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## The Battle of the Century

**Pennsylvania to Erect on Battlefield Majestic Monument Bearing the Names of its 22,000 Sons Who Fought in the Greatest Engagement of the War of the Rebellion—Most Deadly Fighting Known in all History.**

Gen'l. St. Clair A. Mulliholland in Phila. Ledger. Very many Cameron, Elk, Potter and Clinton soldiers took part in the battle of Gettysburg, mostly in the Brigade so ably commanded by Gen. Roy Stone, who visited Emporium several years ago, upon the occasion of a Soldiers Re-Union. It was at Gettysburg Hons. C. F. Barclay and Capt. J. C. Johnson were captured and for months incarcerated in southern prison dens. No doubt our veterans will enjoy reading the following from the pen of Gen'l St. Clair A. Mulliholland in Phila Ledger, Dec. 13, 1908:

In a valley of peace, calm, content and overlooked by ranges of high hills—blue, purple and exceedingly lovely—lies the old town of Gettysburg and the 25 square miles of territory over which the armies of the North and South struggled and fought during those three days of July, 1863.

No more beautiful country than this can be found in the State of Pennsylvania. No matter what part of the field one visits, scenes of loveliness open in vistas on every side. The tongue of wood of McPherson's farm, where Reynolds fell, is a fine bit of American forest; and Willoughby Run, which meanders close by, and whose placid waters were crimsoned by the blood of brave men, is a sweet and charming stream where lilies grow in shady places and the birds come in springtime to build their nests along its banks. Then from Cemetery Hill, where the Union men made such a gallant stand against the "Louisiana Tigers," there is a splendid view as one looks over the town and across the fields to the Lutheran Seminary.

Culp's Hill, too, is full of sweet spots; and through the dark forest, where the six hours' fighting took place on the morning of the third day, one can find much to admire, and many a grand old tree riddled by bullets and torn by shot and shell—forcible reminders of the awful morning of July 3.

And what more picturesque than the wild and rugged scenery of the "Devil's Den"? Or where can one go to look for a grander or more sublime scene than that from the summit of "Little Round Top," where Vincent's men made their gallant fight?

Gettysburg is certainly a magnificent spot, full of natural beauties; and of the many battlefields of the war none more suitable could have been selected upon which to erect the monuments that are intended to commemorate the heroism and valor of our troops. The field is fast becoming the National Mecca, and year after year the number of visitors to the ground increases, until tens of thousands of Americans annually make a pilgrimage to the holy ground and worship at the shrine where so many noble men laid down their lives in defence of the State and cause.

### THE NATIONAL MECCA.

England has her Westminster, France her St. Denis, Italy her Pantheon and Germany has her Walle-Halle. Every nation of the old Continent has some place dedicated to the noble and illustrious dead. This country has not, as yet, reached that mature age when one can visit some hallowed spot set apart for the last resting place for the good and eminent men. In the State of Pennsylvania the ground of Gettysburg is, however, of much greater interest and much dearer to American people than any of the celebrated sanctuaries of Europe. Glorious Gettysburg! Where 4000 of the bravest and best of the soldier citizens sleep in honored graves on the field their valor won, is the National sanctuary, the Pantheon, the Westminster of the Republic.

No kings, princes or potentates lie there, but 400 gallant men, greater than kings, more splendid in their deeds

and in their death than any of the princes or the great ones who slumber within the fretted walls of Europe's grand old Cathedrals—fathers, brothers and kinsmen, men who came from 18 States to shed their blood on Pennsylvania's soil in defense of the Union and human liberty.

### TRIBUTE TO PENNSYLVANIA.

Gettysburg! The national battlefield of the war, where gallant men from 28 of the 32 States that then composed the Federal Union met in deadly conflict to decide by force of arms the future of the Republic, the great battle of the war fought on the free soil of a Northern State. Fortunate, indeed, was the son of Pennsylvania who was present in that stupendous fight; and by a special Providence it would seem as though the battle fought on the soil should be, in a very great measure, by sons of the Keystone State, and the historian of "New York in the War," William F. Fox, in his "Regimental Losses," says:

"The percentage of killed in the soldiers of the Keystone State was greater than in the quota of any other Northern State. This high percentage of loss in battle was largely due to the fact that nearly all of the Pennsylvania troops served in Virginia, where the territory was better contested and the war more prolonged. Then, again, the Pennsylvania regiments were second to none. The cavalry of the State were, as a whole, unsurpassed. They saw plenty of hard fighting, and their total losses in action exceeded the cavalry losses of any other State."

