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THE NINTH REGIMENT AT BERWICK

The annual encampment of the Ninth Regiment, N. G. P. began last Saturday at Berwick. The camp is located on the Fair grounds, and is nicely laid out in streets, and looks very pretty as one approaches it. It is called Camp Jackson in honor of the late Col. C. G. Jackson.

Notwithstanding the fact that by the adoption of the new code of tactics and regulations it places all the men on the same basis as the new recruits, still Colonel Keck is confident his boys will not lower their well deserved standard of efficiency. Strict army discipline will be observed throughout the encampment.

The regiment is officered as follows: Colonel, M. J. Keck; lieutenant, Col. William C. Price; majors, C. Bow Dougherty and William H. Broadhead; adjutant, John S. Harding; quartermaster, E. G. Mercur; surgeon, William R. Longshore; assistant surgeons, W. S. Stewart and W. G. Weaver; volunteer aide-de-camp, Lieutenant J. Frank Turner; inspector of rifle practice, Lieutenant E. N. Carpenter; chaplain, Rev. William J. Day; adjutant first battalion, William Sharpe; second battalion, George F. Buss.

The strength of the regiment is as follows; 34 officers; 397 enlisted men in camp. Company A, Captain Peck, Wilkes-Barre, 46 men; Company B, Captain Marshall, Wilkes-Barre, 55 men; Company D, Captain Conner, Wilkes-Barre, 47 men; Company F, Captain Myers, Wilkes-Barre, 50 men; Company C, Captain Callahan, Pittston, 47 men; Company E, Captain Wallace, Parsons, 50 men; Company H, Captain Flannery, Pittston, 48 men; Company I, Lieutenant Davenport, Plymouth, 44 men.

It was through the efforts of Col. A. D. Seely of Governor Pattison's staff that the encampment was secured at Berwick, and the people of that hospitable borough have done all in their power to entertain the soldiers during their stay of a week. The rations furnished by the state are not likely to result in dyspepsia, as only 20 cts. a day is allowed for each man's food. They can, of course, provide themselves with any luxuries they are willing to pay for out of their own funds. The routine of camp duty was as follows:

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| Reveille—Roll Call..... | 5.30 a. m. |
| Mess Call—Breakfast..... | 6.30 " |
| Police Call..... | 7.00 " |
| Sick Call..... | 7.30 " |
| Guard Mounting..... | 8.30 " |
| Battalion Drill..... | 10.00 " |
| Recall..... | 11.30 " |
| Mess Call—Dinner..... | 12.00 p. m. |
| Officers' School each day..... | 2.00 p. m. |
| Regimental Drill..... | 4.00 " |
| Recall..... | 5.30 " |
| Mess Call—Supper..... | 6.00 " |
| Regimental Parade..... | 7.50 " |
| Retreat—One Gun..... | Sundown. |
| Tattoo—Roll Call..... | 9.30 p. m. |
| Taps..... | 10.30 " |

The celebrated Ninth Regiment Band of Wilkes-Barre is providing the music for the camp. Great crowds have been present daily to hear the music and to witness dress parade.

Tuesday was the Governor's day, and the attendance was very large. There were present the governor and his staff, Major General Snowden, Brigadier General Gobin and staff, Adjutant General Greenland. Inspection was held in the morning, and in the afternoon there was a drill by battalions, a regimental drill, and dress parade, giving the boys a hard day's work in the broiling sun. It was so dry that the dust blew in clouds as they marched over the sod. The drilling was very proficient, and the movements were executed with great precision. In the morning one man was overcome by the heat, and had to be taken to the hospital.

Col. Morris Keck of the Ninth is a popular officer. He is greatly interested in military matters, and has been connected with the National Guard for many years. His wife, who was Miss Dora Lutz of Bloomsburg before she was married, usually accompanies him at the annual encampment, and is as much interested in the regiment as her husband. They have three sons in the ranks.

Lieutenant Colonel William Price of Wilkes-Barre is also a popular officer. He is well known by many Bloomsburg people, being a nephew of Miss A. D. Webb, formerly of this place.

Quartermaster E. G. Mercur of Pittston, is just the right man for the place he fills. He is genial, courteous and level headed. It has been our good fortune to enjoy his acquaintance from boyhood.

The concerts given every night by the Band are largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

The Governor and staff left Berwick Tuesday night for Shikellamy where they hold an inspection on Wednesday.

THE RIVER LEAGUE.

