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FOR STATE TREASURER  
HON. HENRY KLINE BOYER,  
OF PHILADELPHIA.  
FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR  
JAMES MIDDLESWARTH,  
OF ADAMS TOWNSHIP.

## A Trip to the South.

CULLMAN, ALABAMA, Aug. 16, '89.  
T. H. HARTER *Sir*: In reply to your request please find inclosed, the impressions and incidents of my Southern trip, which I trust will prove as interesting to your readers as it did to me.

A New York and New England landscape to the eye of the practical farmer, in comparison with any other portion of the United States, presents sharp contrasts.

The broad level stretch of the Western prairie impresses us with a strange newness and age; the barn-like two room structure of the homesteader seems out of place in the center of a hundred-acre corn field, free from stumps and stones, an appropriate condition of age; the absence of forest trees in groves or on road sides, is unnatural when riding through orchards and cultivated fields. It seems as though the world of our childhood, with the orchard, the meadow, the deceptively wildwood,

The bridge and the rock where the cateract fell—surrounded by the horizon of high forest crowned hills, had suddenly sunk and left us floating on a boundless ocean of broad undulating ridges of green verdure. The transparent atmosphere shortens distance and magnifies objects, and what appears to the expectant traveler a commodious hotel, dwindles at the approach into the unpretending cabin of the squatter; large forest trees, marking the line of a prairie stream, when reached after weary miles of travel, changes mysteriously into insignificant shrubbery.

But how different are our emotions when we go South, South into the land of battlefields, over which have surged armies in the agonizing death struggle; and we look out with keenest interest at the mention of Alexandria, Manassas, Bull Run, Warrenton, Culpepper, Rappahannock and Gordonsville, as though we expected still to see the long gleaming battle line and hear the roll of drums, the boom of cannons and the crash of the cavalry charge.

We almost imagine the dead and dying scattered over those far off fields, sad sequence of bloody strife. This is a land of mystery and of fiction, the land of Cudjoe's Cave and Uncle Tom's cabin, and we peer into every negro's face as if we expected to discover the veritable Uncle Tom, Aunt Chloe, or George or Eliza. To our boyhood's imagination it is represented as a land of ease, wealth and luxury, in strong contrast with toil penury and stripes; a land from which came oft repeated tales that stirred our youthful blood at once with indignation and with sympathy.

It is hard to realize how we are held willing captives by the chains of education and prejudice, and how quickly the links part and set us free before the enlightenment of mutual intercourse and knowledge, and how the dream vagaries conjured up in the imagination, are dissipated by the logic of experience.

As soon as the tourist leaves Pennsylvania and enters into Maryland and Northern Virginia, a characteristic change takes place in the farm landscape. There are larger fields and fewer outbuildings, less acreage of grass and a corresponding absence of stock; more dilapidated cabins and fewer farmhouses, more waste and carelessness, and less neatness and thrift than are found in the rural districts of the North.

The villages are for the most part small collections of dingy, dilapidated dwellings, a corn mill, a couple of stores, which generally do duty as a dispensary of dry goods, groceries, fertilizers, farm utensils, drugs and whisky, a so-called hotel, a mixture of a second class saloon and a third class lodging house. On Saturdays are congregated in this exchange center a motly gathering of quaint, sallow, shambling, tobacco chewing whites, and fat, careless, giggling negroes of all ages and sexes, some half naked and others dressed in cheap holiday finery. Here and there can be recognized a planter, by his simple, unpretending gentlemanly bearing towards

all, and by his pleasant "howdy" to Uncle Jim, Aunt Nancy, Susan and Joe, who in response are each eager to serve "Massa Henry," his horse is taken as soon as his foot touches ground; his buggy is brought to the door on the slightest signal, and not with the sinister movement of a Northern servant who expects a "tip" but with a whole souled "I-like-to-do-it" grin.

The traffic of the Southern towns is, for the most part, not in the hands of the natives; for "to do business" is the role of an overseer or a foreigner; but the ownership of a two-thousand acre plantation entitles one to the heraldic escutcheon of an F. F. V. These plantations were once extensive tobacco fields, a princely estate, tilled by slave labor, the owners, noblemen by right of domain, but now they are simply a large extent of worn-out, poverty-stricken land, almost worthless, through twenty-five years of excessive exhaustion caused by alternating crops of wheat and corn; corn for feed of man and beast, and wheat as the "money crop." Without manure, or the fertilizing effects of cattle and grass-growing, the soil, although rich in possibilities, possesses but little of its original fertility. The hot sun of summer burns these heavy unshaded clays saturated by spring rains, into a brick-like mass, fatal alike to grain or grass plants.

