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PLEASANT GAP.

Civil war incidents, real in character, seem to be appreciated by the majority of the American people. With this fact in view I would like to relate a few incidents that might possibly interest some of our readers.

President Lincoln made a brief tour to the front before his election. Like that great and good man (the soldier's friend) the late Andrew G. Curtin, he was in his element when visiting the soldiers. It seemed to be the happiest days of their lives, when in company with the war veterans, and neither made a distinction between the man who wore a star on his shoulder or the private in the rear ranks.

On one of these occasions Lincoln visited the boys at City Point, Va. He went from tent to tent, shaking hands with the boys and giving them encouragement in every possible way. He happened into our mess as we were dispensing with our usual fare—hard-tack, pork and beans. We prevailed upon him to join us, which he did. We apologized on account of our scanty bill of fare. He remarked that he was delighted with his entertainment and enjoyed it immensely, and said, "what is good enough for my boys is good enough for me. Wonderful indeed was the career of this, the eighteenth President of the United States. Lincoln had no advantages, his whole life being a hard and toilsome struggle against adversity, and he fell at the hands of an assassin, but not until he had seen the result of his labor in behalf of his country."

He was a "plain man," with an abiding faith in the "common people," and a great love for them. They loved him, too, and understood him. He was nature's nobleman, simplicity itself, and when his work was done he laid down his burden and went to his rest among the sorrowing of the entire world. His oratory was simplicity itself, but grand and imposing. Never while this world exists will he be forgotten.

Now one more little incident, which I never can forget. I will designate it as Heaven's part of the Civil war. Two Methodist ministers who had served as chaplains to the lost cause, going down from Memphis to Grenada to a campmeeting, got into conversation about the way the war terminated. "It's all right—it must be all right but I can't reconcile the result with the doctrine I preach. I must be blind—of course I am, or I could see it," said one of them.

"Now Brother Mason, you have touched on a subject I have thought a heap about, but never spoke of it for fear people might think me queer."

Just so. I never spoke of this before for the same reason. Now I'll give you a little of my experience as a chaplain of the Confederate army. I went out as full of faith and as earnest as a saint. I thought over and over again of the text, or promise; "Ask and it shall be given thee," and that other one: "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, believing, that shall be given." Then again, that if I had faith as a grain of mustard seed, I could remove mountains. Well, I thought I had faith as a mountain consequently the Yankee army would be as a mustard seed. I believed this because I couldn't apply the promises in any other way.

When I joined the regiment up in East Tennessee, I went right to praying, and I prayed earnestly, and when the order came to move upon the enemy I could almost see Jehovah at the head of the column. We met the enemy, and much to my surprise, they whipped us in less than five minutes, and I was the worst whipped man in the lot. I felt sure I hadn't prayed right and the defeat laid at my door. So without eating my supper I went to my quarters and wrestled the whole night through. The next day the Yankees left and I felt better."

"Well, you had better luck than I had. I was sent to join Johnston's army at Buzzard Roost. When I looked out on that immense army Sherman had spread out in front of us, my heart grew faint, but I said to myself: 'If the Lord be for us, who can be against us?' Like you, I went to praying for victory, basing my petition on the fact that our cause was

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just. It was plain to me that God was with us. That monster mass of humanity camped around Signal Hill began uncoiling like a great serpent, stretching itself for miles. The conflict came at Resacca. The men fought like heroes, and I prayed until I was drenched with sweat, and still they beat us.

"So it went day after day. It was just fight and fall back; hold the fort through the day and dig out at night, until I got disgusted. Then it occurred to me that faith without works was dead, or rather it was suggested to me by a soldier, who remarked as I rode by: 'If that preacher would get a musket he could do a lot more towards licking the Yankees than all his praying will do.' I took the hint and added works to my faith. I got a gun and fought like a trooper at Dallas and Pumpkinnine, but with the same discouraging results."

"I made up my mind there was an Achan in the camp, and I went to the brigade commander and told how I had fasted and prayed, and wrestled and fought and still there was no sign from heaven. He wasn't a saint exactly, but his parents were pillars in the church up here about Trenton, and I knew he had been raised right. 'Well,' he said, 'my opinion is that heaven is on the side that has the heaviest artillery, the most men and the advantages in the lay of ground.' I talked with others and got about the same answer. I found the men were gambling and swearing and doing all sorts of wickedness, which so discouraged me that for a while I was on the verge of back-sliding. However, I stuck it through, and believed if all our men had been praying men we would have whipped them at every turn."

"I did worse than you, for I did fall from grace. I got so disheartened that I said right out; there is no just God! and I was clear off the track for a month or two."

