



CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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[To be Continued]
CHAPTER VIII.



Retreating Confederates "hustle" for a drink at a well near Farmville, Va.

Very early in the morning of April 8th the Second and Sixth Corps moved forward in battle order, but it was found that the enemy had retreated westward during the night. Here, within sight of Farmville, Va., the Second Corps fought its last battle.

In the morning of April 8th we heard Sheridan's guns away off to the west. All was expectation and excitement. Rumors circulate through the army that the further retreat of the Confederate army was effectually cut off. If this were so, we knew that there would be a great battle, or a surrender within twenty-four hours.

The 148th, as a part of the Second Corps, moved out in the morning, whooping and yelling like the rest, and marched rapidly by the "New Store Road" westward; then turning south, crossed the Appomattox River to the south, toward evening, and bivouacked. Constant cannonade and noise of battle was heard just in front of us. The excitement in the army was intense. The men did not seem to tire now in this day and night, running and fighting campaign. They were continually talking about going home.

Sunday morning, April 9th, dawned clear and beautiful and comparatively quiet.

Very early in the morning the entire army was again on the move, and rapidly rolling westward, till near 10 a. m. when orders to halt came; the moving columns halted, stacked arms and the boys threw themselves on the ground for much needed rest. An ominous quiet fell upon the vast area covered by the two armies. Not a shot was heard anywhere. A truce had been ordered, which terminated at 4 p. m. by the signing of articles for the surrender of the Confederate army, the news of which flew through our army like a flash of lightning. A few guns began to fire salutes of victory; but this was at once ordered to stop, by Gen. Grant, who also ordered up supplies and directed that the Confederates be given full and equal rations with our own men. Some of the Confederates said that they had not tasted food for three days. Immediately after signing the articles of surrender, orders were issued by Gen. Grant, which prohibited all foraging and trespass, under the most severe penalties. Guards were stationed every where for the protection of the people and their property. Here ended the last campaign, which commenced March 25th, and ended April 9th, (1865,) in which the Union army lost ten thousand men, and the Confederates their whole army, and their "Cause," which, with them, was everything.

There was no hurrahing or shouting by our boys over our final victory. They were very magnanimous toward their former enemies, freely mingling with them, sharing rations and clothing, and exchanging mementoes with them.

Confederate Uniform buttons brought high prices; we bought all we could get, and many a Confederate Uniform gave up its last brass button for money, crackers, pork and coffee. Coffee was unknown in their army, and they craved it; so we gave them our whole stock, and drank "Diddy" and "Golden Rod" tea, which was abundant in the forest and swamps of Virginia.

All realized that the war was over; a dull animosity that formerly may have existed between them, seemed to have been forgotten.

All of April 10th was devoted to the preparation of the Parole Papers, which were duly signed by the Confederates on the 11th, by those who did not "skip," which many did. A parole office was opened in a plantation outbuilding, near Prospect Sta-

tion, where all day of April 11th "disorganized" Confederates without arms and too honorable to sneak away in the night, crowded up to sign the Parole Papers. This done, they were supplied with rations; then they struck out singly, in pairs and in squads, straight for their homes, across fields and through swamps and woods, regardless of where the roads led, at a

speed that was amusing. Many gave us as warm a "good bye shake," as though we had always been friends.

Spring Mills.

S. L. Condo delivered two new bugles at Tusseyville on Friday.

W. A. Fleisher, who had been working at Williamsport, returned home on Tuesday.

The Penns Creek Lutheran congregation has started work on the new church at Penn Hall.

Mrs. A. P. Luse, Mrs. John Luse and Mrs. Fred Carter, of Centre Hall, visited friends in town on Friday.

Rev. W. C. Bierly and family, after a two weeks' visit in Millinburg, returned home last week.

Master William Rossman spent last week with his uncle, J. C. Rossman, on the farm at Penns Cave.

Rev. N. J. Dubbs, of Centerville, preached an interesting sermon in the United Evangelical church Saturday evening.

Miss Grace Guiswite, of Harrisburg, and Mrs. C. M. Gramley were guests at the home of C. E. Zeigler on Wednesday.

Quite a number from town were in attendance at the business men's picnic at Hecla Park on Thursday and reported a good time.

