



THE WAR RECORD

SOME TESTIMONY FROM SEVERAL COMRADES.

Abe Miller Relieved of His Commission as Captain of Co. I, 184th Pa. Vol. - Privates' Bounty Withheld.

In last week's REPORTER we promised to show that Abe Miller, candidate for Prothonotary had no "war record," but in last week's Centre Democrat the humbug is so completely shown up that we copy it below:

When Abraham Miller was nominated for prothonotary, by the Republicans, his war record was eulogised in eloquent terms before the convention. Since then the Gazette has been continually dilating upon the same subject.

In contrast with this, the writer has frequently heard some very prominent citizens intimate that Mr. Miller's war record would not bear inspection; and some of his own comrades have left similar remarks drop.

As Mr. Miller is traveling on his war record, and that alone, it is perfectly proper that, at this time, the public should know exactly what his war record was since it is frequently mentioned and questioned.

With this purpose in view, the editor began an inquiry to learn the facts. During the past week two soldiers, who have honorable discharges from Company I, 184th Regiment Pa. Vol., called at this office and made statements of what they know about Mr. Miller's war record. As it may not be necessary at this time to mention their names, we will simply give the substance of their statements, as briefly as possible;

During the war, along about 1863-64, John H. Stover, a lawyer in Bellefonte, was a recruiting officer. One of the principal companies being recruited was Company I, 184th, Pa. Vol. Among those working under his direction was Abraham Miller, of Pleasant Gap, the present Republican candidate for prothonotary, and others, still living in Centre county, whose names it is not necessary to mention. When the full company was recruited they departed for Harrisburg. Abraham Miller had been commissioned captain of this company, took charge of them and reached Harrisburg. The other recruiting officers also received commissions in the company from Mr. Stover, as a reward in recruiting new men. It was some time in 1864 that they reached Harrisburg, and up to this time they were in the state service. The following are some of the men who enlisted at this time: Stanley Watson, Milesburg; Wm. B. Lucas, Wallace Run; Thomas Watson, Milesburg; Joshua Folk, Andy Lucas, Sam Gault, of Bellefonte, and many others.

At Harrisburg a sensation occurred. Reports reached the state authorities to the effect that the recruiting officers were cheating, stealing, or by unfair means, depriving the privates of their bounty money. The regiment was called up before the capitol and an official, by the name of Brown, went over the entire regiment to ascertain the amount of bounty each man had received. When this was compared with the enlistment, and the amount they should have received, it was found that \$9,990 had been fraudulently withheld from the private soldiers by the various recruiting officers of this regiment. It was done in this way. Each county had to furnish its quota of soldiers. Districts gave premiums or bounties as an inducement for persons to enlist from a certain district. The amounts varied in different counties. Centre paid \$200 bounty, while Lehigh gave \$300. In recruiting company I, Centre county volunteers were induced, by some recruiting officers, to enlist from Lehigh county and were given \$20, \$30 and \$50 more, while the recruiting officers would generally quietly pocket the balance.

This investigation caused much excitement among the soldiers. At the same time nearly all these recruiting officers of company I lost their commissions. Captain Abraham Miller, who had been wearing the regulation uniform and stripes, and was expected to lead the company into the United States service and to the front, had his commission taken from him and Capt. John McCabe, of Hollidaysburg, succeeded him as company I's commander.

No explanation was made to the soldiers then why Mr. Miller was removed, but coming immediately after the investigation and this exposure—of officers withholding hundreds of dollars from the privates' bounty money—all seemed to fully understand why Mr. Miller lost his commission. No particular instance was mentioned to us

that Mr. Miller had withheld bounty money, but his removal seemed to them to point that way.

We do not accuse Mr. Miller of being guilty of such a crime towards his fellow soldiers, but the voluntary testimony of two reliable old veterans is sufficient to lend some credence to their statements. It cannot be avoided or idly cast aside. We would prefer to hear Mr. Miller's version of this unpleasant matter. Explain what he had to do with recruiting company I, 184th Pa. Vol.; whether he induced any Centre county men to enlist from Lehigh county; and especially what was the reason he lost his commission as Captain at Harrisburg, immediately after this investigation. There is nothing unfair in asking Mr. Miller to make a statement. As a man, as a citizen, as an old soldier, and as a candidate asking the suffrages of the people, it is most important that he should do so.

