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LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

—Rev. Elliot will preach in the Presbyterian church on Sunday next morning and evening. Sunday School at 3:00 p. m.

—A son of Hou. A. Cook, of Cooksburgh, who has for a year past been studying law at Pittsburgh, favored us with a call last week.

—We are in receipt of a communication from Dutch Hill this morning, but as the name of the writer does not accompany it, we do not publish it.

—We understand that one of Mr. Tuttle's little girls is down with diphtheria. The case is not considered dangerous, we believe.

—A meeting has been appointed at the Old Fellows' Hall in this place, for Thursday evening, March 15, for the purpose of conferring the Rebecca Degree.

—Wm. Reck has lost his tools in the well he is putting down on the Sowers place. He had a good show of oil a short time previous to losing the tools.

—Abe Weller, oldest son of Andy, is down with diphtheria, and it is said to be a bad case. It seems that there is no check for this disease short of settled warm weather.

—The ice broke up in the river and moved quietly away on Saturday last. At one time it looked as if there would be a bad gorge above the bridge, and it soon started again, and everything was lovely.

—Ferd. Weck, James and Jared Huling are at home from the Bradford Oil district, where they have been putting up rigs. We have not interviewed them but suppose they will go back shortly.

—A meeting of the board of Commissioners was appointed for last week, but when the roll was called only Mr. Reck was present, both Long and Berlin being prostrated by sickness. We have not learned the extent of their illness, but presume both will be on hand at the next meeting.

—The election takes place in New Hampshire on Tuesday next 13th inst. There are three Congressmen to elect, and the indications are that the whole delegation will be Republican. Should this be the case it will whittle the Democratic majority in Congress down to a pretty fine figure, if not entirely overcome it.

—Dr. Blaine received on Saturday a letter from Samuel Brandenburger, formerly of this place, now of Deisenhofen, Canton Thurgau Switzerland, in which he says the weather has been exceptionally mild there this winter, and business duller than ever he saw it in Tionesta. He is in good health, and enjoying himself at his old home-stead.

—The Entertainment and Oyster Supper at Partridge's Hall, on Friday evening last, for the benefit of the M. E. Sunday School, was a perfect success, notwithstanding the fact that the night was dark and stormy. A large crowd was out, the entertainment was pleasing, the supper good, and the occasion enjoyable. Upward of \$50 were netted for the Sunday School.

—Mr. J. Kepler came home on Saturday last, bringing a fiddle with him. History tells us that Nero added while Rome was burning, but it is possible that Kepler will fiddle when this great and glorious country is drifting into anarchy, tyranny, monarchy, Caesarism, &c.? Such heartlessness is unbefitting a man of his patriotic principles.

—The Bateman Hotel, at Karns City, was burned down on Monday morning last, and so rapid was the progress of the fire that Mrs. Bateman, three daughters and one son, and a man named Brown, of New York, were burned to death. The fire is supposed to have originated from a lighted cigar or match thrown under the counter in the office.

—Mr. John Frick of Philadelphia, and a little daughter arrived in town on a visit on Thursday last, calculating to spend about a week here. On Sunday, however, the little girl was taken with a severe sore throat, which it was feared would terminate in diphtheria, and on Monday morning they departed for home. We hope soon to hear that the little girl has completely recovered.

—The special correspondent of the Derrick in yesterday's paper says that "there now remains no doubt as to the coming Cabinet. Conkling is named for the Interior, and Chandler will be retired to private life. Logan will go to Russia if he prefers that to the Secretaryship of War; and Cameron will be retired. Evarts takes the Secretaryship of the Treasury."

—Hayes is inaugurated, and the trouble is over. The N. Y. Sun comes out in mourning, and the Pittsburgh Post laments like Rachel weeping for her children. The shot-gun policy didn't win, and Tilden holds his position as a private citizen. The last days of the last Congress, whose watchword was "retrenchment and reform," was like unto those which preceded the war of the rebellion; and Randall showed his good sense by not encouraging such coarse-grained rowdiness. Now for four years of true reform.

—The Legislative contest, it appears, is not yet over. On Monday last the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House arrived in town, and on Tuesday morning departed for Harrisburg, accompanied by the Prothonotary, D. W. Clark, and having in charge the ballot-boxes of the county. So that it is even yet impossible to tell who will hold the seat of Member of Assembly from Forest County. From the prompt action of the House, however, we may expect shortly to have the question finally settled.

Roll of Honor.

