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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.



Battery, Forward.

Dozens of these fiery bows were constantly seen forming and fading away, while the hissing and screaming of the shells and their explosions, with their deafening reports and great flashes of fire and light, and the whir of flying fragments, were terrifying when near.

The tracks of the rifle shells passing from line to line not rising near so high gave variety to the exhibition. These shells fly with much greater speed through the air, and produce a screaming noise that is terrifying.

All day and night both sides were unusually vicious, then again settled down to the ordinary custom of moderately bombarding each others works, now and then only. What all this unusual racket was about we never learned. On the morning of January 25th, our corps (2nd) turned out in grand review before Maj. Gen. Humphreys, our Corps Commander; this was a grand display of military discipline and power.

The 148th, constituting the Garrison of Fort Cummings, was under arms, and occupied said fort, during the time of the review; all the forts and trenches were fully manned, till the review ended and the Corps had returned. During the review the Confederates were nearer to our works than our own corps; therefore, we always fully manned all the forts and trenches when any considerable part of the troops went away on review.

On Jan. 28th, 1865, a general order from the war department, granting a furlough of twenty-five days, to the two cleanest and most soldierly appearing men in each brigade, each month, was carried out. Competitive inspections were held, and both furloughs were granted to boys of the 148th. The result was the same in February and March. The boys of the other Regiments were not satisfied, and said the 148th was unduly favored and always got everything any way.

By Jan. 30th we were well established, in a strong line of new works near Hatcher's Run, a tributary of the Notaway River, with lighter lines to Gravelly Run.

The Appomattox river, Hatcher's Run, and Gravelly Run, are all sluggish, winding streams, fringed on both sides with great marshes. In our front, about a mile away, were the forts and trenches of the enemy. To our right and left, as far as the eye could reach, loomed up the red earth-works of the Union Army; and just beyond, the forts of the enemy, were plainly seen, fringed with lines of bristling Chevaux-de-frise and abatis of poles and tree-tops.

Far out, to our right rear, lay Petersburg, where church steeples could be plainly seen on clear days, from certain points; and we often watched with great interest the shelling of the city; shells in great numbers, rising high, sputtering and flashing, then descending, and bursting in and over the city, impressed us with feelings of sadness and sympathy for the residents of the doomed city.

During the latter part of January the weather was extremely cold, and the soldiers suffered a great deal; the forests had disappeared before the axes of the army and fuel was scarce; the trees were gone, so we dug up the stumps, and carried wood a mile on our shoulders.

Ponds were frozen over and the men went "sliding" on the ice, by moonlight, like children.

Near midnight, Feb. 4th, while it was very cold, snow flakes flying, and the darkness intense, orders reached the 148th to "pack up and be ready to move at a moments notice."

All was commotion at once, and down came our tents. We were fully ready to move in thirty minutes; but we did not move out till day-break. During this long wait we danced on the frozen ground, and tussled each other to keep from freezing, in the absence of fuel and fire.

During all this long wait we heard

great bodies of troops and artillery, moving westward, on near by roads, and when daylight came we found that the 2nd, 5th, 6th and 9th Corps, with artillery and all the paraphernalia of battle, were on the move. The 148th with the 4th Brigade 2nd Corps soon joined in the grand move; about ten A. M. we formed in line of battle and advanced; we had not gone far when the continuous rattle of musket-

ry and the loud roar of artillery was evidence that the enemy had already been found and attacked; the firing soon extended along the line and the battle became general. The Confederates had evidently been surprised. They were driven from their works, which were at once occupied by our troops, who repulsed three counter-charges of the enemy. The Union troops at once commenced to change the trenches in reverse, and fronting them with abatis; working hard, on forts and trenches, and fighting now and then as the enemy repeated their counter attacks.

In the early part of the night of the 6th of Feb. the enemy returned and made a desperate attack on our new line. We crossed our works, and drove them some distance. It was not the plan to advance the line at this time beyond the new position taken, so we returned to our works.

Just as our line fell back a Union soldier ran by us toward the rear, with a wounded comrade perched high on his back, much larger and heavier than the boy who carried him, who was his brother, and we gave them a shout of encouragement.

