

LETTER FROM OLDOM.

Friend Cobb: Titusville is still afloat. There is a good deal of petroleum about, but it smells badly. Everything is oiled—if not greasy—in fact, too greasy. I find it difficult to stand, not to mention moving. Venango County seems to be suffering with oil on the stomach, and the visible result seems to be quite as empirical as a dose of squills or lobelia. This whole country looks like a great gigantic oard of blot-board, almost every acre, but oil has not yet been found in paying quantities except in the south-east corner of Crawford; but a number of wells have spouted forth water, copiously, and quite as harmlessly and valuelessly as a wife's spouting. At Corry they permit stumps to salute you in the streets, and you have to keep your biannual lights well trimmed to enter clear of them. The place grows, nevertheless, like magic. At Titusville, a man of pugna-bious propensities, can find opportunities to pitch in to his heart's content—mud is promiscuous and ubiquitous; the stumps and cord-roy walks have sunk, and now rest on the first layer of oil rock—a man can walk on them by diving, but a lady, if she wears hoops, had better decline. "Sink or swim, survive or perish," applies well to this place. The bottom has fallen out of the roads long ago,—mud is interminable. The omnipresent yankee is here—seeking whom he may devour, by way of a sell.—The population is somewhat amalgamated: representing every element known to Pike's Peak. Bald heads, side-whiskers and long noses; top boots, Jews, and Parisians, predominate. But the atmosphere that hangs over this delightful spot is composed of the vilest, the most villainous smelling gases that ever were inhaled by man. Mosquitoes are bred here on the principle of becoming a grandfather twenty-four hours after birth—the adjacent scenery being so truly rural, that the propagation of the species is less a matter of taste than necessity. Every mosquito thinks it must dig for oil. Another feature of the place, is the peculiar looking, dun earthy color that prevades every where—even the tables, which are as innocent of anything rich as a pan of skim milk; I mean of coal to the hotels, which includes every other house.

"Jacob's Well." But whether Jacob's Oil will make us all rich, is another question: yet there is a strong likeness in surface features in our county, to the best oil territory of Venango. Beside, and what is better, the "oil smell" said it was "a sure thing" in Tioga, and our best oil men and practical geologists agree in saying (or if they don't, they ought to) that our country contains vast subterranean deposits of the precious fluid. Nature is said to be erratic, but why she should favor Venango county more than Tioga, I can't understand. I don't see any consistency in the thing! My candid opinion is, that Tioga county rests on a vast basin of oil, not more than 10 feet deep, and the only trouble is to find it; but Jacob's ladder reached to heaven, and I can't see why his well shouldn't reach to—well, I feel confident, I'm hopeful, I'm sanguine, positive, certain, sure! But these wells are very fluctuating, eccentric. Some flow six or eight weeks and subside. Some a year, or stop suddenly—another well having cut off the lead. Others work by "spells"—stop to take breath. Some are like humanity—blow off their gas and show their wealth, until the bank breaks and they play out. The falling off some times is very rapid—declining in twenty-four hours, from 500 barrels, to zero. A two barrel well won't pay pumping. Some drip one barrel a day—poor concerns. The "Big Well" flows 200 barrels a day, but if it is water. The food wrecked many. Hundreds of wells that once spouted gold eagles by the hour, are now dry and poverty-stricken! So it is. Petroleum is an inflated bubble, it's pursuit I mean, a false light, a will of the wisp! Men pursue it, as if it had got into their heads and put them out. Thousands sink fortunes (of those we don't hear) while the fickle god smiles down and then, on some lucky adventurer—but it often turns to a mirage—a vanished glitter—ashes and cold comfort! Gold makes some men wise—many crazy, but most, fools. It's apt to burn holes in the pocket and sear the conscience. My opinion is, if we fail to find oil in the bowels of Tioga terra firma, we might tap our own brains, and each man pump his own well. Respectfully, G. W. M.

THE AGITATOR.

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11, 1865.

With MALICE toward none, with CHARITY for all, with firmness in the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and orphan, and to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.—ABRAHAM LINCOLN—MARCH 4, 1865.

EQUALITY—WHAT IS EQUALITY?

