



CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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Regiment, P. V.
(To be Continued)
CHAPTER X.

Levi Boob, age 23, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Pa., August 28th, 1862. Wounded in battle at Po River, Va., May 10th, 1864, returned to the Regiment July. Right arm shot off in battle at Ream Station, Va., ten miles south of Petersburg, August 25th, 1864. Discharged at Washington, D. C., December 20th, 1864. Died of accidental, self-inflicted gunshot wound while hunting in the mountains near Hartleton, Pa., August 26th, 1867, the same day of the accident.

William Boob, age 21, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered in Camp Curtin at Harrisburg, Pa., August 28th, 1862. Leg shot off, and taken prisoner in battle at Po River, Va., May 10th, 1864. Died of this wound, a prisoner of war, at Richmond, Va., six days later. Place of burial unknown.

Nathaniel Boob, age 19, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered in Camp Curtin at Harrisburg, Pa., August 28th, 1862. Wounded in battle at Po River May 10th, 1864, returned to the Regiment in July, was taken prisoner in battle at Ream's Station, Va., August 25th, 1864, and taken to prison camp at Salisbury, North Carolina, where he was paroled March 14th, 1865. Rejoined the Company at Fort Reynolds, Va., near Washington, D. C., May, 1865. Discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., June 6th, 1865. These three Boobs were brothers.

Daniel Bower, age 32, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered in Camp Curtin at Harrisburg, Pa., August 28th, 1862. Was an ambulance driver throughout his term of service; rejoined the company at Fort Reynolds, Va., near Washington, D. C., June 1st, and was discharged with the company at Harrisburg, Pa., June 7th, 1865.

Adam Boyer, age 21, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa., August 25th, 1862. Badly wounded in leg by a large fragment of shell, on skirmish line on Plum Run, battle of Gettysburg, Pa., during the great cannonade of July 3rd, 1863, and disabled from further field service, never returned to the company. Transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, March 17th, 1865. Discharged at Washington, D. C., August 23rd, 1865. Now (1904) an inmate of Soldier's Home, Dayton, Ohio.

David Bressler, age 38, Millheim, Pa. Mustered in with the company at Rebersburg, Pa., August 25th, 1862. Discharged on Surgeon's certificate of disability, May 23rd, 1863. Died at Millheim, Pa., some years after the war.

Henry G. Conser, age 28, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered in with the company at Rebersburg, Pa., August 25th, 1862. Discharged on Surgeon's certificate of disability, March 2nd, 1863. Died at Valley Falls, Kansas, May, 1890.

James T. Corman, age 22, Wolf's Store, Pa. Mustered with the company, at Rebersburg, Pa., August 25th, 1862, and discharged with the company at Harrisburg, Pa., June 7th, 1865. The two Cormans in this company were brothers.

Solomon Dale, age 25, Aaronsburg, Pa. Joined the company at Harrisburg, Pa., and was mustered September 1st, 1862. Missing in battle at Spotsylvania, Va., May 12th, 1864. Never heard of afterwards; fate and place of burial unknown.

Note: In regard to the "missing in action," or soldiers unaccounted for, an explanatory note, at this point, is deemed advisable. The after-battle casualty report of Co. A for the battle of Po River, May 10th, 1864, after naming seventeen wounded, three killed, ended with this paragraph: "Isiah Fulmer, mortally wounded, (shot through the head) and taken prisoner, while the casualty report of Co. A, battle of Spotsylvania, Va., May 12th, naming six men wounded, ended with this sentence, "Isiah Wilcox and Solomon Dale missing; supposed killed."

The casualty report for the battle at the Hare House, before Petersburg, Va., June 22nd, 1864, for Co. A, was, "First Lieutenant W. W. Beltry mortally wounded (leg shot off) and taken prisoner; Daniel Long, missing." The report of the attack on the Confederate Crater Fort, before Petersburg, Va., on the evening of October 27th, 1864, for company A said: "Jesse Kremer, Martin Troutman, and John Parkes, missing."

Through reliable sources we learned, shortly afterwards, that they had been taken prisoners, and were not wounded. Jesse Kremer returned; Martin Troutman died in prison camp, while John Parkes remained unaccounted for.

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MILESBURG AND STATE COLLEGE

To be Connected by Trolley-Line to Pass
Through Bellefonte.

