

Fonda and March 12/12

Father dear sir I received a letter from you a quite a while ago and after a few days did answer but never sent it - was waiting to make some additions and finely was taken very sudden and quite violently with the rheumatism and cramps in my feet which laid me up not wishing to give any uneasiness is the excuse I offer for not writing before if I have no pull back I expect to be out in a day or two I have been my own doctor in the case and got along very well financially not so easy as I would have been had I not been disappointed in getting money that was due me however it may be all right in time the prospect is fair for for this place especially on our side of Creek to improve very much this season by individual and Company improvements the oil well

being put down about 12 or 15 rods from  
our place is progressing with fair  
prospect of oil so said by good judges  
They first forty feet was earth through which  
they drove 6 inch pipe came onto strong salt-  
water which overflowed since then they  
have drilled about 180 feet in rock  
and came onto very strong salt water which  
is good sine of oil. I have heard men  
who are used to the business in the oil  
country say they never struck oil until  
first coming onto salt. good prospect  
of the river being bridged at this point for  
R.R. purposes by the way of Grand Island  
new docks are being built for commercial  
purposes an extensive manufacturing  
establishment by a company to be built on  
our side one of the company told me in  
less than 18 months there would be a thousand  
buildings be built - The thing looks very good for  
Tonawanda, as to the churches I guess they  
are doing something this winter they are open

Am attends quite regular, her health is  
very good, you enquired to knowe about  
the small pox there was on our side two  
cases and on the other about 8 or 10 I think  
they all got well but one, no more of  
it now it was brought here by an emigrant  
would like you to come up and make a visit  
I think I will be down some time next  
month and spend a day or two give my  
love to the friends from your  
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