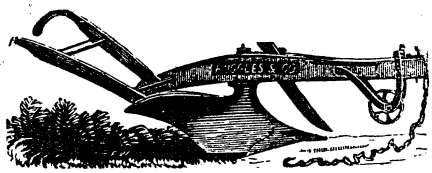

OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN AGENCY FOR THE

Hamburg International Agricultural Exhibition,

OF JULY, 1863.

AUSTIN BALDWIN & CO.,
72 BROADWAY,

New York Jan 15 1863.

H Cornell Esq Pres
N.Y. State Agricultural Society
Albany

Sir

We take the liberty of calling your attention to the Programme of the International Agricultural Fair to be held at Hamburg, in July next with a view of directing your interest in securing a representation of the agricultural products of our State as well as an exhibition at that place of some of the numerous improvements in Agricultural machinery in use among our citizens,

We are most happy to learn that your Society contemplate sending a delegation to this exhibition as we are confident that it will give the greatest pleasure to our people in Hamburg and as the exhibition of stock and everything connected with agricultural pursuits will doubtless be large it will probably amply repay any one for the time spent in the trip,

Yours very truly
Austin Baldwin & Co

You will please see that the Premiums of the Society are offered for competition at Hamburg and send a Programme of such premiums

Rochester Jan 16. 1863

Dear Sir

I have just received yours of yesterday addressed to W. Thompson Esquire.

I have at present no copy of the Circular & amendments to which you refer, & do not recollect the precise terms of the amendment proposed; but its whole object so far as I am aware, is, to authorize an increase of the Capital Stock of the Co. There are two reasons for this increase. It is proposed if fair terms can be made, to take in the Pacific line as far as Salt Lake, as a part of the West. Union. The latter Company already own nearly 2/3 of the stock of the Pacific line, & if the arrangement is made, stock would be issued for that portion of the line to the present stockholders of the West. Union pro rata, & for the residue to the few individual stockholders in the Pacific Co. I think this arrangement very desirable, & an increase of the Capital of the W. U. is necessary to accomplish it.

But there is another reason for adding to the stock of the W.L. Co. The profits of the Co. are so large, that a Dividend of 8 or 10 per cent per annum will not absorb them, & it is deemed by the Directors inexpedient to make larger Dividends, i.e. a greater per cent upon the stock. To meet this difficulty, it is proposed to increase the capital stock of the Co, the additional stock to be distributed & issued to the stockholders of the Co, in proportion to the stock previously held by them.

This amendment could be made at the annual meeting of stockholders in July next, by a vote representing 2/3 of the stock, But it is desirable to increase the stock before that period, & hence this effort to obtain the consent of all the stockholders.

I hope you will not see sufficient reason to withhold your assent, as that would defeat the measure. If the amendment

proposed is too broad, I will unite with you in July in getting it modified. but it cannot well be done now, as the amendment as it stands has been sent to all the stockholders, & the assent of many of them obtained.

This explanation will I hope be satisfactory to you. It would have been well, considering your large interest in the Co, if it had accompanied the printed circular

Very respectfully
yr.
Sam L Selden

Hon E. Carroll

J. H. Cornell
17 Jan 63

Detroit Jany 17th 1863

Dr Brother

Your letter of the 12th inst came to hand day before yesterday and in reply I have not as yet succeeded in finding any trace of Jno W. Cornell tho' I have been to every Hospital in this city.

I will make further Enquiry among the Ship Carpenters and advise you again.

I have written Hugo also your self since your return from Europe, but no answer to either.

In September I was temporarily appointed Quarter in the 27 Regmt Mich Inf Vol and have been so acting until the

15th Dec when there was a regular appointment made and since that I have not succeeded as yet in getting any thing to do. My time is at work for the regiment and have been since I went to Camp.

Tell Mary And I have this day bought Molly a sewing machine and she is as tickled as a little Wagon. Molly is well and sends her love, also the children.

Yours Truly

Jno F. Comell

E. Comell Esq

Albany N.Y.

Rochester Jan 17 - 1863.

Dear Sir

I wrote you yesterday in reply to yours of the 15th inst & by mistake directed it to the Assembly Chamber - I suppose however there is no doubt it will reach you without this notice -

Truly yours
Jas L Seller

Hon E. Carroll

Rochester Jan. 17. 1863

Hon. E. Carroll

Dear Sir,

Judge Selden has sent me your note of the 15th. The new article is a copy verbatim of the old, with the addition "& for such other purposes as the Board may deem expedient". In other words the Board has now full power to increase the Stock for the purpose of extending & taking in other lines. But as the stock is rising in market value, it has been thought expedient by some of the Stockholders to increase the amount for distribution amongst the present stockholders, so as to keep it down to par. This cannot be done without amending the article - & while no determination has been arrived at on this subject, yet it was thought advisable to obtain the authority to increase the Stock for this purpose - There has been no idea of increasing the Stock, ~~except~~ beyond the authority already proposed, except for the pro rata benefit of the present Stockholders - Yours resp'y. G. H. Mumford

Utica Jany 17th 1813

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I have just returned from Buffalo was detained there longer than I expected While at Buffalo I was importuned by several of the leading produce dealers there to get up a company to build a telegraphic Line between Buffalo & NY The produce dealers Comprising the Board of Trade are not satisfied with the manner in which their business is done at present I could while there have got from $50,000 to $75,000 subscribed towards building a line with a Capital

of $100, and The Buffalo brokers have made a great deal of money the best season and all of them feel quite rich & they are ready and anxious to invest in such a line of Telegraph as could go into the thing and make quite a sum in building the Line as they have no idea that a line could be put up for less than $100, and

How much the excitement at Rochester in Telegraph Stock has had to do with inciting the public or those men in Buffalo to get an interest in Telegraph lines I do not know but they have got the impression that there is no business like it & are anxious to invest in that business

I enclose my note payable one year after date for One thousand dollars with interest which with Scripts No 868 & 869 for 18 Shares of B & B Telegraph Stock as collateral for the payment of the note

I have been engaged the last fall in purchasing Bull & as I have done I kept no one to endorse money for me & endorsing for others I was obliged to use my stock as an endorser to raise the money except the last one enclosed. The stock

[illegible]

[illegible]

hear here but Should
you Case not to take it
as Collateral for only
four you can endorse
down the note to nine hun-
dred dollars & Send me
that Cent.

