



CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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Regiment, P. V.

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CHAPTER III.

Three times the battle flag of the 148th went down as the bearers were shot, and men shouted, the colors are down. But they were immediately raised again by others of the "Color Guard," the last time by Sergeant Benner. He was wounded in the head, which was hastily bandaged and he carried the flag to the end of the battle.

Our division, or what was left of it, leisurely returned to the centre on Cemetery Ridge, near the Copse of trees and the Bloody Angle, in the fore part of the night, morose, almost as deaf as posts, tired, hungry and dirty. We had muzzle-loading guns and had to bite our paper cartridges, so the mouths, faces and hands of the men looked as if they had been eating soot for a week.

This was a very hot day, but we were so occupied and under such great nervous strain that we never gave a thought to the weather. But when the battle was over and we calmed down we found that our shirts and coats were soaked with perspiration and we began to realize more fully what we had gone through.

There was the usual lively interest to hear the personal experiences of the men who had gone through the battle. Who was killed, wounded or safe. And there was no one so dull as not to appreciate the tremendous gravity, to us, of the results of the battle which was sure to come on the morrow.

Only those who have experienced similar situations can comprehend the feelings of the men during the nights following these two disastrous days of heavy fighting. Thousands of our comrades had already fallen, and we knew that before the setting of another sun many thousands more would be added to the already great host of dead.

Every soldier counted his chances of being added to the number and we thought of home, and friends, and peace more seriously, more lovingly than before.

These were sad nights. Comparative quiet reigned; the greater noises of battle had entirely ceased. But the very ground and the air seemed to moan and groan with the voices of thousands of uncareful for wounded.

According to orders received at eleven o'clock at night I took the Regimental Pioneers with picks, shovels and sperm candles back to an open air hospital, behind a rocky bluff on Rock Creek, a mile to our right rear, where several thousand wounded had been carried during the day, while the battles were in progress, to sort the dead from the living and to bury the dead.

We reached the hospital designated and found acres of ground covered with wounded and lying among them many who had died after being brought here from the field.

The Pioneers of the 148th P. V. were the only men engaged in this work at this point during this night.

We lit our candles and examined the situation. This was an awful place. The most able writer could not give the slightest idea of this dreadful place. Without hearing the continuous groans and moans description is weak.

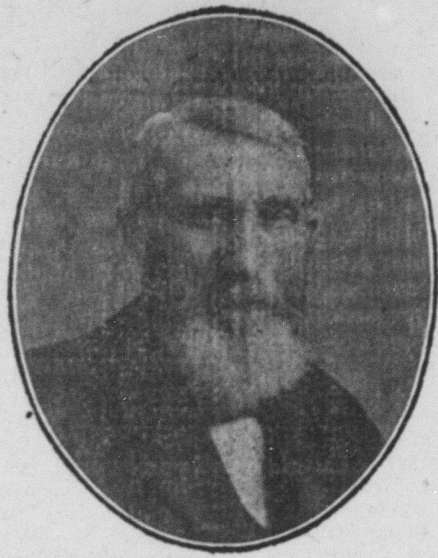
The awful sights in the "Wheat Field," "Death Valley" and around "Devils Den," where the ground was thickly strewn with weapons, cannon, broken gun carriages, thousands of dead and wounded men and horses, mutilated in all manner of form and degree, when we left it in the early evening, was incomparably behind this scene of suffering and death.

Here the dead and wounded lay promiscuously side by side and close together, in long rows, on the bare ground, the feet of one row nearly touching the heads of the next row. The Union and Confederates in separate rows.

There is no place in the world where so much suffering is found in so small a space as in a battle-field hospital. No sickness; but men in health, wounded and torn, moaning and writhing, in the indescribable agonies of gangrene, wound-fever, thirst and death.

All was darkness; not a torch or candle burning; no nurses or surgeons in attendance on the wounded at this place during the night. At least not from midnight to three o'clock in the morning during which time we were at work there. Yet about half of them had their wounds dressed, lying on the bare ground, unsheltered, uncovered.

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WILLIAM GOODHART. DIED JULY 9, 1903.

ANGEL OF DEATH CALLS OLD AND YOUNG.

