

Written for the Elk Co. Advocate.

PARTING.

BY EMMA M. GROSS.

I am sitting, where the twilight shades are fitting, And the memory of the past draws around me like a spell...

It is hard to think us parted—trusting—steel true hearted. And that many links may crumble from the lengthening chain of time.

Ah, our lines have twined together, like the vines in sunny weather, And we never thought to part until death should break the chain...

Yet thou'rt gone! Thy country calls thee. Factions' stormy cloud en thralls thee, And I never more may look into the blue depths of thine eyes—

Life seems 'reft of every beauty—I have scarce a heart for duty. As I sit here thinking, thinking of thee, darling, far away,

Yet, in all my pain and sorrow, could I call thee back to-morrow, Dear, my lips should never breathe the words to hasten thy return,

No, our hearts may wander, darling, till I see the diamond sparkling, Of the star that yet shall dawn to bid us hope for peace once more,

I'll not think of death and slaughter, tinged with blood the crystal water—Of the purring streams that murmur through the forests of our land,

See I thee, bold, brave and daring, on thy manly forehead wearing The shadow of a purpose strong as every pulse of life;

Love, God have thee in his keeping ever, waking or in sleeping, Every hour I breathe a prayer for my country's cause and thee,

A celebrated Dublin divine was engaged one evening in a disquisition on the difference between Irish and Scotch Celts, and suddenly asked, "What is the difference between an Irishman and a Scotchman on the top of a mountain in frosty weather?"

Benevolence, said Sydney Smith in a charity sermon, is sentiment common to human nature. A never sees B in distress without wishing C to relieve him!

A friend of ours was traveling while afflicted with a very bad cough. He annoyed his fellow-travelers until one of them remarked, in a tone of displeasure:

At the celebration of a Catholic marriage, there was several young ladies present. When the priest addressed himself to the parties to be joined together, "those wishing to be married will please stand up," it is said that nearly all the young ladies arose.

The method of advertising for a husband in Java is by placing an empty flowerpot on the roof, which is as much as to say: A young lady is in the house. Husband wanted.

No, father isn't a drone, either," said a bright lad; "he's a philanthropist, and collects money for the heathen in Africa to pay for our house and things."

Josh Billings says: "Few bring up a child in the way he should go—travel that way yourself." Solomon wouldn't improve on that.

ELK ADVOCATE

Here shall the Press the people's rights maintain Unawed by party and unbribed by gain; Voted but to Truth, Liberty and Law, No favor swings us and no fear shall awe."

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ELK COUNTY.

So long a backwoods wildcat county, it is only now that the inexhaustible treasures of Elk, are being developed. Her magnificent forests, it is true, have for years been a source of immense profit to her hardy sons and long will be.

AN ENTERPRISING FIRM.—Dealers desiring to purchase Confectionaries, (Plain or Fancy) Foreign Fruits and Nuts, Yankee notions, Toys and Small Ware, will find it to their advantage to send their orders to Bener & Burgess, Erie Pa. This firm is well known to all who have transacted business in Erie as one of the most enterprising, reliable and flourishing in the city.

THE DRAFT.—The State's quota of the 300,000 men called for by the late proclamation of the President, is stated to be 49,513; of the 19th Congressional district 2,540.

How was Petroleum Produced? The theory of the production of petroleum which seems to find most acceptance in Pennsylvania, is that it is the result of the action of intense heat upon a coal formation; that the chemistry of nature is the same as that adopted by man to obtain kerosene or rock oil from highly bituminous coal—that is, to put the agent in a retort, and subject it to extreme heat. The results are gas, oil, and an earthy residuum.

Before describing the signs of oil upon the property, we take the liberty of mentioning one or two facts which our experience has taught us concerning this mineral fluid. First—The petroleum springs of this county have their origin everywhere in bituminous shales or lims stones, and having probably nothing to do with the coal formation, since these rocks are considerably older.

