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## STATE GUARDS IN CAMP.

96.7 Per Cent. of the Entire Guard at Camp Meade.

Of the 9,506 officers and men on the roster of the National Guard of Pennsylvania only 27 officers and 339 men are absent from camp George G. Meade, Gettysburg, making a rather unusual and exceedingly creditable average of 96.7 per cent. present.

Thousands of people visited the camp Sunday, though their presence could not be appreciated save by those they visited because of the vast extent of the camp. It was only the over-filled trolley cars and the endless chain of vehicles of all sorts and conditions that entered the camp that gave one any idea of the great crowd of visitors. As soon as the passengers left the cars they were lost in the company streets of the regiments. Many of the excursionists who hoped to visit the camp are said to have been stalled in Harrisburg, the railroads being unable to bring them on to Gettysburg. Thirty-nine sections are said to have started from various places for camp and less than three fourths of this number reached their destination.

Sunday Bellefonte came in for its share of notoriety, when a citizen of that place was arrested in Gettysburg by Prov. Marshall Loree for masquerading as an officer of the militia. The provost guard had been endeavoring to catch the man since Friday. He was placed in the town jail to await trial.

Chaplain Henry A. F. Hoyt, of the Sixth Regiment, was the only chaplain who held services on Sunday.

## CRUEL TEETH OF A SAW.

Ends the Earthly Life of a Clintondale Child Who Was Visiting His Uncle Near Tylersville.

A heartrending fatality occurred at Daniel Ruhl's saw mill near Tylersville Saturday morning. The victim was an eight year old son of Frank Rossman, of Clintondale. The day previous the little fellow went to Sugar valley to visit Mr. Ruhl, who is his uncle, and the next day went to the saw mill and while there caught hold of a slab which was being fed to the saw. The slab was jerked violently by its contact with the saw, which movement threw the child against the saw. A gash five inches long was inflicted in his breast, one hand was cut off, and his leg was badly cut. The little fellow expired instantly.

The funeral took place Monday afternoon. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Price, and interment was made in St. Paul's cemetery.

## Boalsburg.

Rufus Lee, of Walnut Grove, spent Sunday at the Hillside farm. Armstrong Jacobs, one of State College's venerable citizens, visited his son in this place last week.

Cal. Wieland, the wide-awake blacksmith, made a business trip to Centre Hall Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Kuhn spent a few days recently at the home of Alex. Kuhn.

Elmer Houtz, one of Millheim's enterprising butchers, was through this part of the county buying up cattle on Monday.

Mrs. Sophia Hall, of Wilmington, Delaware, is visiting her sisters, the Misses Keller.

Mrs. P. H. Meyer, accompanied by her children, left on Friday for a three weeks' visit with her brother, who lives at Mercersburg.

George Stuart, who is employed in Pittsburg, is at home spending the vacation with his mother.

Miss Nellie Lytle, a popular young lady from State College, is visiting her cousin, Miss Maggie Miller.

Mrs. Henney and son Spencer, are visiting at the home of Janet McFarlane.

Rev. Knappenberger, president of Allentown College, preached for Rev. A. A. Black, pastor of the Reformed church, Sunday morning and evening.

Prof. Charles E. Hower and family, of Mahanoy City, spent a few days recently among friends in this place.

Robert McCrae, wife and daughter Elizabeth, of Pittsburg, left for home Monday, after a visit of a few weeks in this place.

Reuben Stuart, one of the popular young men of this place, was in Bellefonte Tuesday.

R. B. Harrison and Wm. Mothersbaugh, were in Bellefonte Tuesday, attending the special examination.

Mr. and Mrs. Jared Mayes, of Leont, were in town Saturday.

Remember the picnic at Shingle-town Gap on Saturday, the 19th.

The Chicago corn market is back to a cash basis, and the serial is quoted at sixty-five cents. A half dozen millionaires cleared about \$1,500,000 by driving the price of corn to ninety cents.

Dorothy Dodd.

## THE STATE BRIDGES.

Department Says Spring Mills Bridge Will Be Built as Soon as Possible.

County Solicitor J. C. Meyer and the Centre County Commissioners have been notified by the State Department that the Spring Mills bridge will be erected as soon as practicable.

Architects were appointed last Thursday by the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds, of which Governor Stone is president, to prepare plans and specifications for the erection by the State of a large number of bridges under the act of 1895, which provides for the rebuilding of county bridges burned or carried away by flood. This law is being put into force for the first time, which naturally causes progress to be slow.

