

CENTRE HALL, PA ... THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1904.

CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

By 7. P. Meyer, Sergeant Co. A., 148th Regiment, P. V. [To be Continued] CHAPTER X.

Lieut. W. W. Beirly was mustered as First Sergeaut of Co. A and served as such in camp, on the march, and in battle, for nearly one year. On July 26, 1863, he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant, official announcement of which reached the Company in temporary camp at Warrenton, Va. July 27, 1893, we "hoisted" and carried him through camp, he at once entered upon the duties of Lieut. On Sept. 26, 1863 he was commissioned as First Lieutenant, official notice of which reached us on Sept. 28, 18/3. while in camp at Cedar Mountain, Va. on the Rapidan River, and he was once more "hoisted." (The writer iin possession of these two commission bearing date as before stated.) 1-Lieut. W. W. Beirly was in line of promotion, and the captaincy belonged to him. He was just as well quali fied to be Captain, as Johnston, or any other officer of the line, in the Regiment. The old muster rolls show that he was in command of Co. A, winter of 63 64 while Johnston was away fromthe Regiment, somewhere in the is that the trade of both city and cournorth. This shows that Lieut. Beirly was considered qualified to be Cap tain, or he would not have been allowed to act as such.

The transfer of Johnston from t'o H to the Captaincy of Co. A was un just and far reaching in its injusticbecause it held back from well deservevery commissioned and non-commissioned officer in Co. A. in which ficiaries of the system. every fifth man was fully qualified, not only to lead a Company, but a Regiment, a ter the first six monthof training and service. The transfer of Johnston from Co. H, promoteo every commissioned and non-commissioned officer in that Company below Captain, one step higher, and Co. H gained just what was taken from Co.

First Lieut. Simon S. Wolf, age 24 Rebersburg, Pa, mustered as First Lieut. August 30th, 1862. Discharged on Surgeon's certificate of disability Sept. 25th, 1863. Died at Centre Hall Pa., Jan. 1-1, 1875 E First Lieut. Wesley W. Beirly, ag-26, Rebersburg, Pa., mustered as First Sergeant Aug. 25th, 1862 Commissioned as Second Lieut. July 26.6. 1863, and on S-pt. 26 h of the same year as First Lieut. Was knocked down and is jured by concussion of ex ploding shell, in battle of Gettysburg. Pa, July 3rd, 1863. Leg shot off aut taken prisoner, June 22 id, 1864 in baitle at the Hare House, afterwards Fort Steadman, before Petersburg, Va., died of this wound, an Petersburg, Va., Sept. 2nd, 1864. Flace of burial unknown. For several years great efforts have been made, in vain, to locate his place of burial. First Lieut, Simon M. Spangler age 22. Rebersburg, Pa Mustered as Corporal, August 25to, 1862. Promoted to First Serg-ant, Nov 1550, 1863, to 1st Lieut. Nov 30th, 1864 Wounded m shoulder, battle at Spotsylvania, Va. May 12th 1864 Returned to Regt., Aug 25 h, 1864 Discuarged with the Co. at Harrisburg, Pa., June 7cn, 1865. Second Lieut. Erastus J. Burkert, age 23, Repersourg, Pa. Mustered as Second Lieut., Aug 30.h, 1862. rerved with the Co. to the close of the Chancello, sville campaign. Was discharged on Surgeon's certificate of disability, June 26cn, 1863.

Country Merchants Complain That it i Ruining Their Business

AGAINST RURAL DELIVERY.

A concerted movement against the continuance of the rural mail delivery system in its present character has been started by organizations of business men and merchants all over the country. The men in these organizasions will protest to Congress against the extension of the present system and will advocate its curtailmant dong sweeping lines.

It is understood that the system has never been pronouncedly popular with it has become more pronounced than small. ver recently on account of the exposure of some of the uses to which it nas been put, and especially since the publication of Postmaster General Wynne's estimate of the cost of the exension authorized by congress for the coming year.

Tue class of business men who are upposed to be the most directly huri by the rural free delivery system are he country merchants. Torough the peration of the system they are said o be more than ever exposed to the ompetition of the mail order houses, and they declare that in many sections he farmers have stopped coming to own to buy since the establishmen of the free delivery routes. This, of ourse, reacts on the jobbers and wholealers in the large cities, and the result ry has suffered severely.

