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CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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

To show the losses of a company of soldiers in active war we will here give an abstract of the "Monthly Return" of Company A, 148th P. V., for the month ending October 31st, 1864, when there was no commissioned officer with the company. The Captain was absent, wounded, since June 16th, 1864, and both Lieutenants were dead.

October 31st, 1864, there still remained on the company roll eighty-two men, as follows:

Absent, sick and wounded, forty-two.

Absent, missing in battle and prisoners, thirteen.

Absent on extra duty and detached service, nine.

Total absent, sixty-four; leaving eighteen fighting men present for duty, out of a total enrollment of one hundred and thirty-five men. Or a total loss from all causes of one hundred and seventeen men in Company A, in a little over two years. The Regiment had gone down from about fourteen hundred to one hundred and fifty effective fighting men.

In the Confederate Army conditions were about the same, even before the awful and decimating campaigns of 1864. A captured report for April, 1864, shows that the greater part of their army also was in the rear. It is a report of Capt. Swift Galloway's Co. H, of the 3d Regiment North Carolina (Confederate) Infantry, for the month ending April 30th, 1864, with a total enrollment of seventy-six.

Absent, sick and wounded, sixteen.

Absent, without leave, seventeen.

Absent, in arrest, four.

Absent, on detached service, nine.

Total absent, forty-six, leaving thirty men present for duty.

In considering the foregoing report we are also led to believe that there was great demoralization in the Confederate Army. Seventeen men reported "absent without leave" for a month, were deserters, and "four men under arrest" possibly also deserters, making twenty-one deserters in one company at one time; a very unusual, demoralizing and discouraging condition in an army.

RAISING OF COMPANY A.

Company A was recruited in a country district of about three by ten miles in area, which included the villages of Rebersburg, Madisonburg, Millheim and Aaronsburg, the latter, however, contributing only a few men. The start was made at Rebersburg, which was made the general rendezvous of the company to the end. No man or set of men recruited the company. It was simply a spontaneous outburst of patriotism and war spirit, in behalf of the National Government, incited by reverses to the National Army in the field. Every boy and man that enlisted at once became an active recruiting officer and persuaded his chums to join also.

From three o'clock in the afternoon of August 19th, 1862, when the first name was enrolled, to the close of the day, twenty-nine men and boys enlisted. In three days the company of one hundred men had been raised. On Saturday, August 23d, we organized; on Monday, August 25th, the company was sworn in at Rebersburg, Pa., and became a part of the United States Army, and at day-break August 27th, seven days after the first name was enrolled, we started to war. The company was raised in by far the shortest time of any company in the regiment. Only three men were rejected on account of physical debility.

Peculiarities of Company A.—The company had peculiarities more striking than any other company in the regiment, or, perhaps, in the army, with few exceptions the members were all born and grew up within the above described limits; as children and school-mates they had romped and played together, and there was not a stranger or foreigner in the company. They were all quiet, contented and intelligent home citizens of the very best class.

They were patriotic and tractable to the highest degree, and from the captain down, nearly all Democrats. Profanity was rare in the company; but as true soldiers they were sly and could steal when in need, and were too sharp to be caught in the act or found out afterwards.

A most curious and almost endless consanguineous chain bound many of them together, so that the company was very much like one great family. They stuck together like brothers in sickness, distress, danger or wounded condition.

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KILLED IN ACCIDENT.

Philip Keller, son of J. Henry Keller, of Kansas City, Kas., the Victim.

Philip Schoff Keller, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Keller, died at his home in Kansas City, Kansas, 21st ult., aged thirty-one years, ten months and three days.

The deceased was born in Boalsburg, this county, having gone west with his parents twenty years ago. He was a boilermaker in the employ of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company. The accident which resulted in his death took place while he was making some repairs in the fire box of the engine, and was caused by the blowing out of what is termed a blind pocket from the boiler of the engine thus making a hole two inches in diameter, through which rushed scalding hot water and steam. After the accident he was taken to Bethany hospital, but nothing could be done for him. Although he was badly scalded externally and injured by inhaling the hot steam he was conscious until an hour before his death, being able to direct those who removed him to the hospital.

