## CENTRE COUNTY

148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Regiment, P. V. [To be Continued.]

CHAPTER V. THE PRISONER'S STORY.

punished. blankets from other prisoners, if they alytic stroke. remonstrated, they were knocked ried.

For a long time they had everything their own way. They openly commitand they flourished. I witnessed a A. Black officiating. number of their robberies, in one of which they murdered a soldier. Many of the prisoners besides me saw it; but all kept quiet about it. There was abhave been suicide. Here there was no law to appeal to for protection, or the punishment of crime, no matter bow heinous. Here we were entirely cu off from the rest of the world. We law. What happened here must be perfect arrangements for the erection active cooperation for the betterment field by placing a barrel hoop over as

settled here, or remain unsettled. For two years lawlessness and high morial building. crimes ran riot, unchecked in this camp, and life and personal eff-cts had no safeguards. Rations and clothing a "billy," or "blackjack," whether to

rise up again, was always a question. came : lawlessness and crime must end. held Monday afternoon. Colts may this new ideal, tact, sympathy, paperiment station at Urbana. The de- the insurrection. The Administra-Under the auspices and encourage- be seen at the stable any time. ment of the Post Commander, Lieut. Bosseau, two police companies were organized; one under the name of criminals in their own way.

be caught. Punishment immediately brutal clubbing and kicking. I wit- of the leaders that was left alive. nessed a number of these, and I could not imagine bow a human being could live under such awful blows and kicks; the victims shouting and begging for life and mercy; when they were overhauled they were instantly knocked stituted a real "circulating library." down, and as they tried to get up, four or five fearful kicks, by a many men, in sides, stomach and back, would lay to own a book or magazine. After them out again. Wnether the victims having read it, you would take it, punished in this way outlived their injuries, I never learned.

On the west side of camp were loca el about five hundred (Union) pris- made, and each had new reading for a oners of the 1st Kentucky, and 2d Ter- few days. In these exchanges, books nessee Regiments, who were organized worth three or four dollars were often for mutual, self protection, and always rallied to defeud each other.

blankets among the Cennesseeans. On not read before. the "snatching" of the first blanker, the alarm was given. The men of many a gloomy and miserable day Kentucky and Tennessee, and the po- was bridged over. lice turned out; a fearful row ensued. and stood by their "double cannister- held fast in a death grip. few days later.

"Big Mike," a giant in size and

DEATH OF BENJAMIN CORL.

IN THE CIVIL WAR. Aged Hunter Found Dead in a Cabin at

Benjamin Corl, of Pine Hall, above State College, one of the pioneer settlers of that region and a noted hunter, was found dead Friday morning in By T. P. Meyer, Sergeant Co. A., 148th the hunter's cabin at Six Mile Run in the Allegheny mountains.

Mr. Corl was one of a hunting party of ten that had been scouring the On reaching Belle Island Prison En- mountains for a week or ten days in campment, they went into a Sibley search of game. Three C rl brothers by a number of frail, emaciated pris- had shot two deer and as he had grown their blankets and other effects. From leaving the old hunter alone in the this high handed outrage and robbery, cabin. When they returned Friday

eral children.

residence Monday morning. Interted believes crimes with impunity, ment at Pine Hall cemetery, Rev. A.

A Call to the Patriotic.

General James A. Beaver, President to inform on them, at this time, would of all the committees of the associa-Daughters of the Revolution and any other patriotic organizations interested, to be held in the Court House in Bellefonte, Friday, Nov. 27th, 1903, at were under no government, and no 10 o'clock a. m. This meeting is to age farmer and genuinely enlist his and make three counts in the same ducers. of a Centre county monument or me- of school facilities for his children. many stalks of grain as the hoop might

W. H. Rankle's Apology.

were spatched out of your hands by for D. H. Suyder, asks the Reporter to of the country schools. One must be direction showed a percentage of smut | ther fact that Secretary Hay profinised these villains, and he who resented, say that he regrets the non-arrival of able to tell him what is better, and, from 3 per cent., the lowest, to 23 per the conspirators that there should be went down by a rap on the head with the colts advertised for sale Saturday more important still, why the proafternoon. He assures the public that posed thing is better. And the reasons work in arithmetic. he is not at fault, having fulfilled his must appeal to the farmer from his

