



CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

GENERAL REVIEW OF MAJOR AND MI- NOR EVENTS.

Experiences of the Rank and File—Anecdotes and Observations.
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(To be Continued.)

While waiting on a siding for a train to pass a telegram from Harrisburg reached us, stating that dinner would be ready for us on arrival, this was good news, for our big breakfast had now been settled and shaken into a very small compass. We were near Harrisburg; a few miles out we halted for a train to pass; we rushed out of our box-cars for fresh air; we saw immense clouds of dust rising and lazily drifting along with the light breeze; I inquired of a native what that meant and was told that the dust rose out of Camp Curtin where thirty thousand new soldiers were being organized and equipped to reinforce the "Army of the Potomac," which was defeated and retreating towards Washington. He said: "The dust is six inches deep over there and you will be into it yourselves before evening."

We moved again and soon pulled into the Harrisburg Station. We left our freight train, were dirty and black as the miners from the pit, were tired, sore, bruised, mad and hungry, but the prospect of a good dinner was cheering to us. We had neither time nor place to wash but formed ranks for dinner and marched out and "over there" to the table, around which we stood. We found the long wished-for dinner to be an absolute stunner; it consisted of a hunk of boiled fat pork, a hunk of dry bread, coffee, black, chaffy and unpalatable. I soon noticed that none of us were as frisky as we were in the start.

We were soon through with our dinner when we moved out to Camp Curtin, wading in the middle of the road, in six inches of dust which splashed like wet snow and rose in clouds that darkened the sun. Our clothes now assumed a uniform color of Pennsylvania mud; we tried to clean up and were permitted to go to the river to bathe, and every fair afternoon from five hundred to a thousand naked men were continually in the river and along the banks, where people drove and trains ran.

Camp Curtin was an immense encampment of over thirty thousand new soldiers, awaiting outfits and shipment south. We no longer wondered at the great clouds of dust that we saw, while we were yet miles away. The dust was something dreadful, about six inches deep, hot and light. It would rise in immense clouds under the tread of the constantly moving, coming and going of many thousands men, and hundreds of teams bringing in ordnance and commissary stores. Tents were issued to us and we immediately put them up on lines assigned to us, moved into them and fixed up.

Water we drew from wells dug in camp; they were thirty to forty feet deep, about fifteen feet in diameter, walled up with brick and contained fairly good water.

A full outfit of camp equipment and uniforms were issued to us and every vestige of citizens' outfit, by order of the military authorities, sent home.

In this camp some of our soldiers took sick and never got any farther; nothing like a timely attack of something. Only a short time was spent in Camp Curtin, where we were detained, awaiting arms. The response to the call for three hundred thousand more men was so promptly met that the government found it impossible to furnish arms to all as they came in and were organized, therefore, we armed ourselves with clubs, to drill with, to guard duty and turn out on dress parade. A photograph of these dress parades under the camp commander, General Tarbuton, would be a valuable addition to the collection of funny pictures in a dime museum. When the parade was formed and the general in stentorian tones commanded, "to the rear; open order; march!" the rear rank would begin to wobble and "harch" backward; every man's head wobbled and all gaped right and left, downward and skyward, treading the toes of his neighbor and elbowing for room, until commanded to "halt"; and all halted, and stood fast with feet out of sight in the dust; oh! what a line that was; of green militia countrymen! straighter, perhaps, than any stake and rider fence in the Commonwealth; and still the general commanded "right dress," and so we had for every man had his prince Albert coat on!

What soldierly positions the boys would now assume; as their patriotic ardor was being peppered with great clouds of dust, and roasted to withering under a scorching sun; even the

COUNTY OFFICIALS.

New Head: Assume Charge in the Court House.

Monday morning the officers elected in November assumed the responsibility of their respective offices. The political complexion of new officers are about equally divided between the Democrats and Republicans, and while there was a most strenuous effort put forth by the rank and file of the two opposing political parties to elect the men who were of the same party affiliations, any animosity caused by the campaign has long since been reconciled.