The Bellefonte Traction Company, is the name of a recently organized company that has in view the construction of a trolley line to run from a central point in Milesburg to Bellefonte and thence by way of Pleasant Gap and Lemont to a terminus at State College. The company is composed entirely of Centre county people and includes the following: President, J. C. Meyer; secretary, Robert F. Hunter; treasurer, John I. Olewine; directors, J. Price Jackson, John I. Olewine, L. E. Reber, Robert F. Hunter and J. W. Conley. A charter was granted the new company by the Secretary of the Commonwealth on the 9th of December and already much work has been done towards securing the franchises of right-of-way in and through the various boroughs and over the roads in the various townships through which the line will pass.

It can be further stated on reliable authority, says the Democratic Watchman, that the company has assurances from two or more different parties that the necessary capital to construct and equip the line will be furnished as soon as desired. An option has already been secured on the Green mill property, at Milesburg, and if a thorough test will show a development of sufficient horse power, the main power house of the company will be located there. An agreement has also been made with the Nittany Light, Heat and Power Company, a new organization recently chartered at State College, for the furnishing of the necessary power needed at the southern end of the line, so that it can readily be seen that the Bellefonte Traction company has as its object the early construction of the road and has not been organized merely for speculative purposes; and this fact should go far towards securing from those in authority an early granting of the required right-of-way along the entire line.

The route of the line will be in the main as follows: Beginning at a point near the centre of Milesburg, south along the road to the red school house, then over the Shoemaker hill to Bellefonte, thence by way of the old Lewistown pike south through Axe Mann to a point near Pleasant Gap; and thence south-west through Lautertown to Lemont and from there to State College. The entire length of the road will be about eighteen miles and the estimated cost of construction and equipment about \$15,000 per mile. A complete survey has been made and the steepest grade encountered anywhere is but a little over nine per cent. A careful computation of the population of the towns and localities through which the road will pass shows that it will have a community of from 12,000 to 15,000 people to draw from for its patronage.

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for. In the mean time, Isiah Fulmer was, supposedly, dead, (not officially) and his name had been dropped from the roll. We kept the names of the still missing on our monthly returns and reports to the end of the year, with the remark, following the name of each "missing in action since" etc. Hearing nothing of Solomon Dale, Isaac Wilcox and Daniel Long, and believing they were dead, we reported them in an early spring report, as "supposed dead," dropped their names from the roll, and reported a loss of three men. Our report was condemned and returned to us, with orders to restore these three names to the roll, on the ground that suppositions and guess-work would no longer be allowed in military reports. Therefore, for the second time these names were restored to the rolls, (by the writer who was company clerk at the time) and the remark, "missing in action since," etc. continued to the end of the war.

The names, with the Company and Regiment of Isiah Fulmer, Solomon Dale Isaac Wilcox, Daniel Long, and John Parkes, with those of many others of our own, and other Regiments, with request for information, printed on large posters, were put up by the Christian Commission, in hotels, railroad stations, and other public places, for several years after the close of the war, in hopes that among returned soldiers, from the Army and Confederate Prison Pens, there could be found some who could give information, regarding the fate of the missing men. The fate of Isiah Fulmer was by this means, learned some time after the close of the war, from a returned Clinton county soldier, who was a prisoner with him at Petersburg, Va., at the time of his death, of fever, on the 14th of September, 1864, over four months after he was left for dead on the ill fated and lost field on Po River. No information was ever obtained regarding the fate of the other four.

Tickets for local caucuses printed at this office at a very low rate.

ACCIDENTS AT McNITT'S MILL.

A. R. McNITT, Leg Broken; Peter Romig, Fingers Sawed Off; Peter Evans, Back and Leg Injured.

The large saw and stove mill of McNitt Brothers & Company, at Nittany, was the scene of a series of serious accidents, last week.

A. R. McNitt, the junior brother in the firm, received a compound fracture of the left leg, about six inches above the ankle. Both bones were broken, one a short distance above the other. Dr. Huston, of Clintondale, and Dr. Fisher, of Zion, reduced the fractures. The accident was caused by a log striking Mr. McNitt while overseeing the work, and temporarily assisting him in putting logs into the pool for washing preparatory to cutting into lumber. The moving of a particular stick caused the pile of logs to break, making it impossible for Mr. McNitt to reach a point of safety.

Peter Romig operates the boiler—a saw used to cut the slab from a stove block. In some manner his hand came in contact with the saw and cut from it four fingers.

The third accident befel Peter Evans, the trucker. He was thrown from the truck and jammed between the truck-bolster and a stump, receiving injuries to his back and leg. Dr. McCormick attended to the needs of the latter two unfortunate men.

