



A LETTER FROM CAMP OF THE BOAL TROOP.

Boys Waiting to Reach Required Numerical Strength So That They May Move to the Border.

By PRIVATE WILLIAM BAILEY.

Mt. Gretna, Pa., Sat., Sept 2, 1916.

This is Saturday morning and nearly all the troopers are idle owing to the shower which we had an hour ago. We have all been supplied with "slickers" (rain coats) and the boys were very eager to put them to use during the downpour.

Here is about the routine which is followed day in and day out: At 5:15 in the morning the bugler gives the call to get up and fifteen minutes later a second call gets us into line for roll call by acting First Sergeant Garver. Failure to answer means extra "detail" (more work). We then march in line to the stable where the horses are attended to by being curried, watered, fed and bedded, in the order named. Our troop is noted for its good horsemen. My knowledge of printing doesn't go far in the matter of caring for horses, but I am learning the fine points from the more experienced, nevertheless. The stable is about 100 yards long and affords accommodations for 48 head of horses. It was built by the government.

The hardest work of the day comes in the afternoon and is the drill work. It continues for about two hours. Because of the very hot weather and the close attention that must be given to every detail of the various drill movements, the boys are nearly "fagged" out when the practice is over. Following this we are assigned to our individual duties which takes up the remainder of the day. We find time, however, for pleasant diversion, and as many of the boys are devotees of the great American sport, baseball games are frequently played.

At night we take turn in keeping guard over the tent. Last night I was on guard from 9 to 11 o'clock, and after a few hours rest I was awakened and put on guard again—from 3 to 5 a. m. I get this duty about four times a week.

As yet we have not received all our equipment but as soon as it arrives we shall be ready for our move to the border. The boys are showing a spirit of eagerness to go. Our troop is equipped with three Ford trucks for transporting the machine guns.

Early Saturday morning Quartermaster Sergeant Foster arrived here with five recruits from Philadelphia and tomorrow (Sunday) they will be subjected to the federal physical examination. The "rookies" are hoping to pass, and we too hope they will, so that our troop may speedily reach its required strength. Acting First Sergeant Garver is also in Centre county in quest of more troopers, having been sent by First Lieutenant Boal on Tuesday. Up to the present time no report of his success has been received.

A few days ago 1100 U. S. regulation revolvers reached Mt. Gretna and in a short time each man will receive one. They are a .45 calibre automatic weapon and will be our only personal arms.

A word about the "gub" will not be amiss. We are all well fed and every now and then our generous Lieutenant Boal furnishes something extra in the "eat" line, which is greatly relished by all. Indeed, Lieut. Boal is like a father to one big family of sons and there is not one among us who does not reverence him and who is not ready to obey his command.

Yesterday Lieut. Boal, Colonel Jackson and 2nd Junior Lieut. Leitzeil, with chauffeur George Houz, motored to Philadelphia. They are expected back on Sunday.

A few fellows are sick in the camp as a result of the vaccinations. I was very sick on Wednesday from the same effects. I have been inoculated several times and expect to receive two more "shots" soon.

The boys like nothing better than to receive mail from home. There is a wild scramble when the mail is dumped in, accompanied by joy to those who were fortunate to receive a "line or two" and a look of loneliness to those who were less fortunate.

With kind regards to all back home.

WILLIAM BAILEY,
1st Cavalry Machine Gun
Troop of Pa., Mt. Gretna, Pa.

Later.—A second letter from William, dated Monday, says that the troop has reached the minimum strength, and with 71 men will leave for the Mexican border on Saturday.

Governor's Day.
Talk about not having a Granger's Picnic when Governor Brumbaugh himself will be here on Tuesday—Governor's Day. The Governor and party of seventy have engaged luncheon on the park. You can come, too, if the Governor of Pennsylvania can. Come right along.

POMONA GRANGE AT MILESBURG.

Highly Interesting Session Held in Hall of Bald Eagle Grange Last Day of August.

A very interesting session of the Centre County Pomona Grange was held in the hall of Bald Eagle Grange, at Milesburg, on Thursday of last week. The attendance was very good, considering the busy season with the class who make up the order. There were representatives from the various Granges through Bald Eagle, Nittany and Penns Valley, all of whom took an interest in the matters before the body.

The recess hours were highly enjoyed. There was first a great spread such as wives of the farmers only can prepare, and then followed a period of social intercourse in which all participated.

The chairs were filled with the following, who were either entitled to the chairs by election or appointment: Master, C. R. Neff; Overseer, John S. Dale; Lecturer, H. F. Bitner; Stewart, George W. Glingerich; Assistant Stewart, J. Cloyd Brooks; Lady Assistant Stewart, Miss Carrie Dale; Gate Keeper, Jacob Yarnell; Florist, Mrs. Harry Bock; Ceres, Mrs. Eliza Warning.

