



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.
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[To be Continued.]
CHAPTER III.

We were all sitting on the ground over this powder heap at the time. Well, he did try a cap; it was a good one; it went off and so did the heap of powder. We flew in all directions twenty feet or more. It felt like flying in clouds of furnace flames; the sensation was not distressing. All jumped up; none were injured a particle, but we were just about naked. Our heavy woolen uniforms were nearly burned off of us. One of the guards had a beard before the explosion; now it was fried to the skin, and looked like a shriveled peach. He rubbed his face with his hands, and there was a clean shave; eye brows, eye lashes, all gone. The boy with his cap off was bald headed. We gathered ourselves together and marched to camp. We were hooted and laughed at as we marched through the camps to our own. Here we were "guyed" the most. We saw no fun in the matter, as every one of us was out twenty dollars for a new uniform. Besides we did not feel in a funny mood while we were not fully "covered."

On May 19th we abandoned our winter quarters and moved about a mile and a half to the east, where we established a summer camp on a beautiful hillside, near the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac R. R. The boys were busy as bees, and by evening we had a fine camp. Everything was so quiet in camp that we scarcely realized that there was war. The weather was fine and the roads good; ideal conditions for military operations on land, and we knew that ere long the storm of battle would again be on us. War balloons hung in the sky all day long, from which the enemy's camps and movements were carefully watched and noted.

The Pioneer Corps of the 148th was organized on May 20th and as its service was with the regiment, the leading incidents of its experiences, together with its duties, customs, personnel, etc., will be interwoven with the general narrative relating to the services of the regiment. The Pioneer Corps consisted of eleven men, selected from the different companies. They were large, stout, strong and resolute men. Men who enjoyed the honor of marching at the head of so noble a regiment as the 148th.

And we felt as though we were an honor to the regiment as we marched, "proudly," five paces in advance, five abreast. The men carrying, besides the regular weapons and full habiliments of war, bright, new axes that glistened in the sun like polished silver. Edges without a flaw and keen. Ever ready to tear or cut down and clear away any obstruction that hindered the movements of the regiment, be it a fence, bushes or trees; lay corduroy road, or build a bridge and still keep up with the regiment.

I am sorry that I can not recall all the men who served in the Pioneer Corps of the 148th. Without exception they were men who, by reason of their size, strength and general ruggedness, and other peculiar qualifications were especially fitted for the hard additional service naturally falling to the lot of the Pioneers.

Among the most noted men who served in the Pioneer Corps were Washington Watson and William Perry, of Co. "F"; William Long and George Williams, of Co. "D"; Jesse Long and Adam Grim, of Co. "A"; John Morhead, of Co. "E"; and Christian Lowry, of Co. "C." They were all powerful and critical men, believing that whatever was worth doing at all was worth doing well, and I never had occasion to criticize their work or ask them to do any work over. The most striking characters of this group were Washington Watson and William Perry. Both over six feet tall, stout and strong; hair and beards almost snow white. They were remarkable axmen; they would select a tree, cut it down, and into logs, split them, and with axes only, hew them into the finest planks, "dove-tail" notch them, and put up the most handsome officer quarter cabins to be seen in the army.

On one occasion while on a forced and rapid march we moved through a strip of woods; the colonel on horseback in front; next the pioneer corps; back of it the regiment. There was confusion among the pioneers; Watson had fallen headlong over a stump.

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PULSE OF COUNTRY PRESS.

Expression of Country Republican Press on the Gag Law.

The city and country press throughout the state is unanimously opposed to the Press Gag Law. A few expressions from the Republican journals are here quoted:

Earned Disrespect.

Beaver Springs Herald.
The bill was approved and accompanied by a long apology from the Governor, who says it's none of his business if the legislature violated the constitution by rushing the bill through in improper order. The Governor makes ridiculous statements, by which he lowers himself greatly in the estimation of the people of Pennsylvania. He would go back to olden times and have newspaper men "drawn, quartered and their heads stuck upon poles," for criticizing atrocious deeds. His apology is accompanied with abuse and he assails bishops of prominent churches for opposing the press-muzzler.

A Hessian Reputation.

Lewistown Free Press.
Tuesday Governor Pennypacker signed the Salus-Grady press muzzling bill. It was assumed that the bill would receive executive sanction owing to the similarity of its construction with inaugural recommendations. In approving this measure the governor has made a reputation which will last long after he has gone, but it is a Hessian sort of reputation, like that of those who were not respected even by the armies with which they fought, and whose records their descendants endeavor to conceal and do not refer to with honorable respect as do the descendants of those who fought for liberty, freedom and independence.

