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## 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 III.

On the morning of June 23rd I was ordered to take the pioneers into the gap which, most of the way, was a narrow defile with heavily timbered sloping sides, and to barricade the roadway in a thorough manner. I took the men as directed, with axes only, into the gap. They threw all superfluous clothing and caps aside; rolled up their sleeves to the shoulders, and went to work.

For a long distance we cut every tree in reach, into and across the road, while a brigade had taken position beyond to protect us in our work. It was wonderful to see how these expert choppers kept the trees crashing into the road, and how cheerfully they worked in the hot summer weather, completely soaked with perspiration.

The appearance of this roadway when we called it finished was something awful. Trees in great numbers varying from one to three feet in diameter, lying crosswise, lengthwise, and piled up in great confusion in the road, effectually closing it, and still a great force of men would have cleared it in a few hours.

The scenery around Thoroughfare Gap is picturesque and beautiful. Fire, the element of war, had destroyed about all the homes, and the country was desolate. Close by the gap we came upon the ruins of a noble, beautiful home; all gone, orchards and fruit trees remained. There were many cherry trees loaded with ripe fruit. We laid aside the implements of war and commenced on the cherries.

The men cut down a tree, a common way of getting cherries in the army. A few of us climbed a tree. We were very busy when one of those lofty provost officers on horseback rode up and shouted, come down or I will shoot you down! I looked down to see "who the d— he was" and "what the d— he wanted." He was pointing a revolver at me and "cussing" me. So I came down, "to please him" and said, Captain we surrender. No doubt you outrank Gen Hancock, by whose orders we were detailed to do some work here. We are the pioneers of the 148th P. V., I shouted, "Fall in boys!" They quickly responded, each with an axe. The great provost looked along the line and seemed puzzled; then said: I took you for stragglers; the d— take you, and as he galloped away we gave him a "rebel yell," finished our repast of cherries, and returned to camp after night.

Here four battles had already been fought. In the one, fought Aug. 28th, 1862, Cousin George Meyer, Co. B, 11th Regt. P. V., was, at the age of sixteen, instantly killed. Three bullets passed through his head at the same instant. The first and third Divisions of the 2nd Corps were at Thoroughfare Gap, Bull Run Mountains; the 2nd Div. at Gainesville, near by, from June 21st to 25th, when we had evidently finished our mission at the gap and seemed to be "only waiting."

Stafford Court House, the county seat of Stafford Co., Va., was hardly worthy the name of village, consisting only of a jail, a court house, that looked like a residence, an old factory building in ruins, and half a dozen residences, forming a pleasant hamlet in its better days. Named after Lord Stafford, an English nobleman.

Dumfries, an ancient little village, lying near the Potomac, insignificant in itself, named after a city in England, was a point of great interest at this time.

Fairfax Court House, the county seat of Fairfax Co., Va., named after Lord Fairfax, one of the early Lorded English land owners of America and the bosom friend of Gen. Washington, a small village lying twenty-five miles south of Washington, on the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas R. R., was, during the first year of the war, the great centre of Confederate occupation. From there Washington was constantly threatened. It was the point of greatest interest during that time in America.

Centerville, near by, was also an ancient little hamlet of a few hundred inhabitants, a few little shops, a small school house, etc. This village, though standing for two years in the midst of desolating armies, had apparently sustained no material damage, and it now stands in the centre of a vast human burying-ground.

Gainesville, also one of the forever historic places of the world, was a

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## AGRICULTURAL BUILDING ASSURED.

\$100,000 Appropriated to Begin the Agricultural Building at Pennsylvania State College.

The appropriation bill for The Pennsylvania State College as passed by the Legislature and approved by the Governor includes the following items of special interest to the friends of agricultural education.

"For the maintenance of the Department of Agriculture the sum of twelve thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary.

For the purpose of assisting in the erection, equipment and furnishing of a building or buildings to be used for the purpose of instruction and investigation in the various branches of agriculture and for the purchase of all necessary apparatus, therefore the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; provided that, before any part of this appropriation shall be paid, the Trustees of the State College shall file with the Auditor General plans and specifications and estimates satisfactory to him, showing that the entire cost of erecting, completing, furnishing and equipping any building or buildings upon which any part of this appropriation is to be expended will not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars."

Thus the long struggle to secure an Agricultural Building has been crowned with abundant success and we have the assurance of a home for the Agricultural Department of the College equal if not superior to that possessed by any institution in the United States. The erection of the Dairy Wing of the building will be begun at once and it is confidently expected that it will be ready for use next winter, and the Creamery Course will therefore be given with greatly increased facilities.

