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CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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(To be Continued.)
CHAPTER IV.

These burial trenches were dug here, there, and everywhere over the field, and contained three or four or fifty, as the number of dead near required. Few of these men had anything about them by which they could be identified, and the great majority of them were therefore buried as "unknown." These were later exhumed and buried in the National Cemetery as such.

The Confederate Sharpshooters, in great numbers, hid in the trees and brush along and beyond the Emmetsburg road, kept up a lively fire and several times during the day drove us off the field and prevented the stretcherbearers from bringing in the wounded of Pickett's men, some of whom lay on the field from the 3rd to the 5th without food, water or other care, in the heat and rain.

The day was hot, sultry, with frequent very heavy showers. The stench on the battlefield was something indescribable. It would come up as if in waves; and when at its worst the breath would stop short in the throat; the lungs could not take it in; a sense of suffocation would be experienced. We would cover our faces with both hands, turn the backs toward the breeze, retching and gasping for breath; others would lie down and press their faces to the ground to escape the choking stench.

The dead were found in all manner of lying and sitting positions; isolated; in groups; in heaps; many there were without a visible wound or mark to cause death. Some without any wounds, killed by shock and concussion of exploding shells alone.

Down beyond the "Bloody Angle" there remained standing a few panels of post fence only the lower rails remaining. Against this a smooth faced soldier-boy was sitting; his elbow resting on the second rail, his head resting on his upturned hand, his head upright, the face turned toward us. Thinking he was sick or wounded I went out to render assistance but found he was dead. We examined him and found he had been shot through the left breast in the awful fight at the "Bloody Angle" with Pickett's men the day before; then sat down just as we found him, and died without the slightest move; perfectly poised, he did not even roll over. There was nothing about him by which he could be identified. All his accoutrements were still in place. His cartridge box was nearly empty, showing that he had done his share in the battle. Poor boy! brave boy! We buried him in a grave alone, as one "unknown."

During the great cannonade on July 3rd a barn opposite the Second Corps gave shelter to Confederate sharpshooters and a masked battery that was doing us considerable damage. On this discovery I heard a Lieutenant of a battery near us give the command, "Fire the barn!" In fifteen minutes it was in flames, and was wholly destroyed. After the battle was over some of our Co. A boys visited the ruins and found that the barn had been used by the Confederates as a shelter for their wounded, many of whom were burned with the barn. The boys, looking for relics in the ashes found quite an amount of gold coin in two-and-a-half, five and ten dollar pieces among the bones and ashes of the cremated Confederates.

While the pioneers were engaged in burying the dead other details were engaged in clearing the field, by gathering the wreckage of battle, which was immense, consisting of arms, accoutrements, etc. About four thousand muskets were gathered up along the Second Corps front, brought in in wagons, and ranked up like cord wood; and accoutrements in great heaps taken largely from the bodies of the dead. The field was thickly strewn with knapsacks, containing the sundries of a soldier's outfit, haversacks filled with biscuits and sweet-cake, the proceeds of forays among the people of Pennsylvania. Blankets, tents, hats, caps, coats, belts, swords, letters, portfolios, books, bibles, testaments, playing cards, etc. scattered everywhere.

The day wore on; our skirmishers were advanced; no enemy in force was found. Our work at Gettysburg was finished.

Mrs. W. A. Sandoe, son Will and daughter Helen spent Sunday with Jacob Weber and family, of Boalsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stover, and Miss Minnie Geary, all of Millheim, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Geary over Sunday.

EDITOR SCHOCH SPEAKS.

The following is taken from the *McKilley's* address at Buffalo and Lincoln's address at Gettysburg. Verily, it was an hour well spent, and we publicly thank him for the entertainment.

Of course, we called to see the postmaster, Mr. Boal, but missed him—he was out on his farm superintending some work requiring his attention; but his courteous and efficient assistant was in charge, who between the selling and licking o'stamps, entertained us very agreeably. Comrade Krape, of Beverly fame, being also present, the conversation was not allowed to lag or slow up in interest.

Speaking of retired farmers locating in country towns, the *Telegraph* says they may become useful citizens. If they arise to their opportunity and blessed privilege—if they will invest their lucre in the establishment of needful industries in your town and vicinity, by and from which they and all others will be greatly benefited. Beat this gospel truth into your brains to good purpose and all will be well. We will wage our coon that we hope to capture against editor Smith's coon now in his cage, that this will be the result. If farmers respond to this kindly advice, wherefore all will arise and sing "blessed be the retired farmer, for he has awakened to the occasion, allowed his talents to expand for the good of all the people." We, too, have retired farmers in Millinburg, but they are all right—they give largely for the erection of handsome churches, have fine homes, and, necessarily, pay proportionately for the establishment of our fine water system, and very soon will come up smiling to the treasurer with their quota towards the securing of an electric light plant. Oh, yes, the "retired farmer" is all desirable—a cogent force in the development and progress of a town if they will but permit an increase of their "talents" that the good Father has blessed them with.

