



CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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Regiment, P. V.

(To be continued.)

CHAPTER X.

ITINERARY RECORD.

July 25, marched from Manassas Gap to White Plains, twenty miles, from day-break to three p. m. Clear, very hot day.

July 26, Sunday, marched all day, from White Plains to the vicinity of Warranton, Va., twenty miles. Clear, warm; dreadful dust.

July 30, marched from 5 p. m. to 11 p. m., ten miles and camped at Elkton, Va., at 11 p. m. Fine day; rain in the evening.

July 31, moved to Morrisville, Va., eight miles, and put up regular camp. Fine, yet hot day.

August 4, 1863, moved camp two miles. Clear, hot; dreadful storm in the evening.

August 31, marched to Richard's Ford, twenty miles down the Rappahannock, and bivouacked. Clear and hot.

August 31 to Sept. 1, Port Conway Expedition.

Sept. 1, 1863, fight at Richard's Ford, Va. Fine day.

Sept. 4, return to camp at Morrisville, twenty miles. Fine day.

Sept. 12, marched to Rappahannock Station, ten miles. Heavy rain afternoon and night.

Sept. 13, Sunday, crossed the Rappahannock at the Station and moved to Brandy Station, Va., six miles.

Sept. 14, moved to Culpeper Court House, six miles.

Sept. 17, moved to Cedar Mountain on the Rapidan river, ten miles.

October 6, 1863, marched fifteen miles from two a. m. to noon and camped near Culpeper.

October 10, marched back to the Rapidan, sixteen miles, to support the 34 corps in battle; rainy day.

October 11, Sunday, marched from 2 a. m. to 10 p. m., thirty miles, from the Rapidan to Rappahannock Station. Clear, cool day.

October 12, in afternoon we marched to and across the Rappahannock river, drove the Rebs back four miles. Day's march, ten miles.

October 13, marched rapidly in retreat from midnight till ten o'clock p. m., thirty miles, and bivouacked on Cedar Run, near Auburn Mills.

October 14, Cedar Run to Bristoe Station, ten miles. Fight at Auburn Mills and Bristoe Station.

October 15, Bristoe Station to Centerville, Va., twenty miles. Rainy.

October 19, Centerville to Bristoe Station, twenty miles. Clear, cool.

October 20, Bristoe Station to Auburn Mills, eight miles; fine day.

October 21, Auburn Mills to Warrenton, Va., fifteen miles. Fair.

November 7, 1863, marched from 1 o'clock a. m. to 5 p. m. from Warrenton, by Warrenton Junction and Beaton Station, to Kelly's Ford on the Rappahannock river, thirty miles. Bleak, cold day.

November 8, Kelly's Ford to near Brandy Station, ten miles. Cold.

November 26, Brandy Station, south, crossed the Rapidan river at Germania Ford and bivouacked. Clear, very cold.

November 27, marched a ten mile curve to the crossing of the Wilderness, Chancellorsville road and Mine Run. Clouded and very cold.

November 29, meandered ten miles more to the Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg road, went on skirmish line five miles west of New Hope Church. Cold, rainy; blew up very cold. A great deal of skirmishing and fighting along the outer line.

November 30, moved to the picket line at one o'clock in the morning.

December 2, 1863, marched from eight o'clock in the evening, Dec. 1st, all night and all next day, Dec. 2d; reached our old camp in the evening, via New Hope Church, Parkers Store, Woodville Mine on Wilderness Run, crossed the Rapidan river at Culpeper Mine Ford, thence by way of Richardsville, Shepherds Grove P. O. to camp, over thirty miles. This was a wild goose chase on a grand scale. Many soldiers froze hands and feet, and wounded froze to death.

May 3, 1864, in winter quarters Dec. 2d, 1863, to May 3d, 1864. Broke camp after night and moved to the camp of the 4th Brigade, 1st Div., 2d Corps, near Stevensburg, Va.

May 4, packed up and waiting till midnight, when the Division left camp at Stevensburg (Paoli church) and marched southeast, twenty miles, crossing the Rapidan river on pontoon bridge at Ely's Ford, at day-break May 5; reached Chancellorsville at 10 a. m. and formed lines of battle just in front of the ruins of the Chancellorsville Mansion, burned during the bat-

tle here just a year before. The great battle in the Wilderness begins.

May 5, moved at ten a. m. about six miles to new position, near Rose Mountain, a few miles west of Todds Tavern. Meandered, manoeuvred and built breast works all day. Great battle continued; regiment not engaged.

May 6, manoeuvred, meandered, fortified and skirmished over the same ground all day and returned to our first position in the evening. With this day ended the great battle in the Wilderness, which was against us. Union loss about twenty thousand men; enemy's loss ten thousand.

