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## CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

### 148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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CHAPTER IV.



WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO TURN UP.

Finally the entire Division, as usual was marched close by in single column so that every soldier could see plainly and benefit by this object lesson.

For these men, there was less sympathy expressed than for Mayberry. They were not only deserters, but "bounty jumpers." One had deserted seven times, and as often sold himself as a "substitute."

When men go into battle to fight for their country's rights, we do not wonder when we see their mangled bodies lying before us, for we know that such is the fate of war. But, to see a soldier taken from the ranks where he had served, and led out in mock solemnity to be butchered in cold blood by his comrades, the partners of his toilsome marches and deadly conflicts, our feelings are shocked and we are moved to pity. But, painful as the duty is, it is required, or else the law of order and discipline would be set at defiance in the army.

The Confederates made a demonstration on the lower Rappahannock on Aug. 31st, captured a few steamers on the Potomac, and brought them up the Rappahannock to Port Conway. A strong force of Cavalry and light artillery, and the 2d Corps (ours) were ordered down the river, to "see about it."

We moved along the Rappahannock leaving detachments at every ford. The 148th took position at Richardson's Ford, twenty miles from our camp. A large force proceeded to Port Conway, defeated the Confederates and destroyed the steamers.

Sept. 1st. It was midnight, the 148th at Richardson's Ford lay soundly sleeping in bivouac, with a heavy picket guard at the crossing. All was very quiet, save the soughing of the wind through the overhanging pines, and the murmur of the river, mingled with the screech of insects. It was a bright, beautiful moonlit night, just such a night that would bring to us sweet memories of the past, and our homes, in "ante bellum days." Suddenly a terrific volley of small arms was fired into our pickets from across the river, killing one and wounding two of our men. Simultaneously, a considerable force of cavalry dashed across the ford, and a lively skirmish ensued; in a few minutes the 148th was in battle order and moving rapidly forward to fight the disturbers of our slumbers. But they remained not to fight. They had galloped into the country east of us. Soon quiet again prevailed in our bivouac and the men again slept.

We remained at Richardson's Ford till Sept 4th, when we returned to our camp at Morrisville.

At Richardson's Ford the 148th found lodging in a former Confederate camp, which was the roughest patch of ground the Regt. had ever occupied, and we returned to our camp as lousy as a flock of neglected sheep. Once more we brought our coffee and soup kettles into active service between meals, boiled our lousy clothes, and were once more free of vermin.

For some days all was quiet. But we realized that our vacation was about over; all day of the 11th, at intervals, we heard lively cannonade, far to our right, and the boys were excited over many rumors. Next morning at three o'clock we packed up under orders to be ready to move at once. In fifteen minutes our camps were in ruins and we were all ready, but we did not move out till ten a. m. when we marched along the Orange and Alexandria R. R. to near Bealton Station. The sky was clear and the weather oppressively hot. Thunder was heard; heavy clouds were rapidly rising over the horizon. Soon a fearful storm was upon us; the rain came down in torrents and drenched us most thoroughly. But we marched in all the rain and consequent mud and water, to Rappahannock Station, ten miles and bivouacked for the night, thoroughly soaked and no fires. The

entire army was now in motion and there was life and excitement everywhere.

On the morning of Sept. 13th we crossed the Rappahannock River on Pontoon bridges and moved to Brandy Station, (six miles) where in a battle between our cavalry and the Confederate cavalry, the Confederates were defeated and driven beyond Culpeper. Three cannon and one hundred Con-

federates captured. On the 14th we moved to Culpeper, and for several days manoeuvred around the town. On the 17th we moved to Cedar Mountain, twelve miles from Culpeper, on the Rapidan river, the scene of Pope's disastrous battle, Aug. 9, 1862, 2d Corps at the front, formed in battle order. There was a good deal of skirmishing and shifting and now and then heavy cannonading. The 2d, 3d, 5th and 6th Corps were on hand and a great battle was imminent. Considerable excitement; we waited anxiously for something to turn up. Pontoon bridge trains were brought to the river and held in constant readiness.

Several days passed and quiet was restored. On the 24th of September the 148th was transferred from the first to the fourth brigade of our Division (1st of the 2d Corps) and there served to the end of the war. The weather was fine; days hot, nights cold and frosty. On Sept. 28th we changed position and went into regular camp near Cedar Mountain, and for several days dug wells, made roads and built and repaired bridges. While on the south side of the Rapidan, we could plainly see the Confederates, engaged in building forts and digging intrenchments. Their position was naturally very strong, and perfectly fortified. During the afternoon of Oct. 1st we again moved forward and formed lines of battle near our camp, on a timbered bluff on the bank of the river. The night was cold and frosty, but no fires were allowed.

## LOCALS.

Wm. S. Katz and Miss Selina Baum, of Bellefonte, were married Wednesday last week.