### IN LEAD FOR GLORY

The eminent soldier who commanded the army, Gen'l Geo. Gordon Meade, was a son of this State; General John Fulton Reynolds, the first great soldier to crimson the ground with his blood and give up his life in its defense, was a Pennsylvanian, and General Winfield Scott Hancock, "Hancock the Superb" he who galloped to the front at the first sound of the strife, and who, from that hour until in the moment of victory he fell, crushed and bleeding on the line of the Second Corps, did so much to win the fight, was a native of this grand Commonwealth.

The first regiment to fire a shot was the 56th Pennsylvania Infantry. The first brigade to especially distinguish itself was Roy Stone's, all Pennsylvanians.

When the second day's fight opened at the peach orchard almost the first troops to meet the advancing host of Longstreet were the men of Graham's brigade, nearly all Pennsylvanians. Later, on that same afternoon, when Hood's Texans climbed the slopes of Little Round Top, they were met by the 82d Pennsylvanians, and the splendid soldier who fell there, General Strong Vincent, fell on his native heath.

Still later on that same day, when the terrific fighting was waging over the wheat field and "Valley of Death," McCandless, with the Pennsylvania Reserves, swept over the bloody ground and made one of the most successful charges of the afternoon. And when the day was far spent and darkness settled over the field one of the most brilliant feats of the whole battle was the splendid fight of the heroic Ricketts and his Pennsylvania battery, when with iron hand he held the crest of Cemetery Hill against the rush of the "Louisiana Tigers."

The morning of the third day was ushered in by the charge of the White Star Division, commanded by another son of the State, General John W. Geary; and in the cavalry fight at Rummel's farm, the greatest cavalry fight of the century, the Union forces were commanded by another, General D. Mc Gregg. In the last scene of all, when Pickett crashed on the left centre with his 18,000 men, Pennsylvania was everywhere on the line to meet him, and the Philadelphia Brigade stood at the most important point on the field and gathered in the greenest laurels of the day.

The fighting of both armies at Gettysburg was severe, and the sons of

## No Paper Next Week.

After a very strenuous month of work the Press will not be issued next week, "according to the time honored custom." Our readers, who have been given for three weeks the largest paper ever issued in this or any adjoining county, in fact in this section of the State, should now have reading sufficient to keep them occupied. This has been made possible by a liberal patronage from our enterprising citizens, who believe in letting their light shine. The wide field covered by this paper has long since demonstrated its value for trade getting. Our thanks are due to all who responded so cheerfully and willingly to make our Holiday Issues a great success. We do not claim them to be money-makers to us, yet we feel they have been so to our county and town, so dear to our heart, where we have resided so many years, doing, as we saw it, the best for our county. In looking back over the forty years that we have been connected with the old Press, we feel proud of the many friends who stood loyally by us. Those who conscientiously differed with us offer good cheer and fellowship. Time heals every wound.

The great work incident to these great papers has been hard on our employees—Messrs. Orville Proudfoot, our faithful and reliable foreman; Raymond Klees, assistant; W. S. Sterner, Thos. Waddington and Riley Murray. Without their watchfulness and energy we could accomplish nothing. Thank you, men.

Wishing all, employees as well as patrons, a joyously Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Yours Truly,

HENRY H. MULLIN.

P. S.—Our office will be kept open for the transaction of business and receipt of orders for printing, during the Xmas-tide.

### A Hustler.

Walter D. Parsons, the gentlemanly traveling salesman for the Keystone Powder Company of this place, is in town for a rest during the Xmas-tide. Mr. Parsons don't fool away much time here but is almost constantly on the wing. What he does not know about dynamite, as well as the trade, is not worth much. When he and Teddy Blum goes after an order they get it or know the reason why not.

Buy a handsome marescham pipe for the husband, sweetheart or brother. For right goods and prices consult Taggart.

## BEST IN THE COUNTRY.

What Mr. R. Kuehne, Emporium's Prominent Merchant, Says of the PRESS.

MR. H. H. MULLIN,

Editor Cameron County Press.

DEAR SIR:—Allow me to congratulate you on the appearance of your valuable paper and the splendid way in which you print advertising matter. It is certainly a credit to our town and county and equals the best in the country. We are certainly well pleased with the results we get from advertising in your paper. Wishing you the best of success, I am,

Yours truly,

R. KUEHNE.

### Rapidly Going.

In less time than ten years few of the large timber tracts of this once great timber section of Pennsylvania will be only in the stories as told by old woodsmen. The great Dodge, James & Stokes lands that covered the Northern Tier counties of Lycoming, Clinton, Clearfield, Cameron, McKean, Potter, Elk and several other counties, worth hundreds of millions, yes billions, of dollars, has now almost been cleaned of timber and passed into the hands of the State as stripped lands. Only last week Mr. Lafayette B. Worley, title expert, representing the Potter Title & Trust Co., Pittsburg, was in Emporium tracing the land records on the title to 18,000 acres of the above lands, that now pass to the State Forestry Department. The now valuable but once despised hemlock has made more wealth than ever did the white pine, should now be protected by the State or Nation—in fact the State or Nation should purchase every acre of timber land in the State and protect it for the future generation.