Tionesta Schools, for the month ending Feb. 27, 1877.

The following is a list of those present every day during the month:

Room No. 1, Dorcas Walters, Teacher.—Edward Morgan, John Reck, Charlie Morgan, Laura Johnson, Emma Varner, Estella Noble, Effie Walters, Flora Grubbs.

Room No. 2, Emma E. Arner, Teacher.—Charles Adams, Mack Agnew, Samuel Elliot, May Shawkey, Kate Pease, Jessie Knox, Dora Adams, Anna Dice.

Room No. 3, T. D. Dunn, Teacher.—Charles Davis, James Haslet, Theo. Riddle, Belle Shoup, Cora Knox, Floyd Proper.

Elk City Correspondence.

ELK CITY, PA., Mar. 5, 1876.

MR. EDITOR:—The Presidential contest or the inauguration has but little effect on this young city, but the price of oil affects the spirits of our citizens more than all other causes combined.

Our city is overflowing with men looking for employment. Men come here and spend the little money they bring with them and then leave for home, wiser if not better men. This is the same story told day after day. You can see hundreds of this class of people every day, and I would advise all who have to depend on their labor for their daily bread, if they can earn their board at home, to stay there, and not risk coming here so long as the price of oil is below \$3 per barrel.

Some few wells are being put down. Our old friend, Jas. Furman, has just commenced pumping his new well, which is doing about ten barrels. The stone church (Jefferson City) excitement is not very encouraging at present, several wells proving dry.

Rowdiness and crime are the principal subjects of conversation. On Friday night last a fight commenced in a saloon back of the billiard parlor, in which one Coyle was badly beaten with clubs and shot through the arm. He is recovering. Two of the parties were arrested.

W. W. Grove and Jas. Woodington

are working on a rig for a Mr. Bussard. T. J. Van Giesen is still fishing on his old job on the Lamb well at Mongtown.

More in my next. KEYSER. Lacytown Correspondence.

LACYTOWN, March 5th, 1877.

ED. REPUBLICAN:—

We are sorry to report that the much dreaded disease, diphtheria, has overtaken us at last. Jas. Flynn's family are the first victims. They are all seriously affected, and it is thought that Maggie, the second child, cannot recover. Dr. McCormick, of Tylersburg is treating the case.

[NOTE.—Since receiving this letter word has been sent us that little Maggie died, yesterday.—Ed.]

The sudden change of the weather has chilled the prospects of the ice leaving the creek for some time yet, much to the dissatisfaction of lumbermen, who are all impatient to begin work.

Mr. McCray has finally moved his family into the Towner shanty preparatory to rafting.

J. D. W. Reck, we understand will begin rafting in his timber in a few days.

Lacytown expects to send an unusual amount of beards and square timber to market this spring, and consequently we look for a busy time for all concerned.

Two oil men recently purchased the farms of Messrs. Longstreth and Keaton for oil purposes, operations to begin on the 1st of April. The farms are situated a mile or so from this place. The locality is said to be as good as any in the county for oil.

Our school closed last Friday. Vacation until June 1st.

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West Hickory Letters.

WEST HICKORY, March 2, 1877.

W. R. DUNN,—

Dear Sir: Oil is all the go, but I think the West Hickory Oil Farm is about played out, and McMullen's four farrow wells are almost dry; unless they get a fresh one or two they will quit.

W. A. Conneley and A. J. Siggins both got through the ice on the river with their teams, recently. Both got out and no harm done, but Conneley didn't yell "Glory Hallelujah!" when he went in. We have had very good ice here all winter, but it is no longer safe. TECUMSEH.

WEST HICKORY, March 2, 1877.

ED. REPUBLICAN,—

Dear Sir: 'Tis true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis, 'tis true,' that the oil production at this place has not proved as large as was anticipated. The wells have been gradually declining for the past two weeks, until the aggregate production is now thought to be about three or four barrels per day. One of the four wells which were first started up has been abandoned as a failure, but work is still continued on new rigs, and in the course of a few weeks three more wells will be ready to pump.

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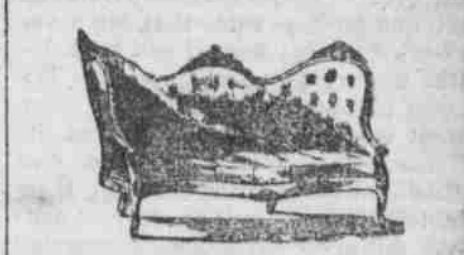
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