The architects are Andrew J. Whitney, Rome, Bradford county; Mark D. Bowman, Mahanoy City; Herman Laub, Pittsburg; Oscar E. Thomson, Phoenixville; Emil Swensson, Pittsburg.

The bridges to be replaced will be erected in Juniata, Berks, Carbon, Centre, Franklin, Bradford, Clearfield, Jefferson, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wyoming, Sullivan, Wayne and Luzerne counties. Their total cost is estimated at \$500,000.

## STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Jacob Rider, of Gatesburg, in Last Wednesday's Storm.

Jacob Rider, of Gatesburg, an old and highly respected man, was struck by lightning Wednesday afternoon of last week, says the State College Times.

He had made his way to the hay mow to shut the mow doors, when he accidentally stepped under the hanging hay fork and received from it the electrical discharge. After the storm ceased his family found him dead on the hay.

His age was seventy-three. He belonged to the Lutheran church. The funeral took place Friday afternoon.

His children are Mrs. Wm. Ellenberger, of Tyrone, and Matthias Rider, of Gatesburg. He had three sisters—Mrs. Musser, of Centre Line; Mrs. Samuel Musser, of Tyrone; and Mrs. William Hastings, of Gatesburg.

## LOCALS.

The fifteenth annual choir convention will be held in Freeburg, Aug. 16.

Pigeons Wanted—The undersigned wants a hundred pairs of pigeons. For further particulars apply to Chas. D. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, Pa.

A number of board walks are badly in need of repair. When the repairing could be done at little or no expense, no one should hesitate to put the walk in proper and safe condition.

The Bell telephone company is making wonderful improvements in Union and Snyder counties. The rates are greatly reduced from the schedules in effect in other localities.

A. J. Reesman last week received a car load of roofing slate, which will be put on the houses of Dr. Lee, Wm. Colyer, James Rankin and Samuel Durst. Mr. Reesman thinks by a bit of maneuvering he can find places for another car load.

Mrs. W. W. Boob and daughter, Miss Grace, Friday started for their home in Cincinnati, Ohio, to which place they moved last fall. The Boobs came east several weeks ago to enter the body of Mrs. Reifsnnyder, mother of Mrs. Boob, who died in Cincinnati.

C. S. W. Jones, editor of the Tyrone Herald, and Captain of the Sheridan Troop, N. G. P., Tuesday celebrated his thirty-first anniversary. The Sheridan Troop is now at Gettysburg, where it is taking its usual important place as one of the strong fighting arms of the State.

The members of the Presbyterian church have decided to lay a stone walk in front of the parsonage and church in this place. Ohio sawed stone will be used. The stone are furnished by Dr. J. F. Alexander, who visited the quarry on his recent trip to the Buckeye state.

D. J. Koch, son of Amos Koch, formerly of this place, has accepted a lucrative position with the Hooven Mercantile Co., of New York City. Mr. Koch for several years was clerk in J. P. Condo's store at Millheim, and being possessed of much business ability no doubt will succeed in his new work.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Reformed church celebrated the birthday of the society by holding appropriate anniversary services on Sunday evening. The church was artistically decorated and the society well entertained the many people who attended. The report submitted by the secretary showed the society to be in a very prosperous condition, financially and socially, while the spiritual condition has been most helpful to the church and community in general.

## REMODELING REFORMED CHURCH.

\$3000.00 to be Spent to Make the Old Church Modern in Every Respect.

Salem Reformed church, east of Penn Hall, better known perhaps as the White church, is being rebuilt. Robert Smith, of Spring Mills, is the contractor who has charge of the repairs, which will cost about \$2000.00.

The old church was built and dedicated during the pastorate of Rev. Lewis C. Edmonds, now of Ford City, Pa., in 1859. During the pastorate of Rev. Z. A. Yearick, the church was repaired inside and out.

The old church was a two story structure, 38x45 feet, the lower story being used for a Sunday school room, and the upper for congregational purposes. As rebuilt the church will be 38x60 feet, and will have but a single story. An addition of twelve feet to the rear of the old building, enables the congregation to have a Sunday school room 29x33 feet and an auditorium for church services of 38x40 feet. Sliding doors will allow both rooms to be used as one when occasion demands it.

A metal ceiling will be placed in the new building and stained glass memorial windows will be put in. Instead of a tower on the roof as in the old church, the new building will have a tower built from the ground at the south west corner, through which the main entrance is to be. A side door on the east side will be the entrance for the Sunday school.

It is the wish of the congregation to make the church modern in all its parts. When finished it will be one of the finest churches of the Aaronsburg charge, of which Rev. L. W. Brown is now pastor. Dr. D. M. Wolf has for many years been the superintendent of the Sunday school.

