



## CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

### 148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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(To be Continued)  
CHAPTER X.

#### THE REGIMENTAL GUARD HOUSE.

The recollection of the Guard House of the 148th P. V. will always linger in the memory of the boys of the Regiment. The Guard House was, in the opinion of the colonel, an indispensable adjunct of the regimental camp. The colonel was the designing architect. It was a rough building of logs with the bark on; about ten by twelve feet in size, about seven feet high. The roof consisted of a few poles thrown across the level top logs; a thin covering of pine branches completed the roof; so rain, snow and hail rattled through upon the unfortunate inmates.

The bare ground was the floor of this guard house and in wet weather it was a mud hole. At one end was a large wooden chimney about eight feet high, but the forest had disappeared before the axes of the army, and wood was now scarce and far to bring; for the guard house there was none, so there was no fire. There was not a block or log to sit upon in it, and the prisoners stood up until tired out, then settled down to rest upon the miry or frozen ground, as the weather would make it. The absence of fire and all other conveniences common in camp, rendered it as desolate a den as could be found anywhere among the prison pens in the Southern Confederacy.

Men were sent to this guard house for the most trivial or imaginary offenses, of omission or commission, against "Red Tape" militarism. The two off-post reliefs were stationed at the guard house, where there was no shelter; but they were required to remain, it mattered not how they shivered in winter's cold, in snow or rain; or how they broiled in summer's heat. Seidom were they allowed even to go to their tents, a few rods away, for grub or water, for fear some officer might gallop along and pass by meanwhile and suffer the anguish of wounded dignity of passing the guard unvisited.

The guard house was generally built along the road where officers were constantly galloping by, for every one of these boys were required to fall in, take arms and salute them as they passed, and woe to the man who was absent when the guard was formed. If the comrades of the camp guards and guard house prisoners did not bring rations to them they would have a hungry time during their stay. There was nothing about our camp and regiment that was so heavily condemned as our system of camp guard and the guard house. The guards were generally in sympathy with the prisoners and often in bad weather they would guard only the door and not the chimney, which was large and not high, so that a man could easily climb up through and down outside and escape, when the guard was willing. At such times the prisoners would escape as soon as night set in, go to their tents to sleep and return to the guard house before day-break, by way of the chimney, next morning and still lose no time on their sentence. In view of the trivial offenses for which good men were thrust into the guard house, no odium attached to the men who were serving or had served time in it. Drunkenness, high crimes, misdemeanors, outrage and low crimes were unknown in the regiment.

One cold, snow-stormy afternoon, winter of 1862-3, when the guard house was well filled with offenders against the red tape rules of the management, the prisoners put a match to the dry pine twig roofing and in a moment the jail was burning furiously. The prisoners rushed out pell mell. The yell of fire! went through the camp and we rushed to the scene, not to put the fire out, for we wanted the thing destroyed, but to save the logs for firewood, which was very scarce. We tore it down, hauling the logs from the fire, carried them to our tents and set the axes to going on them. The colonel rushed upon the scene to find that his "Rebel Den," his cherished Reformatory was no more; while the ringing axes in the company streets plainly told that the guard house logs were being put to a useful purpose.

The snow storm continued and next morning we had a snow four inches deep; sleet and rain falling. Shortly after day-break a fatigue detail of men was called; I was of this detail. We reported at the colonel's tent, where we found the four balky gray horses of the Regimental Team hitched up and in waiting. The colonel came out of his comfortable "wigwam" and said loudly to us, "go out, bring in logs and rebuild the guard house!" The driver mounted the saddle-horse

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## THE LEGISLATURE.

Bills Introduced or Passed by House or Senate.

Work of the Legislature of local interest is appended:

### BILLS PASSED FINALLY.

Extending the act creating a State Board of Undertakers to the entire State.

Limiting the use of a teacher's provisional certificate for a period not exceeding ten years.

Prohibiting public schools to be canvassed by solicitors for the sale or offering for sale of any article or articles whatsoever, or by seeking the enrollment of signatures of teachers.

Taking away from private water companies the right of eminent domain.

Encouraging the building of wire fences along public highways.

Providing for the election of township supervisors and fixing their term of office at three years.

Prohibiting throwing of waste paper, ashes or rubbish of any kind into streets or to disturb the contents of any receptacle placed upon the sidewalks for collection.

### BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Hoke, Franklin—Increasing the fee for issuing a marriage license from 50 cents to \$1.

Mr. Reynolds, Lawrence—Providing that persons who own less than \$300 worth of real estate shall not be eligible to the office of county assessor.

