



CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

148th Regiment, Pennsylvania
Volunteers.

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CHAPTER IX.
(To be Continued.)



Moving Artillery on Corduroy Road.

Before leaving the house, our host was sent for by one of the secretaries and the summons at this unusual hour slightly disturbed our peace; but, concluding that it was nothing serious, we wended our way to church, St. Paul's Episcopal, and took our accustomed seats, which adjoined the pew of President Davis. I forgot to mention that there had been vague rumors afloat the day before of a battle begun in front of Petersburg, but the reports were to indefinite to seriously alarm the general public.

It was Communion Sunday. The services progressed as usual. The ladies of the Davis family being absent, I had a full view of the worn, melancholy face of our beloved President, at which I glanced from time to time. Soon after the usual exhortation, the sexton stepped up the aisle to where Mr. Davis was sitting and called him out. I turned to look as he rose from his seat and with his usual unostentatious mien left the church. I will always remember that picture—always. I will never forget to glory in the thought that we had for a leader in our brief existence a man so true and dauntless, a Christian with knightly heart and a name which passion and prejudice may overshadow for a time, but which will one day shine with the lustre of its worth and purity.

I have met President Davis in private life several times this winter and have been won to greater admiration by his benign courtesy and the gentle radiance of his smile, breaking up, as it does, the severity of his countenance. His sudden departure from the church made a little stir among the people which was increased by the departure of other gentlemen in high position; and when, at last, a note was handed the rector the congregation began to leave the church in such numbers that he begged them to be quiet while he read an order summoning the local forces to rendezvous at a certain point, as a precautionary measure, in case the city became endangered. The military, of course, went out at once, and many citizens followed.

I cannot make you understand the scene, as it appeared to us who waited in the stillness of the sanctuary, for the blessing that was to come. The air seemed to be laden with a dread uncertainty, though to my heart, Hope had always spoken on the darkest day. In that still, solemn hour, all worldly care was forgotten, and nothing seemed worth living for, but God, and our country. There were only vague thoughts that floated through the mind, for we had but a faint realization of how swift and near the end was drawing. Into the mind of the ambassador of God, speaking to his flock, there seemed to come a startling premonition of the evil in store, for his words of encouragement in the present perplexity, and exhortation to patient endurance, was needed counsel to a people whose earthly portion was bitterness and disappointment. On the way to our homes the ear was greeted with serious rumors of fighting and evacuation, and soon after reaching there, I saw our rector hastening up the steps, as if the bearer of news. I ran to meet him, and received from my greeting, you will never give up? Never, never! I replied; I believe God will show his power now. That is right; keep up a brave heart! he answered. What is it? I asked, and then I was told that Gen. Lee had telegraphed that he hoped to be able to hold his lines; but in the meantime, we must prepare for evacuation.

My heart sank like a stone, but my courage rose. I scarcely thought of my own forlorn situation, cut off indefinitely from my own family, without available money, and in the hands of the enemy.

Soon after dinner my hostess was sent for, by a friend, the wife of the secretary of the treasury, (Mr. Treuholt) to assist her in preparing for

flight, and, being restless, I determined to console myself with visiting relatives who were occupied in the same way for themselves, and for their husbands, who were in government employ. I found each one wearing the same sad face, and breathing the same undaunted spirit. The wife of one, a colonel in the army, told me that her husband said to her at parting: Cheer

up; there is a bright time coming! She asked: are you in earnest? or are these hopeful words spoken for my sake? Never before was my faith and hope so firm, was the reply of that dauntless soldier. A few days before had come the report that the wife's elegant country residence had been burned. I was with them when they heard it. My cousin turned to me and said in the most quiet way; my wife and I are not going to grieve over this loss, when others have suffered so much more, and besides that, I rejoice that we are counted worthy to suffer in so dear a cause.

ENCAMPMENT AND EXHIBITION.
Able Speakers Each Day—Political Days Wednesday and Thursday.

The arrangements are about completed for the 31st annual Encampment and Fair of the Patrons of Husbandry at Grange Park, Centre Hall, Sept. 17th to 23rd.

The grounds and buildings are in perfect condition; never before was everything so complete and attractive. The camp is a marvel of neatness in all its arrangements.

Much of the camp is arranged in groups. Pavilions and seats are conveniently located everywhere, for the comfort of campers and visitors.

