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CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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(To be Continued.)

CHAPTER X.

Corp. Amos Erhard, age 20, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered with the company, as a private, at Rebersburg, Pa., August 25th, 1862; promoted to corporal Nov. 16th, 1863; shot through the thigh and permanently disabled in the battle at Gettysburg, Pa., in the Wheat Field, July 23, 1863; never returned to the regiment. Transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps Jan. 20th, 1864; discharged at Washington, D. C., June 28th, 1865. Died at Scalp Level, Pa., August, 1897.

Corp. Jacob Lanich, age 26, Millheim, Pa. Mustered with the company, as a corporal, at Rebersburg, Pa., August 25th, 1862; desperately wounded in the assault on the Confederate works, before Petersburg, Va., June 17th, 1864; died of "wound fever" in hospital at Washington, D. C., August 8th, 1864; buried in National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., near Washington, D. C.

MUSICIANS.

Fifer—Philip Woodling, age 25, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered with the company, as a private, at Rebersburg, Pa., August 25th, 1862; absent, sick, from June 14th, 1863; transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps, which was doing duty at Washington, D. C., February 15th, 1864; discharged at Washington, D. C., July 24th, 1865; died at Rebersburg, Pa., April 9th, 1893.

Drummer—Charles H. Held, age 26, Millheim, Pa. Mustered with the company, as a private, at Rebersburg, Pa., August 25th, 1862; discharged with the company at Harrisburg, Pa., June 7th, 1865; died at Millheim, Pa., July 9th, 1878.

Drummer—John B. Zeigler, age 19, Millheim, Pa. Mustered with the company, at Rebersburg, Pa., August 25th, 1862. Being too small in stature to be mustered as a fighting soldier in the U. S. Army, he was mustered as a musician but served as a fighting soldier for one year, when he was called to the Regimental Drum Corps, where he served his last two years. (This is the record.) Discharged with the company at Harrisburg, Pa., June 7th, 1865.

Drummer—Simon Harper, age 21, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered with the company, as a private, at Rebersburg, Pa., August 25th, 1862, but served as a drummer; absent from the regiment from June, 1863; transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, Sept. 1st, 1863; discharged July 12th, 1865; died at Centre Hall, Pa., in 1900.

Drummer—William Otto, age 27, Millheim, Pa. Mustered with the company, as a private, at Rebersburg, Pa., August 25th, 1862; served as a fighting soldier about one year, and the last two years as a drummer in the Division Drum Corps; rejoined the regiment at Fort R-yolds, Va., near Washington, D. C., June 1st; discharged with the company at Harrisburg, Pa., June 7th, 1865.

PRIVATE SOLDIERS.

Solomon Beirly, age 17, Madisonburg, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa., August 25th, 1862; wounded in battle at Cold Harbor, Va., June 3d, 1864; returned to the company Dec. 1864; shortly after sent to the hospital at Washington, where he was discharged, August 23d, 1865.

James B. Beirly, age 21, Madisonburg, Pa., brother of Solomon. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa., August 25th, 1862. Died in camp, near Fredericksburg, Va., February 24th, 1863. Taken home and buried at Madisonburg, Pa.

Charles Beirly, age 22, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa., August 25th, 1862. Struck and injured on leg by fragment of shell, in battle of Chancellorsville, Va., May 3rd, 1863. Badly wounded in left leg, in battle of Gettysburg, "Wheat Field," July 2nd, 1863, and permanently disabled—never returned to the company. Transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, March 15th, 1864. Discharged at Washington, D. C., June 26th, 1865.

The "Way Down East Co."

On Friday, January 6th, theatre goers of Bellefonte will have an opportunity of seeing what will perhaps be the best show that will appear there this season, in the engagement of W. A. Brady's "Way Down East Co." at Gairmans. The play is a strong one and Mr. Brady manages to bring to the front all the most taking points in the play.

THE ENTERTAINMENT.

Dr. Bible Pleases His Audience—Excellent Music.

