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## PROPOSE HISTORY OF REGIMENT 45.

The Washington Association of the Survivors of the Regiment Have Matters in Charge.

The 45th Regiment Pa. Vol. Inf., although not entirely a Centre County Regiment, was composed very largely of men from this county. Companies A, D and E were practically entirely so. E was largely so. No other county in the state, therefore, was or is so greatly interested in this Regiment as Centre. Its number was the first after the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps.

Authority for its recruiting was given both by the Secretary of War and the governor of the state before the three months' men were mustered out of service. To a very considerable extent, men who had been in service for the three months re-enlisted in the 45th. Its colonel, Thomas Welsh, was Lieutenant Colonel of the 2nd Regiment in the three months' service, the arrangement for the organization of the 45th having been made by him and Lieut. Beaver of H Company in that Regiment, who became the Lieutenant Colonel of the 45th. Col. Welsh, being placed in command of Camp Curtin by Gov. Curtin, was prevented from giving his personal attention to the recruiting of the Regiment, but as commander of Camp Curtin he had special advantages in the selection of companies to compose it. To this circumstance is no doubt largely due the exceptional character of the make up of the Regiment as to its personnel. The Regiment had a remarkable career in many respects, particularly in the territorial extent of its service, the number and variety of its campaigns and the brilliant record which it made in all of them.

An effort is now being made by the Washington, D. C., Association of the Survivors of the 45th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry to prepare and have published a history of the Regiment. With commendable energy, care and diligence, this little Association, composed of less than a half dozen survivors, Major R. C. Cheeseman and Nelson Lucas, of this county being the number (Major Cheeseman being the President of the Association), has prepared a complete roster of the survivors as a preliminary to the preparation of the history itself. This roster, of course, is not perfect. The names of some men who are dead are included therein and a number who are living are not included for various reasons. The Association, however, is revising the list and will publish a new edition in the near future. The surprising thing about the roster is that it gives the names of nearly 500 survivors out of 1960 men who were at different times in the Regiment. Allowing for the inclusion of men who are no longer living and the exclusion of men who ought to be included in this roster, there are doubtless 450 survivors. Inasmuch as the state of Pennsylvania takes 400 copies of each regimental history certified by the governor, the Adjutant General and Auditor General as being worthy of the name, at a price not exceeding \$2.00 per volume, it is easy to see that there will be no difficulty in publishing and disposing of an edition of at least 1000. Several of the comrades have already subscribed for a number of volumes each, running from two to twelve.

The character of the volume is not yet determined. If a suitable person can be secured to write the history from the material which will be furnished by the survivors, that plan may be adopted, or a general editor may be chosen who will revise the manuscripts submitted by the survivors, so as to preserve the characteristics of the different writers. There will probably be a reunion of the survivors in the month of September and the Washington Association expects to have its plans in such shape that they may be submitted to the survivors at this reunion for definite adoption, and it is hoped that a committee will there be named who will give immediate and careful attention to the details of the preparation of the history.

We very heartily commend to the survivors of the Regiment this enterprise, which ought to appeal to everyone who was in any way connected with or interested in it. From the interest which has been manifested by the survivors in Centre county, there is no doubt whatever as to doing their full share in the preparation of the material for the history and of taking the number of copies when published which would seem to be their proportion of the edition, whatever it may be.

We hope the splendid beginning made by the Washington Association will be continued and will find hearty encouragement and co-operation on the part of all the survivors of the Regiment.

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Col. 45th Regt. Pa. Vols.

JAMES A. BEAVER,

Lieut. Co. 45th Pa. Vols.

From the *Millheim Journal*.

Miss Nettie Springer, who had been visiting her sister at New York returned to her home in this place Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harman and Mrs. Jennie Mark, of Loganton, visited Rev. and Mr. C. F. Garrett last Sunday.

Mrs. Milton Bollinger and son, Edward, of Manlius, Illinois, are visiting at the home of Joseph and Miss Jennie Relfsnyder.

Francis Baker, register and recorder of Union county, accompanied by his wife and daughter, of Lewisburg, and Joel Reish and wife, of Millinburg registered at the National Hotel Saturday.

Mrs. Robert E. Harter, of Bridge-water, South Dakota, is visiting relatives and friends in this place and vicinity. This is her first trip east since going west a number of years ago, and her many friends here were glad to see her again.

Forest fires in various parts of the state did much damage to growing timber.

## ANOTHER SUICIDE.

Merrill Hoy Ends His Life With a Bullet at Peru Station.

