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Oil market closed at \$1.85. Oil and gas leases at this office. Hopkins sells the Douglas shoes if... Ladies' wrappers, Slocat Heath & Feik's. Brass buttons for trimming is the new thing. You can get them at Feik's.

Since groundhog day has passed, the next great American event will occur on the 14th inst., St. Valentine's day. The Epworth League will hold a dime social at the home of F. A. Keller Friday evening Feb. 5th. Everybody invited.

Talk about cheap goods. Here is the place to get them now. Everything cheap. Strictly cash is the reason. H. B. Feik.

Indications point to an unusually large attendance at the Clarion State Normal School during the spring term. Term begins April 5.

Following is the list of letters lying unclaimed for in the Postoffice at Tionesta Pa., for the week ending Feb. 3, 1904: David Hesel. D. S. Knox, P. M.

Chester, youngest son of Ira Barnes, of Church hill, fell down the stairs last Sunday and fractured his left collar bone and bruised the arm and shoulder badly.

By coming here and buying you don't have to pay someone else's debts. Just small prices to pay and all for yourself. Cash is the reason. H. B. Feik.

Many country merchants sell goods cheaper than the big mail order houses, but they forget to tell the general public that fact through the columns of their local newspaper.

Always remember that the White Star Grocery can supply you promptly with purest and freshest things for the table, whether in the line of groceries, fruits or vegetables.

Look out for it. Six weeks more of strenuous winter weather. The g. b. saw his shadow good enough yesterday if he had the audacity to leave his hibernating quarters early in the forenoon.

Dr. Arthur J. Brown, of the Presbyterian Board of Missions, writes in the Review of Reviews for February on "The Railways of China." Dr. Brown's article is based on personal observation, and is illustrated by a map of completed and projected lines and by various striking scenes in Chinese railroading.

The Derrick's report of operations in the oil fields of Pennsylvania for the month of January shows 547 new wells completed, with 1140 rigs and drilling wells under way, a decrease of 181 in the former class, and 70 of a decline in rigs and drilling wells over the December report. There was a decline of 2,004 barrels in new production.

The independent gas companies in Venango and Clarion counties have been absorbed by a new corporation recently organized by Pittsburgh capitalists called the Pennsylvania Fuel Supply Company, with a capital of \$1,000,000. Nineteen towns along the Allegheny Valley and the low grade division of the Pennsylvania railroad will be supplied.

Harvey Zillafro, of Brady's Bend, sentenced to be hanged three weeks from next Thursday, for the murder of his wife at Brady's Bend about a year ago, is said to be breaking down. Until within a few weeks ago he showed the greatest unconcern as to his fate, but of late he spends much of his time in meditation and in consulting with clergymen who call.

Whether or not Judge Miller, of Mercer county, has the authority to suspend sentence in the cases of violations of the Pure Food law, tried before him, and in which he took such action, holding that the manner of enforcing the statute was a persecution, will soon be settled. The matter has been referred to the attorney general and he is writing an opinion on the subject.

Hon. J. C. Sibley, of Franklin, is credited with being the richest man in the House of Representatives, his wealth being estimated at about \$15,000,000.—Connellsville Courier. This will probably be news to Mr. Sibley. He may have "money to burn" all right, but he doubts would be just as much obliged to the enterprising newspapers if they didn't saddle him with more than he knows what to do with.—Franklin News

The Sir Knights and Lady Macabees had a royal time at their joint installation last evening. Miss Nellie E. Loundsbury, a state official of the order, performed the ceremonies of installation in happy manner, and after these exercises were over a banquet was spread and many good speeches were listened to. All who were fortunate enough to be present felt they had enjoyed one of the pleasantest evenings of their lives.

Miss Edith Hopkins met with a very painful accident last Saturday evening, which will probably confine her to the house for several weeks. While at the home of her uncle, J. F. Proper, she was playfully scuffling with him, when her weight was thrown on one foot in such a manner as to fracture one of the bones above the left ankle, the ankle also being badly sprained. For some time she suffered greatly with pain, but is now resting quite comfortably.