The Reporter anticipates that the officials who assumed their duties on Monday will be broad and liberal minded and perform their duties to the profit and credit of the tax payers of Centre county. The Reporter will be ready to acquiesce in any justifiable expenditure of the public moneys, no matter what the political complexion of the officers in charge; and it will also be ready to condemn official action, without regard to politics, when lack of judgment leads to extravagance or profligacy.

It may be well to enumerate the several officials of Centre county, both new and old, together with the political party which they represent.

Sheriff: Hugh S. Taylor, D.
Deputy Sheriff: Cyrus Brungart, D.
Recorder: John C. Rowe, D.
Sheriff's Clerks: Harry Jackson, D.
Sheriff's Attorneys: John J. Bower, D.; J. Kennedy Johnson, D.
Turnkey: Jerry Condo, R.
County Treasurer: Philip D. Foster, R.
Commissioners: Abram V. Miller, R., president; John G. Bailey, R.; Philip H. Meyer, D.
Commissioner's Clerk: Ambrose M. Sloteman, R.
Commissioner's Attorney: Harry Keller, R.
Deputy Recorder: James Corl, D.
Register: Alexander Archey, D.
Prothonotary: M. I. Gardner, D.
Prothonotary's Clerk: A. B. Kimpfort, D.
Auditors: H. B. Pontius, R.; Archey Allison, R.; J. H. Beck, D.
Coroner: Dr. S. M. Huff, R.
Jail Physician: Dr. R. G. H. Hayes, R.
Court House Janitor: Thomas Donachy, R.

Members of the Legislature: J. William Kepler, D.; J. H. Wetzel, D.

LOCALS.

A commercial telephone was placed in the Presbyterian Manse.

R. W. Colyer, of Colyer, is instructing the Mill Hall band which recently reorganized. Mr. Colyer is a fine cornetist and well qualified to fill the role of a band instructor. He went to Mill Hall Tuesday and will remain until the 15th inst.

The marriage of Miss Helen Sechler, daughter of Mail Clerk Robert Sechler, took place at Lewisburg recently, to William H. Cox, of New Castle. Among the presents mentioned in the Lewisburg papers was a check of \$1500.00 to the groom from his father.

Sunday morning there was a slight fire in the millinery store of Mrs. Yeager in the Melbridge building, corner of Bishop and Allegheny streets, Bellefonte. This is the second fire discovered in that building within a short time, which leads one to believe that an incendiary has designed to destroy it.

John H. Durst, of Glenn Iron, Union county, in the spring will again become a resident of Centre county, having rented the Hiram Durst farm, east of Centre Hall, owned by William Bariges, of Coburn. That farm is now occupied by Thomas Scholl, who will move to near Aaronsburg and become a tenant on the Zeigler farm below that town.

intoo, knock-kneed, reel-footed and bow-legged now looked fine, the appearance of every man was much enhanced by the fit of his uniform; rosy pant legs indicated the neighborhood of our legs, while our prince Albert coats hung straight down our backs and sides with goods to spare, and the shoes; oh those shoes; so rosy and easy.

But our military caps must not be omitted; they fit the head all over; they had goose bill handles; round behind, so rain, hail and snow would follow the spine and produce the most cooling sensations imaginable, the colder the weather the more noticeable it would be. Now as you looked along the line of Gen. Tarbuton's dress parades you would see these war caps posed in every imaginable position; some had them set down on the right ear; some were down on the "wrong" ear; some in the back of the neck, the goose bill skyward; others had the goose bill on the nose; this varied pose of the espadded much to the military and ferocious appearance of the column.

