



## CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

### 148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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(To be Continued.)  
CHAPTER VII. SIEGE OF RICHMOND.



Artillery in Action.

Toward evening of February 7th the 148th P. V. left the brigade on the new line, and under Col. James F. Weaver, was sent back to our old camp at Fort Cummings to garrison and hold said fort, in the event of an anticipated heavy attack by the confederates, at this point. This movement went into history as the second campaign and battle of Hatcher's Run, to which our lines were extended and permanently held.

During these periods of activity, great vigilance was maintained all along the lines; the forces in the trenches were doubled during the nights; the men were held close, and in constant readiness. Every morning "reveille" was sounded at four o'clock and the troops, fully equipped and ready for fight, moved out to the trenches, rain or hail; snow and frost, water and mud hindered not, and remained till eight o'clock.

This was early rising and on inclement mornings it required resolution to turn out. On one occasion, when zero was her prevailed, reveille sounded, and I hustled out; but, finding it very cold I concluded to let Sergt. Miller, who shared this responsibility with me, take the company out alone, while I would remain where it was not so cold, and sleep. So I rushed along the tents, in the midnight darkness, and called into every tent: "Turn out boys to occupy the trenches," till I reached Sergt. Miller's tent, and shouted, wake up to go to the trenches. Yes, yes, came the response. I thought he was fully awake and I returned to my tent, again rolled myself in my blanket and soon slept. I was aroused by loud calls from the boys in the trenches, turn out Company "A"; and, sleep on Co. "A," then a shout and loud laughter.

I rushed out; it was broad daylight, and as far as the eye could reach, the trenches were full of soldiers, save the position of Co. "A"; I was now wide awake to the situation of affairs, and hurried out fifteen or eighteen men, started on a rush for our position in the trenches; when we were half way to our post, Capt. Sulton, who was in charge of our part of the line, shouted, "Halt that Company!" Instantly, I halted the company, "fronted" and "dressed the line." "Order arms!" Consider yourselves under arrest, came next. We had scarcely done this, when Sergt. John A. Miller came dashing down to join the company, making a clatter on the frozen ground, exceeding the noise of a run-away horse, and also became a prisoner.

Sergt. Miller was a good soldier, red faced, red haired, heavy set, tall, gawky, and irritable; he was "guyed" a good deal in the Regt. and always resented in wordy out-breaks; on this occasion the troops in the trenches shouted all manner of gibes and commands to our company, and calling—John A. Miller wake up! John A. Miller, fetch your "rashuns." Stand firm John A. Be brave John A., etc., etc. For a full hour we were roasted and taunted; none of us made reply, save only Sergt. Miller, who frequently shouted, go to, etc., you, etc.; a roar of laughter came up from the trenches, and the taunts would multiply in quantity and quality, which amused all but Miller. The troops were dismissed and marched back to their camps, from where loud calls to "John A" kept coming. But Co. A still stood fast, and could not move out of the cold, till orders came; orders from Col. Weaver commanding the Regt. finally came—to march the Company to camp, stack arms, get breakfast, and await orders under arrest.

We were glad to do this, for we were half frozen; toward noon orders from the Colonel reached me. Without arms, march Co. A to Head Quarters; I did so and reported: Co. A under arrest, is in line outside. The Colonel came out and made us a speech, and in part said: I am sorry that after years of faithful service, on long, hard marches and terrible fields of battle in camp; in the hard work of building

fortifications; during all hours of day and night, and regardless of season or weather, as well as in the long and dangerous watches of the night, you did your whole duty promptly and well. I say, I am sorry that even the odium of arrest was inflicted on a company of such honorable and brave men. I do not know of a man of Co. A who was under arrest up to this

time; but you failed in the early watch of this morning; while the lines of battle were formed in the trenches, you were asleep in your tents, and there was a gap in the line which it was your duty to fill. Still, I know that it was not a spirit of insubordination or mutiny, and therefore I will be lenient with you. I can not at once come to a decision, Sergt. (addressing me), march the company to their quarters; let them take their arms, and be ready for your share of the accustomed duties, and when I want you I will send for you. This was the end; the Colonel never sent for us, and we went unpunished. Col. James F. Weaver was not imperious or tyrannical, and had the good will of all his men, which could not be said of many Colonels in the army.

