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To E Cornell Ashtabula

By Telegraph from Rochester Oct 22 1859.

Oct 22 1859.

Dont Hungarid dollars Sent You by Express

I. R. Elwood

C. Crosell.

Oct 22/59

Corneliun Oil Works

Coshocton, Oct 22nd 1859

My Dear Howe

Your favor of 16th inst Came to hand yesterday and I was very glad to hear from you not having heard a word from home since I left there =

I am glad the payment to Johnson & Chapman note was made in season, and that the note for the Cows was paid over. If Chapman has a shark of honesty he will arrange the Apricot matter as per warranty, and have no trouble about it =

I am sorry that L.B.C's note was not arranged without protest, The T. C.B is not securing any claims to my especial regards, that note is one of the list I asked them to carry forward to Jan^y and I understood that they would do so =

I am glad to hear of the prosperity, and brilliant success of the State Fair, and that you attended it, and served on my committee as it gave you a favorable opertunity to form desirable acquaintance = I should have enjoyed an opertunity to attend very much, did you hear any suggestions as to when it would likely go next season? What Jurie did Thom put upon his 2nd & 8th Dukes! = What was the character of Col Morris Briefs by Gloster! Marmaglut I see got beaten in his Helena 5?. How did you like that Family of Cows, & Where would our Battirion 2 year Herfer have stood at the show! As to Fordham if he improves an other season as he has the last, he will show better next fall =

I wish you had got acquainted with Col Johnson you would have liked him =

I am glad to hear that the Grand Telegraph negociation is closed, but I have heard nothing

Except what you have written about it=

As to the Superintendence of the Ann. As I have my misgivings. I fear if you get the appointment, you will not be able to keep it long. as there must be 3 or 4 aspirants for the place in the Second Company out of which the Ann has grown to its present dimentions, and they will all do all they can to thwart any plans you might establish for the management of the line, and they all have influential friends in the several boards of the old Companies who will lend a ready ear to the complaints and suggestions of said assistants. So that it will be a miracle almost if you should succeed.

I should rather trust to coal oil than to one for a livelyhood & fortune, or even Stock breeding some where than in the west, or fruit growing in Tompkins - on the Bee culture & Honey raising. any where, I am sure that $1500 or $2000 then can could be made at Ithaca in bee culture on less capital and with less labor than at any other business.

Mothers letter will inform you how we get along with our oil works =

This morning we got up with the ground covered an inch deep with Snow.

A letter from Hilton dat 17th ult says Marsh is not at home for two days "but I have called attention of the Asst Treas to your communication and presume your draft will be duly honored" This is draft I sent Handy at 30 days for rent due dat 1st ult

I hope to here soon that Charley & his mother Grandma & Aunts have recovered from the influenza. Dunn & ready So good by,

Yours Respectfully
C. Cornell

A, B, C

Burlington Vt Oct 22. 1859

Dr Sir

Will it not be possible for you to close the balance of my account v you. From your last letter I had been led to expect it before this. It would be quite acceptable

Respectfully Yours
Levantt. B. Eastaby

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca. N. Y.

Pedigree of a

Pure bred North Devon Bull

Sold J & M^r S Mitchell of Tompkins Co N.y

Major Calved May 25 1858 Sire Sir Walter Raleigh

(560) G Sire Frank Quartely (205) Dam Premium

by Baltimore (364) Premium was bred from stock

Direct from Geo Pattesin of maryland

Skelton is a corect Pedicree of Major all of which

are pure Bred North Devons

T. Baker & Son

of Carlville Madison Co^ty

Carlville Oct 24 59

To E Comell

Dear Sir

I received yours of sep 28 saying that there was
dificulty with the bull and Pedigree that I sold
Mr Mitchells at that time I supposed that all
of our stock over two year old would bee
out in the third Vol of the heard Book we
sent them and got a receiht of they being
satisfactory and in a year and a half received
a line from Mr Howard that he should loose
unles each breeder should take five Copies
of the Heard Book we did not send him any
more money for we had sent nine dollars
and had received nothing but his receht and
saying that the Pedigrees should be inserted
in the third Vol I did not know but in as much
more time would receive anothe order for five
more the first of sept I received a line from the heard
Book that there was five vol of the heard Book

Ready for us and if we would send forty five
cts more they had inserted eight Pedigres and
had had the fisst and second vol and the other five
would just eat up the nine dollers I have received
the fisst Vol they left ~~fofit~~ out Dams and inserted
their Calves I will sight you to sume of the
Cases look at Fordham (431) and Gladiator
(437) I know of others thesame way we cumenced
breding Devons before there was a heard Book
thought of and from State Stock animals from
the Stock of Messrs Patterson Washburn and L G
Morris I will send the pedigree of to you for
Mr Mitchell made since knew what Number
they went in at if this does not satisfy write
us if your self or Mr Mitchell will come here
we will satisfy you that all is Freckomend it
ther is a daily line of Stages running from ~~Tuted~~
United to our place
yours with respect Truman Baker

Chicago Ill. Oct 24 1859

Mr Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir:

When you were last here, you put a valuation upon O & M Tel Co stock at $7. per share Making my 200 Shares worth 1400.00 to any person who wanted good permanent 7 pr Ct paying stock. Mr Cobb puts his valuation upon the same stock in this (twenty five per cent in) place at another price. not with any intention to hurt. As you are well known here as a heavy stock holder and a reliable man to refer to for its valuation, dividends &c.:

It is therefore my wish if you will do me the favor; to answer this letter giving me your opinion of the valuation of this stock in your State, to enable me to show your letter as to its probable value to those of whom often am compelled to pledge this stock as collateral for borrowed Money. it would help me very much also if you will, say what you think the "Western Union" Shares are worth (the late E & M Co). you told me here you thought worth $50. per share ($100). My object is to show, that this stock is not entirely dead that it will soon pay. a very small dividend (1 per cent Semi) Next Year.

