CENTRE COUNTY

148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Regiment, P. V.

[To be Continued] CHAPTER VII, SIEGE OF RICHMOND.



Confederated on the March

sailed down the gully; there were smoothed and "patted" with spades some loud expressions of "regret," I till they looked like plastered walls ; think that is what they were.

There were several Jefferson county perience in "splash dam" building, gestions, which I accepted, and a new dam was built, which was to be a dam, good and strong dam; but it, too, now moved down the gully toward the Appomattox river. It was a fine sight; straight. but the men ejaculated wicked words.

It rained all day, and we were all soaked "to the hide," and covered with mud, and mad clear through.

The men began to mumble and wonder why this work must be done in a pouring rain, when every ravine had a rushing torrent, which rendered the building of dams next to impossible.

ly did, and I marched them back to ner seaport for the enemy. camp, to Col. Weaver's head quarters, Jan. 21st, cold during the night, still Rev. A. J. Hall, secretary. and reported: Col., we dug the trench it rained hard, freezing as it fell; in geant, dismiss the men. I did. The next morning the Colonel hailed me, day, was warmer and the ice was cut voted wife of J. W. Leitzell, of Spring and said, Sergeant, the flood took out your dam last night. I was surprised, it cleared up very cold. of course.

The country along the borders of the Appomattox River near which our lines were situated, is very much broken by impassable swamps, bluffs, and deep ravines, through which small streams flow.

In order to strengthen our line of streaked with intrenchments, breastworks, and "abatis." The hills were crowned with forts, which were surrounded with deep ditches, and the approaches further protected with a system of staked wire, about knee high; the streams in the ravines were dammed, so that the ravines stood full of water, from three to ten feet deep.

Jan. 11, 1865-For several days the weather was something awful; for torrents, without let up, and we were surrounded and flooded with mud and water indescribable; many new streams were formed; where brooks formerly flowed, rushing torrents, eight to ten feet deep, occupied the ravines; what had been low ground was covered with water, six to eight feet deep, and had the appearance of a lake.

These new streams and lakes had completely cut us off from our base of supplies, so there was very little to eat for the 148th. Many of the men had nothing for several days. In a few days conditions improved; rain ceased, and the waters subsided; normal conditions again prevailed.

On Jan. 17th, the 148th was critically inspected by Capt. Brady, the Brigale Inspector General; he reported the Regt. in first class trim, the best in the brigade; so we retained our reputation.

While we were waiting to be dismissed, a furious fight broke out along our front, and the 148th "doublequicked" into Fort Cummings, of which it was the garrison, and "took position." The guns were all double charged with "Grape and Canister." The gunners stood by their guns ; lanyards in hand ; all was in complete readiness. Intense excitement prevailed; we thought the time for the long expected great sortie of the Confederate army had come : if so, one of the great battles of the war was to take place here. To the right and left, as far as we could see, the forts and trenches were filled with troops under arms; while back of us, great masses of troops stood ready, in support; artillery and ambulance trains; stretcher bearers and surgeons; all the paraphernalia of battle in order. Fully fifty thousand men in sight, and in supporting distance, only

waiting, and fully willing once more IN THE CIVIL WAR. to try issues with the enemy. This From the Pottsville Evening Chronicle, May 2. condition was maintained all afternoon; night came, and quiet had reigned for hours; the signs of battle had all disappeared and the troops retired to their camps back of the works.

1. 7. P. Meyer, Sergeant Co. A., 148th On Jan. 18th a detail of some thirty men of the 148th under Capt. Reinhart, myself in immediate and continuous charge, thoroughly repaired and

By noon we had quite a dam, which improved our fort, (Cummings) which the ditch rurrounding the fort cleaned out and deepened; the magazine relumbermen in the detail. who had ex- paired, and the bridges and gun platforms planked; the top of the parapet quent papers and addresses, therefore and they offered some plausible sug- was rolled even and smooth as a board be it. with a roller twelve inches in diameter, ten feet long, made exactly like a baker's rolling pin, handle at each end, smooth and true, and perfectly

On Jan. 19th, (1865) there was intense excitement along the whole line of the army, forty-five miles in exheard everywhere. A salute of one the capture of Fort Fisher, near Wilmington, N. C., with seventy-three heavy guns, immense stores, thous- tended by the choicest blessings of and of small arms, and many prison- God's providence and grace. Fall in, men! I said; this they gladers, and closing another blockade run-

and built the dam. Well done, Ser- the morning a coat of ice an inch thick covered everything; rained hard all

on account of the awful cannonade be- active member. tween the forts of the two armies. On the Union side from Fort McGilvery, works, the slopes of the hills were sides, and probably three hundred by Rev. Hillard, pastor of the M. E. guns of all calliber taking part.