May 7, in the works all day; skirmishing kept up. Marched toward Todds Tavern late in the night. One man of the regiment killed.

May 8, Sunday, reached Todds Tavern in the morning. Great battle around Spotsylvania begins. Meandered around fifteen miles.

May 9, marched about eight miles toward Spotsylvania C. H., formed lines of battle and fortified. Left the works and crossed the Po River. Marched, shifted and skirmished constantly all day. Regiment lost twenty men. Great battle of Spotsylvania continues.

May 10, marched and manoeuvred all day; changing position constantly. The 148th P. V. fought the battle at Po River and lost one hundred and sixty-eight men in killed, wounded and prisoners; a useless, needless sacrifice.

May 11, great battle at Spotsylvania continues. The Regiment took a new position in the morning and had a quiet day. At about ten o'clock at night marching orders were received. It was raining; marched to a point at Spotsylvania, where the 2d Corps of about twenty thousand men, in rain and deep darkness, formed for a grand charge on one of the enemy's main salients and waited for morning.

May 12, at the break of day, in a dense fog, the 148th with the 2d Corps charged and carried the salient, took three thousand prisoners, twenty flags, twenty-four guns and several thousand small arms. The salient was held against repeated counter attacks.

With this day the great battle of Spotsylvania, Va., ended, with a loss of ten thousand on each side. Regiment lost one hundred and sixty-seven men.

In Memory of Sarah Arney.

Progress Grange, No. 96, P. O. of H., Centre Hall, April 15th, 1905, adopted the following resolutions:

The Divine will has again bowed our hearts in sorrow. Death has taken from among us our beloved sister, Sarah Arney.

Sister Arney was a devoted and faithful member of Progress Grange, for many years, being one of the charter members.

The Order has sustained a grievous loss, and its members mourn for a kind and sincere friend. Her cheerful words of encouragement endeared her to all, and her kind thoughtfulness for others will be held in loving remembrance.

With our hearts filled with sorrow, therefore, be it resolved that Progress Grange extend its sincere sympathy to Brother Arney and family in this hour of their great bereavement, and praying that the All Wise Father will comfort and sustain them.

Resolved that our charter be draped in mourning, a page in our journal be set apart to the memory of Sister Arney, and a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to Brother Arney.

Deaths in Adjoining Counties.

In Philadelphia, Dr. William R. Bell, formerly of Lewistown. He was a member of Co. G, 184th P. V.

In Brown township, Mifflin county, Linnie May, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Carson.

At the German Hospital, Philadelphia, John D. Lotzgeselle, son of Adam and Anna C. Lotzgeselle, aged forty-five years.

At Burnham, Elsie, little daughter of W. F. and Bessie M. McCay.

In Lewistown, Mrs. Anna C. wife of J. J. Parker, aged fifty-six years.

In Vicksburg, George M. Slear, aged eighty years.

In Lewisburg, Abraham W. Farley, aged seventy-one years.

In Lewisburg, Sarah D., widow of the late John F. Zellers, deceased, aged sixty-eight years.

At Millmont, Carlisle, wife of Charles H. Orwig, aged fifty-six years.

At Buffalo Roads, Daniel Gephart, aged seventy-six years.

At West Milton, Margaret A., wife of John Leiser, aged thirty-seven years.

In Mifflinburg, Hiram Klingler, aged fifty-three years, ten months.

In Mifflinburg, Ella I., wife of Orlando Dieffenbach, aged forty-nine years, eleven months.

LOCALS.

The fortune hunter never needs a guide.

Claude K. Stahl, beginning of this week, went to Altoona.

McClure's for May offers a great variety of good things. It's a far cry from Lincoln Steffens' story of how New Jersey came to be the haven of corporations—and a mighty unpleasant story it is—to William James's delightful and, of course, distinguished appreciation of one of the truly great men of our time, Thomas Davidson.

ELECTION OF SUPERINTENDENT.

The Present Incumbent Invites Criticism by Permitting an Unsigned Circular Letter Containing Innuendoes and Falsities to be Mailed Particular Directors.

Prof. C. L. Gramley, who first announced that he would be willing to accept another term of the Superintendency of Public Schools of Centre county in the most modest manner, has at the eleventh hour permitted his real self to dominate his better judgment and is out flat-footed for another term of office. No one denies his right to be a candidate. Such a thought would be foolish. But everyone has a right to expect an incumbent to conduct his campaign for re-election openly, fairly and honestly.