The tents are provided with new chairs, new tables and new cots which will add no little to the appearance of the camp as well as the comfort of campers.

The Exhibition promises to be the largest ever held at the Park.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
Camp opens, when tents will be in readiness for occupancy.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH
2:30 P. M.—Harvest home services, conducted by Rev. G. W. McInlay, of the M. E. church.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
Exhibition opens with placing of exhibits.

7:30 P. M.—Dramatic entertainment, by a first class company, "That Rascal Pat" and "My Turn Next." Admission 10 cts and 15 cts.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
2 P. M.—Formal exercises by the County Grange, open to the public.

7:30 P. M.—Dramatic entertainment, "Enlisted for the War."

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST
10 A. M.—Addresses by W. F. Hill, master of the State Grange; Robert Conklin, Forestry Commissioner; E. B. Norris, master of New York State Grange; S. S. Blyholder, of Armstrong county.

1:30 P. M.—Political day, conducted by Democratic county organization.

7:30 P. M.—Entertainment, "Uncle Josh."

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND
10 A. M.—Addresses by Prof. H. A. Surface, State Zoologist; Dr. Leonard Pearson, State Veterinarian; Dr. B. H. Warren, Dairy and Food Commissioner, and Hon. Jason Sexton, of Montgomery county.

1:30 P. M.—Political day, conducted by Republican county organization.

7:30 P. M.—Dramatic entertainment, "Shaun Aroon."

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
2 P. M.—Addresses and closing exercises.

Other speakers have been invited, but only those have been announced who have given assurance that they will be present. Such changes will be made in the program as necessity requires to accommodate speakers.

TRIP TO COLORADO.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts Tell of Centre County People They Met.

In response to your request, here with you will find a brief account of our sixty-five days trip from Spring Mills to Denver, Colorado.

We left Spring Mills June 14, 1904; visited in western Penna., in Connelville, Vanderbilt, New Castle, Beaver Falls, Pittsburgh and Uniontown. The only Centre county family visited was P. P. Long, at Uniontown. From there we went to the home of F. A. Long, Cambridge, O., and G. H. Long, Newark, O., then to St. Louis for two days, then via Seligman, Mo., to Berryville, Ark., where we visited S. M. Roberts. Returning to St. Louis June 28th we visited the World's Fair until July 6th. Spent one very pleasant evening at the home of Wm. Lawyer, in St. Louis, where we met John Lawyer, of Centre Hall.

We next went to Belvidere, Ill., where we visited the following families: Dr. J. B. Leitzell, P. J. Leitzell, Dr. C. P. Leitzell, John Sherman and Wm. Leitzell, all Centre county people. Also W. S. Porter, a former citizen of western Pennsylvania. Here we attended a picnic of Penna. people, about twenty of them being from Centre county.

At Orangeville, Ill., we visited Daniel Mouser and family, but at Freeport, Ill., most of the Centre county people are located—George Long, Harry Leitzell, James Conley, James Snyder, Will Stover, James Crawford, Robert Miller, Cyrus Grove and Perry Silver. At Rock Grove, Ill., we found Henry Long and Wilson Krumrine. At this place about fifteen Centre county people took a day's outing and had an old fashioned basket picnic, and the good things so abundantly heaped up on the table prove that even if a woman is years away from Centre county she will not forget how to cook.

From Freeport we went to Lena to visit the Doctors Stiver, of Potters Mills, also George Crawford, James Miller, Chas. Derr, Mr. and Mrs. Metz and Mr. and Mrs. Miller. These two ladies are daughters of J. B. Heckman, of Spring Mills. Next stop was at Rockford, Ill., where we were entertained at the home of Henry Pealer, brother of Wm. Pealer, of Spring Mills.

Chicago was the next stopping point and here we visited Samuel Leitzell, George Leitzell, James Grenoble and William Spangler; also met Miss Cal. McCloskey and Mrs. Thomas Palmer, of Potters Mills, at the Penna. depot in Chicago.

The only Centre county person visited at Bloomington, Ill., was J. S. Slack, of Potters Mills, now engineer on the C. & A. R. R.

On the way to Denver, Col., we stopped at Dubuque, Iowa, and Omaha, Neb. While in Denver we were guests of Perry McCormick, from Potters Mills, also R. L. Willard and Mr. and Mrs. Delaney.