William Goodhart died Thursday evening, July 9th, at his home near Spring Mills, aged sixty-five years, two months, seventeen days. The deceased was buried in the Presbyterian cemetery, Spring Mills, Monday following, the service being conducted by Rev. Dr. W. H. Schuyler, pastor of the Sinking Creek Presbyterian church, and Rev. McInay, of the Methodist church. The pall bearers were the five sons of the deceased, and Miller Goodhart, of Farmers Mills, a nephew.

Mr. Goodhart's illness extended over a period of one year, the ailment being an affection of the heart. About three months ago he was stricken with pleuro-pneumonia, which terminated as stated above.

Deceased is survived by the widow, whose maiden name was Mary McKinney, and ten children, all of whom were present at the burial. The names and addresses of the children are as follows: Will L., Youngstown, Ohio; Myra B., Milroy; John H., Cresson; Mary E., wife of Edward Foreman, Youngstown, Ohio; Sara K., Cleveland, Ohio; Margaret I., Luttitia L., at home; Robert H., Altoona; Frank V., and Samuel Mc., at home.

Mr. Goodhart is also survived by two brothers—George L. Goodhart, Centre Hill, and James Goodhart, of Lewistown, and one sister, Mary, wife of John S. Dauberman, Centre Hall. Samuel Goodhart, also a brother, of Hubersburg, died a number of years ago.

The deceased was a life long member of the Presbyterian church and for twenty-nine years was an elder in that church.

Mr. Goodhart belonged to a class of men whose usefulness in the church and community cannot easily be over-estimated. He was a man of strong convictions and willing to stand by them. Men are only too willing to depart from the strict path of rectitude for money or office or even from the desire to please others.

Such men can do little or nothing to elevate the moral standard of their community, and they may do much to demoralize their fellow men; for the extent of their immoralities will depend on the degree of their temptations. He who is willing for any reason, however plausible, to depart from the strictest righteousness in the least degree may never become a bad man, but the only reason for this is the lack of sufficient inducement. The only safe ground is a rock-like determination to do right at all hazards.

Such men may not be popular with those of an easy-going morality and they may, if charity be wanting give unnecessary offence, but if we really desire the welfare of society we cannot prize them too highly. They are the men who beat back the waves of unrighteousness that are ever threatening the overthrow of human institutions.

In this class Mr. Goodhart must be placed. Nothing could turn him from what he believed to be right. It is not claimed that he was perfect, but his errors were those of judgment not of the heart. It is for this reason that it seems that he was needed here; and for this reason he will long live by his influence. His charity, his industry, his faithfulness in the discharge of duty, his love and zeal for the church of Christ—all combine to make him a good man, but space will not permit dwelling on these and other of his virtues. He was loved by those who knew him intimately, respected by all well-meaning men of his acquaintance.

MRS. JOHN I. ROBINSON.

Mrs. Priscilla Morgan Robinson after a brief illness died on Monday of last week, leaving a husband and two infant children to mourn her loss. Mrs.

Robinson was twenty-eight years, eleven months and eight days old. She was born in Scranton, Pa., where her life was spent until her marriage to Dr. John I. Robinson, of State College, four years ago. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reese Morgan. The greatest sadness of this sudden death rests with her devoted husband and two little children, John DaCosta and Earle Morgan, aged respectively two years and four months.

Mrs. Robinson went to Bellefonte in apparently good health a short time previous to her death, and returned the same day too sick to walk to her home. Later symptoms of appendicitis with complications were observed and an operation was performed on Sunday and revealed a condition which it was apparent the patient could not survive.

The funeral services were held at her late residence on Wednesday morning, 8th inst., after which the remains were taken to Scranton where interment took place on the following day.

EDNA REYNOLDS.

The death of Edna Reynolds cast a deep gloom over old and young in Reedsville and surrounding country. She was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Reynolds and her death took place Saturday at eleven o'clock. Interment was made Monday afternoon.

The deceased, although less than twenty years of age, had won the greatest respect of her seniors and the love of her companions. She was assistant postmistress to her father, and in that capacity came in contact with the entire population of the community. The kindness and gentleness displayed by her in that position was one of the prime reasons for the continued solicitude of every one during her illness, which dates back to Easter Day.