During the night it was an unusualesting and thrilling kind. The morthirty hours the rain came down in vening space between the forts, was wonderfully beautiful.

Since Mother Died.

[In Memory of Mrs. A. P. Hosterman.] How we miss the constant flutter Of her busy step and hand :

Neither pen nor tongue can utter. Only we can understand, Who were knitted to her strongest By those ties that last the longest And are with the blood allied. Oh, our lot a void seems only,

And the house is lonely, lonely, Since mother died. Empty chair and empty corner, Vacant spaces everywhere, Mutely telling how we mourn her, Daily, nightly at us stare ;

Picturing each household duty Of the tireless form whose beauty, Love and care we now deplore. Every smile encountered trial, Patient trust and self-denial

She bravely bore. Weeks and months have slowly languished Since the grief-crowned, bitter day,

But the tear-rain, wild and anguished, Tempest-like, must still have sway! Did we in her lifetime measure

What of woman's joy and pleasure She for us herself denied? Ours the self-blame if we did not Ours the tears that gush, though did not,

Since mother died! In the world around us o'er us Is there love like mother-love? Than the love that nursed and bore us Throbs below or burns above

Richer fount, diviner blending, Holier flame, all else transcending, As if flashed from heaven's high throne? What, without its fire undying,

In deserts lone? Comes the consolation gently That, from heavenly spaces clear, Still her angel gaze intently

What are we but children crying

Watches o'er our spirits here; But the world seems bleak and dreary, Sad our lives and weak and weary, Dispossed of friend and guide. Oh, our lot a void seems only, And our home is lonely, lonely,

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Since mother died

Ministers Pass Resolutions,

The Schuylkill County Ministerial Association held an enthusiastic meeting this morning in the parlors of the Second Presbyterian church in Garfield Square. There were present Revs. Bradley, Boal and Eberwein, of Port Carbon; Eisenberger, of Schuylkill Haven; Snyder, of Minersville; Dunkle, of New Philadelphia; Whit-Pottsville.

the persons of Rev. J. B. McKay, of Cressona, and Rev. J. G. Sands, of Port Carbon.

Dr. J. W. Boal, of Port Carbon, read a very able paper on the theme, "My Method of Sermonizing." This was discussed as to its homiletical and exegetical features by practically everyone present. Dr. Boal called attention to the difference in his methods from his inception in the ministry and at this day, after he has labored for years in the Lord's vineyard. His idea, he said, is to discover the truth and then present it clearly to the minds of the 9.00 Report on the State of Religion.

In view of Dr. Boal's removal from was adopted:

Whereas, for ten years, Dr. Boal has been one of the most active and efficient members of this association, delighting and instructing us in his fre-

Resolved, First, That we learn with profound regret of Dr. Boal's removal from among us, and the consequent been so delightful and helpful.

Second, That we recognize his natural ability, his eminent culture and scholarship and his great usefulness as by special arrangement. tent; shouting and prolonged cheers a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Third, That we hereby express to hundred heavy guns, fired in honor of Dr. Boal our sincere affection and reand prayers that he may be ever at-

This was signed by Rev. J. W. Brad-

In the death of Kathryn, the de- Spring Mills. lost a kind, generous and noble wo- follows : Jan. 23rd, 1865, will be remembered man, the church an energetic and

Mrs. Leitzell died at the home of her son, Dr. P. W. Leitzell, at Porton the right, near the Appomattox land Mills, where she was visiting, on River, and east of Petersburg, south- the 25th ult., aged sixty-two years, ward to and including Fort Sedgwick one month and twenty days. Services on the left, about forty forts, on both were held the following Wednesday church at Portland Mills. Her remains were followed to the railroad ly grand exhibition of the most inter- station by a large number of surviving friends, and arrived at Spring Mills tar shells rising high in the air, where Thursday following, accompanied by passing each other, and drawing her son and family, R. Heim and streaks of fire, extending from the daughter, of Philadelphia, and her cemetery.