#### CHAPTER VIII.

One cold winter afternoon, in one of our wild and rough tussling contests in "sock ball," on the parade ground of the 148th, at Fort Cummings, comrade Benjamin Beck had his spine injured so badly that he was paralyzed, and absolutely unable to move, or even turn his head. Therefore, Daniel Weaver, Manasses Gilbert and I, who were his mess-mates, carried him to our tent and pulled him in through the two and a half foot high door; he could not lie down, so we sat him on a block stool, and wrapped his blanket about him, and left him sit there when we went to our bunks for the night. About midnight there was alarm; we received marching orders; "pack up quickly, without noise, and be ready to move at once!" The night was very cold and dark; we put the overcoat on Comrade Beck, fastened his blanket around him and placed crackers and water in his reach; then we took down the tent, packed up, and soon the Regt. moved off to the left (south) leaving Comrade Beck sit there alone in the abandoned camp.

We marched rapidly for several hours, formed lines of battle in timber and brush, and waited the coming of day. All continued quiet; the forenoon wore away; a mile away the bugle sounded the "recall;" orders came to return to our camps. It was late in the afternoon when the 148th reached its camp, and there, within the tentless walls of our hut sat Comrade Beck on his block, just as we had left him the night before; he grinned a sickly smile of satisfaction over our return; we did for him all we could, and in a week he was again all right.

#### World's Fair.

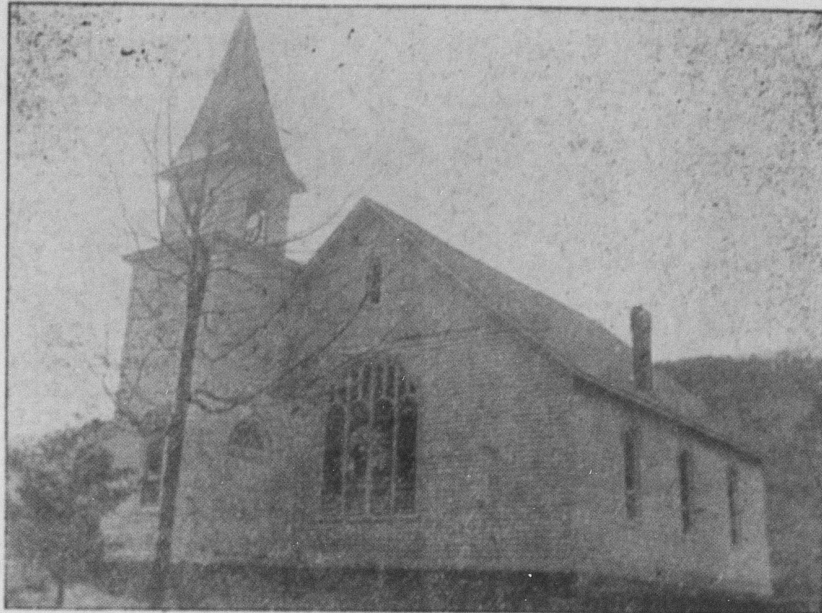
June 9, 16, 23, and 30 are next dates for great coach excursions to St. Louis via Pennsylvania Railroad, on account of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The rates for these excursions have been fixed at such a low figure that they afford those of limited means an opportunity of seeing the World's Fair at an exceptionally small cost. The unusual success attending the first Pennsylvania Railroad excursion indicates that these will be very popular.

Special trains of standard Pennsylvania Railroad coaches of the most modern pattern will be run on the above-mentioned dates from New York, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Altoona, and Pittsburg, directly through to St. Louis, with ample stops for meals at convenient hours. Each train will be in charge of a Tourist Agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The rates will be the same as for the first excursion, May 10, \$20 from New York, \$18.50 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other stations.

Specific information regarding time of special train and connections, and rates from principal stations east of Pittsburg, will be announced shortly.

The corrected time table for the Pennsylvania railroad appears in this issue. The changes are very slight, and on the branch the old schedule remains in force.

## DEDICATED MAY 29, 1904.



[Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Georges Valley.]

The re-dedication of the Holy Cross church, Georges Valley, took place Sunday, the dedicatory act being performed Sunday evening by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Rearick.