The provision for maintenance, unfortunately, is still meagre. The Director of Farmers' Institute, however, The Hon. A. L. Martin, who introduced the first bill for an Agricultural Building and whose interest in agricultural education needs no comment, has most generously volunteered to forego for the present year the aid which the College has been accustomed to render at the Institutes. This action on his part renders it possible for the College to resume the Short Winter Course in Agriculture which has been suspended for the past four years. This is thoroughly practical course of twelve weeks designed to meet the wants of those who cannot afford the time or money necessary for the longer courses, and yet desire a better preparation for their life-work than can be acquired on the farm alone. The studies of this course are substantially what would be taught in an agricultural high school. Any student who has acquired an ordinary common school education may take the course with profit, and for the present, no entrance examination is required.

#### A Valuable Publication.

On June 1 the Passenger Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will publish the 1903 edition of the Summer Excursion Route Book. This work is designed to provide the public with descriptive notes of the principal Summer resorts of Eastern America, with the best routes for reaching them, and the rates of fare. It contains all the principal seashore and mountain resorts of the East, and over seventeen hundred different routes or combinations of routes. The book has been compiled with the greatest care, and altogether is the most complete and comprehensive handbook of Summer travel ever offered to the public.

The cover is handsome and striking, printed in colors, and the book contains several maps, presenting the exact routes over which tickets are sold. The book is profusely illustrated with fine half-tone cuts of scenery at the various resorts and along the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

On and after June 1 this very interesting book may be procured at any Pennsylvania Railroad ticket office at the nominal price of ten cents, or, upon application to Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa., by mail for twenty cents.

#### Cemetery Association Meets.

The Reformed and Lutheran Cemetery Association held its annual meeting Monday evening. The report of Treasurer H. G. Strohmeier shows that the association is in good financial condition—cash on hand, \$152.58; on paid lots, \$65.00; Neff bequest, \$100.00; total assets, \$317.58. Outside of hearing the reports of the officers and routine business, the only other act of interest to the members of the association was the appointment of a committee to construct a stone walk along the front of the cemetery. The committee consists of Messrs. D. A. Booser, E. G. Strohmeier, John T. Lee, Dr. G. W. Hosterman.

## POTTER TWP. SCHOOLS.

The School Board and Auditors Meet—New Organization.

The Potter township school board and auditors met in the Bank Building Monday to settle and audit accounts. The board of 1902-1903 consisted of W. H. Lucas, president; M. F. Rossman, Treasurer; D. K. Keller, secretary, and P. B. Jordan, W. W. McCormick and Daniel Daup.

The new board consists of but one new member, Adam F. Heckman, who succeeds M. F. Rossman. The organization was effected by the election of Mr. Heckman as president; Mr. Lucas, treasurer; and Mr. Keller secretary.

The financial report of the school board, as returned by Auditors Wm. R. Neff, J. B. Fortney and G. H. Emerick; clerk, John A. Heckman, is appended.

Whole number of schools..... 16  
Number teachers employed..... 18  
Pupils enrolled in all schools..... 48  
Average daily attendance..... 232  
Taxes levied for school purposes..... \$2787 18

**MONEY RECEIVED.**  
Balance on hand from last year..... \$ 23 50  
State appropriation..... 2166 06  
From collector, taxes of all kinds..... 2690 50  
From Loans..... 583 49  
County treasurer, unseated lands, fines..... 43 82  
All other sources..... 25 25

**MONEY PAID OUT.**  
Furniture..... \$ 130 52  
Teachers' Wages..... 3355 50  
Paid teachers for attending institute..... 108 50  
Repairs..... 531 25  
Fuel..... 579 22  
Treasurer, \$75 stationery, postage, \$3.53 auditors' fees, \$8.00 interest \$1.00..... 87 63  
Text books..... 310 90  
Supplies..... 82 76  
Tuition..... 197 01

**RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.**  
Amount due district..... \$33 17  
Total debt of district..... 583 49

#### LOCALS.

**Fine Weather.**

W. H. Lee, of Colyer, was a caller Monday.

Miss Anna Bartholomew's school closes this week.

Regular meeting of Progress Grange Saturday of this week.

A new adv. for the Star Store appears to-day. Read it over carefully.

Adam Heckman and M. F. Rossman, of Tusseyville, were business callers Monday.

Messrs. Stover and Arney began to paint E. M. Huyett's barn, which was recently remodeled.

The design for the new two-cent postage stamp has been approved by the postmaster general.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Moore Sunday night. The honor is born with dignity.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Rearick, of Milroy, last week were the guests of Mrs. Mary Rearick in this place.