We have not cared to step aside from the real issues of the campaign just closed to discuss the false issues raised by the opposition. Of these false issues that most persistently urged upon the people was that of "Negro Equality." It was charged upon the Republicans that they would, if successful in the late election, proceed at once to declare the negro equal to the white man; and that henceforth we should have negro in the parlor, negro at the ballot-box, negro in the Legislature, and negro in Congress. The misnamed Democratic party are not to be wholly condemned for this tender solicitude about the negro. They have had negro on the brain until the disease has assumed a chronic form; and the whole world knows that they have had a very large negro in their woodpile for a dozen years. In addition to these alarming ailments, it has come to be a habit with them to trot out a bugbear on the eve of every election, to frighten such boobies as never think for themselves. We turn to this subject, not because there is a word of truth in the charge made against the Republican party, for now that the light is over no intelligent man of our adversaries will pretend that the Republican party, with every State government in its grasp, could, were it so minded, bring upon the country the calamities predicted; we turn to it because it is time that the chaff of demagogism was eliminated from the problem of Human Equality, and the whole subject discussed in the spirit that becomes men unbiased by passion, or selfish ambition, or greed. All men are equal in some respects, and unequal in others; and as to natural gifts, as the Almighty has not bestowed them equally upon individuals, that is an inequality beyond human remedy. As men are not created equal in capacity, or in moral tendencies, so the individual gravitates to his place and grade, as inevitably as do the atoms of the material universe to their affinitive places. Candid men at once understand and admit, that every attempt to set aside the laws of Providence has ever resulted, and must ever result, in human discomfiture. But this Government is founded upon the declaration that ALL men, fresh from the Creative Hand, are politically equal. That is to say: all men are endowed with certain natural and political rights in common. The right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness—are natural rights, which neither legislatures nor courts may disregard, except the individual shall become the enemy of social or political order. When the writer of the Declaration declared that all just governments derived their existence from the consent of the governed, he declared Slavery incompatible with the existence of a just government. Thomas Jefferson was an advocate of a government grounded in universal suffrage. If he did not mean that his fine sentences were written for the ear rather than for the understanding. But he did mean that, whether universal suffrage be practicable or not; and while we do not purpose to discuss the subject of suffrage in this article, we do intend to say now, as we have often said, that in our opinion universal suffrage is impracticable in this age of the world's progress. But on the other hand we desire to be explicitly understood as holding to the doctrine that suffrage ought not to depend upon either

color, birth-place, or property; but only on the patriotism and intelligence of the citizen. But our adversaries allege that to give the ballot to the negro is to put the negro on an equality with the white man, in all respects. Of course this allegation cannot stand alone. In giving the ballot to any man he is put upon a political equality with the highest, as well as the lower, and intermediate. No man not a candidate for a training school for the feeble-minded, will maintain that giving a man the ballot gives him any other than political equality. We give the most illiterate, stupid, besotted white the ballot; but do we thereby give him an invitation to make free in every man's private parlor, or to put himself upon a footing of familiarity with all the well-bred women in the land? Absurd! Does any voter need to be told that the bestowal of political rights carries with it only political equality? Test it: You, sir, covered with brocade and mortar, who walk up to the polls and deposit your vote for your neighbor worth a hundred thousand—consider yourself entitled to frequent his parlors as an equal; and take your wife and daughters along to entertain his more polished family. Try the experiment and you will understand us. One would suppose that human nature had no antagonisms, to hear these fellows talk of Equality. The thief does not choose honest par for his associates, commonly. You cannot establish an equality there. Vile minded men do not seek companionship with the pure and high-minded. You cannot establish equality there. Coarse and brutal men do not find themselves at home with the refined. You cannot establish equality there. Yet all these classes may be endowed with equal political rights and privileges under the Constitution. Political equality, therefore, does not make men moral, social, or mental equals. None but arrant demagogues teach to the contrary. Demagogues appeal to the passions and prejudices of the people. They exist and flourish only by and through the ignorance of the people. When the masses of mankind become enlightened demagogues will starve.

CONNECTICUT has refused to give the ballot to the few colored men within her borders by a majority of 6000. This refusal, in view of the fact that none may vote in that State who cannot read and write, has no excuse save prejudice. We can understand how men are opposed to universal suffrage, since the stability of the Government depends upon the virtue and intelligence of the voters; that is an opposition based upon common sense, in our judgment. But Connecticut is not yet ready to yoke taxation and representation. We join in an appeal to all Legislatures where the negroes are not permitted to vote, to exempt them from taxation, except school and poor taxes, and from liability to military service.