I have purchased a Ship Load to
N.Y. about 5000 Hds of Beef
at low prices most of which
is unsold

Yours Respectfully
Geo Curtis

If the Note is not drawn
Satisfactory please draw one
and Send me to Sign
I should like the money
as Soon as possible

Dear Sir

I shall have considerable leisure this Winter & if I had a list of the Stockholders of the Ohio Ind & Ill Tel Co I could pick up some of the Stock held by Small Shareholders that your co would not take the trouble to look up & by that means I could make a little to help make up some of my losses. I came across 4 shares in 3 Scripts a short time since which I purchased at $3. per Share

Can you put me in the way of obtaining the list of Stockholders or obtain it for me? I would be willing to pay one of the

Clerks in the Rochester
office for copying off
the list but I suppose
Mr Edmund would not care
to let me have it & at
same time would not hesitate
to give it to you
If you can obtain it
for me I shall be much
obliged

Yours
Geo Curtis

Geo Curtis
17 June 1862

Ithaca Jany 17, 1863

E. Cornell Esq.

Dr Sir,

My son's friends in New York thought he ought to send a Petition to Gov. Seymour with the recommendation of some Democrats in N. York & Ithaca.

The four first names are New Yorkers, three of whom are Democrats. Those from Ithaca you know — they signed very cheerfully. Please have the kindness to do the best you can, & we will be satisfied. If he gets the appointment it will be a good service to him in getting acquainted with business men — & will perhaps relieve my pocket a little, and you know in these times they are not plethoric.

I did not consider it necessary to get numerous signers.

Yours of the 15th was received last evening. Our friends do not wish you to vote for a Rebel if the House was even organised. They wish no compromise to the sacrifice of principle. But all things considered they prefer to trust to your judgement and join "abstaining" but you do as you please.

Notice by the New York Papers of last evening "you had quite a time yesterday. I would have been well pleased to have been a looker-on. From all I can learn of Cullicott he might be a very acceptable man to Rebellions & loyalists. The "Secesh" has seem to be a little down in the mouth over your doings.

In relation to the Hall or Library I will take an early opportunity to see some of our friends and talk the matter over. I have spoken to two or three, and they are agreed to have a meeting of a few reliable men to see whether we can devise any thing that might be of service to you. For after all we of that you will do pretty much as your own judgement dictates.

Very Truly Yours
B W Lakey

F C Conell
18 Jan 63

Ithaca New York
Jan 18th 1863

Dear Father

Your letter of the 12th I received in due time — I have looked all over the house for those tables that you wrote for but I cannot find them — perhaps they may be in your portfolio but — I have no key that will fit it so I could not look there —

We are having very good luck so far with our lambs — but I tell you it is a good deal of work to look after them John has not been to bed the past week at all — and I dont think he will for two weeks to come — We have got 20 lambs that is smart only one pair in the lot we have lost 3 lambs only and one of those were twins and one lost

lost its mother before it died itself the other that we lost came in the snow and froze — but we are making the Ewe bring up another lamb that lost its mother — We have lost 3 Ewes 2 of them just after lambing the other had the red watter John said — the 2 that died after lambing I guess ketched cold and had the inflamation

Only 4 of those ewes that went to Courtland took back — the rest of them being in lamb 2 of the ewes lambed while there one of them lost her lamb the other is smart — Randall Man sayed that there had only one lambed but John told him that he knew better — We got them home first rate Nate took lumber wagon & John the Democrat & went & fetched them in one day — You have seen before this who was Elected Officers of the Agricultural society — by the Journal —

Our stock is doing very well

Yet I have sold some of the cattle that we were feeding for 5¢ per Pound alive and I guess I can get 5¢ for ~~all~~ but the Bulls & old Cliv & Damsdale

We Commenced threshing Clover Saterday — Friday & Thursday it rained & Thursday night it froze & rained so that the trees are loded down with ice some of the limbs are breaking badly I tried to knock the ice off but I could not — The Thermometer was only 3° above Zero this morning —

Sue and the baby is getting along pretty smart — the baby is having the stomach ache to night Sue went down to tea to night for the first time — she has taken care of the baby herself for two weeks — She cant find a name for her yet tell Mother that she will have to look up one for her there as there is none here —

I wish when you write to me again you would enclose

a letter to Mr C Preston of Caroline center requesting him to remit one the $25.00 for the use of that Buck he had I think he will pay it more willingly now than after he begins to have the lambs—

The Buck that McGraw had Has not come home yet nor the one that went to Vermont—

Charley Smith bought the Mack place where Hance lives the other day when it was sold for $4125— I call that pretty cheap.

I offered Goodrich $90 for his House & Lot up on Cascadilla Street. he would not take it

Yours Affectionately
Frank Cornell

E Cornell Esq

PS Tell Brothers that the spoons arrived all right—

W. Irving Wood
19 Jan 63
26 Reg. Mich Inf

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Alexandria Va. Jan. 19th 1863.