The services incident to this occasion began Thursday evening previous, with a sermon by Rev. W. M. Rearick, of West Milton, and Saturday evening Rev. W. E. Fischer, D. D., the former pastor, held services.

Sunday was a delightful day, which gave those interested in this particular service additional spirit. The morning service was largely attended, and it was at this time that Rev. I. H. McGann, of Lewisburg, delivered the dedicatory sermon.

Rev. McGann is an adept in this line of work, and it was with little difficulty that the subscriptions were received from members and others. The work of gathering in the shekels became a pleasure rather than a task, and before the leader was aware the hour for noon had come, before the coins and subscriptions had been summed up, which made it necessary to postpone the dedicatory act until evening.

The afternoon services were devoted to Sunday school work.

In the evening Dr. Fischer delivered a sermon on "Why he believed the Bible was the Word of God." This over, the financial side of the question was again taken up, and in a short time the sum total of the subscriptions reached the sum of \$1943, as follows:

By subscription previous to dedication day.....	\$1100
Collected during morning service.....	600
Collected during evening service.....	243
Total.....	\$1943
Total expenditure.....	1700

The building committee was composed of the following persons: Samuel Harter, John McCool, Andrew Zettle, John D. Wagner, J. P. Heckman, Wm. Ripka.

The Penns Valley Charge of the Evangelical Lutheran church was organized in 1854, January 30, at Tusseyville. The Holy Cross church was one of the appointments of this charge, and the officers representing that congregation at the organization were Messrs. Frederick Zettle, Sr., Jacob Finkle, Frederick Zettle, Jr., and George Jamison. It will be noted that these family names are at present prominent in the church.

The Holy Cross church has a membership of seventy.

#### MEMORIAL WINDOWS.

The following memorial windows were placed:

#### A Valuable Publication.

On June 1 the Passenger Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will publish the 1904 edition of the Summer Route Book. This work is designed to provide the public with descriptive notes of the principal Summer resorts of Eastern America, with the best routes for reaching them, and the rates of fare. It contains all the principal seashore and mountain resorts of the East, and over seven hundred different routes or combinations of routes. The book has been compiled with the greatest care, and altogether is the most complete and comprehensive handbook of Summer travel ever offered to the public.

The cover of the book is handsome and striking, printed in colors and the book contains several maps, presenting the exact routes over which tickets are sold. The book is profusely illustrated with fine half-tone cuts of scenery at the various resorts and along the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

On and after June 1 this very interesting book may be procured at any Pennsylvania Railroad ticket office at the nominal price of ten cents, or, upon application to Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station Philadelphia, Pa., by mail for twenty cents.

Blood will tell, but it is all in vein.

Rev. J. K. Miller, former pastor, by his children.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rishel, by their children.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Coldren, by their children.  
Mr. and Mrs. David Finkle, by their children.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Gentzel, by George Gentzel and Daniel Ripka.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Grove, by Mrs. Samuel Harter and Mrs. James W. Runkle.

Windows were placed in honor of the following:  
Frederick Zettle, by his children.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wagner, by their son.

The carpenters, Messrs. Jeremiah Zettle, Roland Zettle, John Foust, William Ripka, G. R. Kennely, John D. Wagner, Emory Sweetwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Harter, by their children.  
In memory and honor of the pastors of the church, by Rev. W. E. Fischer, D. D., former pastor, and Rev. J. M. Rearick, present pastor. The names of the pastors are appended:

Rev. F. Ruthford.  
Rev. J. T. Williams.  
Rev. P. P. Lane.  
Rev. William S. Parr.  
Rev. ————Zettlemoyer.  
Rev. J. K. Miller.  
Rev. W. E. Fischer, D. D.  
Rev. J. M. Rearick.

One of the methods of raising money was to sell pews, and appended are the names now attached:

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hettinger  
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hettinger  
J. F. Harter  
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Broom  
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ripka  
John Ripka  
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Erie  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Finkle  
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ripka  
Jerome Lingie  
Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Finkle  
Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Auman  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Condo  
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. McCool  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Confer  
Roland Zettle  
Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Riebel  
Mr. and Mrs. John Gentzel  
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob D. Broom  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Lingle  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Auman  
Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Jamison  
Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Musser  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Hettinger  
Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Duck  
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dunlap  
Mr. and Mrs. James Hettinger  
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Haugh  
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lingle  
Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Faust  
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wagner  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barger  
Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Barger  
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Harter  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rishel  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Musser  
Miss Ray Harter

#### Pine Stump.

John Williams went to Bellefonte on Friday.