Second—Petroleum follows the law of all liquids, e.g. water, and collects in basins or fissures, or both, with this difference, that it may rise in gaseous form and be condensed in an over-lying layer of sponge. Even in this layer, however, it will seek to collect in basins or fissures, wherever it is possible, and by subsequent evaporation of gases, it may come to be under great pressure, so as to sport from a well with a considerable force for a long time.

Army Correspondence.

HEADQUARTERS, 119TH REG'T PA. VOL'S., IN THE FIELD BEFORE RICHMOND, JAN. 23d 1865. MR. EDITOR, SIR:—As our time is going on slowly here on the sacred soil of Virginia, I thought I could spend a few moments to no better advantage than by letting our worthy friends of old Elk know how things are progressing in this part of rebellion.

We are now laying in camp on the New Market road, six miles distant from the rebel Capital. The New Market road runs direct from our camp to Rich-

From the Clearfield Republican.

DEATH FROM FROIGHT.—A little daughter of Daniel Bowman of Knox township, in this county, of some ten years of age, died on Saturday the 20th inst., under the following melancholy circumstances. About 3 o'clock in the morning of Friday the 19th, a squad of soldiers visited the house of Daniel Bowman, arrested and carried him off. The child was then, to all appearances, in perfect health. Soon after her father was taken away, however, she began to manifest indisposition, such as is occasioned by a high state of nervous derangement, which continued, but without causing any alarm, until Saturday morning, when the soldiers were seen approaching from the direction of the residence of Jonathan Bowman, (son of Daniel) having the son and brother as a prisoner. Immediately when told by her mother that "Jonathan was also a prisoner," the child went into convulsions, which continued without cessation until about ten o'clock the same evening when she expired.

From the Erie Observer.

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These gentlemen are also proprietors and manufacturers of the celebrated Moss and Elm Candy which has become so popular lately as a remedy for Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, etc. This preparation is all that it is represented to be, as a brief trial will convince any one. It should be kept on hand in every store in the county.

From the Banner of Liberty.

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Third—The best condition for the discovery of petroleum in abundant quantities are: 1st, a basin formed by a bituminous stratum, with some impervious rock below; and 2d, a layer of rock above, sufficiently porous to form a receptacle, as does the sandstone of Venango county.

mond, but still we are not permitted to traverse it, nor will we till many brave boys that are now buoyant in spirits will be made to bite the dust.

We came here in the month of October, and was deployed in our works the next day after our arrival to face the enemy, but he had not the courage to front us nor has he showed us fight as yet, and I think he had better keep hid as long as the 19th stays in his front. The weather is quite warm and rather inclined to sloppiness; mud is very prevalent (a poor substitute for snow) and measures on the level not less than three feet. The boys of your county are in the best of spirits, and are in good hopes that they will soon be permitted to return to the out stretched arms of dear friends at home.

The enemy is fast deserting now; not a day passes but we have the pleasure of seeing at least a dozen return to the old union just within our camp.

I must close as time will not permit me to write more; please excuse the shortness of it. Please give my compliments to the boys.

I send you a few verses of poetry for your paper if you can find room for them.

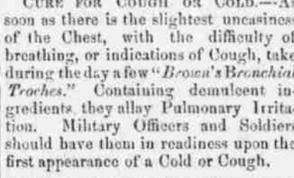
Very respectfully, yours, THOMAS GROSS, Co. K, 19th Regt. Pa. Vols., Washington D. C.

A PICTORIAL DOUBLE NUMBER.—THE PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL and LIFE ILLUSTRATED, for January, appears with 32 quarto pages, and a beautiful illustrated cover. It contains Portraits of Tecumseh, Silliman Sheridan Cobb, Phillips, Susanna Wesley—mother of John—an Indian Chief, Franz Muller, Miss Muggins, Miss Pury, the Princess of Wales—Florence Nightingale, A Group of Warriors—Hannibal, Julius Caesar, Pizarro, Cromwell, Charles XII., Frederick the Great, Scott, Wellington and Napoleon with Etymology, Phrenology, Physiognomy, Physiology, and Psychology. No. 1. Vol. 41st. Published at 20 cents a Number, or \$2.00 a year, by Messrs. FOWLER & WELLS 389 Broadway, New York.