Dear Uncle

I will try to write you a letter to day and let you where I am and how I like it down here in Virginia I am in the Hospital now I have been well and have enjoyed myself first rate until Jan. 1st I was taken sick with a severe cold which has settled on my lungs and I cough with it yet 2nd I was taken with the billious fever 3rd with the mumps and I expect every day to be taken down with the measles as I have been exposed to them there is six cases of measles in the tent that I am staying in the measles go light with us we have not lost a man out of our Regt since we left Michigan

We left Camp Jackson Dec. 13th (Michigan) for Washington via Toledo Cleavland Dunkirk Elmira at Elmira we stoped at the barracks and staid 30 hours to wait for cars the next day we were put into grain cars and rode in them until we came to Baltimore where we changed for passenger cars we got to Washington the 18th staid there one day and two nights the next day I went through town as much as I could without being taken by the Provost guard I went through the main part of the Capitol and its grounds. It was all very handsom but I must say that Washington is a dirty place it is not so handsom as our northern cities and towns except its Public buildings and a few dwelling houses

The 20th We started for Union Mills we got there the 20th after two days hard marching we slept on the ground some of the coldest nights of the season we got to Union Mills about 8 Oclock at night it was dark and cold and a strange place Our Colonel told us to stack arms and make ourselves as comfortable as possible some of the boys were so tierd that they layed down on the ground and it required all the energy of the other boys to get them up and get them to a piece of cedar woods where we had built our fires we ate what little bread and meat we had left and laid down to rest I slept well that night and the next day after I got my breakfast I sat down to write a letter home. our baggage Waggons did not come that day so we

slept on the ground the next night the next day the Waggons came and we erected our tents in good style expecting to stay there all winter but a week from the day we got there we were ordered back to this place our Regt is acting as provost guard for this town Alexandria is full of secesh but they dare not say so Virginia is a desolate place the houses are nearly all burned fences all gone I would not like to live here I had rather live in Piatt. I had a letter from home dated Jan 8th our folks are well Daniel says he has chopped 15 acres on his place he is going to school now he says he shall put in twenty acres of wheat next fall. I have a letter from Aunt Rhebe dated Jan 1st all well there and one from Cousin Benj dated Dec. 25th he was well his Regt camped near Fairfax Station. I must now stop writing and lay down.

Please write soon

Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell

W. Irving Wood

Steeds Ville: Jany 20th 1863

E Connell

Respected Sir

I Rec'd a few days ago the Blanks for the agricultural Statistics. I will fill them up according to order.

We have in our place a Nice fenced Park with trees of different kinds Set out in it but we have no authority to keep Cattle out or no authority to turn Cattle out if any one sees fit to turn them in which has been done what I Kind of a law can be pasey. that Some one can be appointed that can have legal authority to See that the Park is Kept in order and that every thing can be Kept out. will You investigate and report

Obliging your Obt Servt

D L Bush P.M.

Smithville March 3d 1863

Thurs Carroll

Sir I dont Exactly understand that our Park matters Can have anything to do with Common town meetings as it is Local ~~interest~~ Entirely I Supposed a man or men Could be appointed by Some authority to act as overseers of Said park but if we Carry it to town Meeting we must have a Special act to bring men before the Meeting as in the Nominations no Such officers are known Now You can I think have an act passed to that effect that we Elect overseers

I have Completed the Statistics of Our School district Some time ago. and you will have it onhand for the use intended

How are you getting along with Seymour Gov of New York City not the Country. for in Newyork City we have all kinds of Dishonest men Even in Politicks I am Glad Seymour did not get the Police from Wyork. Consistency thou art a Jewell.

Is your address in pamphlet form; I have not Seen it. I hope the war wont Close until all aristocracy hatred usurpation Cruelty Bigotry & Superst=ition is thrashed out of them usurpers and until Sin in every form will bow the Knee to the Supremacy of the Law of humanity and Civilisation until Southern Nabobs will Yield to the great principles of humanity & just rights Red White or Blacks No matter Freedom to all is the point & Sooner or Later that principle must Succeed God & Righteousness will finally Outride despots. Amen

J. L. Bush

J. H. Wade, President, *Cleveland, O.*
E. Creighton, Sup't, *Omaha, N. T.*

Hiram Sibley, Vice Pres't,
I. R. Elwood, Sec'y and Treas. } *Rochester, N. Y.*

Pacific Telegraph Company,

Cleveland, O., Janry 20th 1863

E. Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

In answer to yours of the 15th I have not the data from which to make as detailed a statement of the receipts & Expenses of the Pacific line as you desire

The result however will not vary much from adding thus for to the net earnings of the W. U. Co. two per cent upon the present Capital of $3,000,000.

Mr Elwood has the details and can give you all you desire

Yours Respectfully

J. H. Wade

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Jany 20 1863

E. C. Sir. W. U. Co holds $574,300 out of of Million in Pacific Stock

I send you list of Stockholders outside our Co. so far as I know them. There are probably some changes that I know nothing about. Of course this list is confidential. Stebbins has sold all out.

No terms have been suggested on which to take the Pac into our Co. & Smith will be opposed to consolidation at present.

The Earnings & expenses of the Pac. Co cannot be got at with Exactness. The accts are in the greatest confusion.

I am Secy & Treas. and the accts are sent home. But it was thought best they should be post examined at Omaha. Unfortunately the person first employed made "Confusion worse Confounded". The one now employed will be useful. I give to these accounts what time I can spare to try & unravel them & make them intelligible & agree with each other.

As along a great part of the line, there is no communication and battery supplies & provisions for the offices and for repeaters have to be sent by Special train; it will be a good while before the accts get reduced to any tolerable order.

