



CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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(To be continued.) CHAPTER III.

About three o'clock p. m. our Division, the 1st of the 2nd corps, was ordered to hasten to the relief of our endangered left wing. We marched "double quick" (ran) most of the intervening two miles under a scorching July sun, and reached the scene of this terrible, disastrous conflict in the "Wheat Field" and the rough timbered ridge of "Devils Den," to the west of "Little Round Top" and just beyond what is known as "Death Valley," by reason of the terrible sacrifice of men of both armies during this day's battle.

Here our Division swung into line of battle about six p. m., relieving a part of the 3rd corps and were soon very heavily engaged.

In our hurried rush to the field the columns became somewhat broken, so that a large part of our battle lines came in by regiments. For want of room the 148th in going into position with a rush, found itself doubled up, half "left in front," double column deep, and in great confusion. The excitement was intense, and many "bad words escaped." In this mixup the Regiment could not fight, yet they were in the battle. Men in the front column would be killed by their comrades in the rear column. The tumult and noise; the shouts and yells of fifty thousand men, heard amid the awful roar of musketry and artillery, baffles description.

Here above all places in battle during the war, the high state of discipline, and staying qualities of the boys of the 148th manifested itself most clearly. The men in the ranks began to shout, don't shoot! don't shoot! till we get straightened out. They remained cool while helpless in this awful tangle, in the vortex of battle. They did not "shoot."

Steadily the line straightened out, and extended and when once ready, the 148th joined in the conflict with a steady, rattling fire and yelling as loud as any of them, when yelling was indicated.

The strange ringing of the steel ramrods rang out clearly amid the awful noise of battle, as the guns were "loaded and fired at will," giving variety to the greater tumult. In the excitement and hurry of battle, ramrods were often broken or shot away; so that none should be wanting, soldiers with both hands full of ramrods ran along the rear of the battle line shouting, ramrods! ramrods! Here! here! came from the line where they were wanted. A ramrod fired from the Confederate line tore the knapsack of one of our men so that the contents of crackers and clothing fell out, while another pinned a soldier to a tree, killing him instantly.

The first and third Divisions of the Fifth Corps, U. S. Regulars, and one Brigade of the Third Division of the Second Corps (ours) about five thousand men also joined us, and we greatly outnumbered the enemy. The battle became more furious than ever and we steadily drove the enemy from the Wheat field into the woods, where our forward movement was halted.

Here the advantage of position was greatly on the enemy's side. They were on high ground, behind trees, stone fences, and the immense granite boulders, that thickly strewed the ground in the woods.

No one, to this day can tell what we were fighting for here. We did not want to reoccupy the "Salient" at the "Peach Orchard," by which our position would be weakened. We could not hold it any more now than we could in the first place. We were ordered to fall back slowly, and to keep up the fight; we fell back to what is now known as Death Valley, where the enemy rushing in, attempted to cut us off, and a furious fight ensued, in which we barely held our own.

For nearly two hours we had been engaged in this whirlpool of death, and our ammunition was running out. Night was settling down over this field of carnage, when we were relieved by two Divisions of the Sixth Corps. Heavy fighting was continued till nine o'clock p. m., when our lines were withdrawn to the line of the Round Tops, where they were firmly and permanently established by midnight, leaving the entire field, with our dead and badly wounded in the hands of the enemy.

The fighting here was most desperate and the sacrifice of men appalling. The losses in the 148th, in killed, wounded and missing, aggregated nearly two hundred, while the losses to both armies in the four hours battle, over twelve thousand, were about the same to each side.

THE ROBBERS.

Notes and incidents of the Robbery and the Robbers.

That the robbers had a fifth partner can not be substantiated. On their way from Potters Mills to the point where the quartet cooked their breakfast the four traveled in pairs, at some distance apart. Between the two pairs, for a short distance, there was a fifth man, but from the best information gained this man was a resident of the valley or mountain. In corroboration of this is the fact that there were only four men in the company who took breakfast in the mountains beyond Potters Mills. At no time were there five men seen together, but at Spring Mills, Centre Hall and Linden Hall, along the Fort road, at Potters Mills and at the breakfast table in the mountains the strangers numbered four.