The trial of Werz, the Andersonville jailer, still lingers. Enough evidence of his unparalleled brutality in the treatment of our unfortunate boys has been adduced to stamp him a monster, for whom hanging is too good! Out of sight with the monster. Then trot out his master, Jeff Davis. The New York Tribune, in speaking of Mason & Hamlin's CABINET ORGANS, says: "These instruments have been blown by the wind of genuine sneers from Boston to San Francisco. That Messrs. Mason & Hamlin have succeeded in making a superior small instrument—from little bandbox like things, to those which, though portable, and not larger than a piano, can make themselves felt in a church—is the universal opinion of the musical profession. They agree that no such mechanical works of the kind can be found in equal perfection in Europe. The tone is pure and full, and with an immense body for so small a provocative mechanical force. They stand rough travelling, bad usage, and will live in climates which will kill American missionaries."

NOTICE.—An election for President, Directors, Treasurer and Secretary of the Tioga R. R. Company, will be held at the office of the Company in the City of Philadelphia, on Monday, the sixth day of November, 1865, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M. 11 Oct 65-4t.

AUCTION! AUCTION!

The Subscriber being desirous to rent his farm, offers for sale at public vendue, the following property, viz: Nineteen Select Dairy Cows and some young Stock, and a lot of Store Hogs, one Mare, one Yearling Colt, and one

FINE SPAN OF BAY HORSES.

Also a lot of Farming Implements, such as Wagons, Sleds, Chains, and all kinds of Tools on the farm. The sale will take place on Wednesday, October 18, 1865, at one o'clock P. M. Delmar, Oct. 11, 1865. WM. FRANCIS.

ORPHAN'S COURT SALE.—In pursuance of an order of the Orphan's Court of Tioga county bearing date October 3d, 1865, the following described real estate, late the property of James B. Cady, dec'd, will be offered at public sale on the premises, on the 15th day of November next at 1 o'clock P. M., to wit: A lot of land situate in Nelson township, and bounded as follows, viz: on the north by lands of S. Bogart and Silas Finch, on the east by lands of Philip Hanville, S. Bogart and the public highway, on the south by the Cowanesque river, and on the west by lands of Lucretia Mack and the Cowanesque river—containing about eighty acres. Terms of Sale. One half of cash and balance in one year. Oct. 11, '65. Adm'r of the James B. Cady, dec'd.

TIOGA MARBLE WORKS. CALKINS & CONKLIN. (late Cole and Calkins) PROPRIETORS. MR. CONKLIN having had large experience in some of the best Marble Shops in the country in the artistic part of this business the proprietors are now prepared to execute orders for TOMBS, STONES, of all kinds, and MONUMENTS of either RUTLAND OR ITALIAN MARBLE, in the most workmanlike manner, and with dispatch. They will keep the best quality of Marble, of both kinds named, constantly on hand. Stones discolored with rust and dirt cleaned and made to look as good as new. Mr. Harry Adams, of Charleston, is our authorized Agent, and all contracts made with him will be valid. Customers can contract for work with him at valid prices. Tioga, Sept. 13, 1865-ly.

ORPHAN'S COURT SALE.—In pursuance of an order of the Orphan's Court of Tioga county, bearing date the 9th day of September, 1865, the following described real estate, late the property of Harrison Mack, dec'd, will be offered at public sale on the premises, on the 20th of November next at 1 o'clock P. M., to wit: A lot of land situate in Westfield township, beginning at the north east corner thereof and the south east corner of a lot of land of the estate of John Watkins, dec'd; thence south 61 8-10 rods to a post; thence west 40 rods along lands of Page Sprague to a post; thence south 55 4-10 rods to the public highway; thence along the highway south 60 degrees west 68 rods; thence west along lands of Mack Brothers 21 8-10 rods to a post; thence north along lands of the estate of George W. Mack, dec'd, 90 4-10 rods to a post; thence west along same 14 8-10 rods to a post; thence north along lands of James Green 61 8-10 rods to a post the north west corner of the lot hereby described; thence east along lands of Jas. Green and lands of said John Watkins, dec'd, 134 1/2 rods to the place of beginning—containing ninety and 1/2 acres more or less. Another lot of land situate in Westfield township, described as follows, to wit: bounded on the north by land of James Green, on the east by land of George W. Mack's estate, on the south by land of John M. Harper, and on the west by land of John M. Harper and Butler Priddy—containing about seventy-four and 3-10 acres. Terms.—One-half cash upon sale and the other half one year thereafter with interest. DANIEL S. SHOVE, Adm'r of Harrison Mack, dec'd. Oct. 11, 1865-6t.