If you could find a buyer for my 200 Shares

at near your appraisal. I would give you 5 per cent Com^{n}. I need the money just now very much. hope you will do so—

Mr Cobb commence operation in his new office to day.

your attention to this will very much oblige yours truly.

Sam^{l} J Stone
Box 1208

Sam'l J. Stone
24 Oct 1899

N.Y. Agricultural reports 1841. '3 '5 '7 '8 '9 '50 '55 & 56 no duplicates
Wis. " " " We have duplicates 1852 & 3 2 vols
Ill. " " " " " " 1853-4 & 56-7 2 vols

Chicago Historical Society rooms
October 24. 1859

Wm. Evra Cornell

Dr Sir

At top you will find the number vols. of New York Agricultural Society's reports. Which We would like have complete in our Society.

We could Spare you four Vol (two of Ill & two of this) Agl. reports. Could you return Equivalent of your State reports to complete ours. Please inform Me

Yours truly

Sam'l Stone
Asst Librarian

Albion Oct. 25th 1859

Dear Erra

I should have written you before this had I not been sick & unable to do so. My side has been very troublesome and a neuralogy set in on my neck, shoulders and arms which was painful and Phebe and the doctors nearly covered me with blisters and horse radish leaves. My throat has been very sore also & I find myself now weak and some what reduced but in a fair way to recover Phebe is determined to come with me and has made arrangements accordingly. She has rented the house for $2. per week with a reserve of room to store all she does not want to take away. Arlina has got the parlor furniture which is at the seminary & Orson has a room furnished from the ballance of the furniture except what Phebe has sold & stored in the house. We shall ~~only~~ bring only a few things with us. Our clothing & three Pether beds & their appendag except the bedsteads and a few tools is all I have packed up to bring along. Arlina & Orson will be well cared for till next June when they will want looking after. Hannahs & son have sued me in the circuit court for the ballance of the five per cent on the "ramshorn R.R. and I shall have to stand a suit or raise the money and pay them. They have my check for $250. and I cant

see any good chance to fight it and think I had better pay it. It will probably be the last I shall pay as my stock is already forfeit by not paying up the installments as they fell due. I never calculated to pay up the subscription & only agreed to pay the first assessment ~~in shape~~ of a donation and this is what I gave my check for. It will pinch me a little now but I can get along with it I think soon. I must pay it or put in a plea before the 8th Nov to stop an execution. This is the first time I was ever sued for debt. I had calculated to start back this week but I cant get all the matters closed up & this thing settled before next week. If I keep my health I shall be off early in the week. There is much sickness here & deaths frequent but our friend have thus far escaped. Jane is as comfortable as could be expected under the ——— Mary is getting fleshy & Phebe is decidedly fat. Phebe Robertson has had a run of fever & looks rather slim. Cyrus Robertson has also been down & just recovering I hope I shall not have any drawback on my health, for I want to get back before cold weather sets in. The snow fell & lay all day near 2 inches deep on the night of the 21st inst. The weather is now damp & cold. I may write you again soon

Yours Truly

M. B. Wood

M B Wood Oct 25, 59

Cornelian Oil Works
Pashocton Oct 27th 1859

Dear Sir

Your favor of 21st reached me abt 9 P.M. this evening and I hasten to answer though though so tired that I could hardly eat any Supper. (I find the only way to get work done here, is to go a head, and say Come boys) =

I have made an arrangement to furnish one party with coal, or rather a mining right of some 20 to 40 Acres lease not made yet, at 10¢ per ton for the coal, and the use of land to erect his works, he Opens the pit, and mines the coal at his own Expense, taking it from the north brow of the hill facing the Murray House,

It is a small price, and I think for the purchaser than to hazard the purchase of soil at what they would now have to pay, say $50. or over per Acre but most parties have chosen to purchase soil in preference =

This price of 10¢ per ton will probably pay us about $500, per acre, and Wilcox and Osborn got a little frighty, last Summer, and thought we better Sell some of our land at what we could get, and at one time insisted on having our Organization so shaped that they could Sell without my consent, I desired to satisfy them and avoid a sale at present, and at the same time have the north face of the hill developed = Hence the arrangement which I made with the approbation of O. & W. and think it the best for our interest, notwithstanding the price is so small as feared you, I have made just such another arrangement with a party who locates on the Joseph Donelly property, one hundred Acres that lays between our property and the shortest road to