I am satisfied the Co. is making

large profits from their business, adding the Govt. Subsidy

Resp Yours

S. R. Thurston

J. Butts	Rock		$10.000 —	10.000
E. Cobb			2,500	
G. R. Hicks	Clev		27.500	
W. Hunter	"		2,500	
J. Rushby	Rock		26.000 —	26.000
F. C. G. Ritts	England		7,000	
N. Sage	Rochester		4000	
C. F. Stimson	Clev		500	
H Sibley			~~75.000~~ —	75.000
A. Stone Jr	Clev		25.000	
D A Watson	Rock		25.000	25.000
W Wade			103.200	103.200
Stillman Mott	Clev		15.000	
Wyles	"		2.500	
E. Creighton	Omaha		100.000	
			425.700	
W. U. Co			574.300	
			1,000,000	

J. W. Elwood
Aug 20, 1865

E. C proportion in California line is about $89.916

Ithaca Jan 21st 62

Wm. E. Cornell

Dr Sir

In reply
to yours of the 16th inst,
I will endeavor to per-
form the duty which
you require of me with
promptness in getting
the statistics of our county.
The blanks are mostly
distributed in the hands
of competent men, and
we have already one
return in.

Yours Respectfully
Anson Brannan

Strictly confidential

Black Rock Jany 21/63

My dear Sir

Since I wrote you the other day about Mr Stevens herd of Cattle, I learn that his herd has been mainly broken up and dispersed by a forced sale. And that McPeters, of Darien Georgia Co has bought a drove or portion of them. As McPeters himself informs me. I saw a notice in Co Journ that Peters had made such a purchase - but supposed the Rebs were slandering me on the party Stevens. As I have had no communication with the latter since I was at my home some 6 or 8 weeks ago, I knew nothing of particulars. I regret the whole thing very much. & later together, it was a herd of great excellence. And yet, al-

L. F. Allen 21. J 63

Hon. Pelig brought the Cattle at almost nominal price, (for Bank Stock,) he can't get a pedigree to one of them, as he writes me, as they were sold without Catalogue. + 200 on hot.

Mr Sherman kindly knows what their pedigrees are, and refuses to disclose them - very natural on his part, when forced from him - Consequently, without pedigree, the Cattle can prove of little value to a breeder who relies on Sales or Sales. They are simply "Prime" Steers - I have thought it proper to write you this, as from my note the other day, you might possibly be making inquiries of Mr Sherman about his Cattle.

Truly Yours L. F. Allen

Hon R. Corwin

F. M. Rotch
22. Jan 63.

Springfield Jan 22/63

Dear Sir

Your favr of the 9th inst has been forwarded to me at this place and has only just reached me. which delay, will account for my not having replied to your flattering invitation to furnish an article for the Transactions on Merino Sheep. I regret to say that my engagements will prevent my complying with your request in time for the Annual Meeting in Feb. To do justice to the subject and to place this branch of the subject in as fair a point of view, and in as able a manner as the Fine wool Classes will, by the Hon Jno Randal, would require more time and research than I can now

command. I trust the delay in your letter reaching me and consequently in my reply may not seriously inconvenience you, and that some abler pen than mine may be found to set forth the merits and qualities of the "Mutton Sheep"

Very truly yours.

Hand Wm. Potts.

Hon E. Connell.

Ithaca January the 22d. 1863

Dear Sir

I received yours last week & take this the first opportunity to answer the same My Son Edgar has the charge of the Reports of our town & will Endeavor to get them taken as soon as he possibly can I regret to see that there is two so important Crops as Clover & Timothy Seed left out of the report & I Shall try & have them taken in our School District for I think it will amount to some thousands of Dollars Different in our Report or some hundreds of bushels of both Clover & timothy for there are many very fine Crops of Clover Seed in our town that I Should like to see in the Statistics of our County at the time we gave many of our Reports out at our Annual meeting of our Ag Society a man who took one from the town of Caroline Said he was Sorry that they had not put in Maple Sugar for there was Some tons of Maple Sugar made in his School District last Spring an other Spoke about Honey So You See there Seems to be always some one that think it could be made better when you leave Some of their products out of the report I am at Ithaca this week attending Court on the Grand Jury & Shall Endeavour to press it on the minds of the Jurors the importance of having the

Reports made immediately & as full as they can get them we have fine sleighing on the the hills.

Yours &c

Henry Brewer

H. Brewer
22 Jany 63

Office of the Saratoga County Agricultural Society,

Saratoga Springs, Jan 24th 1863

Hon. E. Cornell

Dr Sir

I wrote to you by our member (Hon (W.W. Humphrey) calling your attention to a defect in the dog tax law of last winter. I hope you received the letter and will give it your serious attention.

It seems to me that you ought to provide some stringent rule by which the transactions of the State Society and the American Institute would be printed and ready for distribution by the time of holding our Annual Fairs in the fall our local Society awards these books as premiums and we have not received those of 1862 at this time. We memorialize the Legislature on this subject in 1859 or 60 when a resolution was adopted requiring the books to be ready by the first of September but this failed to procure them if these books are to be regarded as of any value to the people, it is important that they should be published much earlier.

Can you tell me how much it cost the people of Rochester for fitting up the last State fair? I ask this question that this locality may be better informed when it

will apply for the next exhibition

Very Respectfully
Yours &c Tilbury

T. A. Casey
24 Aug. 1863

Painesville Jan 12 1863

Hon E Carnell

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of Yours letter of 12th inst and my answer has been delayed until I could see from Mr Osborn now at Columbus The questions in relation to the Brooklyn property I suppose is one rather of legal Construction of the Contract - than the usages & Customs of Real Estate dealers & seems to us so clear that I had no doubt - You Could readily & easily satisfy Yourself by Consulting any disinterested Counsel - As we have a desire to have this to us at least - Unpleasant Matter settled if it Can be done without too great a Sacrifice of what we suppose Understood is Equitable and Right for us we will Submit the Contract and the Question of how the land is to be measured under it to the decision of a disinterested Party as Yours Counsel . Shall the Statement of the Case and Contract in writing be Submitted or will it be necessary for me to Come down

Very Truly Yrs
A Wilcox

Albany Janr 29th 1863

Dear Sir

Your favor of 24th inst is at hand, saying "We will submit the contract and the question how the land is to be measured, under it to the decision of disinterested parties as you propose, Shall the statement of the case and the contract in writing be submitted or will it be necessary for me to come down?"