PAUL the apostle speaks of Luke as the "beloved physician," and few endeavor themselves to us more than those who like "ministering angels," bring us the healing balm in sickness. So it is with medicines that cure; though we never see the maker, yet we get a feeling of regard for him through them. How many have reason to bless Dr. Ayer for his invaluable remedies, so cheap and yet so effectual! What public benefactors better deserve esteem than those who rescue the body from disease and premature decay?—Portsmouth (N. H.) Gazette.

CURE FOR COUGH OR COLD.—As soon as there is the slightest uneasiness of the Chest, with the difficulty of breathing, or indications of Cough, take during the day a few "Brewer's Bronchial Troches." Containing demulcent ingredients. They allay Pulmonary Irritation. Military Officers and Soldiers should have them in readiness upon the first appearance of a Cold or Cough.

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LICENSE NOTICE.—The following named persons have filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Elk county, their Petitions for License at the March Sessions next, agreeable to the Act of Assembly of March 2d 1863, entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of Intoxicating Liquors," &c:

TAVERN LICENSE. Chas. Weis, St. Mary's. M. Wellendorf, do. Joseph Luhr, do. John G. Porterfield, Ridgway. David Thayer, do. Joseph Koch, Fox.

STORE LICENSE. James Coyne, St. Mary's. Frederick Rudolph, do.

LIST of Letters remaining in the Post Office at Ridgway Feb'y. 1st 1865. John Lane, J. S. Clark, Henry Carroll, Patrick Carroll, Stevin Delong, Asa Foster, John Ferrell, Sam H. Simon, Henry Willis, Daniel Lucas 2, James W. Hays, John Horton, Mrs. Martin Heivick, Wm. Martin, John O'Brien, E. C. Reed, J. P. Riley, Cornelius Sullivan, Mrs. Jane E. Smith, P. S. Everett, 5 Michael Baker, Larne Nally.

Persons calling for the above letters, will please say "advertised." L. LUTHER, P. M.

NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Shawmut and Ridgway Rail Road Company, will be held at their office, in Souther and Willis' building, in Ridgway on the 2d Monday of January A. D., 1865, at 2 o'clock p. m., to choose a Board of Directors for the ensuing year. HENRY SOUTHER, Pres't. ALBERT WILLIS, Sec'y.

The above meeting stands adjourned to Saturday Feb'y. 18th 1865, 2 o'clock p. m., at the same place. HENRY SOUTHER Pres't. A. WILLIS Sec'y.

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TRIENNIAL APPEALS.

Notice is hereby given, that appeals from the triennial assessments of 1865 for Elk county, will be held as follows: For Spring Creek township, at the house of Thos. Irwin, on Tuesday the 14th and the forenoon of Wednesday the 15th of February. For Jones and Highland townships, at Lewis Arner's Hotel, on the afternoon of the 16th and forenoon of the 17th of February. For Fox township, at Jesse Kyler's on Monday the 20th and Tuesday the 21st of February. For Benzett township, at Alfred Pearsol's on Wednesday the 22nd and the forenoon of Thursday the 23d of February.