By the kind invitation of the council of the Lutheran church—Penns Creek church—both church services and Sunday school are held in that church until the repairs are completed. It is hoped that the church will be dedicated some time in October.

## ELECTRICITY PLAYS HAVOC.

Man Killed—Lightning Strikes Waist of Lady—Barn Burned.

Emanuel M. Metzger, of Williamsport, was shocked to death and literally roasted alive by coming in contact with a trolley feed wire Thursday last week. The unfortunate man climbed to the top of a forty-foot pole to out a telephone wire that led to his house and was no longer in use. He fell across a network of wires, where he hung head downward, while his body sizzled and gave off sickening odors and blue flames during the twenty minutes required to get the current shut off.

## LIGHTNING ENCIRCLED HER WAIST.

During the severe electrical storm Thursday of last week, lightning struck near the residence of General John P. Taylor, above Reidsville, and followed a wire into the kitchen, where Miss Mitchell, a servant, was at work. The bolt struck a steel buckle on a belt she wore and, following the belt, completely encircled her waist, marks on the belt and clothing showing the effects. The young woman was severely shocked, but recovered.

## BARN BURNED.

During a heavy electrical storm last week a large bank barn owned by Moses P. Yoder, two miles from Bellefonte, Mifflin county, was struck by lightning and destroyed, including crops and a part of the live stock.

## Will be in Town Friday.

Photographer Smith will be in Centre Hall Friday. Come to his studio if you want first-class work at a reasonable figure.

## Oats and Barley.

Oats and barley have made remarkable growth since the wet weather set in. The late oats and later sown barley is a very good length—in fact, up to the average.

## Marriage Licenses.

John G. Conway, Alport.  
Mary Hollinshead, Alport.  
James Clark, Phillipsburg.  
Elizabeth Ferguson, Phillipsburg.  
Fountain C. Lewis, Pine Glenn.  
Minnie Hoover, Pine Glenn.  
C. H. Busch, Fleming.  
Edna Shiply, Fleming.  
Blanchard H. Jones, Phillipsburg.  
Lizzie Davis, Johnstown.

## Accidents Reported by the Times.

W. C. Kline, of State College, started fishing early on the 4th, and slipping on a wet log, fell with such force upon his left hand as to break all the "leaders" in it.

Eight year old Joseph Ewing, in College township, had the tendon of his heel cut off on the 4th by a mowing machine. He was moving along in front of the machine when he fell and was caught by it.

## DEATHS.

### WILLIAM HECKMAN.

William Heckman died at the home of his son, John Heckman, west of Centre Hall, Friday of last week, at the age of sixty-nine years and twenty-eight days, after an illness of seven months. Mr. Heckman suffered from heart trouble, and his condition was such for several weeks prior to his death, that his passing away might have occurred at any moment.

Mr. Heckman was a farmer by occupation—an industrious, hardworking man, who never knew what idleness meant as long as he had physical endurance. He was a kind husband and loving father, and a neighbor in the highest sense of the term.

The funeral services took place Tuesday afternoon religious services being held at the house, Rev. J. M. Rearick, of the Lutheran church, and pastor of the deceased conducting the same, assisted by Rev. Dr. W. H. Schuyler, of the Presbyterian church. Interment was made below Penn Hall in the Heckman cemetery, near the old home of the deceased.

The following children survive the father: Frederick A., California; Emma, wife of Dr. D. G. Smith, Elizabeth, Ill.; Sara, wife of James S. Reish, Potters Mills; Mary, wife of David K. Keller, John and George, near Centre Hall; Zora, Sanbury; Frank, Illinois; Blanch, Potters Mills.

Deceased is also survived by his wife, whose maiden name was Rupp.

Mr. Heckman also leaves the following brothers and sisters: John, Spring Mills; Daniel, Bellefonte; Elias, Orangeville, Illinois; Mrs. Henry Royer, Centre Hall; Mrs. Henry Mark, Penn Hall; Samuel, of Illinois; Andrew, of Saville, Ohio, and Mrs. John Zeigler, of Penn Hall, preceded him to the grave.

### BENJAMIN WIELAND.

Benjamin Wieland, at the age of eighty-eight years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. H. Hall, near Orangeville, Illinois, last week.

The deceased was a son of John Michael and Sarah Wieland, and was born in Kishacoquillas Valley, Mifflin county. While yet a small boy, the deceased with his parents moved on a farm near Boalsburg, where he remained until 1842, at which time he was married to Anna Maria Walker, of near Zion, who died in 1894.