C. C. Scandrit, a young man at Fox creek, in Green township, is nursing a very sore hand as the result of a peculiar accident sustained several days ago. He had cut the index finger of his hand with a saw quite severely and had bound it up in turpentine. In striking a match to light his pipe the cloth bandage took fire and before it could be removed had burned the finger and hand frightfully, so that he has had considerable trouble in getting the injury started to healing.

The statement of the condition of the Forest County National Bank, of Tionesta, appears in this issue and shows a very flattering state of affairs existing in that solid and healthy institution. Since the organization of the bank the growth of its business has been constant and steady, until now it ranks with the first of the inland banks of the country. A state of affairs which should be gratifying alike to stockholders, depositors and its increasing list of patrons.

Warning against a certain form of swindle has been sent by Congressman Sibley to papers in this district. He says: "Please warn your readers not to enter into any contracts for the purchase of so-called Government publications. I am informed a representative of a swindling concern will be in Venango county this week and the most adroit misrepresentations will be made. Should any one have entered into a contract, they should recognize they are fraudulent, because of misrepresentations."

With this issue, says the editor of the Milburn Herald-Banner, this paper folds its lily white hands upon its bosom and turns its little pink toes to the daisies, and Milburn, I. T., U. S. A., is without a paper, having witnessed the death of two. It has cost the present firm \$203 to advertise the town, the beautiful blue and fertile soils, and we now throw up the sponge and vacate to make room for another sucker. Ta, ta; an revoir; goodbye. We are going to do something for you that the devil will never do—that is to leave you.

After thoroughly going through the evidence taken in the hearings conducted by Captain Silver last summer, Secretary Elihu Root, of the war department, has decided against the raising of the bridges across the Allegheny river, connecting Pittsburg and Allegheny. The secretary holds that the raising of the project for the improvement of the Allegheny from its mouth to Olean, N. Y., and he is of the opinion that until the government decides to make this improvement the bridges shall remain as they are.

The Superior Court has decided that the act of 1874 did not confer the right of eminent domain upon telegraph and telephone companies, which means that such companies may not occupy private property without first securing the consent of the owners. It is surprising, but nevertheless a fact, that this particular question had never before been passed upon by an appellate court. One result of the decision, which was written by Judge Beaver, and concurred in by the full court, with the exception of Judge Porter, is likely to be a strong effort to secure new legislation conferring such power upon companies having the character of common carriers when the legislature meets next winter.

Nice new line of lace just in. Cash prices made us mark them cheap. H. B. Feik.

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS.

Miss Artie Robinson is visiting Franklin friends. Dr. E. J. Boyard was a business visitor to Oil City yesterday.

Miss Maggie Kline visited friends in Oil City a part of last week. Fred Rathfon, of Endovayor, gave the REPUBLICAN a friendly call yesterday.

S. T. Carson and Wm. Smearbaugh were Oil City business visitors Monday. Mrs. A. A. Poase came down from Tidoute on Monday for a few days' visit.

J. D. W. Reek was in Oil City and Titusville on business Friday and Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gayley, of Nebraska, were Oil City visitors Saturday.

J. B. Erb of West Hickory was a business visitor to the county seat Monday. F. F. Whittekin returned to Alabama Friday, after a couple of weeks spent at home.

Fred Bristow has moved into the house on Walnut street vacated by Claude Campbell. Frank Walker was down from Grunderville Monday shaking hands with his friends.

Claude Field, of Buffalo, N. Y., was a guest at the home of Patrick Joyce the first of the week. County Commissioner Winegard and Wm. Killmer were among the Oil City visitors yesterday.

Miss Fannie Small, of Kellettsville, was a guest of Mrs. Will Hunter, of the West Side, last week. Mrs. Jacob Cropp of Cropp hill, and Mrs. R. C. Stitzinger were among the Oil City visitors Monday.

Elmer Densmore was down from Fagundus yesterday and met many of his old friends while in town. W. L. Wolcott, J. T. Carson and E. E. Fleming were among the business visitors to Oil City Friday.

Mrs. Mary Bruce, of Pittsburg, was a guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. L. Wolcott, over last Sabbath. W. W. and J. P. Grove are home from their drilling operations in Glasgow, Ky., for a few days rest.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Grindley, of Warren, were guests of their cousin, Mrs. R. C. Stitzinger, during the past week. Will Myers of Nebraska left yesterday for a couple of weeks' visit with friends in Butler and Armstrong counties.