Mrs. Leitzell had been in ill health her usual good health. for over six months, but only within the past few weeks her illness assumed a serious and fatal character. Yet she cheer a sad and desolate home.

George and Esther Wallett, of Ickes- ion himself while living. burg, and on the 19th of December, 1867, was married to James W. Leitzell, of Spring Mills. The fruits of this union were two children, a daugh- granted by the Post Office Department | valley. ter dying in infancy, and Dr. P. W. on the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad. Leitzell, now of Portland Mills. She This will make all the trains on this Revolutionary soldier, and in 1863, South Side of Centre county a service just previous to the battle of Gettys. that was long desired, but always burg, was herself a Confederate prison-denied. er for forty-eight bours.

attended the funeral were, Rudolph Spring Mills more desirable, since nesday. Heim and daughter, of Philadelphia; mail can now be sent to Spring Mills Mrs. Susan Fichthorn, of Manorville; in the morning and be delivered on Mrs. McIntire, of Bellefonte; W. H. the several routes the same day. Bartholomew and daughter Helen, of Shore.

Festival at Spring Mills.

the church lawn, on the evening of and Lock Haven. Memorial Day, to which all are in-

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Of the Central Penn's Synod of the Ev. Lutheran Church will HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST Meet at Tusseyville, May 23-25.

MONDAY EVENING. 7.30 Conference Sermon Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder TUESDAY MORNING.

more, Quick, Eastman, Martin, Jones, 9.00 Organization and Business.

10.00 Discussion—Augsburg Confession, Art. V., Concerning New Obedience. Rev. H. C. Holloway, D. D.

Rev. C. L. McConnell Two new members were elected in 10.45 Discussion-Exercise of Church Discipline-When and How. Rev. J. A. Flickinger. Rev. G. C. H. Haskarl, Ph. D. Alternate . . . Adjournment.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON. 2.00 Reports on the State of Religion. Discussion-Retribution Rev. W. M. Rearick 3.15 Discussion-Confirmation of Children - Parents Relation thereto. Rev. C. T. Aikens. Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder Alternate . Adjournment

TUESDAY EVENING. Alternate . .

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

10.00 Discussion-True Faith - Its Cause, Nature and Properties. Rev. C. L. McConnell. Alternate . . Rev. D. E. Rupley filled rapidly to about five feet in had been greatly damaged by frost and depth, when, suddenly the structure recent heavy rain; the walls were sociation, the following resolution and the ministerial as-loading to the following resolution and the ministerial as-loading to the following resolution and the ministerial as-loading filled rapidly to about five feet in had been greatly damaged by frost and the community and the ministerial as-loading filled rapidly to about five feet in had been greatly damaged by frost and the community and the ministerial as-loading filled rapidly to about five feet in had been greatly damaged by frost and the community and the ministerial as-loading filled rapidly to about five feet in had been greatly damaged by frost and the community and the ministerial as-loading filled rapidly to about five feet in had been greatly damaged by frost and the community and the ministerial as-loading filled rapidly filled

Adjournment. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

2.00 Unfinished Business. 2.30 Exegesis. Rev. 3:15, 16 Rev. G. C. H. Haskarl, Ph. D. a resident of Centre Hall; Mrs. Bert

WEDNESDAY EVENING. 7.30 Sermon. Christian Fellowship Rev. J. A. Flickinger

It is requested that all papers be limited to twenty-five minutes. Resolved: That every speaker who knows his inability to attend Conference severance of associations which have be required to duly notify the president of Conference, so that the vacancies may be properly supplied by him.

President, Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder, Aaronsburg, Pa. Those coming by rail will buy their tickets to Centre Hall where they will be met by private conveyance. No train will be met after Tuesday, 8.18 a. m., unless

L O. O. F. GRAND LODGE

gard, and assure him of our best wishes | Meets in Easton This Week-The Local Representatives.

Adjournment.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F., meets in Easton this week. The children in the Odd Fellows' ley, president of the association, and Orphan Home of Central Pennsylva- vania Railroad Company will sell exof the principal, Miss Flo. R. Duck, of

The delegates representing the local out; rained steadily to the 24th, when Mills, the community has certainly lodges on the South Side, are as

Centre Hall, John Lucas Rebersburg, Thomas E. Royer. Millheim, George L. Springer. Pine Grove Mills, A. J. Tate. Lemont, Clayton Etters. Boalsburg, Charles Corl. State College, Scott Neese, Spring Mills, W. O. Gramley.

store, Centre Hall.