The Penns Creek Lutheran and the Salem Reformed Sunday schools will hold a union picnic Saturday, the 27th inst., in H. B. Herring's woods, east of Penn Hall.

Maurice Runkle and friend, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. T. M. Gramley visited relatives and friends in Rebersburg last week.

Miss May Smith spent a few days visiting friends in Bellefonte and Howard.

Mrs. J. I. Stonecypher, of Boalsburg, spent Sunday at the home of S. L. Condo.

Mrs. C. A. Krape spent a few days last week among friends in Bellefonte and State College.

Next Friday the Reformed Sunday school will hold their annual picnic at the Sand Spring.

The town was well represented at the business men's picnic held at Hecla park last Thursday.

Mrs. W. G. Beichler and little son William, of Philadelphia, are visiting at the home of T. M. Gramley.

Misses Kate Shugert and Anna McCoy, of Bellefonte, visited in town last week, as the guests of Miss Mabel Allison.

Miss Eloise Schuyler, of Centre Hall, accompanied by Miss Gertrude Stephens, of Lewisburg, spent last Friday in town.

Miss Carrie Herring is quite ill at the home of her niece, Mrs. A. J. Shook, where she has been making her home for the last few years.

Among the visitors to the St. Louis Exposition this week are, A. L. Duck, B. F. Frankenberger, Benjamin Limbert, and Wm. Allison, Jr. The latter left on Tuesday and the others Monday afternoon.

Woodward.

Helen Gephart is staying with her Grandpa Stover this week.

Mrs. Ed. Mauck and brother John, of Millheim, visited Mrs. Motz.

Miss Maude Ard is visiting her uncle at Pine Grove Mills this week.

Mrs. Ida Confer, who died on Thursday, was buried on Saturday.

A number from this place attended camp meeting at Boonville, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gephart were to Rebersburg several days last week. Chas. Kreamer and Clayton Sheesley attended the picnic at Hecla Park, last Thursday.

Mrs. Allen Yearick's sister and two children, of Millinburg, are visiting here a few days.

COUNTY C. E. UNION.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

4.00 Opening of Convention. Song Service.
4.15 Address of Welcome. Response. Benediction.
Rev. Daniel Gross
Rev. Walter K. Harnish

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7.30 Praise Service.
7.45 Appointment of Committees.
8.00 Address: Secrets of Strong Lives.
8.30 Address: The Badge We Wear and Why We Wear It.
9.00 Executive Committee Meeting.
Rev. A. C. Lathrop
Rev. W. E. Steckle

THURSDAY MORNING.

6.00 Sunrise Prayer Meeting.
6.00 Power for Service.
6.15 Quiet Hour.
6.45 Address: This Grace also.
10.10 Open Doors for Earnest Endeavorers.
How to Develop the Latent Talent in our Societies.
The Best Consecration Meeting.
10.25 Music.
10.30 Parliament. Our C. E. Prayer Meeting.
How prepare oneself for it.
How lead it effectively.
How secure large attendance.
How use music to the best advantage.
How secure graduates from the verse readers' class.
Mr. James A. Pratt
Miss Nannie Fisher
Rev. D. A. Artman
Snow Shoe Society.
Pine Grove Mills Lutheran Society
Phillipsburg Presbyterian Society

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

11.00 Reports of County Officers.
11.15 Christian Endeavor and Temperance.
Christian Endeavor and Sabbath Observance.
Christian Endeavor and Missions.
Benediction.
Blanchard Christian Society
Lemont Evangelical Society
Buffalo Run Presbyterian Society

THURSDAY EVENING.

2.00 Song Service.
2.20 Sermon.
3.00 Parliament. Committee Work.
3.30 Address: Our Duty toward the Children.
3.45 How to Maintain a Successful Junior Society.
The Line of Enlargements.
How the C. E. Pledge Strengthens the Christian Life.
4.00 Conference. Christian Endeavor Union Work.
4.15 Business Session.
Rev. S. S. Bergen
Mr. Walter Heston
Rev. J. I. Stonecypher
State College Presbyterian Society
Bellefonte Presbyterian Society
Howard Christian Society
Mr. Irvin Noll

NOTE—Free entertainment will be furnished all who send their names to Mrs. W. H. Schuyler, Centre Hall, not later than Monday, August 29th. By applying to the same person orders for excursion tickets may be had.