It is useless here to speak of her good traits, for they were not unappreciated in life—before and during illness—by her family and acquaintances, and hence need no enumerating.

This young girl, in bud of womanhood, was first stricken with typhoid fever in the most severe form. For weeks she suffered, but without complaint. The best medical skill, or rather the combined medical force of that county, was called to her bedside at various stages of her illness, and trained nurses did what they could to alleviate her suffering. Several days prior to her death it was discovered that an abscess—a result of the fever, had formed in her side. Dr. Deaver, of the German Hospital, Philadelphia, was called to perform an operation, and Thursday the same was accomplished in a most successful manner. The surgeon's knife, however, revealed other conditions—tuberculosis of the bowels. She recovered from the effects of the operation, and had her illness been typhoid fever alone, she might have regained health, but the operating physician, upon making the discovery of tubercular abscess, at once gave up all such hope.

MRS. ELIZA MILLER.

Mrs. Eliza Miller, wife of Joseph Miller, died suddenly Wednesday evening of last week at her home on the Bancroft farm near Holidaysburg, of heart trouble. She had been in her usual health and the summons came without warning. Deceased was born near Spring Mills and was aged thirty-one years. She had resided in Altoona for several years previous to taking up a residence at the Bancroft farm. She was by faith a Christian Scientist. She is survived by her husband, her father, Peter Neese, of Beech, and four sisters and one brother: Mrs. James Daily, of Huntingdon county; Mrs. Ira

Ohl, Lamar; Mrs. James McCool, Rebersburg; Mrs. Howard Foust, Beech; and Adam Neese, Centre Hall.

KATHARINE SNYDER.

Mrs. Katharine Snyder died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emma Royer, in Bellefonte, on 1st instant. Deceased was born in Brush Valley, and was a sister of Mrs. Susanne Vonda and Mrs. Elizabeth Rockhouser, of that valley.

ELIZABETH EBY.

Miss Elizabeth Eby died at the home of her brother, Michael Eby, near Woodward, July 4, at the age of eighty-one years and eight months. She has left to survive one sister and three brothers. Funeral services were held Tuesday, conducted by Rev. O. L. Buck. Interment in the St. Paul cemetery.

EMANUEL PETERS.

Oak Hall and vicinity, in the death of Emanuel Peters, lost one of its most valued and highly respected citizens. Death came to this citizen Thursday of last week after a brief illness caused by blood poisoning. He had been suffering more or less for a year from a pain in his side which finally developed as above stated.

Mr. Peters' age was fifty-three years. Interment took place Saturday, the services being conducted by Rev. Stonecypher.

The deceased is survived by a widow, she being Susanna Zettle, a daughter of George Zettle, of Nittany Valley, and the following children: Annie, wife of Jasper Rishel; Minnie, wife of Harvey Wagner, of Oak Hall; Mary, wife of Barnhart Stamm, Altoona; James, Pennsylvania Furnace; Elsie, Maggie, Luther and Arthur, at home.

Mr. Peters was a farmer by occupation, and he was termed one of the best in his community. He was a kind neighbor, and never refused to lend a helping hand.

LOCALS.

Miss Elsie Corman, of Coburn, is at present at Camp Kidd, near Milroy.

A regular meeting of Progress Grange will be held Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

D. A. Boozer and Paul Murray last week went to Philadelphia and Atlantic City. The former returned home Monday.

Mrs. Amanda Spangler, of New Berry, is visiting her brother-in-law, David L. Kerr, near Centre Hill.

Miss Sarah McKinney, sister of Mrs. George Lee, in this place, Wednesday of last week returned from a visit to Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Miss Mable Meyer, of Millheim, an operator in the Bell telephone exchange in that place, was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Lee for several days.

Miss Elsie Krise Saturday went to Johnstown, where she will assist in caring for one of her sister's children who recently had an operation performed for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shutt, of Centre Hall, recently paid a visit to Samuel Shutt, Lock Haven, and brought back with them two of the latter's children for a summer outing.

Fred Klinefelter, son of Samuel Klinefelter, south of Centre Hall, on the Speicher farm, is ill with typhoid fever, but under the care of Dr. Lee is getting along as nicely as can be expected.