Mr. Wyune's estimates show that in order to carry out plaus authorized by congress there will be needed an addi

ton I appropriation of more than \$6 000,000 for the extension of the ruras tree delivery system alone. This will make the total cost of the service about ed promotion, to the end of the war, \$27,000,000, which, it is estimated, is a cost of about \$2.25 a head for the beue-

> Apples, Walnuts, Butternuts, Shellbarks wanted at once, C. P. Long.

[Continued from Previous Column.] Was taken prisoper in battle at Au ourn Millis, Va, Oct. 14th, 1863. Exmanged May 10m, 1864 Returned to Regiment. Discharged at Harrisburg. Pa, June 7th, 1865.

Sergeaut William Harper, age 25 Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa., as cororal, Aug. 25th, 1862 Promoted to

LOUALS. J. A. Reesman advertises nickle

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weber, of Al toons, came to Centre Hall last week for a short stay.

James Dubbs, of Linden Hall, who is not content when off a stave mill. recently moved from Linden Hall to Unionville, and, of c urse, is at the old business of cutting staves.

Edward D. Royer, the sawyer on the mill of Brisbin & Co., in this place, was a caller the other day. Although s young man, Mr. Royer has shifted business men, and opposition against the saw for many a log, large and

> Mrs. F. F. Farner, of Philadelphia, accompanied by her little daughter. l'hursday of last week, returned to her nome in Philadelphia, after spending ome weeks with friends and relativein Potter township.

> 4V. C. Farner, of near Colyer, was a aller Thursday morning of last week. to buy a five for the label on his newspaper, and incidentally remarked that ie would be a caudidate for supervisor of roads in Potter township, nexpring.

Wm. H. Sinkabine, of near Spring orief call. He lives on the Woods farm, along the Spring Mills pike, and is one of those farmers who is busy at all Liques

Capt. G. M. Boal recently received a iraft from the government in the sunof some seventy dollars for servces rend-red during the civil war. N. interest was allowed: Although a litle tardy, the government is a good, creditor. 🔨 ~~~~ Clyde Stam, of Linden Hall, was a caller the other day. He is an able, industrious young man of good habits, and is looking, for a farm to rent. He just recently concluded to go to farming, which accounts for his not aiready having a place.

The Jacuary Smart Set

The contents page of the January mart Set is the first indication of the -xcellence which is to mark the magazine for 1905. The S nart S-t was long since conceded the title of "the magazine of cleverness," and its plans or the coming year already emb ace a list of new contributors whose mames stand for the very best in the fiction nd verse of the day

banker. Too many farmers neglect to

oil the polished parts of plows, spader,

sickles, etc., and when he again wants

to use them he flods to his annoyance

Rebekahs Install Officers.

Fellows Hall, Tuesday night of last

Right Supporter, Geo Smith.

Left Supporter, Tillie Keller.

Right Supporter, Aunis Shoop.

Secretary, Mrs. T. G. Wilson.

Treasurer, Mrs Lucy Henney.

Left Supporter, Harry Burkholder

Inside Guardian, Mrs Jos L Luiz

Outside Guardian, Joseph L. Lutz.

Right Altar Supporter, Mary Wolf

Trustees, Mrs. J. F. Smith, Mrs.,

Japanese Soldiers in Vaudeville.

Keith's Chesti ut Street Theatre,

Phila, is a fancy drill exhibited by a

The latest novelty in vaudeville at

Vice Grand, Edith Lu-z.

Conductor, John Puff.

Warden, Mrs. J. F. Smith.

Chaplain, Mrs John Puff.

Joseph Carson, Samu I Shoop.

week. The officers are as follows :

money.

