



## CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

### 148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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(To be Continued.)  
CHAPTER VIII.



"Cohorn" Battery in Action.

The appalling detonations striking terror into the hearts of all. This being followed by an overwhelming attack of infantry, there was little wonder the depleted Confederate Army abandoned their dead beside the open graves, to meet the hosts of their oncoming enemies. On reaching Petersburg, I found the City in possession of our army. The Confederate Army had evacuated Petersburg and Richmond the day before, April 3rd, and were in retreat westward. The Union army was in pursuit incessantly pounding their enemy in flank and rear; fighting was constant, and both armies were drifting westward.

The city of Petersburg had been in possession of the Union Army twenty-four hours; Provost marshals had been appointed; Union troops patrolled the streets; guards were stationed everywhere; protection given to all citizens, and perfect order prevailed. I reported to the Provost Marshal, and asked to be sent to the 2nd Corps. He said: "I will put you on duty here; I am short in officers. No, I am going to the front, I said; well, he said, I have just formed this company of fifty men, and I want officers for it. Here is the roll of the men, and here are your orders. You and this lieutenant take charge, move rapidly out after the army, protect citizens, post 'safety guards,' for the protection of property, arrest, and take to the front all stragglers you meet.

We immediately started. A few miles out of Petersburg, on the Amelia Court House, we came to a fine, large, brick mansion; the home of a great land and slave owner, who, with his family, had fled at the approach of our army, leaving the place in perfect order. His slaves had moved into the mansion. They asked me whether the plantation now belonged to them. I said it looks that way. There was commotion inside, and we went in; we found stragglers, that occurred pest of all armies, were sacking and wrecking the house. They had just wrecked a grand piano; another was smashing a fine clock, of the "Grandfather" pattern. We "turned the rascals out," and stationed a guard to protect the place.

The negroes were wild over their emancipation. They seemed to have an idea that with the coming of their freedom, they should turn white, and the "kinks" should come out of their wool. Just outside of the mansion sat a negro woman on a bench, and beside her sat a large skillet half full of ham fat—gravy, left over from the nigger's breakfast. Before her stood a young "wench" with a large comb, persistently trying to comb the "kinks" out of her mother's wool. She would comb awhile, then dip the comb deep into the "ham fat," and then comb again. The "ham fat" was abundantly applied; the hot sun had made it as fluent as water, so it flowed in rivulets, unrestrained, down, all around her "kalabash," dropping from her chin and ears, disappeared in her never-washed single garment. The "kinks" however, still remained unsubdued. Later we were amused to see one of our stragglers steal this grease and eat it with great relish for his dinner "dip."

We moved rapidly westward on the Amelia Court House road; marched about twenty miles and went into bivouac in the early part of the night.

All day the thunder of artillery was heard a short distance to our right and front, or west of us, indicative of a continuous running fight.

The campaign had resolved itself into a gigantic foot race. The Confederate army, now only a wreck of that once proud array which had dealt the Union army so many crushing blows, fled westward. The Union army, in overwhelming numbers, pursued with an energy that knew no pause or rest. Food now failed the Confederates and for days most of them had

only the new shoots and green leaves of bush and trees to eat. Now and then in desperation, they would flatterly turn upon their pursuers and fight them with all the energy of despair, only to be outnumbered, outflanked and again put to flight. This race continued for one hundred miles and ended at Appomattox. I left the Provost service and went to the regiment.

We will now return to the start and follow the 148th P. V. in this last and most exciting campaign to the end.

On March 25th the Regiment left camp at Fort Cummings with the 1st Div. of the 2nd Corps, to which it belonged, and moved forward and to the right, a few miles to the northwest of Fort Sampson, and joined in a spirited fight which lasted a few hours, during which the enemy were steadily crowded off the field. Night came on and the fight ended for the day. The 148th had lost a number in killed and wounded.

Next day came, but, contrary to expectations, the fight was not renewed; the day passed quietly, and we returned to our camp at Fort Cummings. Next day the 148th left camp for the last time, moved about five miles to the S. W.—to gravelly Run, near the Quaker Road, where the enemy was found, and a lively skirmish immediately followed, in which the Regt. had a few wounded. The Confederates fell back and (March 27th) the Regt. moved north a few miles and rejoined the Corps in the main line of battle on Hatcher's Run, near Dabney's steam saw mill. Dreadful and continuous rain during the 28th, 29th and 30th of March rendered the roads impassable, and completely checked all forward movements.