J. H. Ishler, of Tusseyville, was a caller Saturday. Mr. Ishler is devoting some time to dealing in cattle.

Mrs. John Williams, west of town, called one evening last week, and watched the Reporter force wrap and mail papers.

Monday morning was exceptionally cool; mercury stood at 45 degrees. There were light frosts in some sections of the valley.

Mrs. Mary Rearick, of this place, last week went to Chicago in response to a telegram sent by her son-in-law, I. Y. Moyer, stating that his daughter was seriously ill.

William, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Luse, who some time ago had a severe attack of scarlet fever is now greatly suffering of inflammatory rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Geiss, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Geiss in Centre Hall, the senior Geiss having returned home several days previous.

Appropos of the Wesleyan anniversary, Dr. J. M. Buckley contributes to the Review of Revue for June a comprehensive sketch of "Wesley and the Wesleyan Movements."

Lawrence Bitner, son of Prof. and Mrs. H. F. Bitner, of Millersville, who will graduate from the Millersville State Normal School this month, has been chosen valedictorian.

The barn of Harry Horner, in the mountains near Coburn, was struck by lightning last week and totally destroyed. The structure was new and valued at about \$300. No insurance.

Samuel Klinefelter and daughter Miss Maude, last week were callers at this office, their business being to order the Reporter sent to the former's daughter, Miss Mary, who for some time has been located in Miles, Ohio.

Saturday morning while Daniel Calahan was on his way to Wieland's Linder Hall store, he saw three fine deer on the top of Nittany mountain. These deer have been seen at various places in mountain fields, and one day recently were observed, by the trainmen, going east, grazing in a wheat field on Dale's Summit.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Graves of the Dead Soldiers Bedecked with Flowers.

Saturday was Memorial Day. The day was observed in every section of the nation; the deeds of valor of the soldiers, both the dead and the living, were again impressed on the minds of the present generation. Both young and old participated in the ceremonies and without stint bedecked the graves of the soldiers of all wars with beautiful flowers.

At Centre Hall the ceremony was held at six o'clock. The line of march was formed in the diamond, and was headed by the Penn Hall band. The surviving soldiers followed and after them came the spectators, who, by the way, were many in number.

After the decorating of the graves by the soldiers, Dr. W. H. Schuyler offered prayer, and according to a regulation of the Grand Army of the Republic, the address of Lincoln was read by Prof. W. A. Krise.

The speaker of the day was W. Harrison Walker, Esq., of Bellefonte, whose address was entirely fitting for the occasion. The speaker spoke feelingly of both the dead and the living soldiers of the war of the rebellion, and dwelt at some length on the importance of the out-come of the war of the sixties; the bravery of the men in blue, and the hardships they endured. Mr. Walker did himself and his subject great credit, and had the good fortune to enlist the strictest attention of his audience until his address was finished. The remarks made on the part of the hearers in reference to the address were laudatory.

The benediction by Rev. J. F. Shultz closed the memorial exercises.

A detail of Company B, under command of Lieutenant Gerbrick decorated the graves of their comrades at 9:30 a. m. Sergeant Bert Bayard eulogized the dead in a neat address.

Following is a list of soldiers whose graves were decorated at Centre Hall:

#### CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS.

Simon Wolf, Wm. Booser.  
Adam Neff, Wm. Bible.  
Simon Harper, Reuben Stump.  
W. A. Jacobs, Amos Parker.  
Samuel Shannon, W. P. Rhoad.  
John Odenkirk, James McCasahan.  
Philip Floray, William Horner.  
Jerry Shreffler, Andrew Gregg.  
Michael Krumbine, James Foster.  
John Heinle, Michael Perstine.

#### 1812 SOLDIERS.

Wm. Horner.  
John Foreman.

#### NAPOLEONIC SOLDIER.

Charles Peterson.

#### MEMBER OF NATIONAL GUARD.

Robert Murray.

#### NAVAL CADET.

William Dingos.

#### SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR SOLDIER.

John Thomas.

#### REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS BURIED IN INDIAN LANE.

Thomas Van Dorsan, Jacob Shadacre.

Great interest was manifested in the Memorial ceremonies at Sprucetown where a large number of brave heroes sleep under the sward. The hour set for decorating was 2:30 p. m., at which time a large number of people had gathered at the cemetery. The first on the program was a song by a choir formed for the occasion, with Mrs. M. Smith as organist, and John Bitner cornetist. Rev. McInly then offered an appropriate prayer after which W. Harrison Walker, of Bellefonte, delivered an address which was full of interest from beginning to end.