Musser House Not Sold.

The Musser house, Millheim, was bid up to \$3150 by James Reiter, Millersburg, but was not sold.

Ishler-Ramsay.

The marriage of Harry Ishler, of near Rockview, and Miss Mary R., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Ramsay, of Pleasant Gap, will take place today (Thursday) at noon. Both bride and groom are popular in their locality, and will receive the best wishes not only of the large number of invited guests on the occasion, but of all who know them.

Roland Quarantined.

The town of Roland, Centre county, better known as Curtin's Works, is under strict quarantine on account of an epidemic of small pox that threatens the entire village. There are about ten cases at present. No one is allowed to leave or enter the village, and all cats and dogs have been killed to prevent the spread of the disease.

Business College "Busted."

P. F. Keller's Business College, Lewisburg, "busted" last week, and fully one hundred students lost their tuition money, ranging from \$50 to \$75 each. Tuition is paid in advance, and last week, the beginning of the year, several thousand dollars were said to have been collected.

It is possible that criminal action will be brought against the head of the institution.

Court Frees Fish Basket Users.

The present law pertaining to illegal fishing received a severe shock by Judge Woods, of Huntingdon county, who declared that persons who used fish baskets in the public streams, without their consent, were not violating the law. Several defendants who were convicted and fined before a Justice of the Peace in Huntingdon county had their fines and costs remitted.

Wabash Pushing Work in Pennsylvania.

Plans of the Wabash during the coming year, as announced include the construction of branch lines in western and southwestern Pennsylvania and in Ohio which will cost several million dollars and add to the Gould lines vast facilities for increasing the freight tonnage and at the same time give battle to the Pennsylvania Railroad in Ohio.

The new lines will give the road a continuous network of tracks between Pittsburg, Cleveland, Toledo, Salem, Canton and Wheeling.

Barn and Stock Burned.

The large barn on the farm of Thomas Bechdel in "Pole cat hollow," on Marsh creek was burned to the ground about 7 o'clock the other Saturday evening, says the Bellefonte Daily News. Twelve head of cattle perished in the flames, and two horses were severely burned before being taken out. Several other horses were saved. The season's crops, except the corn in another building, were destroyed. John Confer was the farmer and his loss is heavy. Mr. Bechdel had the barn insured. The origin of the fire cannot be accounted for. The teams, which were used for hauling ties to the station in that place, were fed without a lantern being used. The men were at supper when the fire was discovered and it was impossible to rescue the cattle. Many farm implements were destroyed. The barn was insured in the grange. The loss is a hard blow to Mr. Confer, who is reported to have had no insurance.

MISLEADING FIGURES.

In his vain effort to justify his insensate desire to prevent the public press of the Commonwealth from criticizing the actions of public officials Governor Pennypacker cites the fact that a number of members of the last Legislature who voted for the Salus-Grady libel law were re-elected to the present Legislature. He says that seventy-six were re-elected who favored the bill and only two were defeated while of those who opposed it twenty-eight were elected and ten defeated. He therefore tries to convey the impression that the measure was not an unpopular one.

But Governor Pennypacker conveniently neglects to state what every citizen well informed upon the subject knows, that there are two hundred and fifty-four members of the last Legislature, and that in the above reference he accounts for only one hundred and sixteen of them, or much less than half. The remaining one hundred and thirty-eight members either did not seek a re-nomination or were defeated at the primaries. The two authors of the bill, Salus and Grady, were afraid to go before their constituents for re-nomination and re-election, and were given other lucrative positions by the machine, the securing of which did not involve their having their conduct passed by the people. Other notable supporters of the bill were beaten at the primaries, while many others were not permitted to become candidates for fear of the wrath of their constituents because of their vote to muzzle the press.

That ten of the men who voted against the bill were defeated was not due to their action upon the measure, but to the fact that they all, or nearly all, came from Democratic counties and fell under the Roosevelt landslide. But the Salus-Grady bill, bad as it is, was nothing compared with measure which Governor Pennypacker now proposes shall be placed upon the statute book, and his effort to secure its passage by a misleading reference to the fate of the men who two years ago supported the former measure is of no pertinence whatever. If the bill which he now proposes should by any possibility be placed upon the statute books the men who in this Legislature supported it would come up nearly two years hence for re-election. Then there would be no National election on and no Roosevelt on the ticket to roll up a phenomenal majority, and it is safe to say that there would be mighty few, if any, would be press muzzlers who would return to Harrisburg as lawmakers in 1907.