### Pleasant Callers.

Mrs. and Mrs. John F. Sullivan, of Huntley Towerburg, were pleasant Press sanctum visitors Monday evening. Mr. Sullivan, has for very many years been identified with railroad train running. While here he explained the inter-locking system installed at Huntley, the only one in use in Pennsylvania. Our poet-correspondent entertained a party of gentlemen for an hour and gave many plausible reasons for believing that the new system will greatly reduce the danger of train wrecks. The system must be wonderful. John F. takes great pride in his work, and makes good every trick.

### President-elect Taft.

United States Senator P. C. Knox having been offered and accepted the Secretary of State portfolio when President-elect Taft becomes President, has brought out a large number of aspirants for United States Senator, notably Geo. T. Oliver, Congressman Dalzell, Jas. F. Burke, M. E. Olmsted and a host of others. It looks to us that Mr. Oliver has the backing to land him in the vacant chair. He is an able gentleman and represents well the western portion of the State. He is in every way fitted for the position and deserves it. We hope Geo. T. Oliver will be the choice of the Republican party.

### Christmas Cantata—Santa Claus at Miss Prim's.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Christmas Entertainment at the Presbyterian church, Tuesday evening, December 29, at 8 o'clock. Santa Claus will be there and the Cantata, "Santa Claus at Miss Prim's," will be given by members of the school. Silver Offering will be taken. Come and enjoy the evening with us.

### Sleighing Party.

Mrs. Fred Logan on Tuesday afternoon supplied one of our Borough Schools—room No. 5, Miss Caroline Lechner, teacher—sleighs with which to give all of the scholars a ride. This in memory of her deceased daughter, Miss Inez, who was a member of the same school.

We have an extra fine line of Booth's Chocolates, from 25c to \$10.00 per box

### THE WEATHER.

FRIDAY, Snow.  
SATURDAY, Snow flurries  
SUNDAY, Fair.

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### Musical.

Miss May Gould gave a very pleasing Musical at her residence on Sixth street, last Saturday evening. A part of her very large class of piano-forte pupils took part in the program, viz: Raymond, (Overture) Duet, Thomas Belle Husted, Kate Metzger. Merry Games Waltz, Frate. Ruth Loucks. The Gay Peasant, op. 216, Gurlitt. Ethel Creighton. Caprice Espagnol, op. 58, Henry Wexls. Rosemary Quinn. Polka Chromatique, Fieldhouse. Agnes Cleary. Spinning Room Chat, VonBlum. Olive Ellis. Softly Sings the Brooklet, op. 43, Wentzel. Helen Freindel. The Sailor Boy's Dream, Le Hache. Evelyn Donovan. Ours, op. 101, Howard Cadmus. Gordon Vogt. Menuet, op. 14, Paderewski. Louise Welsh. Silvery Echoes, Wood. Frank Housler. Narcissus, Nevin. Nora Grace. Bubbling Spring, Julie Rive-King. Ruth Pearsoll. Valse Styrienne, op. 27, Vollenhaupt. Margaret Cavy. Rustle of Spring, Singing. Herbert Vogt. Simple Confession, Francis Thome. Kathryn Hogan. Moonlight Sonata, op. 27, Beethoven. Belle Husted. Rondo Capriccioso, Mendelssohn. Kate Metzger. Overture, Rosini. Belle Husted, Kate Metzger.

Miss Gould takes great pains with her pupils and it is certainly remarkable how rapidly her scholars advance. She has numbered in her classes many of the most proficient in town. She certainly deserves much praise for the good work she has accomplished.

### Teachers Call.

Misses Margaret Weisenfluh and Catharine Orr, of this place, who are teaching in Hick's Run and Sterling Run respectively, and Miss Clara Edwards, teacher of the West Branch school at Hicks Run, were business callers at the PRESS office last Saturday. They are all very pleasant young ladies and without a doubt make good teachers and the scholars under their instruction will show good results of their careful training.

### One Hundredth Anniversary.

The First National Bank of Emporium usually present their patrons very beautiful calendars but this year, we think, they have touched a popular chord, their calendar being supplemented with a handsome embossed profile of Abraham Lincoln, in commemoration of Lincoln's 100th anniversary.

### A Welcome Caller.

Mr. Adam Nickler, who has just passed through a long lay-up caused by being injured in the railroad yard at the Junction, some time ago, is sufficiently recovered to be at his work again. Mr. Nickler was a PRESS office caller last Saturday and placed his subscription for 1909 and took advantage of the offer and received our New Home Library Wall Chart.

