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## CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

### 148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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(To be Continued.)

#### CHAPTER VII. SIEGE OF RICHMOND.

The snow was about five inches deep, rain and snow still falling, and freezing, the branches creaked under their weight of ice; all conspired to make the weather the most undesirable for active campaign, which luckily did not last long, when the troops returned and occupied their former camps. Many returned with frozen hands and feet, while others were sick in consequence of exposure in this severe weather.

On the retreat of Gen. Warren's command, it was reported that "Guerilla" bands followed his rear and murdered the "stragglers" men, who fell exhausted by the way; it was said, some were found with their throats cut, heads cut off, some even cut in half.

Col. John F. Moseby was at the head of these guerrillas; he was not in the Regular Confederate Service, and the Confederate Government at pretended not to be accountable for these murders. This Moseby led a gang of vindictive, murderous outlaws, and was responsible for the cold-blooded murder of many Union soldiers, many of whom were already wounded when butchered. Clemency should have been denied this inhuman beast, and he should have been hung. But to answer some political purpose at the end of the war, he was promptly given amnesty by President Grant, because a good Republican, and was sent by President Grant and a "Union Republican" Senate, as Minister to Russia, at a salary of seventeen thousand dollars a year, while many noble, deserving Union Generals, maimed, debilitated, poor and out of employ had nothing; in this way "treason was made odious."

We will notice only one or two more instances in which "treason was made odious." Amnesty (unasked) was thrust upon the Confederate General Longstreet, the hero of the first Bull Run battle, by President Grant; he became a Republican in politics, and was made "Collector of Customs" at New Orleans, at a salary of four thousand dollars a year, and continually kept in office by each successive Republican Administration till 1884, when he was put out on the charge of fraud. While the Rev. Gen. "Bill Mahone," who commanded the Confederate lines at Petersburg, Va., opposite our position, built and commanded at Fort Mahone, opposite our Fort Sedgewick, and gave the 148th many shelling, later became the bosom friend of a very patriotic Republican Senator. Surely, Treason was made odious (?) while deserving Union Generals looked on from way off.

At noon, Dec. 15, (1864) orders came to "turn out"; the 148th was soon formed and on the field, as usual one of the first. Regiment after Regiment, Brigade after Brigade came up and formed at half distance, till the vast plain was covered with troops and all were anxious to know what had, or what was to "turn up." All the drum corps and bands had turned out with their regiments and brigades, and air and trees trembled in the great tumult of martial music; and terrible, also, was the flutter of banners, and the glistening, too and fro of the mounted "little shoulder strappers."

The tumult was sufficient to frighten the enemy, who stood on their works to see, if possible, "what it was all about."

Gen. Meade, commander of the army, Gen. Nott, Gen. Miles, present (1904) Lieut. Gen. of the U. S. Army, and a flock of lesser generals were present, all decked out in finery and spiciness uniforms.

The troops were formed in "hollow square" and Gen. Meade, with the accompanying generals, entered the arena, amid the shouts of the assembled thousands. Silence restored, Gen. Meade said to the troops that they had been called out to witness the presentation of medals of honor to officers and men, for gallant and meritorious conduct in battle; he said he regretted that a similar medal could not be presented to all deserving soldiers; and that ten thousand medals would not suffice for the number of deserving ones before him.

The ceremony ended, he dismissed the vast parade. Again there was a riling, drumming and blowing of horns, seldom equaled; the great parade dispersed by regiments; the 148th reached camp at sunset.

In the forenoon of Dec. 19th, the whole division was turned out and formed close "en masse," in front of Gen. Miles head quarters, before a stupendous gallow, from which d-

## BILL CONSOLES JOHN

Whose Thoughts, if Known, Might Make Sitting Painful.

Bill: In serious meditation, eh? John: Yes, sir.

Bill: Indignant? John: I'm not so sure it's worth the while, but sometimes one's temper is ruffled when the source is scarcely worthy of attention.

Bill: Don't let this be a case of silent indignation, but speak.

John: Ought not a citizen's rights be respected? Has no one a right to question the wisdom of official acts, criticize subordinates, calculate their worth, and—

Bill: By Jove, John, you've been on Hoffer street watching the stone crusher!

John: No, but— Bill: The men the borough employs?

John: Yes. Bill: Don't you know that's dangerous business.

John: Why? Bill: Because, those immense piles of crushed stones have been known to spread, just like quicksand, and bury people.

