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A VETERAN SOLDIER'S LETTER.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME, ERIE, Pa., Dec. 15, 1890. MESSRS. EDITORS:

This is a beautiful morning, lake and bay as clear as crystal, not a boat in sight, save here and there a fish boat. The large boats have all gone. into winter quarters, some here and others at Buffalo and Chicago. The in the Erie papers.

We have had no extremely cold

weather so far this winter. The ground in and about the city is partially covered with snow; around the Home lot and buildings there is very little to be seen, the wind blowing it away. We noticed in the market but few

sleds on Saturday, spring wagons becoming in the city to trade-laying in their holiday presents, in spite of the McKinley tariff, which the consumer in Erie has not yet felt. The laboring classes in this city have no reason to plenty. Mechanics are in demand, if are holding nightly meetings. we may judge from the ads. inserted in the dailies. A Herald reporter interviewed some half dozen bank officers at their respective institutions on improvement to the Court House. Saturday and was informed that the times and business with them were never better in the Lake city. They had plenty of money, to be had at reasonable figures, collections were easily made, the mercantile and all business of the city in a flourishing condition, and that the trade on the Lake was exceedingly good this season, ending about the first of the month.

On Sunday after Thanksgiving, the dedicatory services in the new chapel took place before an audience of not less than 700 people. Long before the doors were opened the friends of the institution commenced to gather. The Home has a handsome chapel, and every one present seemed to be impressed with the beauty of the reconstructed building. Of the city minis-ters present were: Rev. J. L. Stratton-who opened the services by an invocation; Rev. Frazier, of the Tabernacle church, followed with prayer; Rev. praising the sentiment that had origichristain management of Major Tyson, who is our worthy commander. Rev. ing pronounced the benediction. The and proficiency.

In the month of November, if my memory serves me correctly, we buried but two comrades, viz: William believing that a better knowledge of Sullivan, aged 45 years, of Pittsburg, road construction would greatly help who died on a Sunday the day imme | to improve them, and in as much as diately after he entered the home, of the Governor, under the authority of consumption; leaving a wife and chil- the State Legislature, has appointed a dren. He desired to die in a soldier's commission to recommend changes in sinners on the mourners' bench. From home, and his wife brought him here our Road Laws, and in view of the and remained to attend his funeral on probable demand for persons having a the following Tuesday. The other knowledge of this important branch death was that of George Ehret, of Bucks county, well up in years. He fers to admit, free of tuition, to a served 4 years; was in a number of class in Highway Construction in the engagements. He left an invalid wife Engineering Department, one person, in Germany to whom he was regularly duly qualified, from each county of sending his pension money of \$8.00 keeping \$1.00 for his own use. The Superintendent of Common Schools usual number are in the Hospital but in their respective counties. If in a tools in dat clock anyhow." we must say that the health of the county no applicant applies for appeople at the Home is good.

cruits. Two were dishonorably dispeated violation of the rules of the Home, by imbibing too freely in 'tangle foot,' were the charges brought against them. They were "railroaded" phia train for that city, is my information. There is a class of comrades here who do not seem to appreciate that they have a good home, and are continually finding fault with this or that until they are being shunned by the better thinking comrades, 'In most cases the "crank" or "grumbler" never had things as good at his own home. Still that kind of people must costs from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per week.

The Examining Board examine applicants for pensions every Wednesday in the Government building. The Home soldiers applying under the law of the 27th of June last, have not yet been examined. They don't expect any money under that act in 1890. Many claim to me that if they receive \$12 per month under the new dependent act they can go home and live with their families. Others would receive opens up again on the Lake. Their services here are highly appreciated in saving many lives and a large amount of property. Their report appeared in the Erie papers. to support himself. Apply the little nonthly receipts towards keeping the to keep the clock in time, Elder Jordan wife and children (as many have both) and who are too sadly in need of that help, let it be ever so small. The doctors composing this board are men

The Eric people are expecting Henry M. Stanley here during the lecture season. They have a course ing used. The principal streets are quite lively with sleighs—people from the country and immediate vicinity The Park Opera House is occupied every night with the very best traveling talent on the stage. The County Teachers' Institute for Erie has been held, and the city teachers, numbering about 150, hold local institute every complain, wages being good and work few weeks, while the many churches

of large experience and capability.

On our return, about June 1, 1891, we'll hardly know your town, with so many new buildings and the valuable This latter work the tax payers of the county should soon reconcile themselves to, as it is for their comfort and benefit more especially than for any one else that it is being made. The Columbia county papers all reach me regularly, and to some of us they are more interesting than our rations Success to your contemplated improve ments in your paper; many others have adopted the 8 page style and make ups. It will give you greater space and improve the general appearance of the Yours etc. W. H. J.