Bloomsburg and Milton have been admitted to the River League of base-ball teams, and the following schedule of games has been arranged:

Bellefonte.—At Tyrone, August 5, September 2; at Renovo, August 3, August 31; at Williamsport, August 2, August 30; at Milton July 31, August 28; at Bloomsburg, August 1, August 29.

Tyrone.—At Bellefonte, July 20, August 19, September 8; at Renovo, July 19, August 15, September 7; at Williamsport, August 16, September 4; at Milton, August 18, September 6; at Bloomsburg, August 17, September 5th.

Demorets.—At Tyrone, August 10, September 14; at Bellefonte, August 11, September 15; at Renovo, August 9, September 13; at Milton, August 8, September 12; at Bloomsburg, August 7, September 11.

Renovo.—At Tyrone, July 27, August 22, September 19; at Bellefonte, July 26, August 23, September 20; at Williamsport, July 24, August 26, September 23; at Milton, August 24, September 21, at Bloomsburg, August 25, September 22.

Milton.—At Tyrone, August 3, August 31, at Bellefonte, August 4, September 1; at Renovo, August 2, August 30; at Williamsport, August 5, September 2; at Bloomsburg, July 29, August 26.

Bloomsburg.—At Tyrone, August 8, September 12; at Bellefonte, August 9, September 13; at Renovo, August 10, September 14; at Williamsport, August 12, September 16, at Milton, August 11, September 15.

Important Lawsuits.

The Williamsport Republican of recent date says:

Two big cases tried by Judge Metzger in Bloomsburg some time ago are to be argued here on a motion for a new trial on the first of August. The cases involve coal lands worth three or four hundred thousand dollars. The city of Philadelphia, trustee under the will of Stephen Girard, deceased, vs. Benjamin Goodman is one of the cases, and the other is the city of Philadelphia, trustee under the will of Stephen Girard, deceased, vs. George Roup and Silas Stetzel. They are both actions of ejectment to recover title to coal lands in Columbia county. The cases were tried at Bloomsburg before Judge Metzger in May, 1892, when he directed a verdict in both of them for the defendants.

The cases involve the validity of sales made by the state of Pennsylvania on claims the state had against John Nicholson who was controller general in 1782 and who was a defaulter.

A motion has been made for a new trial and will, as stated, be argued before Judge Metzger in this city on the first of August. The counsel for the plaintiff are ex-Judge Brewster of Philadelphia, and ex-Judge Ryan and Samuel H. Kaercher of Pottsville, while the defendants are represented by Hon. S. P. Wolverton of Sunbury, and Geo. F. Baer, Esq., of Reading.

The Picnic for the Public

is on July 31st, 1893, under the auspices of W. C. No. 319 of Bloomsburg and will be without doubt the largest picnic that has gone out of Bloomsburg yet, over the D. L. & W. railroad. We have completed arrangements with Mr. Leader, the General Manager of the B. & S. to run special trains from Bloomsburg after the picnic train arrives in the evening, leaving Bloomsburg about 9 o'clock p. m. All those that wish to go to the picnic along the line of B. & S. will come on regular train and return on special. Tickets will be on sale at all the stations along the B. & S. We have also made arrangements with the agent at D. L. & W. depot to carry all passengers from Catawissa on regular train to and from Bloomsburg. We have the guarantee that all the shops and mills will shut down on that day. Rates from Jamison City to Benton \$1.50 for round trip, from Benton to Bloomsburg \$1.40

COMMITTEE.

The market at Bloomsburg, Thursday morning was well attended. Sweet corn was on sale and in good demand. A wagon load of mountain huckleberries, the first of the season, sold at 12 cents a quart. Blackberries were sold at 10 cents a quart. Spring chickens 60 and 70 cents per pair. New potatoes 25 cents a peck.

The delegate election tickets and tally sheets for the several districts have been printed at this office. Those for Bloomsburg will be printed as soon as the delegates are agreed upon.

A HUCKLEBERRY PARTY.

SURPRISED BY A PANTHER.