"A letter from my mother brought me to my senses and I went at it again. I feel satisfied that if the devil, or some other influence, hadn't interfered with my prayers, backed as they were by thousands of others, our flag would have been floating over the capitol at Washington today; as it is it is a mystery that I cannot fathom."

"My Colonel used to tell me to keep it up; not that it would have any effect on the result, but it would keep the account square with the Yankee chaplains who were also sending up petitions. I never could make out whether he meant that as a joke or whether he was in real earnest."

"I had an uncle who was a Quaker, and I told him about it. He said: 'Thomas, war is an ungodly, wicked thing, and God takes no part in it. He may have done so against those who were obstructing the progress of light, but He has no part or lot in a foolish fight between brother and brother, and you must depend upon it that thy prayers were never heard.'"

"Sometimes I think the old man was right."

LEMONT.

The wheat and grass look fine at this time.

This month has brought lots of rain for these parts.

Most of the schools in College township will close this week.

The farmers are busy getting ready to put out the spring crops.

Workmen are busy repairing the state highway near Lemont.

Guy Fishel came up from Aaronsburg to spend Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. Thomas Boal and daughter visited among friends in Tyrone last week.

Mrs. William Hoy and Horkey Kerns have been quite ill the past week.

Mrs. William E. Grove, who has been ill for some time, is slowly improving.

Everybody has been busy so far this spring, which makes the people happy and contented.

John Lee has purchased a lot from B. F. Hoy and is getting ready to build himself a home.

A few people from town attended the play given by the Civic club of College township, last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Catharine Vonada, who has made her home with the family of B. F. Hoy for about a year, moved to Lamar, on Tuesday, where she will make her home.

JACKSONVILLE.

John Holmes has opened an ice cream parlor in our town.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Grubb were Sunday callers at the Joseph Neff home.

James Mackey has about completed arrangements to go to Rochester, N. Y., to spend some time with his son James.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yearick and daughters, Hilda and Maxine, were visitors at the Clyde Yearick home on Sunday.

Benjamin F. Neff and son George, of State College, visited among relatives and friends in this section over Sunday.

While considerable sickness has prevailed throughout this community most of those afflicted are getting along all right and are on the road to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoy were in Lock Haven on Monday visiting Mr. Hoy's mother, Mrs. Z. W. Hoy, of Howard, who was taken to a hospital in that place last week for a serious operation. She is now resting fairly comfortably.

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All the sick in this section are now convalescing.

Miss Catherine Dunlap is in Altoona for an indefinite stay.

Most of our fishermen in this section have drawn blanks so far.

The rainy weather has put the farmers back with their spring work.

Dr. C. T. Aikens, of Selingsgrove, greeted his old parishioners here last week.

Clyde Price is driving a new Ford car and thus far has met with no accident.

E. E. Royer recently purchased a fine Hambletonian stepper which he may try out on the track.

Newton T. Krebs, our very successful traveling salesman, spent Sunday with his family in this place.

Will Rossman, of Pleasant Gap, spent Easter Sunday at the Fred Rossman home at Rock Springs.

Miss Edna Ward, teacher in the eighth grade schools at Altoona, spent Easter at her parental home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. E. Irwin, of Tyrone, spent Easter Sunday at the William T. Gates home, at Baileyville.

Rev. Wilson P. Ard, of Bellefonte, was warmly greeted by his many friends while in town on Wednesday.

Alfred Reed came in from Greensburg and spent Easter with relatives here, returning to his job on Monday.

Oliver Bloom is looking for the automobilist who run down and killed his beagle hound on Monday morning.

Joe Johnson was an over Easter visitor at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Robinson, at Warriors-mark.

Guy Rossman and wife, Herman and James Ewing spent Saturday evening on a shopping trip to State College.

A family gathering was held at the Will Glenn home at Boalsburg on Easter Sunday, where all enjoyed a bountiful dinner.

Mrs. J. R. Smith and daughter, Mrs. Mabel Martz, of Cleveland, Ohio, spent Easter Sunday with relatives in the Mountain city.

Pierce O'Bryan and wife came over from State College and spent Easter day with the elder Mrs. O'Bryan, at her home on Church street.

On going to the barn last Thursday morning Leonard Griffin found his Percheron stallion dead in its stall. The animal appeared all right the evening before and its death is a mystery.

Miss Emma Johnson said good bye to her many friends on Sunday and left for Youngstown, Ohio, to help take care of her sister, Mrs. Wood, who recently underwent a serious operation.

Miss Ruth Little, of Tyrone, visited relatives in this section last week. She was accompanied home on Saturday by Paul Goss, who spent Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Goss, in Tyrone.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Reish, of Rebersburg, spent the latter end of the week visiting among old friends in the vicinity of Pine Hall, and had their Easter dinner at the John Stover home at White Hall.