There are left to mourn his loss a widow, his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. J. M. Sweeney, J. Moyer Keller, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Mary K. David, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Ezra Tressler, Pennsylvania Furnace; Christian C. Keller, Kansas City, Kas.; Henry F. Keller, Atchison, Kas.; Miss Margaret E. Keller and Mrs. Verna I. Kline, Kansas City, Mo. Two brothers, J. W. and Charles E. Keller, died several years ago.

The funeral, in charge of the Woodmen and Knights of Pythias orders, was held from the Central Presbyterian church of Kansas City, Kas., in whose choir the deceased had sung for many years. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him, as was demonstrated by the number and beauty of the floral tributes. The immediate members of the family were all present at the funeral except Mrs. Ezra Tressler.

The remains were placed to rest in Elmwood, the most beautiful cemetery in Kansas City, Mo.

LOCALS.

Small men, like small potatoes, seldom get to the top of the heap.

The man who never anticipates is never disappointed; but he has yet to be born.

Letter heads, note heads, envelopes, programs, and all kinds of printing done at the Reporter office.

County Commissioner A. V. Miller and daughter and Col. and Mrs. E. R. Chambers, witnessed the inauguration ceremonies.

A large, hollow birch tree along Spring Creek, in Benner township, was recently cut down, and found to contain twenty-nine pine squirrels.

Levi Stump, a citizen of Potter township for many years, but now a resident near Millheim, was in town Saturday, and called at this office.

John S. Hesterman, principal of the Walker Township High School, located at Hutersburg, was in town Saturday. The outlook for his select school is very promising.

R. C. McNitt, of Siglerville, was in town one day last week. He has been staying with his brother, A. R. McNitt, at Dr. Hay's private hospital, Bellefonte, for some weeks.

While cutting wood on Nittany Mountain, Walter Weaver split his nose with an axe. Dr. Kidder sewed up the wound, and in so doing was obliged to make eight stitches.

John H. Krumbine writes from Rebersburg, where he is postmaster, that business in undertaking and furniture is very fair. His daughter Effie, he says, has been quite ill for some weeks.

Simon P. King, the present landlord of the Musser House, Millheim, after April 1st, will run the bus between Millheim and Coburn for both the Musser House and National Hotel. For some years there has been great rivalry between these two hotels, and consequently both ran buses. The proposed arrangement will lessen the running expenses of the hotels to a considerable extent.

Charles Wiser, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was in town Friday and Saturday, that being his first appearance here since he came east to the home of his mother at Hartleton to recuperate from a severe attack of typhoid fever. He was treated in the Cincinnati hospital, and for several days his life hung in a balance, but with the care of several physicians and constant attention of several nurses, coupled with a strong will, he lives to tell a unique story of hospital treatment. Mr. Wiser expects to return to the busy Ohio city and again engage with W. W. Boob, the wheelman, by whom he had been employed for a number of years.

Republican County Convention

A call has been issued by Chairman Foster to hold the Republican county convention, April 18th.

Bound for Dakota.

Centre county will be well represented in the neighborhood of Scotland, South Dakota, the families of E. M. Boon, H. A. Hess and J. D. Hess, of near Woodward, having gone there, as did also Wm. Musser, of Coburn. Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel, of Feidler, will locate at Menno. There were eleven children in the party.

Reformatory for Shooting Comrade.

Sixteen year-old Harry Boyer, of Selingsgrove, was convicted of assault and battery on the charge of negligently shooting his playmate, Arthur Ludwig, fourteen years old, in the abdomen last Thanksgiving Day. Judge McClure sent Boyer to the Huntingdon Reformatory. Ludwig has fully recovered, and is now going to school.

Meeting of Audit.

The borough auditors meet Monday of next week to audit the borough accounts. The auditors are Messrs. S. S. Kreamer, Thomas L. Moore and Chas. D. Bartholomew.

The borough statement will show up very creditably for the town council. A large portion of the floating debt has been canceled and a bond of \$500 paid. The council anticipates that the tax rate for borough purposes can be reduced to the extent of five mills without interfering with any improvements now in view.

Evangelists Intend to Enlarge School.

Albright College at Myerstown is to be enlarged at a cost of \$100,000, according to the plans of the Board of Trustees. Following close on the heels of the decision of the East Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical Church, under whose direction the institution is conducted, that the college shall remain in Myerstown, comes the announcement that large property holdings have been acquired for the purpose of expansion.

The purchase includes the Fisher and Behney tracts, which adjoin the present college grounds on the east, and comprise several acres of valuable land, on which there are buildings suitable for the purpose of the college.