In May, 1864, company I was enlisted in the United States service and went to the front. Mr. Miller never was sworn in the U. S. service but went along with the company and acted as a private, but never was enlisted regularly. Why he did this we cannot say. On June 22, 1864, in an engagement before Petersburg Mr. Miller was wounded in the face by a piece from a shell and was taken to the hospital.

Owing to his not having been enlisted in the regular service he could not obtain a discharge. For that reason he could not secure a pension, as there were no official records of him being in the service and that is why it required a special act to secure his pension, which was obtained at the instance by Governor Curtin when in Congress.

This is Mr. Miller's war record as far as we could learn from our informants, members of company I, 184th Pa. Vol. If any errors of statement have been made, a correction will cheerfully be made.

CONDENSED NEWS.

The constitutionality of the Superior Court law was argued before the Supreme Court at Pittsburgh this week.

Investigating Pittsburgh municipal scandals, now going on, is unearthing deep corruption, and speculating with the public funds.

The first Hungarian to practice law in this country was admitted to the bar in Wilkesbarre this week.

A number of plants were closed in the coal regions this week on account of the drouth.

There are three murderers in the Scranton jail under sentence of death.

A woman lawyer, Miss M. L. Treco, was admitted to the Wilkesbarre bar, on Monday, on motion of ex-attorney-general Palmer.

Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed in the spring, when the languid exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, indigestion, constipation, dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. Only fifty cents per bottle at J. D. Murray's Drug Store.

Signed a Death Warrant.

Governor Hastings signed a death warrant for the execution at Pittsburgh on Thursday, December 19, of James McMullen. The condemned man was convicted of wife murder several months ago and has since written a number of letters to the governor appealing to him to fix a day for his execution. He is a hardened criminal and professes to be anxious to die.

Good Home at Private Sale.

A good home is offered at private sale, situated three miles west of Centre Hall. Good dwelling house and outbuildings. Inquire of A. W. GARVER.

Gets a Typewritership.

Miss Mary Rhone, daughter of Leonard Rhone, of this place, has received a position as one of the typewriters in the school department at Harrisburg.

Grange to Meet at Williamsport.

The next annual meeting of the state grange will be held at Williamsport in December.

Human life is held too cheaply when the individual who needs a tonic for his system, seeks to cover his wants by purchasing every new mixture that is recommended to him. Remember that Ayer's Sarsaparilla has a well-earned reputation of fifty year's standing.

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MAY VOTE FOR SEVEN JUDGES.

Simonton Holds the Limited Vote Feature of the New Court Act as Unconstitutional.

Seven candidates for judges of the superior court may be voted for at the November election by each elector if the judgment of the Dauphin county court is sustained by the supreme court. The two judges of the local court delivered conflicting opinions Saturday on the question as to the constitutionality of the limited vote feature of the superior court act. Judge Simonton holds that provision of the law limiting the elector to vote for six candidates is unconstitutional. On the other hand, Judge McPherson decides that the limitation does not affect any constitutional right.

Judge Simonton has awarded a mandamus on Secretary of the Commonwealth Reeder to compel him to prepare the official ballot so that each elector may vote for seven candidates. In order to get the case before the supreme court for a speedy decision Judge McPherson formally concurs in the opinion of his colleague. Secretary Reeder has appealed from the judgment of the court. Paper books have been prepared by the attorneys on both sides and will be submitted to the supreme court at Pittsburgh. M. E. Olmsted and ex-Deputy Attorney General Stranahan, representing both sides of the case, left on Monday night for the Smoky City to argue the matter before the supreme court.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted the past week:

Peter Riggelman and Annie Beckwith, of Martha.

Edward Williams, of Buffalo Run, and Anna May Dixon, of Warriors Mark.

Wade H. Lytle, of Half Moon twp., and Dora G. Thomas, of Patton twp.

Peter Stout and Dora Gers, of South Philipsburg.

