



CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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CHAPTER VII, SIEGE OF RICHMOND.



Camp Servant on the March.

They saw their own army of forty thousand men, unpaid, destitute, and poorly fed, almost surrounded by a veteran host of two hundred thousand men... During the winter of 1864-5, wood became very scarce...

VETERAN THEOLOGIAN DEAD.

President E. V. Gerhart, of Lancaster Reformed Theological Seminary, Dead. The Rev. Emanuel Vogel Gerhart, D. D., LL. D., professor of theology and president of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church of the United States, died at his home in Lancaster Friday morning.

MISSOURI SARCASM.

A Missouri editor who is about to pull up and leave for lack of support, sarcastically remarks in parting that editors don't need money: Don't worry about the editor. He has a charter from the state to act as doormat for the community.

CAPITAL MAY GET ALBRIGHT COLLEGE.

If Harrisburg presents Albright College with a twenty-acre plot of ground and subscribes \$50,000 in cash that institution will be removed from Myers-town to the capital city.

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formed our column and moved out, and halted; stacked arms and waited for hours, tussling with each other, stamping the frozen ground, and swinging the arms to keep warm. Toward noon a new camp was laid out for us, less than five hundred feet from the camp we had just finished.

In a few days the camp was finished; all crevices "chucked and daubed;" the chimneys built and plastered; and we were again fairly comfortable, though mercury hung around near zero, and cold wind and snow continued. Stern winter, with its snow, rain, and impassable roads again halted all military movements; not a regiment stirred.

January 1865, came in cold and snowstormy; the wind blowing a gale, a few inches of snow covered the ground.

A detail of fifty men of the 148th was assigned to me, and we were ordered to dig an entrenchment and build a dam across a ravine, to the right of Fort Cummings, down which flowed a small brook, which, by reason of heavy rain, was a rushing torrent.

PASTOR'S FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

Historical Events Connected with the Local Presbyterian Church. Sabbath May 1st was the fourth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Schuyler over the Presbyterian churches of Sinking Creek (Centre Hall) and Spring Mills. As illustrative of his text, I Cor. 3:9, and as introductory to a brief review of the work of the two churches during the last four years reference was made to those who had planted and watered on this field during the 129 years of its existence.

From 1841 to 1870 Spring Mills was separated from the rest of the field as a New School Presbyterian church. This little garden was cultivated in succession by Rev. F. D. Harris for 5 years, Rev. L. K. Berridge for 2 1/2 years, Rev. C. M. Blake for 1 1/2 years, and Rev. J. E. Long for 6 years and 2 months.

Between the pastorates of these men there were sometimes intervals, in some cases long intervals, during which members of Presbytery supplied them. The names of these supplies are not given in any records at hand.

In reviewing his own labors it was shown that, although the Spring Mills church had lost heavily by deaths and removals, there was a corresponding gain in the Sinking Creek church, and so the entire pastorate had fully held its own in numbers. Financially there had been great advance; all payments were made more promptly, benevolent contributions had increased, a debt of over \$1000 at Centre Hall had been paid, and great improvements in the property had been made and paid for.

OUR WHITE ELEPHANT.

A Philippine soldier writes thus to his home paper: It isn't as bad out here as some fellows say it is. The soldiers out here are getting "bughouse" drinking the native wine, or bino, which consists of twenty-seven fights and fifteen ways of killing a man, all for ten cents Mex. The chief occupation of the natives is building trenches, smoking cigars and making bolos. Their chief amusement is cock-fighting.

To the Young Man Without a Job. The editor of a southern exchange says: "Let the young man in town out of a job try a year on the farm. Plowing behind a brindle mule will take the kink out of his top knot, the frog out of his throat, the gas off his stomach, the weakness out of his legs, the corns off his toes, and give him a good appetite, an honest living and a sight of heaven."

SIX CENTS DAMAGES.

Awarded Arthur Mitchellree, of Pine Station, in Suit for Libel. An echo of the Clendennen murder mystery comes from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where Arthur W. Mitchellree, of Pine Station, has just been awarded six cents damages in a libel suit he instituted against the Poughkeepsie News-Company.

HARRIS TOWNSHIP.

Mrs. Rebecca Kremer is visiting in Altoona. Boyd Hoover transacted business at State College on Saturday. The patients who are sick with measles are still increasing in number.

Jared Harper and wife, of Bellefonte, spent a day with Mrs. Rebecca Sparr.

Mrs. D. C. Hess, of Linden Hall, attended to business in Boalsburg last Tuesday. Mrs. Ellen Rishel spent a few days with her sister, Miss Laura Keller, at Tusseyville.

