

The Centre Reporter.



VOL. LXXVI.

CENTRE HALL, PA., THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1903.

NO. 16.

CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

GENERAL REVIEW OF MAJOR AND MINOR EVENTS.

Experiences of the Rank and File—Anecdotes and Observations.
By T. P. Meyer, Sergeant Co. A., 148th Regiment, P. V.

(To be Continued.)
CHAPTER II.

Both armies were gradually closing in on each other and watching for a favorable opening. Matters were assuming definite shape, preliminary fighting was on in earnest.

The 148th rose and moved by the left flank toward the woods, north of the Fredericksburg road and halted near the woods. Companies "A" and "I" were detached and sent down an old road into the woods east toward Fredericksburg about a mile where we deployed a heavy skirmish line under command of Col. Broady, and moved forward through the woods to the edge of the clearing and near the Fredericksburg road, the main line of Lee's communication, with the base of his supply and support. Our presence here was not known to the enemy.

The Fredericksburg road was in plain sight and only a short distance away. Here we saw many thousands of the enemy marching rapidly forward to reinforce Lee. Flushed with the late great victory at Fredericksburg, they came as if enroute to a picnic. They talked pleasantly and loud; every new arrival brought loud cheers from those already on the field. They were a motley crowd, poorly dressed in all manner of style and colors, many wearing parts of the National blue uniforms; a great variety in headwear, hats and caps of many styles and colors in the same company. Yet, withal, braver soldiers were never mustered.

About nightfall they deployed a heavy skirmish line in the field and advanced upon us. They talked and laughed; they were still unconscious of our presence; we gave them a volley, which they returned but did us no harm. This slight skirmish checked them and stopped their laughing. We fell back, they did not follow, it was night and dark in the woods. We lay on the bare ground, guns in hand, all night. We were so intensely interested in this new and novel experience, that we had no desire for sleep. All night the sound of hundreds of axes and the crashing of falling trees was heard on the high ground to our rear. A line of "slashes," or felled trees was formed for protection against charges of the enemy from the east or Fredericksburg side.

At daybreak on Saturday morning, May 2nd, all of Company "A" excepting one picket squad, consisting of Henry Meyer, Jesse Long, John A. Miller and I, who refused to retreat, left the line and fell back under Lieutenant Wolf, by reason of a misunderstanding of orders.

This left a great gap in our skirmish line which we closed by "extending intervals" to the right. While making this movement we were fully exposed to the enemy who, taking advantage of this fine chance, opened a brisk fire on us and a heavy skirmish ensued in which we lost some men killed and wounded. Our line was withdrawn to the rear of the "slashes," where the balance of Company "A" rejoined us, with four additional companies of the 148th to help us along in a heavy skirmish.

Our lines were once more changed and we swung back to the slope of a hill, still in the woods, where we became quite heavily engaged. We held our line but lost more men. Matters settled down along our part of the line and quiet spread over the wide extended battlefield. An ominous stillness reigned in forest and field during the afternoon, when suddenly, it seemed as if all hades had broken loose. The roar of artillery became incessant and frightful. Innumerable shells were screaming through the air and exploding with terrific reports. Musketry became heavy and was steadily maintained by forty thousand trained fighters in deadly conflict. The rattle of musketry could be likened to the rattle of hail on a roof, while the prolonged "Rebel Yell" in dreadful volume, rising high above the din of battle, from 20000 rebel throats plainly told us that the battle was against us.

This continued till the darkness of night ended the conflict and all once more quieted down. There was some consolation for us as we heard a prolonged, earnest, hoarse shout sent up by the Union Soldiers, when the "Rebel Yell" died out.

We were kept busy and we had little time to eat the little that we had. This was a "short grub" campaign. We had nothing to eat, only the crackers we carried on our backs from Fal-

A QUAY FEELER.

When Don Cameron was appointed to a seat in the United States Senate to succeed his father, the venerable Simon, in 1877, no feeler was attempted to test how the people would stand this particular bit of nepotism. The resignation of the one and the appointment of the other was put forward on the same day, taking away the breath of the people; but they soon recovered their second wind and things went on as usual. It takes a greater earthquake to startle Pennsylvanians from their sense of the proprieties.

The Honorable Matthew Stanley Quay, the senior senator, has put forth something in the nature of a feeler to inform himself how the people of Pennsylvania will accept a second edition of the Cameron job of 1877. On the authority of such an accredited organ of the senator as the Pittsburgh "Gazette" and on the direct statement of one of his confidential adherents in the Legislature the positive statement is made that Senator Quay proposes to resign his seat in the United States Senate when the Legislature adjourns, and has selected as his successor, to be appointed by Governor Pennypacker, who is in full sympathy with the movement, no other person than the senator's son, Richard R. Quay, half a dozen counties claiming his citizenship.