John: You don't say! Bill: Then there is another danger. Your very thoughts are impressed on those stone piles, and when workmen get a real hustle on—do about two days' work in one—those stones reveal just what you had in your mind.

John: Is that so? Bill: Very true.

John: It almost makes me shiver to think of what I thought standing near that stone pile.

Bill: Don't cry! It will never be found out.

John: I'm so glad.

Bill: What about criticism? John: There is not enough of wholesome, honest criticism of public acts.

Bill: You mean that only the best results can be attained when there is wholesome criticism of official acts.

John: That's right; no one man knows it all. When money—public funds—are being expended, every taxpayer should express himself as to the best methods to be employed.

Bill: That's assuming that the official is a public servant and not master; that the citizen has a right to express an opinion without inviting insult or upbraiding.

John: Exactly, and no one ought to hesitate exercising that privilege.

Lost More Than Others Have.

The Milroy correspondent to the Lewistown Democrat and Sentinel is responsible for the following: John Eckley, who had nearly a handful of brains knocked out of his head by a flying stone from a blast made at the Milroy stone quarry, has recovered. The wound is healed and Mr. Eckley is rational and seemingly without any mental defects. This is a remarkable case and reflects credit upon Dr. W. H. Kohler's ability as a surgeon.

If it is not your intention to plant trees this spring, you will be keeping the faith by properly taking care of the trees planted in years gone by.

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gled, side by side, three ropes with nooses, upon which three men were to be hung, at 12, noon, for desertion to the enemy.

They were new recruits, one assigned to the 5th New Hampshire, the others to the 7th New York. They had deserted to the enemy, expecting the protection of the Confederate Government and the fulfillment of promises, in a late proclamation of President Davis, to send them to their homes, or any place in the south they might wish to go. We had numerous desertions to the enemy, nearly, or quite all, by a class of men known during the war as bounty jumpers; they were a desperate gang of fellows, hailing generally from our great cities, and from Canada. Many of these were apprehended, tried by Court Martial, convicted, and hanged, which is the penalty for desertion to the enemy, while death by shooting, is the penalty for simply deserting from the Army, in time of war.

Friday was "Execution Day," and for months not a Friday passed on which executions did not take place in different parts of the Army, by shooting and hanging.

At a quarter of twelve these three convicts were marched out, a brass band led the procession, playing the "dead march," followed by twelve soldiers, each four carrying a coffin on their shoulders, two on each side; the three coffins abreast, each coffin followed by one of the convicts, each of whom marched arm in arm with a chaplain, and lastly came a guard of eight soldiers, all keeping step with the slow, solemn time of the Dead March. The gallow was soon reached; the condemned mounted the scaffold, and stood on the trap right by the dangling ropes. Meanwhile the coffins were set in front of the gallow, side by side, by three open graves.

The findings of the Court Martial; their Death Warrants, and the order for their execution, were all read to them, as well as to the Division in attendance, as a warning hint.

## WORLD'S FAIR.

First Great Excursion via Pennsylvania Railroad, May 10.

The first opportunity afforded residents of the eastern section of the country to see, at the lowest possible rates, the great World's Fair at St. Louis, which opens April 30, will be the coach excursion of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, May 10. A special train of standard day coaches will be run on the following schedule, and excursion tickets, good going only on special train, will be sold from the stations named at rates quoted:

Leaves	Rate
Philadelphia, Broad Street, 11:30 A. M.	\$18.50
Harrisburg, 3:05 P. M.	17.00
Lewistown Junction, 4:32 "	15.75
Altoona, 7:00 "	14.50

Tickets will also be sold from other stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad, east of Pittsburgh and south of and including Elmira, Olean, and Mayville, and from stations on the New York and Long Branch Railroad, Cumberland Valley Railroad, and New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad, good going in coaches on regular trains to point of connection with special train. The following rates will apply from the stations named:

Bellefonte, Pa.	\$15.55
Lock Haven, Pa.	15.35
Sunbury, Pa.	17.00
Williamsport, Pa.	17.00

Proportionate rates from other points.

Returning, tickets will be good in coaches on regular trains leaving St. Louis (Union Station) on day of validation and not later than May 19.

For rates of fare from other stations and leaving time of connecting trains consult nearest Ticket Agent.

Roughest Joke on Reeder.