Reports of the various committees and business enterprises of the County Grange were heard and adopted, the reports having been flattering in every respect. This applies especially to the fire insurance company, the creamery at Centre Hall, and the telephone company, as well as the Grange Encampment and Fair. The exhibit feature of the latter institution was fully discussed. The chairman, Mr. Rhone, reported the grounds wired for lighting by electricity, and that to accomplish the same about \$1200 had been expended. Where ordered lights will be installed in tents used for living purposes.

The rural credits law was discussed to considerable length by Mr. Rhone, Dr. Bitner, and the Master, Mr. Neff. The law is looked forward to as becoming very beneficial in its operations to the farming communities, and will result in affording aid to future generations—particularly young men who wish to become owners of their own homes.

September Council Meeting.

There was little business transacted at the September meeting of the borough council. The business was mostly routine. Orders were drawn for the payment of interest on the several borough bonds, the light bill for August, and a bit of labor. A bill for the painting of the speed signs was held over for correction.

Street commissioner John H. Puff reported the progress of the work of oiling Main street. He was ordered to oil the main approach to Grange park, and a section of Hoffer street along the park.

After discussion the secretary was authorized to purchase two stop watches, and then the matter of appointing a temporary policeman to enforce the speed limit and "other regulations" was taken up. It was indicated that Centre Hall did not have a man man enough to measure up to the requirements.

A motion to adjourn until Monday night prevailed.

Milheim Business Men Organize.

An organization of the business men of Milheim was effected at a meeting on Tuesday evening of last week. With but a few exceptions all the business men of the borough were in attendance and a lively interest was manifested. The following officers were elected: President, D. J. Nieman; secretary, L. W. Stover; assistant secretary, H. T. Frank; treasurer, L. E. Stover. A motion carried authorizing the president to appoint five members to act with the president as a way and means committee, and L. W. Stover, H. T. Frank, H. T. Frank, C. E. McClellan and J. C. Hoersterman were appointed.

Appeal in Behalf of Rural Papers.

The Federal Trade commission last week issued an appeal to the News Print Manufacturers' association, composed of practically all news print manufacturers, to come to the rescue immediately of the small newspaper publishers.

Letters to members of the association indicated that a state of panic exists among publishers of small newspapers and that great numbers of them will be driven from business unless the association takes immediate steps to furnish paper for them at reduced rates. They are paying from four to eight cents a pound for paper, as against two to three cents on January first.

Card of Thanks.

The widow and children of the late G. L. Goodhart take this means of extending thanks to those friends who so kindly rendered assistance during the family's recent bereavement.

GRANGE PARK IN READINESS FOR 43rd GRANGE ENCAMPMENT AND FAIR

Tenters Preparing to Move Into Canvas Homes Early for Full Week of Pleasure.—Good Speakers and Good Entertainments in Auditorium Day and Night.—The Program.

Saturday of this week is the opening day of the 43rd Annual Grange Encampment and Fair at Grange Park, Centre Hall, and promises not only to be equal but to excel in many ways all former similar gatherings. By the time this issue of the Reporter reaches its readers, Grange Park will be a tented city with a very active population, and by Saturday practically all the tent holders will be comfortably located in their canvas homes for a full week of out-door living and social pleasure.

Saturday—Opening Day.
Saturday, the formal opening of the Encampment will take place. Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, there will be a moving picture entertainment in the Auditorium. These pictures will be much better than in former years, owing to the fact that the machines will be run by electricity.

Sunday—Harvest Home Service on Park.
On the opening Sunday, at 2:30 p. m., Rev. W. H. Traub, of the Lutheran church of State College, will deliver the Harvest Home Anniversary address. Mr. Traub is an entertaining and able speaker. A large local choir will render excellent music.

Monday—Placing of Exhibits.
Monday, accepting and placing of exhibits.
7:30 p. m.—Moving pictures in the Auditorium.

Tuesday—Governor's Day.
1 p. m.—Governor's and State Department of Agriculture Day. Addresses in the Auditorium by Governor Brumbaugh, Hon. Chas. E. Patton, Secretary of Agriculture; and others who will accompany the Governor on the farm inspection tour.
7:30 Picture show in the Auditorium.

Wednesday—Many Prominent Speakers.
1:30.—Addresses by Hon. Wm. T. Cresay, President of the Dairy Union; Hon. C. E. Carothers, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture; Congressman Clyde Kelly, President of the Voters League of Pennsylvania; and Miss Anna McCue, of the Woman's Suffrage Association.
7:30 p. m.—Moving picture entertainment.