Daniel W. McClellan, of Milesburg, and Sarah E. Lorrain, of Snow Shoe.

Edgar O. Bowersox, of Altoona, and Viola S. McWilliams, of Fairbrook.

THUS far the investigation into the municipal affairs of Pittsburgh shows that the city has been plundered by g. o. p. officials to the amount of \$500,000. The investigation into Philadelphia's government under g. o. p. officials which show rottenness to the extent of millions. Add to this the iniquities of the last g. o. p. legislature, and you have a mountain of wrong against the citizens of this state that should make every honest man hesitate to vote that ticket.

ABE MILLER for years received \$4 a day salary as storekeeper, along with a pension of \$24 per month. In the face of all this he says he must have the office of Prothonotary to enable him to keep on his feet. How many farmers in Penns and Brush valleys toiling from five in the morning to nine at night have been so fortunate as to earn even one-fourth of what this man received, and yet in the face of all these soft snaps Miller has the nerve to ask their support for Prothonotary.

ONE of the charges against king George, in the Declaration of Independence, is that he created a horde of new offices to eat out the substance of the people—hence they revolted. The same thing was done last winter at Harrisburg, a horde of new and utterly useless offices was created with high salaries, and now if the people have the spirit of '76 in them, they will revolt at the polls in November and rebuke these imitators of George the III.

WHY should not the county, state and nation be planted firmly in the Democratic faith?

Our Democratic county officials have been faithful servants.

The state, under Pattison, was governed wisely and the present change has proven disastrous to the public weal.

The administration of President Cleveland has been honest and economical and brought prosperity out of gloom and stagnation.

Judgments aggregating \$43,000 were entered at Hollidaysburg on Monday against Frank M. Morrow, of Altoona, the proprietor of one of the largest dry goods establishments in Central Pennsylvania. The principal creditors are the H. B. Claffin Company, of New York, and the Altoona Bank. An assignment will likely be made.

THE harbor officers of Philadelphia were granted \$7,300 increase over 1893. That was a little drain on the public treasury, but every little helps to make the party in power more powerful.

It will cost \$8245 more to run the State Department of Pennsylvania this year than in 1893, which is a sample of Republican economy.

CAPITOL MELANGE

THE PRESIDENT RETURNS FROM HIS VACATION.

He is Familiar with Affairs of the Public, - The Session of the Supreme Court, - No Prize Fight on Federal Land.

WASHINGTON.—President Cleveland will not have to put in any time in familiarizing himself with current public business, because during his absence from Washington reports of all important matters in each of the executive departments have been regularly made to him, just as they are when he is at the White House, and whenever necessary he has directed that action should be taken. No official programme of the trip to the Atlanta Exposition has yet been announced, but it is understood that the President will be accompanied by all the members of the Cabinet, and that neither Mrs. Cleveland nor any of the Cabinet ladies will go. The party will be due at the Exposition on the 22nd inst, which is to be celebrated as "President's Day."

The U. S. Supreme Court reassembled today, for the fall session, Chief Justice Fuller presiding. There are 770 cases on the docket, against 818 at the opening of last year's fall session. If any of the learned Justices know anything of the President's intention as to the existing vacancy in their ranks they are not talking about it where any newspaper men can hear them.

Much interest was expressed in Washington over the rumor that the managers of the proposed Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight were figuring on the use of a government reservation in Arkansas for that exhibition. The government has spoken in no uncertain tone, through Secretaries Lamont and Smith and Attorney General Harmon, and if the sluggers do not heed they will regret their hard-headedness. No prize-fight will be allowed upon any government reservation, in Arkansas, or upon any other spot of ground over which the U. S. Government has direct control, and, if necessary to prevent it, or to arrest the participants the government stands ready to call out the army. But nobody in Washington thinks anything of that sort will be necessary. Neither the fighters nor their managers will be foolish enough to defy Uncle Sam.

That "money talks" has just been proven by a Washington man who replied to the boastful claims concerning Kentucky and Maryland which Republicans have been making with a public offer to wager any amount from \$100 to \$5,000 that the Democrats elect their ticket in both states; also, that a majority of the Kentucky legislature will be Democratic. This man's money actually talks so loud that it has frightened the Republican blowhards into silence. It is unnecessary to say that betting is something which nobody ought to do, but at the same time it must be acknowledged that there are times when an offer to bet, backed with cash, serves a good purpose.