Mrs. G. G. Gaston was called to Utica, Pa., Saturday by the death of the infant daughter of her brother, H. E. Ramsey. W. G. Rogers, of Tylersburg, agent for the J. W. Kerr & Son monumental works, was in town on business during the past week.

Mrs. M. Werts and son, William and wife, returned Monday from a month's visit among friends in Crawford and Mercer counties. J. N. Dunn, who has spent the winter with relatives in the vicinity of Titusville, arrived here Monday on a visit to his son, Dr. Dunn.

Miss Emma Salsgiver, who has been employed at dressmaking, at Bowling Green, Ohio, for some months past, came home last Saturday. Miss Emma Lawrence, for the past three months visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Greaves, at New Alexandria, Pa., came home Monday.

Mrs. K. C. Heath gave a card party at her home to about forty of the young folks last Friday evening, honoring Miss Annette Gloring, of Pleasantville. Mrs. Wm. F. Blum has been quite severely ill for a week past with grip. She is slightly improved this morning, but friends will be pleased to learn.

Messrs. T. D. Collins, F. N. Kreider and Kennedy L. Haugh, of Nebraska, Forest county, were Brookville visitors the first of the week.—Brookville Republican. Mrs. H. S. Bates of Titusville, the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. B. Kelly, during the past week, returned home Monday, accompanied as far as Oil City by the latter.

Amos F. Ledebur has moved to town from Starr, occupying the Landers homestead at the lower end of town. We welcome Amos and his family to our up-to-date borough. Miss Leona Scowden was called home from her studies at Meadville Commercial college Saturday on account of the illness of her mother. Mrs. Scowden is considerably better at this writing.

L. L. Graham, Esq., the genial attorney of the National Transit Co., at Oil City, was transacting business here last Friday, and found time to pay the REPUBLICAN a friendly call before leaving town. Claude Campbell, of the Vindicator force, who has been in poor health for a year past, has taken a month off to recuperate and is taking treatment in Oil City. Will D. Hunter is "subbing" for Claude.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Two of Them to be Held in This County This Month. The Programs. The annual institute of the farmers of this section will be held in the court house beginning Friday afternoon, February 12th, at 1:30 o'clock, and continuing till Saturday evening. An attractive program has been arranged for the occasion, which runs as follows:

General Farming Session—Friday afternoon, February 12. Music. Prayer. Address of welcome, Samuel D. Irwin. Response, Robert S. Seeds. Comparison of profits—dairy vs. beef cattle, Amos B. Lehman.

When and how to apply barnyard manure, and why, James Y. Patton. Lime and its action, Prof. M. S. McDowell. Value of fertility and cheapest way to get it, R. S. Seeds.

Adjustment. Educational Session—Friday evening. Music. Question Box. Why educate, Prof. M. S. McDowell. Reading, Miss Kathleen Joyce. Home hygiene, T. F. Richey. Mistakes of life exposed, R. S. Seeds.

General Farming Session—Saturday morning. Breeding and feeding and profit of hogs, Amos B. Lehman. Breeding and feeding poultry, James Y. Patton.

Commercial fertilizers, Prof. M. S. McDowell. Benefits derived from farmers' Institutes, R. S. Seeds. Adjustments. Saturday Afternoon:—Question Box.

Soil improvement the key note of agriculture, R. S. Seeds. The family garden, Rev. O. H. Nickle. Barnyard manure, Prof. M. S. McDowell.

Our insect friends and foes, Amos B. Lehman. Winter eggs, James Y. Patton. The new road law and the farmer's duty under it, T. D. Collins. Ladies' Session—Saturday Evening.

Music. Question Box. Nature study in our public schools, Amos B. Lehman. Essay, Miss Bertha Thomson. Reading, Miss Kathleen Joyce. The Higher Education of Woman, Rev. R. W. Illingworth.

Essay, Miss Nellie Carson. What constitutes a country home? R. S. Seeds. INSTITUTE AT WEST HICKORY. In the M. E. Church, Monday Forenoon, February 15—General Farming Session.