THE NATIONAL FINANCES. THE RECORD CORN CROP. In the fiscal year 1903, after the war Although new corn is on the market taxes had been removed, there was a only a short time, the statistics for the

surplus of \$54 297 667 For 1904 the de- crop of 1904 have been compiled. The ficit reported by Secretary Shaw was total is 2,573,863 000 bushels, the largest \$41,770 571 He estimates the deficit ever grown. The crop in 1902 was

for the current year at \$18,000,000, almost as large. The difference is less which is more than \$7 000 000 less than than 20 000.000 bushels or less than 1 that of the first five months of the year per cent. The smallest crop in recent and he estimates the surplus for next years was in 1901, when there was lit-

ear at \$22 000 000 The estimates for the more than half of the present crop. he coming year, however, do not incrop have been little more than from s elude interest on bonds to be issued for he Panama Canal, and payments on secount of the sinking fund have been been even less, where the crop was reduced much below the legal require- larger than the consumption would ments. There was applied to the re-The price of the wheat crop is high beduction of the public debt in 1903 \$29,-511,323, not much more than half of cause the crop is not large, but with

which consisted of the purchase of in- a banner corn yield the farmer is erest bearing bonds. In 1904 there rec-iving more per bushel than in was applied to the reduction of the many past years when there was only public debt \$24,402,964, by which \$19,a moderate crop. 000 000 of interest bearing debt was re-

ured. The legal requirement is about ly responsible for higher prices since. \$55,000,000 a year.

This is the condition which confronts the Administration. The expenses of 1904 were greater than those of 1903 by Prices were so high that many farm-\$85,661,495, of which \$30,000.000 was not due to the canal or the exposition. The customs revenue declined \$23 205,-Mills, was in town Thursday of last 017, and the internal revenue increased week, and favored the R-porter with s \$2 093 995 The cost of the military esablishment last year, apart from river and harbor works, decreased \$6,-

550 000, and the cost of the naval esablishment increased \$20,338,067. The Secretary does not expect much

corn, and so do the States along the ncrease in the revenues. For 1900 he Canada border, although Minnesota is stimates the collections from customs in the same class with Pennsylvania. and internal revenue at \$8,000,000 each Illinois averages 37.5 bushels of corn. more than in 1904. He makes no sugper acre, Iowa 372 and Nebrasks 34.8, New York 30, and the wholgestions regarding an increase of taxation, not any regarding a reduction of South averages less than 20. expenses except that public works New York prices is almost \$1,000,000, should be curtailed, and this be couples curiously enough, with an argument 000.

for more buildings in Washington ou the ground that it is cheaper for the loverument to build them than to hire putting fourth-class postmasters on with the further explanation that the the civil service list. This is an opporexpenditure of money is a good thing une time to do so when there is not because most of the revenue comes one postmaster in a thousand who is ure on buildings is in the employment a great strike on the part of the it best not to perform an operation. of labor. This argument would put an President. nd to any considerable reduction of

public expenses.

than \$14,000,000 short of the collections

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

NO. 49.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The coal and clothing dealers rubbed their hands for joy as the mercury fell to zero.

During the year 1,593 post offices were robbed, 2,397 mail pouches were lost, damaged or rifled.

Mrs. Rev. Dubbs, of Centerville, re-«cant one. In some years they have cently visited her father, Samuel Floray, at Tusseyville.

Mrs. Yates accompanied Mrs. Haines absorb. This year the price is high. to Centre Hall to install the Rebekah officers. Both ladies are from Altoona. Samuel Wise, of near Spring Mills, will move to the farm of M. J. Decker, in Georges Valley, next spring, and begin farming again.

The short crop of 1901 has been great-Prof. Harrington announced that he expects to give a concert, after the Up to 1901 there was always a large nolidays, in Centre Hall, for the benestock of corn carried over. The short- fit of some organization.

J. W. Mitterling, this week, shipped a car load of Crawford county cows to ers sold part of their corn which they Collegeville, near Philadelphia. They were all large cows, some being as heavy as sixteen hundred pounds.

You would think 5s had been put on Nebraska is third, with 100.000 000 the barg in counter at the rate the orders for them came into this office during the past two weeks. If you have a 5 on your label, you'r sll right.

> McClure-Phillips promise Miss Ida M. Tarbell's "The History of the Standard Oil Company" for early in December. Among the serious works of the year this one will probably take first place.

F. E. Wieland, the Linden Hall nerchant, advertises Christmas goods. Among the articles mentioned are diner sets, fancy plates and dishes, fancy cups and saucers, large line of glass President Roosevelt, it is said, favore ware, shaving mugs, candies, etc.