The first post I served as guard, armed with a part of a cant hook handle, was in front of the general's tent. I walked the beat constantly back and forth; time dragged so slowly; I got so tired; it was so hot; and late in the night; I wished I could sit down and rest just a minute; there were fly-rope plus about two feet high and I concluded to sit on one and rest a minute, but I had no sooner perched myself when I slept; the general came out; he rushed at me and yelled; hello,

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Session Largely Attended—Resolution Asks the State for a Pension.

The fifty-sixth annual teachers' institute held in Bellefonte under the direction of Superintendent C. L. Gramley closed a successful session Friday noon. There was almost a complete attendance of teachers, and the space in the court room not taken up with teachers was packed with spectators. The evening entertainments were also well patronized.

The instructors were, as a rule, capable and earnest men. There were many thoughts presented that would materially benefit the average school teacher, if intelligent enough to grasp them.

Officers for the coming year are as follows:

Vice Presidents—Miss Anna Bartholomew, of Centre Hall; A. A. Pletcher, of Howard.

Rec. Sec.—Miss Maude Rankin, of Moshannon.

Assistant Sec.—Miss Ella Warl, of Philipsburg.

At the close of the sessions the usual resolutions were adopted. Those of interest to the public are appended:

Whereas, We, the teachers of Centre county, have assembled by the providence of God in the 56th annual convention; and

Whereas, Believing that in co-operation with the spirit of progress everywhere manifest, that we possess in a proportional manner a supreme interest in our work; therefore be it

Resolved, I. That we deplore the fact that some teachers are so unmindful of their own interests as to absent themselves from some of the regular sessions without sufficient cause.

II. That the study of nature should occupy a more prominent place in our course of instruction.

III. That we recommend the next legislature to enact a law relating to the pensioning of teachers.

IV. That we also recommend that the State Legislature enact a law compelling uniform examinations in the various counties, and that school boards should not be allowed to pay below a certain minimum salary.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' MEETING.

The annual convention of school directors was held in Petrikin Hall Thursday forenoon. C. T. Fryberger, Esq., of Philipsburg, was chairman.

Col. Austin Curtin read a paper on "Rural High Schools." His thoughts were seconded by John A. Daley, Wm. E. Grove and G. G. Fink. Superintendent Gramley spoke in a general way, touching on the subjects of compulsory education, township high schools and centralization of schools.

The officers elected are as follows: President, S. H. Beunison, Marion. Vice-pres., Dr. S. M. Huff, Milesburg. J. P. Heckman, Gregg. Secretary, H. C. Quigley, Bellefonte. Delegates to State Convention: D. F. Fortney, Bellefonte; Austin Curtin, Boggs; C. L. Gramley, Rebersburg; C. T. Fryberger, Philipsburg; Dr. T. S. Christ, State College.

Executive committee: Hon. W. C. Heinle, Bellefonte; S. W. Smith, Centre Hall; Dr. J. A. Thompson, Stormstown; C. H. Pletcher, Howard; A. N. Brungart, Miles.

The auditing committee reported that the receipts were \$781.17 and expenditures \$700.66, leaving a balance of \$80.51.

The local institutes will be held as follows:

- No. 1 at Rebersburg, Feb. 13-14
- " 2 at Centre Hall, Jan. 16-17
- " 3 at Hubersburg, Feb. 27-28
- " 4 at Blanchard, Jan. 30-31
- " 5 at Unionville, Feb. 29-31
- " 6 at Philipsburg, Feb. 6-7

LOCALS.

Miss Grace Smith is in Williamsport on account of the serious illness of her friend, Miss Alice Hazlett.

Miss Jennie Bartholomew, of Lock Haven, sister of W. H. Bartholomew, of this place, is visiting relatives here.

Benjamin Emerick purchased thirteen acres of land from Mrs. Mollie Ross. The price paid was \$65.00 per acre.

A baby boy came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Alexander, near the Old Fort. It is needless to say that the tiny bundle of humanity is very welcome.

Phillip Durst, of near this place, killed two hogs that weighed, respectively, 296 and 338 pounds, that were remarkable for the amount of fat they rendered.