Shirts

Nonagenarian Has Measles.

Mrs. M. L. Rishel, of Farmers Mills, ate points to Atlantic City. mouth of the guns to the place of their husband. Funeral services were held at the advanced age of ninety years, fall or explosion, formed by their sput- at the residence of the deceased, Rev. has just recovered from an attack of tering, burning fuses, standing for a McIlnay, Rev. Royer and Rev. Bierly common, old-fashioned measles. The time in great numbers, over the inter- officiating. Interment in Liberty plague caused the aged lady consider- days in Williamsburg last week. able distress, but at present she is in

Decision Affecting Life Insurance.

An important decision was rendered bore all ber suffering and trouble with by the Supreme court which makes the patient resignation of a devoted the widow the beneficiary of her huschristian. Mrs. Leitzell was an active band's life insurance although the member of the M. E. church for over beneficiary named in the policy was a half a century, and a faithful teacher brother. At the time the policy was in the Sunday school for thirty-five issued, the insured was a single man years. With a kind, affectionate and and his brother was the only legal charitable disposition she made the heir. Both the Blair county court lovely woman with hosts of friends; and Superior court decided that the always ready to aid and comfort the brother was the beneficiary, but the sick, to assist the poor and distressed Supreme court reversed the decision. She would willingly part with her and has decreed that it is good law for last coin to make poverty smile, to that body to take care of the interests of a man's wife, or widow, after he is Mrs. Leitzell was the daughter of dead, if he had not made such provis

An additional mail clerk has been was a grandchild of Nicholas Ickes, a road mail trains, and will give the man. This additional mail service will also

Return mail to Centre Hall can al-Centre Hall; J. H. Leitzell, of Lewis- so be had from all towns in the Valley is on the sick list. burg, and Samuel Leitzell, of Jersey along the railroad, including Millheim, Rebersburg, Madisonburg, Aaronsburg, Boalsburg and State College.

Two additional mail trains have also The members of the United Evan- been added to the service on the Baid at Lewisburg this week. gelical church will hold a festival on Eagle Valley railroad, between Tyrone

> Even the man who has little may be satisfied with his lot.

Reduced Eates to Atlantic City.

For the benefit of those desiring to attend the meeting of the American Medical Association at Atlantic City, June 7 to 10, and the session of the American Academy of Medicine at the same place, June 4 and 6, the Pennsylnia, locate: at Sunbury, will attend cursion tickets to Atlantic City from the sessions in a body under the care all stations on its lines west of Down- Indians at Fallen Timbers, within the ingtown and Avondale, north of Parker Ford, south of Newark and Por- pated in by Pennsylvania troops. ter, Del., and north and east of Trenton, Windsor, and Toms River, N. J., nied by Robert Mickey, of Philadelexclusive, at rate of single fare plus phia, passed through Centre Hall last \$1.00 for the round trip. Tickets will week on their way to visit friends in be sold June 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6, good re- Bellefonte. Mr. Mickey is a sailor on turning leaving Atlantic City June 4 the United State Steamer "Monterey" to 13, inclusive. Tickets will be good and has circled the world twice. Both to stop over at Philadelphia on going young men rode from Milroy on their trip within limit of June 6, and at bicycles. Philadelphia and Baltimore, on return trip within the final limit on de-A fine line of the Premium brand of posit at stop-over point. All tickets men's neglige shirts-all colors and must be deposited immediately on arprices, may be seen at Kreamer & Son's rival at Morris Guards' Armory, 12 South New York Avenue, Atlantic City. Regular excursion tickets at usual rates will be sold from the points Mrs. Catharine Houtz, mother of named above and from all intermedi-

Rebersburg.

Luther Frank and wife spent a few

Charles Beck, who has been in the dred tons of bark, when two or three expects to return to her home this job could run into the hundred tons, Lock Haven hospital for several weeks

Miss Kate Moyer, a seamstress of this place, spent a few weeks with her sister in Union county.

penters of this place, are at present derwriters Association. It is mainly working at Centre Hall.

spent Saturday and Sunday at Coburn. which was a reduced rating, on fire inyoung ladies employed assisting her tion made was allowed because of the in her millinery work.