The humorous lecture and entertainment given by Dr. George P. Bible, in Grange Arcadia, Thursday evening of last week, from a point of perfectness and humor met the expectations of all who had an inkling of the ability of the entertainer. A commendable feature of Dr. Bible's talks is that nonsense is turned to good—the most laughable expressions were suggestive of the noblest life.

The vocal and instrumental music rendered by Miss Mary Bradley, of Bellefonte; Mrs. George P. Bible and daughter, Miss Helen, was of the highest order.

Dr. Bible, in his introductory remarks, said, if he achieved any success in life, he owed much to Centre Hall, for the foundation of his education was laid here.

When a young man Dr. Bible was one of those industrious fellows—he was never without employment, because he never hesitated to work, no matter what the character of the labor, so long as it was honorable. For that industry he is reaping his reward today. He is the head of the National School of Oratory, Philadelphia, an institution of the highest class, and as a lecturer he is sought in many places.

Dr. Bible's appearance in Centre Hall and Millheim last week was at the solicitation of S. Ward Gramley and the writer, who guaranteed a stipulated amount—at one-fourth of the usual price commanded in the Brookway Lecture Course, of which he is a member. The proposition was accepted because the orator had previously planned to visit friends here. The receipts at the two points named barely met expenses, and that was all that was aimed at.

TRIAL LIST.

Enrico H. Jackson vs. D. D. Woods.
M. J. Averbeck vs. F. P. Blair and Thomas Moore, late trading as F. P. Blair & Co.
H. B. Wright vs. Joseph Diehl.
Thomas E. Ricketts & Son vs. T. M. Meyers.
Montgomery & Co. vs. M. W. Cowdrick.
E. Joseph, S. Joseph and H. Holt, trading as Joseph Brothers & Co., vs. M. W. Cowdrick.

SECOND WEEK.

Bellefonte, Aaronsburg and Youngstown Turnpike Road Company vs. Centre county.
Wm. E. Shope, admr. c. t. e. of Julia A. Shope, dec'd, vs. James N. Shope.
Cyrus Brungart, sheriff, vs. Mary Thomas and James Schofield.
W. H. Johnstonbaugh, Nora Sheldon, Allen Sheldon, Julia Curtin, Jane R. Pierpont, Roland Irwin, Dr. Geo. F. Harris, Trustees of Jennie R. Breeze, vs. Mary Harris, Catharine C. Burnett, Martha C. Breeze, W. W. Curtin, H. R. Curtin, Belle Curtin, Sarah Lutzmer, John G. Curtin, Lermer Curtin, Frederick Curtin and Harry Curtin, by their next friend and mother, Virginia B. Curtin, heirs and devisees of C. and J. Curtin, co-plaintiffs, vs. E. M. Hoyet, A. R. McNitt and D. S. McNitt.

Nellie Zeigler vs. Barney Mendenham.
Mary J. Gates, N. G. Gates, Anna Bartha Houser, Viola Gates, Golda Pearl Gates, by N. G. Gates, their guardian ad litem, vs. Minnie Gertrude Rowan and Alfred Rowan.

Mary J. Gates, N. G. Gates, Anna Bartha Houser, Golda Pearl Gates, Viola Gates, by N. G. Gates, their guardian ad litem, vs. Daniel Meyers.
B. F. Harris vs. Huston township.

Mary A. Davidson, Harriet Ingram, Calvin Davidson, Julia Davidson, Susan Davidson, George Alice Davidson, the last named suing by his next friend Thomas G. Ingram, vs. Orris Peters, Elvira E. Wagner, admx. etc. of D. M. Wagner, dec'd, for the use of Anna Van Pelt, admx. of H. D. Van Pelt, for the use of R. B. Spangler, d. b. n. of said H. D. Van Pelt, now for the use of Thomas B. Harrod, vs. Jennie R. Hastings and Rose A. Hickok, admrs. of, etc., of D. H. Hastings, dec'd, Ella J. Cooke, admx. of, etc., of John W. Cooke, dec'd, with notice to Isaac Bigwood and Thomas B. Harrod.