Calls for New Leader.

Altoona Morning Tribune.
The passage and enactment into law of the Salus-Grady libel law calls for the bringing to the front of new leaders of the republican party in this state. The men who have insulted the newspapers of the commonwealth and endeavored to muzzle them are not the sort of persons for whom the organs of the republican party will longer entertain any respect or whose leadership they will follow. The republican party must unload; the sooner the better.

Unjust and Unconstitutional.

Tyrone Times.
Accompanying the announcement that he had signed the bill, the governor made a long statement, probably the most remarkable state paper that ever issued from an executive office—except that of a Berkeley of Virginia, in other days. It is in part an apology, in part an attempted justification, in part an outburst of abuse; the whole argument a distortion of the truth. The law is unjust and unconstitutional and should be repealed—and we firmly believe it will be.

A Loop-Hole for Criminals.

Bellefonte Gazette.
If the continuance of the Act is sustained by the supreme court much of the rascality in public life which newspapers have unearthed by speculative evidence and by it immensely benefited the public, will have to be abandoned, and many a rogue who should feel the halter draw will live to compliment the law that lent him protection from exposure and punishment.

The Stench is Sickening.

From the Philad. Ledger.
That pitiful thing is dead, died by its own viciousness. It is not worth considering in its present condition. It never had any evil in it except the malevolent, vindictive intent of its authors. The Constitution killed it, public opinion buried it. Why bother about it?

Relies on a 20th Century Court.

Clinton Republican.
When the supreme court comes to analyze the Salus-Grady bill there is at least a chance that the judges will be able to find the constitutional flaws which the governor was unable, or unwilling to discover.

Marriage License.

Charles Shultz, Roland.
Bella Laura Beaty, Mt. Eagle.
Wm. A. Bush, Unionville.
Nettie Ewing, Unionville.
Harry M. Walker, Wolf's Store.
Volga Esterline, Loganton.

Services in Reformed Church.

Dr. J. W. Knappenberger, president of the Allentown College for Women, will hold services in the Reformed church, Centre Hall, Sunday morning, and at Tusseyville Sunday evening.

If you are going to South Dakota the Reporter will help you to secure free transportation.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Time of Services and Names of Speakers at the Various Cemeteries.

Memorial Day will be observed at all points in Penns Valley where the brave dead of the war of the rebellion lie at rest. The hours of the services and names of speakers are appended: Pine Grove Mills, 2 p. m.—Judge John G. Love, Bellefonte.

Pine Hall, 5:30 p. m.—Ellis L. Orvis, Esq., Bellefonte.
Houseville, 9:30 a. m.—Rev. J. F. Shultz, Centre Hall.

Branch, 2 p. m.—Rev. J. I. Stoncypher, Boalsburg.
Millheim, 2 p. m.—C. F. Hutt, Esq., Shamokin; A. A. Dale, Esq., Bellefonte.

Aaronsburg, 10 a. m.—Capt. Hugh S. Taylor, Bellefonte.
Rebersburg, 2 p. m.—Capt. Hugh S. Taylor, Bellefonte. The decoration of graves will take place at St. Paul's, 8 a. m.; Wolf's Chapel, 9 a. m.; Madisonburg, 9:30. The Blerly post has appointed F. F. Wetzel marshal for Penns Valley and Henry Meyer marshal for Brush Valley.

Spring Mills, 9:30 a. m.—Rev. G. W. McInay, Spring Mills.
Farmers Mills, (Union) 2 p. m.—Rev. J. M. Rearick, Centre Hall.

Georges Valley, 6:30 p. m.—Col. T. H. Nieswonger, Altoona.
Spruce town, 2:30 p. m.—W. Harrison Walker, Esq., Bellefonte; Rev. G. W. McInay, Spring Mills.

Centre Hill, detail of Veterans.
Tusseyville, detail of Veterans.
Centre Hall, 6 p. m.—W. Harrison Walker, Esq., Bellefonte.

LOCALS.

Salt fish—15 lb. bucket, 95c; 20 lb. bucket, \$1.15—B. W. Ripka, Spring Mills.

Mrs. Graham, wife of Meshic Graham, colored, of Bellefonte, died Friday of last week.