Rev. J. S. English, of Williamsport, Md., was elected pastor of the Lutheran charge here last Sunday. The charge consists of the churches at Galesburg, Pine Hall and Pine Grove Mills, and the three congregations are now anxiously awaiting his acceptance.

Dr. Stork visited the J. F. Musser home on the Branch on Sunday and left a little son who has been christened J. Foster Jr. Grandpa E. C. Musser will soon have to open a new

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ledger to keep track of his grandchildren, as one arrived only about three weeks ago.

Miss Phoebe Potter, who makes her home with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Campbell, is quite seriously ill with pneumonia.

Our well known bandmaster, W. K. Corl, who has been housed up for some time with illness, was treated to an Easter postcard shower by his many friends. Some eighty cards were received, as well as other remembrances.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey Williams motored to Tyrone and spent Easter with their son Fred. The latter has charge of the large herd of cattle on the dairy farm of J. Bailey Campbell, near Tyrone, and is proving the right man for the job.

BOALSBURG.

W. H. Stuart is driving a new Ford. Misses Mary Reish and Nora Miller visited at State College on Sunday.

Mrs. Lida Leach and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Musser and children, of Shin-

gletown, visited friends in town on Sunday.

Misses Anna M. Dale and Mary Corl spent Saturday in Bellefonte.

Miss Blanche Rowe came up from Harrisburg to spend Easter with her parents.

Mrs. Catherine Saunders, of Centre Hall, spent a part of last week at the home of Mrs. Henry Dale.

Mrs. Ellen Stuart, of State College, and Frank Fisher, of Altoona, were guests of Mrs. Amanda Fisher last week.

Samuel Kaup and daughter, Miss Nellie, of Altoona, were week-end guests of Ms. George Kaup and daughter.

Postmaster and Mrs. Jacob Meyer transacted business in Bellefonte on Saturday and spent Easter with their daughter, Mrs. Lee Brooks, at Pleasant Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. William Goheen, Mrs. Alice Magoffin and Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Goheen motored to Arch Springs on Friday for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Tussey.

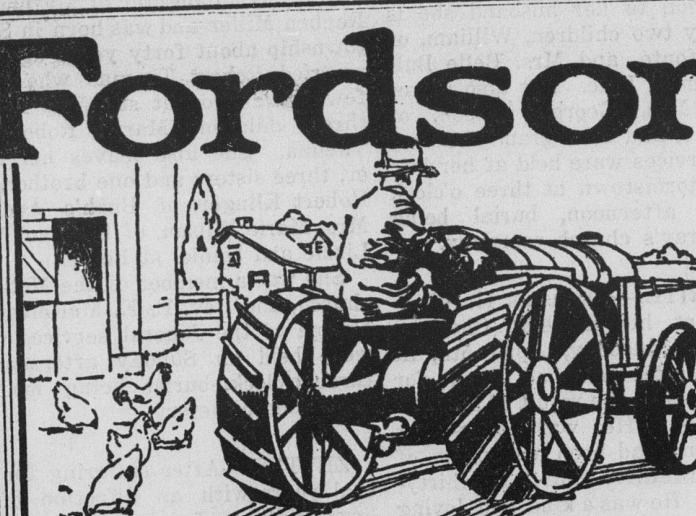
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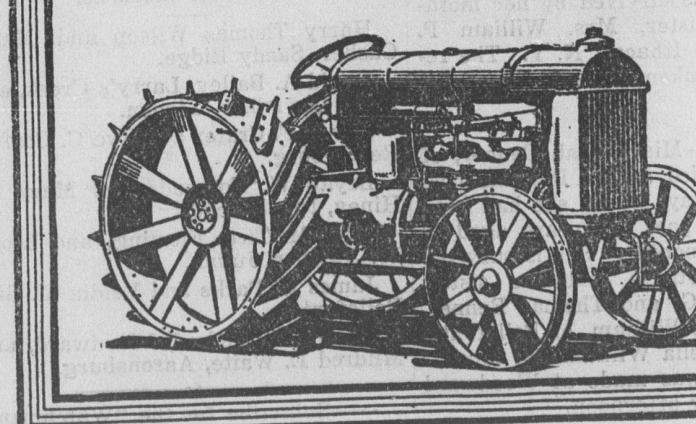
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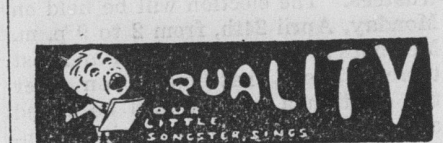
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