Warsaw. Which I bought last summer to thwart a little scheme that was plaud to cut us off from the short route to the river, In the Ohio leads it would not have effected our interest, but if coal should go to markit, it would increase our road 1½ mily,= Wilcox & Osburn, took an interest in it, Costing us $50, pr acre, So if Our Co wants at any time to send coal to markit they can secure a route through an opening in this land and save 1½ miles distance, I should not however be willing to give other such leases at less than 25 ct. pr Acre, for the Coal in the bank,

O & M. are now somewhat fearful that we shall all go to Smash, and I dont know but M. dreams nightly about the risks of a failure, he seems to me very timid, Especially for a business man,

I filled our stove this evening for the first time with 5 tons Coal, and shall put fire under them in morning, and see what we shall get,

We lack Water, & am sadly disappointed in the capacity of our Springs, but after a while, we can concentrate enough of them to answer, but for the time being I fear we shall lack water = I shall write you again in few days, I should have been glad a few days ago to borrow a few hundred dollars till Jan. I have secured some $3,000 this summer to raise money for this business, If a boat I ordered sold a few days ago has not been sold, as I shall know in few days, a loan may save me the loss of the 30/m ct. out, as I can get on after Jan. = Please see if wicks = snuffers & all needful trimmings, have been sent with the lamps & if not, order them on = F. & J. must be in Clover now. I suppose he will treat you handsomely—

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

E. W. Chester Esq

Elwood Ind
Oct 17th

Mail Service
Settlement
Warsaw
Wis. Sunday
Coal
Cash
Coal
Cash
Coal
Cash

Fall River 10 mo 28 1859

Dear Friend E Cornell

Thine of 17 came duley to hand was gladley red, the one before the last I was interested In, the way so Ingenaus to shew me the hills and hallors whare your Coal work ou, the wanted to know, If the price of Coale Oil had Change hire If her not, there Is a man in New Bedford that I puting up the works for a trial to See which Is the Cheapest If Coale Oil & the Cheapest he will sell his Ships or Just them In Same other business and go into Coale business, I think it will Come In to use. Some thinks If not so healthy for a light In a tight room I do not See it so, I want to See a Sample of your Oil If you make a good article I think it will sell all that you Can make, He wanted to know who Edwins Father was he was my half brother On my Father Side the Same as thy Father on my Mothers Side his Name was Benjamin— The brother of Edwin at Nantuet I still there last fall I made him a visit took Several meals after him while there, he I thought to be quite respitable Citizan there gits a good living by repairing Ships

Theophilus Chase who lives at Sautan & the Son
of Richard Chase he was my own brother & Theophilus
an only Child, his father died when he was an Infant
his mother was the daughter of Aza Chase the man
thy father learnt his trade, He speaks of having
the advantage over those that manufacture here at the
East I think the does and, He said that the Oil
Can be made here for 75 Cts a gallon and make
good business, does the Spend most of thy time
at the Oil works; does the have the superintendance
of the works, the has others Concerned with the does
the others live there on the spot, I should like to
have the selling of your Oil In and about this
place I think I could sell at this season of the
year quite a quantity, I must Come to a Close
my Wife & daughter wish to be remembered to the
and thine Affectionately thy Uncle
Ezra Cornell Miller Chase

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N.Y., Oct 28 1859

M. B. Wood

Sir

For 3 shares of E. & M. stock, Mrs Wood will be entitled to a dividend scrip for $49 38/100 for this I will give her $35 cash if she wishes to sell.

For the three shares of said stock she will be entitled, when transferred to our company, to the stock of our company ~~$150 increase $450~~ $600,00

To stock dividend	171,88
" fractional share No 46.	43.20
	$814.78

That is to 8 full shares and a fraction of $14 78/100
Let Mrs Wood say what she will take for this fraction.

The Bigelow Stock is entitled to the following dividends

June & Dec. 57	$ 9,00
Apl 1/58, $7,50. July 1/58. $12.	19,50
July 24/58.	30,00
	$58,50
Interest on Bond	14.00
	$72,50

This sum I send you & return me the inclosed receipt signed by Mrs Wood.

When she has converted the E. & M. Stock into our stock, she will be entitled to $16 more dividend

She must send in the fraction endorsed with her name written across it, as well as return the enclosed certificate transferred. When I send new certificate, I will send you the additional dividend.

A long time ago, I was appointed Secretary & Treasurer of the Erie & Mich. Tel Co. & Mr Cornell promised that you should send in the books and documents relating to those offices. I trust you will do so without delay and save me the trouble of making a formal demand for the same.

Respectfy Yours
Isaac R Elwood

Stock
S. 7. 72

Mr C Woody
Stocks

Western Union Telegraph Co.
SECRETARY'S OFFICE

October 28th 1859

Mr. Cornell

Dear Sir

As the Winter is now near at hand, I think the Sooner you send for your Cows the better I think they are both in Calf & by a very valuable Bull I wrote you that I had agreed with the Gentleman (Mr. Bryan) the Owner of the Bull that I would give him ten dollars for each Cow, it is the price I have to give him for my Cows & I promised him the money when you might take the Cows home, they look well especially the Spotted Cow Lucy Ann, She is truly a very Superior Cow her Calf is fat & large, the roan heifer is not so fat, her Calf is fat, having had all the milk & certainly bids very fair to make a very fine Cow, She is large & is a most beautiful Color red roan. I have seen the time that she would bring every dollar you gave for the two. I will make a proposition to you, it is this, that if you will give me $425 dollars in hand I will take it in the place of 450$ which the note calls for four Months from this time, I need some money at this time I will not Charge you any thing for pasturage

yours truly John Curd

tell me hear from you

My Leather is still very poor not at ordered to stock from that fact, the Calves are increasing in value and the Cows are necessary in value

Clintondale Oct 29th 1859.