Nominate Good Officers.

The necessity of nominating efficient local officers is frequently overlooked, as is also the necessity of avoiding political strife.

The local offices, no matter of how little apparent consequence, should be filled by thoroughly competent, honorable and honest men. The faithful and economical execution of affairs is as necessary in local government as it is in the county, state or nation. The administration of borough and township affairs affects the average taxpayer to a greater extent—either for good or bad—than does the honest or dishonest management of the affairs of the larger political divisions.

As was stated above, it is necessary for the permanent welfare of the Democratic party at large to avoid any semblance of friction at the February election. In many instances the local contests assume large proportions, oftentimes on account of personal matters. Personal matters should not be carried into local politics.

Nominate good, honest, trustworthy men. Let the action of the caucus be considered binding, not only on the part of those who participate but on the part of every voter. The caucus meeting should be the arena of the political pugilist—after the caucus, peace.

It is quite unnecessary to be disturbed about Governor Pennypacker's bill for the suppression of newspapers. We have a sufficiently reckless Legislature, but it is not likely to make itself superfluously ridiculous by the enactment of a measure that is preposterous on its face and that no court in the Commonwealth would sustain, even were "any six persons" found to begin proceedings under it. This enactment, if it can be supposed possible, would bring additional disgrace to the State, but it would be otherwise, harmless, which is more than can be said of many other things done or likely to be done at Harrisburg.

Chestnut Street Theatre.

At the Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, this week, Frank Daniels will appear in "The Office Boy." This is his second successful season.

For two weeks, beginning February 16th, May Irwin, that exuberantly mirthful person, will appear in George V. Hobart's Paradox "Mrs. Black is Black."

ROLLER MILL REMODELED.

Weber Brothers Overhaul their Milling Plant at Centre Hall.

Messrs. J. H. and S. E. Weber have just finished giving the Centre Hall Roller Mill a complete overhauling and have installed new and first-class machinery, and in every way have brought their mill to a standard of perfection. To accomplish this a force of workmen have been engaged in the mill since the middle of November, and among these were the experienced millwrights, Messrs. D. S. Varner, of Alexandria, and W. Don L-ford, of Huntingdon, the former having charge.

Among the improvements made aside from remodeling the spouting, elevators, gearing, and rebuilding the grain bins, was the installation of two new double stands of rolls, manufactured by The Wolf Company, Chambersburg, Pa., who build the highest class mill machinery. The old rolls were reground and are practically as good as new. The three double stands of rolls now give the mill a capacity of forty-five barrels of flour per day.

The old reel system was thrown aside, and the modern oscillator takes its place. The oscillator performs the work of six machines under the old system, and with better results.

A new cob crusher, corn sheller and Attrition feed mill were also installed. The feed mill is entirely modern and built on the most scientific principles, and has the capacity of one car load of feed per day.

Special attention was given the mill in regard to the gearing and it is so arranged that any part of the machinery may be operated independent of other machinery, thus obviating the necessity of running parts of the mill when not in actual use. This arrangement lessens the need of motive power and reduces the wear to the minimum.

The mill is now in operation, and the Messrs. Webers will be pleased to serve its customers.

The Centre County Association.

The mid-winter entertainment of the Centre County Association will be held Monday evening, February 6th, eight o'clock, at Mosebach's Casino, Girard Avenue and Thirteenth Street, Philadelphia. The program embraces vaudeville from eight till nine o'clock, banquet from nine till ten, dancing after ten. Cost of entertainment \$1.25 for each person. Orders and remittances should be made to the secretary, Dr. S. Gray Mattern, 1015 North Forty-fourth street, Philadelphia.

The Centre County Association is composed of Centre County people who live in Philadelphia. The organization was effected in June, 1903. The Reporter acknowledges an invitation to their third annual gathering.

Keith's This Week.

There are unusually strong attractions at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, this week. For the first time this season Robert Hilliard, the distinguished and leading actor appears. "Papinta," the dancing wonder of the century, finishes her last week. Rice and Prevost perform the greatest comedy-acrobat act in the world. R. J. Jose, the famous tenor, excels in his line. Other attractions are Rice and Cady, German comedians; Dojan and Leubar, presenting a screamingly funny comedy sketch; Stuart Barnes, monologue stories; the Three Westons, instrumental music; Watson and Hill, dancing duo, and a host of other performers. There is no other place in Philadelphia like Keith's. Seats—25c, 50c, 75c.

LOCALS.

The name of the postoffice at Oak Grove, formerly called Centre Oak, has been changed by the Government to Avis.