The lights have been turned on in Centre Hall, but nothing scandalous has been revealed.

Mrs. Motter, of Potters Mills, was seriously ill the latter part of last and beginning of this week.

Arthur Kimpfort, of Linden Hall, former clerk to Prothonotary M. I. Gardner, is ill with typhoid fever.

Teachers' examination for Potter township and Centre Hall borough will be held Wednesday of next week.

The United Evangelical Sunday School will hold its annual children's day service Sunday evening, June 14.

Miss Florence W. Kline sang a solo in the Lutheran church Sunday night which was appreciated by the audience.

B. W. Ripka, of the Cash Store at Spring Mills, has added a full line of jewelry to his general line of merchandise.

Forest fires have been raging during the past week on the Seven Mountains. Much young timber has been destroyed.

After Monday the train on the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad will leave Bellefonte at 2 o'clock p. m. instead of 2:15.

Mrs. Elmer Campbell and daughter, Mary Love, of Linden Hall, spent Saturday with Miss Martha Wilson, in this place.

The farmer, his wife, son and daughter, were well represented in town Saturday evening. The merchants and every one else were glad to see them.

Mr. and Mrs. George Erhard, west of Centre Hall, Tuesday night entertained a number of neighbors and friends, J. T. Potter being the centre of the social feature.

The town council has constructed a number of first-class crossings. The one now being built from the bank building to Runkle's hotel has been badly needed for a score of years.

Benjamin Stover, of Centre Hill, was a caller Monday morning, having brought his granddaughter, Miss Ada Stover, to the Centre Hall station, where she took the train for Linden Hall.

Mrs. Mary Shoop on Tuesday arrived at this place, where she will make her future home. Mrs. Shoop formerly lived in this place but about eight years ago removed to Scranton, where she resided since.

A. J. Parker, representing the well-known Buckeye Stock Food Company, of Lorain, Ohio, was in town Tuesday, and secured Messrs. Foreman and Smith as local agents to handle the popular stock food. Mr. Parker is a genial fellow, and covers the entire state for the Ohio firm.

Phillip G. Raymer, who was seriously injured about the head while working at the Standard Steel Works over a year ago, has entered suit against the company for \$50,000 damages, claiming there were defects in the tool causing his misfortune for which the defendant company is responsible. McKee & Houser represent the plaintiff in the case.

TO THE REPORTER PATRONS.

The Reporter is called upon to make an explanation for the late delivery of the paper to its readers on the rural free delivery routes leading from Spring Mills. The latest protest comes from John Snavely, one of the routemen, who states that the Reporter's patrons hold the editor responsible for the late arrival of the Reporter.

That conclusion is an error. The Reporter is published at precisely the same time it has been for years past. The paper goes to press at 11 o'clock every Thursday forenoon, and is sent east at 3:02 p. m. and west at 3:30 p. m. The Reporter arrives at Spring Mills for distribution on the rural mail routes fifteen minutes later, and lies at Spring Mills until Friday morning, when it is sent over the rural mail routes and is received at various hours during Friday by the subscribers. It will be observed that it is neither the fault of the editor, nor the mail service that is to blame for the delay, as the mail service is the best that can be had from Spring Mills.

But the question is asked, why is the Reporter not printed so it can be distributed Thursday morning?

This is the reason: The Reporter is a local paper, and aims to give local news. In order to reach Spring Mills on Thursday morning, the Reporter would necessarily have to be printed on Wednesday evening and mailed at this office at 7:22 a. m., Thursday. Now that looks easy, and it would be easy.

But look here! By going to press on Wednesday evening the Reporter would not be able to give the local news from any point covered by the rural routes leading from Spring Mills later than Monday.

Here is an example: Suppose there was an accident, local gathering of interest, death or any other happening of interest to take place Tuesday afternoon at Potters Mills, Tusseyville, Farmers Mills, Penn Hall, or at any point covered by the rural routes, it would be impossible to receive the information by mail earlier than Thursday morning, which of course would be too late if the Reporter was printed Wednesday evening and mailed Thursday morning. You will remember that the Reporter would have to be mailed on Thursday morning one hour before the mail is received from Spring Mills.

Most of the conventions—political, civic and religious, in the county, state and nation—convene Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, a report of which can not be had earlier than Thursday.

The reader is invited to suggest any method that will aid in solving the problem.

Thus it will be seen that in order to give you the news of the week, it will be necessary to publish not earlier than Thursday.