During the quiet hours of Friday morning Merrill Hoy ended his life by a shot from a revolver while sitting in a buggy at Peru Station, west of Pleasant Gap. He was found early in the morning by Farmer W. E. Crust, who lives nearby. Mr. Crust saw a horse hitched to a buggy grazing near the station, and a form he took to be that of a man sitting in the buggy. The peculiar conditions aroused his curiosity, and suspecting something was wrong, he set out to investigate. He was, however, shocked to find that the occupant of the buggy was dead, and that it was the son of his neighbor, Harvey Hoy. It only required a bit of investigation to reveal that either a murder had been committed, or the man had taken his own life, as he was found on the right side of his head above the ear was plainly visible. The man was leaning forward, with his head between the bows of the buggy top.

Mr. Crust at once made known his horrible find, and notified Coroner S. M. Huff, of Milesburg. A jury was empaneled, who rendered the verdict that death was due to a voluntary act, making young Hoy a suicide.

The bullet entered the right side of the head a little above the temple and passed through the head, lodging under the scalp on the opposite side. Where the bullet entered the head, the skin and flesh were torn into shreds, indicating that the shot was fired at close range.

After the inquest Undertaker L. G. Reasick prepared the body for burial. The funeral services were held Sunday forenoon from the home of the young man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hoy, who live near Peru station. Interment was made at Pleasant Gap, Rev. D. A. Sowers, of the Methodist church, officiating. The funeral was largely attended.

Although but twenty-two years of age, Merrill Hoy, to some extent at least, led a somewhat checkered career. A short time previous to committing the rash deed noted above, he forged a check on his brother William. The check was for \$150, and was presented to Sim Baum, in Bellefonte, in payment of a small bill for clothing. The difference was paid to Hoy in cash, and Baum passed the check to the bank, where William Hoy's credit was enough to cover the amount. Later the check was declared a forgery, and in the meantime the forger disappeared. It appears he went to New York, the family having had a card from him while in that state.

Thursday afternoon prior to the suicide, Hoy came up from Spring Mills, where he had been staying for several days with Samuel Stover on the Grenoble farm, on the L. & T. railroad, to Centre Hall, and went to the Old Fort hotel. From there he telephoned to Liverman Boozer for a horse and buggy, saying he wished to go to Leont. He was questioned why he had not taken the train, and gave some evasive answer. He represented as being Harry Peters, a salesman. From the Old Fort he walked to Centre Hall, secured the horse and buggy and drove west on the Brush Valley road.

It appears Hoy went from here to State College and some time during the night left there for his home, and on reaching Peru Station, drove off the road and there ended his life.

On examination of the contents of Hoy's suit case it was found there were blood stains on some of the clothing, and a large blotch of blood on a piece of music. There were also finger marks on his collar. It is thought by some that Hoy had carefully blood-stained his belongings prior to firing the fatal bullet, in order to make it appear that he had been murdered, but if he meant to do this, he was over zealous in his production of evidence.

His watch was fastened in his shirt, one hundred dollars in cash in his shoes, and all pockets turned wrong side out. The revolver lay at his feet.

The consensus of opinion in the community is that rendered by the coroner's inquest, viz, that Hoy committed suicide.

Saw Mill Burned.

The large saw mill owned and operated by N. G. Yearick and located one and one-half miles east of Jackson-ville, was entirely destroyed by fire the first Saturday afternoon of this month. The machinery consisted of a lathe, shingle and latest improved saw mill. Thousands of feet of lumber of all kinds was destroyed as well as two shanties and a stable. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss to Mr. Yearick is estimated at \$5,000, not having carried a cent of insurance on any of the property that was destroyed.

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## ENCAMPMENT AND FAIR.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Gathering Will Open September 11th, on Grange Park, Centre Hall.

The thirty-sixth annual Encampment and Grange Fair of the Patrons of Husbandry will be held on Grange Park, Centre Hall, from September 11th to 17th inclusive. Many improvements have been made on the grounds, and a large number of tents added to the already large supply. For the past two years the tent accommodations have not been equal to the demand, but with the increased number of tents available this year the management hopes to be able to fill all orders for tents, yet in order to be certain of securing these accommodations requests for tents should be made early.

Many of the contracts for privileges have been closed, and exhibitors are demanding more space for the display of their manufactures and wares. Promises have been secured from a number of some of the leading statesmen, farmers and scientists to deliver addresses in the auditorium during the day, and in the evenings there will be interesting entertainments, which will afford the campers instruction and entertainment. Parties wishing to camp for a week will find no better place to spend a week than the Grange Park Association offers them.

Mr. Rhone, at Centre Hall, is in charge of the camp, and should be addressed for any further information.