The Central Railroad company propose, in the near future, to erect a new station at Mackeyville. The building is designed to contain a waiting room and freight room.

Frank A. Carson, merchant at Pottery Mills, is a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace of Potter township, and is making a canvass of the district in his behalf.

Oscar L. Rishel, of near Boalsburg, advertises sale of his farm stock and implements. Mr. Rishel lives on the farm owned by the Misses Goheen, and will be followed as tenant by Grant Houser, now living on one of the Thompson farms, in the "Big Hollow." Mr. Rishel's plans for the future are not known to the writer, except that he will give up farming.

The application of Harry T. Cole, of Loganton, for a licensed hotel in Beech Creek, has been refused by the court of Clinton county. This ends one of the most hotly contested fights in that borough for a long time. There has not been a licensed hotel in that borough for almost eighteen years and the opposition to the application made this year was overwhelming.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Superintendent C. L. Gramley visited the schools last week.

Miss Tace Kremer is expected home from Johnston the latter part of this week.

Leslie Sharer was a caller the other evening. He is steadily engaged in the shops of the Luse Manufacturing Company.

James Raymond will move from the Jacob Houser farm, at Houserville, to the farm of Mrs. Catharine Wieland, at Linden Hall.

Senator Heinle moved his law office from Crider's Exchange to the room recently occupied by Col. Reeder. The Senator will give law his entire attention.

The Sprucetown protracted meeting under Rev. G. W. McInay, continues with unabated interest. Up to Monday evening thirty-two persons had been at the altar of prayer.

Miss Ruth Thomas lost a chain bracelet, Sunday evening, between the Reformed church and her home. She will be pleased to have it returned to her by the finder.

Mrs. Laura S. Bayard, of New York, Thursday will start for the Pacific coast Los Angeles being her objective point. She expects to spend the winter there, and before returning will visit many other places beyond the Rocky Mountains.

John W. Neese now has charge of the milling machinery in the Centre Hall roller mill, which were recently remodeled extensively. Mr. Neese is an experienced miller, having spent several years in large flouring mills in Minnesota.

Eby & Zimmerman, lumbermen, recently bought of John Stoner thirty acres of timberland situated in Poe valley. The tract is well covered with timber. J. C. Auman, of Wolf's Store, has a mill on the tract and will do the sawing.

Mrs. Samuel Snyder, of this place, was to Greensburg, where her husband works. She went Saturday before Christmas and returned Tuesday after New Year. She was very much pleased with her trip and had a very nice time while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Lee, of Milroy, were guests of the former's brother, Dr. George L. Lee, in this place, Wednesday and Thursday of last week. From Centre Hall they drove to Bellefonte, and before returning home also visited the family of M. M. Decker, east of town.

Clayton J. Greeninger, who, since last fall, has been milling in the Centre Hall roller mill, has leased the Beech Creek roller mill, located in the borough of Beech Creek, and will move to that place in the spring. He is thoroughly equipped for the business, and will be able to give the patrons of the mill good service.

Messrs. William G. and Charles E. Mothersbaugh, of Boalsburg, were in town Tuesday, and gave the Reporter a few minutes of their time. The Reporter is not a student of clairvoyance, but it prophesies that there will be something doing in Boalsburg, or thereabouts, that will be of particular interest to the elder of the brothers mentioned above.

Among the young men in Harris township who will change their vocations in life is Clyde P. Wieland, of Linden Hall, who will leave the Wieland homestead to become a veterinarian and will enter the University of Ohio, at Columbus, to fit himself for that profession. This move on the part of Mr. Wieland accounts for the announcement of the sale of his farm stock and implements in March.

That oil derrick, immediately east of Centre Hall, is having its influence on the sale of real estate, and that influence is for the better. Property can be bought in Centre Hall at its real value today. But suppose Centre Hall becomes the centre of an oil field—well, real estate will not be in the market at a price that can be reached by the home-seeker, the speculator only will be able to buy. Property is changing hands more rapidly than ever, the wise man will buy today to sell tomorrow.

Many of the Reporter readers will recall Augustus S. Wolf, who was employed with Jacob Harpster, deceased, when blacksmithing and wagon building was carried on extensively in the present quarters of the Centre Reporter, which building at that time however, did not have a glass front and beveled-French-plate door panels. Mr. Wolf is now conducting a similar business in Kyser, West Virginia, being the junior partner in the firm of Moorman and Wolf. He does an extensive business and has a well equipped establishment.