It was the Reporter's intention to permit the selection of a county superintendent, to take place next Tuesday, to pass by with the remarks printed in last week's issue of this paper, but the circular letter, issued in Mr. Gramley's interest, invites criticism. He may disclaim all knowledge of its contents and origin, but, nevertheless, he is responsible for it as truly as he would share its benefits were there any to be derived.

Mr. Gramley has opened the ball by permitting an unsigned letter to be published in his behalf, and his program will close with an utter rout, a humiliating defeat.

In exercising their privilege at the approaching convention of school directors, each director should carefully consider the situation, the ability of the several candidates and the feeling on the question throughout the county. The present superintendent has held office for a period of about thirteen years, during which time have the public schools progressed with the times? The argument is made that long term of office, especially applied to schools, is not a hindrance—a cry chorused by all officeholders, whether good, bad or indifferent. The Reporter believes in resignations. New men have new ideas.

In salary Mr. Gramley has been paid, roughly estimated, the snug sum of \$21,000—an amount mentioned here not for argument but merely to state a fact.

Mr. Gramley has been an aggressive official in more ways than one. He is acknowledged to have become a political factor in the Republican party, and to assume such a role must of necessity be detrimental to school work. This point needs no argument, the thought of mixing schools and politics at once suggests the immensity of the error.

The dictatorial manner of holding examinations and arrogance displayed when visiting schools would have been openly criticised instead of privately by the teachers of Centre county but for fear—a well grounded fear—that future examinations would reduce their standing in the profession. And this fear was entertained under conditions where confidence should have been inspired and insolence and lordling a stranger.

Prof. David O. Eters, of Bellefonte, announced himself, several months ago, a candidate for county superintendent, and since that time has made a thorough canvass of the county. Mr. Eters is well known to all school people in the county and his interests have always been those pertaining to school matters. He served the people of this county as superintendent of public schools for two and one-half years, and the effect of his work then has ever since been felt in the schools. He was popular both with the teachers and the directors of the county.

The teachers at their county institute in 1890 expressed their appreciation of Mr. Eters as an official by passing the following resolutions:

Resolved: That we congratulate the school directors of Centre county in selecting Prof. D. O. Eters as superintendent. In him we have a man of unquestioned ability and untiring energy and we pledge him our heartiest co-operation and support.

The directors assembled in convention in 1891 expressed their confidence in the man who is now asking the present directors for their support, by adopting the following:

Resolved: That we endorse the course pursued by Prof. D. O. Eters, superintendent of public schools of the county, in the examination of teachers and express the belief that the course pursued by him is now giving and will continue to give to the schools of the county a more thorough and efficient corps of teachers.

The above fairly represents the standing of Mr. Eters among the teachers, it also represents the sentiment that prevailed among the directors when he was holding office. This confidence will be reasserted by the directors who will assemble in convention Tuesday next.

It may be further said, so that no one may be able to accuse the Reporter of being opposed to Mr. Gramley for political reasons, that Mr. Eters, whose candidacy this paper favors because of his superior fitness, is a Republican in politics, but this confidence is placed in him that he will not play politics at the expense of the public schools.

BIOGRAPHY OF REV. LEWIS ROBB.

Pastor Reformed Mission Church, Wilkesburg, Pa.

The country and the city being mutually dependent upon each other, the one laying the foundation of a strong character by teaching virtue, a love of independence, and opening before the young mind the great book of nature, life and growth, its meaning and destiny; the other consuming and stimulating, developing and destroying what the country supplies, it becomes a matter of self-preservation in this busy age of commercialism when men are clamoring for riches, striving after the superficial and setting up false standards of social life, to hold before the coming generation the pure and successful lives of those who, being true to their early ideals and environment, have elevated society and thereby added lustre to the community that has sent them forth.

At this season of the year when the schools of higher education of almost every township in this valley and county are filled with pupils of wholesome ambition, it may be profitable to give a brief sketch of one who himself is a product of just such academic training and an exponent of the energy and enthusiasm that the country sends to the city—the Rev. Lewis Robb.

His parents, Peter and Catharine Robb, are natives of Germany; of that thrifty and moral class of people of Northern Europe who have made America great. They were among the pioneer settlers of the northern part of Cur-in township. Lewis when a boy helped clear the land, absorbing the strength of his native hills and the pure moral ideals which originate from the German home.

To Prof. D. M. Wolf, who in his capacity as county superintendent, oftentimes visited his father's home, and preached in the little church at Romola, more than to any one else, does he owe his desire for a higher education. Mr. Robb retains very vivid impressions of a sermon that Dr. Wolf preached on "The righteous shall flourish as the palm tree."