Aaronsburg, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents in South Rebers-

this place left on Monday for the lum- porch and later will build a porch for ber job in the eastern part of this Isaac Smith. The Hagens have in

days with her aunt, Miss Ellie Cor-Henry Detwiler, who had left with am E. Hagen, of Farmers Mills.

his family a few weeks ago for Gainesville, Florida, did not find the country as he expected and therefore his Among those from a distance who make the rural mail service from family returned to this place last Wed-

Mrs. Willis Weber and son and Mrs. Ida Conrad and daughter spent a few days at Coburn last week. Mrs. George Weaver, an aged lady,

The Bierly Brothers are sporting a fine team of driving horses which they filling of these will require particular bought from Clarence Long.

of this place, is attending the Classis Ira Gramley and son were in town

Mrs. Oberhime, of Lock Haven, visited her aged grandmother, Mrs. Het- rate of half a dollar a day or to do tie Gramley, on Sunday.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

FROM ALL PARTS.

Saturday is show day. Walter L. Main's great show exhibits in Bellefonte on that day.

C. W. Swartz, of Tusseyville, advertises salt fish at bottom prices. His is a fish-story that isn't fishy.

Alfarata post office, Mifflin county, has been discontinued. Patrons will be served by a rural route from Lewistown.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meese, the latter part of last week returned from Atlantic City, after spending two or more weeks at that resort.

Mrs. Annie F. Glenn and Mrs. Boyd Glenn, both of Altoona, were entertained at the home of J. Q. A. Kennedy several days last week.

Centre Hall may point with pride two sides of the Centre Hall hotel. Landlord Runkle has done much to

Among the callers Saturday morning was Clyde Stam, of Linden Hall, who came to town to transact business sold his hay baling outfit to the latter.

The Lewistown Free Press notes the following of a lady who was formerly delphia for treatment.

The committee charged with the work of considering the advisability of changing the name of the Protestant Episcopal church has made a report declaring such a change to be inadvisable at this time.

The Reporter extends thanks to a number of patrons who have responded, on request, for subscription. The Reporter's patrons, as a rule, are exceptionally honorable and prompt in paying subscription, which is duly appreciated by the editor.

Governor Pennypacker has fixed August 20 as Pennsylvania day at the St. Louis Exposition. It will be the anniversary of a battle fought by General Anthony Wayne against the Louisiana purchase, and was partici-

Lloyd Aurand, of Milroy, accompa-

All the dogs in town are not worth the life of one child, but it is not necessary to kill the animals, most of which are entitled to respect and affection, in order to guard against the danver from an occasional vicious one. They can all be muzzled without interfering with their health and comfort and this should be done.

In speaking of the bark peeling on the McNitt Brothers & Company's tract, in Nittany Valley, type made the Reporter say that that company would have a crop of two or three hunthousand tons was meant. Any old but few reach that of three thousand tons.

Simon P. Dinges, of Philadelphia, is in town for a brief vacation from the Scott Stover and Frank Waite, car- offices of the Philadelphia Fire Undue to the efforts of Mr. Dinges that Mrs. Maggie Ream and daughter Centre Hall received its new rating, Mrs. Alice Duck has at present three surance about a year ago. The reducfire protection afforded by the borough, Prof. Edgar Stover and family, of water plant and fire company.

The Hagen Brothers, of Farmers Mills, are doing carpenter work in Centre Hall, building an addition to Quite a number of young men from Mrs. Durst's house, Dr. Alexander's their employment four assistants, Miss Mabel Brungart spent a few namely, Messrs. Frank Waite and Scott G. Stover, of Rebersburg ; John D. Lucas, of Spring Mills, and Will-

Labor on the Panama canal is said to be paid about fifty cents a day, and to be confined principally to West India negroes. About seven hundred men are now employed, but shortly there will be several thousand more put to work. The actual work of digging must be done by machinery and the aid of acclimated labor. There will be many better positions, but the qualities of mind and body, and they Rev. Wetter, the Reformed minister will not begin to be sufficient to accommodate the number of applications on file for situations from men who want work on the canal, but who do not expect to be compensated at the hard manual labor.