Commonwealth of Penna. ex. rel. Wm. W. Bachman, vs. Ellen E. Bower and John J. Bower, admrs. of C. M. Bower, dec'd.

Commonwealth of Penna. ex. rel. A. A. Dale, guardn. of Domer C. Rachau, the said Domer C. Rachau being a minor child of Elizabeth Rachau, dec'd, vs. Ellen E. Bower and John J. Bower, admrs. of, etc., of C. M. Bower, dec'd.

W. H. Williams, sole acting admr. of Aaron Williams, dec'd, vs. Ellen E. Bower and John J. Bower, admrs. of C. M. Bower, dec'd.

George Dale, A. A. Dale, Clement Dale, surviving executors of Christian Dale, dec'd, vs. Clement Dale and Blanche A. Hoy, exrs. of C. Dale, Jr. deceased.

Commonwealth of Penna. ex. rel. W. Harrison Walker, guardian of Ruth N. Hubler, being a minor child of Frank A. Hubler, dec'd, vs. Ellen E. Bower and John J. Bower, admrs. of C. M. Bower, late of Bellefonte boro, dec'd.

Emma Swartz vs. Annie K. Riddle, admx. of, etc. of B. F. Riddle, dec'd, defendant, with notice to T. S. Letterman, terre tenant.

LOCALS.

P. A. Auman announces sale of his farm stock and implements for March 28.

H. F. Rossman, the Spring Mills merchant, in this issue wishes his many friends and customers a Happy New Year.

After an absence of six months at St. Louis and Cincinnati, Miss Bertha Wolf returned to Centre Hall Saturday previous to Christmas. With the exception of about one month, Miss Wolf spent the entire time at the Fair.

W. S. Kuhn returned to White Deer after staying for a brief time at Centre Hall and Linden Hall. He is employed by Whitmer & Co., at White Deer, where a number of others, formerly employed by that company at Linden Hall, are now located.

WILLIAM E. BIBLE.

Missionary to China—Clerical Hopes for Higher Education Attained.

Among the students sent out by the Spring Mills Academy, under the tutelage of Prof. D. M. Wolf, by no means the least is William E. Bible, now a missionary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions to China.

Many of the people of Penna Valley, and particularly those boys and girls who attended the academy eight or ten years ago, will remember him as a young man who had within him the determination to succeed. As a student he was painstaking, thorough and progressive to a conspicuous degree.

He is the eldest son of Frank W. Bible, a former editor of the "Centre Democrat," and at one time recorder of this county. Dr. George P. Bible, the humorous lecturer and reciter, is his uncle, and Mrs. Sarah Durst and Misses Anna and Lizzie Bible, of this place, are cousins of his father.

His boyhood days were spent in Bellefonte and Tionesta. The death of his mother, when he was about fourteen years of age, made a deep impression upon his life, and inspired him to be a noble boy. Among boys he was an acknowledged leader. He was just as enthusiastic in athletic sports as he was thorough in the preparation of his lessons. Being a great reader, he had a knowledge of men and an outlook upon life beyond most of his contemporaries. He was determined to win his ideals upon his merits alone. In driving with a friend by several very desirable farms which were kept in excellent condition he made the remark that he would not give up his hopes for a higher education though farms like these were given in exchange.

For two years he was among this county's successful teachers. Being without financial means he determined, nevertheless, to have a college education. He spent five years at Park College, Parkville, Missouri, where young men and women who believe that training the hands with the head will give them the most useful education, can, with a very small outlay of money, obtain an industrial and classical standard that is the superior of many of the Eastern institutions. His knowledge of literature enabled him to fill a position in the library. After completing his college course he attended the theological seminary at Auburn, New York, where he held a similar position. At the same time he supplied a pulpit of the Dutch Reformed church, near Syracuse.

It was while supplying two mission churches in South-western Missouri that the way opened for him to enter the foreign field. To share the perils and darkness of heathendom, and for his life mate, is Miss Henrietta Caskey, of Oregon, Missouri, also a graduate of Park College.