The next Pennsylvania Railroad low rate ten-day excursion for the present season from Lock Haven, Troy, Bellefonte, Williamsport, Moccasin, Sunbury, Mt. Carmel, Shenandoah, Lykens, Dauphin, and principal intermediate stations (including stations on branch roads), to Atlantic City, Cape May, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Avalon, Angless, Wildwood, or Holly Beach, will be run on Thursday, August 18, 1904.

Excursion tickets, good to return by regular trains within ten days, will be sold at very low rates. Tickets to Atlantic City will be sold via the Delaware River Bridge Route, the only all-rail line, or via Market Street Wharf, Philadelphia.

Stop over can be had at Philadelphia, either going or returning, within limit of ticket.

For information in regard to specific rates and time of trains consult hand bills, or apply to agents, or E. S. Harrar, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa.

John R. B. Stamm Honored.  
The home of Wm. H. Stamm, near Dakota, Illinois, recently was the scene of a social event of more than ordinary importance, when the Stamm family did honor to John R. B. Stamm, a Cassopolis, Michigan, merchant.

### In the Rain Belt.

A belt of country about one and one-half miles east and west of Centre Hall was repeatedly visited, during the past few months, by heavy rains that were quite local. A rain of this character Friday evening passed over the eastern section designated above, and thoroughly filled the soil with water. Thursday night a heavy rain fell in both sections, while east and west of that imaginary line there was scarcely any rain fell. This is unusual, since Centre Hall is on the highest point in the valley, and the past experience has been that local showers are less numerous here than in sections a few miles east, south or west.

### THE ITALIAN CAPTURED.

Centre County Sheriff's posse rounds up Dominic Constance.

The following dispatch from Bellefonte tells the story of the capture of the Italian: After an exciting chase over the mountains, Dominic Constance, the Italian jailbreaker and alleged accessory to the murder of Turnkey Condo, was placed behind the bars with his comrades, Green, Dillen and Henderson, Monday evening.

Constance was captured on the mountain near Valley View, and within three miles of where he broke jail a week ago last Friday night. Monday morning he was seen near Hasting Station, along Buffalo Run Creek, and the fact was telephoned to Sheriff Taylor, who at once organized a posse, and at noon started out to make systematic search.

In the meantime Constance was seen by three boys while he was gathering apples on Roland Miller's farm. The boys gave chase and Constance climbed a tree and held his pursuers at bay for some time. He finally came down, made a bold dash for the bushes and got away.

Sheriff Taylor and his posse arriving on the scene surrounded the hill where Constance was supposed to be, and throwing out a skirmish line closed in. While the Sheriff and part of his men were searching the Italian cabins along the mountain, John Switzer, of Coleville, who was in advance of the skirmishers, saw the Italian skulking in the bushes and called upon him to surrender. Constance started to run and Switzer fired. Constance finally halted and gave himself up. Switzer will receive the \$100 reward for the capture. Green, Dillen and Henderson were taken before Justice John Kelechine but waived a hearing and were bound over to court.

### Special Ten-day Excursion.

For the benefit of those desiring to visit the great Ocean Grove Camp Meeting, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will, on August 23, sell excursion tickets to Ocean Grove, Asbury Park, or Long Branch from stations named below at the very low rates quoted.

These tickets will be good for passage to Philadelphia on train indicated, thence on regular trains leaving Broad Street Station at 12.27, 2.32, 5.30, 4.00 and 4.09 P. M. that day to destination.

Train Leaves	Rate
Linden Hall..... 7:10 A. M.	\$5.25
Centre Hall..... 7:22 "	5.25
Rising Springs..... 7:35 "	4.75
Coburn..... 7:50 "	4.75

Tickets will be good for return passage on regular trains, except limited express trains, until September 1, inclusive, and will permit of stop-off at Philadelphia within limit returning.