To Ezra Cornell Esqr.:

Dear Sir;

I could not fairly make out the name of the lawyer that you requested me to send the Satisfaction of judgment to - So I sent it to Samuel P Wisner. Esqr your County Judge - The balance due on the judgment on the 8th day of Nov 1859 interest and all is as I make it. $184.86. Please pay Mr Wisner that amount and he will give you a satisfaction of the judgment in full duly acknowledged & executed by Mr Waring.

Yours &c

Solomon G. Young.

Clintondale Ulster Co

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 29 1859

E. Cornell

Sir

Our unconditional contributions are.

1	To first purchase	$64.250.00
2	Costs of suits W Smith	277.13
3	Kendall's open stock at the time	2.000.00
4	To indemnify Kendall of claim of Smith for Wash & N.O. Stock	1000.00
5.	For purchase of N.O. & O. Stock in Green's line	625.00
		68.152.13

Conditional

For magnetic stock	$20.500	
For share of expenses in getting Patent renewed	750	
For extension of Patent by cong Sep 8. 500		29.750.
		$97.902.13

Smith has not yet executed his deeds or taken his money, but it is expected he will. If he does, then the business is closed.

The next danger is that Russell & Morris will get control of the new American Co. and attempt to disregard the six-party contract. There is now to be

peace & quiet in the telegraph business.
Why don't Wood send me
the Books of the E & M Tel Co.' It
looks strange this delay after your
appearance here it must be attended
to

Yrs
S R Elwood

S. R. Elwood
Oct 29, 57

Illinois and Mississippi Telegraph Company.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Ottawa, Ill. Oct 29th 1859

Ezra Cornell Esqr
Coshocton Ohio.

Dear Sir

Yours of Oct. 24th is before me & I hasten to correct some impressions which an eye solely to your own interest has produced - While you impute to me as one of the pretended Board of directors an abject surrender of my integrity & self respect to the will of another. I was keeping an eye open to your interests & my own independence - & had the interest all made up to the 1st of November 1856 - & deposited to credit of old stock - Now the resolution of the Board arranging for this interest bears date June 11th 1856 - and the interest from that time to Nov 1st is $116 66 but as there has never been more than $5000. on interest, of course the old stock can only take a proportional part since Nov 1st and as the whole stock is 15089 Shares and the old stock is 6243 - the proportion of interest is only $135 to $175. per annum & 3 years such interest added to 116 66 is $491,66 -

The account then stands as follows

Present Co in a/c with old Stock.

Cash in Treasury Nov 1st 1856		13973.13
Interest to Nov 1st 1856		116.66
Do from Nov 1st/56 to Nov-59		375.00
Accounts due Co Nov 1st/56		1130.44
Per Contra		15595.23
Dividend 3 per ct on old Stock	9365.52	
Old debts paid	936.85	
Balance due Nov 1/56	158.66	
Balance due old Stock	5134.20	15595.23

In my letter I remarked that the claim & suit of Patentees having been brought out a question arises about its equitable apportionment. You think the new stock is equally benefitted with the old & so it is so far as the Patent rights are concerned. but about that old claim I differ with you entirely, & whatever you may think or insinuate in the expression that others have an eye to the above balance I am free to assure you that I have no interest in the matter neither have I consulted Judge Eaton, nor has he ever mentioned a word about that balance or seen your letter, or is in any way cognizant of the position I have taken & therefore it amounts to nothing until sanctioned by the Board of Directors.

In my official capacity I have simply taken Common Sense for my guide, & aimed to act upon the principal to do as I would be done by. If that principal does not enter into your Code of moral obligations, I am sorry. but shall still adhere to it in all matters left to my discretion. Yours Respectfully

W Bussen

Illinois and Mississippi Telegraph Company.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Ottawa, Ill. Oct 30th 1854

E. Cornell Esq
Coshocton Ohio.

Dear Sir

On a responsal of your letter I feel less disposed to take the sole responsibility of assuming the principle of "equitable apportionment" in regard to that old balance I have therefore since writing to you referred the matter to J. H. Eaton Supt with the request that he will communicate with you on the subject

Yours Respectfully
Wm. Bassett

Ithaca Oct 31. 1859

Hon. E. Connell Esqr.

My Dear Sir.

The cause of Lee against you & Wade, is fixed to be tried on the 22d. day of November 1859. at 9. A.M. before Washington Barnes Esqr. a referee at Bath. Steuben County.

Now it will be necessary for you to attend to take care of your rights - you are wanted to be a witness -

Seb will bear [illegible] you - See Alonzo this morning - all well -

Nothing new -

The Hunkers democracy [illegible] making things out of old Bronson Movements to liberate the slaves - They thought at first, now this will use

-of the Republican party-
- But it will make no
perceptible difference, like the
1907. Roorback. Hail that party
lives ever, and has evil
being -

Our County will do about
as usual -

The great mass of the people
are satisfied with the nomination
- They have no feeling, who
shall be promoted, your
qualifications, whether it be
this or that man - all the
same to them - for they are not
seeking power or place.

