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## CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

### 148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

By T. P. Meyer, Sergeant Co. A., 148th Regiment, P. V.

(To be continued.)

#### CHAPTER X.

John Miller, age 18, Wolf's Store, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. Absent sick from September 1st, 1864. Discharged at Washington, D. C. May 17th, 1865. Aaron and John Miller were brothers.

Joseph K. Meyer, age 22, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. Left the service without leave, from Camp Forster, Lutherville, Md. Nov. 17th, 1862 and never returned. The charge of desertion was removed, and he was restored to citizenship by an amnesty proclamation by the President of the United States, at the close of the war.

William C. Meyer, age 18, Wolf's Store, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. Wounded in the hand in battle at Po River, Va. May 10th, 1864. Returned to the company August 13th, and was killed in battle at Deep Bottom, Va., north of the James River, by a large fragment of shell passing through his left breast, August 14th, 1864. He was instantly killed and never knew that he was struck. He was buried on the field, by his company comrades; grave now unknown. A braver boy never carried a gun. He was a true type of the American citizen soldier. The four Meyers of company A, representing four different families, were cousins.

Israel Otto, age 19, Millheim, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. Badly wounded in the top of the head, by a fragment of shell, which shaved the scalp clean from the skull, a large patch, in Death Valley, battle of Gettysburg, Pa. July 2nd, 1863. This comrade was short in stature; had he been half an inch taller he would have been killed. Returned to Regiment and was again wounded in battle at Cold Harbor, Va. June 3rd, 1864, and also wounded in battle at South Side Rail Road, Va. April 2nd, 1865; was one of the hundred men of the 148th P. V. who charged the Confederate Crater Fort, before Petersburg, Va. on the evening of Oct. 27th, 1864. Discharged at Washington, D. C. July 3rd, 1865. Died at Barbanks, Ohio, October 18th, 1890. He was promoted to corporal Dec 7th, 1864, served as such for a while, then threw off his chevrons and asked to be once more enrolled as a private. Many soldiers refused promotion, and by choice served in the ranks, where intelligence and ability to lead men often outranked that of the men who led them. The three Ottos in the regiment were brothers.

John E. Reish, age 36, Wolf's Store, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. On account of continued disability he was discharged on surgeons certificate of disability April 1st, 1863. Died near Wolf's Store, Pa. some years after the war.

Jackson E. Roush, age 25, Loganton, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. Left the service without leave from camp at Lutherville, Md. November 17th, 1862, and never returned. The charge of desertion was removed and he was restored to the citizenship by an amnesty proclamation, by the President of the United States, at the close of the war. Committed suicide by taking laudanum, about 1886, near Hartleton, Pa.

Levi H. Smith, age 21, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. Physically unable to do service in the ranks, he was made officer's servant. Transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps, which was doing duty at Washington, D. C. April 14th, 1864; discharged July 8th, 1865; died at Millinburg, Pa. in 1876.

Samuel Strayer, age 18, Wolf's Store, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. In the Hospital service, 1864-65. Discharged at Harrisburg, Pa. June 7th, 1865. The two Strayers in company A were father and son.

Elias Stover, age 43, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. Served as company quartermaster and cook; on account of disability he was discharged January 20th, 1864.

Simon Stover, age 23, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. Died in camp near Fredericksburg, Va. April 9th, 1863; brought home and buried at Rebersburg, Pa. These two Stovers were uncle and nephew.

John Strong, age 20, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. Officer's

## Republican Caucuses.

The Republicans throughout the county, will hold their caucus meetings Saturday evening.

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servant and commissary department employe from May 1st, 1864 to the day of his discharge with the company at Harrisburg, Pa. June 7th, 1865.

Ira Walker, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. Regularly with the company, through the Chancellorsville and Gettysburg Campaigns, back to Williamsport, Md. on the Potomac river, where he left the army without leave, and struck for home July 14th, 1863, and never returned. The charge of desertion was set aside, and he was restored to citizenship by general amnesty proclamation by the president of the United States, spring of 1865, at the close of the war.

John Weight, age 36, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. Mortally wounded (leg shot off) in battle at Gettysburg, Pa. July 2nd, 1863, and died of this wound on the 24th of the same month. Later he was brought home and buried at Rebersburg, Pa.

