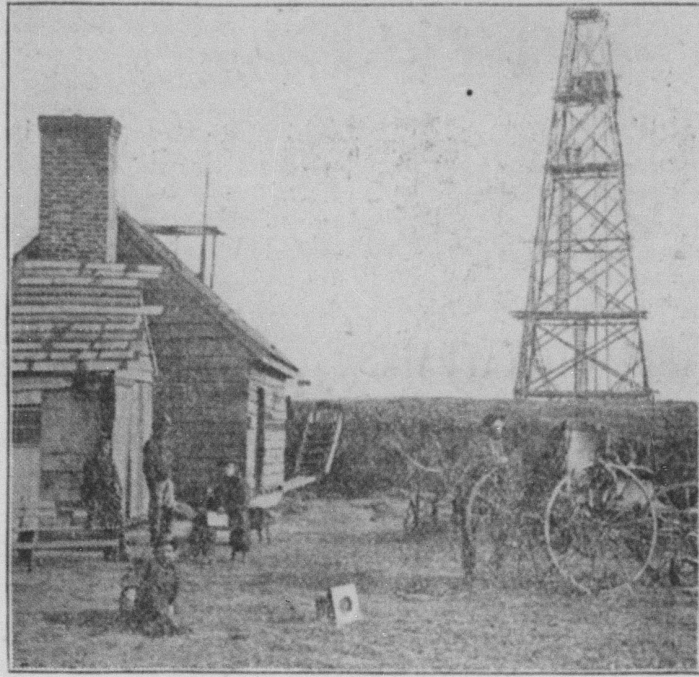


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CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

By T. P. Meyer, Sergeant Co. A., 148th Regiment, P. V.

(To be Continued.)

CHAPTER VII. SIEGE OF RICHMOND.
On reaching Camp Distribution, near Alexandria, Va., on our way to the Regt. at the "Front," we were ordered before a board of examiners, who halted me for "recuperation." Here I was given light camp duty for a time, and when considered sufficiently "repaired," physically, I, with several hundred others, started for the front at Petersburg, Va. We marched to Alexandria, Va., where we boarded a transport; we immediately "cast loose," and were on our way. We had good weather and a fine cruise down the Potomac, Chesapeake Bay, by Forts Monroe, Hampton Roads, and Newport News, up the James River to City Point, our "base" landing, where we boarded a freight train on the U. S. Military R. R. and came to near Fort Steadman, where we left the train.

A fearful cannonade was in progress; we hesitated and sat down on the slope for a while and intently watched the performance, and listened to the awful noise. Great clouds of powder smoke arose from the forts and drifted slowly away on the breeze, while clouds of dust much greater arose at the points struck by the ponderous shells. This awful exhibition was sublime and fascinating; and, knowing that my comrades, the boys of the noble 148th P. V. were down there, and in it, I became possessed of a strange desire to be there too; I walked rapidly into the "danger field," found the Regt. at Fort Steadman, which they had built. The boys were in very good spirits, and variously engaged; some were digging in trenches; a few were weaving "gabions;" some writing letters, and in the Co. Street, a bunch of them were pitching pennies; none of them paying any attention to the fight in progress between the Union and Confederate forts, nor to the flying cannon balls, or the deafening reports of the guns and exploding shells, which made the earth, the air, and trees tremble.

Look out! some one shouted, as a hundred pound shell bounded over Fort Steadman and ricocheted through the camp and disappeared to the rear, doing no harm to any one. The boys gave me a warm reception, and took me out to the extreme front, to show me what was going on. We followed the trenches to a detail of the 148 P. V. boys who were very busy in a skirmish with the "Johnnies." I became intensely interested and in a few hours more was again fully inured to the scenes and happenings of actual warfare.

The campaign from the Rapidan, through the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, down to and across the James River, at a loss of eighty thousand men, was finished and the army had settled down in regular siege around Richmond and Petersburg, twenty-two miles south of Richmond. Gen. McClellan's plan of two years before, of approaching Richmond from the south, was now adopted, and the work had become, in a measure, quiet and monotonous, compared with former campaigns of long, hard marches and great battles; here four armies were concentrated; Gen. Butler's "Army of the James," Sheridan's "Army of the Shenandoah," and the army about Fortress Monroe, had now all joined the "Army of the Potomac," making it one of the grandest veteran armies of modern times, aggregating over two hundred thousand men; its right resting some miles east of Richmond on the north, extending southward by Malvern and Turkey Boud on the James River, thence east-

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REUNION OF 148TH REGIMENT

In Bellefonte to Perfect Arrangements for Publication of History.