For several days we frequently alternated in digging in the trenches and fighting, day and night; but we held the new lines. The weather was very cold; we were without fire and suffered considerably. "Frost bitten" toes, fingers and ears became numerous.

Gives \$10,000 to Seminary.

J. Harry Fritz, of Somerset, presented the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg with \$10,000, to be used in training the students in elocution. Mr. Fritz evidently has been bored by ministers whose clothes didn't fit and voices modulated (?) for calling hogs.

"Who's It?"

The comedy, "The Cheerful Liar" is being produced in many towns, but invariably to poor houses. In Centre Hall the sight of a cheerful liar—liar of any sort—would be such a novelty that financial success would be assured in advance to any organization that will be willing to send a representative to some nearby town to learn the art.

LATER.—Since the above is in type it has been learned that a local civic order canvassed its entire membership for a candidate willing to take the part of the "cheerful liar" in the comedy mentioned, but no one would consent, owing to highly developed conscientious scruples, to assume the role.

P. S.—A Sunday school scholar has pointed out an old accomplished article—the real thing, O. K., and needs no training—open to engagement. County papers please copy.

West Branch Doctors Meet.

The eleventh annual meeting of the West Branch Medical Society was held in Bellefonte Thursday of last week. Sixty delegates were in attendance from counties along the west branch of the Susquehanna River. The meeting was the most successful in the history of the association, made so by the presence of Dr. Lawrence F. Flick, of Philadelphia, head of the Phipps Institute and a famous specialist on tuberculosis. Dr. Rothrock, of Harrisburg, was also present. The speakers of the afternoon were Dr. Flick, Dr. Rothrock, Dr. Joseph W. Albright, Muncy; Dr. George D. Nutt, Williamsport; Dr. George H. Woods, Pine Grove Mills.

Dr. S. C. Musser, of Aaronsburg, acted in the capacity of toastmaster.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Dr. George F. Harris, of Bellefonte; first vice-president, Dr. S. J. Miller, of Madera, Clearfield county; second vice-president, Dr. George D. Nutt, of Williamsport; secretary, Dr. Joseph M. Corson, of Chatham Run.

The place of meeting for next year will be Williamsport.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM.

Place, Time of Exercises and Names of Speakers.

Following is attached the places, time of exercises and speakers for Memorial Day services:

Centre Hall, 6 p. m.—Al. Dale, Esq. Sprucetown, 2.30 p. m.—Clement Dale, Esq.

Centre Hill, Tusseyville and Zions Hill, a detail of Shannon post will decorate.

Spring Mills, 6 p. m.—Hon. John G. Love. Farmers Mills, 10 a. m. Georges Valley, 2 p. m.

Madisonburg, 9 a. m.—Rev. Buck, Rev. Smith, Rev. Bixler.

Millheim, 2 p. m.—Hon. S. T. Bowersox.

Boalsburg, 6 p. m.—Major H. S. Taylor.

Linden Hall, 9 a. m.—Rev. J. F. Shultz.

Branch, 2.30 p. m.—Judge A. O. Farst.

Pine Grove Mills, 2 p. m.—David F. Fortney.

Houserville, 9 a. m.—Calvin Sowers.

Pine Hall, 5.30 p. m.—David F. Fortney.

Rebersburg, 2 p. m.—Hon. John G. Love.

Aaronsburg, forenoon—Hon. John G. Love.

The Reporter takes the liberty, with the sanction of every sensible person, to call attention to the fact that speakers are frequently annoyed by a bevy of women who persist in talking instead of listening. Such conduct reflects upon not only the women who indulge but the community and should be avoided at all hazards. The talking and giggling of senseless women and girls should not be tolerated within hearing distance of the speakers' stand.

Commencement at State.

The Pennsylvania State College commencement week will be observed June 12-15. The program is as follows:

SUNDAY, JUNE 12.

10.30 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon, by The Rev. Lawrence M. Colfelt, D. D., Philadelphia.

MONDAY, JUNE 13.

2.00 p. m.—Class Day exercises of the class of 1904.

3.30 p. m.—Annual athletic contest.

7.30 p. m.—Junior oratorical contest.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14.

9.30 a. m.—Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees.

11.00 a. m.—Address before the Phi Kappa Phi Society.