- O Wright is our member -
Will do very well.

Will you home before Election
Meantime your friend
Saml. Love

OFFICE OF THE

Breckenridge Coal and Oil Company,

Cloverport, Ky. Nov 1st 1859

E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I have only time to write you a line or two to let you know I rec'd your letter our head machinist has gone away & I am obliged to be in the yard every moment especially now as we are just putting in new machinery to increase the speed of our agitators and starting some new Boilers &c I hope to be able in a few days to answer some of your enquiries I think your idea of agitating by air will work well We now aim to finish all our oil at 40° Beaumer

I notice all you say about Caton and the Ill & Miss Tel Co I have thought for a long time that Caton should be looked to I wish you had given me the names of the Directors then I could have seen how many of them are his relatives &c I know several that he has around him relatives two or three who went from Attica men that are apt to any trick to ~~not~~ get money You did

not say any thing about the prospect of a Dividend I feel quite anxious on that point will you give me such information as you obtained in regard to the Dividend Yours in haste

Geo Curtis

I did not get the notice from Eaton of the call for Stockholders meeting

Geo Curtis
Nov 1, 59

Albion Nov 3 1859

Dear Ezra

I have nearly recovered from my difficulty in the side & feel pretty well & am collecting money to pay up Hannahs & stop further proceedings. Phebe was not willing to have me dabble in the law & I borrowed the money & paid him & by tomorrow shall have enough collected to replace it. I have been to see all the men that owed me and find half of them not able to pay the interest on their Mortgages. I found the fence around your lot broke down and in so bad condition I set a man to build a good picket fence on the west side with all new material & enough new post on the north & east side to make it secure with the old boards which I collected from the west side. Jane & Phebe has traded out the rent so I had to pay the cash for all that was done. I have got the bills all made out so we can settle easily. Arlina is verry comfortably situated at the seminary and Orson in a good family adjoining our premises We have all our things packed & at the depot that we intend to bring & we intend to start on Monday the 7th I rec'd. your letter and intended to answer it before this but have

been so perplexed in my finances that I did not know what to write or what I could do & shall not be able to bring much with me after providing for the schooling of the children. I think $350. will be the extent of my collections & this will be pretty effectually used up before I reach Coshocton. Every body wants money & at every corner I have to hand out. We have had rough cold weather here till a day or two past it has been more pleasant. Phebe thinks when she gets to Ohio she will immitate the great eastern & retire into winter quarters. I am anxious to get back soon as possible to assist in the work and push things ahead there. John & Daniel Houtz have been here & bring all the news direct from Dryden. Nothing especial to note from any quarter

Yours Respectfully
M. B. Wood

M. B. Wood Mar 3. 57

East Springfield Nov
4th 1859

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I have not heard
from you since Rose 9th went
to your place one year ago
Has she dropped me a calf
and if so is it a bull or heifer
I took no note of calf, and if so
how far gone
I presume she must have
had a calf by this time, and I
suppose a good one - If I am
right let me know its character
and colour
Hoping soon to hear from
you I remain Yours &c
A Blanchard

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Nov 4. 1859

E. Cornell

Sir

I have this day sent to Mrs Cornell a draft for $512.50 Exchange $2.60 making $515.
Sent you before $500 Draft to Mrs Cornell $400 900.
making up the sum which was due $1415
paid for your two $1000 Dividend Scrips sold by me
as reported to you before.

Respectfully
S. R. Elwood

Montreal Telegraph Company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

MONTREAL, November 4th 1859

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 17th ult was duly rec'd I was not disappointed with your reply - At the time that I made my offer I bid as high for the Stock and the bonds as they had been sold up to that date as I learned from Mr Sibley - but since the Consolidation negotiations have come to a favorable Conclusion I presume the Stock will Command a better price.

I have just returned from a Western tour to Buffalo London and Detroit and in my travels feel in with your brother John He and his family all well.

I also stopped at Guelph and paid Mr Stone the Short Horn breeder a visit. He has several choice animals in his herd - 3rd Grand Duke 3 years old in Dec' next sired by King Arthur, dam ~~Maggie~~ got by Grand Duke promises I think to be the best bull I ever saw. He is a beautiful deep red and Mr Stone thought a very modest man hopes to beat everything in America with him.

His Cows Desdamona 5 years old

Isabella 2nd 6 years old

Machioness of Gloucester 3 yrs old

Margaret (a superior milker) and

Eugenia are very fine indeed.

His Cotswold sheep excell anything of the kind I ever saw.

His new barn too is well worth a visit. Coal oil is selling here at Retail from 90 to 95 Cents. I think the supply Comes chiefly from Nova Scotia.

I hope you will soon be able to give Uncle Martin charge of your Ohio business as you have enough now to live upon without meddling with such kind of business besides the Competition is likely to be so great that you will not be paid for all your trouble.

Our boy is growing finely the rest all well.

Business is very brisk with us now though this year will fall behind last with us - the first half being very light. We would be glad to hear from you whenever you have time to write.