Rev. and Mrs. Bible sailed August 5th, on the steamship Doric, for Shanghai. While enroute they stopped at Honolulu, which Mr. Bible describes as the most beautiful spot he has ever seen, Yokohama, Tokio, and Kobe, where they saw troops embarking for Manchuria. After a week's stay at Shanghai they arrived at Hang Chan by canal route. This is a city of about 800,000 souls. They are now spending from three to five hours a day learning that difficult Chinese language of which there are practically three—the colloquial which is spoken only, the mandarin which is both spoken and written, and the Wenli, which is written only.

Someone has truly said that the wealth of Centre county consists in what she has sent out; the Christian manhood and womanhood that she has given to the world. To spend years of toil and sacrifice in educating one's talents, and then taking all these accumulated virtues and burying them in heathendom, is a self-sacrifice indeed. What a blessing is such a life. A world hero, William F. Bible. Altoona, Pa., Dec. 17th, 1904.

In his annual report Secretary of Agriculture Wilson gives a vivid picture of one of the great causes of our prosperity, the abundant crops. Of corn alone he says the yield is the greatest in our history, and that its value is sufficient to pay the National debt. The statistics he gives as to other crops are equally interesting. His report nowhere claims that the great crops were due to the Republican policy of putting a high tariff on many things that the farmers need, because he probably realizes that if the duties on these articles were lowered to a proper figure there would probably have been an even better showing. It is these great crops also which, along with our many other natural resources, are the cause of such prosperity as we are now enjoying, and not the Republican party, as some of its hide-bound advocates would claim.

It is quite natural that the oculist should be rather visionary.

LOCALS.

Miss May Rhone, connected with the State Pure Food Department, was home over Christmas.

W. A. Odenkirk, agent at Glenn Iron, was home to eat his Christmas dinner with his mother, Mrs. Mary J. Odenkirk, in this place.

Calvin Bottorf, of Colyer, one of the executors of the William Colyer estate, beginning of last week made a business trip to the lower part of Penna Valley.

John Lucas, of Spring Mills, is engaged in the shops of the Luse Manufacturing Company as a wood-worker. It is understood he will move to Centre Hall in the spring. He is a good mechanic, and will also make a good citizen.

C. W. Swartz, one of the best young business men in Penna Valley, was in town Wednesday of last week. Mr. Swartz does one of the nicest, safest mercantile businesses on the South side of Centre county, and that is saying a good deal.

Boyd A. Musser and M. D. Poorman, of York, were arrivals in Centre Hall Tuesday of last week. These young men, both of whom are well known here, are connected with the York Bridge Co., York, Pa., at which place both live. Messrs. Musser and Poorman superintended the construction of the county bridge over Sinking Creek, at Rocky's, near Tusseyville. The structure is a low truss, single span bridge, and weighs in the neighborhood of fifteen tons, and the cost is estimated to be about twelve or thirteen hundred dollars. The York Bridge Company is a prosperous institution and has at the head of it young, energetic and capable men, who, since the establishment of the concern a few years ago, have built up a fine trade. Their principal output is bridge work, but other structural work is also built by this company.

Stationery.

A fine line of stationery—all grades and styles—will be found at the Reporter office. These are especially for the ladies, and include a few novelties.

Suitable stationery, neat, stylish and pretty, for the children. Prices in all cases very low, purchases having been made after the holiday rush.

Shirk-Sweetwood.

The marriage of Miss Margie Sweetwood, daughter of J. W. Sweetwood, of near Spring Mills, to Irvin J. Shirk, took place December 21st, at the home of the groom, near Glen Iron, Union county. The bride is well known in Centre Hall, where she lived several years. The groom is a prosperous and prominent gentleman in the community in which he lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirk, for several days last week, visited among friends in Centre Hall and other points, not forgetting to call on the Reporter.

A Clever Swindle.