Back from Hospital.

Henry Homan is back from the Will's Eye and Ear Hospital, Philadelphia, where he had been undergoing treatment for the past few weeks. Mr. Homan's ailment is peculiar and very serious. The trouble began last fall when, while he was working in the corn field, a rag weed struck him in the eye and injured the member. Later the members grew worse from being exposed to the dust caused by threshing. Double vision followed, and finally he noticed that he was losing control of his eye lids, and was generally growing feeble.

The eye specialists, at the hospital where he was a patient and others who closely examined his case, decided that the cause of his malady was due to a stroke of paralysis which affected the nerves from the brain to the eye, and that his condition was critical, and furthermore that no aid whatever could be given him.

Mr. Homan was brought to Centre Hall, Saturday, by his son Charles Homan, of Williamsport.

In the Interest of Farmers.

Hon. L. Rhone, George L. Goodhart and George Dale represented the farmers of Centre County before the Ways and Means committee of the Legislature at a meeting held Wednesday evening to discuss the merits of the bill introduced by Representative William T. Cressy. The measure proposes to divert from the state treasury to the county treasuries certain taxes collected by the State from the counties.

Should the measure become a law, the counties would be benefited to the extent of about three million dollars. An idea of the sum involved may be gained by a comparison with the school appropriation received by the various counties, since the moneys diverted from the State to the counties would be a little more than one half the school appropriation, which the reader realizes is a large sum.

The taxes that will find their way back to the county treasuries under the Cressy measure are moneys levied on merchants, billiard rooms, theatres, the one-fourth of the personal property tax not now paid into the county treasuries and the part of the liquor licenses retained by the State.

There was also a hearing before the same committee on the road question in which Mr. Rhone participated. He argued that the state should build continuous stretches of road, and pay for it out of the state funds.

U. E. V. CONFERENCE

In Session at Hagerstown, Md.—Brief Report.

The annual conference of the United Evangelical church opened its first session Tuesday of last week, in Hagerstown, Maryland. The presiding bishop was Rev. H. B. Hartzler, D. D., of Harrisburg.

In his response to the address of welcome by the Mayor, Bishop Hartzler, among other things said: We represent as citizens, 4 of the 45 states of the union, as Christians, out of 139 religious denominations, as ministers and lay men one out of 10 annual conferences of the U. E. church, a conference body consisting of 18,417 members and 159 active and local preachers. The results of their prayers, faith, efforts and tears during the year are 8158 conversions and over 9000 accessions to the church.

Rev. J. D. Woodring, D. D., in his annual address on Albright College, said the institution's attendance increased twenty per cent.

Rev. J. F. Shultz was appointed to preach in the First Brethren church Sunday evening.

The total missionary money raised by the different presiding elder districts amounted as follows: York district, \$4,760.60; Carlisle district, \$3,261.20; Centre districts, \$2,879.44; Lewisburg, \$3,442.09; Williamsport, \$3,836.25; grand total, \$18,173.58. This is the best record in the history of the conference.

The following financial statement was presented:

Receipts during year.....	\$14,112.84
Paid out.....	11,027.83
Balance in treasury.....	\$ 3,085.01

The committee on state of missions reported, in part as follows: This shows great gains in membership and improvements. In the 39 missions sustained by this society, there were 796 conversions and 723 accessions during the year. The financial side shows that \$18,985.90 have been raised and paid on these missions for repairs and church debts. These missions are planted here and there, in cities, hamlets and towns, north, east, south and west, over the conference territory.

Rev. W. K. Shultz and G. S. Albright were voted Deacons orders.

Adjourned Sale of Penns Cave.

Penns Cave will be offered for sale at an adjourned sale, March 10th, at ten o'clock, at the Cave House. The real estate of Jessie Long, consisting of a large farm, will be sold at the same time.

LOCALS.

It is much easier to run into debt than it is to crawl out.

George H. Emerick is operating his new steam hay baler, and finds it working satisfactorily.

I. Mervin Arney is suffering from an affection of the spine. He had a similar attack last winter.

James, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sweetwood, during the past week, suffered greatly from quinsy.

J. A. Reesman offers a lot of stoves at bottom prices in order to make room for goods adapted to spring and summer. Rare bargains, indeed. See his ad.