LIST OF LETTERS remaining in the Post Office at Wellsboro, Oct. 11, 1865. Allen, Edwin R. 1665. Morris, Edward Burch, Col. L. 1665. Morris, Miss Anna Burch, W. A. 3 McWeeny, Mrs. Kate (for'n) Berkeley, Byron C. Nichols, Mrs. Chas. Baker, J. P. 1665. Taylor, S. P. Bruce, D. K. Paine, J. E. Buck, Royal Peterson, Benjamin Coats, Timothy Pine, Miss Sarah Care, Abraham Rockwell, Mrs. Sarah Campbell, Mrs. Mary Rees, D. W. Campbell, Miss Ellen Sears, Allan Dyer, George B. 2 Stearns, Miss Frankey Davis, Leroy P. Satterly, Mrs. Mary G. Foster, John 3 Smeadley, Leauuel Foster, Horner 3 Smallkin, Jno. Howland, E. Tippet, Clifton Kelly, E. T. Utter, William Hatherlille, John (foreign) Vandusen, Benj. Kimberland & Kuhn, Longfield, Jonas Lynohan, William (for'n) Terwilliger, J. H. Loomis, Lewis 94c.

To obtain any of these letters, the applicant must call for "advertised letters," give the date of the list, and pay two cents for advertising. If not called for within one month they will be sent to the Dead-Letter Office. HUGH YOUNG, P. M.

NOTICE IN PARTITION.—Notice is hereby given that a summons in partition has issued from the Court of Common Pleas for Tioga County returnable the last Monday of November next, at the suit of Robert G. White, against James H. Calkins and Franklin H. Smith, Trustees of the Arden Land Company, Ann F. Mantor, Mary A. Dockery, Edwin Dyer, Anthony Schoder and Mary E. Schoder his wife, Thomas B. Jacques, Samuel B. Jacques, and Isaac S. Jacques, for the purpose of making partition of a tract of land situate in Bloss township, Tioga county, Penn'a, described as follows: Beginning at a birch at the easterly corner of land of Benjamin Patterson; thence north forty degrees east two hundred and ninety-five perches to a post; thence south two hundred and fifteen perches to a birch; thence south forty-six and three-fourths degrees west one hundred and eighty-six perches to a beech; thence north forty degrees west one hundred and thirty-three degrees and five-tenths of a perch to a beech; thence north thirty-seven degrees east 20 perches to a post; thence north twenty-four degrees west twenty-five perches to the place of beginning—containing two hundred and eighteen acres more or less, and part of a larger tract of land surveyed in pursuance of warrant No. 6008 to Aaron Bloss—said plaintiff alleging that he with the defendants named together and undivided do hold the premises above named. LEROY TABOR, Sheriff. 11 Oct 65-5w.

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ADVERTISER'S NOTICE.—The undersigned having been appointed an auditor to distribute the funds in the hands of the Administrator of L. M. Bullard, dec'd, will attend to the duties of said appointment at his office in Wellsboro, on Friday the 10th day of November 1865. All creditors and persons interested in the distribution of said funds are hereby notified to appear and present their claims or be forever barred from so doing. Wellsboro, Oct. 11, '65. WM. H. SMITH, Aud'r.