DEATHS.

MRS. JONATHAN SPANGLER.

Sarah Anna, nee Condo, beloved wife of Jonathan Spangler, was born at Aaronsburg, May 4, 1839, died at her home near Rebersburg, August 12, 1904, aged sixty-five years, three months and eight days. She was married to Jonathan Spangler December 24, 1863. To this union were born three sons, and four daughters, one daughter having died in infancy. Her oldest son, Charles, and daughter, Mrs. Wm. Burt, reside in Nebraska; Joseph and Agnes, of near Freeport, Ill.; Mrs. O. F. Stover, at Rebersburg, and Ira is pastor of one of the United Evangelical churches at Baltimore, Maryland.

Mrs. Spangler was a faithful member of the United Evangelical church, having become a Christian in early life.

The bereaved husband, three sons, three daughters, fourteen grandchildren, one sister and three brothers, with a number of other relatives remain to mourn her departure.

Her death was caused by several tumors, from which she suffered for nearly four weeks. The funeral services were held from the United Evangelical church at Rebersburg on Tuesday forenoon, conducted by Rev. S. Smith, the pastor of the deceased.

The pastor was assisted by Rev. Wetzel, of the Reformed church, Rev. Bixler, of the Lutheran church; Rev. Buck, of the Evangelical Association, and Rev. N. J. Dubs, a former pastor.

L. S. FRYBERGER.

Wednesday forenoon of last week Lucian Sylvester Fryberger, proprietor of the Hotel Richelieu, at Altoona, died of typhoid fever, after an illness covering a period of nine weeks. He was taken down with Bright's disease. Deceased was a son of John (deceased) and Sarah Fryberger and was born at Hecla Furnace, this county, December 27, 1864.

Mr. Fryberger was married nineteen years ago to Miss Georgia Lucas, of Snow Shoe, who survives, with two children—Guy and Sarah. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Sarah Fryberger, of Williamsport, and these brothers and sisters: Mrs. Lydia Fisher, Zion, Mrs. Sadie Campbell, Williamsport, Mrs. Annie Garbrick, Bellefonte, Mrs. Amanda Grimm, Jasper county, Mo. and Charles Fryberger, Phillipsburg.

JACOB Z. LONG.

Wednesday evening of last week death entered the Long home, at Howard, and took hence the father, Jacob Z. Long.

Mr. Long was one of Howard's best citizens, and well known throughout Centre county.

The deceased was aged seventy-six years and is survived by the following children: Mrs. Had Aley, of Erie; Mrs. Bertha McGhee, of McGhee's Mills; Rev. William Long, of W. Va.; Mrs. A. O. Yarger, Bellefonte; Clyde, of Howard, and Alice at home.

Miss Helen Harper, of Bellefonte, is the guest of Miss Verna Emerick.

Encampment and Fair.

This great fair will be held at Centre Hall, September 17th to 23rd, inclusive. It is under the management of farmers, as agricultural fairs should be; it has been successful for thirty years; it has collected no fees at the gates—admission as free as the air—yet with its own resources the management has paid for the ground and improvements, and now continues to offer to the public a free exhibition. Where has any fair been so successfully and liberally managed? Will the merchants, manufacturers and dealers now meet the farmers and join with them in making this the best and largest fair ever held at Grange Park? Let every farmer bring grain, fruit and farm stock, every merchant his wares, and every dealer his implements. If you will do this you will do honor to the community, to the valley, and to the county. You will also show your appreciation and good will to the association that has established a great free institution in your midst. And why should not the farmers, like other classes, take a few days off, to camp out for recreation; why not encourage the farmers by other classes camping with them, and thus have a grand and profitable time.

LOCALS.

A car load of phosphate was received by D. W. Bradford and unloaded Monday.

John H. Krumbine advertises sale of personal property, Saturday, September 3rd.

The business men's picnic was largely attended by people from Penns Valley, especially the younger set.

Edward Duret is representing Potter township at St. Louis, having started in time to reach the fair for Pennsylvania day, which was Saturday.

Next spring Gardner Grove will make sale of his farm stock, implements, etc., and quit the farm. He has not definitely decided, but the possibilities are that he will go to the far west.

A handsome and massive monument was erected by Michael Spiecher over the grave of his son, in the Zion cemetery. The monument was built and put in position by H. G. Strohmeier, of Centre Hall.