The farmers of this place are replanting their corn.

C. B. Houser attended decoration services at Houseville.

Mrs. Henry Houser and her mother spent Sunday among friends at Oak Hall.

George Glace, of Centre Hall, called on his sister, Mrs. Frank Yearick, on Tuesday.

Thomas Williams and family, of Lewistown, visited his brother, John Williams.

John Tate and family, of Pleasant Gap, visited at the home of Aaron Lutz on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Burris visited at the home of James Stover, at Spruce-town on Sunday.

Samuel Burris, of this place, and lady friend of Axemann, went to Penns Cave on Sunday.

Messrs. Lance and Charles Burris gave a fitch party last Thursday evening; those present were Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Burris, Mr. and Mrs. James Stover, Frank Walker, Miss May Walker, Miss Ella Moyer, Samuel Burris, Harry and Archie Moyer.

Sunday was a beautiful day and many took advantage of it by pleasure driving.

#### DEATHS.

MRS. EVA CONSER.

Having lived a life of usefulness for more than four score years, Mrs. Eva Conser, wife of the venerable Levi Conser, of Loganton, died at her home Thursday of last week, of the infirmities of age, she having reached her eighty-first year last Christmas day. Grandmother Conser lived for many years in Sugar Valley, where she was esteemed for her many praiseworthy traits of character. She is survived by her husband and three children—Prof. Harry Conser and Dr. T. C. Conser, of Saubury; Mrs. Minnie Stamm, of Altoona; also by children from a former union, as follows: Prof. James Bright, of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; Dr. John Bright, of Rebersburg; Mrs. Mary Miller, of Kansas; Mrs. Annie Walton, of Gleasonton; Mrs. Huston Hunter, of Mill Hall.

MRS. LOUIS THOMAS.

Mrs. Louis Thomas died at her home in Shingletown, Thursday at noon of last week, of heart trouble and dropsy. She had been ill two years.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Jennie Foster, was born in Petersburg, Huntingdon county, and was sixty-two years of age.

She is survived by her husband and one son, Dice Thomas, of the Branch. She also leaves one brother and three sisters as follows: Wilson, of Petersburg; Mrs. George Fry, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Watson, of Huntingdon county; Mrs. F. M. Bell, of Boalsburg.

The funeral took place from the house Sunday morning. Rev. Stonocypher officiated. Interment in the Boalsburg cemetery.

#### School Appropriation.

Centre county's share of the State school appropriation for the school year beginning Monday, June 6, is \$41,832.47.

The regular annual appropriation to schools—the gross amount of which is \$5,500,000—was made by the Legislature at its sessions of 1903. From the gross amount the Legislature deducted \$237,500 for the State normal schools, and \$50,000 for township high schools, leaving \$5,212,500 for the common schools. The amounts received by the several districts this year will vary somewhat from those received last year owing to the fact that the appropriation this year is based on new returns of teachers, resident taxables and children between six and sixteen years of age.

As the amount appropriated to common schools is not quite as large as last year, the majority of districts throughout the State will receive less appropriation than in 1903.

#### Replanting Corn.

The corn crop has largely been replanted. In many instances fields were dragged, and the corn regularly planted; others planted between the rows; while still others followed each row and planted by hand. One of the greatest difficulties the farmer had to contend with was to secure seed corn that was reasonably sure of germinating.

It was anticipated by many careful and observing farmers that the seed corn might have been injured by the extreme cold of last winter, and in view of this much of the corn was tested by planting in pots in the house. It has since developed that much of this corn that was apparently sound—germinated in the house pots—failed to be strong enough to withstand the unfavorable corn weather which followed the early planting.

June corn planting will be thoroughly tested this year.

#### A Good Collector.

Snyder township, Blair county, has a model tax collector, who collects taxes from single men having neither personal nor real estate, except that the process is different. Where no property is visible this Blair county official has his man arrested, and before he is released he is obliged to settle for the amount of tax and costs of suit. In several instances the delinquent tax payers were put into jail and held there until their tax was paid.