William Weight, age 23, Wolf's Store, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. In the battle of Gettysburg, Pa. July 2nd, 1863, a fragment of shell cut his musket in two, knocked him down and severely injured him; yet he remained with the company to the end of the campaign, when he was detailed as officer's cook; transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps, Washington, D. C. April 14th, 1864. Discharged at Washington, D. C. June 30th, 1865. William and John Weight were brothers.

Thomas G. Weirick, age 16, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered at Harrisburg, Pa. September 1st, 1862. Absent sick from April 14th, 1863 to November following. Wounded in battle at Cold Harbor, Va. June 3rd, 1864, disabled, and never returned to regiment. Discharged June 7th, 1865.

Solomon Wise, age 23, Madisonburg, Pa. Mustered with the company as wagoner, at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. Left the service without leave, from camp at Lutherville, Md. December 6th, 1862, and never returned. The charge of desertion was removed, and he was restored to citizenship by the president of the United States, at the close of the war, spring of 1865.

Charles W. Weiser, age 18, Millheim, Pa. Mustered with the company, at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. Severely wounded by musket ball in the leg in battle at Gettysburg, Pa. July 2nd, 1863, and permanently disabled. Never returned to the regiment; discharged May 19th, 1865.

Charles A. Wolf, age 19, Wolf's Store, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. Absent sick from May 2nd 1864, rejoined the regiment August 13th, was taken prisoner in battle at Reams Station, Va. August 25th, 1864, and taken to Confederate prison camp at Salisbury, N. C., where he died of insanity. He had developed an insatiable longing for home; comrades tried to cheer him; they walked out with him; they sat down on the ground and talked of ante bellum, happy boyhood days. He drew his feet up, rested his arms on his knees, and his head upon his arms, and no longer spoke; he had apparently fallen asleep. His comrades waited long that he might sleep his trouble away, but when they did try to rouse him, they found that it was the beginning of his last long sleep that knows no waking forever. So all his troubles ended February 9th, 1865.

Franklin Wolf, age 20, Wolf's Store, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. In the wheat field, battle of Gettysburg, Pa. July 2nd, 1863, a mionie ball struck the bible in his knapsack, and passed almost through; the solid paper cut the leaden ball into wirey fragments, and saved his life. He was killed in the battle of Po River, Va. May 10th, 1864. Supposed to be buried on the battle field; grave unknown. Charles and Frank Wolf were cousins.

Henry Wolf, age 19, Rebersburg, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. Died of fever in hospital at Potomac Creek, near Fredericksburg, Va. May 28th, 1863; taken home and buried at Rebersburg, Pa. He and Lieutenant Wolf were brothers, and were cousins to Charles A., Franklin, and Samuel Wolf.

Samuel Wolf, age 26, Madisonburg, Pa. Mustered with the company at Rebersburg, Pa. August 25th, 1862. Died of fever in Regimental Hospital, near Fredericksburg, Va. February 22nd, 1863; buried in Regimental burial plot. Place of burial and grave now unknown.

## DEATHS.

H. G. SHAFER.

The following is taken from the Cherokee (Kansas) Sentinel, date of January 20th:

Saturday morning as the business men came down town they were shocked by hearing that H. G. Shafer, landlord of the Lindell hotel was dead. But few knew he was sick and none, not even his own family, thought his attack of pneumonia would prove fatal. He had passed away about three o'clock in the night. All had been used to seeing him on the streets and in the stores and his active life made it seem hardly possible that he could be dead.

Mr. Shafer was born fifty-two years ago at Aaronsburg, Centre county, Pennsylvania, where he grew up, and on the 20th day of July, 1879, he was married to Miss Emma Ethlinger. Of this union three daughters were born who are now with their mother in this city. They continued to live at their old home until fifteen years ago, when they came to Springfield, Missouri, where they lived till they came to Fort Scott in 1894. They moved here in 1900 and took charge of the Lindell hotel. Mr. Shafer was a popular landlord, a good business man, and had the respect of all with whom he came in contact. The family has been in the hotel business for seventeen years. Only one sister, much older than he, survives him. He had been a Mason for twenty years, which order conducted his funeral Sunday afternoon, when his brethren laid him away in his final home in the Cherokee cemetery.

The family had made arrangements to take charge of a large railroad hotel at Cotter, Arkansas, but now they will stay here, and for the present run the Lindell.