A trip of fifty-four miles from Denver to Silver Plume, over the Georgetown loop, was next in order. Here we went down the shaft 1000 ft. below surface and saw them mining gold ore. The altitude at Silver Plume is 8960 ft.

Next went to Boulder, Col., and up the Switzerland trail to Ward, at which place the altitude is 1100 ft. It was so cold that we did not enjoy this trip.

At Colorado Springs we visited the Garden of the Gods and Helen Hunt's grave, and went up Pikes Peak on the cog road. Among the passengers on our train up the Peak was Dr. Stewart and brother, from McKeesport, Pa. The thermometer was 23 degrees above zero on the Peak, and we were in a big snow storm. Although we were dressed for cold weather, I was as cold up there on August 17 as I ever was in Pa. We could see an electric storm and rain below us; the electric current was so strong that it was difficult to hold a steel rod umbrella and the ladies had to remove their hat pins as they burned the head wherever they touched it.

Our next move was to Pueblo, Col., where we are now located at 1403 Pine St. and expect to spend the next winter. The climate is fine, and our lath string is out for any person from Centre county coming to Pueblo.

MR. AND MRS. H. C. ROBERTS.

[Mr. Roberts is at present superintendent of an electric crane at the big steel works in Pueblo, Col. Mrs. Roberts is a daughter of J. D. Long, of Spring Mills.—Ed.]

Died of Broken Heart
Samuel Swarn, aged forty-five years, of Milesburg, died early Monday morning of a broken heart.

His mother, Mrs. Nancy Swarn, seventy-five years old died Sunday evening at nine o'clock, after a protracted illness. The son was so overcome by grief at the death of his mother that, though he had been in robust health, he died at 1 o'clock, just four hours after Mrs. Swarn.

Wednesday is Democratic Day at the Encampment.

PEACE MISSIONARIES.

The statement is made that the distinguished members of the International Parliamentary Union will pay a formal visit to the President of the United States before separating. They can find no better subject for missionary work than President Roosevelt. If they provide themselves with a copy of his speeches they will find that one of his favorite doctrines is that the nations will fall into effeminacy and sloth unless they occasionally slaughter a few hundred thousand men of their best blood merely to keep their hands in. For this he insists that the United States shall maintain large armies and fleets; that the Americans may have their full share in the international trade of wholesale murder.

In order that we may not be accused of maliciously misrepresenting the President of the United States to our foreign guests we again cite this truculent utterance from a Lincoln's birthday speech, February 13, 1903:

If we ever grow to regard peace as a permanent condition and feel that we can afford to let the keen, fearless, virile qualities of heart and mind and body sink into disuse we will prepare the way for shameful ruin and disaster.

Our distinguished guests will thus have no trouble to perceive that President Roosevelt has nothing but contempt for their object of arresting warfare by international arbitration. They maintain that wars, and, above all, wars of aggression and territorial conquest, are abhorrent to civilization and humanity. He, on the other hand, deliberately asserts that the nations must occasionally murder each other lest they lose the keen and fearless qualities of manhood. The missionaries of universal peace will thus perceive that the first subject for conversion to their doctrines is the President of the United States.

POLITICS IN MAIL SERVICE.

The Farm Journal devotes several columns to showing the bungled up rural mail service throughout the country, dwelling particularly on the fact that service only serves a fraction of the people living in the territory through which routes are run. Another point it makes is the error of closing up the small postoffices throughout the country districts. A paragraph of the article is reprinted:

And it was chiefly brought about by the politicians at the large towns, who wanted postal affairs centered there, for purposes well understood, regardless of the wishes and the welfare of the people of the smaller villages. It would magnify the importance of the big borough postmaster, to have all mails carried out from his office, increase the patronage of the men who bossed things, and so the new system was begun. It was a game of the politicians, with the people left out, and the result is, as we have shown, a dual system with dual cost, with only a small fraction of the rural public served by carrier, with no room for expansion without facing an enormous deficit, when, formerly, everybody gloried in the most magnificent postal system existing in the world.

DEATHS.