A Bellefonte correspondent to the Philadelphia Record takes this view: Republican County Chairman W. F. Reeder has an odd fight on his hands. If he is to be chairman again he must crush and defeat Colonel Edward R. Chambers, for whom he recently removed J. T. Mitchell, General Hartung's friend, from the committee secretaryship.

Reeder is likely to win, for Judge John G. Love likes him, and Love is to be Judge again, unless Ellis L. Orvis, the probable Democratic nominee, can beat him. The latter is a son of the late Judge John H. Orvis.

A Groceries Monopoly.

The Standard Oil Company is going into the grocery business all over the country, with as tight a grip as it now controls the railways and coal, steel and iron business of the country.

Oil magnates have acquired a controlling interest in the Eldred & Higgins Company, of Columbus, O., which recently purchased wholesale groceries in Cleveland, Dayton, Hillsboro, Jackson, Washington Court House and Marietta. The buying-out processes are to go on until the business of Ohio is under complete control. What is in progress in Ohio is now said to be going on in New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and other states, and the movement is to expand, it is said, until the Standard Oil Company will dominate all the necessities of life in all the States of the Union.

Hall Re-Elected Chairman.

Senator J. K. P. Hall, of Ridgeway, was unanimously re-elected chairman of the Democratic state committee at a meeting Wednesday morning of last week, which lasted only five minutes. He immediately announced the re-appointment of ex-Senator P. Gray Meek, of Bellefonte, as secretary.

The following division chairmen, who constitute the state executive committee, were elected: First, John Walters, Lebanon; second, E. S. Doty, Bedford; third, John D. Keenan, Greensburg; fourth, William H. Kinne, Erie; fifth, J. L. Spangler, Bellefonte; sixth, H. E. Spiker, Lewistown; seventh, William T. Creasy, Catawissa; eighth, John F. Ancona, Reading; ninth, Charles P. Donnelly, Philadelphia.

Explanation of the Age Pension Order.

To make clear the actual effects of provisions of the recent age pension order of Commissioner Ware about which a large number of the inquiries are being made, the following official statement was issued from Washington Friday.

"There appears to be an impression among many of the soldiers that allowance of pensions under the age order of the commissioner of pensions are in addition to pensions allowed heretofore. This is an erroneous idea of said order. The law prohibits the payment of more than one pension to a person for the same period, and the effect of the order on those having a pension already only will be to increase such pension up to the age limit, if the pension already drawn is below that amount."

There are a number of cases of scarlet fever in and about Logantown.

## STATE NOT LIABLE.

Attorney General Decides that Counties must Repair Bridges not Wholly Destroyed.

Attorney General Carson furnished an opinion which will save thousands of dollars to the State in the replacing of bridges which were wrecked by the floods last winter.

The Attorney General was advised that a number of bridges rebuilt by the State under the Focht act of 1897 have been destroyed, and that the structural iron is now lying unprotected in and along the streams, and asked whether these wrecked bridges belong to the State or the counties in which they were erected.

This question was raised under the Stone administration, and it was decided then by Attorney General Elkin that, although the State built these bridges, they became immediately the property of the county and must be kept in repair by the county.

"I concur with this interpretation of the law," continues Mr. Carson. "I also point out that it is important to observe the distinction between a wrecked bridge and one that is destroyed. I shall maintain the position taken by my predecessor that the Commonwealth is not obliged to rebuild a bridge unless it is destroyed, and that means a total destruction."

The Board of Public Buildings and Grounds, which has received application to rebuild these bridges, the total cost of which will exceed \$500,000 will not replace them unless they were totally destroyed.

Coburn.

Mr. Rowe, of Millersburg, moved into the house vacated by J. A. Miller who has gone to Jamestown, N. Y.

Mrs. Harry Leitzell and Mrs. R. B. Hartman, of Millheim, were visitors at the home of L. H. Stover on Friday.

Sunday school was not very well attended Sunday, as so many of the members were driving and visiting.

Work on the canning factory at this place, will begin this week. The lumber is on the ground and the masons will put up the wall this week.

It is worthy of note that people are patronizing Mr. Glasgow who was afflicted with that dreaded disease, diphtheria. He is doing a good business at present.

The sick are John Bowersox, who is not improving; Mrs. Mary Meyer, who had been confined to her bed for some weeks, but is improving, and John Meyer, son of T. A. Meyer, who had been seriously ill from dropsy, but is somewhat better.