He attended the academy at Walker, taught by Prof. Frank Wetzel; one term in Centre Hall, and at Penn Hall, under Prof. Wolf. After graduating from Franklin & Marshall College with first honors he was principal of the academy at Spring Mills, also at Millburg for two years. Desiring to follow teaching as his profession he was associated with Dr. N. C. Schaeffer at a collegiate institute at Myerstown.

But he was designed for a different profession. True to his convictions he accordingly spent two years at the theological seminary at Lancaster. Receiving a call to St. John's Reformed mission church in Williamsport, he entered upon his work in 1889. As a missionary pastor he has built up a strong constituency and developed his own resources of mind and heart. This strenuous work has won for him an enviable place in the home mission field. At the end of four years he had brought the church to a self-supporting basis and then entered upon a similar but more difficult task at Trinity mission in Altoona. This congregation of more than five hundred members, second to none in Potomac synod in its benevolent operations, is his crowning work.

In 1893 he was married to Miss Anna Dieffenbacher, of Turbutville, a woman of a diversity of talents, a skillful musician, cultured and full of tact. Before their people they set the example of an ideal home life.

As a preacher he is resourceful and practical. His sermons are concentrated, oftentimes developing only one idea. There is weight in what he says; he has experienced it in his own life. He always reaches a point. After discussing with one of his members the church doctrine in regard to salvation he may elucidate this theme in his Sunday evening sermon and make the Bible meaning so plain that there is no room for controversy. Again he may be riding on the train through Bald Eagle Valley, contemplating the resources of his native mountains and, applying his inferences to the spiritual resources of the kingdom, base his Sunday morning sermon on the theme "The relation of the natural to the spiritual."

His affectionate look and unselfish life win friends. It is a great pleasure to him to know that he has been a blessing to many people in showing them the higher things of life.

In March he became pastor of Trinity Reformed church, Wilkesburg, a suburb of Pittsburg,—one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world, along whose avenues interest all the belts of civilization. Into this pastorate he is putting the accumulated energy of more than fifteen years' experience. Being still classed among the younger men of the ministry he will there have opportunities to develop his life on all sides.

This article has not been written to exalt the ministry above other professions, but to show how teachers and leaders of society multiply themselves, and because a life like this is worthy of emulation.

UNFAIR CRITICISM.

The Board of Health Abused Because It Seeks to Protect Citizens.

There is a disposition on the part of the less thoughtful and those inclined to place self interest above the welfare of all others to criticize, harshly and unwisely, the local board of health. These in most instances are egged on by a detestable element who, it appears, are a tolerated evil in all small towns and villages. Reference is made here to the action of certain individuals who have made themselves unnecessarily obnoxious in criticizing the local board of health for enforcing the quarantine rules in one or two instances.

Men of dwarfed minds, it must be admitted, can not see the necessity of placing under quarantine persons who have merely been exposed to contagious and infectious diseases. The man who thinks, however, will not need to stop to debate the matter to arrive at the conclusion that persons who have been exposed to diseases that may become epidemic should not be permitted to come in contact with others who have not been so unfortunate.

The board of health has ample power to enforce its rules, and when done in the interest of humanity should not hesitate in the least to go to the extreme, if necessary, to protect the citizens of Centre Hall against the spread of any disease, or prevent the breaking out of infectious diseases. The health authorities have had the support of the best citizens in their recent actions, and it is no doubt due to the watchfulness of this body that this borough up to this time has not experienced the semblance of an epidemic of even the most common diseases that come under the regulations of boards of health. The sooner the whole community accepts the actions of these local officers as binding, the better, because finally, as was recently demonstrated, they must be so accepted.

In order that none may be misled let it be said that there is no smallpox in Centre Hall; that the precautions taken were amply justified; that every fair minded person will stand by the board of health which exercised its authority solely for the protection of Centre Hall.

Fenn's State College Gets \$371,936.

The total appropriation received by Pennsylvania State College is \$371,936. Of this sum \$215,000 is for the Agricultural Department.

Democratic State Convention.

May 24th was named as the date and Harrisburg the place for holding the Democratic State Convention. Hon. J. K. P. Hall was re-elected State chairman. A few changes were made in the State Central Committee, among them was the substitution of D. J. Driscoll, of Elk county, for Col. J. L. Spangler, of Centre.

Huckleberries in Missouri.

Jared Osman, formerly of this place, had a consignment of huckleberry stocks sent to him in Butler, Missouri, which he will plant in an extensive berry field near that town. The plants were gathered and shipped by John H. Puff, a nephew, in this place. Mr. Osman is a man of considerable means, and should be able to grow Muncy Mountain huckleberries in Missouri, he no doubt will make an effort to grow the berries on a large scale.

Encouraging Tree Planting.