Mr. Francis, Allegheny—Appropriating \$20,000 for the erection of a monument to the late Senator Quay on the Capitol grounds at Harrisburg.

Representative Maust desires "that the elementary principles of agriculture shall be included in the branches of study now required by law to be taught in the common schools of the rural districts of this Commonwealth."

### BILLS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR.

Requiring applicants to practice pharmacy in Pennsylvania to be graduates of a reputable college of pharmacy.

Reorganizing the board of trustees of the Pennsylvania State College.

Giving Judges of the courts power to determine from time to time the number of jurors to be summoned and returned to serve in the courts.

### BILLS PASSED FINALLY IN HOUSE.

Authorizing boroughs to pay a salary to the chief Burgess and to employ a policeman.

### 1880 Class Day.

The class of 1880, Pennsylvania State College, is arranging for a class day at the coming Commencement at State. The chairman of the committee is James L. Hamill, Esq., of Columbus, Ohio. The graduates of the class are: James L. Hamill, (lawyer) Harrison Building, Columbus, O.; John F. Hickman, died 1902; Ester E. Hunter, died 1897; J. Kelly McCombs, (stock raiser) R. F. D. No. 2, Benson, Neb.; Louis E. Reber (Dean, School of Engineering Pennsylvania State College) State College, Pa.; Geo. P. Rishel, (physician) 2035 Diamond street, Philadelphia; James F. Robb, died in 1899.

The class of 1880 had connected with it sixty-two members, and an effort is being made by the chairman of the committee to have in attendance on that day as large a number as possible.

### List Corrections.

If you paid subscription to the Centre Reporter since February 7th you will find a change on your label on this issue. Please examine same, and if an error is found, notify this office at once. An error can easily be corrected if attention is called to it when made, but if the matter is delayed for a year or so, it is difficult to discover the cause.

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and we mounded the canvas covered wagon, and started through mud, snow and rain for the nearest timber, five miles away, which we reached in due time, cut and loaded the logs; but every horse in the team was balky and refused to pull guard house logs. We were in bad humor and fell out with the balky horses readily and beat them unmercifully; but the more we beat them the more balky they got. We unloaded the wagon and got it out of the mud. We reloaded it, but there was no go; we unloaded and reloaded over and over, and though there was a club and a man to each horse and men to the wheels, there was no go. For hours this battle raged. The white horses were streaked with blood and covered with wells and wounds, and the colonel's ears were kept ringing. But there was no use, they would not pull guard-house logs.

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## DEATHS.

### MRS. MIRANDA A. MOTZ.

Mrs. Miranda A. Motz, widow of J. C. Motz, died at the home of her son, J. Frank Motz, at Cleveland, Ohio, Sunday evening, 19th inst. Mrs. Motz was a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Reighard, and was born May 25, 1835, in Columbia county. On November 14, 1859, she was married to John C. Motz at Woodward, Centre county, where her parents then lived. Three sons were born to this union, viz., J. Frank, of Cleveland, Ohio; J. C. F., of Mifflin, Pa., and William R., of Ambridge, Pa., all of whom survive.

The deceased was a lady of fine intellectual powers, and gracious womanliness, whose gifts of mind and heart made her home at Woodward a social centre. She was beloved by all in the community in which she lived who will sincerely mourn her death.

The remains were brought to Woodward where services were held from her late home at that place Thursday last week.

### J. P. GEPHART.

In the death of "Squire" Gephart the vicinity of Zion lost one of its most aged and respected citizens. The sad event occurred Monday morning of last week, and interment took place Thursday following. His illness was of short duration. He was aged seventy-four years.

The deceased is survived by the following children: Elwood, Grass Flat; Mrs. Henry McCloskey, Beech Creek, and Mrs. Showers, at home.

The following sisters also survive: Mrs. Elizabeth Wise, Berwick; Mrs. Katharine Felder, Madisonburg; Mrs. Eve Taylor, Millinburg; Mrs. Julia Stover, Norwood, Kas.; Mrs. Sarah Kline, Bellefonte; Mrs. Caroline Wagner, Houserville; Mrs. Rebecca Sholl, Centre Hall, and one brother, Henry Gephart, Eldorado, Kas.

### HENRY P. HARRIS.

Henry P. Harris, born and raised in Bellefonte, died at the age of seventy-nine years Thursday of last week. He succeeded his father in the undertaking business and engaged in the same until he in turn was succeeded by his son.

Mr. Harris is survived by his wife (nee Miss Mary Toner), and the following children: W. H., of Harrisburg; Hardman P. and James H., of Bellefonte; Mrs. Charles Galloway, of Radford, Va., and John, of Altoona. Also, John P. Harris, of Bellefonte, a brother; Mrs. Elliott, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Miss Elizabeth Harris, of Bellefonte, sisters.