If you are in need of a type-writer, call at the Reporter office and examine the No. 3 model of the Oliver. It is a modern machine, a visible, and has many conveniences not found on other high-class machines.

April being the important month in the fashion world, the April D-lineator is primarily a fashion number, containing an elaborate portrayal of the spring styles and the latest fashion news. In the literary portion of the magazine the first installment of a new serial story by Albert Bigelow Paine is an item of note.

E. G. Van Pelt, of Ithaca, New York, came to town Wednesday evening of last week. His stay here was very brief. He stated that his son, Dr. Harvey Van Pelt, has opened an office in Ithaca. Dr. Van Pelt is a graduate of Cornell University and also took a complete course in one of the leading New York city medical institutions, fitting him most thoroughly for the profession he has chosen. The doctor's many young friends in Centre Hall, where he spent his boyhood days, join the Reporter in wishing him that success due him.

Among the arrivals from the west Saturday evening was Bruce Runkle, of Orangeville, Illinois, where he is engaged with Oscar T. Runkle, a fancy stock breeder. He was delayed coming east by the wreck of the specials west of Pittsburg, which were in their height of blaze when his train passed the ruins. Mr. Runkle's employer had a sale of Aberdeen Angus bulls last week, and received fancy prices for the same. After staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Runkle, in this place, for several weeks the young man expects to return to Illinois.

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

The Jamestown exposition has more reasons back of it for an appropriation by the Pennsylvania Legislature than some of the enterprises of a kindred character that have blossomed on the Pacific coast. The Jamestown exhibition will be of peculiar advantage to the manufacturers of Pennsylvania, and will enable them to display their products to a people whose trade they are seeking. Philadelphia, Pittsburg and other cities of the State have long been cultivating trade relations with the South, and if proper advantage is taken of the Jamestown exposition an excellent opportunity will be afforded in that direction.

Senator Cochran, of Lycoming county, has introduced in the Legislature a joint resolution to create a commission and make an appropriation of \$100,000 for a Pennsylvania representation at the Jamestown exposition two years hence. It is especially intended to promote closer relations with Southern and West India trade, in all of which Pittsburg has a great interest. Then historic, canal and political relations should induce Pennsylvania to lend a helping hand to the Virginia enterprise. We have close ties with Virginia and its adjacent Southern States.

A comparison of the British naval budget for 1905-06 with the appropriations of Congress for the United States navy for the same period is instructive. The expenditures in our case are increased by several millions over the expenditures of the current year; those of Great Britain will be reduced by \$17,500,000. The British estimates foot up to \$167,000,000, while the appropriations made by Congress amount to over \$100,000,000. The navy of Great Britain both in its personnel and the number of ships is about three times the size of ours. Somehow other Governments get more for a dollar than ours. Man for man and ship for ship, our navy costs twice as much as that of Great Britain.

Indiana has enacted a cigarette law, to take effect June 1, the result of which will be watched with interest. It can do no harm and it may do much good. No person can directly or indirectly manufacture, sell, exchange or give away or keep in his possession a cigarette paper or wrappers. The punishment is severe for violating the law and extends to imprisonment. If strictly enforced it will free Indiana from the cigarette evil.

For very shame's sake the Senate struck out of the Deficiency bill the \$190,000 mileage grab inserted by the House. Constructive mileage, based on a constructive recess, is beautiful in theory; but it is too thin and ethereal except for necessitous imperial occasions.

The Philadelphia Press acknowledges that Sproul road law is a failure, and that during the two years it has been in operation has not given much road improvement.

Transfer of Real Estate.

John W. Mallay, et. ux., to George B. Winter, Feb. 18, 1905, 37 acres and 134 perches in Miles Twp. \$30.

John Harrington, et. ux., to Mary Hinton, Aug. 23, 1901, lot in Snow Shoep Twp. \$22.50.

B. Paulsen, et. al., to David R. Wilson, April 19, 1904, 97 perches in Howard boro. \$225.

John D. Hess, et. ux., to Jackson Stover, Jan. 16, 1905, three tracts of land in Haines Twp. \$680.

Aaronsburg.

Harry Mensch, of Bellefonte, visited his parents over Sunday.

Mrs. Carrie Harter, of Millheim, spent a day with her sister, Mrs. Annie Stover.

Harvey Rider, of Potter county, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Mary Burd, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Geary, of Millheim, spent part of the Sabbath at Thomas Hull's.