Mrs. P. P. Leitzell, of Millheim, and Mrs. L. H. Stover, of Coburn, are spending a few days this week at Bellefonte where they are visiting Mrs. J. A. Miller, formerly of Coburn. Mrs. Miller intends to go to Jamestown, N. Y., to join her husband who is employed in a creamery at that place.

Woodward.

Mr. Showers is staying with Mrs. E. Motz a few days.

Clayton Snyder, of Altoona, returned home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gephart and child were to Millheim on Saturday.

Benj. Genzel purchased a horse at the Sill & Hooper sale at Millheim.

Samuel Gephart opened a term of summer school at this place, Monday.

Samuel Ard and granddaughter, Miss Esther Rishel, spent a day with Dr. and Mrs. Ard.

Mrs. Jackson Sheesley's two nieces, from Laurelton, spent a few days in town.

F. P. Guisevite and family spent Sunday with the gentleman's mother, Mrs. Wm. Glantz.

Burnham.

Harry Ritter was badly hurt in the steel foundry.

It is reported that business is getting dull about the Steel works.

Quite a number of Italians have been laid off at the steel works.

Robert McClellan had his foot badly crushed one day last week, while working in the boring mill.

Witmer Lee had to give up his employment in this place on account of ill health.

Homer Treaster, who is working for George Taite, expects to visit friends in Centre county in the near future.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new trolley line leading from Burnham to the park. It is expected that the park will be opened by July 4th.

Painting and Paper Hanging.

The undersigned, who was employed for four years with S. H. Williams, Bellefonte, is ready to do all kinds of house painting and paper hanging. Call at Milton Kline's, three miles south of Centre Hall.

A. C. SMITH, April 7 1904 at Centre Hall, Pa.

Jacob Housler, aged ninety-one years, died in Lock Haven.

## A STRONG LEADER.

The snappy "team work" of the Democrats in the House, whose latest illustration was the capture of the Judiciary Committee when the majority was dozing, is an unmistakable sign of able and vigorous leadership.

Hon. John Sharp Williams is the most thoroughly competent leader the House Democrats have had since Carlisle. He never makes a mistake, and he never lets a mistake of his opponents pass without taking the fullest advantage of it. He has brains, common sense, good temper, tact, watchfulness, courage—in short, all the qualities needed by a great parliamentary commander. He never speaks without having something to say, and everything he says discloses a thorough mastery of his subject.

He is helping to make the Democracy once more a party with which intelligent men can find it a pleasure to act.

The Democratic organization in Pennsylvania will be officered this fall by Senator Hall, of Elk county, as chairman of the State committee, with the valuable and trained capacity of Hon. P. Gray Meek, of Centre county, as secretary of the committee. Both gentlemen are experienced and alert in politics. They will also be aided by the nine division chairmen, covering all the counties of the Commonwealth, upon whose work in the counties much depends in the way of thorough and effective organization. The Democrats have a chance of securing several congressmen in the State and the election of an influential and efficient minority in the Legislature.

There seems to be as much difficulty in getting a good man to go on the ticket with Roosevelt for vice president as there is to get an acceptable person to head the Republican National committee. Secretary Shaw, the latest to be mentioned in connection with the second place on the Republican National ticket, declines with thanks. In view of the unanimity with which Republican leaders are refusing to be considered for these two important places the suspicion is justified that they see the handwriting on the wall and do not want to be identified with a losing cause.

The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic this year is to be held in Boston, and a greater attendance is predicted than since its organization. It will take place the second week in August. The novel feature of the encampment is to be an automobile ride to Concord, Lexington, and other historic places, with an array of 700 automobiles in column. The governors of all the New England states are to join in the demonstration by inviting the old soldier visitors to take an excursion to their respective states.

The Russo-Japanese War makes especially timely Hudson Maxim's article on "The Wonders of Modern Warfare," which appears in the May Woman's Home Companion. It is accompanied by many curious and valuable photographs of big guns and new war-engines.

Matthew Stanley Quay, senior Senator from Pennsylvania, is the subject of a frank and brilliant character sketch in the May number of The Booklovers Magazine. It is written by Mr. Joseph M. Rogers, the leading editorial writer of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Potters Mills.

Farmers are busy plowing. Clark Bible, of Reedsville, was noticed in town Sunday.

Miss Joyce Bible was the guest of Miss Anna Wilkinson Sunday.

Miss Bertha Garver, of near Centre Hall, spent Thursday with Miss Ray Smith.

Mrs. S. H. Alexander is spending some time with relatives in Spring Mills.