The impoverished, discouraged and helpless farmer seeks relief in amatehizing "political corruption," "the silver dollar," "high tariff" and "monopolizing trusts," while "unjust taxation," "railroad oppression" and "negro domination" come in for a share of execration. There can be no help for this condition of things in this part of the South, except by a complete reorganization of the farm industries. The owners of these large plantations without capital are helpless. They must consent to sell the land, not as a whole, but in such convenient farm parcels of 80 or 100 acres, and on such conditions as to induce purchasers who have capital to undertake to reclaim the land. They must also make it possible for them to enjoy some of the educational and social advantages which have been their life-habit in their Northern, Eastern or Western homes.

In my next I will give a description of the celebrated Piedmont region of Virginia.

S. A. F.

## Descent Into the Grand Canyon.

"I went to the bottom of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado last winter," said W. T. Hart, "and am one of the few men who ever attempted the descent. I went there to examine a mine said to exist in the bottom of the canyon. I have been all through the Rockies, from Montana to Central America, and know what a chasm is, but the sight of that abyss took my breath away. From the top to the bottom it is full 6,000 feet. Over a mile below you can see the river tearing through the gorge, but not a sound can be heard, it is so far away. From one bank to the other it is apparently not over a quarter of a mile, but as a matter of fact it is fully nineteen miles. My guide told me I would never be able to reach the bottom, but I was determined to go, and I went. It was a terrible climb, and it took us eight hours to reach the bottom. It is certainly the most desolate place in the world. There is not a living thing down there—no insects, reptiles, or animals of any kind. Everything is absolutely dead. The mining prospect was worthless. Before the sun was up the next morning we were on our way out, and it took us until 10 o'clock that night to climb the wall of the canyon.

## Rushed Into a Fiery Furnace.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 13.—The most remarkable religious craze pervades the Negroes near Bessemer and the country between that place and Birmingham.

For some time past an old Negro named Tobias Jackson has been proclaiming himself as Daniel the prophet and doing all kinds of singular, wild and queer things. The darkies in this section are ignorant and superstitious, and Jackson's actions and the great powers with which he claimed to have been invested awed them.

Saturday last he persuaded three young Negroes that they were representatives of Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego, the three children of faith, who entered the fiery furnace of Nebuchadnezzar of old. He proclaimed that a furnace, where iron melted and cast into all kinds of

forms, was the furnace of Nebuchadnezzar, and that they could enter it and pass through without the smell of fire. The three Negroes, calling themselves the Three Children of Israel, under the influence of their new prophet, deliberately entered the gate of the cupola of the furnace and rushed headlong before they could be stopped into the white heat of the melting iron.

When they failed to come out, Jackson, the prophet, proclaimed that he saw them rising in the air with the smoke of the furnace, attended by angels, and said they would revisit the earth again next Sunday. The Negroes propose to meet at church next Sunday, awaiting the descent of the Three Children of Israel. The mother of one of them when asked about the matter said: "I feel just as shoo my boy is in heaven as if I'd done ben dar an' seed 'im. Jackson, de prophet, comman' him to walk de fiery furnace, an' he bleeged ter bey him."

SETTLEMENT NOTICE.—The books of the undersigned must be squared up on or before September 1, 1889. All accounts unsettled by that time will be given in the hands of a collector. Please give this your immediate attention, and oblige

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Middleburgh, Pa.

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## Caution.

Take notice that I have purchased the following articles, Consable sale, August 12th, 1889, and left them in the possession of Ida Middleswarth during my pleasure. Any person meddling with the same will do so at his peril. 1 Chest, 1 Pipe & Fixtures, 1 sink, 1 Wood Chest, 1 Sewing Machine, 1 Bedstead, 1 Crb. 1 Meat Vessel, 20 yards of Carpet, 1 Table, 1/2 dozen chairs, 1 Broad Saw, 1 garden Hoe, 1 Axe, 1 Hook, 1 Winchester Rifle, 1 Iron Kettle, 2 Shoats.

ISAAC SHAWVER,  
Troxelville, Aug. 22, 1889, pl.

## EXECUTOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE!

The undersigned Executor of the estate of Daniel Beuter, late of Jackson twp., Snyder county, Pa., dec'd, will expose to Public Sale on the premises, 2 1/2 miles south of New Berlin, on

Wednesday, September 18, 1889, All that certain message or tract of land situated in Jackson twp., containing 20 ACRES, more or less, bounded North by Joel D. Beuter, East by Thomas Walter, South by Henry Sauer, and West by Betts of John Klingner, whereon are erected a good Dwelling HOUSE, 2 BARNs, and other necessary outbuildings, with water for stock. This is a good grain, hay and pasture farm, well calculated for a stock farm. There are limestone on the place, also available water power. The buildings are good, and good fruit. Church, School and Market within half a mile of the farm. Price \$62 per acre, on easy terms of payment.