The fifth annual reunion of the 148th Regiment, Volunteer Infantry, of the Second Army Corps, was held in Bellefonte Wednesday of last week. The business sessions were held and meals were served in the Gregg Post rooms.

Wednesday evening a public meeting was held in the Court House, Col. James A. Beaver, presiding. The address of welcome was delivered by Burgess W. Harrison Walker. Capt. H. S. Taylor, Senator W. C. Heinle, Col. D. F. Fortney, Adjutant J. W. Muffley, of Des Moines, Iowa, and Rev. W. Gemmill, of Allenwood, also spoke.

The principal business before the body was to arrange definitely for the publication of the regimental history, which history is to be exhaustive and will be written by a number of members of the regiment.

The following members of the regiment were present:

REGIMENTAL STAFF OF 148TH.
Col. James A. Beaver, Bellefonte.
Lt. Col. James Weaver, Milesburg.
Adj. J. W. Muffley, Iowa.
Quartermaster S. D. Musser, Scranton.

COMPANY A.
Thomas E. Royer, Rebersburg.
Henry Meyer, Rebersburg.
T. P. Meyer, Lock Haven.

COMPANY B.
Jacob Sunday, Penna. Furnace.
James Barger, Roland.
Constance Barger, Roland.
Samuel Bryan, Roland.

COMPANY C.
Amos Garbrick, Bellefonte.
Lemuel H. Osman, State College.
Wm. Harpster, Hontzdale.
James Knox, Bellefonte.

COMPANY D.
Christ Lowry, Bellefonte.
Andrew Whitehill, Lemont.
David Ross, Fort Matilda.

COMPANY E.
George Boal, Centre Hall.
W. Gemmill, Allenwood.
Charles F. Specker, Williamsport.
Nathaniel Brown, Spring Mills.
David Fortney, Bellefonte.
Wm. F. Heberling, Benore.
S. D. Musser, Scranton.

COMPANY F.
David Behers, Benore.
William Lightner, Petersburg.
H. S. Noidel, Petersburg.
Samuel Bathurst, Roland.
Henry Heaton, Yarnell.
L. P. Leightley, Yeagertown.
M. H. Mackey, Yeagertown.

COMPANY G.
John Stuart, State College.
D. W. Miller, Pine Grove Mills.
W. A. Ishler, Bellefonte.
Joseph Harpster, Fort Matilda.
James H. Thompson, Stormstown.
Wm. Bailey, Stormstown.
J. I. Condo, Spring Mills.

COMPANY H.
D. W. Woodring, Bellefonte.
George W. Farnsler, Fort Matilda.
Samuel Orris, Milesburg.
Herman Miller, Bellefonte.
Charles Gehret, Bellefonte.
Henry Montgomery, Bellefonte.
D. H. Bumgardner, Brookville.
W. H. Shultz, Milesburg.

COMPANY I.
R. B. Lyle, Brookville.

COMPANY K.
J. F. McNoldy, Altoona.
G. G. Walters, Pittsburg.

FOLLOW THE WAR.

The North American's Chart Will Enable You to Keep Track of the Conflict.

What means have you at your disposal of keeping pace with the daily march of events that go to make up the fascinating history of the great conflict that is being waged in the Far East between Russia and Japan?

How do you permanently fix in your memory the losses and victories of the striving nations, the movements of their troops and fighting craft, the vessels that have been disabled by the Japanese, the stations of the fleets as they are sent hither and thither by orders from St. Petersburg or Tokio, or at the wills of their commanders?

What strategic endeavors, consummated in the investing of this town or that, or the transferring of a naval or land base from one point to another, did Japan or Russia make last Friday, Tuesday before that, or during the preceding week?

To enable its readers to answer what has been suggested in these questions—in a word, to transfer in miniature the theatre of war from Korea, Manchuria, Japan, or wherever it may extend, into the home—the North American next Sunday will provide the necessary equipment.

This will consist of a full-page map in colors of the territory embraced within the area involved or likely to be involved in the war. With the map will be provided fac similes of all the Russian and the Japanese battle-ships, each correctly named, together with groups of Russian and Japanese soldiery.