Nearly every district has its tax dodgers, and many of these are young men capable of earning. Would it not be well for tax collectors to follow the example set in Blair county?

#### Fair Dates.

Grangers' Interstate Exhibition, Williams Grove, August 29-September 3.

Patrons of Husbandry Exhibition, Centre Hall, September 17-25.

Centre County Fair Association, Bellefonte, October 4-7.

Mifflin County Agricultural Fair Association, Lewistown, August 30-September 2.

Milton Fair Association, Milton, October 4-7.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Dr. J. T. Rothrock, head of the state forestry bureau, has resigned.

Merchant and Mrs. H. W. Kreamer, last week, drove to Rebersburg to visit relatives and acquaintances.

The personal property of Jacob Ripka, deceased, will be sold at public sale Saturday, 11th inst. See poster.

June 14th is Flag Day. Hoist the flag on that day, which is the one hundred and twenty-seventh anniversary of the emblem.

Ennon K. Suter, of Media, a local weather prophet, predicts frost on Monday, June 13th, at which time the moon changes—the sign of the "neck."

Lightning struck the house of Rev. Gross, of Howard, Wednesday of last week. Rev. Gross and his mother-in-law were slightly stunned by the shock.

The Presbyterian church at Jackson-ville was recently struck by lightning and slightly damaged. The roof was set on fire, but the flames were soon extinguished.

The building at Millheim in which R. S. Stover's jewelry store is located was struck by lightning during a heavy thunder storm Thursday afternoon. No serious damage was done.

The General Conference at Los Angeles, California, refused to restore the time limit of ministers. In other words, Methodist ministers may stay at one place as long as the people want them.

In another column of this paper you will see an advertisement of The Protective Nurseries, Geneva, N. Y. They want you to write to them and secure a good position selling their whole root Nursery stock.

The town council recently sent out a number of notices to repair walks. The notices have generally been heeded. Every property owner, for his own protection, should have his or her walks in the best repair.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ramsey and daughter, Miss Mary, of Pleasant Gap, were in town Friday. They recently returned from Lima, Ohio, where they attended the funeral of David S. Kemp, brother of Mrs. Ramsey.

Mrs. Minerva Fortney, of Harrisburg, when writing to the Reporter to have her name placed on the subscription list, stated that she had been ill since Christmas and for five weeks was an inmate of the city hospital.

William Krape, a farmer near Clintondale, was engaged at hauling stone on his farm, and while standing on his wagon driving the wheel passed over a stump, throwing Mr. Krape heavily to the ground, breaking his collar bone.

Eugene Welch, of Bellefonte, attempted suicide Thursday morning by cutting his throat with a razor. He became demented worrying over the possibility of being thrown out of employment. He was a laborer at the American lime works.

A little son of John Felker, of Beaver Springs, fell into a rain barrel and was almost drowned. When taken from the barrel by his father life had apparently fled, but by resorting to the usual methods of resuscitation, the lad's life was saved.

In "The Progress of the World," the editorial department of the Review of Reviews for June, the situation of the Republican and Democratic parties, both in State and national politics, at the opening of the Presidential campaign, are fully discussed.

It's a busy season this, but last week the Centre Reporter was in it for new cash in advance subscribers—probably the best week in four years, and all without effort. People subscribe for the Reporter because they want the paper—the fresh, local news that is in it.

Among the callers Friday was W. A. Catherman, of Linden Hall. Mr. Catherman was one of the pursuers of the robbers captured in the Seven Mountains last summer, but he states that he has not seen or heard anything of the reward offered by the post office authorities for the capture of post office robbers.

The following is from the Mifflinburg Telegraph: Rev. M. J. Dubs and family, of Centreville, were in town a few hours Monday on their way to Centre county. Rev. Dubs will attend the United Evangelical Sunday School Convention at Coburn and Mrs. Dubs and children will visit Mrs. Dubs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Floray, at Tusseyville.

The additional mail train, east and west, on the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad is much appreciated by Penns Valley business men and all others who have occasion to use the mails. Centre Hall, for many years, has had the advantage of a special mail pouch to Bellefonte and Montandon, but the local mail privilege is a decided convenience.