I have to answer that I have no copy of the contract, If you will do me the favor to send a copy of the contract and the statement you propose to submit with the contract, I shall at once be able to answer the question in your last quoted above, I have no desire to make you the slightest unnecessary trouble, and to get the earliest possible settlement of the matter.

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

A. Wilcox. Esq

A. Wilcox
24 Janr 63

Clinton Jan 24 1863

Dear Sir

I think what is called the "Onondaga Salt Group of Rocks" local in a certain sense. The Gypsum of that Group is local with reference to the Group, I think the same of the salt — that is the Group may exist without either Gypsum or salt

The salt group is so extended East and West of Onondaga the presumption is that it is wider than the distance from Salina to Ithaca — I have no doubt but you may reach the salt rocks by boring at Ithaca — It may require deep boring but I think the rocks are there; I cannot conceive how the rocks of the salt Group could have been deposited without a much wider range — But whether you will find rock

rock salt or a copious supply of strong brine and how high the brine will rise in your wells without lifting Are questions not easily answered I think Geology cannot answer them, very definitely. The dip of the strata and the characteristics of the strata furnish useful hints. If you have a spring in your marshes affording brine you have an important local fact. But not entirely conclusive. I know a spring about six miles west of our college in the town of Lemon where the Indians made salt in small quantities in the latter part of the last century but I would not advise any one to expend time and money on the location because I think from the position of the spring the amount of brine is too small and too weak to

to bring it into competition with the Onondaga springs - There may be much doubt whether salt was made by the Indians on the Ithaca marshes. The Indians were very secretive and much inclined to the Mysterious I have been inclined think the Indians and their traditions poor authority on the subject of Mines and Minerals - I suppose the basin of your Lake is one of excavation and its influence upon your rocks is merely to clean the strata through which the excavation has been cut. The specific gravity of strong brine is so great that it readily shuts under fresh water as may be seen at the Salt fields of Syracuse -

You want a closed basin in the salt Group to make the probabilities strong in favor of success - But as Salt and strong brine are found in

in other rocks far removed Geologically from the "Onondaga Salt" a failure cannot be predicted with certainty -

If I am asked for advice I will be to expend only so much money as each one is really able to lose - As a scientific experiment a boring at Ithaca or Watkins will be very interesting - If Salt is not found something else may be brought to light. The most Eastern deposit of Gypsum in this State was found by digging into a hill for Silver - A Geologist would have said there was no Silver there but he would not have said there was Gypsum there -

Please give my respects to Mr Mack

Yours Respectfully

C. Root

Wm S Bostwick

Prof Chas Root
Jan 24/63

Danby- May 24th 1863

Hon. E. Cornell—

Dear Sir—

Your favor of 16th inst. was received on the 20th.— I am happy to inform you that the blanks for taking ~~Statistics~~ are all distributed; & in the hands of competent men (in each school dist. in this town) who have promised to give the matter prompt & earnest attention.

All the blanks, but two were distributed by me before I received your letter.—

I understand that some of our townsmen are circulating a petition or

Remonstrance against raising local bounties by tax. — In this town it was distinctly understood that the necessary Amount to cover Bounty ($25.00 pr man) and the actual disbursements of the "War Committee" in raising the quota of volunteers I was to be paid by tax. — It was brought befor the people at every war meeting & a vote taken on the question — which was one unanimous, Aye! —

Is it necessary for us to make any counter movement?

The recommendation contained in Governor Seymour's Message seems to have committed him in favor of authorizing local bounties to be paid by tax.

When you get an organization in your body — will you be kind enough to make an early movement in this matter.

Can our "War committee" help the thing along any by sending a deputation to the "third House"?

Anything that I can do to help along the Agricultural interest in our bounty Society will be done with pleasure. —

Respectfully Yours
E. L. T. Beers

Dear Sir

New York January 24 1863

During the contest for Speaker I suppose you are not very much driven in the way of business. If not, & you will communicate to me any information you may have respecting the application of Petroleum to heating furnaces & raising Steam in lieu of Coal & wood. I will be obliged to you. Did you go & witness its operation on the Clyde & some other Steam on the Island of Grand Manan when there

A party whose acquaintance I have formed has purchased 1300 acres of coal on Yellow Creek, at Hammondsville. They have a refinery there but their coal does not seem to make good burning oil, that will compete with the best qualities of Kent. The party says its specific gravity is about 40 degrees the Petroleum in general is about 40 degrees & that the company at Saratoga in that vicinity is attempting a machine to run a Locomotive by burning oil. If this can be made a practical thing. There will be many advantages in it. A vessel to China can convey fuel enough to last three or four 10 Ton is putting fuel in a very compact form. The next question to be considered is whether the Petroleum can be carried in casks through tropical climates without explosion. If it be put in water perhaps air tight compartments, or at least away from the heat.

Very Respectfully

W. G. Pew

care the Brewers

Merchants Exchange

New York

E. Cornell Esq

Albany

Ithaca New York

Jan^{y} 25th 1853

Dear Father

I received your letter asking me to send the Telegraph book &c I sent the book Saturday and with this I send a copy of the organization of the Farmers Club. but I think before you can get it recorded in the Secretary of State you will have to get an acknowledgment of the same from our Clerk.

We have at present 45 Lambs we have lost 3 & killed 2. we have lost 4 old sheep — the weather is very warm for this time of year Thermometer ranging from 40 to 50° above zero it is very favorable for our lambs we have got about 50 Ewes to lamb yet. It looks to me as though we were going to have to pay

pretty well for help another
Cedar Rod told me to day that
he wanted $230 next year if he kept
house & boarded himself he says he
has been offered $175.00 & board for
next year. I offered him $240 rather
than take the chances of getting
a good man in that house that
would attend to things around the
barns & board hands when we are
Thrashing. but I hardly think he
will except the offer if he does not
I will give him $175.00 and board
him and run the risk of getting some
boddy else in the house. I dont think
I will have Nate for Perry has offered
him more than I will give.