Good FARM FOR SALE.—Situate in Middleburgh township, Snyder county, near the S. & W. Railroad, containing 570 ACRES, 120 of which is clear and under a high state of cultivation, the balance in good timber, nearly all under fence, with running water in every field, rendering it an excellent stock and grain farm. A good stone house and barn and other outbuildings in good repair. The farm is located within 1/2 of a mile of a railroad station, with Church and School convenient. It is a salable property, very publicly located and could be divided into two farms. Price \$10 per acre on easy terms.

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## Notice to Heirs.

In the Estate of Henry Gerhart, late of Centre Township, Snyder County, Pa., dec'd.  
To William Gerhart of Millroy, Pa., Jesse Gerhart of Centre township, Snyder Co., Pa., Susan Gerhart, intermarried with Henry Kay of Franklin township, Snyder Co., Pa., Amelia, intermarried with Amos Peter of Marshall, Kalamazoo county Michigan, Catharine intermarried with Samuel Hackenburg of Bellevue, Sanlucky county, Ohio, Jane intermarried with Henry Wolf of Lewisburg, Union county, Pa., George Gerhart who is now dead but leaves to survive him the following children: viz: Amanda, intermarried with Wilson Muser of Mexico Juniata county, Pa., Mary intermarried with Joseph Hefley of Dodge, Dodge county, Nebraska, Sarah Gerhart intermarried with H. M. Alexander of Nativity, Ventura county, California, Hannah Gerhart and Isaac Gerhart of Lewisburg, Pa., the last two are minors and have for their guardian Adam B. Walter of Franklin township, Snyder county, Pa.

You are hereby cited to be and appear before the Judges of our Orphans' Court, at an Orphans' Court to be held at Middleburgh, on the 4th Monday of SEP., A. D. 1889 at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why the said Court should take the Real Estate of said Henry Gerhart, dec'd, at the appraised valuation put upon it by an inquest, and return the same to the said Court, and return to the Sheriff of said county, or show cause why the same should not be sold. And hereof fail not.

Witness the Hon. J. C. Bucher, President of our said Court at Middleburgh, this 6th day of June, A. D. 1889.

W. W. WITTEMYER, Prothy.

## Notice to Heirs.

In the estate of Moses Middleswarth, late of Beaver township, Snyder county, Pa.

To Eliza Middleswarth, widow, Ner H. Middleswarth of Evans, Iowa, Mary, intermarried with Jonathan Leager of Edwille, Wapawash county, Iowa, Catherine, intermarried with Milton Fall, of Frederick, Monroe county, Iowa, Archie Middleswarth, of Beavertown, Snyder county, Pa., Louisa, intermarried with Isaac Hackenberg, of Troxville, Snyder county, Pa., David Middleswarth of Beavertown, Snyder county, Pa., Robinson Middleswarth of Beaver Springs, Snyder county Pa., Franklin Middleswarth, Beaver Springs, Snyder county, Pa., and Reuben Middleswarth who is now dead but leaves to survive him the following children, viz: Maggie intermarried with John J. Frain of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Ellen intermarried with Hinkle of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Charles Middleswarth of Morocco, Newton Co., Ind., Smith Middleswarth, Remington, Jasper county, Ind., a minor and has for his guardian Moses Specht of Beavertown, Snyder county, Pa.

You are hereby cited to be and appear before the Judges of our Orphans' Court, at an Orphans' Court to be held at Middleburgh, on the 4th Monday of Sep. A. D. 1889 at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to accept or refuse to take the real estate of said Moses Middleswarth, dec'd, at the appraised valuation put upon it by an inquest duly awarded by the said Court, and return to the Sheriff of said county, or show cause why the same should not be sold. And hereof fail not.

Witness the Hon. Joseph C. Bucher, Esquire, President of our said Court, at Middleburgh, this 6th day of June A. D. 1889.

W. W. WITTEMYER, Prothy.

## Middleburgh Market

Butter.....	14
Eggs.....	15
Pitted cherries.....	8
Unpitted ".....	3
Blackberries.....	6
Raspberries.....	12
Onions.....	40
Lard.....	0
Tallow.....	4
Chickens per lb.....	7
Turkeys.....	7
Side.....	10
Souls.....	10
Ham.....	12

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Boys " " "	3.00 " "
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Men's, Youths and Boys Caps from	5c up
" " " Hats	15c up
Silk Ties, Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Neck Ties very cheap and fine quality, Sheep-skin, Buck-skin, Cloth and Kid Gloves, Rubber goods, large stock of confections and Holiday goods of every description. Will positively not be under- sold. Thankful for past favors, I would re- spectfully solicit a continuance of pa- o nage.	

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