Thursday—Grange Day.
1:30 p. m.—Addresses by Hon. L. J. Taber, Master of the Ohio State Grange; and Hon. Carl Vrooman, Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture.
7:30 p. m.—Closing entertainment in the Auditorium.

Friday—Sales Day.
Sales day and closing of camp.

Fruit for Exhibition.

Secretary of Agriculture Patton has made request of those whose orchards are on the state supervision list to bring exhibits to the Grange Encampment and Fair to be held at Centre Hall Sept. 9 to 16. J. C. Wilson, of Wallarun, is the orchard inspector for this district, and will be at the Encampment to take personal charge of the exhibit.

The fruit intended for exhibit should be brought to the park not later than the 9th inst., or sent by express or parcel post on or before that time in care of Mr. Wilson.

By the way, Mr. Wilson will be an interesting character for those interested in fruit to come in contact with. He will be at the fair and will at all times be glad to give any information at hand, and he has a great store of it. Call to see him and inform yourself through him on any subject you desire light, so long as it pertains to fruit and fruit trees.

Mules.

The senior editor was in York last week and purchased ten eighteen months old mules, the tops on the market. The animals will be fed up and trained for public sale together with several horses and colts and ten to fifteen cows, on Saturday, March 17th. In the meantime interested parties who wish to see real mule colts are invited to visit the stable to the rear of the Reporter office.

Gramley Withdraws from Race.

Ex-Assemblyman C. L. Gramley last Thursday withdrew as the Washington and Prohibition candidate for the legislature from Centre county.

Every speaker on the program for the Grange Encampment has a nationwide reputation. Hon. L. J. Taber is one of the best known Grange lecturers in the United States. Hon. Clyde Kelley is a United States Congressman, and Hon. Carl Vrooman is the assistant secretary of agriculture of the United States Government. Everybody should hear these men.

One of the best signs about here that fall is here, is being observed: Hocker is hauling empty barrels.

Did You Get a Letter?

All subscribers to the Reporter who are in arrears have been mailed letters within the past week in which the publishers have plainly stated the cold facts in regard to the increased cost of print paper and the necessity of having subscriptions paid up to meet obligations.

The readiness with which our readers have responded to former appeals leads us to believe that the same spirit will again manifest itself. At least, we earnestly hope so.

THE PUBLISHERS.

Alexander McCoy Passes Away.

Alexander McCoy, a life-long resident of Potter township, died on the McCoy homestead at Potters Mills, Sunday night at ten o'clock. Since last April Mr. McCoy had not been a well man and for the past month his illness had taken a serious turn as a result of his suffering from a complication of diseases.

Mr. McCoy was a son of John and Agnes McCoy and was born near Centre Hall, August 3rd, 1845, having a month ago passed his seventy-first birthday. All his life was spent as a farmer and for a number of years he was extensively engaged, in connection with farming, in the buying and selling of cattle. The old homestead on which he died has been in the McCoy name for about seventy years, the deceased being of the third generation to live on the place. His wife, who was Mary Wilson, preceded him fourteen years ago. Three children survive—Mrs. A. D. Potts, of New Franklin; Samuel and Frank, of Philadelphia. Also one brother and two sisters—John McCoy of Norristown; Mrs. J. Wilmer Wolf, of Ardmore, and Miss Emma McCoy, of Centre Hall.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the house and were in charge of Rev. R. R. Jones, of the Reformed church. Interment was made in Centre Hill cemetery.

Opening of School Further Delayed.

State Health Commissioner Samuel G. Dixon last Wednesday changed his infantile paralysis quarantine order so that no children under 16 years old may attend school prior to September 29. The ban originally extended only until September 15. As September 29 falls on a Friday, it is believed few of the lower grade schools will begin their fall terms until Monday, October 2.

The order permits any school whose pupils are over 16 years old to begin the fall term at its usual time. This applies to preparatory schools, colleges, business schools and the like as well as public and private schools.

The Sunday-school order also was changed and the Sunday-schools may be held as usual commencing Sunday last, provided no child under 16 is admitted. Dr. Dixon said that some clergyman and Sunday-school teachers became abusive in discussing the matter with him. The new orders, he said, shift the responsibility for the spread of infantile paralysis, from the state health department to the local school authorities and the superintendents of the Sunday-schools, but puts upon the state the task of policing the schools.

The motion picture theatres and all public entertainments are closed to children under 16 years old until September 29.

Fake Stories.

Two absolute fake stories in which the local population is particularly interested have gained wide circulation. One is that infantile paralysis has developed within the borough limits, and that one or more deaths have occurred on account of this disease. There is no truth in any part of the story. There are no cases of infantile paralysis now, nor have there been at any time in the past. The whole story is a fake.