Anything respecting the prospects of the Pacific Union Telegraph will be interesting.

No more time to write this morning.

Yours very Sincerely

A Wood

E Connell Esq

Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Company.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Ottawa, Ill. Nov 5th 185 9

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D. S.

Mr Bassett has laid before me the Correspondence which lately taken place between you relating to the affairs of this Company. I shall trouble you only in reference to the insinuation which you make in one of your letters, that he and the others have been elected by me, as mere tools to do my bidding whether right or wrong, just or unjust. In other words, that I have elected a set of Peter Funks, to help me cheat and defraud the other stock holders. This insinuation could only emanate from one, who was himself lost to all sense of honor and integrity, — one who was himself as base as he charges others with being — I am now prepared to believe that all that was charged on you, in reference to the Michigan Central line, was not all a fiction & a slander as I had supposed. You stated at the meeting, that if you controlled a majority of the stock, you would do as I did — It is evident you would have selected different men for directors. Those would not have answered your purpose. I am now glad I did not comply with your request & my inclination & put you out to the

threatory - You would have been out of place with such men. I hope you will pardon my plain way of speaking. Nothing but so grafs an insult to men, whome all that know them, know they would scorn to be my tool as much as they would to be yours, would have induced me to trouble myself to say thus much.

Yours truly

I Dixon

Domeban Oil Works

Coshocton O. Nov 6. 59

Dear Alonzo

Your favor of 29th is at hand, Enclosing two notes to be endorsed & signed which I re-enclose with this,

I am sorry to hear that Charley has been sick, you must take good care of him,

I have not time to write you much this morning shall have to write Mother and will get the news in her letter,

We started our Mill last week, and ran off 100 Bbl Crude Oil, and stopped to make

Some slight alterations in our water supply. It is very dry, and we lack water at present =

Our first return of 1000 Gal Oil has not cost over 8¢ per Gal, and half of that for carrying water in buckets, which will be dispensed with when we fire up again in few days —

I hope the boys wont let any more of the cattle choak to death —

Respectfully
E. Connell

A.B.C

Cornelian Oil Works

Coshocton Nov 9. 1859

My Dear Howe

Your favor of 1st inst is at hand and glad to hear from you The notes I enclosed Sunday last hope they will be rec'd in time =

Binghamton will do as a location for State fair, convenient for us, but I think would be attended with less pecuniary success than at Sy or Albany =

If Col Morris pursues his farming he will soon get a splendid herd of cattle =

In reference to business, I have fears that the Am Pet. Co is not the best place for you, and I have no doubt that Craig, is overshadowed by the influences that must exist, and predominate in that Co, as now composed if the

the consolidation has been effected, last I heard from S.R.E on subject, it was not consummated. Propositions made so terms had been agreed on, and cash and bonds provided awaiting Smith's acceptance of them and Execution of deeds - but Smith had not taken the money and no one knew whether he would take it or not =

I wrote you in a former letter what the dificulties would be that would intervene between you and a lengthy situation if you got any of the Con-Am Co = I dont know but we shall think best to send some one to Ch or St L to sell our oil & Lamps - if so how would it suit you, to take hold of it ?

I shall be home next week and will talk the matter of business over with you and see what is best for you to engage in =

We run off an 100 Gal oil from one of our small Stills yesterday for the first, it worked well, and promises fair results, Shall finish it up in few days, and take a sample home with me =

Uncle Mart & wife Expected today but did not arrive - think they will be here to-morrow =

One of our neighbours had his still and tank of oil burned up last night, log pulleys & Son, Carbonups = I dont intend to burn ours up, but may, do so, through the carelessness of some body =

My lamp wont burn longer without filling &

and it is 11 P. M. so I will bid you good night as light is gone

Yours Respectfully

E Cornell

A, B, C

E Cornell

Apr 9/79

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

New York, Albany & Buffalo Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Co.

UTICA, N. Y. Nov. 11 1859

D. Fr.

We have been called upon to pay out a large amount of money the past year, and we must need the money standing against your name on our book.

On the 15th Dec. our "Novr" dividend is payable and we must rely on your remittance of the balance due to help us this,

Please advise me in a day or two of receipt of this and your intention to send the money by 1st December.

Yours respectfully
E. Chapman Jr

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca

Pine River Nov 13 1859.

Dear Brother.

I received your letter two or three weeks since, and for want of time have not taken my pen to answer untile now. Winter has sett in, before we Artic farmers have got ready for it. I am on the improove in farming as you will see by the amount of produce I have raised this year over last last year I raised 40 buchels sound corn 15 buchels soft 40 buchels Potatoes, and Kiled 326 lbs pork and raised 60 buchels yellow baggyes, and no Wheat. This year I have raised 80 buchels sars sound corn, 35 buchels soft. 70 buch Potatoes 125 buch sweet bagyes, I fed the soft corn to 6.—8 months sholes and their mother and then Killed them they would not bear the name of pork but ~~[illegible]~~ will answer to Simson boild vituals, better then nothing I have 6 head of cattle besides half of a team with James, and enough fodder to take them throug the winter I intend to get material to gather for a barn durring this winter besides laying down 10 acres of timber, cutting my firewood which will be not far from 50 cords and with my chors will consume all of my time and keep me out of mischef. Potatoes are cetting