Free Instruction on Highway Construction. The condition of our public highways, a subject long neglected in the rapid development of our country in

other directions, is now receiving special attention, and it is admitted that there is no feature of public economy there is no feature of public economy that has a more important bearing and all of us orter to make up our mines upon the material interests of the to do better. Git away from de sins dat Bray, of the Simpson church, read a state and its citizens. It is coming to passage of scripture; Dr. Luccock, of be understood further, that there is a year you will be comfortabul in Aberthe ret M. E. Church, preached the science of roadmaking, based upon ham's buzzum. What I'me tellin' you is the 1st M. E. Church, preached the science of roadmaking, based upon dedicatory sermon, and used these well established principles and whatwords for his text: "The Dedication of ever the particular administrative the Temple." He made the sermon system under which roads are cona practical one, and applied it we l to constructed and controlled, those who the members of the Home. Rev. have immediate charge of them should Cobb, of the Central Presbyterian be well instructed in these principles. Church, made a few fitting remarks, European countries have long recognized this and have especially trained nated such noble institutions as this expert engineers in charge of their Home and said if this one was better highways, and the fine condition of the than similar ones, it was under the public roads in England, Germany, and France, is the result of the scientific methods employed in construc-Wiard was also present, and after sing- tion and maintenance. In the United States, and particularly in our own man. Ginme what's comin' to me, an' choir was composed of the command- State, the Superintendence of higher's daughter together with some of the ways is intrusted to private citizens, best vocalists in the city. The young locally and temporarily appointed, organist showed a great deal of skill without providing for the technical instruction and training, so essential to success. Owing to the bad condition pointment, the said Superintendent At present those going out of the shall have the privilege of appoint-Home, on furlough and "for good" ing one similarly qualified applicant about equals the numbers of new re- from any other county or State. The course of instruction will extend charged on last Saturday. Their re- throughout the last two terms of the collegiate year, and will consist of lectures and recitations on the princi- shipers shouted and sang and the new ples of construction and economical year was started on its way.-New York location of new roads to conform to Herald. by the Quarter Master, on a Philadel- condition of topography and traffic, and reconstruction of old roads, maintenance, repairs, methods of drainage, retaining walls, drains, culverts, simple bridges, plain surveying with compass and transit, levelling, draughting, estimates of cost, contracts, etc.

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The annual watch meeting of the members of the African Baptist church at Timbuctoo, N. J., a year or two ago was

in many respects a novel one. For many years the sable residents of the little settlement in the woods near Burlington have been in the habit of holding a watch meeting on New Year's eve. These meetings are always well attended by old and young, and have often developed a great revival of re-

ligion in that section. A year ago the watch meeting was a failure because the preacher's watch stopped at half past 11 o'clock, and the fact was not discovered until daylight. To prevent a recurrence of that mistake it was decided last year to have a big eight day clock, owned by "King" Lewis and Elder Congo were instructed to have their watches wound up and set by railroad time to avoid any possibility

of a mistake. This they agreed to do.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the services began and the church was filled. "King" Lewis Armstrong sat in the pulpit with Preacher Quann, and occasionally de-voted a few minutes to keeping the stove red hot.

"Dis yer watch meeting," said Preacher Quann, "will begin wid a hymn, 'I'me goin' over Jerding by and by.'
You all knows do tune; hit's bin sung yer a good many years-and hit means jus' as much now as hit ever did. And when you am a singin' it, brethering, dean forgit to think what de words mean. De tune alone won't save yer souls. Dar am plenty of good singers dat ain't got no more 'ligion than a skunk. Singin' am like prayin'. You has got to mean de words you is usin' or you ain't no good."

The choir, which was stationed just back of the stove, thereupon raised the tune. After two or three verses had been sung the entire congregation began to enter into the spirit of the occasion, swaying their bodies to and fro in time with the music and keeping a peculiar sort of double time with their feet on the floor. As the verses were exhausted the preacher would yell, "Swing de tune ag'in! swing her ag'in!" This always had the desired effect. Finally they became weary and a halt was ordered.

"King" Lewis Armstrong next said a few words, in which he strongly advised the young men of Timbuctoo to change their ways before it was too late.

"Dar ain't no better time 'n now," he said. "Dis present time you orter quit yer ornery ways, forsake de exampul of de wicked Herod and get into de ark of glory, wot am lighted wid electric light and full of greceries for de winter. We facts. Taint no guess work. Ef you doan believe it look at dat prodigal son what de good book tells us about. "Dar was a man dat was mitey well

fixed. He had a good job on his fodder's farm, had a hoss and wagon to use whenever he wanted it and no Sunday milkin' to do. But his heart wasn't satisfied. He thought de old man wasn't farmin' de place right. He 'lowed he could do a heap better a wukkin for hisself, cos de ole man was behind de times. De proderigal he had been readin' de 'tisements in de papers 'bout men want-ed to take big jobs and nuthin' much to do. So he says: 'Guess I'll quit, ole I'll try my luck sommer else.' De old man tuk him at his word, guv him the money and chased him out. But he didn't make no money. He jes' fool it away on farm morgiges out west and hoss racin' in the east till he blowed it all in. Den he come back on de farm, and de ole man tuk pity on him, furguv him what he done and give him a home ag'in. And dat's what de Lord 'll do for you of you doan put it off too long." The effect of this on the congregation

was marked, and soon there were many that time until midnight there was singing and prayer until "King" Lewis' eight day clock struck 9 instead of 12. This raised a commotion and the clock was soundly denounced. "King" Lewis

"Hit doan make no difference whut de clock strikes; look at de han's and dey'll tell you de time. Fact is, I bleeve dat ar young willyum, Lord Garrison, has been monkeyin' wid de striking

This was denied by the accused, and it was finally decided to refer the matter of the time to Elders Jordan and Congo. There was just two minutes difference in their watches, so a compromise was struck by Congo setting his watch a minute fast. Then, as both watches pointed to the hour of 12, the preacher blew a long blast on a tin horn, the wor-

> Horse Sense, Said Jack to Joe: "I'd give a dime
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> Within your mind; they must be prime
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