To encourage the planting of trees the Governor signed the bill allowing a rebate of eighty per cent. in the taxes on land on which there shall be planted forest or timber trees of not less than three hundred to an acre for a period of thirty-five years, provided the rebate does not amount to more than forty-five cents an acre.

The period of exemption is counted from the time the lands have been planted. The act does not exempt more than five hundred acres of land owned by any one person or corporation.

Important Opinion.

Judge Shay, of Schuylkill county, filed an opinion of great importance to farmers and produce dealers throughout the state, the opinion being rendered in the case of the commonwealth vs. A. F. Hunsicker, of Walker township. The Retail Merchants' Association, of Tamaqua, was back of the prosecution, which was brought for the purpose of preventing the defendant from selling his meats and products in the Borough of Tamaqua. Judge Shay declares that the hawkers and peddlers' act does not prohibit the defendant in disposing of the products referred to.

The preacher and the baseball pitcher should each have a good delivery. A woman doesn't mind showing the white feather if it's an ostrich plume.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Oliver Strunk is erecting a porch in front of his dwelling on Church street.

Thomas D. Decker, of State College, is seriously ill, and has been in that condition for several weeks.

The United Evangelical church reaped a very fair profit from their festival held Saturday night.

Mrs. Calvin Ruhl came home from Williamsport, where she underwent an operation, much improved.

By falling from a pony cart the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Allison sustained a broken collar bone.

Miss Catherine Armbruster is at her home at Farmers Mills. For the past several years she had been staying in Bellefonte.

Messrs. Tharp and Gilbody began operating their merry-go-round in Bellefonte last week. They have a good machine and travel the country during the summer months.

Prof. Butz, connected with the Pennsylvania State College, reports that he has examined many peach, plum and cherry buds since the severe cold wave and finds no injury.

C. A. Sellers, of Downs, Kansas, is east on a visit to his aged father, A. S. Sellers, who makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Meyer, at Linden Hall. Mr. Sellers is a contractor and builder.

S. Kiene Woodring, Esq., of Bellefonte, and Samuel Weiser and B. F. Kiester, of Millheim, viewed the location for the opening of a new public road leading from Spring Bank to H. N. Fielder's, in Miles township.

Associate Judge Joseph Wertz, of Mifflin county, who is seventy-one years old, fell in his kitchen, breaking his right thigh, and receiving other injuries which may have serious consequences. He has resided in Lewis-town all his life, and has a year of his term yet to serve.

Rufus Strohm, son of James B. Strohm, of Centre Hill, who for several years was connected with the International Correspondence School, Scranton, as an instructor in the engineering department, has been advanced to the position of text book writer in the same school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Finn Stover, of Cuddy, and Samuel Koch, of Darragh, who were called here on account of the death of George W. Koch, returned to their homes beginning of this week. Mrs. Koch, the widow, may make her home with her son in Darragh, providing he can secure a suitable house at that place.

While plowing in a field in Brunswick township, Berks county, Alexander Bowersox, a farmer's helper, turned over an old stump, under which he found an iron box containing gold coin to the value of \$400. The coin was apparently buried about seventy-five years ago.

The Central Western States are furnishing a large per cent. of the daily increase of population of the Dakotas. Among those who recently left Illinois for North Dakota is Lott R. Evans, formerly a resident of Cedarville, Stephenson county. He located at Mott, Hettinger county.

Mrs. Stewart Leitzell and daughter will stay at State College until Commencement. Mr. Leitzell, a native of Potter township, who is a member of the United States Geological Survey at Washington, D. C., was one of the first graduates of the Pennsylvania State College. His son Frank is a student in the institution at present.

Over the whole continent—in the East, in the middle, in the West—Graft has set its talons. Do you want the facts? Everybody's for May is full of them: facts about Mr. Rogers and Amalgamated; facts about the land thieves; facts about the Beef Trust; facts about the people ruined by the Graft of Business by whatever name it is called.

Harry M. Allison, of Spring Mills, was in town the other day and called on the Reporter, but not purposely to tell how the Republican county convention turned him down to select a man in closer touch with Bellefonte. Mr. Allison takes his defeat good naturedly. Had he been nominated Penns Valley would have had a Republican candidate of whom only good could be said.

The Booklovers Magazine for May gives its readers a foretaste of the charms of outdoor sights and sounds in an unusually attractive number. The illustrated paper by Waldemar B. Kaempfert, on "The Protective Mimicry of Insects," is a striking and popular presentation of some phases of the struggle for existence which goes on ceaselessly throughout the whole animate world, and will be a source of pleasure and profit to nature-lovers who wish to study the subject for themselves.