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In this great row there were about "Camp Regulators," the other named three thousand men engaged, either "Safety Guards," and all known by actively or passively, packed in a swaythe general name of "Belle Island Po- ing, shouting crowd; the leaders were country school training. The Farmer and sent them to the experiment stalice." They were given unlimited au- killed, and probably a hundred injur- Boys' Experiment Club was organized tion to be analyzed. The remainder thority to keep order, and to punish ed. I sid not get quite to the "front," by me on February 22, 1902. The were fed to the stock on the farm. where the business was really done; charter members of the club number. The boys concluded that if sufficient Any alarm, day or night, was quick- but was told in the evening that the thirty-seven boys, who met that more help could be secured at a reasonable ly responded to, and the shout of leaders of the raiders had all "gone ing in the office of the county superin- wage, sugar beets could be grown here "catch him," was taken up by the over to their reward" "Big Mike," whole camp; all were instantly on the however, escaped. I met him on the brief talks from Professor Shamel, of account of labor, rent of ground, etc., watch, and the criminal would always | flag of truce boat "City of New York," at City Point, the following spring. Superintendent Fred Rankin, of the beets. His plat comprised forty-five followed, and consisted of the most He told me that he was the only one Agricultural College extension work square rods of ground. The total cost

> lice, outlawry and robbery ceased. There were quite a number of books

> and magazines in camp, and they con-In order to become a member of this "reading circle" it was only necessary walk through the camp and call out, who has a book to exchange? till, "here" was heard, and a trade was xchanged for a twenty-five cent mag-

In reading these circulating books,

The battle was for the extermination tances among some western boys, deal of good to have the boys and their of the raiders. A great majority was camped on the north side. One even- parents go on an excursion to the on my side now, and it was safe to ing after dusk I went over to exchange Agricultural College and experiment Nearly two hundred boys of the exspeak out. So I joined in the general books with them; I found their tents station connected with the University shou of kill them! while empty; they had been moved away. of Illinois, at Urbana. Rockford is I was crowding out and elbowing my In one of their tents I found a dead two hundred and fourteen miles from way to the front to help it along. The soldier and not an earthly thing be- Urbana, and we secured a rate of \$2.50 row was immense, and lasted, proba- side; he had been deserted by his com- for the round trip. On June 5, 1902, bly an hour, during which time in- rades, while sick, and left to die alone. one hundred and thirty boys and one tense excitement prevailed among the His death struggles were evidently hundred and fifty adults,-nearly six Confederates, who fully named the long and terrible. His mouth and coaches full,-left Rockford for Urbathree batteries commanding the cam; both his hands were full of ground, na. And on June 1, 1903, a second ex-

fell by a dagger stab in the spine, be-tween the shoulders; the point of the on the bare ground. By reason of Exposition of 1904

percentage. The time the tassel and silk appear on a stalk of corn is noted dagger broke off and remained; his filth, unsanitary conditions of the While at the College of Agriculture boy be equipped with a compound miwhole body was instantly paralyzed. camp, and exposure to all conditions and experiment station the boys were croscope of 10,000 diameters and have He was now an abject coward, and in of inciement weather, many without shown the laboratories where the work him know the whole mystery of life tears begged for his life. He died a shelter, and all without fuel, caused numbers; the sick were carried out to strength, and the main stay of the the hospital every morning; yet many the experiment farm the boys were eyes,—a little observation this week, band, broke through the crowd, and who were not supposed to be sick shown the growing crops, and were more next week, more next year,—unran, with nearly all the clothes torn enough to go to the hospital, died in told how they were being cared for, til the habit of observing is fixed, and off his back; he was pursued; tat, camp. Some dying in fits of cough- and what experimental work was be-

## "LEARNING BY DOING" FOR THE FARMER BOY.

By O. J. Kern, Supt. of Schools, Winnebago County, Illinois.