Don't be victimized by this new swindle. It is a clever one and unless you are posted you might easily be taken in by it. A stranger recently appeared at the hotel of John Westover, at Gairmans Mills, Cambria county, and stated that he had been without food and money for two days. He was taken to the dining room and told to eat all he wanted. When he finished the meal he drew his handkerchief from his pocket and a \$20 note fell to the floor. The waitress picked it up and gave it to Westover who was angered by the attempt to fleece him. Westover deducted seventy-five cents for the meal and handed over \$19.25, which the man took and departed. Not long afterward Westover found the bill to be counterfeit.

May Ship Potatoes by Mail.

Representative Henry, of Connecticut, introduced a bill to secure the full use of the United States rural mail equipment and to place the rural service on a paying basis.

The bill provides "that within the limits of the respective rural routes, served by post wagons, parcels of mail matter shall be collected and delivered home to house by the carriers, in weight up to 200 pounds and in dimensions up to a barrel—no parcel however, to be more than six feet in length.

The bill specifies that the rates on parcels shall be one cent for eight ounces or less; two cents for a pound, five cents for from one to eleven pounds; ten cents for a half bushel, thirty pounds; fifteen cents for a bushel; twenty cents for a half barrel, and twenty-five cents for a barrel.

This bill is not introduced with a thought of it becoming a law. The ridiculous measure is suggested to defeat a bill now pending whereby small packages may be carried over rural routes from the distributing offices.

PENNSYLVANIA ON FEES.

Governor Pennypacker is reported from Harrisburg to have made the excessive and irregular compensation of some of the officers of the Commonwealth under the antiquated fee system, a subject of consideration in the draft of his message to be presented next month to the Legislature.

It is understood that he does not believe that the compensation of any of them should exceed that which is paid to himself as the head of the State government, and that he may make a recommendation in favor of rating them on regular or annual salaries at \$7,500 to \$9,000 a year.

However this may be, the Governor is on the right track in taking up the subject, even if the Legislature shall not give heed to it. The compensation of his Secretary of State, for example, which has reached at least \$23,000 in a single year, as the result of fees, is a gross absurdity in the State service.

At the same time it might be well to hear from the Governor, while he is considering the fee system, as to what he thinks of one of his chief appointees, the Insurance Commissioner, drawing his salary and his fees year in and year out and appearing in the office itself about once or twice a month.

The Philadelphia Press takes Burke Cochran to task for saying that the public school system of this country is degenerating. Unfortunately, the Press to the contrary notwithstanding the statement of the erratic New York congressman is too true. The principle of our public school system is a grand one, but after it rubs the gauntlet of the corrupt and demoralizing school book trust and wrestles with the army of mercenary and incompetent heads that it places over the public schools of the country to promote its own interests, bucks up against the school board grafter, and is loaded down with incompetent teachers, who get their positions by political or social pulls, and the still weaker ones who get a job for charity's sake, there is so little left of the original idea that old Thad Stevens wouldn't recognize it. Our glorious public school system is like our sovereign citizenship, our elections by the people, and many other elements of popular government that exist only in theory, and are played upon by demagogues.

Rural communities have several very important matters to look after during the sessions of the state legislature.

One of these is that the original appropriation (\$11,000,000) be apportioned to the several districts for public school purposes, and not divided with the Normal Schools as has been done for the past four years.

Another matter is that an adequate road law be passed that will permit all rural communities to profit through an appropriation. The six million dollars appropriated under the Sprowl road law will be grabbed by the wealthy townships of the first class, and little, if any, will find its way to the rural communities.

True it is that any township may participate in this appropriation, but there are few districts distant from the centres of population that have the wealth to build roads at a cost of from four to five thousand dollars per mile, though the state pays one-third of the cost.

The advisability of enacting a law that will take out of the hands of county judges the license-granting power and investing it in a commission composed of three persons in each county, who shall be appointed by the governor, is being considerably agitated. There is no question but that the average judge would like to be relieved of the responsibility, but there are grave doubts whether the public interests would be subserved by the change. If the license-granting power were in the hands of a commission appointed by the governor, it would mean another string for the county boss to pull to maintain his corrupt and disgraceful domination of county politics. The passage of such a law would not be in the interest of the public or a purer judiciary but to give the political machine another grip. It would make every license subservient to its demands.