### LOCALS.

Mrs. E. W. Crawford and baby boy are in Bellefonte the guests of N. B. Spangler, Esq. Baby Crawford is in delicate health.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller and sons, of Renovo, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Miller, in this place. Mr. Miller is employed in the Renovo car shops.

Jacob Neese, of Farmers Mills, was a caller last week, and bargained for a "5" to be placed on his Reporter label. James Horner, of Potters Mills, drove a similar bargain.

Mrs. W. W. Boob and daughter Miss Grace Boob, of Cincinnati, Ohio, arrived in Millheim, Friday of last week. They will remain in the Valley for several weeks, and part of the time will be spent in Centre Hall, where they have many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Black, of Pittsburgh, came to Centre Hall last week to visit Mrs. Gress, who has been seriously ill. Mr. Black is a book-keeper in the Westinghouse Electrical Company's offices, and is a brother of Mrs. Gress. They returned to Pittsburgh Friday last.

The Lewistown Free Press, under its new editor, E. E. Hoffman, flies the Republican ticket. The Press formerly was independent. The paper has been improved from a news point of view, and no doubt its editor has a more convenient seat at Millin county political pie counter since it came out flat-footed for Republican principals.

You can get the best fourteen per cent. available phosphoric acid phosphate from D. W. Bradford to be found in the market. There is no natural rock phosphate to be had anywhere that will analyze a higher per cent. of available phosphoric acid than can be bought from Mr. Bradford.

### MILLHEIM.

Notes from the Metropolis of Lower Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Wm. Boob and daughter, Miss Grace, of Cincinnati, O., are visiting friends and relatives in this place and vicinity.

Insurance Agent John Gray, of State College, was in town Friday and Saturday of last week.

Miss Este Youngman, of Snyder county, is the guest of Miss Mary Hartman, of this place.

A free open-air concert in front of D. J. Neiman's store, by C. H. Breen and his graphophone, was enjoyed by a large crowd Monday evening.

On account of the tardiness of the arrival of some of the pipes, about thirty of the hands employed at the water works were temporarily laid off Monday.

Henry Rearick, an employe in the Altoona car shops, was visiting among friends and relatives in this place a few days last week.

Squire Smith, of Penn township, brought the first load of peaches to town on Monday. It seems after all, there is some of the fruit here and there.

E. B. McMullen, the Main street miller, had a Bell telephone placed in his mill last week. Station Agent G. R. Stover, at Coburn, also had the Bell installed in his residence.

Mrs. Jennie Houtz, of Loganton, and Mrs. George Reighard, of Kane, drove from the former place to Millheim where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mauck, returning home Sunday morning.

A. A. Frank is putting an acetylene light plant in his new dwelling house and store, some of the attachments of which have arrived. When finished his residence will have all the modern improvements, such as water, bathroom and lights.

Big-hearted Cyrus Brungart, of Centre Hall, was in town Saturday with a new butter churn the merits of which he successfully exhibited in front of the hardware store, by churning butter in ten minutes. Hope he may sell many of them, as it is undoubtedly a good churn.

### LOCALS.

Beginning of this week Ex-Sheriff Brungart surveyed a tract of wood land in the mountains, near the second tunnel, which he recently sold to the state.

William H. Smith, of near Madisonburg, was a caller early Tuesday morning. He is happy over the fact that he has recovered his former good physical condition.

Among the battle-scarred veterans of the War of the Rebellion, who is a regular reader of the Reporter and entitled to a "5", is George W. Sweeney, of near Centre Hall.

In other column will be found the advertisement of S. M. Campbell, the Millheim furniture dealer and undertaker. He is advertising his August sale and "offers housekeepers everywhere unparalleled values in furniture of the most dependable kind."

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mingle and daughters, Misses Roxie and Helen, Miss Fannie Hoffer, of Bellefonte, and Miss Emma Hoffer, of Philadelphia, drove from Bellefonte to Centre Hall Monday afternoon and spent several hours with the families of W. B. Mingle, Esq., and druggist J. D. Murray.

The St. Paul union Sunday school, two miles west of Madisonburg, will hold a celebration and festival Saturday, 20th inst., in the grove of Israel Raebau, one-fourth mile south of the church. Speaking and music will be the program in the forenoon, and the afternoon will be devoted to social features.