Harry S. Meyer of Williamsport, representing the Casualty Insurance Company was in town last week.

Among others from Mifflin county who enjoyed the picnic last week were Messrs. A. R. and R. C. McNitt, of Siglerville.

S. M. Campbell, of Millheim, furniture dealer and undertaker, was a caller Friday last week. Mr. Campbell has a fine trade in his line. Mrs. Andrew Ruhl, nee Carrie Emrick, of Buffalo Cross Roads, Union county, was in town last week visiting her brother and sister and other friends.

District Attorney N. B. Spangler, accompanied by his wife, were on the camp grounds Friday. Mr. Spangler found many people, young and old, who were glad to greet him.

Potter Tate, of Yesertown, was in town last week, shaking hands with survivors of the war of the sixties, and old associates. Mr. Tate some years ago lived on the Wilson farm, near station.

Rev. John H. Belkheimer and wife, of Duke Center, Pa.; Wm. Belkheimer, Esq., and wife, of Kahoka, Missouri; Joseph Baker and wife, of Vira, Mifflin county, were guests at the home of Dr. G. L. Lee, in this place, last week.

W. Harrison Walker, Esq., of Bellefonte, was among the young attorneys who attended the encampment. Mr. Walker attends many public gatherings, and is becoming well acquainted with the people on the south side of Centre county.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Camp, of Tyrone, were among the former residents of Centre Hall who attended the Grange Encampment. Mr. Camp is engaged in the undertaking and furniture business in Tyrone, and is well pleased with the business he is doing there.

Messrs. H. G. Strohmeier and Chas. Arney Saturday purchased pianos from M. C. Gephart, who had an exhibit on the encampment grounds last week. Misses Bertha Strohmeier and Mabel Arney are the daughters who will learn to manipulate the key boards.

## THE ENCAMPMENT AND EXHIBITION.

The thirtieth annual encampment and exhibition of the Patrons of Husbandry of Centre county is over. The management is entirely satisfied with the result. The exhibitors, vendors and fakirs are likewise contented with the shekels dropped here and there. The attendance Wednesday, Thursday and Friday was all that could be desired, especially so when it is recalled that the farmers, as a rule, were not through with their seeding and had little or no time to give to pleasure. This was an unfortunate condition. Thursday morning's heavy rain interfered with the plans of many hundreds of people who had arranged to devote the day to pleasure, but regardless of this the attendance Thursday was quite large.

The crowd on the ground, considering the numbers, was very orderly. Not an arrest was either made or attempted. There was no complaint of swindlers, because none were swindled; the picnicers were in a good humor during the entire week,—rain or shine, all were in a happy picnic mood.

Wednesday Prof. H. A. Surface, State Economic Zoologist, gave a highly interesting talk, on topics of special interest to the farmers in Pennsylvania.

J. T. Altman, of Thompsontown, Secretary of the State Grange, also spoke on various topics.

Hon. Mortimer Whitehead, of New Jersey, past lecturer of the National Grange, entertained the audience on timely topics. Mr. Whitehead has no trouble in keeping his audience interested, as all who have heard him on this and former occasions will testify.

Hon. S. J. Blyholder, of Leeburg, member of the finance committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange, and Miss Emma Brewer, of Chester, also spoke.

The various exhibits, which will be found enumerated elsewhere in this issue, were very creditable to the farmers of Centre county. The exhibits of the farm and garden were decidedly pretty and elaborate. The poultry and stock exhibits were larger than last year. Those who had implements and machinery on the ground found many persons willing to inspect them and listen to the laudation of their merits by their representatives.

## EVENING ENTERTAINMENTS.

Entertainments were given in the auditorium Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings by a number of young people, most of whom were members of Progress Grange. The sum collected at the door, which was nearly one hundred dollars, is the best evidence that the entertainments were well patronized. Those who contributed to make the entertainments interesting were the following:

Rose J. DeWoodie, instructor and manager.

Mrs. Helen Grenoble, captain of Spanish, Cuban and American flag drill.

Mrs. Thomas G. Wilson, pianist. Ladies Quartette—Mrs. John Puff, Mrs. Helen Grenoble, Mrs. Thomas L. Moore, Mrs. Samuel S. Kreamer.

Musical Instructors—Messrs. E. W. Crawford and J. Frank Smith.

Ed. L. Bartholomew, accompanist.

Joseph Lutz, stage attendant.