George Houser, the proprietor of the Housery lie Woolen Mills, recently went to New York for medical treatment. He had been ill for the past from luxuries and most of the expendi- not a Republican in politics. That's few mouths, but the surgeons thought

Wm. F. Rishel, Spring Mills, R. F. Just recall the Potters Mills postof- D. No 1, offers for sale the irons for a fice incident. The Republican lilli- two horse bob sled. Same were used The increase of customs collections putian politicians positively refused to but a short time. Sled was burned which he estimates for next year endorse any one but a Republica 1 to when the Risnel barn was d-stroyed, would still leave the amount more become postmaster, and when there but the irous are in good condition. was no Republican voter to be found Will be sold very reasonable.

Second Lieut. Daniel E. Shafer, as e 26, Madisonburg, Pa. Mustered as Sergeaut, Aug. 25th, 1862. Promoteo to Second Lieut, Nov. 15 n, 1863. 1n command of the Company after the wounding of Lieut. Beiriy, June 22-d, 1864. Died at Madisouburg, Pa. Sept. 12 b, 1864, while home on sick leave of absence from the army.

Second Lieut. Jared I. J. nes, ag-21, Woif's Store, Pa. Mustered as cor poral, Aug. 25th, 1862 Promoted to Gettysburg, on the 31st of the same Sergeant, Nov. 15th, 1863, and to Sec- month. ond Lieut., Nov 30th, 1894. Recruiting service in the north, winter 63 64 Discharged with the Co. at Harrisbuig, Pa., June 7th, 1865.

Sergeant John A. Miller, age 25, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered as private, Aug. 25th, 1862. Promoted to corporal, Nov. 15th, 1863, and to Sergeant.

Sergeant Thomas P. Mever, age 20, Harrisburg, Pa., June 7th, 1865. Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered with the Company as a private, at Rebersburg, Dec. 7th, 1864. Had charge of Regi- Corporal Dec. 7th, 1864. This was one tion has been causing wonder in every mental Pioneer Corps during 1863 of the lucky men of he Company ; al- city where it has been exhibited.

(Constaned on foot of next column.)

sergeant, Nov. 15to, 1863, on recruiting service to Pennsyivania from Feb 9 n, 1864, to the end of the war. Discharged June 26 h, 1865. Died a

Bellefoute, Pa. 1901. Sergeaut Augustus O. Deininger, ge 24, Millheim, Pa. Mustered with the Co. at Rebersburg, Pa., as Sergeans August 25 h, 1862. Ou detached service at Camp Distribution, near Washington, D. C., from Sept 23rd, 1863, is the date of his discharge July 14th. 1865

Sergeant Henry Miller, aged tweny, Millheim, Pennsylvania. Mustered with the Co. as Corporal, at Reversburg, Pa., August 25th, 1862. Promoted to Sergeant April 1st, 1865 Discharged with the Co. at Harriurg, Pa., June 7th, 1865.

Sergeaut Daniel Weaver, age 22, Wolfs Store, Pa. Mustered with the Company as a private, at Rebersburg, Pa, August 25 n 1862. Promoted Corporal Dec. 7th, 1864 Sergeant, April 1st, 1865. Badly wounded in hand itsattle at Deep Bottom, Va, north of the James River, August 14th, 1864 M/Noble Grand, Elsie Moore.

Discharged with the Company at Harisburg, Pa., June 7 h, 1865. Sergeant George W. Leitzell, age 33, Millbeim, Pa. Mustered as Sergean. with the Company at Rebersburg, Pa . August 25th, 1862 Severely wounded in left l.g, and permanently isabled. in battle of Gettysburg, Pa., July 2nd, 1863. N-ver returned to the Regi-

ment. Transferred to Veteran Reserve orporal March 17th, 1865. Discharged June, 1865. Sergeaut Elias Mingle, age 33, Mill-

neim, Pa., mustered as Sergeant, with he Company, at Rebersburg, Pa, Aug. 25 h, 1862. Leg shot off in the battle of Gettysburg, Pa., in Death Valley,