At the convention of road supervisors held in Bellefonte a good roads association was organized by the election of the following officers: President, Col. Austin Curtin, of Boggs township; secretary, Frank Wan, of Spring township; treasurer, J. H. Beck, of Walker township. Amos Garbrick, Col. John A. Daley, Sim Batchelor, Victor L. Wagner and Dr. L. E. Kidder were appointed an executive committee to prepare a constitution and by-laws and report at a meeting to be held on a day during the Centre county fair.

What War Really Is.

War is hell.—Sherman.

War is the trade of barbarism.—Napoleon.

Ours is a damnable profession.—Wellington.

War is an antiquated relic.—Bishop Hamilton.

There never has been, nor ever will be, a good war or a bad peace.—Franklin.

War is an instrument entirely inefficient toward reducing wrong, and multiplies instead of indemnifying losses.—Jefferson.

LOCALES.

For the news read the Reporter, for if there is news worth the reading you will find it there.

Last week Miss Cora Brown, of Potters Mills, visited at the home of Charles Johnson, at Yeagertown.

Mrs. Annie Colyer, of Colyer, who suffered a slight paralytic stroke a short time ago, has recovered sufficiently to be about again.

Robert Meek, of Altoona, formerly a resident of Ferguson township, is suffering from the effects of a paralytic stroke. One of the ill effects was the loss of speech.

While using a foot adz, Albert Bierly, of Milesburg, completely severed the main ligament in his left leg. It will require some time until the injury will not interfere with the movements of Mr. Bierly.

Prof. John S. Hosterman arrived in Centre Hall Saturday morning, and with his wife and son are at the Hosterman home. He came here from New York, and on leaving will go to Montrose to open the public schools in that place.

In buildings, equipment, and reputation, the Lock Haven State Normal school is the equal of the best. Its graduates are the best advertisements. To those who are thinking of becoming teachers, it is an ideal school. The fall term begins September 6th. Send for a copy of its catalog.

Mrs. Walter Price, nee Miss Mable Musser, daughter of Samuel Musser, of Scranton, and little daughter, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shaffer, in Bellefonte. While there Mrs. Shaffer sent to Centre Hall for her aunt, Mrs. Mary Shoop, who was also a guest at the Shaffer home for ten days or more.

Russell Pearce and a party of friends enjoyed a drive through the valley last Sunday morning says the State College Times. Stopping for lunch in the Glades, they removed the bridles from the horses, leaving them hitched to the carriage. As soon as the horses found that a portion of the harness was loose they took to their heels and made kindling out of the rig. One of the horses was not found until Monday.

## From Illinois.

These few lines bearing on the weather and crop conditions in Stephenson county, Illinois, were received from J. M. Stuffer, of Freeport: After several weeks of sizzling weather and rather serious droughty conditions, the weather man has handed us a change of program. The last week has been of the humid or muggy sort that creates in one a loathing for exertion of any sort. Heavy precipitations of rain and fierce electric storms have wrought much havoc to railways, electric power systems and the telegraph and telephone services in this city and vicinity the past few days.

The threshing season was well advanced under favorable conditions when the rains set in. The grain yet unthreshed and still in shock will be considerably damaged. Small grain of all kinds is very heavy in proportion to bulk and is yielding fair returns per acre. New oats is bringing about 35 cents per bushel in our market; barley is worth about 50 cents, and corn has taken a big tumble lately. If nothing serious intervenes the corn crop will be very heavy in most sections of this county. Late potatoes were somewhat injured by the heat and drought, but the recent rains may effect material changes for the better. Potatoes now retail at 75 cents per bushel. Apples are nearly a minus quantity in this section.

Points of the Democratic Platform.

Condemns the tariff law and declares in favor of appointment of a permanent and expert commission to revise the tariff.

Charges that the provisions of the Aldrich-Payne measure are in violation of the Republican National platform.

Declares for an income tax.

Favors liberal State pensions for Civil War veterans and their widows.

Republican party is condemned for profligacy in creating new offices and raising salaries.

Takes a stand for revision and amendment of the ballot laws for the purity of elections.

Demands arraignment of the capitol grafters.

Declares for distribution of local taxes to the communities in which they are raised.

Insists upon the enactment of State laws giving labor and capital their rights.

Calls for the enforcement of the anti-trust laws.

Demands a stricter enforcement of the laws against discrimination by railroads.

Favors the enlargement of the powers of the State Railroad Commission.

Condemns the Republican party for not passing laws adequate to enforce the clause in the Constitution regulating railroads.

Declares for the freedom of the press, of conscience and speech and the equality before the law of all citizens.

LOCALES.

The dollar bill may be unnecessarily large. But what most people complain of is that it buys so little.