Thomas L. Moore	Edith Ritter
Adam Hoover	Clara Krapp
Wm. Keller	Bertha Strohmeier
Roy Shaffer	Mabel Arney
John Knarr	Ether Snyder
Wm. Stump	Verna Durst
Ross Bushman	Virgie Durst
George Breon	Annie Durst
Ted Bailey	Edith Lutz
Guy Jacobs	Elsie Boal
Mrs. Carrie Bradford	Sarah Breon
Bertha Garver	Lizzie Boozer
Elsie Gelas	Mamie Emrick
Elsie Moore	Katie Keller
Calvin Smith	Anna Mitterling
Helen Breon	Nellie Smith

## GARDEN AND FARM.

J. J. ARNEY, Centre Hall. Apples—Baldwin, Pippin, Northern Spy, Rambo, Russet, Summer Sweet, Seedling, Romanite, Pound, Blue Mountain, Bellow, Salmon Sweet, Hyslop crab, Sweet crab, Cow horn Turnip, Corn—Yellow Dent, White Dent. Potatoes—Carson No. 1, Carson No. 2, Early Rose, Rural New Yorker, Freeman, Washington, Celery—self-bleaching, Giant Parsley, Spring Rye, Wheat—Fultz, Mealy, Redcross, Seed—Orchard Grass, Red Clover, Beardless Barley, Purple-top Globe Turnips.

MRS. J. J. ARNEY, Apples—King, Rhode Island Greening, Yellow Russet, Duchess of Oldenburg. Tomatoes—Buck eye, Golden Trophy, Paragon.

J. E. RISHLE, Centre Hall. Early Ohio Potatoes.

MRS. MELISSA BOAL, Centre Hall. Apples—Baldwin, Fall.

GEORGE DALE, State College. Apples—Russet, Rhode Island Greening, Northern Spy, Sweet Paradise, Williams, Hubertson, Ewalt, Grimes Golden Pippin, Baldwin, Bellflower, Rambo, Penn. Deitz Longbery Wheat, Hyslop crab.

MRS. J. S. DALE, State College. Tomatoes—Ponderosa, Squash, Danish Snowball, Early, Ohio, Mrs. D. L. BARTOGES, Centre Hall. Bedon Beans. Early best Cauliflower.

D. L. BARTOGES, Centre Hall. Little Giant Wheat.

NORMAN DALE, Lemont. Watermelon Apple. EDWIN DALE, Lemont. Yanda Apple. MISS LUELLA DALE, Lemont. Calabash.

## MAKE IT COUNT.

Machine's Corrupt Methods should be Exposed in Every Quarter.

With the opening of the campaign at Allentown, September 30, a discussion should begin which will reach to every part of the State and count for something this year and next. The Machine has decided to play the policy of silence and depend upon its usual corrupt methods, aided by the slumbering conscience of the voters, to win. So much the greater reason why the opposition including honest members of all parties whose co-operation is invoked in the platform adopted at the recent Democratic State Convention should speak with all energy to those abuses which are corrupting the political morals and wrecking honesty of administration in State, city and county affairs. The Machine which usurps the name of Republican, even if it were to launch upon a speaking campaign, would not be so foolhardy as to discuss State questions. Its orators would thresh over their antique buncombe in relation to the beauties of a high protective tariff, paint glowing pictures of a prosperity which now seems to be somewhat in jeopardy in the matter of over-inflated corporations in which the party of the Machine is so deeply interested, rattle off well-learned platitudes about the party of Lincoln and Grant, and stop at that.

A matter demanding greater attention and more thorough exposure than it has ever had, is the distribution for political purposes of the millions of dollars of State funds in banks of the State. In the State are five banks which are drawn upon for the current business of the Commonwealth, and which pay one and one-half per cent. upon their daily balances of State moneys. Other State depositories not so drawn upon pay two per cent. a year. Officers of some of these banks have admitted contributions of one per cent. of the amount of the State deposit. At the first of this month the deposits aggregated about \$17,000,000. This of itself, provided all the banks contributed 1 per cent., not to mention other grafts, would give the corrupt combination \$170,000 annually for a campaign fund. This is a matter which the masses of voters have never plainly understood, and they should understand it.

Kulp & Co., who have been doing an extensive lumber business in the Seven Mountains, owning many miles of tram road and a large saw mill in Milroy, have sold their tram road, saw mill and machinery at Milroy to Richley Bros. & Co., of Potters Mills, who will after the first of next month operate the mill.

The Richleys propose using the tram roads as an outlet for the large amount of timber on the several tracts they own. Some of the timber will be manufactured into lumber at the Milroy mill, and some will be shipped to be used for prop timber, lagging, etc. It is estimated that it will require five years to cut the timber of these tracts.

In another column the Richley saw mill, at Potters Mills, is advertised for sale.

**\$500 in Prizes.**

In connection with the thrilling mystery story entitled "A Transaction in Copper," which begins in "The Philadelphia Sunday Press" September 27, an opportunity is offered to win \$500 in cash prizes. All you have to do is to guess how the story turns out. The last chapter will not be published until a period of a week elapses, in order that everybody may have a chance to guess. The chapter has been sealed in an envelope by the author and no one knows the solution of the mystery. Get next Sunday's "Press" and read the first installment of the exciting story and the details of the prize offer.