### HON. A. V. LARIMER.

Hon. A. V. Larimer died in Chicago Friday night. Mr. Larimer was born on the old Larimer homestead at Pleasant Gap, being a son of James Larimer. He studied law in Bellefonte and was admitted to the bar in 1852, after which time he went to Council Bluffs, Iowa, and engaged in the practice of law, and afterward was elected judge of the county court. Later he engaged in the real estate and cattle business.

The deceased is survived by a wife whom he married about four years ago. Also two sisters—Mrs. Spear, Bellefonte, and Mrs. Ellen Furey, Pittsburg.

### MARY C. FEITZER.

Mary C. Feitzer, a highly esteemed lady, passed from earthly scenes at the residence of her sister, Mrs. B. E. Yarnell, of Snowshoe. The deceased was forty-seven years of age. She had been ill about seven weeks.

The following sisters and brothers survive her: Mrs. Hannah Feitzer, Yarnell, Mrs. B. E. Yarnell, Snow Shoe; Mrs. S. P. Bird, Holt's Hollow; Mrs. Annie Confer, Nantyglo; George M. Feitzer, Runville, and Joseph M. Feitzer, Holt's Hollow.

### MRS. JACOB SHAFFER.

Mrs. Jacob Shaffer, a highly respected resident of Zion, died at her home in that place Thursday afternoon of last week, aged seventy-three years. Her death was due to a gradual breaking down of the system incident to old age. Her maiden name was Miss Hannah Whiteleather and was a resident of Zion for a great many years. She was an earnest and attentive member of the Reformed church.

### JOHN MARKLE.

John Markle died at the home of his step-son, Samuel Ray, at Reopersburg. He was married twice and leaves two children, Laurie, of Pittsburg, and George, of Jeanette. He also leaves three step-children as follows: Samuel Ray, with whom he made his home at Reopersburg; Mrs. Elsworth Miller and Mrs. John Coughenour, of Greensburg.

## Transfer of Real Estate.

Sarah B. Kline to Charles H. Stover, March 31, 1904; 11 acres, 56 perches in Haines Twp. \$1302.

Harry J. Goss et. ux., to Horatio L. Snyder, March 17, 1905, premises in Phillipsburg. \$2,900.

Chas. Bierly et. ux., to Samuel L. Strohecker, May 16, 1904; 5 acres in Miles Twp. \$500.

Jacob Hicks to D. W. Behres, March 6, 1905; 2 acres, 107 perches in Half Moon Twp. \$5,000.

R. Orlando Way to Harbison Walker Co., March 15, 1905; two tracts of land in Half Moon Twp. \$1,300.

Mary C. Thompson to Jacob Hicks, January 13, 1905; 92 acres, 121 perches in Half Moon Twp. \$4,000.

Jasper R. Brungart et. ux., to S. L. Strohecker, December 24, 1905; 65 acres in Miles Twp. \$45.

Annie R. Royer to George S. Royer, December 6, 1902; 80 perches in Centre Hall. \$250.

Mrs. Dora Stonebraker to J. Herbert Fink, March 20, 1905; 42 acres, 100 perches in Union Twp. \$800.

John J. Houser to Lydia Houser, Lot No. 30 in State College. \$200.

A. S. Auman et. ux., to H. A. Detwiler, March 8, 1905; several tracts in Miles Twp. \$1,250.

## Harris Township.

Jacob Harnish is visiting at Snow Shoe.

R. B. Harrison visited his mother, at Jersey Shore.

George Stuart, of Pittsburg, is visiting here.

A little boy came to the home of Charles Eisenberg last week.

Mrs. Effie Jacobs has gone to Altoona for a few weeks' stay.

C. F. Harrison, of State College transacted business here last week.

Mrs. Regina Tharpe, of Bellefonte, visited at the home of Ira Rishel.

George Shuey and family, of Rockview, spent Saturday at the home of J. A. Rupp.

Mrs. M. A. Woods is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Bryson, of Jersey Shore.

Edwin Rupp, of Altoona, spent a week with his parents and rendered assistance at their sale.

Mrs. Annie Kreamer, with her son, James Condo, of Altoona, visited her sister, Mrs. Maude Williams.

Mrs. George Kaup was called to Bellefonte on account of the illness of her sister, Miss Nannie Stover.

D. W. Myers is spending some time at the home of Henry Homan, in Potter township, papering their house.

Daniel Martz disposed of his farm stock at public sale and is moving to Altoona, where he will have charge of a dairy.