Messrs. Rearick Brothers, successors to J. H. Krumbine, advertise furniture, etc., in this issue. It is the intention of these young men to greatly increase their present stock and add several lines of goods not now kept. They have also arranged to have the assistance of an experienced undertaker, should their services in that line be needed.

George R. Fortney, a lad of fourteen, son of Mrs. Minerva Fortney, of Harrisburg, in a note accompanying a crisp bill for subscription on the Reporter, states that he is on his vacation from Girard College, Philadelphia, and is enjoying the freedom. Incidentally the lad states that his brother Will was recently hurt on an ice wagon, and that "sister Grace will be glad when I go back to school." Mrs. Fortney (nee Garis) is the widow of George Fortney, who lost his life while living in Altoona. The Reporter readers, many of whom know the family, will be glad to learn that they are getting along nicely in their Harrisburg home.

Send the local news to the Reporter.

### WHY BRYAN WILL VOTE FOR PARKER

I shall vote for Parker and Davis, the nominees of the democratic national convention, and shall do so for the following reasons, says Colonel William Jennings Bryan.

First—Because the democratic ticket stands for opposition to imperialism, while the republican ticket stands for an imperialistic policy. On this question, which was the paramount issue in 1900, and which must remain an important issue so long as an attempt is made to hold colonies under the American flag—on this issue the convention was unanimous, the platform emphatic, and I have no doubt that the candidate will carry out the platform.

Second—Mr. Roosevelt is injecting the race issue into American politics, and this issue, if it becomes national, will make it impossible to consider economic questions that demand solution. The election of the democratic ticket will put a quietus upon this attempt and permit the race question to work itself out without the bitterness which Mr. Roosevelt's conduct has engendered.

Third—Mr. Roosevelt stands for the spirit of war. His friends present him as a man of blood and iron. He believes in strenuousness and inculcates a love for war like things. The democratic ticket stands for peace, for reason and for arbitration rather than for force, conquest and bluster.

Fourth—The democratic platform declares in favor of the reduction of the standing army, and as this plank was unanimously adopted there is reason to believe that a success on this subject would bring some advantage to the people.

### A GRANGER CONUNDRUM.

Even in Pennsylvania, where the cloud of Protectionism hangs lowest and shuts out the light of day, the farmers are beginning to do some independent thinking. At a late session of the Executive and Legislative Committee of the State Grange among a series of questions prepared for the interrogation of candidates for Congress was the following poser:

Will you, if elected, assist in passing legislation which will enable American citizens to buy American products as cheaply at home as they are sold for abroad?

Turned into plain English in a more direct form, the above interrogatory means:

Will you vote for such reduction of tariff duties as will compel manufacturers to sell their wares in the home market as cheaply as they sell them in foreign markets?

The farmer cannot understand why he should be compelled to pay more for fence wire, or a plow, or a mowing machine, or a sewing machine, or a keg of nails, or tinware, or lumber, or clothing, or medicines, or any other of the hundreds of necessities of life which he does not produce on his farm, than his fellow farmer and rival who lives in Canada, or Great Britain, or Germany, or France, or Russia.

Maybe the Republican candidates for Congress will be able to explain to the farmers how they are benefited by a condition of things that costs them so dear and puts them at such constant disadvantage in their open, unprotected rivalry with agricultural producers in every other country.

Maybe not.

Judge Parker has tendered his resignation to the governor of New York, and it will take effect in time for the vacancy thus created on the bench to be filled at the coming election. In doing this Judge Parker simply follows the strict line of conduct he has marked out for himself, and demonstrates anew that the Democratic party has nominated a man of high ideals and the courage to live up to them. Judge Parker believes that it is incompatible with the dignity and non-political character of the bench for a man wearing the ermine to engage in political strife. Rather than retain the place, reserving, as it were, a position in the event of the election resulting in his defeat, he resigns and becomes an independent citizen. Senator Fairbanks, on the other hand, will doubtless hold on to his senatorial seat. This may be wise in Senator Fairbanks' case, for the chances are he will have occasion to occupy what the New York "Sun" calls "his reserved seat" in the upper house of Congress after the election, for Senator Davis will doubtless preside over the deliberations of that body.