Seven years prior to 1835, at which time he emigrated to Illinois, he lived on a farm owned by him near Pine Grove Mills. Since leaving Centre county he resided continuously at Orangeville.

He leaves a family of four surviving children—Mrs. Mary Huges, Gordon, Idaho; Frank, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Ellen L. Hale and William, Orangeville, Illinois.

Mr. Wieland was a brother of Mrs. Daniel Hess, Linden Hall; and Mrs. Z. Winsor, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and also of the late Daniel T. Wieland, of Linden Hall.

Mrs. Hess and Mrs. Winsor are the sole survivors of the Wieland family.

### JOHN F. HARTER.

Dr. John Harter, of Millheim, died Wednesday in Philadelphia in the Hahnemann hospital where he underwent a surgical operation which revealed that he was a sufferer from intestinal cancer, and that his recovery was absolutely impossible. The operation was performed Tuesday morning.

Dr. Harter suffered for some months but a few weeks ago was afforded temporary relief and was able to make a tour and perform his duties as revenue collector. Later he grew worse, and it was decided to take him to a hospital as a last resort. The consequence has been related above.

Dr. Harter was a son of Wm. S. Harter, deceased, of Millheim, and was born January 8, 1857. He studied dentistry with Dr. A. J. Orndorf, of Pine Grove Mills. During 1878 he married Miss Charlotte Meek, who with two daughters, Sadie B. and Jessie M., survive him.

The deceased was elected county recorder in 1887, on the Republican ticket. In 1892 he was a candidate for sheriff, but was defeated.

Ammon Braught, son of John Braught, of near Coburn, and brother of Dr. Braught, of Spring Mills, who was taken to the Lock Haven hospital last week to have an operation for appendicitis performed, and who was reported to be in a serious condition as a result of the operation, died on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Braught was a telegraph operator.

### WM. ROBB.

William Robb, of Romola, died Wednesday of last week, aged sixty-one years. Deceased was elected jury commissioner of Centre county on the Republican ticket in the fall of 1900.

He was one of the progressive men in Centre township, and for years conducted a general store.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

Brief Discussion of Political and Other Matters of Public Interest.

Senator Penrose may be obliged to pay the debt incurred by the bad usage of Elkin by Senator Quay.

There are a good many signs that the kind of harmony which prevails in the Republican party in this State between the Quay and Elkin factions is accompanied by a club.

The new postal is materially different from the old one. In the right hand upper corner is a profile medalion of the martyred President's head and bust, the likeness being excellent. In the upper left hand corner, also in medalion shape, is the coat of arms of the United States.

The fact that Senator Quay and his admirers have placed \$10,000 in a Pittsburg bank to bet on a majority of 200,000 for Pennypacker, is no indication whatever that the senator's choice will win in November. What is \$10,000 to Quay and his followers? A gentle shake of the plum tree will yield more than that. Quay can well afford to bet.

In the conference of Quay, Penrose and Stone at Harrisburg nothing appears to have been before the people of Pennsylvania for six or eight years, with numerous unfulfilled and repudiated pledges by Quay. The conference was to heal up the jars and divisions in the machine, but Elkin refused to attend, and he has had one of the bad jolts that must be doctored. Chairman Quay has all that he can do to patch up his fences.

The Marquis of Salisbury has resigned the Premiership of Great Britain and Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, the First Lord of the Treasury and government leader in the House of Commons, has been appointed to succeed him.

Lord Salisbury tendered the resignation at an audience he had with King Edward last Friday.

Saturday Mr. Balfour visited the King and accepted the Premiership.

According to an estimate of the Red Cross identify depot, which fulfilled the functions of a casualty bureau for the Boer forces, the total losses of the latter during the war were 6700 men killed or died of wounds, and 32,000 made prisoners of war, of whom 700 died. The Boer forces in the field numbered about 75,000.

The total losses of the British in the war have been given as 2959 officers and 88,476 enlisted men. Of these, 10-20 officers and 20,031 men were reported killed.

One of the most astonishing features of the growth of our American postal system has been in that of free delivery. The first route was established only six years ago, but on July 1, 1902, there were 9,461 routes in operation. There are to be 536 more on August 1, and 10,195 petitions for routes are still under consideration. According to population, Iowa leads the Union in rural free-delivery routes. There were 964 in that State on July 1, and 23 additional routes will be placed in operation on August 1. Arkansas of the larger states is at the bottom of the line with only 20 routes. It has been a great convenience to the farmers, for it gives them the same conveniences and advantages in their mail service that the larger cities and towns possess.