The Reporter could be dated ahead, but that would not deliver the paper earlier. We are exceedingly anxious to get the Reporter to its readers as early as possible after publication, but the editor is unable to perform an impossible thing.

You will wonder how the Bellefonte papers reach you on the day (apparently) of publication. They do not do it. The Bellefonte papers that reach you on Friday and dated Friday are printed on Thursday (only a few hours after the Reporter goes to press) and are dated ahead.

LOCALS.

Knepley makes a specialty of hooping wheels. Give him a call.

John L. McClenahan elsewhere in this issue advertises wheelbarrows for sale.

Single Comb Brown Leghorn eggs for sale; 50 cents per setting of 13.—H. W. Dinges, Centre Hall, Pa.

Rev. Heckman will deliver a memorial sermon Sunday to the Capt. Campbell Post at Pine Grove Mills.

Miss Emma Luse will leave for Wisconsin next Monday evening. The notice of her intended marriage to Mr. Neese appeared last week.

George Meese will open his ice cream parlor at Colyer Saturday evening. He will also hold auction on that evening.

Mrs. Hiram Durst, of Spring Mills, is in Centre Hall this week. She sold her home at Spring Mills some time ago to John Smith, and came here with the intention of buying a house and lot near to her old farm home, east of Centre Hall.

C. P. Long, merchant at Spring Mills, this week gives the readers a new advertisement. Mr. Long has a well stocked store, and is making prices make him trade. He asks you to call and look over his stock of goods, which includes dry goods, notions, groceries, clothing, hats, shoes, hardware and furniture.

DEATHS.

CORNELIUS STOVER.

Rebersburg was greatly shocked Friday night at the sudden death of Cornelius Stover, who died that night at a little before nine o'clock. Mr. Stover had been picking stones last Friday, and on returning to the barn in the evening about five o'clock he became very ill, and sat down. He called for help and before he could be taken to the house he became unconscious, and within the space of a few hours his death, ascribed to paralysis, occurred.

The interment took place Wednesday morning, Rev. Harman, of the Lutheran church officiating, services being conducted at the house.

The deceased was aged about fifty-three years, and leaves a wife and three daughters: Blanche, wife of George H. Smull, Smullton; Bess, wife of John Meyer, Bellefonte; and Miss Byrd, at home.

MARY FOX.
Mary Fox, of Shingletown, died at her home in that place Thursday morning of last week, at the age of seventy-seven years. Funeral Saturday, Rev. A. A. Black, of the Reformed church, performing the burial rites. The deceased was a sister of John Fox, whose death occurred about three weeks ago. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Sallie Ramels, of Shingletown.

One of the peculiar incidents in the life of Miss Fox and her brother was that they had never been separated for a single night. The former was an invalid for a number of years.

SARAH ELDER.
Sarah Elder, widow of Franklin Elder, died Monday morning at the home of her son-in-law, John Gates, at Warriors Mark, aged seventy-four years. The interment took place Wednesday at Pine Grove Mills, Rev. C. T. Aikens, of the Lutheran church officiating.

The deceased was married fifty years ago at Meek's church, near Pine Grove Mills, and always lived in that vicinity. She is survived by seven of her ten children, an only brother, D. H. Young, and sister, Miss Sophia, of Huntington. She is remembered as a kind, Christian woman.

JOHN SHUNK.
John Shunk, of Milroy, several days ago, died of consumption. Deceased leaves a wife and several children. The Reporter recently made mention of the house burning in which Mr. Shunk lived, thus the family is doubly afflicted.

AN INFANT.
Mr. and Mrs. Amos Straw, of Bradock, mourn the death of their little child aged eleven months. The remains were brought to Boalsburg for interment Thursday of last week.

Beech.
Calvin Lingle and wife, of Centre Hill, spent Sunday with the former's parents at Beech.

Misses Eva and Jennie Barger have returned home from Lemont.

Weaver & Feidler have their mill running and are turning out lumber as fast as they can.

H. E. Confer has accepted a job of hauling for A. N. Finkle.

A number of young men around here have joined the new Odd Fellows lodge at Spring Mills.

Herby Gable visited friends at Beech on Sunday.

Messrs. Clark and Clayton Barger spent a few days among friends at Milroy.

Grandpa Auman, of Spring Mills, spent a few days with friends at Beech. James Foust is talking of going to Latrobe to work at the carpenter trade.