Hon. Leonard Rhone. Well, we only saw him at a distance. He looked well and seemingly contented and happy, perhaps would be happier if those trees on the Grange picnic grounds would enlarge and thicken more rapidly.

And right opposite the Runkle Hotel is the building of the Penns Valley Banking Co., with Mr. W. B. Mingle in charge as cashier. This is the institution which the four bold burglars tried to "do" about a month ago, but were prevented from "doing" by the night watchman who sent a bullet in their direction as they were endeavoring to force a window open. This unexpected discharge sent them scampering outside the town and into the Seven mountains, where they were ultimately surrounded and captured. On the occasion of our visit Mr. Mingle was engaged in superintending the erection of a lengthy hitching bar in front of the bank, well braced by five or six huge chestnut posts. Evidently he expects large delegations from the country as soon as the grain is harvested, threshed and sold. Hon. Wm. Allison, late member of the legislature, is president of the bank, which is in flourishing condition.

Master Gross Allison, grandson of landlord Runkle, took us by buggy up into a high mountain, Nittany by name, where a splendid view was had for miles and miles around, and where the air proved delightful; the snakes few and the huckleberries a trifle more plentiful. It was a grand treat, thanks to grandpa and grandson Allison.

We were almost persuaded to stay just one day longer, to take a drive to Penn's Cave, where the romancers say Julia discovered her Romeo, but fearing the allurements of the place would prove too great, we scrambled into the back for conductor Cook's train and home, where we arrived on time, chock full of pleasing recollections of a very restful and invigorating time at Centre Hall.

Reformed Church Dedicated.

St. Luke's Reformed Church at Lock Haven, was formally rededicated Sunday, after having been rebuilt and transformed into one of the handsomest church buildings in the city. It is frescoed in oil, furnished in oak and has memorial windows. A new pipe organ was installed at a cost of \$3500, the total cost of the improvements being \$10,000.

The dedication exercises began with an organ recital Thursday evening by Professor Theodore Reimer, of the Normal School faculty. Friday evening the Rev. Isaac S. Stahr, of Olney, and the Rev. G. W. Gerhard, of Hamburg, former pastor of St. Luke's, made addresses of greeting and congratulations.

The Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, preached two sermons Sunday, and the dedication service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Warren J. Johnson.

etc., in fine style, including McKilley's address at Buffalo and Lincoln's address at Gettysburg. Verily, it was an hour well spent, and we publicly thank him for the entertainment.

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Fifty Years a Minister.

Rev. Dr. David S. Monroe, of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Shamokin, has completed fifty years in the ministry of the Methodist church. He has been secretary of the General Conference for the past twenty-three years.

Dr. Monroe is over seventy years of age and is a Virginian by birth. When he was seventeen years old he delivered sermons at various churches and at twenty he was ordained into the ministry. His most important charges were Baltimore, Altoona, Williamsport, York, Chambersburg, Lewisburg, Bellefonte and Bloomsburg. He has been at Shamokin four years. While presiding elder of the Altoona district he was stationed at Altoona thirteen years and laid the corner stone for seven churches, the Government building and the Masonic Hall in that city.

Send the news to the Reporter.

WARNS STATE DEPOSITORIES.

Harris Says Approaching Payments May
Take All They Have.

The more than 100 banks and trust companies in Pennsylvania holding state deposits have been notified by State Treasurer Harris that they will be called upon in the next three months for the full amount of their deposits.

Harris will begin the distribution of the \$5,500,000 school fund on September 1, and, in addition, he will shortly make heavy payments to George F. Payne & Co., contractors of the new capitol. Following is a copy of an official notice, which Harris has made to the State depositories.

During the next three or four months the Treasury Department will be called upon to pay out over \$7,000,000. This extraordinary demand is made necessary by the building of the new capitol, appropriations to the public schools and many other little appropriations made by the Legislature of 1903.

To meet these calls upon this department it may be necessary to draw upon you for a very large portion, and possibly all of your State deposits. This letter is simply to give you notice of our purpose.

About the Rural Mail Boxes.

A recent order of the Postmaster General regarding the use of boxes on Rural Free Delivery routes is of interest to all patrons. That part relating to the interference with boxes is based on the following act of Congress:

"Whoever shall hereafter willfully or maliciously injure, tear down or destroy any letter box or other receptacle established by order of the Postmaster General or approved or designated by him for the receipts or delivery of mail matter on any rural free delivery route, or shall break open the same, or willfully or maliciously injure, deface or destroy any mail matter deposited therein, or shall willfully take or steal such matter from or out of such letter box or other receptacle or shall willfully aid or assist in any of the above mentioned offenses, shall for every such offense be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than three years."