Miss Florence Rhone, daughter of Hon. L. Rhone, Tuesday afternoon left for Wichita, Kansas, where she will remain with her uncle, Robert Sankey, for the winter.

O. M. Lonberger, of near Pleasant Gap, was one of the many callers at the Reporter office Monday. Mr. Lonberger is a busy man, and never finds time to loaf after having done his errands and transacted his business.

FARMER'S INSTITUTE.

Topics to be Discussed by Men of Practical Knowledge.

A Centre county Farmer's Institute, under the auspices of the department of agriculture of Pennsylvania, will be held in the town hall in Millheim Thursday and Friday, January 15 and 16.

The following program has been arranged for the institute:

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

My Success in the Use of Commercial Fertilizers—M. S. Bond, Danville.

Farmers as We Find Them—W. F. Smith, Penn Township.

Care and Application of Manure—J. Y. Patton, New Castle.

The Farmer of Today—A. N. Corman, Rebersburg.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Nature Study in the Public Schools—Prof. Hosterman, Penn Hall.

Insect Enemies of Farm and Garden—Prof. Geo. C. Butz, State College.

What Constitutes a Country Home—R. S. Seeds, Birmingham.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Breeding Poultry—J. S. Meyer, Penn Township.

Preserving Soil Moisture—James Y. Patton.

Peach Culture—Prof. Butz.

How the Girls Can Make Money on the Farm—M. S. Bond.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Profit and Loss in the Dairy—D. D. Royer, Rebersburg.

How to Grow Good Clover—J. Y. Patton.

Value of Fertility and Cheapest Way to Get It—R. S. Seeds.

How Can We Reduce Local Taxation—M. S. Bond.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Silos and Silage—J. W. Shook, Spring Mills.

Modern Treatment of Apple Orchards—Prof. Butz.

Mistakes of Life Exposed—R. S. Seeds.

Time is given for the question box at the opening of each session; also for music.

Linden Hall.

Phillip Bliss Meyer, formerly of this place, but now of Bowling Green, Virginia, after spending several weeks among friends and relatives, Saturday returned home.

Miss Day Brooks returned to Bellefonte Monday.

Clyde Boyer and bride returned from their wedding tour Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Miller, of Pine Grove Mills, J. H. Miller and Miss Maude Miller also Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lemen, of Morgantown, West Va., were guests of F. E. Wieland last week.

George M. Hall, of Johnstown, one of the firm of McNaught & Hall, spent last week at the Hess home.

Rev. D. E. Hepler, of Lemont, called on his people in this section Tuesday.

Mrs. Elmer Houtz and children visited Grandpa Houtz last week.

Miss Maggie Markle is at home with her brother George for a few weeks.

Henry Reitz is prospecting for coal on his farm near here and from present indications he may soon strike a paying vein.

F. E. Wieland secured a car load of stove coal this week, the first he has had for some time.

M. C. Gephart, of Bellefonte, transacted business in town Wednesday.

LOCALS.

Ladie's Fleeces lined hose, with light colored feet—Garman's.

The stork in distributing its portion of dear little woolly-toesies during the first part of January, did not forget the home of Bruce and Mrs. Ripka, at Centre Hill, and left them a little girl the second day of 1903.

J. F. Stover and wife, W. F. McKinney, wife and children, of Potters Mills; Henry Homan and wife, of Old Fort; Mrs. Rebecca Cummings and daughter Elsie and son Earl, were all royally entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moyer, west of town, on Sunday.

All church people will be interested in the series of articles in the Woman's Home Companion which deals with "The Great Movements Which are Making the World Better." The first article in this series, dealing with "The Great Work of the Presbyterian Church of America," appears in the January number.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Musser and little son, of near Penn Hall, on their way home Monday stopped to take a peep at the 'moons in their winter quarters. Mr. and Mrs. Musser delight in pleasing their handsome little son, and this particular treat was one the little lad had looked forward to for weeks with the usual childish glee.