12.00 m.—Alumni luncheon (in the Armory).

2.30 p. m.—Meeting of the Alumni Association.

2.30 p. m.—Meeting (in Room No. 121) of Delegates and Alumni to elect Trustees.

4.00 p. m.—Exhibition drill, by the Cadet Battalion.

8.00 p. m.—Presentation of "The House of Trouble," by "The Theatians."

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15.

10.00 a. m.—Graduation exercises and presentation of Tower Clock by class of 1904.

Commencement Address, "The Opening Future" by The Rev. William Elliott Griffin, Ithaca, New York.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas an all-wise Providence has seen fit to remove from our midst by death sister Catharine Letzell, who for over fifty years was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a devoted and untiring worker and teacher in the Sunday School, therefore:

Resolved—That we, the officers, teachers and scholars of Spring Mills M. E. Sunday School, express our heartfelt sorrow for the loss of so valuable a member and so earnest a worker.

That, while we acknowledge our very great loss, we meekly bow to the will of him who doeth all things well, knowing that "To live is Christ, to die is gain."

That we extend to the husband and family of the deceased our deepest sympathies in their very sad bereavement and commend to them the God in whom she put her trust.

That we draps her seat in our Sabbath School in mourning for a period of thirty days, and that copies of these resolutions be published in several of our county papers and copies be sent to the husband and family of the deceased, also that they be recorded on the books of the secretary of the Sunday School.

M. SHIRES,
LIZZIE STOVER,
IDA CONDO,
Committee.

[NOTE.—Obituaries, poems and resolutions of respect are only inserted when paid for. Arrangements for space must be made in advance.—Editor.]

The Seedless Apple.

Colorado is much interested in a seedless apple that has been developed in that State, and there is great demand for the bud or graft, as that is the only way it can be propagated. The seedless orange has had a remarkable sale, and the apple may be equally successful. The lack of seeds will get rid of the coddling moths, which feed on the blossoms, which will, it is said, make it immune from injury by late frosts. Other seedless fruits will probably be brought out in time.

Reduced Rates to Uniontown.

For the accommodation of those desiring to attend the Prohibition State Convention, to be held at Uniontown, Pa., June 7 to 9, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets to Uniontown, June 6 and 7, good to return until June 10, inclusive, from all stations on its lines in the State of Pennsylvania at rate of single fare for round trip (minimum rate, 25 cents).

\$35.00.

After June 1st the teachers' minimum (\$35.00) salary law goes into effect. It was contended by the advocates of this measure that the law would increase the efficiency of the public school teachers. Potter township, for example, will be obliged to add \$560 to the total of salaries. Will the school board of Potter, or any other district, advise the Reporter to what extent the efficiency of the corps of instructors has been increased.

The truth is, school boards have no selection in the matter; they must pay \$35.00 for services rendered and diligently sought last year for less money.

Efficiency!

Pennsy Reduces Shop Forces.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company last week issued orders indefinitely suspending about sixteen hundred men employed in the erecting shops in Altoona and Juniata.

These suspensions follow a general order from Philadelphia to reduce the force in various departments to a solid working basis.

Juniata shops where all the new locomotives are built and two thousand men employed, were hit the hardest, seven hundred men being suspended, and the working time reduced to five eight-hour days a week.

Men in the transportation department are also being laid off, the slump in freight traffic, which is assigned as the cause, rendering nearly two hundred men idle along the Pennsylvania Railroad division.

Pine Stump.

Wm. Walker and his niece, Miss May Walker, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burris Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brooks visited their daughter, Mrs. Jodan, at Plum Grove, on Wednesday.

Adam Roads and brother Charles went to Walker to work on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Burris visited Mr. and Mrs. James Stover, at Sprucetown, on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Walker, of Suow Shoe, visited their father, Jacob Walker, on Sunday.

Henry Fry and Miss Margaret Wright, spent Sunday at Penns Cave. John Garver, who is employed by the telephone company, is home on a visit.

Messrs. Lance Burris and Frank Walker went to Penns Cave Sunday.

Aaronsburg.

Miss Katie Frank was confined to the house several days suffering from quinsy. Miss Kathryn Bower attended shop and trimmed hats in a very satisfactory manner until Katie was able to be about again.