Monday M. J. Barger will go to work at the carpenter trade with his brother Ira, who has several large building contracts at Burnham.

Many farmers are unable to finish their plowing on account of the dry weather.

Smullton.
Every one was glad for the recent rain since all vegetation was sorely in need of it.

James Holloway and wife and Luther Wert and wife, spent Sunday at the home of Newton Brungart.

Perry Winter's face has again resumed its natural size and everybody can now see when Perry laughs, since the ivory poison has disappeared.

The community was shocked to hear of another sudden death, that of Cornelius Stover, one of Rebersburg's most influential citizens, who died last Friday evening of apoplexy.

Mrs. Cyrus Brungart stopped at Newton Brungart's Tuesday night, while on her way to Mr. Stover's funeral.

W. E. Bair has finished the foundation for his new barn and will soon be ready for the carpenters.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Regular meeting of Progress Grange, Saturday afternoon.

Portions of Nittany Valley had a good rain Thursday night.

Some sections of Mifflin county have prospects for an apple crop, the trees having blossomed profusely.

Mrs. Mary Dinges, of Williamsport, has been the guest of her son Harry W. Dinges, during the past week.

F. A. McClintic and son Gilbert, of Milroy, recently were in Centre county where they purchased a number of cattle.

Messrs. Lanson and Charles Burris, accompanied by their mother, Friday drove to Lewistown, where they visited Jefferson Shaffer.

The next meeting of the Grand Castle, K. G. E. will be held in Philadelphia. The per capita tax rate was continued at fifty cents.

A new branch of the Lewistown and Reedsville trolley line has been opened. The line will better accommodate the employes of the Burnham works.

Dr. Colfelt will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at State College June 14. He is pastor of the Broad and Oxford street Presbyterian church, Philad.

Capt. and Mrs. G. M. Boal, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Booser Friday drove to Reedsville, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Meyer.

Dr. W. S. Harter, of State College, will represent Pennsylvania at a meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America to be held in Indianapolis, June 16th.

D. C. Lingle, of Beech, was a caller Friday. Mr. Lingle is still engaged in the lumber business, although, as he puts it, he is "getting most too old" for that kind of work.

D. C. Lingle, of Beech, is buying paper wood, in either large or small quantities, and pays the highest prices for the same. If you have paper wood to sell, call or write to him.

At the Republican caucus for Centre Hall Saturday night, Howard Feterolf was elected delegate to the county convention, with instructions to vote for Wilson I. Fleming for county chairman.

A subway is to be built under the branch railroad at Lewistown Junction. For the killing of Mrs. Kline, at that point recently, the railroad company was obliged to pay heavy damages.

Mrs. D. W. Bradford Tuesday went to Philadelphia where she will remain for some time with her sister, Mrs. Anna Hemphill. She may continue her trip to Washington before returning home.

The governor of the commonwealth has irritated the miners of the anthracite region by refusing to approve three of the bills which were introduced at their request and in the passage of which they were specially interested.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Runkle Saturday drove to Middleburg where they remained until the beginning of this week. While in that place they visited the former's brother, Merchant John W. Runkle, and a number of other friends.

Clark Coleman, a "tourist," stopped with Henry Epsy, at Mattawana, Mifflin county, long enough to win the graces of the family, and then disappeared early in the morning with Mrs. Epsy's watch and \$5.00 that had been given him with which to purchase saddlery tools.

A light rain passed over portions of Penns Valley Thursday night. At Centre Hall and Farmers Mills about one-eighth of an inch of rain fell. At Millheim and other points in that section, there was considerable rain. Across the valley, south of the station the precipitation was exceedingly small.

Squire Jacob Shaffer, whose seventy-nine years set most gracefully upon him, was in town calling on his friends on Saturday, says the Bellefonte Watchman. He makes his home at Centre Hall and had been staying there so closely that he decided he would enjoy a little change so came over to spend a few days on this side.

The uncertainty of life is well illustrated in the death of David Klepper, of Philadelphia, which occurred recently. Mr. Klepper's former home was near Bellefonte, and his boyhood days were spent in Centre Hall. For some years he had been employed with the Electric Supply Company, Philadelphia, and it was while performing work for that company that he was struck by a falling beam that crushed out his life almost instantly. About a year ago, Mr. Klepper paid a visit to this office, at which time he spoke of the happy life he was leading with his wife and family and of his financial success. To-day he is no more.