The details and reasons are served with sauce piquant. The senior Quay believes he can measure better than any man living the great qualifications in the way of statesmanship and other sharp practices, that are needed as Pennsylvania's representative in the United States Senate; at least if not needed the qualities that are accept-

able. He believes that Son Richard fills the bill precisely as the elder Cameron selected Son Don twenty-six years ago. No one can question the intimate knowledge possessed by the senator.

If Quay senior, as the Republicans of Pennsylvania hold, is up to the full measure of the senatorship, no better arrangement could be made. "Dick" is unquestionably a chip off the old block. Designated by the senator and appointed by the governor, who in his turn was appointed by the senator less than a year ago, all the proprieties and niceties of the situation would be met. It is a sort of a poetical round-up, one of the fragrant flowers Garfield talked of that grew over the walls of party discord and division.

By resigning after the Legislature adjourns, the governor will have the supreme power of appointment for the remainder of the term. This will be convenient in various ways. It will save father and son a contest that might spring up between half a dozen impudent Republican aspirants, and above all things, would preserve "Dick" from the tremendous money outlay a legislative contest would invite and make certain. Recall the millions spent on Quayism and franchises by the last Legislature.

To be sure, it will be said that no other State in the Union would select a United States senator in the fashion here announced as pending. That is probably true; but it is no sign Pennsylvania will not do so. It was lashed into the same humiliation by the senior Cameron. Why not by the senior Quay? They are all graduates of the same political school.

A STORY OF GREAT PROSPERITY.

The Pacific coast is pretty well stocked with returning American statesmen from the Philippines on their six months' leave from the tropics. They combine in giving the most glowing accounts of administration of the Philippine government, and are positive the native and American courts are as well organized as the State courts in the United States, and at least so far as the lawyers go are on the high tide of prosperity and content, only they like to get back to the States for about a third of their time to recuperate. The most discouraging view is that relating to agriculture, which is about the only productive industry on the islands. The lawyers and speculators are prospering, but the farmers are in a bad way, which discounts the stories of marvelous prosperity. Eighty per cent. of the cattle used as beasts of burden have been carried off by the rinderpest. Over one million of animals have died, and the locusts have devastated vegetation. The three millions Congress voted will help relieve the situation, and help the natives to food and shel-

ter. Aguinaldo appears to have been lost sight of, and is just now connected with a movement to establish an independent Catholic church.

As near as one can make out from these long and promising accounts of the flourishing conditions in the Philippines, it is the office-holders, American and native, the speculators, mostly American, the promoters of government franchises and the contractors who are flourishing like the famous "green bay tree." They get all the cream that rises to the surface. The millions of native Filipinos are idle or in want; they are sustained by Government charity, and are doing very little to make themselves self-sustaining. It is apparent that there is a conflict in these reports of Philippine prosperity.

No country can be prosperous when its prosperity is confined to the non-productive classes and office-holders and contractors; and when at the same time the farmers, constituting the only great producing class, are in dire distress—their crops failures and their resources exhausted. There is always another side to the court journal account of Philippine prosperity.

Death of An Aged Minister.

Rev. Reuben Young, a retired Evangelical minister, died at his late home in Williamsport last week. A widow and four sons survive. His last charge was at Liberty, Tioga county. About fifteen years ago he was retired from active service on account of ill health. Rev. Young was pastor of the Centre Hall Evangelical church about 1874, and is kindly remembered by the members of his church and others.

The Philadelphia Press.

A savage, unbridled attack on those who have given and propose to give memorials at the Home of Shakespeare. Miss Corell is nothing if not sensational when she champions a cause, and in this vigorous "appeal" she flays everybody who holds opinions different from hers on the subject and attacks generous Americans, including the late George W. Childs and Andrew Carnegie.

Read it in next Sunday's "Philadelphia Press," April 19.

J. K. P. Hall for Chairman.

Chairman Cressy has called a meeting of the state Democratic committee to be held in Harrisburg April 23. The election of officers will be held and arrangements made for the state convention.

The general impression seems to be that Senator J. K. P. Hall, of Elk, will be made the chairman of the organization. The senator has been identified with the most prominent committees of the organization for several years and is one of the Democratic leaders from that part of the state. The date of the convention has not been determined upon, but Chairman Cressy thinks it will be late in the summer.

A Rare Bargain.