Receipts & Expenditures of Elk County, for the year ending January 1st 1865. Cash paid to wit: To Auditors clerk, \$ 10 00 Road damages 11 00 Court & Office expenses 8 70 Fuel 64 37 Stationary &c. 123 11 Miscellaneous expenses 51 07 M. L. Ross court eryer 90 09 Sheriff's fees 79 09 Commonwealth costs 103 58 Justice fees 54 96 Prothonotary fees 47 78 Julius Jones, Com'r 86 00 Chas. Weis do 80 00 J. W. Taylor do 44 00 J. Keefer do 36 00 G. Dickinson do 14 00 J. C. Chapin, Com'r's Council 59 09 Printing 329 50 Postage 4 12 Prison expenses 282 59 Assessors 133 93 Constables 101 38 Election expenses 720 47 J. C. M'Allister, clerk 225 00 Repairs 8 00 Road Views 38 50 Jurors 1,359 14 Revenue Stamps 40 00 Bounties on Foxes &c. 53 89 For Seal Presses 76 80 On account of State tax 227 64 Insurance 46 23 Adjusting Meridian 30 00 District Attorney 60 00 General Indexes 547 30 Volunteer bounties 3,175 00 Treasurer's commission on \$7,793 32 Received 154 76 do on \$8,523 84 disbursed 170 48 Refunding orders 18 39 County Auditors 22 50 Commission allowed Collect'rs 116 31 Total \$8,936 13

Received balance from former Treasurer \$ 926 52 do Taxes on Unseated lands 4,148 15 do From collectors 8,811 82 do do lauds sold by county 190 00 do Redemption on land 79 35 Total \$7,664 84 AMOUNT due from Collectors of Elk county, January 2d, 1865. 1864. Charles Winslow, Benzette \$ 182 70 Charles Ritter, Benzinger 258 16 *Jacob Moyer, Fox 775 64 Levi Ellithorp Highland 9 81 *Joseph Robinson, Jay 329 62 Joseph Pistner, Jones 125 71 John Smuts, Ridgway 635 83 Michael Bruner, St. Mary's 212 27 C. W. Porterfield, Spring creek 324 25 1863. Ralph Johnston, Benzette 17 57 Adam Jesperger, Benzinger 37 16 H. Carman, Spring creek 161 22 1862. Joseph Koch, Fox 293 73 Nelson Gardner, Ridgway 111 49

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that we have completed the enrolment lists for our respective districts, and have filed the same in the office of the Commissioners, for inspection &c.

Appeals will be held for the correction of said lists as follows:—viz: At the house of Thomas Irwin, in Spring Creek, on Tuesday and Wednesday the 14th and 15th of February 1865.

At the house of Lewis Arner, at Wilcox, (for Jones and Highland) on Thursday and Friday the 16th and 17th of February 1865.

At the house of Jesse Kyler in Fox, on Monday and Tuesday the 20th and 21st of February 1865.

At the house of Alfred Pearsoll, in Jay, on Wednesday and Thursday, 22nd and 23rd of February 1865.

At the house of Wm. Derr, in Benzett on Friday the 24th of February 1865.

At the house of J. Windfelder, St. Mary's (for St. Mary's and Benzinger) on Monday and Tuesday, 27th and 28th of February 1865.

At the Commissioners office, in Ridgway on Wednesday and Thursday the 1st and 2nd of March 1865. W. C. Healy, Assessor of Ridgway Tp. Thos. Goodwin, " Jones tp. Jesse Kyler, " Fox tp. Ellis Lewis, " Benzette tp. Louis Yolmer, " St. Mary's. J. Baumgartner, " Benzinger tp. Thos. Irwin, " Spring Ck tp. Chas. Stubbs, " Highland tp. Peter F. Weed, " Jay tp. Dated at Ridgway Feb'y. 19th 1865.

NOTICE.—The partnership existing between E. C. Schultz, and Charles H. Gering, under the firm of Charles H. Gering & Co., at the Steam Tannery in St. Mary's Elk Co Pa., is this day dissolved by mutual consent, the books and notes of the firm will be collected by E. C. Schultz, and also all the debts of the firm will be settled by him. E. C. Schultz, Charles H. Gering, Pd 1.50 Bethlehem Jan. 1st 1865.

NOTICE.

A meeting of the Stockholders of the "Daguessahonda Improvement Company, will be held on Tuesday, 7th of Feby. next, at 10 o'clock a m., at No 50 Trinity Buildings, in the city of New York, for the purpose of electing seven directors for the year ensuing. JOHN S. GRIFFITH, Sec'y. January 20th 1865.