Seed Potatoes.

Rural New York seed potatoes can be purchased from S. W. Smith, Centre Hall. Either home-grown or New York seed can be had. The latter will be sold only in lots of one hundred and sixty-five pounds. Cash must accompany order. The Rural New York is the most profitable Potato grown.

JURY LIST.

Grand and Traverse Jurors to Serve for April Court.

Following is a list of Grand and Traverse Jurors drawn for April court, beginning Monday, April 25th:

GRAND JURORS.
Robert A. Patton, Worth
W. F. Bradford, Centre Hall
Miles Crownover, Snow Shoe
George Shirk, Union
Henry Lowry, Bellefonte
Henry Winsert, Penn
A. Walter, Millheim
George E. Parker, Phillipsburg
George E. Lenker, College
John P. Harris, Bellefonte
E. J. Eckenroth, Bellefonte
Joseph M. Carson, Potter
Thomas Conter, Boggs
Michael Lamb, Spring
John M. Rager, State College
Harry Yeager, Snow Shoe
Wm. R. Bartley, Bellefonte
John D. Love, Bellefonte
Lemuel Poorman, Spring
J. L. Wagner, Liberty
Wm. Henderson, Howard
R. H. Bessison, Marion
W. A. Ishler, Bellefonte
P. C. Frank, Potter

TRAVERSE JURORS—1ST WEEK.
J. C. Mußinger, Spring
J. A. Bitner, Liberty
W. E. Stover, Ferguson
Wm. Goss, Ferguson
Charles Calloun, Unionville
R. M. Musser, Phillipsburg
W. R. Haines, Haines
G. W. Rumberger, Unionville
J. W. Neff, Snow Shoe
David Robb, Liberty
A. S. Swann, Miles
G. E. Haupt, Bellefonte
Jackson Herman, Phillipsburg
B. E. M. Sheeder, Haines
H. E. Sunday, Ferguson
H. A. McCallan, Potter
J. H. Turnbach, Phillipsburg
Daniel Gordon, Spring
Thomas Pletcher, Howard
Harry Powell, Snow Shoe
John B. Hartman, Millheim
William Freeman, Rush
Samuel Ripka, Millheim
John I. Curtin, Bellefonte
P. F. Keichline, Bellefonte
S. R. Tweed, Walker
Charles Blower, Phillipsburg
J. W. Lucas, Snow Shoe
Thomas Hawley, Bellefonte
Wm. Musser, Penn
W. W. Waite, Halfmoon
W. H. Musser, Bellefonte
Alonso Ammerman, Rush
H. T. Miller, Bellefonte
Henry Friday, Phillipsburg
J. H. Wooster, Bellefonte
Samuel Waite, Spring
Wm. Prince, Boggs
W. H. Taylor, Bellefonte
Allen Rumberger, Phillipsburg
Cyrus Brunhart, Bellefonte
M. C. Gephart, Bellefonte
Lewis Mensch, Haines
J. H. Hellsnyder, Millheim
Frank Beck, Phillipsburg
Wm. Rothrock, Phillipsburg
Jacob Bittorf, College
Frank Zimmerman, Snow Shoe

TRAVERSE JURORS—2ND WEEK.
John F. Harper, Rush
R. E. Munson, Haines
W. H. Blair, Rush
John Raymond, Spring
D. M. McCool, Gregg
Robert Cori, Harris
C. M. Parish, Bellefonte
Robert Miller, Taylor
Wm. T. Gross, Patton
E. C. Harter, Gregg
W. H. Blair, Spring
D. B. Londer, College
A. M. Black, Rush
H. K. Mattoon, Huston
W. F. Smith, Penn
K. A. Beck, Bellefonte
Christ Everly, Burnside
Adam Krumrine, Ferguson
C. E. Neff, Potter
E. P. Seigfried, Rush
John Schreffler, Benner
F. P. Bartley, Bellefonte
Peter Brown, Penn
Joseph Heisinger, Harris
Wm. Hoffman, Jr., Spring
Thomas Gelson, Rush
Harry Johnson, Boggs
Lewis Close, Phillipsburg
Jesse Irwin, Union
Luther Smith, Bellefonte
James Ardel, Phillipsburg
Wm. T. Lucas, Howard
George Mitchell, College
G. W. Scholl, College
Lowell Bierly, Miles
John Brandt, Penn
F. W. Frazier, Potter
J. R. Conter, Gregg
W. H. Lingie, Potter
George Reese, Rush

Death of Dr. Earnest.