Another reason to disbelieve that the men came in touch with a fifth man to unload their goods, is the fact that the whole of their plunder secured in Centre and Union counties was either found on their person or in their lair.

The Watchman, last week, says it is reasonably convinced that the wounded man is James Lewis, who was sent to the western penitentiary from Williamsport in the fall of 1897 for having helped William Moore rob the post office at Barnesboro. They were arrested at Lewistown. Moore declared Lewis was not implicated but he was sent up for four years and ten months, consequently was only recently discharged. ** If the wounded man is James Lewis, and there is little doubt of that, William Moore, his pal, was very probably traveling with this gang. Moore was pardoned out of the Pen by President McKinley.

The above, so far as it relates to the wounded man, is undoubtedly correct.

Not a single line of the Reporter's version of the occurrences at the old Foust stable has been questioned by any one present. The story of the floundering of the wounded man after being hit by a bullet is without foundation, as is also the story that his hand clutching a revolver was visible after he was wounded.

A close examination, by the writer, of the bay loft immediately after the incident, revealed evidences that the wounded man fell instantly and that he never moved until slid down the "sliding boards." There were but two clots of blood on the loft, and the smaller one was occasioned by the unfortunate man cleaning his mouth from blood after being placed in a sitting posture by deputies.

The undisturbed, congealed pool of blood was as circular as though it were bounded by a compass line, which is conclusive evidence that the man, when struck by the bullet, fell instantly and never once moved. From the distinct marks in the dust on the floor of the loft it was plainly seen that the body lay on a line nearly with the pike, head toward Milroy, facing east.

It was Frank Shutt, the blacksmith, of this place, who dared to approach the wounded man and snatch the revolver from his hand. Mr. Shutt was not the first man up the ladder, but he was the first to realize the actual conditions confronting them, and was the first to act. The wounded man lay on his right side, and it was necessary to reach over his body to secure the weapon.

The first words spoken by the wounded man were, "what did you shoot me for?" After his head was raised by his rescuers, he spat out a mouthful of blood and said, "there goes a part of my liver." The remark amused those around him. Later he said, "I am shot through the heart." This expression is evidence of irrationality.

There should be an ingathering of the belongings of the wicked four. The property found in their possession is as truly theirs, until proven otherwise, as though found in the pockets or sheltered by any other individual.

The wounded leader of the quartet was removed from the Bellefonte hospital to the jail Tuesday afternoon. The journey was easily made, and without accident worth mention.

Tuesday night the prisoner rested well, and in the morning he sat up in his couch to eat his breakfast, and was able to wait on himself. The right arm is of no service to the man, being paralyzed from the effects of the bullet passing through the shoulder on that side. Geltwalt—Showalter—Lewis is in good spirits, and in all probability will recover.

Where the trial of the prisoners will take place has not been settled. There is, however, no sparring for business between the county and government officials. The trial will likely be conducted by the government, in which case the county will be relieved of the expense incurred.

CHEERING WORDS.

South Dakota Reader Compliments the Centre Reporter.

Mandan, South Dakota. Dear Editor:—The Centre Reporter reaches us one day earlier than formerly, another evidence, I suppose, of the enterprise back of your excellent paper. I have not the pleasure of knowing you personally, but I want to compliment you on the great improvement of the Centre Reporter since it is published by you. I left your section about twenty years ago, and have taken the Reporter ever since for the home news. Your aim seems to be to furnish the local news and omit the numerous piques and grievances that appeared before the paper got into your hands.

Keep on in the way you began, and you will win out. I always show your paper to the Centre county people I meet, and the new names I send you are some of the fruits.