George Meiss, of Colyer, has been following up the sales and supplying the people with fine candies, peanuts and oranges.

Mrs. Wm. A. Wagner and daughter Helen, of Altoona, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Kimpfort, in Boalsburg.

Mrs. E. E. Brown attended the wedding of Miss Isabel Mayes and John Moke, at the bride's home, in Lehigh, last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kremer, last week, moved to Altoona where they will make their home with their daughter, Mrs. Sara Hunter.

Mrs. W. A. Murray and Mrs. Homer Barr attended the funeral of Mrs. J. J. Arney, at Centre Hall, Saturday and spent a few days with friends at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Grove, of Pine Grove Mills, are visiting at the home of Edward Lucas, the chief attraction being a little granddaughter, who arrived a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayes and Master Wayne Keller, of Houserville, visited their grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Keller, Saturday.

A confirmation service was held in the Lutheran church Sunday, in connection with the regular morning service. Officers were also elected for the church and Sunday school.

The joint consistory of the Reformed congregations comprising the Boalsburg charge held a meeting in the Reformed church Saturday morning. The annual settlement was made, and J. H. Neidigh, of the Pine Hall congregation, was elected to accompany the pastor, Rev. A. A. Black, to the meeting of Classis at Hublersburg, the first week in May.

Families who are moving this week and others who moved last week are: J. A. Rupp and Mrs. Katharine Wieland to Boalsburg, O. L. Rishel to Oak Hall, Solomon Lohr to Mrs. Leech's farm, Joe Myers to the farm vacated by Mr. Lohr, Grant Houser to the Goheen farm, Charles Kuhn to the Sparr farm, Amos Koch to the Aul farm, Elmer Houtz to his father's home and Lloyd Worrel to Mrs. Brown's farm.

The coming ball player will soon be trying to make a hit with the manager.

## INCIDENTS OF 1868.

Local Items Taken from the Centre Reporter of Interest to 1905 Readers.

The Reporter will reprint from time to time local items taken from the Centre Reporter of 1868 that will be of interest to present readers of this paper.

July 3.—Work was begun on the Bellefonte fair grounds.—Money was being raised to defray the expenses of making a survey for a railroad to run from Bellefonte to Milroy. Later the project was abandoned, and a line from Bellefonte to the east through Penns Valley was talked of. Three thousand dollars was subscribed for this preliminary survey.

July 17.—Henry Fryer was taken to the Pittsburg penitentiary to await trial for having robbed the U. S. mails of a registered package containing \$300. The robbery was committed between Potters Mills and Centre Hill. Fryer was mail carrier, and bore a reputation that at once caused suspicion to rest upon him.

August 6.—A trial of mowers took place on the farm of William From, in Potter township, at which the judges were Thomas J. Stover, William Carson, Sr., James Runkle, Jacob Wagner, Sr., and William From. The machines tested were the Keystone Harvester, manufactured at Centre Hall, the Hoffhein, Excelsior and Buckeye. The Keystone was given the award.

October 9.—The pipe organ in the Reformed church at Boalsburg was dedicated Sunday, October 11. The death of Joseph Moyer, the organist, occurred at that time.—J. G. Moyer sold out his interest in the store at Aaronsburg to W. B. Mingle.

November 27.—Bellefonte offered to take \$40,000 in stock provided the Centre Hall Manufacturing Company would move its plant to that place. A few years afterward the company failed, the losses being very heavy.

December 25.—Rev. A. A. Kerlin, of Sharpsburg, Md., then a resident of Churchville, (Tusseyville) was sought as a candidate for superintendent of public schools of Centre county.

December 4.—Teachers' institute was announced to be held at Unionville December 28.

December 11.—There was considerable excitement in the "Loop" over a supposed find of coal on the farm of Thomas Treaster. Later a shaft was sunk on the farm of J. S. Bush. Other land owners also tested the slate hills. The prospects of the building of the railroad to Milroy was the main cause for a vigorous prospecting campaign to be made.

## Hope for Milton.

The Milton Council has adopted a resolution that its proceedings shall hereafter be opened with prayer.

## New Lodge of Eagles.

A new castle of the Knights of the Golden Eagle was instituted at Vintondale, Cambria county, lately, of which John H. Krumbine, formerly of this place, is Noble Chief, that being the highest office in the order.

## A New Religious Paper.

Dr. Silas C. Swallow, of Harrisburg, has announced that the Pennsylvania Methodist, of which he is the editor and proprietor, will suspend publication with the close of this month. Dr. Swallow will at once begin the publication of a new religious journal, which will not be denominational in any sense.