Lincoln Musser and family, of Bellefonte, were visitors at the home of Geo. M. Stover.

Miss Mary Hartman, of Millheim, was the guest of Miss Kathryn Smull a few days last week.

Harry Stowers and Miss Hettie Smull, of State College, spent a few days with the latter's parents.

Mrs. A. Miles Arney and baby, of Bellefonte, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gramley, returning home Monday.

Mrs. Barbara Saukey, of Millheim; Prof. W. T. Meyer, of Philadelphia; W. R. Jamison, of Lock Haven; Miss Edith Driesbach, of Sunbury, and Howard Smith, of Loganton, attended the funeral of Mrs. Evelyn Musser on Friday.

There is nothing that wastes itself on the desert air so much as sympathy.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Six inches of snow fell Friday night and Saturday morning.

The Judges' Retirement bill is still in retirement, though not on a pension.

D. M. Campbell, secretary of the Centre County Grange, was a caller Saturday.

The five months old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kerlin has been ill for several days.

Judge James A. Beaver and wife returned from their trip to the Pacific coast, the latter part of last week.

Five prisoners have been turned out of the county jail, leaving seventeen charges for the sheriff to care for.

The new borough council organized this week. The new members are Messrs. J. H. Weber and Cyrus Brungart.

John Lawyers, of near Centre Hall, became suddenly ill Friday morning while milking a cow. His suffering was principally pain in the head.

Thomas Hosterman purchased a four hundred dollar team with which to do the farming for his father, Alfred Hosterman, of near Centre Hill.

James Leitzell, Jr., of Spring Mills, made a tour through Potter township with a view of inducing fruit growers to trim their trees as soon as the weather opens.

Liquor license was refused the hotel at Milroy. The landlord of the well-known hostelry has closed the doors against the public and refuses to entertain travelers.

Rev. Smith, pastor of the United Evangelical church at Rebersburg, has retired from the ministry. He will make his future home at Mazepa, Union county.

J. W. Wolf, of Ardmore, is now in the auditing department of the John Wanamaker store. The position is a very desirable one and one that he is quite capable of filling.

H. N. Meyer, of Millheim, was in town last week in the interest of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, which he represents. Mr. Meyer also represents fire and accident insurance companies.

John F. Gray, of the insurance firm of John F. Gray & Son, Bellefonte, was in town Thursday of last week. This firm is gathering business on this side of the county, and represents old substantial life and fire insurance companies.

Beginning Monday evening, March 13th, there will be meetings each evening in the Presbyterian church. Rev. A. S. Carver, of Milesburg, and Dr. James W. Boal, will assist the pastor in these services. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

M. J. Barger, of Beech, was a pleasant caller Thursday of last week. Mr. Barger is a carpenter, and is engaged with George Tate, the Yeagertown contractor and builder. At present the mechanics under Mr. Tate are erecting dwelling houses.

Dr. F. K. White, of Philipsburg, in another column announces that he is a candidate for the office of County Treasurer. Dr. White is well known throughout Centre county. He is intelligent, and gentlemanly in manners, and if nominated by the Democratic convention, would make an exceptionally strong candidate.

A splendid portrait of Rev. Robert B. Wolf, missionary pastor of the First Lutheran church, Kansas City, Kansas, appears on the cover of the Lutheran Missionary Journal. Rev. Wolf was reared in Centre Hall from where he entered the Soldiers' Orphan Home, at McAlisterville, and later Gettysburg College and Seminary. His first charge was in Eureka, Kansas, the present being his second pastorate.

Ex-Commissioner Daniel Heckman, of Bellefonte, was on the South side Monday in the interest of the Brockerhoff estate, he having charge of the eight farms owned by the Brockerhoffs. Mr. Heckman is interested in the success of the Democratic party next fall and expressed a desire to have the best men in the party come forward for office, feeling that with good, honest, capable men on the ticket, the greater part of the battle is won.

The Lancaster Presbyterians discovered a scoundrel filling the pulpit in their church in the person of A. L. Hall-Quest, and gave him an indefinite leave of absence. In the meantime the pastor, who is brilliant and has great oratorical powers, disappeared. The man had insured a systematic swindle by ordering goods by express under assumed names and to accomplish the same secured a postoffice box under a name other than his own. The postoffice authorities were largely responsible in the matter. The culprit's name is light.