Miss Elsie Foreman, operator in the Bell telephone exchange in this place, is spending her vacation in Altoona, having gone to that place Saturday. Her place in the exchange is being filled by Miss Grace Lee.

Hugh Larimer, of Nebraska, is visiting friends in Centre county. Mr. Larimer was raised by Mr. Boozer who years ago lived on the Keller farm, near Linden Hall. Later he was engaged in the mercantile business at Centre Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter W. Odenkirk, and children, of Burnham, spent several days in Centre Hall last week. Mr. Odenkirk recently purchased a home at Burnham, near the trolley power house. The dwelling, which is new, is located in a very desirable section.

James McDonald, aged twelve years, of Lewistown, had his entire hand blown off by a cannon fire cracker. The cracker had been lighted and thrown into the street, and the boy picked it up thinking it would not explode. The arm was amputated below the elbow.

Miss Emma and William Wolf, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wolf, of Ardmore, and Miss DeLong, are due in Centre Hall Saturday. They will be entertained by Miss Emma McCoy. Miss DeLong's father holds a responsible position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in Broad Street Station.

FIGHTING POLITICIANS.

Postmaster General Payne Signs Order to
Take Rural Free Delivery from Politics.

Postmaster General Payne signed for Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow an order removing the rural free delivery system entirely from politics. It was the first important step taken in the direction of a complete reformation of the defective and extravagant system upon which the postal service has been conducted, and will bring forth a storm of protest from politicians.

In effect, the order declares that the recommendation of a member of Congress, whether Representative or Senator, shall not be considered as of more importance than that of any other individual in determining the establishment of rural delivery routes.

In the new order of things which Mr. Bristow is bringing about, a petition from one hundred persons using the mails asking for the establishment of a route will be necessary to secure consideration at the department.

When such a petition is received an inspector will be sent to determine whether the route is needed and whether it will facilitate mail deliveries to such an extent as to warrant the expense of its establishment. Upon the report of the inspector will depend the action of the department. The Congressman or Senator who joins in the request will be counted just as one ordinary citizen.

The men to be appointed carriers are to be selected in strict accordance with civil service rules and the political machines which Macheen and the department had aided Congressmen to build up in their respective districts through the free delivery system will crumble away.

STATE RECOGNIZES VETERANS.

Free Transportation for Veterans to Famous
Battlefields.

Adjutant General Stuart has sent a circular to the Grand Army Posts of the state announcing that the State will pay the transportation of veteran Pennsylvania soldiers to several points south in October and November.

Transportation will be furnished the survivors of the Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers to attend the dedication, of the monument on the battlefield of Shiloh, which will probably be in October.

The surviving Pennsylvania soldiers who were confined in the Andersonville prison pen will be given transportation to attend the dedication of the memorial to Pennsylvania's sons who died in the pen, and will be given transportation to the National cemetery at Andersonville, some time in October.

The Survivors' Association of the 109th Pennsylvania and the survivors of the 73rd Pennsylvania will be given free transportation to the battlefields of Wauhatchie and Missionary Ridge in October or November to dedicate monuments to the valor of their commands. All applications for transportation must be made to Adjutant General T. J. Stewart, Harrisburg, Pa.

LOCALS.

Paul Murray has a clerkship in the Aislesworth hotel, Virginia Avenue, Atlantic City.

James Horner, of Colyer, is selling the "Story of the World's Worship," a book that should be in every family.

The choir of the United Evangelical church at Tusseyville will hold an ice cream social, Saturday evening, 25th instant.

Mrs. Sarah Harlacher, of New Berlin, is spending several weeks with her cousin, Mrs. Mary Rearick, in this place.

Harry Sherick, son of William Sherick, formerly of this place, is conducting a very good hotel between York and Tennessee Avenues, Atlantic City.

Mrs. Mary Fillmore, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her brother John H. Krumbine, as is also Charles Krumbine, a brother. The latter is in delicate health, being a sufferer from tuberculosis. His home is in Washington, D. C.

If you are looking for the most reckless liars in all Centre county, and don't pick on the Bellefonte correspondents to the city dailies, you are using poor judgment. The habitual misrepresentation of Centre county may be a source of revenue for this particular class of scamps, but it would be a credit to the county if they would earn their living in some less public way.