## Woman Had 100-Pound Tumor.

Miss Mary Strack, of York, has fully recovered from an operation for the removal of a one-hundred pound tumor, the largest on record. Before she was placed on the operating table she weighed one-hundred and seventy-two pounds. She now weighs ninety pounds. She has gained eighteen pounds since the operation.

## Date on all Canned Goods.

All canned goods sold in Pennsylvania must have the date of the canning stamped thereon, if a bill introduced by Representative Rose, of Susquehanna, in the Legislature shall become a law. The bill provides that all bottled foodstuffs shall be labeled, and such label shall bear the date of preparation, quality and exact quantity of such goods.

## Remembered Their Pastor.

The members of the United Evangelical church of the Centre Hall charge remembered their pastor, Rev. J. R. Sechrist, and family, Saturday evening. At that time a number of the church members and friends gathered at the parsonage, each with a package, to become acquainted with their pastor and family. An hour or more was spent in a very pleasant way, both the pastor and people having profited by the "arranged" unexpected meeting.

Horses for farm work are much in demand.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Homan sale to-day (Thursday). Charles A. Leaster, of Colyer, called last week to advance his subscription on the Reporter to 1906.

George Koch has been confined to bed for the past week or more. His condition may be regarded as serious.

Rev. G. W. McIlhenny was ordained at the Methodist conference by Bishop Fitzgerald. The ceremonies took place Saturday afternoon.

Farmers are delighted with the prospects for a first-class wheat crop at the coming harvest. The young clover also is said to be in fine condition.

John D. Lucas, of Spring Mills, moved to Centre Hall, last week. He is employed by the Luse Manufacturing Company.

Before buying new or old harness, get prices from D. A. Boozer. The information will be worth the time necessary to inform yourself.

H. E. Homan moved from Oak Hall to the George Durst farm recently purchased by him. He now owns one of the most productive farms in Potter township.

Rev. W. L. Seibert, pastor of the First German Lutheran church at Lock Haven, has resigned to accept the pastorate of a Newark, New Jersey, church.

W. R. From, of Mifflinburg, made a tour through Centre county in the interest of the Red Cross Louse Killer which he manufactures. An adv. will be found in this issue.

H. D. Shlegal, of Spring Mills, was in town the latter part of last week making deliveries of goods he sold. Mr. Shlegal is a paper tanger and plasterer, and a good mechanic is he.

The 5x7 inch pictures of the Centre Hall public schools may be seen at this office within a few days. They are offered for sale at thirty-five cents each. The supply at that price is limited.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Spangler, of Spangler, for several days last week, visited the former's parents in Centre Hall. They were accompanied by their niece, who makes her home with them.

One hundred and fifty telephones are connected with the local rural telephone company's lines in Union county. The list is growing rapidly. The company is well pleased with the results so far.

The goods handled by the Misses Geiss, Centre Hall, whose card is found elsewhere, include silk shirt waist suits, Japanese silk waists, and walking skirts. Prices are very reasonable considering style and quality.

Merchant F. E. Wieland, of Linden Hall, supports his belief that there is money in farming by renting the Hess farm, near his home, for money rent and stocking it himself, and securing the services of James Raymond, who will perform the bulk of the manual labor.

On condition that the boroughs of Tyrone and Bellefonte release their claims on certain property set aside by the late Col. Pruner for the benefit of homeless children, Mrs. R. G. H. Hayes, the beneficiary, has offered to give each of the boroughs \$10,000 in cash. The authorities have not yet decided in the matter, but it is likely that the cash consideration will be accepted.

H. F. Musser has purchased a half interest in the farm stock and implements of Peter Smith, of Centre Hill, and will conduct the farm for him in the future. The agreement under which he is farming has become popular in this section, and where an energetic and business-like young man takes hold of the farm in this way, the scheme works out well for both tenant and landlord.

Rev. H. E. Snyder, Ph. D., of Butler, preached a masterly sermon in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning, using as his text that wonderful vision described in the first chapter of Ezekiel. Rev. Snyder is a graduate of Heidelberg University, Franklin and Marshall Theological Seminary, and a post graduate of Grove City College. At present he is engaged in canvassing for the Presbyterian Banner, which is one of the leading papers of that denomination.

Dr. G. W. Hosterman is having his dwelling house papered, P. R. Auman, of Spring Mills, having the contract. A high class paper is being used and the designs are very pretty and novel. Dr. Hosterman has one of the prettiest homes to be found anywhere in the county. It is built of native brown stone and the architecture is modern and handsome. When the interior of this home is completed, Dr. Hosterman will be entitled to pardonable pride.