## WILLIAM SCHOLL.

William Scholl, who had been ill for several months from rheumatism and other ailments, died Friday morning at his home east of Centre Hall, on the Harper farm. Interment was made Monday at the Union church cemetery, near Farmers Mills, Rev. J. M. Reaick, pastor of the Lutheran church and to which organization Mr. Scholl had recently been admitted, officiating. The age of the deceased was almost sixty-three years.

Mr. Scholl was of a retired disposition, and spent his entire life at hard toil on the farm. He is survived by a widow, whose maiden name was Rebecca Gephart, a native of Zion, and two children—John O. Scholl, of Altoona, and Sarah, wife of S. S. Kreamer, of Centre Hall.

## JAMES W. MILLER.

James Worth Miller, who died in Altoona, was born near Graydays, Huntingdon county, June 28th, 1846. He moved to Altoona twenty-seven years ago and went to work in the shops for the Pennsylvania railroad company. He was taken sick last April and gradually grew worse until his death last week. Mr. Miller was a member of the Pennsylvania Railroad Relief Association. He was a musician of some note and at one time played in the Citizens' band, of Altoona. He is survived by his wife and three sons, W. L. and John L., of Altoona, and Charles, of Clairton. He is also survived by three sisters: Mrs. John Giles, of Petersburg; Mrs. Thomas Jamison, of Spring Mills, and Mrs. G. W. Bailey, of Downs, Kansas.

## SAMUEL REESMAN.

Samuel Reesman died at his home at Fairbury, Nebraska. His death was caused by cancer of the stomach. Mr. Reesman was a former native of Millheim and a number of years ago moved to Nebraska. He was married to Sarah J. Musser, a daughter of the late ex-Sheriff W. L. Musser, who, with six children, three boys and three girls, survive.

## MRS. MARGERY WALKER.

Mrs. Margery Walker, widow of the late Jacob Walker, died at the home of her son-in-law, Philip Resides, in Boggs township. Deceased was eighty-six years of age and is survived by one son, Milliken, and three daughters, Mrs. Philip Resides, Mrs. D. Poorman and Mrs. Cyrus Lucas.

## MRS. SABILLA KRYDER.

Mrs. Sabilla Kryder, wife of the late Jacob M. Kryder, died at her home at Lock Haven, aged fifty-seven years. The funeral was held last Thursday, interment being made in the Mt. Bethel cemetery, near Mackeyville.

## MARTHA ELIZABETH STOVER.

Martha Elizabeth, infant daughter of Thomas and Annie Stover, died at the home of her parents, near Wolf's Chapel. Funeral services were held Friday, conducted by Rev. I. N. Bair. Interment at Wolf's Chapel.

## UNION COUNTY CORPORATION.

Senator Focht Interested in a New Mineral and Mining Company.

The Millinburg Mineral Company is a new proposition in Union county, chartered recently in the State of Delaware, and having as their board of directors the following named well-known gentlemen of Union and Columbia counties: Senator B. K. Focht, Lewisburg; Hon. James R. Ritter, Robert S. Gutelius, D. B. Miller and George A. Guyer, Millinburg; George Snyder, O. B. Mellick and Irvin Snyder, Bloomsburg, and William M. Pyle, Wilmington, Del. On Tuesday, December 27th last, the board of directors held their first meeting in Millinburg and elected as its officers—Hon. James R. Ritter, president; George Snyder, vice president; D. B. Miller, treasurer, and George A. Guyer, secretary.

The company has leased nearly 1,400 acres of land in Lewis and West Buffalo townships, in Union county, their purpose being to develop the mineral resources of that district—coal, natural gas and oil being the principal objects of their search—coal blossoms have been found all over their tracts while the semi-bituminous coal itself crops out in numerous places. No well defined vein of coal has yet been found, but the opinion of the experts upon the ground has plainly indicated about where the veins can be found. These lands have the Catskill and Chemung formation, representing the oil and gas producing strata of the lower oil county, and the Bradford measures to a very great extent, and may conservatively be regarded as defined coal, gas and oil territory. The measures are flat in places sealed up.

Prospecting and mining each year are making more advancement than any other business. It is not playing a lottery, the mineral is in the ground and it only requires perseverance to find it.

## DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

Borough Democratic Ticket Nominated Saturday Evening.

Chairman D. J. Meyer called a caucus of the Democratic voters of Centre Hall borough Saturday evening, in the Town Council room, to place in nomination a Democratic borough ticket.

An organization was effected by electing W. B. Mingle, chairman, and J. Frank Smith and S. W. Smith, secretaries.