July 2nd, 1863. Died of this wound at

Corporal Samuel R. Gettig, age 28, Madisonburg, Pa. Mustered with the company of Japanese soldiers who Company, as a private, at Rebersburg. have come to this country for the pur-

Pa., August 25th, 1862. Promoted to pose of raising funds to assist their prisoner in battle at Ream Station, their surplus carnings being devoted Va., Aug. 25th, 1864. Paroled at Sal- to this purpose. These young Japa isbury, N. C., March 14th, 1865. Be- are said to give as fine an exhibition Dec. 7th, 1864. Discharged with the joined the Regiment at Fort Reynolds, as did the Zouaves, who recently ap-Co. at Harrisburg, Pa., June 7th, 1865 Va., in May, and was discharged at peared at Keith's. These Japanese soldiers are under orders to return to Corpo al Jacob Breckbill, age 24, their various regiments in April pext. Wolf's Store Pa. Mustered with the Another feature act on the 19 h will Pa., August 25 h, 1862. Promoted to Company as a private, at Rebersburg, be Liquid Air or the "Magic Cau'- tionality. Corporal, May 14 II. 1863, to Sergeaut Pa., August 25th, 1862 Promoted to dron." This marvelous demonstra-

Was knocked down and injured by ways at the front, and never received It is something that will entertain concu-sion of exploding shell, in hat- a scratch. Was discharged with the the theatre-goer; it will interest scien- uments of the office are so small that it tle of Gettysburg, Pa, July 3rd, 1863. Company at Harrisburg, Pa., June tists, chemists, physicians and medical doesn't attract the thrifty Suyder coun-700, 1606.

istudents, and wail mystify an classes, ter putitiuma:

a 1903 The internal revenue increa ses with the growth of population and prosperity, but the increase is slow Taking Care of Farm Machinery, The man who leaves his farm ma- 8 6,543 in the collections on spirits, chinery out in the wet is looked upon showing that, heavy as the tax is, it as being shiftless these days. It burts

his credit with the merchant and the of disting The increase on tobacco was \$1,140,998, and on beer \$1,535,602. postmasters.

Senator E. K. McConkey, of York, and cost that they do not work well, has in contemplation the presentation are sometimes out of order, and need of a bill at the next G-neral Assem slight repairs. Valuable time must bly which shall have for its of j-ct the then be spent to put the machinery in protection of the streams and springs proper working condition. A few of the State.

nours spent on rainy autumn days, or He proposes to have the tax removwhenever outside work cannot be car- ed from all wooded laud, so as to euried on, might have saved him time courage the cultivation of forests, and which in the busy season means thus protect the water supply.

This is all very good, but why should the people of means be relieved of this tax ? At the present time the District Deputy President, Mrs. large percentage of wood lands, vast Haines, of Altoons, installed the of- mountain tracts, are owned by specufloers of the Rebekans, in the Odd lators and they are abundantly able to pay the tax levied and thus contribute a small share toward the local government expenses. Prior to ten years ago

this class of real estate was owned by many individuals, who paid their tax uncomplainingly. Foday, when these conditions have changed, the speculator has his representative in the state legislative hall to reduce his tax, and one of the means is to lop off the tax on wood laud under the pretext of protec iug the water supply.

President. He proposes that 25 per cent of the Dingley duties shall be col- ant partisans on this subject. lected on these two products. It would be very difficult to justify the different treatment accorded the sugar and tobacco growers of Hawaii and Porto Rico ou any ground of fairness The Fobacco Trust and the Sugar Trustsugar sent hither from the Philippines over six feet high. A policy that coddles the Trusts at the expense of our colonies and our conumers is defensible neither on

willing to take the place, a woman was selected rather than appoint the Democratic applicant, who chanced to be the woman's busband.

Usually the returns from a large

age of 1901 exhausted reserve supplies

Illinois raises the most corn-361.

725,0 0 bushels. Iowa is close second.

bushels les . than Illinois, and Texas,

Indiana, Kansas and Missouri almost

tie with about 150,000 000 bushels each.

The Pacific Coast States raise little

The value of the corn crop at present

had reserved for seed.