J. H. Crouse and family visited relatives in Lock Haven a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wert and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Limbert attended the funeral of Mr. Grimms, at Madisonburg on Sunday.

Mr. Isenhower and wife, of Middleburg, spent a few days with their son Gillards, on North Street.

Frank Guiseville and family, of Felder, visited at the home of J. C. Stover on Sunday.

William Bitner and family, of Spring Mills, spent Sunday with Mrs. Bitner's aged mother, Mrs. George Bright.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Bressler, of Wolf's Store, spent Friday with Mrs. Jacob Bower.

Miss Ruth Swabb spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Burd, at Coburn. John Musser and Harry Sholl, of Millheim, were callers in town.

Miss Mary Gettig and gentleman friend, of Spring Bank, spent a few hours with Miss Jennie Hull on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Herman, of New Berlin, visited her uncle, Jacob Wyles, a few days this week.

Ernest Stover attended the show at Bellefonte on Saturday. Edwin Smith, of Oak Hall, was the guest of his mother over Sunday.

Mrs. Sara Letzell has taken a trip to Tyrone to visit her daughter, Mrs. Lane.

Robert Stover, accompanied by his wife and mother, of Millheim, were in town on Sunday.

Mrs. Reagel returned to her home at Vicksburg, after a few days' visit to her brother, Jacob Wyles.

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Governor Pennypacker has assumed a new role—that of censor. He has arrogated to himself the power to require that all department reports shall be submitted to him before being printed. The right to do this is not vested in him by the laws or the constitution. Possibly it is because the constitution doesn't give him the authority that he assumes it. His attorney general has declared that it doesn't mean what it says. The executive might be warranted in requiring the heads of all departments who hold office by appointment to submit their annual findings to gubernatorial surveillance, but certainly he has no authority over the reports of such officers as the Auditor General, Secretary of Internal Affairs, or any other branch of the state government, whose head is chosen by direct vote of the people. The printing in voluminous form of most of the state reports might be abolished altogether without detriment to the public service or interests, but this fact does not give the governor the right to exercise censorship over their contents.

Twenty-three of the fifty-one states and territories entitled to elect have held conventions for the election of delegates to the Democratic National convention at St. Louis on the 6th of July. According to the action of the various conventions there are five candidates in the field—Parker, Hearst, Wall, Olney and Gorman. Parker has 132 delegates, Hearst 102, Wall 30, Gorman 12 and Olney 25, with 157 unassigned. The remaining conventions will be held the last week in May and during the month of June, and mainly in the Southern States. The first Democratic convention in the South held this year was that of South Carolina, on Thursday last. It declined to endorse any candidate, leaving the delegates unassigned.

As was anticipated, an adverse decision was rendered by the Dauphin county court upon the application of Mr. Newlin to prevent the state treasurer from paying the increased salaries to judges who were in commission when the act giving the increase was passed. No doubt Mr. Newlin did not expect any other decision from that tribunal, to which, however, he was compelled to apply before being able to get the case by appeal to the supreme court. The decision does not consider the points raised as to the constitutionality of the act, but proceeds upon other grounds. It is to be hoped that the supreme court will consider the whole case upon its merits.

Almost with his last breath McKinley sought to lead his party out of the protective blind alley into which it had marched under his leadership. There was a warranted expectation that President Roosevelt would gladly push on in the direction indicated by his martyred predecessor. But in his anxiety for a second term he has swallowed his convictions and concluded to "stand pat" in the goodly company of the protected trusts and monopolies. Ohio and Iowa beckon him on. The Democracy will gladly accept the gage of battle thrown down to it. The party could not ask a clearer issue or a fairer field of combat.

Hitherto, there has been no method of replying to editorial opinions set forth in our monthlies, but Everybody's with its usual originality, proposes that any one who does not agree with its contributors' views shall have the opportunity to set them right or approve, as seems proper. In the new department, "Straight Talk," in the June issue of this magazine, a number of readers have taken advantage of this opportunity to criticize Dr. Hillis's conception of a consolidated church; most of the writers frankly disagree with his views.