selling for 50 cts per buck corn 75 cts Wheat 500
from 4 acres I haverested 30 buchels, my wheat was
sown by the first of Sept a year a go, and was
aut in head when the June frost came,
which injured it verry much, I think Stock
is going to pay the best here of any thing we can
raise butter has sould all summer for 12 cts
chees 10 cts, your cattle gell verry fatt on wild
fut of the woods in sumer season, Hay is selling
for 12 dollars per ton now, by the aid of that money
you lett me have last winter I was enabled with
my own labor to gell six acres choped, and burned
ready for loging to sowe to Spring wheat, besides 3
or 4 acres cleared and fenced and planted with
corn and potatoes last Spring, and 4 acres that
Layes bellow my house and the marsh I have
ben through it with an axe and sythe in
the dry weather, and got a good burn on
that, also choped ready for loging in the
Spring, I cant meet the payment that came
due on my place to you, the 1st Sept. 57, but shall
be able one of these days make, but the improve
ment I am putting on the place will make it
worth the indebtedness of it to you I dont think
of any thing more, an account of your oil works, the
machenery and operatus you use in its manufeature
would be interesting to us. Yours Respectfully

E. S. Cornell

E. Cornell

East Homer Nov 15th/59

Mr E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir.

Carelessness and pressure of Buisness has prevented me from answereing yours of Sept 17 until now. I now take this opportunity to inform that I shall be happy to do for you, all that is within my power to do, in getting you a collection of birds I have about all that I can do in preparing for my own collection the reason why I am not able to do more for you.

I have now on hand about thirty nice Specimens of birds for you and will add to them as fast as posible

Yours Very Respectfully Jas M Haight

Hyde Nov 18th 1859.

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Mr Clarke requested me to write to you and ascertain wether Red Rose have calves, and if so, what she have a Bull or Heffer. and how she stands with calf or without.

Yours &c

M. Cooper

E. Cornell Esq
Ithica

East Springfield
Otsego Co

Decr 20—

Aug 2.

Aug 28. 59 that Rose Shank Calf in July was bulled Aug 2.

Spudarlie Nov 19th/69

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

I am in want of a Berkshire boar at this time and knowing that you keep that breed of swine I ask you to know if you have one to spare that is fit for service immediately – I want a good one and one that will suit the community as I get one to supply for that purpose – If I purchase I cannot pay immediately but will make that all right –

If you have one to sell please write me by return of mail for

it is getting late in the season and if I don't have one of you I will look elsewhere — please state the age, color and price

Very Respectfully Yours
Daniel Hunt

PS Please direct to Spadra as I shall get it sooner than at Dawson Hollow

D. H.

Capital Stock, $100,000. Shares, $50 Each.

THE CORNELIAN OIL COMPANY,

Shares, WALHONDING, No. 26

COSHOCTON COUNTY, OHIO.

It is hereby certified that Martin B. Hood of Albion Mich. is entitled to Fifty Shares of the Capital Stock of the Cornelian Oil Company. This Stock is transferable on the books of the Company only by the said Martin B. Hood or his lawful Attorney, on surrender of this Certificate. The holder of this Certificate, by the acceptance thereof, shall become a party to the existing articles of association of the Company; and shall be bound thereby as fully as if an original subscriber thereto, and shall be entitled to all the privileges and rights and subject to all the conditions and obligations of the original proprietor of said Stock.

In Witness Whereof, the Company have caused this Certificate to be signed by their President and Secretary, this 21st day of Nov.r 1859.

C. Osborn Secy. E. Cornell Pres.

I hereby appoint E. Cornell

my Attorney, and for me and in my name to transfer the

written fifty — Shares of the Capital Stock of the

Cornelian Oil Company, mentioned in the within Certificate.

Albion Mich Jan 4 1863

M. B. Wood

Fall River 11 mo 22 1839

Respected nephew
T Cornell

Thine of 13 inst Rec'd will answer it at once. that the may know the price of Coal Oil here it has been sold of late at retail for one dollar 87½ a gallon, & By the barrel it is 90 Cts a good article. I say this that the may know weather best to send some here, I think it Coal sell it at the Current price whatever that may be, some here will not burn if they think it not healthy, but a great deal of it sold in this place, we have burnt it for two years and think it the best light that we have had for a standing light. not so convenient to take about house. but think there will be something invented to acquire

the purpose of Common use about
house, you have Invested a large
amount I hope that it will be a
profitable Concern and think it will
for not any thing Comes a miss
with the at pat as I have known—
that Martin Wood moved from—
Michigan with his family it seems
that he is at the Oil works, Are you
for from any Settlement and how
for tell me in thy next, We are
getting a long a bout as when the
was here Injoying Comfortable health
I have not been quite so well this
fall as usual for me have had
frequent Ill turns but feel quite
well to day, We are having a storm
of rain to day I must Come to
a Close as I am going up street will
take this to the Office my wife &
daughters give me in Love to the
and thine write soon
Thine with respect
E Cornell Miller Chase