Our regular \$4.50 Cabinets for a short time for \$3.00. A discount of 33 per cent. This is not an advertising dodge but a straight tip. If you want pictures now is your opportunity. At Centre Hall every Friday, except 17th.

W. W. SMITH.

Grady Libel Bill Passed.

The Republican machine, which Friday morning gave its final crack over the heads of members of the House of Representatives in connection with the Salus-Grady Libel bill, and that measure, transformed into the Grady bill, which was substituted, was passed finally by a vote of 125 ayes to 57 noes. The Senate had arranged a session at two o'clock for the sole purpose of receiving the bill from the House, and when it reached that body it was at once signed by the presiding officer and messaged to the Governor. The end is not yet, as the Chief Executive will not work under the pressure which urged House and Senate to such precipitate haste. Governor Pennypacker will listen to the protests from the newspaper publishers and others before he signs the bill.

Huntingdon Presbytery.

The semi-annual meeting of the Huntingdon Presbytery met in Reedsville Monday and Tuesday. Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Schuyler, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Goodhart and C. P. Long are among those from Penns Valley who attended the sessions. Mr. Goodhart attended in the capacity of a delegate.

The commissioners elected to the General Assembly to be held at Los Angeles, California, May —, were Rev. E. F. Johnson, Schellsburg, Pa.; Rev. W. E. Stewart, Alexandria; and Elder H. T. Reed, Reedsville; Elder W. B. McCarthy, Huntingdon. The alternates are Rev. Townsend, Bedford, and Rev. Waddell, Clearfield.

The only business transacted of local interest was to give permission to Rev. D. E. Hepler, pastor at Lemont, to resign, to go to his new field of labor. The same privilege was granted Rev. Wesley, Tyrone, to go to Trenton, N. J., and Rev. Fulcher to go to the Presbytery of Austin, Texas.

H. F. Rossman, of Spring Mills, in his advertisement this week, tells his customers of new goods just received from the city. Mr. Rossman keeps the latest styles of goods at all times.

1868.

Items from the Centre Reporter of Thirty-five Years Ago—Market Reports, Etc.

From the files of the Centre Reporter issued in 1868 are gathered items of interest to the readers of to-day. The first newspaper published in Centre Hall was the Centre Reporter, April 10, 1868, and from this and subsequent issues the following extracts are taken:

April 10, 1868.

Ground was broken for the Dinges house, erected by Jacob Dinges, March 20. The dwelling house occupied by Sheriff Spangler, built by Alexander Shannon, was raised the first week in April same year.

Sheriff Spangler succeeded Messrs. Stump & Keller as landlord of the Centre Hall hotel.

Adam K. Stemm left for the west.

The store of John Scholl, in Eastern Brush Valley, was burned.

The work on the railroad between Northumberland and Lewisburg was just begun.

George Durst offers a reward of \$20 for information leading to the arrest of the person who stole a white pig, weighing one hundred fifty pounds.

April 7, twelve inches of snow fell.

The legislature is termed exceedingly extravagant because the money appropriated sums up \$5,000,000.

April 17, 1868.

On April 10th the stage made the trip from Bellefonte to Milroy on aled. Samuel S. Stover became landlord of the Union House, Milroy. [It was our Sam.]

May 1, 1868.

Under the list of vendors of merchandise published by Mercantile Appraiser John H. Morrison, May 1, appear the following for Potter township: W. J. Thompson & Bro., store.

Wm. Wolf, store.

James Batten, store.

B. D. Brinbin, store.

A. A. Kerlin, store.

Jacob Strohm, store.

W. J. Thompson & Bro., mill.

John Allen, mill.

Peter Ruble, mill.

Mattern & Bro., store.

C. F. Herliacher, store.

The Milroy cave was discovered.

Advertisements of Wm. Wolf, C. F. Herliacher, general merchants; J. O. Deininger, furniture dealer; J. D. Murray, wagon maker, and Centre Hall Manufacturing Company appear.

May 8, 1868.

Dr. Peter Smith is extended thanks for having furnished the Reporter office three arm chairs.

The bounty case of Jameson vs. Gregg township is decided in favor of Jameson. The decision will cost the township the price of twelve substitutes.

The erection of the Bush House, Bellefonte, is announced.

May 15, 1868.

The Shilo Lutheran church to be dedicated May 24.

Thirty-three hotels and saloons in the county have been granted license. Philadelphia Market—Wheat, red, \$2.80 to \$2.85; white, \$3.00 to \$3.25; rye, \$1.85 to \$1.90; corn, \$1.20; oats, 90c.; potatoes, \$1.25.