A new law requires tax collectors to settle their school duplicate in full by the second day of June. The enforcement of this law is regarded by some as an act of the tax collector. This is altogether incorrect and unjust, as he has no other course to pursue. All school taxes must be paid by the 28th day of May and all other taxes by the last week in June.

"A Bird's eye View of the Panama Canal," which appears in the June Woman's Home Companion, is one of the most interesting features to be found in the magazines of the month. It is a picture of the canal from ocean to ocean, and gives an idea of its position and construction such as can be had in no other way.

A corps of ten engineers are at work surveying a route for a trolley line between Johnstown and Ebensburg, a distance of 21 miles. The route will follow the line of the old Portage railroad almost the entire distance, thereby avoiding violent grades and deep cuts.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Did you see the elephant?
Rev. J. W. Boal Sunday filled an appointment in Newbury.

The cemeteries are receiving considerable attention prior to Memorial Day.

Japan has an Admiral Dewa, which is near to an infringement of American copyright.

Morris Decker, who holds a position in the Burnham Steel works, is home for a short vacation.

Mrs. Mary Odenkirk, of Centre Hall, Saturday went to Millinburg to remain for several days.

Mrs. W. W. Boob and daughter Miss Grace, of Cincinnati, Ohio, will come east this summer.

Misses Rhoda Royer and Mary Wolf, of Potters Mills, were callers at this office Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Fye, of Farmers Mills, Sunday visited their son Harry Fye, in this place.

George Horner, of Pleasant Gap, was a caller last week, and added one to the list of new subscribers received that day.

Clement Dale, Esq., will be the orator on Memorial Day at Sprucetown. The time for the ceremonies is 2.30 o'clock.

Main's show was largely attended. Bellefonte, on that day, had the appearance of a real lively old town. It was a busy day for the merchants.

Dan Smith, of Reedsville, one of the bookkeepers for the Smith Printing Company, was in town Sunday, the guest of the family of Dr. G. W. Hosterman.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kinch, of Strattonville, Clarion county, is the guest of her brother, Isaac Smith, in this place. Mrs. Kinch is eighty years of age, but does considerable traveling unaccompanied.

William Pealer, one of Gregg township's foremost citizens, was in town Thursday. Mr. Pealer is living a semi-retired life, after having spent many years in active business at Spring Mills.

How about that rural telephone? Snyder county farmers are jubilant over the fact that a rural telephone company is an assured fact. Think of it—a 'phone in your country home for \$12.00 a year!

Miss Jennie Reitsnyder, daughter of J. H. Reitsnyder, of Millheim, on her way to St. Louis will stop with the family of W. W. Boob, in Cincinnati. She was expected to arrive in that city yesterday (Wednesday).

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Meyer and daughter, of Rebersburg, on their way to Bellefonte stopped in town Friday. Mr. Meyer is a successful school book agent, and has signed for the season with the R. L. Meyers Company, Harrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Musser, of Zion, were in town on business Friday of last week. Mr. Musser states that his prospects for a wheat crop are very fair, and that the crop, generally speaking, is much better than in Penn's Valley.

From the Journal it is learned that four cases of scarlet fever have developed in Loganton during the past week, namely Mrs. William Frankenberg, her two children, and Master Clayton, the ten-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Searle.

A car load of heavy draft and general purpose horses were shipped from Centre Hall to New York Monday of this week. For one team of grays, purchased from D. Luse, Rebersburg, \$480 was paid. The same team was purchased several months ago at a horse sale for \$430.

Postmaster George M. Boal Monday went to Cooperstown where he will spend a week with his sister, Mrs. Martha C. Orady, who has been in feeble health for some time. Mrs. Orady is the only sister in the Boal family, and is the mother of Superior Court Judge George Orady.

James A. Fiedler is managing editor of the Morning Journal, DuBoise, Pa., a daily publication born last week. Mr. Fiedler was editor of the Keystone Gazette, when that paper had a strong political influence in the county and was held in respect. He is a born newspaper man, and will make the Morning Journal a paper worthy the patronage of its home and surrounding towns.

An arrival from Philadelphia Thursday morning was T. F. Farner, who came up to spend a few days among former associates on the South Side of Potter township. Mr. Farner is mail agent between Pittsburg and New York, which, of course, is an important line. He informs the Reporter that Calvin Spicher is employed by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Com-