It is stated in the July number of the National Geographic Magazine that the highest point in Pennsylvania is Blue Knob, which has an elevation of 3136 feet.

John C. Lingle, of Gregg township, has had his pension increased to \$20 per month. He also received a voucher for \$60.26 restoration and supplemental to the pension.

William B. Smith, accompanied by his son Paul, of Reedsville, was in town last week, and favored the Reporter with his presence. Mr. Smith conducts a large job printery in Reedsville.

Ex-Sheriff A. C. Kemberling, of Millin county, sued the borough of Lewisiana for \$772, which sum he claims for having boarded prisoners arrested by the borough authorities prior to the erection of the city lock-up.

The Delineator for September contains what is really the literary feature of the month in the magazine world—the first of a series of short stories by Rudyard Kipling. The story is entitled "Cold Iron" and introduces Puck of Pook's Hill, who will be welcomed by all lovers of fiction.

Laurel Spring now flows into the borough reservoir through the new pipe line and is furnishing a large quantity of water. The nearby springs had been furnishing sufficient water for all purposes during the drought just passed through, and now, with Laurel Spring added, Centre Hall has again an abundance of the purest water to be found anywhere. The pipe line is thirty-seven hundred feet in length, and the pipe ranges in size from six inches at the opening to two and one-half inches at the outflow.

## The Grange Encampment.

The prospects for the Grange Encampment and Fair, at Centre Hall, during the week of September 11th, is unusually bright. A number of improvements on the grounds have been going on for the past three months which will tend to better serve the public.

Last year every tent on the grounds was occupied, and the applicants were not all accommodated, and this condition led the management to secure additional tents this year. Camping is one of the most pleasant features of this gathering. The tents are twelve by twelve feet, with 4-foot walls, floored and are furnished with table, bunk and camp seats, leaving nothing for the tenter to take with him except bed clothing. A number of stoves are also conveniently located over the camping section of the grounds, which are for the free use of campers. The rental for tents is three dollars, with no extra charges for any of the other accommodations furnished by the management.

The exhibits of machinery, farm implements, etc., will be larger than ever this year, and the display of the products of the field, orchard and vineyard, will, as heretofore, be larger and finer than is found at most county fairs.

Boiler Explosion Kills One.

Wednesday night of last week an eighty-horse power boiler in puddle furnace No. 2, in the Logan Iron and Steel company's plant, at Burnham, exploded, killing one man and injuring several others most seriously. The unfortunate man was George W. Stimely, of Milroy, aged twenty-three years.

The brick encasement surrounding the boiler was thrown violently in all directions and a strip of the sheet iron roof, seventy-five feet square, was blown off by the flying pieces of brick and parts of the boiler, which were hurled in a fearful manner through the air. The damage to the plant was fully \$15,000.

## Transfer of Real Estate.

Fr-derick Stover to Peter Durst, May 27, 1857; lot of ground in Centre Hall; \$57.50.

M. D. Kelley et ux to Milesburg Poor Overseers, May 20, 1909; tract of land in Milesburg; \$240.

Sarah Hinds to Hezekiah Sprowl, June 16, 1909; tract of land in Walker twp.; \$325.

J. C. Smith et ux to D. J. Neiman, et al April 15, 1909; tract of land in Millheim; \$2800.

Wm. W. Heckman et ux to W. J. Walker, April 1, 1909; 6 tracts of land Miles twp.; \$6500.

James T. Hale's heirs to A. N. Bierly, July 15, 1909; lot in Boggs twp. \$150.

Wm. L. Foster et al to Wm. H. Brown, July 6, 1909; lot in State College; \$410.

W. J. Harter et al to Penn twp. supervisors, July 9, 1909; lot of land in Penn twp.; \$140.

Frank McCoy et al to A. M. Bierly, July 15, 1909; lot in Boggs twp. \$900.

D. K. Musser et al to J. S. Weaver, March 30, 1909; tract of land in Haines twp.; \$700.

J. C. Allport et al to W. D. Crosby, July 27, 1909; tract of land in Rush twp.; \$1100.

D. J. Neiman et ux to A. Walter, trustee, June 1, 1909; tract of land in Millheim; \$25.

E. M. Robison et bar to Wm. M. Russ, Aug. 2, 1909; tract of land in hillsburg; \$671.25.

W. E. Hurley, sheriff, to John A. Armor, lot in Bellefonte, Feb. 27, 1909; \$1825.

Wm. Thompson, Jr. et ux to John T. McCormick, tract of land in Patton twp., March 30, 1909; \$350.

Prudence Haines to E. L. Jones, lot in Phillipsburg, July 9, 1909; \$1025.