It is not the belief or wish of the deposit in the ground the nitrogen writer that we should educate country taken from the air. boys to be farmers merely, any more The live-stock department of the to proceed "with all possible dispatch than that we should educate boys to farm appealed strongly to the boys. tent, one of the best in camp, occupied were in the party. Mr. Corl himself cians. We should aim to train boys At the feeding yards they saw a bunch to be men in the highest sense of the of steers that were being fed a balanced oners who they threw out, but kept tired of the chase the party started out term. But why not a course of train-ration that would make it possible for dent Roosevelt Commander-in-Chief ing in the country school for the coun- the cattle to bring the top price in the of the army and navy of the United the colt sale Monday, November 30. try boy which shall teach him more Chicago market. The Horticultural States, or were these truculent orders The colts are now at the hotel stable. this high handed outrage and robbery, early learned friday about the country life around him? Department was of more than passing issued by the Navy Department withhim cold in death. The indications Along with his study of the kangaroo, interest. They would "snatch" rations and were that death had been due to a par- the bamboo, and the cockatoo, why not study the animals on the farm and The deceased was seventy-three a proper feeding standard for them, Some of the boys had never been on a down with the clubs they always car- years of age and leaves a wife and sev- the care and composition of the soil of the farm, the improvement of types of The funeral took place from his late grains and vegetables, and the protection of birds beneficial to the farmer? Instead of all of the boy's arithmetic being devoted to problems, more or less theoretical, on banking, stocks, exchange, brokerage, al gation, and partnership, why not some practical of the Centre County Soldiers' memo- problems with reference to farm ecosolutely no protection for an informer; rial Association, has called a meeting nomics? For the boy who will remain on the farm (and 85 per cent. perhaps tion of the Veteran Club, of the will) the course of instruction should be such as will be an inspiration and a

> help in their future life work. A NEW EDUCATIONAL IDEAL.

W. H. Runkle, of York, manager enough to tell him of the shortcomings the work that came under my personal revolution, and make evident the furgy are factors that must obtain.

FARMER BOYS' EXPERIMENT CLUB.

in interest and numbers.

boys, with the post-office address of work. each. Superintendent Fred Rankin, of the Agricultural College extension work, has a duplicate list, and from ment in agriculture.

EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS.

After the organization of the club it I had formed some pleasant acquain- occurred to me that it would do a great cursion, numbering two hundred and ed" guns, awaiting a possible "break He lay partly on his side, and had four persons, was run to the same get them interested in improved types out," from the excited camp. There kicked, and dug a great hole in the place. Only thirteen persons of the was no strike for freedom; but the ground with his feet. I left him as I second excursion were members of the "raiders" were wiped out. I saw the found him. He was one "unknown," first. The expectation is, if proper arleaders killed; "Pete" and "Tar" (we and I thought it was a blessing that rangements can be made, to continue never heard their real names,) went his people would never know what a these excursions to the colleges of to barren stalks of corn in plats one down; while "Jack," the "Monster," sad end came to him, unattended and neighboring States. We hope to ar-

some of the prisoners at the south end, pitied, and hid him, till the excite-pitied, and hid him, till the excite-ment died out.

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This brief paper is a plea for a more | named plant were pulled up, and the practical education for the farmer boy. boys were shown where the bacteria the Navy Department to Rear Ad-

be blacksmiths, carpenters, or electri- They inspected a model dairy barn.

To be sure, it is too soon to say what the effect of these excursions will be. railroad train. Many more had never been out of the county. We will wait one state in the Union, aggregating patiently for time to show results in \$35,860,110 per annum, and that, acquickened aspirations, stronger char- cording to the last Census there were acters in growing boys, and a general 32,600 farms in Pennsylvania which ing supper will be applied to the hall uplift in the educational interests of derived their principal income from fund. Every one should help Progress Winnebago County.

EXPERIMENTAL WORK OF THE BOYS.

It is very difficult to reach the aver- rected to go into four different fields There must somehow be created a new inclose, and then counting and recordeducational ideal. The farmer must ing results. The percentage of smut

Each boy, last year, was given two | -namely, that the United States But the day of retribution finally part of the contract. The sale will be own point of view. In the creation of pounds of sugar-beet seed by the extience, enthusiasm, and a tireless ener- par ment wanted to interest the boys tion's terms were declined by Colomand see at the same time whether bia, so it encouraged the Panama secessugar beets could be grown with profit sionists to carry out their project and ter of Rev. Smith, pastor of the United In Winnebago County, we have be- in this dairy region of northern Illi- promised them the protection of the Evangelical church at Rebersburg, gun with the children in our effort to nois. Some very fine beets were raised United States navy while they were create a new ideal with reference to by the boys. They selected specimens doing it.