Rev. J. A. Earnest, D. D., recently died at his home in Millfinburg. Dr. Earnest retired from the active work of the ministry in 1897. He became a licensed minister in 1859. The deceased is survived by his second wife, and six children, all born of the first wife.

From Millheim Journal.

The heirs of Mrs. Lavina Catherman, deceased, have sold her house and lot at Montandon to Mrs. Hannah Reed, of Coburn, consideration \$450.

At the sale of the real estate of Daniel Wolf, deceased, at Aaronsburg, the property in Aaronsburg was bought by Dr. C. S. Musser for \$935.

H. A. Detweiler, of Smulton, having disposed of his real estate at that place will make sale of his personal property on Saturday, March 26, preparatory to moving to Gainesville, Florida. He will engage in teaching at that place.

Luke S. Swabb, formerly of Aaronsburg, and Katharine A. Miller, of Allegheny, were united in marriage. Mr. Swabb is in the employ of the Ft. Wayne railroad.

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TEACHING BELLIGERENCE.

A profound truth, and one the disregard of which will some time cost this country heavily in blood and treasure and national reputation, comes from Professor Sparks, of the department of history in the University of Chicago. "One year's teaching of American history in the public schools," he says, "will undo the work of a dozen peace commissions or peace tribunals. If we want to have permanent Hague Arbitration Courts we will have to leave out our histories."

The children of this country are being taught to be national bullies. It is a mere pretense, an arrant humbug, that it is necessary to teach patriotism; and if it were, patriotism is better taught by a good government and the nobility of a nation's character and career than by tales of prowess upon land and sea. The history of war is not a history of this country. Other countries have fought; others can claim victories upon bloody fields. The great work of this country has been the development of civil and religious liberty. Its claim upon the gratitude of the world rests upon its individualism, its influence for peace and its commercial expansion. How much of all this appears in the school histories? How much of all this is to be found in the proceedings of the so-called patriotic societies? How much of the true greatness of the United States can one learn from the speeches made upon national anniversaries?

The school children are taught to regard war as the one field within which patriotism can manifest itself. The Revolution, the naval victories of the war of 1812, and the battle of New Orleans, the conquest of Mexico, the great encounters of the civil war, the defeat of Spain and the conquest of the Philippines—these constitute the history of the United States as taught to children, and the great contributions made by this country to the advancement of the world are ignored. We never lacked patriotism; the school books are making us bellicose.

INHUMANITY IN WAR.

Late dispatches state that in a spirit of revenge Russian soldiers have burned villages inhabited by peaceful Chinese civilians and have murdered even the women. War, according to the standards of civilization, may be necessary, must be brutal, hideous and blighting, and yet there are certain bounds to pass which is savagery. No exigency arises in war making justifiable the slaughter of non-combatants. No burst of fury that leads to the butchery of women is to be condoned. No armed force that has been guilty of this monstrous thing has the privilege of asking the sympathy and moral support of the rest of the world.

Something is very far wrong when wheat is selling higher in Chicago than in New York. The files of the Reporter show that in years gone by Chicago prices were from ten to fifty cents a bushel lower than in New York and Philadelphia. A rather queer change has taken place.

Congress has balked at the proposition for the Government to adventure into the field of good roads building. The bill appropriating the stupendous sum of \$42,000,000 for this purpose has been dropped into the waste basket of the House by order of Speaker Cannon, who represents a strictly rural constituency.

An important business of the Washington lobby is to secure appropriations from Congress for expositions of industry and art to commemorate national events of importance. The St. Louis Exposition to celebrate the centennial of the Louisiana Purchase has not yet been held, and there are already schemes of appropriation in Congress to celebrate the Lewis and Clark expedition to Oregon and the settlement of Jamestown, Virginia. This appears to be an endless chain of the lobby for drawing money out of the Federal Treasury. Admitting that these and many other events in the history of the country are highly worthy of commemoration, is that any reason for using them as a pretext to extort appropriations from Congress.

Surprise Birthday Party.