Albion Nov 26 1859

Dear Brother Ezra

I write you this morning for the purpos of informing you of the arival of Irving Wood from Iratist at our home the 24 he come the most of the way a foot and alone for the purpos of getting some place where he could board and go to schook as there nearest school was 2 and a holf miles off he is ragged and as Aunt Jane says looks like a begger boy But Dear Brother I am glad he come glad he had spunk enough to come under such circumstances I dont know as there is any other way for them poor children to get an education as have any privalages or opportunities of improvement but to start out alone and destitute as he has done Theis parents are

very poor and put to it for nothing
and I presume could not cloathe
him any better his cloathing that
he had consisted of blue cotton and
very ragged and Dirty at that Well
I am determined he shall have s
some cloathes and book and go to
school if I have to be to the expense
my self But Hiram think he has
got about all he can do to provide
for his own family and I know
that he haves pretty tight times
to get along ——— His books and
cloathes and schooling cant be lep
then 12 dollors to say nothing of
board that he can board here
Now Brother how is the rent for your
house in Albion situated could you
not give me an order on Mr Bidwell
for ten or 12 dollors to fit him out
with I expect you have a good

many such calls but you know the good book says what you give to the poor you lend to the Lord.
Phebe writes me your prospects of success in Ohio is very flattering which I am very glad to here I think you must almost need a gold mine to meet all the demands on you and I hope you will have it If I have ark to much in this I hope you will excuse me But I tell you Dear Brother my heart ~~A~~aches when I think of Deborahs poor children Irwin says they have provision to be comfortable but none to spare to get cloaths with what can they do them for cloaths also I dont know When may we have the happiness of a visit from you again I wish Mary Ann could come to, Do write me soon and excuse my awkward way if you can
Very affectionately your sister Mary C Robertson

Crawfordsville Nov. 26th 1859

Hon. D. A Noble
Manager L. N. A. & C. R R
New albany Ind
Dear Sir,

I observe that a telegraph line is being constructed along the line of your road; and I wish to enquire of you, who is putting up the line & by what authority, the reason for the enquiry is that myself and fellow townsmen subscribed some $2500. of stock in the Ohio, Indiana & Illinois Telegraph Company. The Company was duly organized and I was for several years the president of that Co. at the last regular meeting of the stockholders, the Directors were reduced to three and John W. Wright of Logansport Simon Barbor of Indianapolis & myself were elected directors. Mr Barbor was elected President of the Board, I was chosen Treasurer and Secretary of the Board, at our first meeting after election we were talking of leasing the lines to some other company we appointed a committee consisting of Robert E. Bryant, Douglas McGuire & Barbor to lease the lines under certain ~~Restrictions~~ restrictions, named in the resolution raising the committee. Mr Barbor I understand leased the lines to a man by the name of Cornell.

The other members of the committee informed me that they were not consulted & if they had been, they never would have sanctioned the lease as drawn and signed by Barbor. The Board of Directors never sanctioned the leasing of the lines to Cornell by Barbor nor was the lease in accordance with the restrictions in the resolution but a palpable violation of the order of the Board. Cornell took possession of the lines under the

pretended lease from Barbor (for it was nothing but a pretence) & the lines in that way passed out of the hands of the company. From that day to this there never has been a legal meeting of the stockholders of said Company. I have understood that you were putting up the line by permission or under the direction of some per=
=sons or corporation in New York. If you are you have no title or right in the premises. If you will consult the deed of Mr O'Rily to the Ohio, Indiana & Illinois Tel. Co. you will find he has conveyed to us the right to the lines then erected & to all the territory you are going to occupy upon the same conditions & stipulations the lines then erected were built. I have now in my possession the books and record of the Ohio, Ind. & Ill. Tel. Co. & there could be no legal meeting of the stockholders of the Co. except upon the publication of notices by the Secretary in the several newspapers specified in the Bylaws of the Co. I therefore say that I am yet one of the Directors of the Co. that I am the treasurer & Secretary of the Co. that no legal election has ever been had, since Wright Barbor & myself were elected - That Cornell got no valid lease of the lines, that the men who have been en=
gaged in taking away our wire & instruments we intend to hold to account for them. We have been badly treated & we are disposed to submit to it no longer - We feel that we have been wronged and we are determined that our rights shall be respected. If you or those you represent in putting up this line on your road will settle with our stockholders upon anything like fair terms, I have no doubt

you can compromise the matter, If you persist in going on with the Tel. line I shall be forced to file a bill to enjoin your further occupation of our territory & for the wire & instruments we had when Cornell took the lines about one thousand miles of wire & instruments at all the stations. The facts you will find all true by a correspondence or talk with your agent Mr R. E. Bryant of Lafayette who as before remarked was one of the Committee. If you will call on me I will show you the resolution of the Board raising the committee on the subject of leasing. I will also show you the Bylaws of the Co. to shew you there has been no legal meeting of the stockholders since & that the corporation is not dead, for the Directors were to hold their offices for one year & until their successors were duly elected - If a meeting was ever called I have no knowledge of it. I had all the books of the Co. except the stock certificate book which was left with the Prest. Barbor. I hope you will consult with those who are acting with you & let me know if you feel like compromising the matter upon any thing like fair terms. There is due me several years salary as treasurer which was fixed at $150. a year but as I have not had any money to keep for sometime, I shall say nothing about the pay except for one year

Very Respectfully

S. C. Willson