tendent of schools, and listened to with profit. One boy kept an exact the Illinois College of Agriculture, and -in short, the first cost of raising his tions; justified in dealing unfairly The club is growing, and now numbers of cultivation, harvesting, and rent of three hundred and forty boys from ground was \$19.75. The number of raiders, and by the vigitance of the popectation is to have a stea y increase eighty-three, thus making the cost a trifle over ten cents per bushel. These The machinery of the organization beets tested the best of those received is very simple. There is no elaborate at the experiment station, showing 18 constitution and by-laws to set forth per cent. sugar and 86.7 purity coin high-sounding terms what the boys efficient. This was practical work for are on earth for. The county superin- the boys, and many of them are keeptendent has a list of the names of the ing note-books on the present year's

At present, in Illinois, the breeding of improved types of corn is attracting the attention of the farme s. Proeach office go circulars, bulletins, and fessor Hopkins, of the Illinois College literature of various kinds, the main of Agriculture, is able to show results azine, back and forth, to be traded object being to keep in touch with the from experiments over a number of One afternoon these "Irish Raiders" again to others regardless of the value boys, and to interest them more deeply years that corn may be bred to proand their followers went over to snatch of either book, so you got one you had in the beauty of country life and the duce a high percentage of oil, thus worth, dignity, and scientific advance- making it more valuable commercially, or it may be ored to produce a high percentage of protein, making it more valuable for feeding purposes. The Illinois State Farmers' Institute gave to every boy of Winnebago County who sent four cents in postage five hundred grains of this high-bred corn. periment club sent for the corn last spring and planted it. Each boy is expected to note all interesting facts about the growth of the corn and make an exhibit of the ten best ears at the County Farmers' Institute next January, and enter in competition for prizes already offered by the officers of the justitute. This is practical work, to of grains and in touch with that great educational movement,-the Farmers' Institute.

The boys also make observations as of testing and improving types of corn, from the study of a cross-section of a the men to sicken and die in great treatment and analysis of soils, propagrain of pollen, and that at a single gation of plants, etc., was done. On sitting. Nay, rather have him use his

President Roosevelt asserts that he had no knowledge of the Panama revolution until it was over, and in suphe wrote for his message two weeks before the revolution occurred. But among the documents submitted to Congress on Monday is a dispatch from miral Glass on November 2 (thirty-six hours before the revolt) directing them to Panama." The Admiral is further instructed "to occupy Ancon Hill strongly with artillery," that he may | Company at Curwensville was destroybe ready to sweep the town. Is Presi- ed by fire. The loss is \$100,000. out his knowledge and consent?

The latest figures obtainable report that the farm value of dairy products in Pennsylvania are exceeded by but the dairy. In 1900, the State had 943,- Grange pay this debt. seeds, planting corn and noting 248, and the number reporting dairy trip to South Dakota. growth, testing for smut in oats, ex- products was 200,035, with a total val-

Washington Dispatches leave no room to question the complete knowledge the President and the Secretary be has employment in the Altoona be met on his own ground. It is not was determined by the boys. Some of of State had of the proposed Panama course, admitted of only one meaning

> The Republican organs, and President Roosevelt himself, argues in ef- dred, and Dr. C. H. Morris, of Dunfect, that because the building of the Panama canal will be of vast importance to the United States and every Mr. Morris brought his gun along to nation of the world, this government try his luck at shooting pheasants and was justified in forsaking its tradi | quail, at which he is quite an expert. with a sister republic.

If this is true, Judas Iscariot was justified in his act of betrayal, because of the great good that was accomplished by the death of Christ.

But Judas went out and hanged him-

Merchants frequently complain that their customers send to the cities for pictures, and well-written and timely goods that could be bought as cheaply at home. This may be true, but the home merchant too frequently neglects to advertise his wares, while his in Williamsport, Houserville, Howard, city competitor keeps everlastingly Zion, and Centre Hall, for the past pegging away through the newspapers, three months, have returned to their by circulars, etc., to gain trade. If home in Grand Island, Nebraska, the city merchants did not advertise, They are daughters of William H. they could not sell a dollar's worth of Houser, who with his family went goods in the country. Is it not rea- west twenty-three years ago and this sonable to assume that the home merchant could greatly extend his trade | the east. . by honest, judicious advertising.