Civil service ! Nousense ! That rule is not heavy enough to stop the growth retain in office Republican politicians who hold appointments as fourth-class

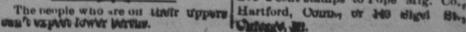
> Usually, at this time, the period immediately preceeding the session of the to the office and "planked down." He state legislature, reform agitation stirs the people. One of the reforms for isfled until his nome paper was paid which a strong effort will be made in advance. will be the passage of a law permitting every community, city and borough to determine by a vote of the people whether license to sell liquor shall be permitted in such community. The purpose of this bill is to regulate the present method of granting license to sell vinous, spiritous and mait brewiugs. It is more conservative action than the advocates of strict prohibition generally strive for. The passage of the bill will meet stubborn opposi- night, he fresh fall of snow interfertion by the liquor interests of the state. ing somewhat. The professor and his

The apportionment for the present and the next Congress and for the electorial colleges for President is based Cert, also did well. The sougs by the upon the ratio of population as origin- children were well performed. ally established by the Federal Constibasis of inhabitants to the basis of vo-

tobacco, while admitting other imports d sign that reasonable Republican Left Altar Supporter, Joseph Carson. from the Philippines free of duty, mars members of Congress are quite ready Centre Hali, to whom the Reporter is the insular program put forth by the to give it up. It is only unscrupulous indebted for this information. demagogues who are advising ignor-

President Roosevelt is earnestly in favor of economy in public expendiwhich he expects to police this hemitwo of the most insolent and oppressive sphere. His folly somewhat resembles Corporal Nov. 15th, 1863. Was taken government in its present struggle, all combinations in the country-will that of the Pru-sian King who sent ship, and states that he has been a subdoubtless i.e well pleased to have their his crimps all over Europe to recruit monopoly made more complete by the his army with tall soldiers, and would imposition of a duty on tobacco and be satisfied with only such as were

> It is thirty-nive years since the war sioners on the rolls than at any time since the war. The new order of the president added about four thousand to the list and made the total number of pensioners at that date slightly exceed one million.



A free delivery route has been establi-hed from salona. The new route starts at Salous going east, down the valley, up th opposite side going west as far as Joseph C Hayes and then will be applied only when uncessary to back and across the ridge to Salona. Wesley W. Herr is the carrier.

The first of the Reporter's patrons to come up and settle, was J. W. Whiteman, who never took time to poke the card in his p eket, but hurried right was in good standing, but was not sat-

Owing to the fact that the water supply at Lock Haven has become so low that its use by the ratiroad company was prohibited, it was necessary for that company to lay a pipe line to the river. The water for engines will now be pumped by a gasoline engine to the railroad company's tauk.

Prof. W. J. Harrington's concert was pretty well attended, Saturday assistant, Miss Edler, sang very well, and his class, considering the time devoted to the preparation for the con-

E. H. Smith, who for the past eight tution. But it is now proposed by years lived in Joliet, Illinois, and was several bills in Congress to change the employed in an iron mill, moved to near Dunn, Tenn., where he purchased ters wi hout making a change of the s farm of one hundred and sixty-seven Constitution in this respect. The acres. He will conduct the farm operthing is not merely absurd, but so ations himself. Mr. Smith was form-The proposition to except sugar and maligantly sectional in its aspect and erly from Potter township, and is a brother of Robert I. Smith, west of

> W. H. Ripks, of Middleburg, has just returned from a three months' trip to Michigan, where he was engaged with the National Silicia Company, constructing a plant to crush ture except when it comes to appropri- and wash sand for the manufacture of ations for the tall ships of war with plate glass. To is is Mr. Ripka's eighteenth mill he has built since 1880 He was formerly a resident of Potter townscriber to the Reporter ever since the paper was published.

> The Pope Bicycle Daily Memorandum Calendar for 1905 contains a memorandum leaf for every day in the closed and on the first of December year, and 365 original sayings in favor of good roads, good health, outdoor exercise, and that great vehicle of nealth-giving, the modern bicycle, by our most eminent living men of marked accomplishment. The calendar is free at Pope Mfg. Co.'s stores or any of our readers can obtain it by sending five 2 cent stamps to Pope Mfg. Co., sides V, JEL

grounds of fairness nor of constitu. there were a greater number of pen-The Republicaus of Snyder county are experies curg some diffi-uity in get-