Oscar Stover and daughters, Mary and Laura, of Reedsville, were seen in town Saturday.

James Decker, wife and daughter, of Pine Grove Mills, spent Friday with his brother Thomas.

Colonel Decker and sisters Ella and Jenny, of Spring Mills, visited their sister, Mrs. Kate Motter, on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Bubb, of Tusseyville, Sunday were guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkinson.

Those on the sick list are Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong, Loyd Smith, Ralph Sweeney, Blanche Palmer and Mrs. Asher Stahl.

Mr. Hannah and family, of Milroy, Mr. Coldren and family, of Spring Mills, spent Sunday at the home of William Blauser.

Shamokin has one hundred cases of small pox.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

It does appear that the telephone girl gets there.

The trolley line at Phillipsburg is to be extended to Grass Flat and Tyrlertown.

The Standard Steel Company, at Burnham, recently got an order from Japan for five engines.

Dr. R. B. Kohler, of Reedsville, is seriously ill. He is a Democratic ex-member of the Legislature.

Ex-Sheriff Spangler, Saturday, returned from Millerstown, Perry county, where he attended the funeral of his brother.

The marriage of Dr. Charles E. Rhone, formerly of Bellefonte, and Miss Shell, of Los Angeles, California, will take place in June.

Sunday night there were light showers of rain. Monday the sun shone brightly, and did much to cheer up the farmer in his field work.

The congregation of St. Paul's Reformed church, Lancaster, Rev. Dr. J. W. Meminger, pastor, Sunday dedicated its new \$100,000 place of worship.

One of the delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church is Rev. W. K. Foster, of Watsonstown. The body meets in Buffalo, New York, in May.

If you are an accountant, write the American Arithmometer Co., St. Louis, Mo. They will tell you about their wonderful, accurate adding machine.

Miss Grace Smith and Mrs. Mary Goodhart will represent the Presbyterian Sunday school of Centre Hall at the county convention to be held at Boalsburg.

May 11 a portion of the tax-paying residents of Centre Hall will have an opportunity to show their disapproval of blunders that cost this borough considerable cash.

Jeweler George W. Bushman, Monday, returned from a week's visit to his parents' home at Gettysburg. On reaching Gettysburg, Mr. Bushman found his father ill.

Messrs. John Jordan and Orvis Horner, of Colyer, were in town Thursday of last week, and inspected the Reporter plant, and advanced the subscription of Greely Jordan.

Mrs. Aikens, wife of Rev. C. T. Aikens, of Pine Grove Mills, will go to California on the excursion to the Methodist General Conference. Rev. Wood, of Bellefonte, is the delegate to that body.

The Montgomery correspondent of the Williamsport Sun, says thus: Rev. J. M. Rearick, of Centre Hall, preached two excellent sermons in the Lutheran church Sunday, morning and evening.

The Reporter recently added a variety of printing material, the majority of which is installed in the job department of its plant. The type is the most modern, and will further aid the Reporter to execute work entirely satisfactory.

A happy characteristic of Everybody's Magazine is the versatility exhibited in its contents-table. The editors are not riveted to a single set of ideas, but manage in each issue to strike some new note or touch some novel phase of life or endeavor.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the announcement of Jacob Swires, of Phillipsburg, as a candidate for assembly. Mr. Swires is chief Burgess of Phillipsburg, a Republican town, which is a hint as to his popularity. He is active in politics at all times, and if nominated he can not be beaten by any Republican in Centre county.

Boyd S. Auman, of Spring Mills, was a pleasant caller at this office Friday of last week. Monday he started west, Jefferson county, Ohio, being his objective point, where he will engage in the sale of stereoscopes. Later on Mr. Auman will be joined by his brother Charles H. Auman, now a student at Gettysburg, and together they will work the territory named.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bibbighaus, of Philadelphia, were guests at the Centre Hall hotel since Friday. Mr. Bibbighaus for many years traveled through Centre and adjoining counties for a hardware firm, and is acquainted not only with the business men of his old territory, but knows nearly every resident, and every one of his acquaintances has a hearty welcome for him.

Miss Ella Ross, of Linden Hall, passed through Bellefonte Friday morning for Braddock. Her trunk was very nicely decorated with old shoes and ribbons, according to a report in the Daily News. It is not known whether the young lady has gone to that city to be married or not, but it is the impression of her friends at Linden Hall that that is the case. Appearances pointed that way.