Odes Cori and family, and Mrs. Christena Cramer were visitors from Pine Hall. Mrs. Edward Myers and daughter, of Bellefonte, spent a few days in Boalsburg.

Miss Sabra Campbell, of Bellefonte, visited her grandmother, Mrs. Hannah Woomer. Mrs. Amanda Walker is staying for a few weeks at the home of J. W. Kepler, in Ferguson township.

Rev. W. H. Schuyler, of Centre Hall, preached in the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon.

Quite a number of people from all parts of the county were in attendance at the Sunday school convention. Mrs. Theodore Boal and her aunts, Mrs. Anna Davis and Miss Sarah Butells, enjoyed a day at Penns Cave.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Durst and grandson, Guyer Durst, spent a day last week with friends at Centre Hall. Mrs. Cora Wagner and daughter Heien, who spent a month in this place, returned to their home in Altoona.

Cherries, plums and pears are blossoming profusely; many of the peach trees were killed by the severe winter so that only a few blossoms are seen.

The holy communion will be celebrated in St. John's Reformed church next Sunday at ten o'clock. Preparatory service will be held Saturday afternoon.

William Kuhn, who is employed at the Zimmerman saw mill in the Shingletown Gap, was kicked by a horse belonging to Edward Zimmerman. He had his nose broken and other injuries on his face.

Wheat fields have rather a discouraging appearance; some of the farmers are harrowing them over and sowing them in oats. Quite a number are still plowing for oats and corn, while a few are planting corn.

REBERSBURG.

Harry Johnson, nephew of T. E. Royer, visited here several days last week.

W. H. Limbert is working in the woods for Mr. Brinning. The Lutherans held a donation on Tuesday evening for their new pastor, Rev. Bixler.

The Livonia band serenaded the town on Saturday evening, and they played very well. Come again boys. Mrs. Charles Weaver, of Renovo, is visiting at G. B. Weaver's.

Ammon Weaver and lady friend visited D. B. Weaver over Sunday. Mrs. Charles Conrad (nee Ida Weber) is visiting her many friends here. Levi Wolfert is improving his house by weather-boarding it.

J. A. Meyer is getting ready to remodel his house. A. E. Strayer, the painter and paper-hanger, is busy hanging paper for our town people.

J. A. Heller has been suffering from neuralgia the last few days.

JUNE GRANGE FESTIVAL.

Progress Grange will hold its annual June festival on the 18th of that month.

In ten months of the current fiscal year the civil and miscellaneous expenses have been \$10,000,000 more than those of a year ago; the navy has cost \$17,000,000 more, and pensions \$2,000,000 more. Expenses for the War Department, Indians and interest have decreased, and the net increase of expenditures for ten months is more than \$18,000,000. There has been a decrease of \$21,000,000 in customs revenue, partially offset by increases in internal and miscellaneous revenue, the net decrease being nearly \$15,000,000. The surplus of ten months has fallen from more than \$85,000,000 to less than \$2,500,000—and on such a showing as this Congress increased the appropriations for next year.

The Pennsylvania railroad, with its 42,000 stockholders, has kept faith with them in declaring its usual semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent. It shows wise and prudent management that this has been done with a decrease of net earnings of \$1,900,000 compared with the same period of last year. But the profits are still large enough to maintain the old rate of dividends, notwithstanding the vast sums raised for improvements through the sale of stock. A large amount of the profits leave a relatively large sum for the stockholders.

Formal possession of the Panama canal property on the Isthmus was delivered to the United States last week. This irrevocably closes the transaction and vests the title to the property in this Government, subject to the treaty regulations. Whatever litigation may grow out of the adjustment of the canal company's affairs cannot affect the title or the possession of the United States. The latter is now in a position to go ahead with the work of completing the great waterway, and it will do so at an early day.

Road Commissioner Hunter has earned trouble for himself in Monroe township, Snyder county, by changing the course of the road to be built under the new road law. A great majority of citizens have petitioned against this action, and claim the change is made to favor private individuals. The good people of Monroe township must not forget that the new road law was meant to create a herd of Republican office holders, and these are expected to favor others.

Between the Bar and the Bench of Pennsylvania there ought to be found some method of bringing the Judicial Salaries act to a final and satisfactory determination of its constitutionality before the Supreme Court without further solemn quibbling or opera bouffe display. It is not a matter of hire and salary, but of the interpretation of the fundamental law, involving questions that touch the conscience and the honor of the judiciary.

The Philadelphia Press says: Gradually the Supreme Court is wiping out the fat pickings of county treasurers. Reversing a decision of Judge Lynch, of Luzerne, it has declared the treasurer of that county is not entitled to the fees he has been receiving for collecting the mercantile tax. Next!

LOCALS.

Derry township, Mifflin county, will issue school bonds to the sum of \$17,000.