Daniel W. Zeigler Friday took seriously ill while at work in the saddler shop of D. A. Boozer. He was removed to Mr. Boozer's home and later to that of his sister, Mrs. B. H. Arney. His illness proved to be that of cholera morbus, and after intense suffering for some time he began to recover. Mrs. Zeigler and daughter, Miss Mable, of Millheim, were summoned and assisted in taking care of him.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST
FROM ALL PARTS.

Miss Grace Christine, of Hardin, Ohio, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Thomas L. Moore.

Mrs. Kauffman, mother of Mrs. Adam Neese, is visiting her at her home below Centre Hall.

Miss Tace Kreamer, who had been in Johnstown with her sister for some months, came home last week.

Henry Reinhart, of Woodward, was one of the many who promptly had a four placed on his Reporter label.

William Whiting, aged fifteen years, of Mill Hall, died from the effects of a wound on the hand caused by a blank cartridge.

The annual reunion of the Reformed churches of Central Pennsylvania will be held at Lakemont Park Wednesday, July 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shaffer, of Bellefonte, Mrs. Samuel Musser and Miss Mable Musser, of Scranton, drove from Bellefonte Friday to spend the day with Mrs. Mary Shoop, in this place.

The Rev. Dr. A. N. Warner, registrar of Susquehanna University, has resigned his place owing to poor health. Mr. and Mrs. Warner will leave for New Mexico, to be gone a year.

John D. Meyer, of Centre Hall, for the fifth time, was re-elected principal of the Bellefonte High School. Mr. Meyer has met with unusual success in his school work in Bellefonte and elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Spencer, of Curwensville, will move to Harrisburg. Mrs. Spencer is a sister of Miss Anna Bartholomew, of this place. Mr. Spencer is employed with a large bridge company.

Prof. Graffius H. Hubbard, of Beech Creek, who was an applicant for the principalship of the Centre Hall High School, has accepted the tutorage in the Industrial Reformatory at Huntingdon.

Messrs. B. D. Brisbin and W. Frank Bradford did a good turn for the farmers by shutting down their saw mill in order that the men employed by them might be of service in storing hay and grain.

Master John Bailey, of Philadelphia, accompanied his brother and sister—Ted and Freda Bailey—to this place last week. This is John's first experience in the country, and he thinks it an ideal place.

Friday's Press contained a splendid illustration of Dr. Henry Bitner, of the Millersville Normal School. Dr. Bitner is director of the department of natural sciences at the Pennsylvania Chautauqua, Mt. Gretna.

Mrs. Lizzie Searfoss and pretty little granddaughter Ethel Shetter, of York, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meyer and other relatives in Centre Hall and Penns Valley. Mrs. Searfoss, years ago, lived at Centre Hill.

Druggist J. D. Murray last week greatly improved his drug store property by laying a brick walk in front of the store and cobbling about the hitching posts. These improvements will be permanent and will be appreciated by pedestrians.

Messrs. Charles W. Slack, Wm. Floray and Olie D. Stover each built substantial walks in front of their dwellings, located below Grange Arcadia. These homes are all new, and the improvement mentioned adds much to the general appearance of the neighborhood.

Daniel David Fryer, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fryer, of Coburn, died July 3, aged six years, nine months and seven days. Funeral services were held on Monday morning in the Evangelical church at Coburn and interment in Aaronsburg cemetery, Rev. I. N. Bair officiating.

Mrs. Linnie Ruble, of State College, recently made sale of her personal effects and at present is staying with her sister, Mrs. B. D. Brisbin, in this place. Later she will go to Cleveland, Ohio, where she and her son Joseph S. Ruble will begin housekeeping. Mr. Ruble is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, class of '01, and is employed by the American Steel and Wire company as draughtsman.

Post office inspector Frank I. Taylor was in Centre Hall several days last week, and inspected the rural mail routes on the south side of Potter twp. and those in Gregg twp. Mr. Taylor has had large experience in laying out free rural mail routes, and while here three years ago laid out an ideal route through a portion of Potter township. The service was then in its experimental stage and was viewed with considerable suspicion, and consequently was petitioned against. The wisdom of Mr. Taylor's act at that time is now fully dawning upon those whom it affected, and they deeply regret their act of protest.