Cattle, live—Steers, best, 10½ to 11½ per pound; good, 9 to 9½; ordinary, 7 to 8½. Hogs, live—14 to 15c. per lb. Sheep, live, 8 to 9c.

Philadelphia retail market—Beef: Roast, 18 to 22c.; rump steak, 24c.; sirloin, 25c. Pork: Roast, 20c.; hams, 22c.; steak, 20c. per pound. Poultry: chickens, 28c.; turkeys, 25c.

Bellefonte market—Wheat, \$2.25; rye, \$1.25; corn, \$1.10; oats, 55c.; barley, \$1.25; potatoes, \$1.25; lard, 12c.; pork, 9c.; butter, 35c.; eggs, 15c. Lumber—Run of mill, \$14.00 per M.; mill stuff, \$18 to \$20 per M. 18-inch shingles, \$7 per M.; No. 2, \$6.00; 24-inch shingles, \$14.00; No. 2, \$12 per M.

Reduced Rates to St. Louis.

For the benefit of those desiring to attend the Dedication ceremonies of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, at St. Louis, Mo., April 30 to May 2, and the National and International Good Roads Convention, April 27 to May 2, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to St. Louis and return from all stations on its lines, April 29, 27, 28 and 29, good going only on date of sale and good returning to leave St. Louis not later than May 4. Tickets must be executed by Joint Agent for return passage, for which service no fee will be charged.

Official Board Resigns.

The official board of the Mulberry street (Williamsport) Methodist church, recently resigned in a body and they have nearly all decided to lift their cards of membership and attend some other church. This action is an outcome of the present trouble in that church, and is taken by the board as the quickest way of ending the difficulty. While taking the position of refusing to acknowledge the right of the conference to dictate for several years against the request of the board, they do not wish to continue the struggle indefinitely.

GOOD COUNTRY HOMES.

The Homes Along the Boalsburg Road Above the Average.

Did you ever stop to think that there is not another stretch of country in Potter township that has more and better kept country homes than can be found along the Boalsburg road from Old Fort to Boalsburg?

To begin with is the home of Elmer Royer, both house and barn being new, and while not yet in the best of order, the foundation is there for a decidedly pretty country home.

Abner Alexander occupies the old Alexander homestead, which was always considered one of the desirable homesteads in Potter township.

The home of Lycurgus C. Lingle, with a new house, good barn and everything in good order, is an important place in this connection.

The new farm buildings just erected by Samuel Durst add another first class country home to the list along the Boalsburg road.

The improvements made by James I. Lytle, on the Orady farm, will make that place a country residence equal to the best.

The farm of Rev. James Boal, tenanted by D. W. Bradford, although off the road somewhat, may be termed as belonging to this district. This property is kept in excellent condition and reflects credit upon landlord and tenant.

The farm of Dr. Van Tries, on which John Kline lives, is a pleasant home.

The splendid improvements on the farms of D. L. Bartzes, Charles Neff, Capt. G. M. Boal and H. F. Bitner size up to the best in the county. Each have brick houses, and premises kept in the best of repair. The Boal and Bitner farms are tilled by Messrs. Richard Brooks and John Frazier, respectively, but neither have the appearance of a forsaken homestead.

The Spicher farm, with its buildings standing in a commanding position, could easily be made a most attractive spot.

To the North of the road is the beautiful Rhone homestead, owned by Hon. Leonard Rhone, a resident of Centre Hall. The tenant is John Breen.

The farm recently purchased by the Rev. J. M. Rearick, of this place, on which John Rishel lives, is becoming a more desirable and sightly spot because of the improvements constantly being made to buildings, fences, etc.

Under the ownership of Lloyd Brown the Brown homestead is gradually being transformed.

The home of Al. Stump has undergone many changes since he has become the owner.

From a point of fertility these farms rank above the average. The prevailing soil is limestone, which in a series of years returns the largest yield to the tiller.

Continuing toward Boalsburg are the homes of Mrs. John Cummings, George Swabb, McFarlanes, Wm. Rokey, Mrs. Benjamin Stamm, and David Keller.

The homes on this road between Boalsburg and Pine Grove Mills are also, as a rule, kept in good repair, and the same condition prevails on this road above Pine Grove Mills.

Word from Darragh.

While at Centre Hall making arrangements to move to Darragh, M. M. Condo induced several able and rugged honest young men to go with him to his new home, promising each of them a good position at good wages.

After they have been at their new posts near Pittsburg for several weeks, the young men join in sending the Reporter the following:—

TO THE DEAR OLD REPORTER: We came out with M. M. Condo to Darragh and found the place all right and just as he had represented it to be. We are all boarding with him and could not be treated better; nothing too much trouble for Mr. and Mrs. Condo and family to do for us. We all think it very wrong for any one to tell other young men not to come along with Mr. Condo, as it has been proven that he meant just what he said. We all get a chance to read the dear old Reporter in the bargain.