Sarah Hinds to Hezekiah Sprowl, tract of land in Walker twp., June 16, 1909; \$325.

M. D. Kelley et ux to Overseers of Poor, Milesburg, May 20, 1909; \$240.

Wm. W. Hackman et ux to W. J. Walker, tract of land in Miles twp., April 1, 1909; \$6500.

Mary F. Davis et al to Orlando Williams, tract of land in Huston twp., April 15, 1909; \$1200.

Unionville Boro to E. J. Williams, lot in Unionville, July 3, 1909; \$10.

J. I. Robison et ux to Jos. B. Mingle, lot in State College, March 29, 1909; \$500.

J. W. Thomas to Tyrone Rod & Gun Club, tract of land in Taylor twp., July 10, 1909; \$55.40.

Bertha Askey et baron to W. H. Hall, lot in Snow Shoe, Feb. 10, 1909; \$500.

W. E. Hurley sheriff to Harry Keller, et al trustees, tract of land in Union twp., Feb. 27, 1909; \$135.

The Millheim Journal states that Millheim has forty widows. It may be said further that some are young, handsome and have good bank accounts.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Next comes the Granger's Picnic. The next Methodist conference will be held in York.

We are now using Laurel Spring water again, and its all right—the purest, the freshest man could want.

Miss Rosie Kritzer returned to Centre Hall after a visit of several weeks with her parents and sister in the Lewisstown district.

Farmer John Q. A. Kennedy had a car load of lime shipped to Centre Hall from the White Rock quarries, to be used for agricultural purposes.

Mrs. Lucinda Weaver, whose illness during the past year has been noted at various times is again confined to bed, after having been able to be up and around for several months.

Sixteen sportsmen in and about Millheim have organized themselves into a gun club, adopted by-laws and elected L. E. Stover, president, and R. S. Stover, secretary-treasurer.

F. W. E. Snyder, superintendent of the Whitmer-Steele Co., who recently did business at Milmont, is now located at Phillipsburg, where he is superintending operations for the same company.

Business about Lewisstown and Burnham is opening up, much to the gratification of the residents there, as well as the many hundreds of skilled mechanics who are awaiting a call from their homes at distant points.

W. A. Hoover, of Pleasant Gap, who has been employed as blacksmith at the White Rock quarries for the past four years, will remove to Rosemont, near Philadelphia, where he has secured employment in a carriage factory.

Mrs. Wallace W. Weaver, of Reading, who had been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Weaver, at Colyer, for three weeks, returned to her home Friday. Mr. Weaver is in a railroad office in Reading and too busy to come out into the country at this time.

Charles E. McClellan bought from John Stoner the lot adjoining his store building on Main street in Millheim, and it is his intention to erect a dwelling house on the premises in the near future. This disposes of the last vacant lot in the burned district in that town.

Under the new tariff law Taft will be a bigger duck than Roosevelt ever was. He will be able to impose a fine of twenty-five percent upon the American commerce of a foreign nation. And then he will have \$290,000,000 that he can spend on the canal without congress taking further action.

The experience exhibitors had last year at the Grange Encampment and Fair ought to lead others to engage space on the camp grounds this year. The expense of exhibiting is so low that it can scarcely be considered, and there is no other time or place where dealers and manufacturers can better display their implements and wares.

Deeds were not put on record in years gone by with the same promptness as is the custom now. This is shown clearly by one of the transfers published in this issue, the same being that of Frederick Stover to Peter Durst for a parcel of ground in Centre Hall borough, which is dated May 27, 1857, and is one of the tracts sold two weeks ago by the administrators of the late Peter Durst.

Bellefonte papers are proclaiming the news that a trolley line is to be built, sure thing, from Milesburg to State College, and that it will run over the same course as that laid out by engineers about four years ago. The project was abandoned at that time because the engineers, J. B. White & Co., of New York, declared the proposition an unprofitable one, but now the promoters, L. T. Munson being one of them, state they have arranged for the finances, the cash to come from Pittsburg, and that the road will be built.

With the laying of concrete walks in Centre Hall came a number of changes in grade, leaving a step where the new and old grades meet. These offsets are dangerous, and unless remedied there will be a bill of damages come along some of these days for a broken limb, or perhaps a neck, that will be written in not less than three figures. Whose duty it is to take out these kinks in the walks the Reporter is not expressing an opinion, but it is free to say that somebody is permitting a trap that will prove mighty expensive once it catches its victim. At the least the borough tax payers will be in for the bill of defense, if they escape at that. In either case, the expense will be infinitely more than correcting the grades. Both the borough authorities and individuals directly concerned can pay their money and take their choice.