriotic commemoration of the one hundredth birthday of the nation. The shares of stock are offered for \$10 each, and subscribers will receive a handsome steel engraved Certificate of Stock, suitable for framing and preservation as a national memorial.

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