The ticket placed in nomination is as follows: Judge of elec.—Geo. W. Hosterman. Inspector—Frank P. Geary. School Directors—J. G. Dauberman. H. G. Strohmeler. Town Council—Charles W. Slack. Cyrus Brungart. John H. Weber. Overseer Poor—John H. Puff. Constable—Wm. H. Runkle. High Constable—John Ritter. Auditor—Thomas L. Moore. But two ballots were necessary to complete the ticket. For council the names presented besides those selected were Thomas G. Wilson and John W. Conley, and for auditor Harry Harper. The ticket is a good one, and will be met with little or no opposition.

## A TWO-HEADED SNAKE.

Zoological Department Adds This and a Collection of Insects to Its Treasures.

Any one visiting the State Division of Zoology at Harrisburg may see a two-headed snake, nor is it necessary to daily with the festive highball or the seductive cocktail to behold this unusual sight.

The specimen which Professor Surface now has preserved in formaldehyde in a small bottle is an inch or two less than a foot long and about as thick as a common lead pencil. It is of the species known variously as the house snake, the milk snake and the spotted adder. The heads are perfectly formed and are joined at the base of the cranium. The reptile was captured while running alive.

## Paid Subscription.

The Reporter is indebted to the following subscribers for subscription paid:

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## FAIRMEN'S MEETINGS.

Hon. A. M. Cornell and G. W. Oster to Speak at Five Places.

The Centre County Pomona Grange has arranged for a series of meetings to be held at Millheim, Feldler, Rebersburg, Madisonburg and Spring Mills at which Hon. A. M. Cornell, of Bradford county, and Hon. G. W. Oster, of Bedford county, will be present and speak on topics of special interest to the farmers as a class. These meetings are open to the public, and it is the desire of the committee of arrangement that all who possibly can will come to hear these able speakers.

The dates and places for the various meetings, all of which will open at seven o'clock in the evening, and absolutely free, are as follows:

- MILLHEIM, Monday, January 30.
- FELDLER, Tuesday, January 31.
- REBERSBURG, Wednesday, Feb. 1.
- MADISONBURG, Thursday, Feb. 2.
- SPRING MILLS, Friday, February 3.

## Arney Property Sold.

The house and lot of F. E. Arney, located on Water Street, was sold Monday at sheriff's sale to William Gfrerer for the sum of five hundred and sixty dollars.

## Chestnut Street Opera House.

The world's greatest contralto and comedienne, Mme. Schumann-Heink, is this week at the Chestnut Street Opera House, Philadelphia, in the Stang & Edwards comic opera, "Love's Lottery."

Beginning January 30th, Hamlin & Mitchell's splendid musical extravaganza, "Babes in Toyland."

## Chestnut Street Theatre.

May Irwin will close her engagement at the Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, Saturday evening, in George V. Hobart's paradox, "Mrs. Black is Black." The leading dailies speak of Miss Irwin thus: "No one can sing a coon song like May Irwin."—Record. "Jollier than ever."—North American.

"Miss Irwin has been absent from the stage two long years—two years too long."—Ledger.

"As jolly a mess of outlandish nonsense as ever drove an audience into tears of laughter."—Telegraph.

For two weeks, Beginning Monday, January 30th, Henry W. Savage offers Pixley & Luders' latest comic opera success, "Woodland," a musical fantasy of the forest.

## Rebersburg.

Dr. Frank, the eye specialist, is in town for a week.

Mrs. George Haines is confined to her house from erysipelas.

William Kreamer spent a day this week in town, on business.

L. B. Frank, druggist, spent the past week at Williamsport on business.

Thomas Miller, of Lock Haven, was the guest of David Shrack a day last week.

Miss Sadie Bower, of Coburn, is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Stover.

Thomas Harter, a lumberman from Loganton, was at this place last Thursday on business.

Jacob Heller is on the verge of selling his blacksmith shop to Harry Smull, of Smullton.

Miss Minerva Smith, of Millheim, spent a few days last with her sister, Mrs. Charles Mallory.

Rev. O. L. Buck is holding protracted meeting at Wolf's Store. These meetings are successful.

Mrs. Erecht, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Hackman, is on the sick list.

The P. L. C. club which was recently organized at this place, is already numbered with the past.

Howard Bes, of Hubersburg, is visiting his uncle, Howard Krape, at this place.

The caucus meeting held at this place last Saturday was well attended and the nominations made are satisfactory to all.