It is a notorious fact that hundreds of Republicans in the government service are open contributors to the campaign fund of their party whenever there is a campaign in the state to which they are credited, but just as soon as a Democratic state committee sends out a circular to the Democrats from that state who are employed at Washington there is a howl from Republicans and assistant Republicans that the civil service law is being violated. The latest howl is now on, and was started because Mr. R. T. Baker, Secretary of the Ohio State Democratic Association of Washington, mailed a circular letter to the residences of Ohio Democrats now in the government service, notifying them that he was prepared to receive contributions toward defraying the expenses of Governor Campbell's campaign. Mr. Baker isn't scared even a little bit by the howl, of which he says: "Campbell is fighting the moneybags and ringsters who controlled the last legislature of Ohio. Everybody knows he is a poor man, and that money is needed for legitimate campaign expenses. As a partisan, representing a large number of influential Ohio Democrats, and backed by the influence and help of leading Democrats in Washington from other states, I propose to continue receiving contributions, which, I am happy to state, are steadily coming in. I am on receipt of many letters from Democrats in the government departments who are indignant at the idea that they cannot contribute their share towards electing a man of their choice. I find nothing in the civil service law against my action, and I have the precedent before me of the President of the United States as a Democratic citizen sending in his contribution to help his party."

Hon. Samuel E. Morse, of Indiana, who aided in winning the recent Democratic victory in Indianapolis, Mr. Harrison's home, and who enjoys the reputation of being a very shrewd political observer, says: "The prospects of Democratic success at our next state election are most promising, and, although the Republicans have an advantage in their holdover Senators, the indications for a Democratic legislature are good. I believe that we will not only carry Indiana in 1896, but that the same influences at work there will carry the country for the National Democratic ticket."

Caught a Whopper.

Editor Harter and ye editor of the "Reporter" took their annual outing for bass last week, starting Thursday morning and returning Saturday evening, from the shores of the grand Susquehanna, two miles below Sunbury. We took along plenty of good things prepared by our better halves, by 10:30 we were on the fishing ground and, thanks to the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hetrick, and their pretty daughter Grace, we were offered the freedom of their picturesque home, and there we set our table and slept in the best room, which, added to the pleasures of fishing for bass under favorable weather, added much to the royal time, "Tom an' me," or "me an' Tom" had, in hauling out 23 better than ordinary sized bass, a large white fish, an 18 inch sucker and a three ft. eel. But the cap-sheaf was 28 Susquehanna salmon brot in by Tom while out an hour with friend as we were taking a nap, and with this whopper, you bet our pile of luck looked big and we felt bigger.

Reaching Sunbury, marching to the station with such a "string," the news went town faster than any fish story ever did, and having to wait 45 min. for the home-bound train, crowds of men, women and children came around to see the big fish and big fishermen. And these were a few of the remarks that were dropped as new crowds came up:

What kind of a fish is that?
Is that "wat" you call a bass?
Did you ketch 'im?
How much does he weigh?
How did ye ketch 'im?
Is it a good eaten fish?
Gosh did you ever see such a salm'n?
The way to do him up is to boil him and he's royal.
I'd sooner eat a bass any time.
What'll you take for him?
What did pay for him?
I've caught 'em twice as big.
When will you go agin?
Was he hard to pull out; &c., &c.

On the train passengers came from every car to see the big salmon and us big fishermen. People wanted to know where we were from, and we said, from Centre county where every body is fit for governor and knows how to catch big fish.

At Bellefonte the big salmon created a bigger furor than at Sunbury, and at Ed. Harter's, on Sunday, there were enough of invited friends to get outside that fish, done up in Mrs. Harter's inimitable style.

Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev. J. Gunderman, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist church at Rives Junction she was brought down with pneumonia succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottles free at J. D. Murray's Drug Store. Regular size 50, and \$1.00.