A surprise birthday party was held Tuesday evening of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Bible, east of Centre Hill, in honor of their daughter, Miss Bertha Bible. The following persons were present: Misses Cordelia Acker, Ray Smith, Rhoda Royer, Mary Wolf, Mary Bible, Marjorie Bible, Joyce Bible, Bertha Duck, Masie Frank, Lillian Frank, Essie Dashem, Minnie Dashem, Bertha Bubb, Jennie Foreman, Jennie Sweetwood, Lola Heckman, Mary Stover, and Mrs. Emerick. Messrs. Elmer Hettiger, Lloyd Smith, Earl Smith, George Smith, James Goodhart, Harry Burkholder, Archie Decker, Wilbur Dashem, Wesley Foreman, James Stover, Charles Lucas.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

John M. Dale, Esq., has announced that he would like to be the leader in Republican politics in Centre county. Mrs. Laura M. Bayard, of New York City, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Myra Kerr, in this place, over Sunday.

The foundation is being dug for the new canning factory at Howard and as soon as the weather moderates a large force of men will be put to work.

The concert given Saturday night by the singing class of Prof. E. W. Crawford, in Grange Arcadia, was well attended. The gross receipts were \$25.

The dairyman will find it to his interest to consult B. F. Homan, of Oak Hall Station, agent for the National Separator. Write to him for a catalogue, etc.

Aim to be able to add, subtract, multiply and divide correctly. It is no small requirement to use the four fundamental operations of arithmetic with accuracy and skill.

Osceola has been suffering a water famine, caused by blasting too near one of the water mains. The public schools were closed down and general inconvenience prevailed all over the town.

Sunday was a very disagreeable day—rain and sleet fell almost continuously. At about eleven a. m. there were visible several flashes of lightning, followed by heavy thunder. The rain continued Sunday night and part of Monday.

David S. Glasgow will move from the Runkle farm, near Tusseyville, to the Michael F. Rossman farm. Mr. Rossman will quit the farm, and may move to the Rishel home, at Tusseyville, although that has not been definitely decided.

Frank B. Brown, of near Colyer, who for the past seventeen years has followed the threshing business, was a caller Saturday. He is one of the many who during February added his name to the Reporter list, because it gives the most local news on the South Side of Centre county.

Ira Stover was home from Altoona where he is engaged in the tin smithing department of the Pennsylvania railroad shops. Saturday a piece he was struck in the eye by a wick of wire, which inflicted a painful injury, but the sight of the member has not been impaired. He returned to work this week.

D. H. Myers, of Tusseyville, will move to Millburg and will be engaged with Messrs. Schantz & Rule, who are conducting a creamery at that place. Mr. Myers has been with the Howard Creamery Corporation for the past three years, and the greater part of the time had charge of the Tusseyville skimming station.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Musser, of State College, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nannie L., to George Handlong, of Brooklynn, New York. Mr. Handlong graduated from the Pennsylvania State College with the class of 1902 and is now an electrical engineer in the employ of the Interborough Rapid Transit Subway Construction Company, of New York City.

Miss May Stump, daughter of Alvin Stump, west of Centre Hall, April 5th, will graduate from a commercial college in Harrisburg, and has the promise of a permanent position. Miss May Rhone, several years ago, became a sponsor for Miss Stump, and gave the young lady the choice between a normal school and commercial course. There are many others who could, with less privations than she, follow Miss Rhone's example in educating the deserving.

Robert Cook Jr.'s, big livery stable at Howard caught fire Friday afternoon about 1:30 and burned to the ground. Buggies, harness and grain were destroyed but the live stock was saved. The fire started from an overheated stove in the office. John Robb rented the stable from Sheriff Cook and carried on an extensive livery business. Sheriff Cook's house was on fire several times but was fortunately saved. There was no insurance.

The many friends of ex-Sheriff Cyrus Brungart and family will learn with genuine regret that they intend to leave Bellefonte in the spring and locate at Centre Hall. Cyrus Brungart is one of those sturdy, upright men whom any town can be proud to claim as a citizen. As a public official his record was spotless and as a private citizen he is above reproach. He is also blessed with a pleasant and agreeable family and Bellefonte's loss is certainly Centre Hall's gain in this instance.—Daily News. The ex-Sheriff will occupy the Wine house, owned by Mr. Kauffman.