DEATHS.

MRS. WILLIAM DALE.

New Year's day brought sadness into at least one home in this vicinity, for on that day the death angel stole into the home of William Dale, at Pleasant Gap, and took hence the spirit of a loving and affectionate wife, Mrs. Mary M. Dale. Death was due to cancer from which the deceased had been a patient sufferer for over a year, says the Bellefonte Daily News.

The departed was born at the old Rhone homestead in Potter township and was the daughter of Jacob and Sarah Rhone. She was seventy years of age and was a member of the Lutheran church at Pleasant Gap, and since childhood her life has been devoted to church work. She was also a member of Logan Grange, of Pleasant Gap.

Surviving her are her husband and the following brothers and sisters: Jacob Rhone, Allegheny; Hon. Leonard Rhone, Centre Hall; Mrs. John Hess, Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. E. E. Sankey, of Potters Mills; Mrs. John Hixon, Alden, Iowa; Mrs. Louis Mason, Grinnell, Iowa.

The funeral services were held in the Lutheran church at Pleasant Gap on Monday, conducted by Rev. Stonecypher. Interment at Boalsburg.

MRS. LYDIA NEESE.

The many friends of Mrs. Lydia Neese will be sorry to hear of her sudden death which occurred at her home on Monday morning, 9 a. m., in Spring Mills. For some time Mrs. Neese has been suffering from dropsy, but just at this time her death was rather unexpected. She is survived by nine children—five sons and four daughters, Mr. Neese having preceded her to the grave years ago.

Interment will be made this (Thursday) morning in the Cross cemetery, in Georges Valley, Rev. J. M. Rearick, her pastor, officiating.

The children are: Alice and Lavina J. Spring Mills; Rebecca, Beuna Vista, Va.; R. W. J. Howard, and F. C. Auburn, New York; J. A., West Superior, Wis.; Emma, Scalp Level. Deceased's age was sixty-five years, two months and eleven days.

HENRY BROCKERHOFF.

The death of Henry Brockerhoff occurred at the University Hospital, Philadelphia, Saturday morning. He had been a sufferer from stomach trouble for a year or more, and sought relief in the institution at which he died. He was a son of Henry Brockerhoff, whose death occurred in 1878, and who at one time was a prominent business man in Bellefonte.

The deceased managed the Brockerhoff estate, which for the greater part remained in tact. He is survived by a sister, Miss Mary, and one brother, Dr. Joseph Brockerhoff, both of Bellefonte.

HENRY PENNINGTON.

Henry Pennington died at State College, New Year's evening, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, being the second time he was stricken. He was a member of Company C, 148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, having very faithfully served the cause of the Union.

Deceased leaves a wife and two daughters—Mrs. Robert Brennon and Mrs. Wm. Kennedy.

Interment took place Sunday morning, the services conducted by Rev. E. R. Heckman, of the Methodist church.

TONER LEATHERS.

Toner Leathers, at one time a prominent politician and merchant at Unionville, died in Washington, D. C., Wednesday afternoon of hemorrhages of the bowels. He was born at Unionville and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Leathers of that place. He was forty-eight years of age. For several years past with his wife he has been conducting a boarding house at Washington. At one time he kept store at Unionville and during the Spanish-American war he served with the 17th Regiment P. V.

MRS. WM. GRAHAM.

Sallie, wife of William Graham, died at the home of her step-son, George Graham, at State College, Sunday morning, at the age of sixty-six years. Interment took place Tuesday afternoon, Rev. C. T. Aikens officiating. Death was due to paralysis.

Mrs. Graham had been for many years a resident of Philipsburg, and was at State College on a visit.