Thursday of last week a party of seven young people of Stillwater and vicinity, consisting of the following, Albert Smith, Will Geisinger, James Geisinger, Harry Geisinger, Hattie Trump, Verdie Trump and Anna Henrie started for the North Mountain in search of huckleberries. The journey to the mountain was a pleasant one and all looked forward to a joyous time. They arrived in the evening and pitched their tent about two miles from any habitation. Early on Friday morning they started in search of huckleberries and as they returned to the camp found as a result of the day's work about three bushels of berries. As the shades of night began to fall they heard in the distance a peculiar cry of some animal, and some of the party began to imitate the cry—the sounds came closer and more distinct, and the party continued their calls. Imagine their surprise to see a large panther spring from the underbrush and appear before their campfire. It was a surprise as much to the panther as to the camping party, for with a wild cry the beast made a leap into the thicket and disappeared. The party was armed with a few revolvers and a rifle, but having exhausted their supply of shells—a single one being left—none of the party had courage enough to fire with the single shot. The panther therefore escaped, and the party had nothing to prove their statement of having seen such a large wild beast at the North Mountain. Some are inclined to doubt the story as told by the young people, while others say that several bears and a panther have been seen upon former occasions near the place where they gathered the berries. They returned Saturday, and feel well repaid for their three days outing, but the young ladies say they do not care to go again and meet with another wild beast.

The Christian Endeavor Convention at Montreal.

It was a happy thought of the Rev. Francis E. Clark, affectionately christened "Father Endeavor" by a great multitude of bright young people in this and other lands, to give to the association which originally owed its existence to his tact and wisdom the suggestive name it bears. This was in 1881. "Christian Endeavor" is at once a watchword and an inspiration. The gathered thousands assembled lately in the picturesque and foreign-looking old city of Montreal met from day to day in crowded churches, sang hymns with enthusiasm, prayed devoutly, debated and listened to speeches and made them just as a similar throng did last summer in New York. They are rallied from far and near—East, West, North, South. To Montreal there hastened "Endeavors"—the term is clumsy, but is used for lack of a better one—from every part of this great land, and from every Christian nation and, perhaps, missionary station on the globe. Dr. Clark and his wife have recently completed a visit to the Endeavor encampments, so to speak, the round world over, everywhere finding the motto "For Christ and the Church" as forceful and magnetic as in the little New England town and the New England pastor's study where it had its birth.

In common with clergymen of every denomination, Dr. Clark was confronted, while serving the Williston Congregational Church of Portland, Maine, with the problem of keeping the young people in touch with the best life of the Church. In church-work it is often found that while there is no division of interests, there is separation of interest on the part of the older and younger members of the organization. Prayer-meeting and religious work outside the Sunday School are sometimes allowed to drift wholly into the hands of the older people, and sometimes fall into a wearisome routine. The Christian Endeavor Society aims to win and hold the young men and women from the Sunday School upward. The junior societies enlist the children and train them for the senior societies.

Members may be active or associate. Active members pledge themselves to attend every meeting of their society, unless providentially hindered from doing so, and to take some audible personal part while present. Every Christian Endeavor Society has a number of committees to whom some sort of excellent church-work is appointed, and the society thus becomes an efficient aid to the pastor and Sunday School superintendent of the church to which it is attached.

The first game between Bloomsburg and Milton since entering the River League will be played at Athletic Park on Saturday.

LEAD PENCILS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Under the late Act which provides that School Directors must furnish the supplies for the pupils, a difficulty is met as to how to control the use of lead pencils. It is not proper to distribute the pencils promiscuously at the opening of each school day and gather them up again at the close; such a proceeding might result in scattering disease throughout the whole school. Neither can the Directors furnish pencils upon demand, as the ordinary boy will use or lose several pencils a week; and it would require a large fund for lead pencils alone. There seems to be but one way out of this difficulty, and that is to have each Board of Directors fix a rule as to how many and the kind of pencils that shall be allowed each pupil during the term, a record kept of the names of persons when receiving pencils and how many received. The rule should be rigidly enforced. If pupils lose or destroy their pencils, they must supply themselves with others at their own expense. Under the Act each Board of Directors can regulate the manner of furnishing supplies, as best suited to the age of pupils, and other circumstances.

To the Democratic Tax-Payers of Columbia County:

I am a candidate for County Commissioner from the south side. I claim that there should be at least one mechanic familiar with the iron business on the board, and I am the only mechanic who is a candidate who is familiar with iron work; and this is an important fact when you consider that the county has a number of iron bridges within its limits and is gradually replacing all wooden bridges with iron. From the present outlook the new river bridge at Bloomsburg will be built in the near future, and some one who has a knowledge of iron should be there to look after it. The tax-payers should look to their own interests in this matter and throw friendship and favoritism to one side.