Wm. H. Brown & Co. are doing a great real estate business here. They run excursions from Chicago once each week, and refund the car fare to purchasers who have made the necessary arrangements. Land can be bought for from \$5.00 to \$15.00; much of this is underlaid with coal.

I wish you could see our wheat fields. This is a fine country and there are good prospects for a fine crop.

Hoping I will have the pleasure of meeting you this summer and wishing you success,

I remain very truly,
J. W. W.

Reduced Rates to Saratoga, N. Y.

On account of the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America, to be held at Saratoga, N. Y., July 7 to 10, inclusive, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets to Saratoga from all stations on its lines, on July 6 and 7, good to return until July 20, inclusive, at rate of a single fare for the round trip. A stop-over will be allowed at Philadelphia and Baltimore on tickets reading via those points within final limit of July 7 going and July 20 returning, on deposit of tickets with station agent immediately on arrival.

The Kingdom of the Tobacco Trust.

The year's consumption of tobacco in the United States alone includes seven billions of cigars, ten billions of cigarettes, and two hundred and eighty millions of pounds of manufactured tobacco. The one item of smoking and chewing tobacco, exclusive of cigars, cigarettes, and snuff, registers an annual over-all value of more than \$500,000,000. In addition, England smokes six billions, Japan three billions, and China one and one-half billions of cigarettes every twelve-month. This outside cigarette-puffing burns up forty-five millions of pounds of tobacco and puts about \$4,000,000 into the bank account of the American grower, giving the giant balance to the Trust.

Bruin Fed on Pork.

James Holtz, a farmer living near Richland, Blair county, was in Altoona Saturday to be treated for a number of lacerations of the legs and body which he received in an encounter with a bear.

Holtz had been losing sleep for some time looking for the bears which were carrying off his pigs. He caught a big female bear in the act of looting his sty. The farmer blazed away at bruin and wounded her slightly.

Before Holtz could reload his gun the bear charged him and tore open his legs and chest with her claws. Holtz's two dogs attacked the animal, which disposed of them in short order. Bruin then helped herself to a choice porker and disappeared into the woods.

Milheim Journal.

Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder, pastor of the Aaronsburg Lutheran charge, has been granted a four weeks' vacation.

Miss Anna Mitterling, of Centre Hall, was the guest of Miss Margaret Weaver several days during the past week.

The Evangelical Association will hold a grove meeting in the woods near the home of James Wert, one and a half miles east of Penns Cave, beginning Thursday evening, July 2nd.

John Alter, who was injured by a trolley car at Pittsburg several weeks ago, is lying seriously ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Alter, on Penn street, with small hopes of recovery. His wife was telegraphed for, and arrived from Pittsburg Wednesday evening.

During the thunder storm Friday afternoon lightning killed one of Abraham King's hogs. The lightning struck a tree close by Mr. King's house, on North street, and followed a wire clothes line to the pig sty where the line was fastened. There were two hogs in the sty and the one escaped unharmed.

The Philadelphia Record.

"The Philadelphia Record," which recently observed its twenty-sixth anniversary as the pioneer one cent newspaper of America, claims the largest circulation of any paper published in Pennsylvania, and its claim is without doubt a just one. The secret of this is not hard to find. Throughout its entire career "The Record" has combined a certain spirit of conservatism with a progressive policy, and the result has been a newspaper that inspires and holds the confidence of its readers.

There is a vast deal of difference between conservatism and old-fogyism. "The Record" is always keen, alert and up to date, and never allows itself to become hysterical. The metropolitan journals of today may be enterprising to the point of sensationalism, and in the existing spirit of rivalry may often overstep the bounds of decorum and good taste; but in this respect "The Philadelphia Record" is not a sinner. It is always sane, always temperate, always satisfying. Without half the fuss and feathers of some of its contemporaries, it is not to be gainsaid.