NEW ARRANGEMENT! HELMBOLD'S EXTRACT BUCHU.— HELMBOLD'S BUCHU. HELMBOLD'S BUCHU. THE ONLY KNOWN REMEDY FOR DIABETES, IRRITATION OF THE NECK OF THE BLADDER, INFLAMMATION OF THE KIDNEYS, CATARRH OF THE BLADDER, STRANGURY OR PAINFUL URINATING. For these diseases it is truly a sovereign remedy, and too much cannot be said in its praise. A single dose has been known to relieve the most urgent symptoms. Are you troubled with that distressing pain in the small of the back and through the hips? A teaspoonful a day of Helmbold's Buchu will relieve you. PHYSICIANS AND OTHERS PLEASE NOTICE. I make no secret of ingredients. Helmbold's Extract Buchu is composed of Buchu, Cubebs, and Juniper Berries, selected with great care, prepared in cocco and according to rules of PHARMACY AND CHEMISTRY. These ingredients are known as the most valuable Diuretics afforded. A DIURETIC. It is that which acts upon the kidneys. HELMBOLD'S EXTRACT BUCHU ACTS GENTLY, Is pleasant in taste and odor, free from all injurious properties, and immediate in its action. FOR THE SATISFACTION OF ALL. See Medical Properties contained in Dispensatory of the U. S., of which the following is a correct copy: "Buchu.—Its odor is strong, diffusive, and somewhat aromatic, its taste bitterish, and analogous to that of mint. It is chiefly cited in complaints of the Urinary Organs, such as Gravel, Chronic Catarrh of the bladder, Morbid Irritation of the Bladder and Urethra, Diseases of the Prostate, and Retention of the Incontinence of Urine, from a loss of tone in the parts concerned in its excretion. It has also been recommended in Dyspepsia, Chronic Rheumatism, Cutaneous Affections, and Dropsy." FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. See Professor Dewees' valuable works on the Practice of Physic. See Remarks made by the celebrated Dr. Physic of Philadelphia. See any and all Standard Works on Medicine. FROM THE LARGEST MANUFACTURING CHEMIST IN THE WORLD. I am acquainted with H. T. Helmbold; he occupies the drug store opposite my residence, and was successful in conducting the business where others had not been equally so before him. I have been favorably impressed with his character and enterprise. WM. WRIGHTMAN, (Firm of Powers & Wrightman) Manufacturing Chemists, Ninth and Brown Streets, Philadelphia. [From the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, March 18.] We are gratified to hear of the continued success in New York, of our townsman, Mr. H. T. Helmbold, Druggist. His store, next to the Metropolitan Hotel, is 28 feet high, 230 feet deep, and five stories in height. It is certainly a grand establishment, and speaks favorably of the merit of his articles. He retains his Office and Laboratory in this city, which are also model establishments of their class. The proprietor has been induced to make this statement from the fact that his remedies, although advertised, are GENUINE PREPARATIONS, And, knowing that the intelligent refrain from using any thing pertaining to Quackery, or the Patent Medicine order—most of which are prepared by self-styled Doctors, who are too ignorant to read a physician's simplest prescription, much less competent to prepare pharmaceutical preparations. THESE PARTIES RESORT to various means of effecting sales, such as copying parts of advertisements of popular remedies, and finishing with certificates. The Science of Medicine stands SIMPLE, PURE, and MAJESTIC,—having Fact for its Basis, Induction for its Pillar, Truth alone for its Capital. A WORD OF CAUTION. Health is most important; and the afflicted should not use an advertised medicine, or any remedy, unless its contents or ingredients are known to others besides the manufacturer, or until they are satisfied of the qualifications of the party so offering. HELMBOLD'S GENUINE PREPARATIONS. FLUID EXTRACT BUCHU, FLUID EXTRACT SANSAPARILLA, AND IMPROVED ROSE WASH. Established upwards of 16 years. Prepared by H. T. HELMBOLD. Principal Depots. HELMBOLD'S DRUG AND CHEMICAL WAREHOUSE, 594 Broadway, New York; And HELMBOLD'S MEDICAL DEPOT, 104 South Tenth Street, Philadelphia, Pa. SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS. October 11, 1865-ly.

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DISOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately existing between A. D. Cole and Henry D. Calkins, under the firm of "Cole & Calkins," was dissolved on the 28th day of September, 1865, by mutual consent. The said Calkins has purchased the interest of Cole, and will continue the business by himself. A. D. COLE. HENRY D. CALKINS. Tioga, Oct. 4, '65-4t.

DUTTY & WINDOW GLASS AT ROY'S DRUG STORE.