It is now explained that the Pennsylvania Steel Company got the con- board of meditation and arbitration. tract for rails for the Mecca Railroad | This board will have to deal with labecause it could make them from im- bor troubles, etc., and is composed of ported ores and secure the rebate of three persons. At the organization, the duty on the export of the rails. In in St. Louis, Mr. Garver was elected other words, the protective tariff had chairman. Mr. Garver is editor of the to be suspended or the company could | Worth County Times, and before gonot have got this foreign contract. ing west from Potter township, learn-The more it shall be suspended the ed the art preservative in the Reporter more business we shall get.

The Philadelphia Press is "pegging away" at the new road law, and wants every farming community to take ad- Creek, Pine Grove Mills and Buffalo vantage of the state appropriation for road purposes. Now, if the Press will show how any strictly rural commu- December 15, 1903. Rev. Dr. Laurie, nity can afford to build any consider of Bellefonte, will preside and preach able portion of its roads, it would act the sermon, Rev. R. M. Campbell, of complish a great deal for the "farm- P+nnsylvania Furnace, will charge

after the President heard of the revolution in Pansma he ordered the commander of the Nashville to "prevent Government troops at Colon from prothe success of the revolution.

After all, is not example more force-

Pomous Grange,

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

port of his memory he appeals to what HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Thanksgiving.

Colt sale Monday, Nov. 30.

Patronize the Thanksgiving supper. Read the Spring Mills Cash Store advertisement.

Rev. S. G. Shannon, of Norwood, ad the misfortune to break his ankle. The tannery of the Elk Tanning

There will be no disappointment at The M E. Sunday school at Spring

Mills, will hold a Christmas entertainment in their church Christmas eve. Green Decker will make sale of his personal property Friday of this week. The location is two miles east of Pot-

The proceeds from the Thanksgiv-

773 dairy cows, and these produced Dr. J. E. Ward, of Bellefonte, left The experimental and observation 487,033,818 gallons of milk in one year. this week for Freeport, Illinois, where work of the boys, thus far, has consist- The total number of farms in the State he will be joined by his brother-in-law, ed in testing the vitality of various as reported by the last Census, is 224,- P. O. Stiver on a three week's pleasure

Dr J. F. Alexander last week receivperimenting with sugar beets, etc. uation of \$35,860,686. The butter made ed another car load of Ohio sawed In making investigations with refer- on 159,857 of these farms aggregated stone. The parties who will build ence to smut in oats, each boy was di- 74,221,085 pounds, of which amount walks with them are Dr. Alexander, 51,309,833 pounds were sold by the pro- Ex-Sheriff John Spangler and S. W.

> Ira Stover, of Altoona, was home several days last week. Last year he engaged in school teaching, but now railroad shops, which work he prefers considering the wages paid.

> With the general fall change of time taking effect Sunday, November 29, the name of the station "Germantown Junction," on the New York division of the Pennsylvania railroad, will be changed to "North Philadelphia."

> The Orangeville (Iil.) Courier makes note of the fact that Miss May, daughwang a beautiful solo on the occasion of the twenty-first marriage anniversary of Rev. A. C. Koser, of Orangeville.

> Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Zeigler, of Elcannon, were smong the visitors in town, says the Sugar Valley Journal.

> The new publishers of Everybody's Magazine declare the holiday issue of the publication to be much the best they have yet produced. It is not the typical Christmas number made up of stilted fiction and pictures of the festival in many lands. It is just an especially lively and entertaining magazine, full of really good stories, clever

Misses Alice and Minnie Houser, who have been visiting their relatives is their first visit to their kin in

Hon. E. S. Garver, of Grant City, Mo., has been appointed by the governor of that state a member of the

Rev. Walter K. Harnish has accepted the unanimous call extended to him by the Presbyterian churches of Spring Run. The installation over the three churches will take place at Lemont the pastor, and Rev. W. H. Schuyler, of Centre Hall, will give the charge One hour and twenty-eight minutes to the people. These exercises are open to the public.

Bond Meyer, son of J. Henry Meyer. of Bowling Green, Virginia, was an ceeding to Panama." That explains arrival in Centre Hall from the South Saturday morning, and while here was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer. Mr. Meyer came to Centre county to perform an important mission for his elder brother, Bliss, notice of which will be made in due time. He The Centre County Pomona Grange reports crops in Virginia very fair.