The soldiers buried at Sprucetown are enumerated below:

Jacob Bechdel, Miles Ketter.  
Frank Burris, Solomon Luse.  
Seth Benner, Samuel McCasahan.  
Ezra Britton, Joseph Newman.  
John Croswell, Samuel Peters.  
G. C. Cadwallader, John Peters.  
Henry Crawford, John Pennington.  
Harrison Faust, Amos Sweetwood.  
Wm. Heves, David Shires.  
Pierce Hartman, Reuben Shirk.  
Ben Jacobs, Daniel E. Shaffer.  
Samuel Kelley, John Wilkison.  
Lot Ketter, Samuel McCasahan.  
Geo. Ketter, D. H. Stumelaker.  
Samuel Strong, A. P. Sankey.  
Sergeant Amshough.

#### Place of burial of the following soldiers is unknown:

Lot Croswell, Wm. Shaffer.  
Eash Benner, Wm. Shires.  
Wm. Faust, Isaac Sweetwood.  
Robert Potts.

#### BURIED AT TUSSEYVILLE.

Jacob Roockey, Little.  
Jonas Moore, Henry H. Smith.  
George Shaffer, Daniel Horner.  
Samuel Wingard, Joseph Kretzer.  
John Dittell.

#### BURIED AT CENTRE HILL.

E. E. McMinn, Woods.  
Thomas Davis, Samuel Davis.  
Jeremiah A. Sankey, John Britton.  
War of 1812, Mexican War.

#### Succeeded Dr. Valentine.

At the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminary the Rev. Dr. Jas. A. Singmaster was elected chairman of the seminary faculty, to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of Dr. Milton Valentine, who has been the official head of the institution since 1884. Dr. Kuhlman, of Frederick, Md., was elected to fill the chair of didactic theology.

## ADOPTED REVISED CONFESSION.

Presbyterian General Assembly Accepts Report of Committee.

In the Presbyterian General Assembly Thursday a motion made by Dr. W. N. Page for the accepting of the report of the revision committee as a whole prevailed by unanimous vote.

The following declaratory statement which preceded the reading of the text of the overtures, was adopted:

While the ordination vow of ministers, ruling elders and deacons, as set forth in the form of government, requires the reception or adoption of the Confession of Faith only as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures, nevertheless, seeing that the desire has been formally expressed for a disavowal by the statements in the Confession of Faith, and also for a declaration of certain aspects of revealed truth, which appear at the present time to call for more explicit statement, therefore the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America does authoritatively declare the changes in the Confession of Faith.

After the reading and adoption of all the overtures, Chairman Van Dyke said that he wished to make it clear, and especially did he wish to say to the brethren of the Presbytery, that this revision does not mean that the Presbyterian Church has changed its base one inch, but it does mean that it had broadened and strengthened its foundations. Its divine sovereignty, he said, shall never be interpreted so as to mean fatalism.

#### Reduced Rates to Baltimore.

For the benefit of those desiring to attend the Twentieth Triennial National Saengerfest of the North-eastern Saengerbund, at Baltimore, Md., June 15 to 20, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets to Baltimore from all stations on its lines, except Woodberry, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, on the Northern Central Railway, Columbia, Frederick and intermediate stations, Lancaster, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, and stations on the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad (exclusive of stations south of Townsend, Del., from which tickets will be sold), on June 13, 14, and 15, good for return passage until June 22, inclusive, at rate of a single fare for round trip, plus one dollar.

Side-trip tickets from Baltimore to Washington and return will be sold and good going June 18 and 19, at rate of \$1.60 for the round trip. These tickets will be good to return within two days, date of sale included, and will be valid on all trains except the Congressional limited.

#### Purchased Fruit Trees.

Fruit is being planted extensively in Peeps Valley, and many orders for trees, vines, shrubbery, etc., have been taken within the past few weeks by John C. Pfau, who made Centre Hall his stopping place.

Among others who purchased peach trees in lots of from one to five hundred were Mrs. C. E. Emerick, Centre Hall; Abram V. Miller, Pleasant Gap; C. W. Phillips, Brush Valley; J. R. Bible, Perry Breon, D. H. Rearick, Potters Mills; Jonas Bible, R. B. Treaster, Centre Hill; P. B. Jordan, Colyer; Wm. Goheen, Frank McFarlane, Boalsburg; R. C. Palmer, Linden Hall; A. N. Finkle, Spring Mills; A. Wesley Nevil, Colyer; Mrs. John Cummings, Linden Hall.