MAHLON HAMLIN.
Catawissa.

Mrs. Belle Jacoby, widow of the late W. H. Jacoby, died last Friday morning at her home on Market street, after a painful illness of several weeks. Her age was 55 years, 5 months and 7 days. She was born in Bloomsburg and always resided here, and was a daughter of Noah Prentiss. Her mother is still living at an advanced age, and one brother, Samuel Prentiss resides in Danville. Mrs. Jacoby leaves three children: Guy Jacoby Esq., Miss Bessie, clerk in the Post Office, and Mrs. Shuler of Ashland. The funeral was held at the house on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and was conducted by Rev. W. C. Leverett of St. Paul's church.

The Benton Milling Company is about completed and ready for business. The Company is composed of C. A. Wesley, G. L. and C. B. McHenry. The mill has a daily capacity of 100 barrels of flour, 25 tons of chop and 8 tons of Buckwheat flour. It is located along the bank of the Fishingcreek, just as you enter the town of Benton. The machinery is the best that can be selected, and the work will compare with any mill to be found.

More extensive repairs will be made to the grounds of the Columbia county Agricultural Society before the exhibition this fall. The sheds for cattle and horses are now being rebuilt and many new ones added. The officers are determined to make this year's exhibition the largest during the thirty-nine years of its existence.

A large number attended the opening of the Farmers Hotel on the night of the 20th. An excellent supper was served, and dancing and other amusements were indulged in. The band and drum corps were both present, and a good orchestra provided music for dancing.

Every night long trains of ballast are being sent up the railroad for the new Lake Ganoga branch construction. Within a fortnight we expect to take the all rail route to Long Pond, and make the trip in two hours, whereas formerly nearly a whole day was required.—Dallas Post.

After two years of patient labor, Mrs. H. O. Rodgers of Hazleton has collected a million cancelled postage stamps, for which she will receive \$75.00. The money will be given to the Episcopal church at Hazleton.

BASE BALL PRIZES.

Gidding & Salsburg offer the best Dunlap Hat to the man who has the best batting average in the Bloom team in the league games.

J. G. Wells offers a gold watch for the man who has the most stolen bases in the league games.

W. C. McKinny will give a fine pair of shoes to the man who has the best fielding average in the Bloom team in our league games.

Soldiers' Pay.

During their encampment this week, the members of the National Guard receive the following pay, per day, from the State: Colonel, \$15; Lieutenant-Colonel, \$12; Major, \$12; Captain, \$5; First Lieutenant, \$3.92; Second Lieutenant, \$3.38; First Sergeant, \$3; Sergeant, \$2; Corporal, \$1.75; Private, \$1.50. Twenty-five cents extra a day is added to the pay for each enlistment.

The fifth Annual reunion of the Hess family will be held at Oak Grove Bloomsburg, Pa., Thursday, August 10, 1893. All persons in any way related to the Hess family are requested to be present. An interesting program will be rendered consisting of good music, speeches, etc. Exchanges please copy.

J. G. Wells has in one of his show windows a revolving apparatus for the display of goods. It consists of three circular pieces of heavy plate glass through the center of which is an upright. It is operated by a small dynamo, and was made by James Martin. It shows skillful workmanship.

The heavy shower on Wednesday afternoon was very refreshing, and most acceptable to the parched ground as well as to sweltering humanity. The new culvert at McKelvy's store corner is not large enough to carry off all the water that came down in the gutter on that side of the street.

There is no inland town in the State that is making such progress as Benton. New houses are being built in all sections. A few good manufacturing enterprises should be located therein. At present the only factory that gives employment is that of the Planing Mill owned by Wesley & Smith.

Thomas J. Reese, son of Capt. Edw. Reese, of Centralia, and Miss Mary Leam, one of Centralia's popular daughters, were wedded in the M. E. church at that place on Wednesday afternoon of last week, in the presence of a large gathering, by the Rev. S. Milton Frost.

Editor Dorr of the Berwick Independent, is showing his enterprise this week by getting out a daily called the Evening Camp-Fire, during the encampment. It is a four-page, six column paper, and is bright and interesting.

Berwick on Tuesday was the dustiest town we have ever visited. It was hot and dry, and no effort was made by the citizens to sprinkle the streets, and consequently everybody was as dirty as miners.

While waiting for the down train on Tuesday evening at Berwick, two men went up above the bridge to fight out a grudge. One of them was badly punched in the eye. We did not learn their names.