J. R. Lawyers, last week, returned from St. Louis where he had been the guest of his son, William and Mrs. Lawyers, for several months. He was greatly pleased with the World's Fair and spent many days inspecting the various exhibits.

Misses Bertha Strohmeier, of Centre Hall, and Bessie Breen, of Potters Mills, last week were the guests of Miss Margie Sweetwood, near Glenn Iron. On the way home they stopped at Rebersburg and spent several days with Miss Lodie Shaffer.

Mrs. Polly Stewart and daughter, Miss Abbie Stewart, of Rossiter, Indiana county, were arrivals at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder, east of Centre Hall. The former is a aunt of Mrs. Snyder and will remain here for some time. Miss Abbie, Monday morning, went to Philadelphia where she will enter the employment of John Wanamaker.

K. G. E. Convention.

The Susquehanna District Association, Knights of the Golden Eagle, will hold their seventeenth annual convention in Lewisburg on Labor day, Monday, September 5th. It will be a gala day for Lewisburg, as five thousand visitors are expected. Lodges will be present from Lock Haven, Williamsport, Jersey Shore, Milton, Willsontown, Bloomsburg, Catawissa, Danville, Millinburg, Millheim, Bellefonte, Spring Mills, Shamokin, Sunbury and other places. Eight or ten bands will be in line, and in fact it will be the largest demonstration Lewisburg has had since the centennial in the 1855. The officers of the district, Jos. P. Miller, president; W. W. Musser, secretary, of Lewisburg, and I. D. Gresh, Milton, treasurer, together with the local committees have been working hard to make the celebration a grand success. Several of the grand officers will be in attendance.

Interesting Decision.

In an opinion filed by Judge Hassler in Lancaster on Saturday, he decided in favor of Christian W. Zeigler, the plaintiff, in an interesting case. Zeigler was legally declared dead by the Blair county court, he having deserted his family in Hollidaysburg about fifteen years ago, when he turned up in Lancaster, as a part claimant of his father's estate, the late Peter Zeigler. His share, however, had been distributed to his wife and children, after the administrator, Robert W. Smith, Esq., had received a bond of indemnity, a Maryland Trust company becoming surety on the bond. By the decision rendered by Judge Hassler, Zeigler secures about \$3,000 from the estate, or in other words the Maryland company will be compelled to discharge their liability as surety.

The Apple Crop.

What to do with the many hundreds of bushels of choice winter apples that are to be found in all parts of Penns Valley where there is an orchard of any size, is a question that is being discussed by those who have the crop to market. The low price of evaporated stock makes it impossible for the Centre Hall Evaporating Company to operate either of its plants at Centre Hall or Coburn, at a profit. It is likely, however, that the gentlemen connected with that firm will make an effort to ship apples provided there is a foreign demand.

Fifty Million Bushels for Export.

The statement made to the effect that the total amount of wheat available for export does not exceed fifty million bushels, will be something of a surprise to the public. This serious loss however is made up by the immense corn and cotton crops, which will exceed any previous record. This year's corn crop it is estimated will reach two billion six hundred million bushels.

Lightning Causes Many Fire Losses.

Lightning, during the present summer, has caused many fire losses in the central part of the state. Nine tenths of the losses sustained by the fire insurance company conducted by the Pomona Grange of Centre County, during the past four months, were due to lightning, and in nearly every instance the property destroyed was a barn or stable.

LOCALS.

A new dormitory, a duplicate of the one built last year, is being erected at Pennsylvania State College.

In another column will be found the program for the county Christian Endeavor Union to be held at Centre Hall Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Mrs. G. F. Miller, of Pine Grove Mills, submitted to the serious operation of having her right eye removed with the hope of saving the other member, which was becoming affected. The operation was performed by Dr. Hayes, Dr. Woods and Dr. Seibert, at the Bellefonte Hospital.

Aaron Lutz, who for several years lived on the Houser farm, west of Centre Hall, has leased the Bible farm and will move there in the spring. The Misses Bibbe will build an addition to their farm house sufficiently large to accommodate the tenant and owners.

Much of the oat crop was housed in the best of condition. While the price of this grain will naturally be materially lower during the next few months, there is every reason to believe that oats and corn, as well as wheat, will bring good prices before the next crop is harvested.