If Wm. Mitchell writes to
you about buying the corner of the
Smith farm that joins him tell
him that you dont want to sell
it but dont tell him that I told you
to tell him so

I have got my Clover thrashed
shant have over 45 bushells
but it is very nice I shall want
10 bushells to sow. Perry will want
some perhaps. the seed I shall sell
it is worth now about $5.00.

Shall we pay Randolph $35 for
rent 40 acre lot $25. that he says you
promised to pay on the new Church bell.

We are all well but the baby
she has not been very well for a day
or so. Hoda little girl has got
the Scarlett Fever but is doing
very well

Yours Affectionately
Frank E Cornell

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Etna Jan 23 63

Hon E Powell

Dr Sir Yours in regard to Agricultural Statistics was duly rec'd. I made enquiry at Currant as directed but found no blanks At had sent them to our neighbor Simeon Snyder, Sec. of the Dryden Agr. S. I think he will attend promptly to the matter. I will keep an eye that way. The matter was discussed and the importance of a thorough canvass fully urged at our annual meeting at Dryden. We are looking with great interest to the organization of the House. From our stand point it seems that the Union men have lost ground a little for the last day or two

We most heartily rejoice at the calm dignity with which the Citizens were met under the tirade of abuse and threats of their opponents, thereby giving them full opportunity to show the "Cloven foot" We still hope all's for the best

Permit me to say a word in regard to our town tax

Now we undoubtedly informed that our Supervisor, acting under the advice of very many of our best men & bravest tax payers, put the whole of our volunteer bounty fund into the tax. We believe he did most wisely for the honor and interest of the town in so doing. It is really wonderful with what cheerfulness the people have responded. I am informed by the Collector that seldom if ever has the tax been paid so cheerfully and so nearly all within the 30 days

You may remember that our bounty fund was $13,000, that added to the ordinary tax makes nearly $24,000 a very handsome sum for one town to shoulder at once, but Dryden has done it, and I have the greater pride in her good sense and generous patriotism for so doing. And now to complete the good work so well begun I hope that as soon as may be after the organization, the Legislature & Gov. will pass such an act as will enable our town authorities to finish the job, giving the town board, ~~although~~ to audit all claims upon this bounty fund, & directing the Supervisor to make a full and specific report in regard to all moneys rec'd & Expended & the

amount on hand of the county
fund at the next annual
Town meeting be assured
I shall be glad to see any
communication you may be
pleased to make to me
Make our regards to Mrs
Cowell & the children with you
Yours truly
J R Robertson

J. Robertson
Es. June. 63

In Camp in Louisiana opposite
the mouth of Yazo River and about 12
miles above Vicksburgh Jan 26th 1863

Dear Brother

I have written to you three times since I left Illinois but have received no answer, from which I conclude that my letters have either failed to reach you or that yours have miscarried which I think the most probable. We left Memphis about a week ago with a fleet of 13 steam boats which our Division here and we have now got comfortably encamped again and our men are being detailed with others to work on the canal which is being cut across the point opposite Vicksburgh — I have not been down to the canal yet which I believe is about 3 miles from camp, but shall go with the next detail from our company after today. Should go today but for the reason that I have 3 fireplaces + Chimneys to build for the boys in their tents, I built 4 yesterday and am now sitting on the ground in front of ours writing by the light of a cypress wood fire — we have got into a peculiar habit of drawing brick and building fireplaces as soon as we get encamped and we find comfortable o' nights even in the famed sunny South, we have the Sibley, wall, and bell tents, we drew Shelter tents at Jackson Tenn, but threw them by as worthless and after a great deal of trouble and much suffering were fortunate enough to get those we now have,

I can give you no war news for the reason we get no news to spare and then it is stale to every body outside of camp before we get it. there has been a great deal of trouble about our getting our mails since we left Jackson Tenn. Nov. and in fact about the amount of what do get that we can depend upon is mouldy bread, musty bacon body lice and curses from drunken officers, yet we manage to worry along and try hard to get used to such things. I have had only 3 letters from my wife since I left Illinois and in the last one she wrote me she was very much in need of some money but as we have not been paid yet I have none to send her, she is at her fathers and ~~with~~ her child with her, Austin is with a Mr Gibbs going to school, I wish you would help her a little if you can until pay day comes yet when that will be I cannot tell, I left my team, waggon and crops with mr Lambert and he has gone to Maine, or rather went to Maine on a visit last fall and has not disposed of the crops yet only so far as to pay expence of threshing gathering corn &c. — my wheat last year was nearly a total failure and the oats not much better. I sowed 22 acres of wheat, put on 4 & bushels of seed and only got a triple over 100 bushels of wheat. I had 10 acres oats which yealded about 200 bushels. I had also 8 acres of corn which was good. I also had 7 acres of rye which yealded about 25 bushels It took the wheat Rye and oats to pay the expences and a few debts I owed and the corn is yet in the ears

I am now 5th Sergent and Color bearer in the 95th Ill. Infantry Regt. 1st Brigade 6th Division of Grants Army, my health is very good and has been so most of the time since I left home. yet there are many of our men from this Regt. unfit for duty - we had 101 men in our Co. at Camp Fuller Ill, but today we have only 45 for duty I believe however that our co is not a fair average as regards health, I think the regt. is about 750 strong my light is about played out and I must close Direct to, Co. G. 95th Regt. Ill. Vol. care Capt E. M. Bush. via Cairo & Memphis