Music. Prayer. Address of Welcome, Rev. Homer B. Potter. Response, Prof. M. S. McDowell. How to grow good clover, James Y. Patton.

Lime and its action, Prof. M. S. McDowell. Value of fertility and cheapest way to get it, R. S. Seeds. Comparison of profits—dairy vs. beef cattle, Amos B. Lehman.

Adjustment. Farmers' Session—Monday afternoon. Music. Question Box. Winter eggs, James Y. Patton. Commercial fertilizers, Prof. M. S. McDowell.

The handling of sheep and the production of early spring lambs, Geo. King. Breeding, feeding and profit of hogs, Amos B. Lehman. Soil improvement the key note of agriculture, R. S. Seeds.

The main elements of success for the Forest county farmer, T. D. Collins. Educational Session—Monday Evening. Music. Question Box.

Nature study in our public schools, Amos B. Lehman. Essay, "The Home Garden," Miss Frances B. Siggins. Why Educate? Prof. M. S. McDowell. Essay, Mrs. L. S. Vail.

Would not our public schools be benefited by the electing of ladies as school directors? Discussion opened by W. G. Morrow, M. D. Mistakes of life exposed, R. S. Seeds.

Fire at Tarkill. The boarding house connected with the Osgood & Jamieson lumber operations at Tarkill ran, about seven miles east of Oil City, was burned to the ground at an early hour last Saturday morning. The conflagration is supposed to have been caused by escaping gas near the stove, and was not discovered until the building was well enveloped in flames, making it impossible to save it. By lively work most of the contents of the building were saved. There was no insurance, and the loss will be about \$600. Sleeping in the house were 35 or 40 men, besides the proprietor, Reuben Kightlinger and his family. There were five dogs in kennels underneath the boarding house and three of them escaped, but the other two were burned to death. The cries of the suffering animals were so pitiful that several of the men risked their own lives to rescue the animals from torment. The men are given temporary quarters among the residents of that neighborhood. The fire calls attention to the large number of men employed by this firm, says that that portion of Venango county has long since been denuded of its hardwood timber. This firm on Saturday alone sent 1,175 hardwood ties to Oil City to be shipped to other points and in addition to the shipment of ties it sent over 5,000 feet of whitetank timber here on Saturday. It has a standing order to ship four or five cars daily and it is filling its contracts.

Mayburg.

The S. & T. R. R. has the bayou bridge fixed and expects to make a through trip on Monday. Gas lines and steam lines are pretty well along—full supply of gas most of the time.

Railroad bridge near the planing mill and switch line of Mayburg are progressing. New piano at Richards—Ethel feels pretty good over it.

Pat Dunn, the pipe line boss of the Withburne pipe lines, was in fixing up the 3-inch line, bursted in the creek. Seems pretty tough to see \$2.00 oil floating down with the ice.

Emory N. Decker and E. E. Berlin, of Whig Hill, were in the mill, on Friday. Mr. Williams, filer at the mill, took a trip to DuBois over Sunday. E. J. Whisner, of Buck Mills, filled his place for a few days.

Miss Ethel Richards entertained some of her friends on Monday evening, and on Friday evening a surprise party for Helen Long was given at her home. Drummers for trade are quite plenty at Mayburg.

Henry Walter, who has been confined to the house with typhoid fever for some time, is on our streets again. Frank Rayburn is around town after his bad burns.

A new girl baby at Lester Parker's. All going well. Fire! Fire! Report of shot gun, school bell ringing, mill whistle tooting, was what woke almost everybody about 4 o'clock Saturday morning. In looking up the hill I saw the roof of the school house on fire. Mrs. Payne woke up just at 4 a. m. and saw some fire around one of the chimneys of the school house. She called her husband, who took to the streets calling fire. Mr. Oliver heard him and shot off a gun that roused most everybody. The neighbors broke in the school house door and found the stove and pipe red hot from an over-pressure of gas. Probably forgotten the night before. It looked almost impossible to save the building but by hard work, snow and water, they got the fire out. Everybody seemed interested in saving that building and it was done. The boys deserve much credit. Could not single out anyone in particular for extra praise for they all worked good. Damage about \$100, fully insured with C. M. Arner & Son.