It is this authoritative confidence in itself that has wrought confidence in the general public and has been instrumental in establishing its prestige. "Let us see what 'The Record' says about it," is a remark of frequent occurrence; and what "The Record" says is usually regarded as final and incontrovertible. The newspaper is still largely a moulder of public opinion, in spite of the theorists, and while the confidence of the public may be shaken in some phases of modern journalism, that class of which "The Philadelphia Record" is a fine type still survives, and will continue to survive for good. We could ill afford to spare any of them, least of all "The Record." A long and prosperous life to Pennsylvania's leading newspaper.

Reduced Rates to Atlanta, Ga.

For the benefit of those desiring to attend the National Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, to be held at Atlanta, Ga., July 9 to 12, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets from all stations on its lines to Atlanta, July 6 to 9, inclusive, good going on those dates and good to return until July 15, inclusive, at rate of a single fare for the round trip, plus \$1.00. By depositing tickets with special agent at Atlanta on or before July 15, and payment of fifty cents, an extension of final return limit may be obtained to reach original starting point not later than August 15. For specific rates and full information concerning stop-overs, consult nearest ticket agent.

Reduced Rates to Boston.

On account of the meeting of the National Educational Association, at Boston, Mass., July 6 to 10, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Boston from all points on its lines west and south of Princeton, Highstown, Tennent, and Long Branch, on July 3, 4, 5, and 6, good going on those dates and good to return between July 8 and July 12, inclusive, at rate of single fare for the round trip, plus \$2.00. By depositing ticket with Joint Agent at Boston, on or before July 11, and payment of fee of fifty cents, extension of return limit may be obtained to September 1. For stop-over privileges and further information consult nearest ticket agent.

Reduced Rates to Detroit, Mich.

On account of the International Convention of the Epworth League, to be held at Detroit, Mich., July 16 to 19, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets to Detroit from all stations on its lines, July 14 and 15, good to return until July 20, when properly validated by Joint Agent, at rate of single fare for the round trip. For further information concerning rates, routes, stop-overs, extension of limit, etc., consult nearest Pennsylvania Railroad Ticket Agent.

Puff-Boozer.

John H. Puff and Mrs. Anna Boozer, both of Centre Hall, were united in marriage at the Reformed parsonage, Boalsburg, by Rev. A. A. Black, Sunday evening at seven o'clock. The bride and groom were accompanied to the parsonage by Samuel Shoop and Mrs. Lucy Henny, also of this place. A reception was tendered the newly-married couple Monday evening at the home Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whitman.

The Reporter extends its congratulations.

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.

THE JURY WHEEL.

Third Quarterly Court Opens Monday, August 24.

The following jurors, grand and traverse, have been drawn for the August court.

GRAND JURORS.

J. L. Shope, Boggs.
Daniel Spiller, Rush.
Irwin Bryan, Boggs.
James McCloskey, Bellefonte.
J. W. Batcher, Philadelphia.
G. A. Ardel, Huston.
Wm. Holt, Snow Shoe.
Samuel Royer, Haines.
Geo. W. Kline, State College.
Emanuel Musser, College.
John L. Sighart, Bellefonte.
Killey Pratt, Unionville.
Wm. Harter, Penn.
Jameson Gilbert, Miles.
Allen Dubbs, Rush.
B. W. Way, Patton.
Levi Slinger, Harris.
A. H. Zerby, Penn.
H. O. Felder, Haines.
H. H. Bransdler, Halfmoon.
G. E. Kreamer, Walker.
Geo. I. Cornelius, Worth.
F. A. Carson, Potter.

TRAVERSE JURORS—4th MONDAY.