C. E. OFFICERS.

The Christian Endeavor Society at Egg Hill is one of the most interesting and well attended religious services in that quarter. The officers of the body are: President, P. C. Frank; Vice President, J. M. Carson; Secretary, Lillian P. Frank; Assistant Secretary, Elsie Alexander; Treasurer, Besse Grove; Librarian, James Alexander; Organist, Vera M. Grove.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

An unusually large number of Penna Valley people attended teachers' institute.

Miss Katie Keller Saturday went to Munson Station where she will remain a short time.

G. W. Noll, a son of A. G. Noll, of near Pleasant Gap, has been ill during the past week, with symptoms of typhoid fever.

Merchants, tradesmen, farmers and others, who have anything to put on the market should advertise in the Reporter. Rates very reasonable.

Frank Bogdan, of near Potters Mills, announces himself as a Democratic candidate for the office of Supervisor of Potter Township.

Mrs. J. F. Alexander spent several days in Bellefonte, being the guest of her brother, Archibald Allison, and her sister, Mrs. Frank McCoy.

The Potter-Hoy hardware firm banquetted its employees Thursday evening. The Company has passed through a most successful business year.

George Michaels, of Potters Mills, has become a resident of Alfaraia, Millin county, where he will be engaged on the farm of his brother.

Jacob Breon, of near Millheim, announces sale for March 12. He will sell farm stock, implements and household goods. See sale register.

Fergus Potter, Esq., of Linden Hall, was a caller recently. 'Squire Potter is erect as when the writer learned to know him more than thirty years ago.

Guy Boone, son of Commissioner Boone, of Clinton county, has purchased the general merchandise store of T. R. Harter, Loganton. He took charge Monday.

H. C. Quigley, Esq., has been appointed referee in bankruptcy in the counties of Clinton and Centre. That position was held by the late W. E. Gray, Esq.

If you want a neat, attractive sale bill, come to the Reporter office to have it done. The bills printed at this office cannot be matched in the county for originality and attractiveness.

James Glenn, of Lemont, a student at the Evangelical College at Meyers town, was the guest of Misses Claire and Mary Kennedy, daughters of John Q. A. Kennedy, near this place, last week.

The readers will notice that H. F. Rossman in his advertisement announces that his store will be open for business Saturday. Mr. Rossman has been in Philadelphia to purchase new goods.

The attendance of the first meeting of the week of prayer, held in the Methodist church, was very large, the spacious auditorium being completely filled. The sermon was delivered by Rev. J. M. Rearick.

The marriage of Miss Bella K. Rankin, daughter of Mrs. Barbara Rankin, and Frank McFarlane, of Boalsburg, will take place on Wednesday, January 14th, at the home of Mrs. Daniel H. Hastings, the bride's sister.

Dr. J. F. Alexander has discovered a sea and car-sick remedy which he is planning to put on the market. The remedy is put up in the form of sealed capsules—the most convenient way to carry drugs when traveling.

The Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons has appointed Clarence E. Elise, of Williamsport, district deputy grand high priest for the counties of Lycoming, Clinton and Centre, to succeed his father, the late Daniel Bailey Elise.

George W. Earhard, of near Bellefonte, next spring will move onto the farm of J. T. Potter, west of Centre Hall. He will buy one-half interest in Mr. Potter's stock. Mr. Earhard is a son of Wm. Earhard, deceased, formerly a resident of Potter township, but was a small boy when his father died at the Old Fort.

Prof. Crawford, wife and son Alfred, Friday evening arrived from Baltimore, where they had gone to have an operation performed on the throat and nose of the latter, mention of which was made in last week's issue of the Reporter. The boy will apparently completely recover. He is able to swallow freely, and his hearing, which was very faint, is again normal.

The train east Saturday evening was several hours late, owing to a breakdown which occurred at Lemont station. On reaching that point the eccentric shaft became disabled, and the train was obliged to wait there until the passenger going west had made its trip to Bellefonte and return when the engine of that train was used by Conductor Cook to continue his journey. It was fortunate that the accident happened where there was a siding, or else the delay and inconvenience would have been greater.