The Bloom nine was defeated at Williamsport last Saturday by the Demorets club by a score of 10 to 4. Our boys spoke highly of the treatment they received. The return game will be played here on August 7th.

Mr. Dawson, who built the steamboat Columbia, broke his arm below the elbow on Monday while removing the boiler from the boat to replace it with a larger one.

C. P. Sloan sold M. I. Low of Lime Ridge a handsome cart last week. It is of natural oak with lamps at the side, and came from the works of the Colfax Mfg. Co., Indiana.

C. D. Kindig of Berwick and his two brothers, were among those who viewed the soldiers on Tuesday. They are a fine lot of young men.

Three Italians made music on the streets on Wednesday, with a violin, flute and harp. The harpist was a female.

Mr. Stauffer of the Normal School accompanied the organ at the Episcopal church last Sunday night with his violin, with very pretty effect.

BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

Geo. A. Clark spent Sunday in Bloomsburg.

Mrs. A. A. Clark of Harrisburg, is visiting her parents on East street.

Mrs. F. D. Dentler has returned from her visit to Michigan.

F. D. Dentler is in Chicago where he expects to remain for a while.

Robert E. Hartman went to Philadelphia on Monday to buy new goods.

J. G. Wells spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.

William Rehm's family has been blessed by the arrival of twins, boys.

Paul E. Wirt and family went to Chicago on Wednesday.

Miss Brockway, one of Berwick's belles, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. P. Lutz.

Dr. D. J. Waller and family returned from Chicago on Wednesday by the lake route.

Mrs. Henry Hodgdon of Scranton is visiting at Mr. Layton Runyon's, her uncle.

Mrs. Dr. Kirby of Mauch Chunk is visiting at her mother's, Mrs. I. S. Kuhn.

Miss Katharine Gardner and Miss May McHenry are at the World's Fair.

J. Lee Harman and Frank Ikeler will go to the World's Fair week after next.

C. G. Duffy was at Berwick on Tuesday with his camera and caught a number of views of the camp.

Mrs. J. K. Bittenbender visited friends up Fishingcreek during the past week.

Mrs. Lloyd Dillon, who was reported as improving in health, has had a relapse, and her condition is critical.

Miss Packer of Sunbury has invited a party of about twenty to spend a week at Shikellamy as her guests. The party includes a number of Bloomsburg people.

P. S. Harman, L. N. Moyey, Joseph Ratti, W. G. Sherwood and J. K. Lockard went down to Shikellamy on Monday to see the inspection of the troops.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Schoch, Mrs. C. Watson McKelvy and Mrs. R. W. Oswald returned from Chicago on Wednesday. They came back by way of the lakes on a steamer.

Lieutenant Alexis R. Paxton was among the visitors to Berwick on Tuesday. He is in the U. S. Army, and is now stationed at Harrisburg in the recruiting service. He was with the Governor's party.

Prof. L. P. Sterner has returned from his summer trip. He visited at West Leisenring, and spent ten days at the World's Fair, and a few days in Pittsburg. He looks as though his outing had been beneficial.

Mrs. N. U. Funk and two children and Charles P. Ellwell started for the west on Wednesday. They will first go to Plymouth, Wisconsin, and visit their sister, Mrs. C. E. Smith, and then go to the World's Fair. Mr. Funk will go out in September, and his family will return with him.

John Appleman of Buck Horn is still confined to his bed by sickness. He frequently sits up to read the newspaper, and keeps himself posted on the affairs of the county. He has always enjoyed good health, and this long affliction falls heavily upon him, yet he bears it well and seldom complains. We hope he may soon recover and be about on the streets.

County Commissioner Sands, Sheriff Mourey, Register and Recorder Campbell, Judge Ikeler, Judge Millard, R. Buckingham Esq., F. D. Dentler, William Kramer, Representatives Tewksbury and Fritz, Senator Herring, Editor Krickbaum, L. Cohen, M. Ellenbogen, Thomas Webb and family, J. K. Lockard and family and many other Bloomsburg people went to Berwick on Tuesday.

Hon. E. M. Tewksbury was in town last Friday. He has nearly recovered from his recent severe illness, but has been prevented from staying at home on account of diphtheria in the house. A young married woman who had been living with them was buried last week Thursday, having died from that disease. Mrs. Tewksbury also has been ill away from home. Altogether Mr. Tewksbury has been considerably afflicted.