The harmony which Senator Quay has proclaimed seems to be of a kind that requires constant attention and frequent readjustment. He went to Pittsburg to harmonize the machine there and came away satisfied. A few days later he was obliged to return and this time the supposedly harmonious Recorder Brown kept out of his way and has not yet been brought to terms. Even the Harrisburg harmony lasted only while Quay and Stone were together, in one of those midnight councils that recalled old and tender associations. Stone himself is authority for the present statement that nothing came of it and that he has not been harmonized.

It is particularly interesting to learn from Stone that he has declined the gold brick tendered him in the form of a foreign mission and intends to remain at home. He is possessed of the very strong and very just idea that if Quay is to have a vote of confidence for his conduct of the State government, his Governor ought not to be left out. He is ready to join the procession, but he wants his proper place near the head and his due recognition as a true representative of the machine. He is not going to take a back seat for anybody.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Don't feed the 'coon.  
It's a long lane without a turn.  
The Republican primaries will be held August 2.

Mrs. H. W. Kreamer spent Saturday with friends in Rebersburg.  
Centre Hall has over one hundred and fifteen school children.

When the Reporter clips from the county exchanges it has the manhood to give proper credit.

Mrs. W. J. Wilson, of Howard, is a guest at the home of her son, T. J. Wilson, in this place.

Miss Margaret Jacobs is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mr. John Stuart, at State College.

Miss Grace Smith last week went to Williamsport where she will be the guest of Miss Alice Hazlet.

Miss Tace Kreamer returned home Saturday evening after spending six weeks with friends in Lewisburg and Rebersburg.

The recent wet weather developed the spores that cause potato rot, and should an unfavorable season for potatoes set in later, the crop may easily be destroyed.

Miss Daisy Grover, of Altoona, and Miss Anna Sweeney, of Boalsburg, were guests at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Jacobs over Sunday.

Frank W. Knepp and S. L. Swartzell, of Verne, Mifflin county, made a trip to Madisonburg last week, stopping in Centre Hall on the way. Mr. Knepp was on the hunt of a suitable place to open a store.

Among others from a distance who attended the funeral of Wm. Heckman, was his brother Elias Heckman, of Orangeville, Illinois. Mr. Heckman is a twin brother of Commissioner Daniel Heckman, and closely resembles him.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Schuyler left Tuesday afternoon for Schellburg and Edinburg, Bedford county, where they expect to spend a month with friends. During Rev. Schuyler's absence there will be no services in the Presbyterian church.

Superintendent of the Bellefonte schools Prof. D. O. Eiters in endeavoring to capture a rattle snake by looping it with a string was bitten on the thumb by the enraged reptile. He suffered considerable pain, but it is thought there will be no serious consequences.

Ex-commissioner John Wolf, of Rebersburg, is in Gettysburg, having gone there to spend some time with his brother, Dr. E. J. Wolf, D. D. Mr. Wolf had not been in the best of health for some time, and it is gratifying to know that he is able to travel and enjoy himself.

C. M. Bower, wife and granddaughter Elenore Bower, of Bellefonte, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer, Monday. Attorney Bower is a member of one of the leading law firms of Bellefonte, and represents a large number of south side clients. During the writer's absence Mr. Bower called at the Reporter office.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bartholomew, of Spring Mills, and her daughter, Miss Anna Bartholomew, of this place, Wednesday went to Curwensville to visit Mrs. Clyde Spencer. The latter is a daughter of Mrs. Bartholomew, and in the near future will move to Pittsburg where her husband will be engaged in carpentering.

Bellefonte is having an experience with water pumps and fixtures, and an expense, as well. If anyone within that borough has any special revelation on the subject or superior knowledge by experience, it would be a good time to give it to the authorities. It's a pity to keep such valuable information pent up until it becomes useless.

Favorable mention was made in the Reporter some time ago of the oratorical powers of Fred Chambers, son of E. R. Chambers, Esq., of Bellefonte. Fred spoke before the Kennett Legioners, at their convention at Reading, and the West Chester papers speak very flatteringly of the young man. He has rare ability and makes good use of it.

Jacob S. Slack, of Bloomington, Illinois, who has been in the service of the Chicago & Alton railroad for the past eight years, made his first trip Wednesday of last week from Bloomington to Springfield as engineer of a passenger engine. Mr. Slack was a telegraph operator for the same company until stricken with paralysis peculiar to the knights of the key. Later he began firing, and now controls an engine himself. He is a brother of Assistant Postmaster C. W. Slack, of this place, and son of John A. Slack, of Potters Mills.