D. A. Booser has leased the Bible Ice pond for a period of five years and has materially enlarged the same. This pond, in connection with the Jacobs pond, also the property of Mr. Booser, will yield about one hundred and twenty-five loads of ice per cutting, assuming that the formation is from six to eight inches in thickness.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rossman and son, of Penns Cave, Sunday were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Luse, in this place.

Miss Lutetia Goodhart recently returned from a trip through the far west, stopping at St. Louis, Chicago and various points in Ohio.

Misses Nettie and Helen Bair, daughters of Mail carrier John C. Bair, of Bellefonte, were guests of the Misses Brungart, in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Martz, of Altoona, Saturday came to the home of their son, William Martz, near Tusseyville, where they will remain for a short time.

Among the spry little maidens who visited in Centre Hall was Miss Anna Cherry, daughter of Theodore Cherry, of Bellefonte, and was the guest of Miss Carrie Spiecher.

John Switzer was paid the reward of \$100 for the capture of the Italian, Constance. Twenty dollars of this sum were paid by Switzer to James Rowan who rendered assistance.

Pomologist Frank E. Arney brought a twig from a Burbank plum tree bearing fourteen finely developed plums that is exceedingly pleasing to the eye whether one is a connoisseur of fruit or not.

Mrs. William Forrester, of Altoona, was burned to death by an explosion of a gasoline stove. She was a sister of Mrs. R. B. Spangler, of Spangler, her maiden name being Emma V. Downing.

Cyrus Luse, of Tyrone, is building a new dwelling house. Much of the lumber, etc., is being prepared at the Luse planing mill in Centre Hall. L. L. Smith, of this place, will put on the slate in the near future.

To Henry Lowry of Bellefonte was awarded the contract for rebuilding the Bellefonte Academy which was seriously damaged by fire some weeks ago. The building will be ready for occupancy, it is expected, by the 15th of October.

In another column will be found the advertisement of J. H. and S. E. Weber, proprietors of the Centre Hall Roller Flouring Mills, dealers in farm products, especially grain and hay, also all kinds of coal. These gentlemen have purchased the flouring mills, grain house and coal sheds and will here permanently.

Misses Ange Jones and Belle Harper, of Tyrone, are guests of the Misses Durt, in this place. Miss Jones is the daughter of Capt. C. P. W. Jones, editor of the Tyrone Herald, and has been coming to Centre Hall ever since she was a tiny tot. At present she is a young lady of beauty and accomplishments.

Mr. and Mrs. William Spangler, of Belleville, drove to Centre Hall Friday to visit Mrs. John F. Mullen, of Allegheny, who at present is in town. The Spanglers and Mullens formed an acquaintance while both lived in Renovo. Mr. Spangler is a native of York county, and is conducting a drug store in Belleville.

J. Frank Reaick, representing the Porter-Sober acetylene gas light plant, is installing a plant in the store room of A. A. Frank, in Millheim. The Lutheran church in Aaronsburg will also be lighted by a similar plant. Mr. Reaick is an enthusiastic worker, and on all occasions brings out the merits of the Porter-Sober light, which, by the way, is superior in many ways.

The Reporter is in receipt of the Pikes Peak Daily News of August 17th, giving an account of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Roberts, of Spring Mills, Pa., visiting the Peak. On that date, with the thermometer registering twenty-three degrees and in a blinding snow storm, the party, of which Dr. M. R. Stewart, of McKeesport, Pa., was one, found amusement in snow balling, but all were glad to start down when the time came for leaving, it being so very cold. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts left Spring Mills June 14th, and have been traveling since that time. Mrs. Roberts is a daughter of J. D. Long, Spring Mills.

Thomas Motz, of Coburn, received the sad news that his brother, Wm. Motz, had died at his home at Bainbridge, Ga., and that Annie, his wife, had died the week before, both dying of typhoid fever. Wm. Motz was a native of Woodward, this county. He was married to Annie Harter, daughter of Daniel Harter, formerly of Millheim. In 1876 he moved to Michigan and lived in that state until last winter when he went with his family to Georgia. Mrs. Motz has been sick a number of weeks with the fever and Mr. Motz, in attending his wife, also contracted the disease from which both died. Five children survive, two sons and three daughters.