We Remain Yours,
D. R. SWEETWOOD,
CHAS. H. LUCAS,
JOHN M. GLACE,
S. T. KOCH,
ALLEN F. MOYER.

LOCALS.

The Legislature will adjourn at noon to-day (Thursday.)

Prof. Will D. Blair will open his school in music in a short time.

Major George Pifer, formerly of Bellefonte, died in Philadelphia Wednesday of last week.

It's a girl, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Kerlin want to keep her. She came Monday afternoon.

Dr. George T. Rishel and wife, of Philadelphia, visited John Rishel near Bellefonte last week. Dr. Rishel practiced in Centre Hall prior to going to Philadelphia.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Laborers are scarce.

Farmers found little time to be in town during the past week.

Mrs. W. A. Sandoe spent the greater part of last week in Bellefonte.

Landlord J. W. Runkle is improving the grounds around the Centre Hall hotel.

Potatoes are slow sale. There are many bushels of the tubers in Penns Valley.

Messrs. W. J. Mitterling and D. F. Luse had Commercial 'phones placed in their residences.

John W. Long and Harry Bickel, of Penn Hall, were recently the guests of W. B. Wagner and wife, of Lewistown.

When you go to Bellefonte make the Haag House your headquarters. You will find Mr. Newcomer will treat you first class.

The Reedsville Presbyterian church received a proposition from Carnegie to pay \$1000, under the usual conditions, for an organ.

Miss Anna Grove, daughter of Thomas Grove, of this place, is teaching the Plum Grove school. The term terminates about the last of this month.

J. B. L. Lingle, of Milesburg, is staying with his brother L. C. Lingle, at Earlstown, and is assisting him in farm work until he is fully able to take the plow himself.

Domer Emerick is located at Pitcairn, where he is time-keeper for the Pennsylvania railroad company. He likes his place very much, and is being well paid for his services.

Bicycle repairs and fishing tackle can be had from G. W. Bushman, the jeweler. The fishing season opened Wednesday, and if you don't have sufficient tackle get it from Bushman.

Dr. A. B. Brumbaugh was appointed County Quarantine Officer by the State Board of Health under the late Emergency Law for the stamping out of smallpox in this State. \$50,000 has been appropriated for this purpose.

The new gasoline light in the dam-pond is giving the best of satisfaction. The light was furnished by Jeweler G. W. Bushman, who turned it over at first cost and besides that has been helping to keep it trim, and furnish the gasoline.

The other Sunday morning one of the horses Rev. C. T. Aikens was driving fell, causing the pole and double tree to break, and in the mix up one of the lines snapped off. But for the timely arrival of a footman, there might have been a serious wreck.

Messrs. Arbor and William Cummings, representing Cummings Brothers, have been baling hay in and near town during the past week. James Harshberger is assisting them in the work. The Cummings have a first-class machine, do rapid and good work.

The Methodists at Salona are divided on the matter of building a new church. The majority of the members favor remodeling the old structure, while the pastor, Rev. H. E. Flanagan, claims he has \$1,500 pledged toward a new edifice to cost about \$4,000.

D. J. Meyer will enlarge and remodel his dwelling house in Centre Hall. An addition will be erected on the south side of the building, and a large porch added to the front. The interior will also be greatly changed. When completed it will be one of the prettiest homes in town.

S. K. Emerick, of Unionville, has just finished a profitable sale season. He is making a success of the "O, yes," "O, yes" profession having had during the past season a number of sales which footed up nearly \$2000 for goods sold. He was formerly from Potter township, and retains those good political teachings imbibed from old line Democrats.

Charles A. Miller, of Colyer, one of the young, sturdy farmers of that locality, was a pleasant caller. If editors were built on the scale of Mr. Miller they would have no need to train the whole office force to "line up" when the man seeking "satisfaction" comes through the sanctum door. They would be abundantly able to take care of themselves.

The following is from the Tyrone Herald: A large number of members and friends of the Columbia Avenue M. E. church last week gave their pastor, Rev. Isaac Heckman, and his family a hearty welcome back to the charge for another year, which was pleasing to all hands and was altogether complimentary to the preacher who is doing good work in the East Tyrone charge. There was quite a handshaking and wellwishing, and the evening was a very pleasant one for every one present. Rev. Edgar Heckman, of State College, was present, and made a very appropriate and pleasing address.

Continued on Fourth Page.