**Glen Iron Furnace Burned.**

The buildings of the Glen Iron furnace were destroyed by fire last week, the origin of the fire being unknown. The buildings were of frame, and are a total loss with the exception of the casting house, which was saved. The loss is about \$5,000 with no insurance. The furnace was idle for a great many years, until the rise in the price of iron several years ago induced the owners of the furnace to put it in blast over a year ago. The furnace is owned by a company of Philadelphians.

Lester, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Smith, of Madisonburg, died recently.

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THORNTON BARNES, Philadelphia. Groceries. M. C. GEPHART, Bellefonte. Musical Instruments.

MISS GRACE SMITH, Centre Hall. Aluminum Cooking Utensils.

VERMONT FARM MACHINE CO. Cream Separator.

JAS. C. MILLER, Huntingdon. De Laval Cream Separator.

J. S. MEYER, Esq., Penn. Hall. Taggart Corn planter.

MIFFLINBURG BUGGY CO. Buggies and Carriages.

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## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Centre Hall is turning decidedly musical. The piano purchased by H. G. Strohmeier from M. C. Gephart, the Bellefonte music dealer, is judged by critics one of the best instruments in town.

Among the local talent that performed on the pianos on exhibition by M. C. Gephart was Miss Clara Krapp, who was voted by her audience a talented musician.

The Penn Hall band furnished the music for the encampment last week. The band is composed of young men who have other good qualities besides being musicians.

George Mowery and daughter Anna, Byron Garis and daughter Elsie, Saturday returned to Lewistown and Reedsville after a week's vacation attending the encampment.

Miss Elsie Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Moore, Friday accompanied her cousin, Mrs. Daniel C. Rossman, to her home in York. She will remain several weeks.

Among the Millheim people who were in town last week were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McClellan. The McClellans are readers of the Reporter, and hereafter will be in the company of readers who have a 4 on their labels.

F. M. Stevenson, Fred Schleifer, Thomas Miller and Stewart Harter arrived last Friday from Edray, West Virginia, says the Millheim Journal, where they had been working for Harter Brothers. They expect to return again in two weeks.

School opened Monday after a week's vacation on account of the picnic. The term will now continue unbroken until the opening of teachers' institute, which will be held in Philipsburg during the latter part of December.

One of the places the encampment and exhibition made hum was the Old Fort Hotel, of which Isaac A. Shawver is landlord. His house is a popular one on all occasions, but particularly so during the week just past.

Mrs. Widder, wife of Dr. G. H. Widder, of Harrisburg, was the guest of Mrs. J. J. Arney last week. She also spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Homer Barr, in Boalsburg. Mrs. Widder, before marriage was Miss Anna Harpster, and up to that event lived in Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Boyer, of Mifflinburg, were in town last week. Mr. Boyer is the telegraph operator at Mifflinburg, and was sent to Centre Hall to receive and send out messages at the headquarters of the encampment. Mr. Boyer learned the art of telegraphy at Linden Hall, and now holds a very desirable position.

The Bellefonte Daily News says: Mrs. I. J. Wierback, of Monessing, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Alfred Fisher, of McAdisterville, and the latter's daughter Miss Mary, are visiting at the home of Dr. P. S. Fisher at Zion. Mrs. Wierback was Miss Maggie Fisher and although it is many years since she reigned as a belle in Boalsburg to her old acquaintances she is just as vivacious as ever.

S. R. Downing, Esq., of Chester county, attended the Grange Encampment. He was one of the lecturers of the State Grange during its early days. Sixty years ago Mr. Downing, in company with General Irvin, traveled by canal boat from Harrisburg to Lewistown, and from the latter point to Bellefonte, passing through what is now Centre Hall by stage coaches, which made daily trips between the county seats of Centre and Mifflin counties.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Farner and family, of Philadelphia, are at present at Potters Mills, Mrs. Farner's former home. Mr. Farner has been in the railway mail service for two years, and during the past year he has been on a mail train between New York and Pittsburg. His position is one of great responsibility, but one well filled by him. It is evident that the young men who can point to Potter township as their birth place need only an opportunity to prove that they have ability to fill almost any honorable station in life.

Among others who attended encampment last week from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riley, of Bradford. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bradley and Miss Mary Bradley, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. C. E. Cosolowsky and son, of Pittsburg. Mrs. Cosolowsky's husband is connected with the South Penn Oil Company. Mr. Riley, although a young man, is a close personal friend of Congressman Dresser, and is engaged with the Bradford National Bank in the capacity of assistant cashier. He is a young man of excellent qualities and one whom his native country should, and no doubt will, give honor in the political line.