The Senate Committee on Territories has agreed to a favorable report on the House bill providing for the admission of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory as one State and Arizona and New Mexico as another, which should assure the early passage of the measure.

What kings and queens do! This is told about in a very fresh and spicy article by Fritz Morris in the January Woman's Home Companion. It is called "When Royalty Goes Visiting."

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mrs. Andrew Ruhl, nee Emerick, of Buffalo Cross Roads, spent Christmas in Centre Hall.

Hugh Runkle, of Orangeville, Illinois, who was ill from an attack of pneumonia, has recovered.

The Misses Murray, daughters of Hon. W. A. Murray, of Boalsburg, visited relatives in Centre Hall last week.

Miss Violetta Wolf, a student at Bucknell University, visited her sister, Miss Bertha Wolf, returning Wednesday.

Miss Lola Strohm is back to her home at Centre Hill, after having spent several months at Scranton, with her brother.

John Van Pelt, who is now located at Spangler, spent a few days just before Christmas with his grandparents in Centre Hall.

C. P. Hughes, Esq., of Erie, made a brief visit to Bellefonte where for a number of years he practiced law. He has an extensive law business in Erie.

W. S. Stonebraker, of Green Springs, Ohio, when making a remittance added that it was his intention "to go on the road."

Ralph C. Boozer, a student of the Williamson Mechanical School, Philadelphia, came to the parental home to spend the Christmas vacation.

B. W. Wyle, of Aaronsburg, assisted Jas. Weaver, of Millinburg, and his large force of help, in preparing and shipping poultry to the coal regions.

Wm. Wolf has sold his property on east High Street, Bellefonte, to Daniel Markie, a farmer near State College. Mr. Markie will move to Bellefonte in the spring.

R. D. Killian, after having shipped several car loads of walnut logs from Millin county, is working Penna Valley. His next shipment will be from Spring Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Strohm and daughter, Miss Bertha, attended the wedding of Miss Margie Sweetwood, at Glen Iron, a brief account of which is given elsewhere.

Jerome Auman will move from the Gebs farm, near Linden Hall, to the Wilson farm, east of Centre Hall, now occupied by his father, P. A. Auman. A. P. Luse now owns the farm.

J. W. Neese and wife, of Beaver Springs, were guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Luse, for several days about Christmas time. Mr. Neese is employed by John S. Auman, the miller, at Beaver Springs.

Eugene C. Bell delighted the little folks of the Primary and Intermediate schools, the other Friday afternoon, by giving a number of selections on the phonograph. Miss Margaret Jacobs likewise entertained those of the Grammar school.

John Bubb, of near Centre Hill, was a caller Friday of last week. Mr. Bubb last spring, moved from near Aaronsburg to his present home, and has done much improving on the premises, and will only begin right some time next summer when he intends rebuilding.

Ivy Barges, east of Centre Hall, was a caller Wednesday, of last week, and dropped a dollar in the Reporter's till to make the wheel go one cog farther in 1905. Mr. Barges had a wad of money that would make Mrs. Chadwick feel as though she would like to have his note for a couple hundred thousand.

W. E. Shaffer, of Millinburg, was in the lower part of Penna Valley buying sawed timber, dealing in which he devotes his time. He is also interested in lumber operations in Perry county in connection with the well-known lumber firm of Orwig & Kridler. Mr. Shaffer is a son of Squire Benjamin F. Shaffer, of Nittany.

Read McClure's for January! There's one New Year's resolution that will prove a pleasure as well as a profit. For, besides the manifold entertainment in its nine stories, it contains articles timely and pleasing, two of which are unique and helpful contributions to two of the most vital problems that American citizens will have to face in 1905.

Col. J. L. Spangler and wife, of Bellefonte, visited the former's parents in this place one day last week. Col. and Mrs. Spangler, in company with William W. McCormick and wife, of Philadelphia, will sail for Europe on January 19 for a six weeks' tour of the continent. They will visit the principal cities and points of interest in the different countries and of all these places they intend to visit, no doubt, the most interesting to the colonel will be the native home of the Spanglers in Germany.