J. J. JAMISON.

Spring Mills lost one of its most respected citizens in the person of J. J. Jamison, who died at that place after a long illness with dropsy, at the advanced age of seventy-one years. Mrs. Jamison died a number of years ago, but the deceased is survived by the following children: Elery, of Montana; Orrie, of Monroe, Wisconsin; Sarah J., wife of Wm. Lingle, Georges Valley; Lizzie B., wife of Wm. H. Lingle, Tusseyville; Margaret E., wife of Victor A. Auman, and Miss Bertha, Centre Hall. The surviving brothers are Wm. Jamison, Williamsport, and T. B. Jamison, Spring Mills. Deceased was a life long Democrat, always standing by his party. Rev. J. M. Resnick conducted the funeral services and interment was made in the Georges Valley cemetery.

HON. JOHN NELSON.

Hon. John Nelson died at his home in Cesana, Bedford county, after an illness of several months. The deceased was eighty-five years old and one of Bedford county's most prominent citizens; an ex-judge, and almost a life-long member of the Methodist church. He was a native of Centre county, having been born at Spring Mills, and moved to Bedford county when a young man. His is the first death to occur in the family, his aged wife and thirteen children surviving him.

LOCALS.

Buy a 5 for your Reporter label.
A golf cape was found midway between Old Fort and Linden Hall. Call at this office for same.

Democrats, you will have an opportunity to hear able political speakers Wednesday of next week at the Encampment and Exhibition, Grange Park.

THE POTTERS MILLS POSTOFFICE.

The Order to be Discontinued is Being Fought by Its Patrons.

The order issued by the postoffice department at Washington to discontinue the postoffice at Potters Mills is being hard fought by the patrons of the office, and the battle has practically been won by the latter.

The squabble at Potters Mills is political. The patronage of the postoffice department—the greatest department of the government—is the straw that tickles into activity hundreds of thousands of Republicans who have nice, easy, fat jobs in all parts of the United States. Generally speaking the postmaster in the rural district is the Republican boss—what he says goes.

But in Centre county there is a peculiar condition—the two wings of the Republican bird don't flap simultaneously. When the anti-Quay or Hastings wing is up, the Quay or Love wing is down. That makes the old bird shy off, and that's what happened at Potters Mills.

Clark Bible was postmaster at Potters Mills, and he belongs to the Love family.

Postmaster Bible was induced to resign, so goes the story, by members of the Hastings wing who pretended that the closing of the Potters Mills postoffice would act as a lotion on some of Judge Love's political enemies.

By and with the consent of Judge Love, County Chairman Reeder, now deceased, sent his order for the discontinuance of the Potters Mills postoffice to Congressman Dresser for endorsement. This is the channel through which these documents must go, and the omission of the signature of a single one means that the document will be pigeon-holed and forgotten. The evidence that this particular instrument was properly endorsed is the fact that the order to discontinue the postoffice at Potters Mills was received on the 10th of August. Not a move can be made on the Centre county Republican checker board without the consent of Judge Love. This is especially true when it comes to dealing with the making and unmaking of postmasters in which art Judge Love is an adept.

Yes, the order to discontinue the Potters Mills postoffice was received and made public. Then a howl went up from the patrons; Judge Love was at once accused of meddling; the voters threatened to retaliate in November.

What then?

Judge Love's friends set to work to have the postoffice retained. The influence of the Stalwart Republicans in various parts of Penna. Valley and Bellefonte was sought and secured, and the plan was laid to send out the news that Judge Love had nothing whatever to do with the closing of the office, but that he was in favor of retaining a postoffice at that point.

He is in favor of retaining the postoffice at Potters Mills, if it will make him votes; and he is in favor of closing the office if that will make him more votes. It is a case of good Lord and good devil with the judge.

No matter which element wins out—whether the Potters Mills postoffice is continued or discontinued—the meddling in postoffice affairs by President Judge John G. Love will be settled for at the election.

Spring Mills.

Robert Neese, of Auburn, New York, is visiting his two sisters at their home in this place.

The two Evangelical Sunday schools united in holding a picnic in the Park last Saturday.

Mrs. W. S. Musser and daughter Marian, of Lykens, were visitors in town this week.

Mrs. Emory Ripka returned Monday from a few weeks' visit to her parents home in St. Thomas.

H. F. Rossmann returned last Tuesday from a trip to Philadelphia, where he purchased his stock of fall and winter goods.

Rev. W. C. Bierly, pastor of the United Evangelical church, began a series of meetings last Sunday evening. He is assisted by Rev. Welsh, of Williamsport.

Mrs. C. A. Krape left last Monday morning for Stoughton, Illinois, in response to a message stating the serious illness of her niece, Mrs. Derr, nee Ray Crawford, formerly of this place.