The Democrats of Union should put forth every effort to elect their candidate for prothonotary, Jacob P. S. Strickler, of Millinburg. He is a young man of more than ordinary ability, an orator of the first class and thoroughly Democratic in principle. The young men of Union county, without regard to political affiliations, should support one so worthy as is the candidate for the office named.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Last day to register is Wednesday, September 7th.

Much of the oats has lodged owing to the frequent, heavy rains.

Colonel J. W. Stuart, of State College, last week returned from Philadelphia where he was treated in one of the leading hospitals. He underwent a serious operation.

Firebugs made two unsuccessful attempts Friday night to burn the covered bridge which spans the Susquehanna between Sunbury and Packer's Island. The incendiaries and their purpose are unknown.

Milford Strunk, of Beech Creek, was found lying along the railroad track near that place in an unconscious condition with several wounds and bruises on his body. It is supposed he was struck by a passing train.

Howard Homan, of Altoona, came to town Saturday and returned to his home Monday, taking with him the little son of John Scholl, who for several weeks was visiting with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Scholl, east of town.

Monday's Philadelphia Press contained a portrait of Rev. Robert O'Boyle, of Sunbury, he being the principal speaker at the laying of corner stones for two Sunday school chapels, one at Welter, a mile east of Shamokin, and the other at Fairview, in West Shamokin.

The Centre countians in Philadelphia will not hold a picnic this summer, much to the dissatisfaction of the good wives and children of the Centre countians who last winter banqueted at Hotel Doner. Revive the Fairmount Park picnic is the cry of the wife and child.

The Freeport Bulletin has this to say of two young men known in Centre Hall: Prof. Cyrus Grove has returned from a ten days' visit in Pennsylvania.—John S. Harpster was one of several young men who recently returned from Pike Lake, Wisconsin, where they had been fishing for two weeks.

Mrs. Mollie MacDonald and daughter Miss Eva returned to their home in Lock Haven, after spending three weeks at the home of W. A. Fleisher, at Spring Mills. Mrs. Fleisher accompanied them, and will spend several weeks with friends at Lock Haven and with her husband who is employed at Newberry.

Any one who has a desire to see plum trees loaded with fruit to their fullest capacity can do so by going to the small fruit orchard of Messrs. W. B. Mingle and B. D. Brisban, to the rear of Kremer & Son's general store. The capacity of a plum tree will only be realized when a close inspection of these trees is made.

The Millinburg Telegraph says that Mrs. George Stover, of Coburn, who had been visiting her brother, Paul Charles and family, in Philadelphia, is this week visiting her mother, Mrs. Catherine Charles, in this place. On her return from Philadelphia Saturday last, she brought with her Paul's little daughter Catherine, who will spend some time with Grandma Charles.

A new potato worm, which is said to be in a fair way to annoy the farmers as much as the celebrated Colorado beetle, has just made its appearance in different parts of the State. The worm is about one inch in length, of brown or blackish gray, with hard yellow head, a dark saddle, and stripes longitudinally toward the tail. He bores into the stalk near the ground and works his way upward, the stalk falling over as he weakens it by his boring.

At a special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Bellefonte Hospital held in Col. Wilbur F. Reeder's office, the resignation of George R. Meek, as treasurer and a member of the board, was received and accepted, says the Daily News. W. Harrison Walker, Esq., was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancies both on the board and as treasurer. The choice of Mr. Walker has given general satisfaction on all sides. Mr. Walker is an energetic young lawyer and will see that the financial interests of the hospital are well taken care of.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Arney, beginning of this week, entertained Mrs. J. Wilson Moore, of Missoula, Montana; Mrs. G. H. Widder and son, of Harrisburg, and Mrs. Homer O. Barr, of Boalsburg, the ladies being daughters of Jacob Harpster. The sisters just returned from DuBois, where another sister, Mrs. Jerro Miller, lives. Mrs. Moore, on her way east, stopped at St. Louis long enough to see the great fair, and carry back with her a good report to the students in the institution, the State University at Missoula, of which she is matron.