O. F. Stover has quit hauling cream for the Coburn creamery and is making preparation to commence to farm for his father-in-law, Jonathan Spangler, the coming spring.

Dwight Wolf, who was employed in the silk mills at Williamsport, and whose health is failing, is at present staying in town as the guest of his aunt, Mrs. John Wolf.

Last Sunday evening Rev. Bixler closed his series of meetings which were in progress for two weeks. These meetings were largely attended and much spiritual benefit was derived.

Last Thursday while Wm. Breon was hauling ice from the dam near Wolf's Store, his horses became entangled in the lines and before Mr. Breon could get control of them they backed sled and all down over the ice into the stream which was eight feet deep. It took quite a time and a good bit of engineering before the team could be taken out of the water.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

It's sledding parties everywhere and every night.

Miss Margaret Goodhart Saturday went to Altoona.

G. H. Lyman, of Boggs township, has been ill for some time.

Mrs. G. W. Hosterman, Saturday, returned from a week's visit to Lancaster.

Farmer's institute will be held in Hubersburg, Monday and Tuesday, 30th and 31st inst.

The Potter-Hoy hardware company gave its annual banquet, Friday evening, to its employes.

Politics in Potter township has warmed up to the boiling point. Keep it within the pot, boys.

Miss Jennie B. Smith, who had been in Philadelphia for some time, is at her home at Centre Hill.

A. C. Mingle improved the interior of his shoe store. The appearance is changed much for the better.

Lee Brooks will move from Linden Hall to Pleasant gap, where he has secured a position with Noll Brothers, the popular merchants of that place.

Mrs. D. H. Hastings, of Bellefonte, held an informal reception in honor of Mrs. Rankin, her mother, Friday evening. The occasion was the lady's eighty-first birthday.

Jacob Hicks, of Stormstown, has sold his beautiful farm to David Behres, for five thousand dollars, and at auction sale last week bought the widow Thompson farm for four thousand dollars.

The report that Miss Grace Crawford, daughter of Frank M. Crawford, of Bellefonte, had the small pox, is all wrong. There is not now, nor has there recently been, sickness in Mr. Crawford's family.

H. G. Strohmeier, the marble dealer, had a Commercial telephone placed in his residence. His business is expanding to such an extent that it became necessary to be connected with the outside world by wire.

A fire was narrowly averted at the home of Mrs. Roland Frantz, at Tylersville. The children upset a lamp and a blaze was started, but Maggie Mechtley, who was present, threw a rug over the fire and extinguished it.

"How Uncle Sam is spending Hundreds of Millions of Dollars to Make Washington the Most Beautiful Capital in the World" is the title of a unique picture feature in the February Woman's Home Companion. The title tells the story.

While chopping down a tree in the mountains, back of Millheim, John Confer, son of P. F. Confer, cut a deep gash in his foot over the ankle. Dr. Frank dressed the wound, several inches in length, and required several stitches to properly close it.

Dr. James Hosterman, who at present is staying with his father, Alfred P. Hosterman, near Centre Hill, was in town the latter part of last week. He is concerned in the outcome of the oil well to be sunk at this place, having been interested in similar ventures at other points.

A bill has been introduced into the State Legislature appropriating \$500,000 for the improvement of the Delaware river. The measure may not get through the body, as the general opinion seems to be that the National Government should care properly for navigable rivers.

George W. Kline, of Oak Hall, who until recently was employed in Long's flouring mills at Howard, was a caller Thursday of last week. As was previously mentioned in these columns, Mr. Kline will assume charge of the Joseph Moyer flour mills, at Spring Bank, in the spring.

Joshua T. Potter and family, who two years ago moved to Clairton, will return next month to their farm, and possibly locate in Centre Hall in the spring. Their son, Harry Potter, is now located in Birmingham, Alabama, which accounts for the family wishing to return to Centre Hall.

M. F. Rossman, of Tusseyville, will be obliged to move again next spring, the Swartz property in which he now lives, having been sold. It is rumored that David Fortney purchased the home, and that he expects to occupy it by spring. This information is not, however, given on the authority of Mr. Rossman.

The Bellefonte doctors are getting considerable free advertising. First it was given out in the local press that the doctors had agreed to have but one telephone in their offices; next it was announced that the doctors had agreed to charge not less than \$250 (not two and one-half dollars) for attending each small patient. And yet there's something in all this—they agreed.