Misses Anna Mary Mitterling and Mamie Emerick, of this place, went to Bellefonte, where they will remain for some time.

The Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., announces that they will hold a festival Memorial Day, on the lawn of Mrs. Lucy Henney. All are invited.

The Encampment and Exhibition of the Patrons of Husbandry of Central Pennsylvania, Grange Park, Centre Hall, will be held the week of September 19th.

These commencement orators of Pennsylvania State College have been selected: C. S. Bomberger, T. J. Bryson, J. D. Elder, P. J. Morrissey and M. J. Rentschler.

Rev. and Mrs. Ward K. Shultz and Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Bartholomew Thursday afternoon of last week returned from the honeymoon trip. In the evening the boys gave them a good-natured serenade, to which the grooms promptly responded.

M. L. Rishel, Esq., of Farmers Mills last week, rounded out his twenty-fifth year as justice of the peace. During that time Squire Rishel has transacted a great amount of business, and this is especially noteworthy because his location was in a strictly rural community.

Charles A. Hess, a tailor in Lewisburg, had a needle removed from his arm Saturday which had been imbedded there for thirty-five years. The needle penetrated the arm just above the elbow, when Mr. Hess was six months old. Not until lately did it give him any trouble.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Catch it: The spirit of improvement. Rev. Dr. Bixler is pastor of the Rebersburg Lutheran charge.

A. A. Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte, will be the principal orator on Memorial Day at Centre Hall.

The organization of a rural telephone company in Snyder county is assured. One township has guaranteed forty phones.

The directors of the Pennsylvania railroad company have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gross Mingle and Baby Philip were among the Bellefonte people who drove to Centre Hall Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer were in Reedsville several days, returning Monday, guests of their son, Charles H. Meyer.

Prof. H. C. Rothrock, of Salona, was in town Friday, having come here for mechanics to make some repairs on his farm, west of town.

Ex-Sheriff Spangler laid a stone walk in front of his dwelling house on church street. Dr. J. F. Alexander is building the foundation for a similar walk.

Misses Bessie Cooney and Bessie Taylor, both of Centre Hall, were callers one evening last week, and now the former is a regular reader of the Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon P. King, of the Musser House, Millheim, and Mrs. Crawford, a guest, drove through Centre Hall Sunday afternoon, presumably having first visited Penns Cave.

Opening with a frontpiece general view of the World's Fair at St. Louis the National Magazine for May offers a large number of timely and interesting stories, special articles and poems.

Col. Edward R. Chambers has been re-appointed to his present position under the Auditor General. The new Auditor General took charge of his office last week and Mr. Chambers was immediately re-appointed.

Rev. Wm. T. Auman, formerly of Millheim, has severed his connection with the White Haven and Sand Valley parishes to accept a pastorate of the First Episcopal church in Clearfield. He had been in White Haven for thirteen years.

Messrs. Brislin and Bradford purchased the timber on the tract known as the "camp-meeting grounds," near Linden Hall, from Henry Potter. The main portion of this tract was sawed out some years ago.

Warren Culton, fifteen years old, in alighting from a Philadelphia and Reading train near Bucknell Institute, Lewisburg, Saturday night, struck a bridge and severed an artery in his arm. He bled to death.

Town was lively Saturday night. The people from the surrounding country, young, middle aged and old, male and female, came to the borough on business or pleasure bent, after a week's uninterrupted work on account of weather conditions.

The large barn on the Cassey farm, near McVegetown was destroyed by fire last week. The tenant, James Gahagan, removed all his stock, but lost considerable feed and some farm implements were burned. The origin of the fire is a mystery. This is the second time within four years that farmer Gahagan burned out.

Robert Reitz, son of Henry Reitz, of Boalsburg, was called Saturday. Mr. Reitz has been employed by a prospecting party and has operated in various portions of Pennsylvania and Virginia. He is anxious as to the outcome of the test wells to be put down near Centre Hall in the near future, and states that prospecting is to begin anew on the Reitz tract, near Boalsburg.

William L. Runkle, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Runkle, of this place, it is informally announced, will be married this month to a Cincinnati lady, who for the past few years has lived in Pittsburg. Mr. Runkle was promoted to the superintendency of the ice plant operated by the Knoxville Improvement Company, which company is one of the most important concerns, politically and otherwise, in Pittsburg.

A letter from the resident physician of the Allegheny Hospital to Jacob From, in this place, states that Forest From, an inmate of that institution whose death occurred a short time ago, underwent an operation the day previous to his death. The young man was a sufferer from typhoid fever, during the course of which disease perforation of the intestines developed. The perforations were successfully closed, and it is maintained by the physician that death was due to fever and not as a result of the operation.