A very interesting meeting is in progress at Buck Mills. Rev. Zahniser and his wife are reaping a harvest. Its going good. Dr. Detar operated on Thomas Reding's leg on Thursday. Took out about two quarts of coagulated blood. Dr. Dunn, of your town, drove through here Saturday. MORE ANON.

Indian Pilot's Skeleton. A few weeks ago the Derrick published some reminiscences given by Charles J. Matson, the veteran conductor of the Erie railroad, regarding his early lumbering experiences in Chautauque county that seem to have attracted widespread attention. Mr. Matson, who was much younger at that time than now, frequently assisted in floating rafts from his father's sawmill on Lake Chautauque down the outlets of that body of water to the Allegheny river at Warren and from there to Pittsburg and Cincinnati. Part of his recital was the death of an Indian pilot who announced that he was going to have a drink of whisky if he went to hades for it. He stepped off of the raft into a clear space of water, which in the darkness he supposed was part of another raft, and the body went under the acres of rafts that were tied up for the night in Moran's eddy, now inside the limits of Oil City.

Another interesting chapter was added to Mr. Moran's story by J. W. Cox, a well-known resident of Seneca, Cranberry township. Mr. Cox is 75 years of age and is a retired riverman. He recalls vividly the incidents of the death of the Indian pilot and from his diary fixes the date as 1855. Mr. Cox recovered the body of the dead pilot in May of that year near Falling Springs and there was an inquest by the coroner. The body was buried near where it was found. Afterwards it was exhumed by Dr. Adair, who was then practicing medicine and surgery at Emlenton. The doctor articulated the bones and for years had the skeleton so arranged in a small closet that it would drop down in front of anyone opening the door of the receptacle in which it was placed. For years it was a source of gruesome awe to the superstitious people of that section of the county.

Proposed Game Law Changes. The State game commission, a body which seems to take upon itself the doubtful duty of trying to fix up, or mix up, the game laws so as to best please the middle and eastern portions of the Commonwealth, without reference to that vast western section comprising the northern and western counties, has promulgated the following amendments which it is proposed to make to the game laws. Some of the provisions are all right, notably those that seek to restrict the amount of game which any one person shall take in a season: First, That there shall be no gun used to kill or to assist in killing deer, that propels more than one metal bullet or pellet at any one shot from a gun, or any one discharge of powder.

Second: That the season for killing deer, hare, rabbit, pheasant, grouse, woodcock and quail shall open at same date of same month at each year. Third: That no one person or persons shall kill or assist in killing more than one deer in any one lawful season. Fourth: That no one person or persons shall kill or have in his possession more than 20 pheasants, grouse, woodcock, or quail each in one lawful season. Fifth: That there be a liberal bounty for each and every weasel, hawk and owl killed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be paid by the township in which said weasel, hawk and owl are killed.

Perfect Confidence. Where there used to be a feeling of uneasiness and worry in the household when a child showed symptoms of croup, there is now perfect confidence. This is owing to the uniform success of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the treatment of that disease. Mrs. M. I. Basford of Poolesville, Md., in speaking of her experience in the use of that remedy says: "I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success. My child, Garland, is subject to severe attacks of croup and it always gives him prompt relief." For Sale by Dr. J. C. Dunn.

Eyes Examined Free. Prof. C. Block, the eye specialist and oculician, will be at the Central House, Tionesta, three days, February 4th, 5th and 6th. All work guaranteed. C. Block.

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HOPKINS.

Stock taking all over and we find a great lot of ODDS and ENDS.

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L. J. Hopkins.

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Every Garment Must Be Sold.

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Table with 2 columns: Coats must go quickly. \$6 and \$7 Coats \$3.95. \$8 and \$10 Coats \$5. \$12 Coats at \$6.50. \$15 and \$18 Coats at \$10. Novelty Coats at \$12.50. Worth \$20 and \$25. \$28 Coats now \$18. \$20 and \$25 Suits now \$10. \$4.50 and \$5 Walking Skirts at \$2.25. \$2 and \$2.50 Waists at \$1.39. Closing out of Silk Waists at Half Price.

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SEE LARGE AD. ON FOURTH PAGE.

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