Respectfully
D Bleornell

E Cornell Esqr
Ithaca N Y

New York Jan'y 26th 1863

Hon Ezra Cornell —

Dear Sir —

When I last saw you in Albany I agreed to send you a list of my Ithaca Real Estate, which I enclose herewith — The whole is for sale in one lot — or, excluding the Warehouse property which I would quite as soon retain — The 20 acres with a Water Can Carry make it — if desired — With bond & Mortgage — which I think Can be Collected inspection of the property Mortgaged —— I have held this entire property a long time — and am now so situated that I dont want it — and am determined to sell — If you want it you Can have it on about your own terms — so that you will be sure to make some Money out of it — If I lived at Ithaca & Could find one man outside fear of his own Shadow, to join me, I would undertake to make all that Valley property valuable — I know it Can be done — and I know that you Can put the way — & have the means, to do it — and you, more than any other Man in Ithaca are now deadly intended in having it done —

— I have an application & an offer for the Fall Creek Water power — but have declined to sell it till I hear from you as I suppose you would want that if you did the rest — Your Steam Boat Landing is the best point in Ithaca for grinding Grain or Plaister — In fact a Mill there Could Certainly Monopolize the Plaister trade — & make it as Cheap as desired — and the Cost of taking Water there from Fall Creek Bridge would be less than original Cost of Tunnel & Dam at top of the Fall — " —— "

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Congratulate you upon the peaceful Organization of the House — The result is even better than I expected — We are doing [illegible] here at the North, with our enemy quite as Malicious — daring, and determined, as our Enemies at the South — and our only hope in this contest is to keep from them the power to do Mischief ———

Yours Truly H. W. Sage

H. W. Sage
26 Jan 63

Danby Jany 29th 1863

Hon E. Carroll -

Dear Sir -

Since writing you on the 24th I have seen some other numbers of our "War committee"; and they are quite anxious to have your advice as to the propriety of making a counter movement; to offset the remonstrance that is now being circulated in this town by the Seymour men & semi Secessionists - against laying the town bounty by tax. -

In a former letter

I told you what the understanding was at the time we offered the bounty. —

On the faith of the votes taken at those war meetings the committee have borrowed the money on their individual paper of J. B. Williams and are now holden to him fast.

Quite a number of our patriotic citizens have signed a guaranty bond indemnifying the war committee for their action: with the distinct understanding that the money should be raised by tax. — It does not seem right that a few should bear the burden which brings a benefit to all — and prevented drafting. —

The committee are desirous of seeing that remonstrance — but those who have it in charge are very carefull not to give us an opotunity. —

Should that paper come into your handp — as it probably will — can we not secure a copy with the signatures attached thereto? We must know who signed that paper before town meting. —

An early answer will much oblige the committee & also

Yours Respectfully

E. L. B. Lewis

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St Nicholas Hotel Janf. 27th 1863

Ed Connell Esq

Dr Sir

You made no reply to my last letter & I infer that the Election of Speaker Engrossed your attention

The rise in our Stock has thrown upon the Market some 30 or 40 Shares of our Stock which I have bought & have sold Again to parties Operating R. R. in the West all important Men & Valuable Stockholders I am in treating the Supt & President of Wester R. R. and putting the Stock into the hands of my friends as for as practicable

Your Son was here a few days since & left word for me that you would sell some of your Stock for 160c If you desire to sell at a cent off 159c I think I will take 100 Shares as I believe I can get 160c which will reimburse me for work for the Co I have made on procuring the Stock for some men that it was important to interest

Please answer me here at once by Letter care St Nicholas Hotel

Yours Truly Hiram Sibley

Ithaca Jan 27 1863

Dear Brother

Yours was duely received and I got the refusal of 200,000 brick for a few days at $5,00 at the Kiln, he had been offered $4.88 and had refused it, for all he had after Talking with A.B. he seemed to think that it was not best to make the contract as it would be late in the season before you would want to use them if you did at all next season. The terms of pay I agreed with on was $200 between now and the first of April and a payment on the 15 April say 200 $300 and the balance along as they were used in the buildings. I shall let the matter rest untile I hear from you unless he calls on me for an answer

I received a letter from Nelson a few days ago and he seems very anxious to start the grocery business again in Easton but he has not succeeded in collecting so as to warrent starting on his own account which he wishes to do if he does at all, he says they have made over $1500. a year since he has been in business there but they were in the habit of trusting and when they closed up their proffits were all on the Books, he says that is the reason why they closed up busines so as to collect their debts and commence a cash business, he says Messrs Broadwell and Corwin would furnish the capitel to start again as they were before, that is they furnish the capitel and Nelson do the work and Each have half but he says he can just as well have the whole if he could only get Capitel Enough to start with, He wanted me to ask you to loan him $1000 for one or two years, he is very confident that he can pay the interest promptly and also pay the principal in 2 years he says their Sales Averaged during the last year $2000 per Month, he says his credit in New York is good and by having $1000 in cash he can start a very fair Business and secure his old Customers but says he shall do a strictly cash business, he wishes to know what he can do soon, as he has the refusal of the same Store that he was in before, he proposes to Commence the first of May but wishes to know if he can get the Money so as to secure the Store now and have some repairs done to it

Old Mrs Bates was buried last Sunday

Our people here are all well

Please write soon and oblige

Yours Respectfully E. B. Cornell

Ithaca N.Y.
Jan'y. 28, 1863

Hon E. Cowell

Dr Sir - You will recollect that last March, Mr. Love & myself sent you some papers to hand to the Court of Appeals - You did hand them to the clerk, to hand to the Court in June (the papers not reaching you in time to hand to the Court at the March term) - We have not heard from the Case - The Title of the Cause is Timothy C. White agt. Charles N. Wagers

Will you do me the favor to enquire of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals what has become of the Cause & inform me?

Yrs Respfly. Marcus Lyon

1862 Oct. 13. Judgment affirmed with costs.

Marcy Lyon
2 & Jan 1863

Wetherby.
Yorkshire - England.
Jany 28th 1863.

My dear Sir.

