

THE CITIZEN.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1889.

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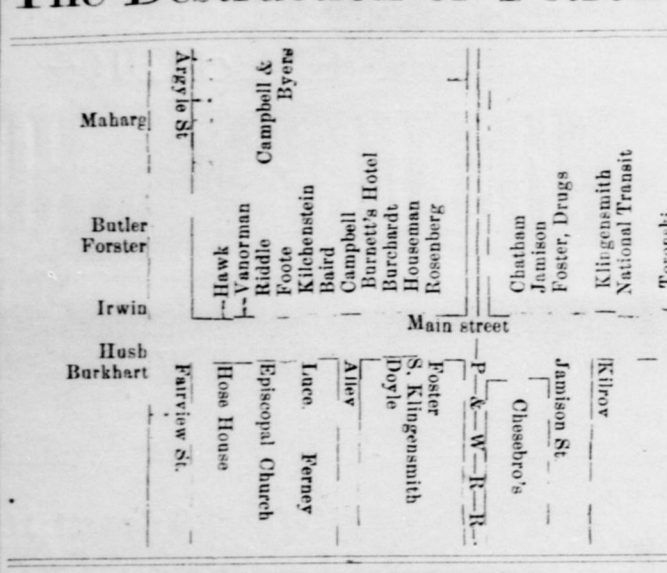
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The Destruction of Petrolia.



MAP OF THE BURNED DISTRICT.

Petrolia, once the liveliest town of the lower oil field, and the best oil market in the country, has gone the way of all mining towns—the greater part of it is ashes.

It was built of wood, the wood was old and dry and one fine wind started in it with a high wind blowing, the people were early last Sunday morning flames were discovered issuing from the roof of the building on the corner of Main and North streets.

Notwithstanding the mud the stores of Petrolia were crowded with buyers of Christmas presents and all our merchants who sell articles suitable for gifts had large trades. The country stores all over the county also did well.

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The Episcopal church had a Christmas service, and then the lights were turned down and some ten recitations by the Sunday School scholars.

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Commissioner Kelly's Trouble.

For some months past Commissioner Hetchins and Duncan, and their clerk Eno McDonald, had had reasons for believing that Commissioner Kelly was acting dishonestly with the county, and in order to intelligently explain how he was doing it, it is necessary to state briefly some of the most glaring cases.

The beginning of the present trouble was back in April last. When Clerk Kelly was opened Kelly's account on morning he found that some one had, after business hours of the previous day, drawn a warrant in favor of one John Shaffer for \$4.27, that the writing on the stub was Commissioner Kelly's, and that the cash was drawn from the county treasury.

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LEGAL NEWS.

THE NEW MARRIAGE LICENSE Docket is an improvement upon the old, in that each license requires a return of the date of the marriage.

LATE PROPERTY TRANSFERS. Harriet Pearce to Ester Gager 6 acres in Centre for \$200.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. Chester L. Danneberg to Fairview born Julia K. Repler.

JOHN T. KELLY. Next door to the Postoffice, has a splendid line of Clothing, Overcoats, Suits, Hats and Gents Furnishing Goods.

THE EIGHTH PATENT SHIRT FOR SALE. If you think the CITIZEN a worthy county paper, help us along by subscribing for it.

SURE TO COME. You are looking around for a suitable Christmas present for your friend, why not get one from our gallery for pictures that will suit you.

THE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS. The cheapest place in town to buy Holiday presents is at Alex. Williams, the musical instrument and jewelry store.

CHILDHOOD COMES BUT ONCE. Christmas comes but once a year, make the most of them.

Tragedy at Tarentum.

Tarentum was the scene of a terrible murder, last Monday night and the people of the town were greatly excited.

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Bargains.

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Jury List for January Term.

List of Traverse Juries drawn this 24 day of December, A. D. 1889, to serve as traverse jurors at a special term of court commencing on Monday, the 25th day of January A. D. 1890.

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