The public schools opened this week with an enrollment on the first morning, of one hundred and ten pupils, in the four rooms. It is the intention of the directors to enforce the compulsory school law to the letter. It is hoped the parents will assist in making this task an easy one.

The Wednesday morning trains carried the following young men from their homes—John Rossmann to enter as a Freshman at Franklin and Marshall College; Bruce Gramley to enter as a Freshman at State College, and Charles Auman to resume work in the junior class at Gettysburg.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Walter Garrity, of Potters Mills, was in town Friday of last week.

Col. Reeder carried life insurance in the sum of fifty thousand and seven hundred dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. James Goodhart, of Lewistown, visited Geo. L. Goodhart and family, near Centre Hill.

W. W. Smith's studio, at Centre Hall, will be open during encampment week. See his announcement.

Austin Krape and Asher Stahl, of this place, are employed in the planing mill of Joseph Kelley, at Reedsville.

Thomas Tutt, of Union county, moved to the property recently vacated by John Taylor, east of Centre Hall, which he purchased.

Bruce W. Ripka, proprietor of the Spring Mills cash store, advertises fall and winter goods. Give the cash store a call, and see the benefits of the cash system.

James Smith, of Williamsport, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Smith, in this place, having come here Monday morning to remain for the week.

Jacob Sprow, of Black Hawk, fell from a straw stack at the home of Irvin Burris, west of Centre Hall, last Tuesday and broke his collar bone. He is slowly improving.

Harry W. Buck, son of Rev. H. W. Buck, of Berwick, last week visited his sister, Mrs. Frank P. Geary, in this place. Mr. Buck is a student in the Albright College, Myerstown.

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Gress will leave Centre Hall Friday of this week for Adamsburg, Westmoreland county, where they will remain for several weeks. Before returning Rev. Gress may take a trip to St. Louis.

J. H. Barton, one of the Pennsy's most trusted engineers with headquarters at Pittsburgh, is this week at Oak Hall where he is arranging to build a mansion home, which would indicate his retirement from railroading.

Misses Jennie McMertry and Verna McClintic, of Tyrone, recently were guests of J. A. McClintic, of near Farmers Mills. The latter young lady is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David McClintic, formerly of Potters Mills.

Miss Blanche Tressler, who has been east for several months, returned to Belton, Mo., where she holds a splendid position as stenographer for a large agricultural firm. Miss Tressler is a daughter of Isaac Tressler, of Pine Grove Mills.

Miss Bessie Weber, of this place, Tuesday started for Frederick, Maryland, where she will become a student in the Woman's College. She was accompanied to the institution by her brother, Samuel E. Weber, who came to Centre Hall Saturday previous.

Mrs. W. W. Boob and daughter, Miss Grace, were among friends in Centre Hall for several days last week. Saturday they went to Bellefonte, and after paying a short visit to Mrs. F. M. Crawford returned to their home in Cincinnati, Ohio. They were east for six weeks.

Charles Laufer, of Manor, Westmoreland county, was an arrival in Centre Hall Saturday and until Monday was the guest of Rev. Daniel Gress, they having been classmates at Franklin and Marshall College. Mr. Laufer continued his studies at the University of Pennsylvania, and has one year's work yet to do in the medical department of that institution.

A Pine Grove Mills correspondent to the College Times writes that Farmer Amos Koch had an experience he does not care soon to repeat. When the steam thrasher was stopped for some repairing he rested his foot on a wheel. All of a sudden the engine was started and had it not been for a heavy shoe Mr. Koch's leg would have been torn off. As it is, he is only lame.

Misses Verna Sprankle and Laura McClellan, of Altoona, Friday of last week, returned home after spending, in a very pleasant manner, a short time at the home of J. A. McClintic, near Farmers Mills. Miss Sprankle is a niece of Mr. McClintic's, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David E. Sprankle. Mr. Sprankle is an extensive shoe dealer, and has been in business in Altoona for over thirty-five years.

William D. Zerbe, son of Aaron Zerbe, of Penn township, the other day received notice that he had passed the examination of the State board for admission to the bar of the county courts. Mr. Zerbe is the first lawyer in Centre county to receive license to practice law under the new regulation, which requires being examined by a State board, and he naturally feels a bit proud over his success. Congratulations to William D. Zerbe, Esq.