If Abe Miller is a failure in managing his own affairs of \$4 a day store-keeping and \$24 per month pension, how can he be expected to attend to the important duties of the prothonotary's office? He is not capable of attending to the office, and why such a faithful officer as Wm. Smith should be pushed aside for this chronic office seeker is hard to understand. Miller is a dead failure in managing his affairs, and no one will risk him to attend to that of others.

THE Republican combine organs who were not backward in attacking Senator Quay are now enjoying that nice big plate of erow. They must eat it, Quay owns the party in Pennsylvania, and those who were his worst enemies are now crawling at his feet.

The cold weather coming on will require heavier and thicker clothing, as protection against the wintry blasts. Lewins, Bellefonte, has a full new line, and the prices are lower than any in the county. He has never been undersold.

FREE MEDICAL BOOKS.

An Illustrated Book on Health, Disease and Family Medicine.

A recently published book, packed full of valuable information for the masses, will be sent free for a time by the Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio. This book contains numerous physiological and anatomical illustrations, conveying accurate and useful instruction. The book covers the whole list of diseases to which the human family is liable and gives the treatment for each one. It is written in plain and chaste language, expressly for family use. It contains no reading or illustrations of an objectionable character. The author of the book is Dr. Hartman, whose long and extensive experience has enabled him to speak with authority on all medical subjects. This book should be in every family.

Another book, by the same author, entitled Woman's Hand-book for Female Diseases, will be sent for a short time to ladies only. This book cannot fail to be of priceless benefit to the afflicted woman. It has led to the cure of thousands of suffering women. Those preferring Dr. Hartman's personal advice should write, giving age, symptoms, and duration of disease. Answer free.

Everybody takes Pe-ru-na for chronic malaria and all forms of nervous prostration and fall biliousness. It is the greatest of tonics and invigorators.

About the Country.

A party from Lock Haven will do the slating for the new Ref. church.

Landlord Musser has added a young gent of color to his Millheim hotel.

Rev. Illingworth is busy on his history of Penn's valley.

Chestnuts have been mostly gathered in.

Saturday morning's rain did not help the streams and springs of this county any.

Quigley is doing this town and valley this week to get Democratic votes, but he can't Sing'er up.

Strohmeier has finished dressing the stone trimmings for the new Reformed church.

A Christian Endeavor Society was organized last Sabbath evening in the Cross church, Georges valley.

Some of our wheat fields look spotted from the drouth.

We are told some folks take very unclean apples to the press for making cider.

Simon Harper thinks the corn on his farm will average 100 bushels to the acre.

Advise your friends outside the county to subscribe for the "Reporter" to get all the home news.

A judge of one of the courts last week rendered a decision that bicyclers have a right to demand good roads.

Shoch's roller flouring mill, near Selinsgrove, was destroyed by fire last Friday afternoon.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has ordered 350 freight cars of a capacity of 80,000 tons each.

Blair county has too many apples and have been sold at 5 cents per bushel, and that makes cheap dumplings.

ONE of the most pleasing results of the last Quay-Hastings war was the popular disapproval of Don Cameron as Pennsylvania's representative in the U. S. Senate. He is doomed, and his friend Quay cannot pull him through again. Wanamaker, Charles. Emory Smith and three or four other Philadelphians are casting hungry eyes towards this seat in the senate, but all have the brand of the Hog Combine, and Quay does not associate with the swine.

JUDGE Simonton, of Dauphin, high legal authority, decided the law unconstitutional which permits the voting for only six out of the seven candidates for superior court judges, and that the voter has a right to cast his ballot for seven. Judge McPherson, on the other hand, decides that the law is constitutional. It now goes to the supreme court for an immediate and final decision.

In some parts of Snyder and Northumberland counties fall apples are so plenty you can gather all you want for 5 cents per bushel. Can't do it in our county.

If the bloody shirters could have the war fought over again maybe Abe Miller would make himself a real war record that would entitle him to a pension without a special act.

Not a murrner is now heard of the over 200,000 majority of last fall. It is not a question of a big majority now with the Republican candidates, but whether they will be elected. The last corrupt legislature has cost the Republican party thousands of votes.

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