I am duly in receipt of your letter and as regards 2nd Duke of Sharpdale, the young roan bull you saw at Wetherby when there, I do not feel disposed to take the sum you offer, & which I asked for the white bulls, as I consider the roan bull, & the Duke of Sharpdale which is now out at Colonel Townley's, the two most valuable male animals I at present have, but if you wish for him I will take seven hundred guineas for him (£.735.), & will put him on board steamer at Liverpool. He is bespoke when old enough for a celebrated herd in this country, but owing to your speaking of him, I have made the condition of letting him depend on your answer to this, as to his purchase & consequently an early answer will oblige me much - I am, Dear Sir

faithfully yours
Robert Hunter

To
Geo Cornell. Esq
New York.

Ludlowville N.Y.
Jan 29. 1863

Hon E.B. Connell

Dear Sir,

Without the pleasure of a personal acquaintance by introduction I was agreeably surprised at the reception from you of a Copy of the Evening Journal Almanack, the neatest got up & most excellent compend of statistics I have seen, please accept my thanks for your kindness.

I have no time to state particulars but beg leave to introduce to Your favorable notice the sad condition of our Village under the usual influence of secession Democracy & a Rum Town.

The disgraceful truth is we are overwhelmed with unrestrained Rowdyism, and I desire your advice as to legislative aid in its most simple but effective form to relieve us.

Hon J.B. Williams did me the favor to say he would to your notice & thro you to the Senate my application for reappointment to the very Honorable Station of Notary public, perhaps he has done so, & in such case please excuse the repetition especially under the circumstance when it appears doubtful whether Republicans stand any chance of notice.

Desirous to hear from You & with respects to Senator Freeman I am very truly yr obt Servt

John Ludlow

Ithaca June 29 1863

Hon Dear Sir

Considering your usual promptness in doing anything in your charge especially as regards our own officers. I would conclude that you had forwarded the Testimonials for Lieut Tarbell to the Secretary of War. At all Events his name has gone before the Senate and it now only remains to so post up Senator Harris as to the worth and merits of Tarbell, that he will suffer no harm in the Senate Should any one be disposed to do it.

If you have not sent the Petition I send you forward please send it to the care of Senator Harris with a proper request for his assistance. I suppose any name now that

any name that would have weight with Senator Harris will be most valuable. Please advise me of what you have done in the premises

Yours &

Hon Ezra Cornell, Ithaca N.Y.

Montreal Telegraph Company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

MONTREAL, Jany 29th 1863

My dear Sister

I most heartily rejoice with you at the fall of the hideous secession democracy in our great state. I have but little conception of the excitement which you have passed through in this extraordinary struggle. It is wonderful to witness the great peril & final rescue of our Cause at the different periods of our great struggle. I feel quite

All join in sending love to you & Emma

Affy Yours
Oyrus

Certain that we shall yet be saved but in what manner I do not yet clearly or even dimly see. The resolution of the Govt to send Butler back to N.O. is the strongest proof of that. I see lately that we are progressing.

I am anxious to increase the number of my shares in the Western Union Tel Co which I hear are now held at $150 & $160 per share. I want Ten shares & as you and Cyrus hold so large an amount I thought that I would venture to ask you how much money you would ask me besides the interest that I have in the home farm for ten shares of stock.

I would not propose to sell my interest if I thot by so doing the farm would be more likely to pass out of the hands of the family but as you have consummated the purchase of Morris & Wis interests if it should fall wholly into your possession it would be more secure than it is at present I think.

If I should sell it or exchange it as I now propose for stock I would appropriate the proceeds or dividends as soon it to the support & aid of

members of the family less favored than you and I have been,

I would also like my affairs in better shape for settlement than they now are if left for others besides myself to arrange. If you think favorably of the proposition please advise with Edna and let me know your terms — As it is situated I do not expect you to place a high value upon my interest in the farm.

We are all well except the children with the chicken pox but it does not confine them to the house. We will be glad to hear from you often

Yours truly

M B. Wood
30 Jan 63

Albion Jan 30th 1863

Dear Ezra

Yours of 18th inst is rec'd and also one of 15th which I believe has not been answered,

With regard to the work of fencing & improving the farm in Ohio for two years passed, my recollection is that about 4000 rails were split & laid into fence and about 12 acres cleared of old logs & stumps & plowed for the first time,

There was also about 10,000 feet of lumber sawed and most of it is in pile on the place now. There has been a constant care to keep up outside fence all

the time, and much time has been spent in doing it I am better as to Rheumatism but have to keep easy as to work for when I try that the pain comes on rapidly I can walk over town and back but that is as far as my limb will stand the walk. I think I can get a pass to goo to Ill. to look at land for you if you wish. Arlina rec'd a Tel. dispatch from her husband at Nashville yesterday. He is appointed to the command of all the convalecent troops in and about the camp in that place, and exercises & performs the duties of all officers from a Brigadier Gen. down to first sergent and makes returns to head quarters of the army where ever it is.

I send inclosed a plat of this part of our village of Albion so you can see Location of the house I have purchase I have No. the house we live in 1 and the house you did own 2 and that I have just bought 3. on the different lots.

I am instructed by Phebe to say that from what you wrote about carpets not costing anything, they are prety high, but that you may get it and deduct the amount from the money collected on the bond in February. The carpet must be made in one piece to cover the room just fifteen by thirty feet (15×30) There is no

noks or corners to be had
or provided for.
I would say that real
estate is changing hand quite
rapidly, and village property
is being sought after with
a prospect of prices ruling
high. My friends think I can
take a thousand dollars on my
purchase. I have been offered
already 160 acres of good
land well timbered & stream
of water running through it,
14 miles from here, for the house
& lot we now occupy
Every man is on the move
for some speculation. I am glad
to see that you have organized the
house notwithstanging the threats
of the roughs from N.Y. City
The Contry Gent. has arrived for which
pl's acc. Thanks Yours Respectfully
M B Wood