Each box must be erected by the road side so that the carrier can easily obtain access to it without dismounting from his vehicle. The same box must not be used for more than one family, except in the case of near relatives or those residing in the same house.

Persons neglecting or refusing to comply with these conditions will be regarded as not desiring free delivery, and rural carriers will be directed not to serve them.

Dr. Lorenz's First Patient.

"In a year I'll be so I can run like other little girls," said ten-year-old Alice Parker, of Phillipsburg. Little Miss Parker has the distinction of being the oldest child to be treated by the famous bloodless surgeon, Professor Adolf Lorenz, for congenital dislocation of the hip, during his visit to Philadelphia several months ago.

All her life, before Dr. Lorenz visited America, last December, her only means of locomotion was a wheeled chair.

Alice's left hip was pitifully deformed. Dr. Lorenz shook his head over the case, but consented to do what he could. In some way he received the impression that the patient was not as old as she was by a year. After the operation he frankly told Mr. Parker that his daughter was too old to make a successful outcome at all probable.

But Alice improved steadily and rapidly, and in less than a month Dr. Augustus H. Wilson, who had taken charge of the case, permitted her to go home. She went back to the hospital while Dr. Lorenz was there during the visit he made to Philadelphia a few weeks ago. When he saw her he was astonished, and told her she "would be all right in a year." He was then informed of the mistake concerning her age. He laughed heartily, but said: "If I had known that I would not have performed the operation."

Mrs. Parker said, the child can walk a little now, without pain.

LOCALS.

If you want a supply of old papers, call at the Reporter office; the sooner the better.

Ralph Boozer, who has finished his second year at the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Arts, Philadelphia, is home for the summer vacation.

Mrs. Mary Deininger, widow of Rev. Deininger, and her daughter and grand-daughter, Mrs. Emma Thomas, and Miss Sophia Thomas, all of York, were guests of Mrs. Lucy Henney, in this place, last week.

FROM ILLINOIS.

Crop Conditions in Illinois As Reported by
a Reporter Reader.

Under date of August 1, J. M. Stiffler, of Freeport, Illinois, writes the Reporter as follows:

The haying season is about over and the farming community congratulate themselves on having in stock an unusually large quantity of excellent hay. The clover haying season was rather discouraging owing to the frequent showers, and much of it is badly colored. The crop of timothy was gotten in splendid condition, as a whole, and will average close to three tons per acre. "Old Sol" assumed a mood to please the poor grangers in the emergency of scarcity of help and high wages. He performed in the three degrees of hot, hotter, hottest.

Alfalfa is being grown with success by some of our progressive farmers. The climate and soil seem well adapted to its growth and maturity. Alfalfa fields can be cropped three and four times a year. The hay is relished by the stock in general. Its merits as a soil builder are well known. The soil in this section is not naturally the home of species of bacterium that affects the alfalfa plant, hence to make it valuable as a soil builder we must inoculate the soil.

Harvesting is in progress. Grain of all kinds is quite up to the average of former seasonable years. The crop of straw is comparatively light. Plant lice, in myriads, early in the season, and later on rust, weakened the straw on growing oats. Threshing is in progress in places, as the steam whistle attests.

The corn crop is backward, but with ideal corn weather through August we may still have a large corn crop of good quality. The early planting is now in roasting ears. Old corn is retailing at 60c. per bushel.

Potatoes are doing well, no disease, such as blight, etc., being evident. Buds are nearly a minus quantity.

Within a few days the Freeport post office building will be opened to the public and ready for occupancy. On March 2nd, 1899, Congress granted an appropriation of \$75,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of a building in this city. Subsequently—March 3rd, 1901—an additional appropriation of \$10,000 was granted; in all \$85,000. The building is rectangular in shape, 57x84 feet—is three full stories and a basement in height. The style of architecture is colonial. The outside is rather plain in detail, the material used being gray pressed brick. The trimmings are of a gray terra-cotta. Though there is little effort at ornamentation on the exterior, yet with all it causes a pleasing effect on account of its graceful and imposing appearance. The exterior doors open up on the public lobby 16 feet wide. The private office of the post master, the work room and the money order room are convenient and cozy. The building throughout is equipped with all modern conveniences including heating and lighting. On the second floor is a spacious room for the United States court, judges room and quarters for other United States officers. On the 3rd floor rooms are fitted for the United States grand and petit jurors. The building is centrally located and fronts on two of the business streets both of which are paved with vitrified brick. We are proud of our government building.

J. M. STIFFLER

From Millheim Journal.