R. F. H. Cori, Benner.
A. S. Smith, Ferguson.
Emanuel Shook, Gregg.
Edward Sellers, College.
O. H. Harper, Philadelphia.
George Eldor, Spring.
Wm. T. Letzeli, Gregg.
Thomas Askey, Rush.
Geo. W. Kline, State College.
J. S. Zeigler, Spring.
Solomon Lohr, Snow Shoe.
J. W. Orr, Marion.
D. B. Sweetwood, Potter.
F. J. Wallace, Boggs.
James Ross, Taylor.
Frank Resick, Gregg.
Chas. Richards, Bellefonte.
John Williams, Worth.
I. M. Orndorf, Haines.
David Rhinestm, Benner.
Geo. Williams, Worth.
M. N. Zeigler, Howard.
C. A. Irvin, Huston.
J. F. Gentzel, Spring.
Harvey Miller, Benner.
Curtis Garberk, Spring.
J. F. Miles, Milsburg.
Joseph Riner, Gregg.
Jacob Meyer, Harris.
John Noll, Bellefonte.
John W. Way, State College.
F. A. Holderman, College.
Thomas Deakin, Philadelphia.
Isa C. Meador, Walker.
Daniel Hall, Union.
Miles Smeed, Rush.
J. L. Dunlap, Ferguson.
R. D. Musser, Gregg.
Lewis Beck, Walker.
George Fink, South Philadelphia.
A. J. Horner, Potter.
N. H. Gates, Halfmoon.
Mills Alexander, Huston.
W. G. Gentzel, Gregg.
Warren Bierly, Miles.
Frank Deitz, Howard.
George Decker, Penn.
Lowry Justice, Benner.

TRAVERSE JURORS—5th MONDAY.

Edwin Jones, Philadelphia.
Wm. L. Bair, Philadelphia.
D. L. Miller, Ferguson.
Elias Smith, Penn.
Lee Orler, Philadelphia.
Curtis Fox, Marion.
John Gentzel, Philadelphia.
W. M. Grove, Potter.
Edward Cakely, Boggs.
John Crader, Penn.
Emanuel Brown, Bellefonte.
G. W. Smith, Bellefonte.
J. L. Jarnell, Snow Shoe.
Geo. W. Hoover, Philadelphia.
John H. Holter, Howard.
James Moore, Patton.
Chas. E. Cook, Bellefonte.
E. L. Files, Rush.
Edwin Hosterman, Miles.
J. L. Yarnell, Snow Shoe.
Adam Hosterman, Harris.
Geo. M. VanTries, Bellefonte.
Harvey S. Miller, Bellefonte.
James Bartley, Marion.
R. C. Hoover, Union.
H. C. Cori, Spring.
Robert Haines, Snow Shoe.
Thomas Morgan, Spring.
Daniel Crader, Penn.
Wm. Ishler, Potter.
F. S. Heverly, Spring.
J. L. Thorp, Boggs.
Foster Jordan, Jr., Spring.
S. A. McQuislan, Bellefonte.
Howard E. Musser, Haines.
Isaac Young, Harris.
Thomas Haines, Howard.
Wm. Heath, Rush.
Newton Krider, Miles.
James C. Carson, Spring.

Two More Lamps.

Two more gasoline lamps were strung over the streets of Centre Hall last week—one in front of the Methodist church, on Church street; and the other opposite the residence of Miss Emily Alexander, on Main street. This makes seven lights in all.

Strong Features.

The biographies of prominent men in Everybody's have attracted much attention. This month, "James Buchanan Duke, The Caesar of Tobacco," is presented. Alfred Henry Lewis writes the story. It is the piece de resistance of the number. Another regular monthly feature is the distinguished stage article, written this month by Marian West, and relating several dilemmas in which prominent actors and actresses found themselves, and how their quick wits came to the rescue.

Reduced Rates to the Seashore.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged for four low-rate ten-day excursions for the present season from Lock Haven, Troy, Bellefonte, Williamsport, Mccanassa, Sunbury, Shenandoah, Dauphin, and principal intermediate stations (including stations on branch roads) to Atlantic City, Cape May, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Avalon, Angleses, Wildwood, or Holly Beach, on Thursdays, July 9 and 23, August 6 and 20, 1903.

Excursion tickets, good to return by regular trains within ten days, will be sold at very low rates. Tickets to Atlantic City will be sold via the Delaware River Bridge Route, the only all-rail line, or via Market Street Wharf, Philadelphia.