The second fake story is closely related to the first, and is to the effect that because of the infantile paralysis scare, those who engaged tents for the coming Grange Encampment have canceled their orders. This is wholly untrue. There are now more orders booked for tents than can be supplied, unless a much larger number of tents than used last year can be secured.

The truth is that Centre Hall and community is free from diseases of all kinds, and the Grange Encampment and Fair will go on, sure enough.

Hunkle-Alkey.

Hugh Hunkle, of Milesburg, and Mrs. Gertrude Alkey, of Curtin, were married at the parsonage of St. Luke's Reformed church in Lock Haven, on Saturday morning a week ago, by the pastor, Rev. William E. Harr. The couple will make their home near Milesburg where the bridegroom is engaged in farming.

Little Town Nearly Destroyed By Fire.

The village of Metzger, five miles northwest of Lewisburg, was almost wiped out Saturday evening by a fire which consumed seven dwellings, a store and a number of barns and other buildings.

The Lewisburg fire department was called on for help.

Will Drill Well.

A well is to be drilled immediately north west of the borough reservoir, at the foot of Nittany Mountain. Wallace White, of Axe Maun, will do the work. The machinery was placed on Tuesday.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

York county peaches shipped here last week sold at 90 cents and \$1.10 per half bushel.

Mrs. Rebecca Murray and daughter, Miss Edna, made a trip to Williamsport last Thursday, to consult an eye specialist.

Mrs. W. W. Reitz, of Mercer, is spending a short time with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Thomas, and sister, Miss Jennie, in this place.

John H. Knarr has made arrangements to be news agent for the Philadelphia dailies, succeeding P. F. Kresmer. He made the initial deliveries on Monday.

Centre Hall's embryo baseball star, averaging about thirteen years, journeyed to Pleasant Gap on Friday and defeated an infant team at that place by a 11 to 7 score.

The second application of road oil on the boro streets was made within the past week. Consequently we will have a dustless Grange Picnic insofar as the roads are concerned.

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. G. Allison, of Millheim, were in town Friday to arrange for removing the remainder of their household goods to the National hotel, of which Dr. Allison is proprietor.

The sign boards warning motorists to keep within the boro speed limit, as well as calling attention to the prohibiting of the use of cut-outs, were erected at the various approaches to the town, last Thursday.

Messrs. Huyett and Luse purchased a corn harvester last week which will be used to cut the big crop this fall on the Huyett farm, west of town. The purchase of the machine was made through D. W. Bradford.

Efficiency in the post office department with a proper readjustment of rates will permit the government to inaugurate a one cent letter rate within the next year, according to Postmaster General Albert S. Burleson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ammon R. Burkholder and daughter Margaret, of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, are spending their vacation at the home of Mrs. Burkholder's mother, Mrs. M. E. Stromm. Mrs. A. E. Person has also been with her mother for the past week.

During the year ending May 31, 1916, Centre county paid bounties on 32 wild cat, 174 gray foxes, 195 red foxes, 55 minks and 396 weasels amounting to \$1,381. The bounties are paid from the money accumulated through the resident hunters' license tax.

V. I. Walker, who for a number of years had the contract for carrying the mail between Coburn and Rebersburg, has sold out to Clayton Winters, of Smulton. Mr. Walker has departed for Pittsburgh where he will engage in the grain and feed business with his brother-in-law, A. R. McKowd.

Everybody should bear Governor Brumbaugh and Secretary of Agriculture Patton at the Grange Encampment and Fair, on Tuesday. This is farm inspection day, and the party will be at the camp ground for several hours, after 11:30 a. m. All who can do so are invited to go to Potters Mills by automobile and meet the governor and party and act as escorts to the park.

To-night (Thursday) a public meeting will be held in Grange Arcadia in an effort to form a Patriotic Order Sons of America camp in this place. J. W. Yelsley, of Millmont, a state organizer, will be present and deliver an address. A majority of the thirty members necessary to obtain a charter have already been secured. Mr. Yelsley has succeeded in instituting several camps in Centre county lately and the work of developing this county will go right on.

The Reporter was much pleased to have a fraternal call on Saturday afternoon from a fellow-editor in far-off Maine, George H. Collins by name, editor of the Star-Herald in Presque Isle. Brother Collins was auto touring, of course, and was particularly delighted with the natural scenery of beautiful Penns Valley. He was in company with Charles F. Wert, of the same spot in Maine; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Barth and son Ray Barth, of Lewistown, Millin county, who were picked up as friends along the way and used to point out the various places of interest on this side of the Seven Mountains. Mr. Collins and his companions have been on the road several weeks and upon returning home will have covered over 3000 miles. The trip is being made in a Pullman auto, and as Mr. Collins had only a short time ago accepted the agency for this car, the records which are being made on the present run will serve well in the sales talk back home.