Those who bought apple, pear, plum, quince, cherry, etc., in quantities are Messrs. Wm. Colyer, Centre Hall; Harvey Hough, Benjamin Limbert, Madisonburg; J. B. Ream, Farmers Mills; George R. Meiss, Colyer; Wm. S. Brooks, Linden Hall; David Stoner, Tusseyville; D. H. Rearick, J. H. Wagner, Potters Mills; J. Elmer Royer, Centre Hall.

From the Fort Scott Monitor, Kansas, it is learned that Mrs. H. T. Haines has been granted an appeal in the famous Haines vs. Goodlander case. This is one of the cases in which so much testimony was taken before F. P. Musser, Esq., of Millheim, last November, and the first trial of the case resulted in favor of the Goodlander estate, the Haines' immediately taking an appeal. The amount involved is about \$30,000.

#### Encampment Orders Issued.

General orders were issued from the headquarters of the National Guard of Pennsylvania announcing that the First Brigade will encamp next July at Perkasie, the Second Brigade at Somerset and the Third Brigade at Mt. Gretna.

#### New Jewelry Store.

Jewelry and silverware for sale. Repairing of watches a specialty. Work guaranteed. Eyes tested free. Best quality lenses. Dinges store room. W. B. KRAPE.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Dr. George I. Yearick will locate at Loganton.

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

A. A. Miller, who carried the mail between Lemont and State College, recently moved to Millheim.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Frain, of Abdera, visited Mrs. G. F. W. Mark, in this place, who is their daughter.

D. S. McNitt, of Sigleville, the senior member of the firm of McNitt Brothers & Co., was a caller last week.

Frank Wilcocks, of Des Moines, Iowa, brother of Mrs. Green Decker, purchased a quarter section of land in North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stiver and Prof. and Mrs. W. A. Krise entertained W. Harrison Walker, Esq., and wife on Memorial Day.

George W. Dunkle, of Spring Mills, is seriously thinking of purchasing a property in Centre Hall, with the view of making his home here.

Carl W. Beck, the youngest member in the graduating class of the Bellefonte High School, took highest honors. Miss Carrie W. Miller took second honors.

A valuable cow belonging to John R. Renninger, near Loganton, while in the woods was bitten by a large copperhead snake, and died from the effects of the poison.

Thomas Kerstetter, after having been disabled for many months with rheumatism, is back to Painted Post, New York, with the Franz Bottling Works Co., at that place.

Mrs. H. E. Duck, of Millheim, and Mrs. W. P. Kuhn, of Bellefonte, attended a meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lutheran church held in Pittsburg.

Several papers were returned to this office with the addresses torn off. Any of the Reporter readers who missed last week's issue can have it sent them by making the request on a postal card.

The county board of farmers' institute managers will be held in the Commissioners' office, Bellefonte, Tuesday, 9th inst., to select places for holding institutes in Centre county next winter.

June brides and the relatives of young women who expect to be June brides will be interested in the illustrated feature "The Month of Wedding-Bells," in the Woman's Home Companion for June.

John Bailey, an almost life long resident of Lamar and Porter townships, Clinton county, died at the home of his son, Henry Bailey, near Furst's store, of the infirmities of old age, aged eighty-five years.

Hon. W. C. Heinle, of Bellefonte, made his annual trip to Centre Hall on Memorial Day to decorate the grave of his brother, John Heinle, who served in the war of the rebellion and lost a leg during his enlistment.

The dwelling house of Willard F. Brown, occupied by George Gobble, in Clintonville, was totally destroyed by fire last week. The fire originated in the smoke house, in which place young chickens were being kept. The house and contents were insured.

Andrew Smith, of Salona, was in town Saturday having come to Centre county to visit his brother, Isaac Smith of Farmers Mills, and other relatives. Mr. Smith states that the prospects for a wheat crop in Nittany Valley are considerable better than in Penns and Brush Valleys.

John D. Meyer is home for his summer vacation, his school in Bellefonte having closed last week. Mr. Meyer will attend the Franklin and Marshall commencement exercises and jubilee next week. He will go to Philadelphia this week and remain there until the opening of the above exercises.

John S. Hosterman, a sophomore at Franklin and Marshall, after the commencement exercises will go to Maryland on a brief visit, and from there to New York city, where he will enter the services of the Children's Fresh Air Association. This association sends many thousands of children into the country for a two weeks' outing, and Mr. Hosterman will be one of the many who will take charge of the little ones while on these excursions.

W. Gross Mingle has taken the agency for Centre county for the Crystal Butter Package, a contrivance in which to pack butter during the summer months. The device is a great improvement on crocks, vessels, etc., heretofore employed for that purpose. The townships of Potter, Ferguson, Harris and Colyer were purchased from Mr. Mingle by E. K. Smith, of Oak Hall.