Stop over can be had at Philadelphia, either going or returning, within limit of ticket.

For information in regard to specific rates and time of trains, consult hand bills, or apply to agents, or E. S. Harner, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Ira D. Sankey, the evangelist, is now hopelessly blind.

Miss Lila Harper, of Tyrone, is visiting the Misses Durst, in this place.

James Corman, of Rebersburg, has been granted a pension of \$8 per month.

J. A. Hoover, local agent for the Milwaukee binder company, sold several machines this season.

The annual deficit in the Post Office Department is partially explained by the surplus acquired by some of the officials.

Mrs. Sarah Geiss will lay a sawed stone walk in front of her residence. The stones will be secured from Dr. J. F. Alexander.

H. A. Stover, of near Spring Mills, was in town Friday of last week, and while here advanced his subscription to the Reporter.

Clyde Blackford and Miss Daisy Haverly, of Axe Mann, were married last week. The groom is proprietor of the Blackford restaurant, Bellefonte.

A graphic account of the recent floods in Kansas and Missouri, with photographs of high water scenes, is contributed to the Review of Reviews for July by Charles M. Harger.

At an organ recital of the School of Music, in the Baptist church, Lewisburg, Misses Estie Ocker, Lewisburg; Margaret Stuart, State College, and Ruth Bottorff, Lemont, took part.

Miss Nannie Cummins died last week at the home of her sister, Mrs. D. Sterrett McNitt, of Siglerville. Interment was made in Stone Valley. Miss Cummins had undergone an operation.

Mrs. Ellen Hansban, of Julian, last week visited her mother, Mrs. Eliza Painter, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Lee, at Colyer. Mrs. Painter is ninety-three years of age.

According to the pension office, the Spanish-American war has already resulted in 57,646 applications for pensions from "invalids" of that war, 9,881 of which have been granted, and \$390 applications from "widows and dependents," 3,190 of which have been granted.

S. Paul Dinges, of Williamsport, was an arrival in Centre Hall Saturday evening, and was the guest of his brother, H. W. Dinges. Wednesday morning Mr. Dinges and his mother went to Altoona, where the latter will remain several weeks before returning to Williamsport.

A store room and dwelling at Kantz, Snyder county, owned by M. Milner and occupied by Merchant F. P. Keister, were destroyed by fire with almost the entire stock and household furniture. The origin of the fire is unknown, and the loss is partially covered by insurance.

Mrs. Kuhn, wife of David Kuhn, formerly of Boalsburg, now a resident of Freeport, Illinois, is in a very delicate condition on account of cancer of the stomach. Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, the latter a daughter, of Reedsville, were called to Freeport in consequence of the lady's illness.

A German in Portland, Oregon, has discovered a process whereby steel can be hardened to such an extent that tools thus treated can be made to cut the finest quality of steel without turning the edge of the instrument. The secret is the make-up of a chemical in which the red-hot steel is dipped in the tempering process.

Grace Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crawford, of Bellefonte, while in Union county with her parents, became frightened at the approach of a cow, and in her endeavor to run away from the imaginary danger, fell to the ground with sufficient force to break one of the bones in her ankle and injure several tendons.

America's teachers are given first place in the July National. Dr. A. E. Winship tells how Boston is preparing to welcome them, 25,000 strong, early in July. His article is illustrated with portraits of thirty leaders of American education. Mr. Chapple's Affairs at Washington is full of brisk and lavishly illustrated chat from the capital.

Publishing a book anonymously is a perennial method of arousing curiosity and increasing its sale. But there is probably more than this behind the anonymity of the novel of Washington life and politics, "Despotism and Democracy," which McClure Phillips & Company have just brought out. The book gives such a frank and daring picture of the methods used by the great national "bosses" in making and breaking the lives and reputations of their henchmen, that it declares to a certainty its author must be someone pretty close to the sources of power at the Capital.