John Alter, having recovered from his late illness, in company with his wife, returned to their home at Pittsburg last Thursday.

The Misses Rosa Maize and Bertha Bubb spent Sunday at the home of Miss Bubb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bubb, near Pottery Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Miller, of Linden Hall, spent Sunday with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Stover, in Penn township.

J. H. B. Hartman, in company with his daughter, Miss Mary, and Miss Esta Youngman, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Wert, near Tusseyville.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. R. Harter, of Chicago, Ill., arrived in town Friday afternoon. Mr. Harter was a former resident of this place but left for Chicago a number of years ago. His many friends were glad to meet him again.

Centre County Pomona Grange.

The Centre County Pomona Grange will hold its third quarterly meeting in the hall of Washington Grange, near State College, Friday, August 21. All patrons are cordially invited to attend. Meeting will open at 9:30 a. m. and continue throughout the day.

D. M. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

The good die young, especially good resolutions.

Have You Saw Me Mug In De Pittsburg Sunday Dispatch? Yores Trullie Pickle Neary.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Send the local news to the Reporter.

The Lock Haven dam will be repaired at an expenditure of many thousands of dollars.

Kicked in the head by a horse William Hazlett, of Belleville, is in a critical condition.

Eggie's Quittin' For Home Agin In De Pittsburg Sunday Dispatch. Yores Trullie Pickle Neary.

Harry N. Meyer, of Millheim, agent for the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, was in town on business last week.

W. C. Luse, wife and family, of Altoona, are the guests of the Luse families in Centre Hall. Mr. Luse is a son of Cyrus Luse, of Tyrone.

Misses Savilla Rearick and Elsie Roberta Boal, of this place, Saturday drove to Millroy and visited the family of W. O. Rearick at that place.

The Haines township school board last week adopted Durrell & Robbins Arithmetics. The firm is represented by J. Nevin Meyer, of Rebersburg.

The Odd Fellows of State College, Lemont, Bellefonte, Pine Grove Mills and Boalsburg are arranging to hold a large basket picnic and reunion on the 27th of August.

L. D. Orndorf, of Woodward, was badly cut on the head by the fore feet of a horse, one day last week. The horse got balky in a hay wagon, and Mr. Orndorf endeavored to induce him to pull by taking him by the bridle.

J. Larson Burreis, tenant on the farm of Mrs. Flora O. Bairfoot, west of Centre Hall, was called Saturday evening. He is one of the active young farmers in his community and the length of lease on the farm he occupies, proves that he is capable and willing to handle a farm.

The former citizens of Centre County now residing in Blair County will hold their annual picnic at Bellwood, Blair County on Saturday, August 22 1903. There is a large number of people living around Altoona, Bellwood and Tyrone who formerly lived in Centre County and the occasion of their annual meeting is a notable event.

Theodore Yarnell, of Mill Hall, was badly hurt by being thrown from a horse near Hecla Park a few days ago. He was riding the animal from the park when it threw him. His head struck a telephone post and rendered him unconscious. His right side was badly bruised and his tongue cut quite severely.

The Pennsylvania Railroad is pushing the work of erecting telegraph poles along its lines to replace those recently destroyed for Western Union, and about one-third the number between New York and Pittsburg are in place. The entire work is expected to be completed about October 1, when they will be turned over to the Postal Telegraph Company.

Mason John R. Strong, of Pottery Mills, is building the foundation walls for the new dwelling house of Arthur E. Kerlin, in this place. To prove the strength of the walls Mason Strong builds and the favorable conditions for growth of vegetation, the writer's attention was called to a very healthy clover stalk protruding from the foundation mentioned, and that without impairing, in the least, the wall itself.

The postoffice department has sent out notices bearing information that hereafter rural mail carriers shall not act as agents for any firm. This order is the result of complaints made by country storekeepers all over the Union who make the complaint that city department stores are ruining their business. The department has refused to supply the city stores with names of the people along the mail routes.

In the suit of the Borough of Mann's Choice vs. the Western Union Telegraph company, to recover license tax on poles and wires, which was decided in favor of the plaintiff in the courts of Bedford county, and the decision affirmed in the Superior court, an appeal has been taken to the Supreme court. The case will be argued next May. The opinion of the Supreme court will affect all of the boroughs in the country which impose taxes on poles and wires.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Conley will leave their farm, east of Centre Hall, in the spring, and probably locate here. Mr. Conley has been disabled for farm work since his illness last spring, which fact caused the decision above mentioned. Mr. Conley has secured for a tenant Cloyd Brooks, who at present is living with his brother, Richard Brooks, on the Boal farm, west of town. Mr. Brooks will furnish his own stock and implements. Another party greatly interested in this matter is Miss Anna Brooks.