

The News of Carbondale.

THE BATTLEFIELD OF GETTYSBURG

Fickett's Charge Commemorated in Stirring Verse by Colonel John McComb—The Poem Submitted in New York Herald's Prize Contest.

The public pulse has a more rhythmic cadence now than it had during the early days of July, 1863, when Lee's army of Northern Virginia invaded the Keystone state and put up such a stubborn fight with the Army of the Potomac on all sides of the quaint old town



JOHN M. COMB, Commander of William H. Davies Post, No. 157, Grand Army of the Republic.

of Gettysburg. On that occasion was fought the greatest contest of the war for the Union, and from that fight the name of Gettysburg came historic and will be sounded down the ages when a synonym for valor is used in written or vocal speech.

At this time we are reminded of one feature of that great event by the beautiful and stirring poem from the clever pen of Colonel John McComb. The poem is written to win the \$100 prize recently offered by the New York Sunday Herald.

To any familiar with the field of Gettysburg and the history of that sanguinary battle, this incident will truly present a vivid picture. The language is strong and full of vigor. The description is clear and shows the writer is acquainted with his theme and that he has the power to strikingly picture events so as to be comprehended by everybody. It is clear, also, that the author is imbued with the true spirit of the veteran soldier of active service, and that he is broad-minded in his treatment of men and events.

At the last regular meeting of Davies post, Commander McComb gave a brief history of the battle of Gettysburg, in which he participated; and when he reached the climax of his eloquent talk he recited the stirring poem.

THE THIRD DAY. Fickett's Men, and Others, at Gettysburg, July 3, 1863.

BY COLONEL JOHN M. COMB.

They came with all the confidence that discipline inspires; They came with all the hopefulness that victory requires; They came with all the energy that red blood can impart; They came with all the chivalry that valor gives the heart; They came in solid columns that were beautiful to see.

They felt themselves invincible when serving under Lee! Their leaders were intrepid and acknowledged great in skill; Their fighting had swept back Meade's line to Cemetery Hill; So when that awful cannonade had cut its swaths of death, And when the air was thick with fumes that made men gasp for breath, It seemed to them that all the force which occupied the crest Could not withstand the grand assault then moving from the west.

The splendor of their manhood was a panorama grand, And their onset was in keeping with the "Clash of Arms" that rang; Their battle-flags were well in front—the "clump of trees" in view— A mile beyond, a line of troops clad in the Union Blue, A line they thought inadequate to hold them long at bay, And they felt sure to shatter it before the close of day.

For they had, many times before fought on their chosen ground, And felt elated with success that had their efforts crowned; When Union troops had made attempts to penetrate the land Where "Dixie" was the battle-hymn played by each southern band, But now conditions were reversed in nearly every way— The "Yankee" boys were to repel the charge they made that day.

At Gettysburg the star of hope which led the hosts of Lee Was at its zenith when that day had reached the hour of three; But carnage smote that moving mass of valiant southern braves, And most of them ere set of sun were laid out for their graves; For hell broke loose from Union guns, which tore with shell and ball The mainstay of Secession, and decreed their cause should fall.

From all the fields where men have fought for what they thought was right, There is no record that will show more valor in a fight Than was displayed at Gettysburg where men on either side Put forth their greatest effort for the cause they glorified; For there it was, throughout three days, the best blood in our land Was freely yielded up, to prove tenacity and "gander."

And though the "cause" for which Lee strove was lost beyond a doubt, The hope which made it clear that with the victors' shout There came a revelation to the men on either side That it was best for all concerned to have their mettle tried; For from that time they took the gauge of things of broader scope Than prejudice of leading-strings with which they used to grope.

The battlefield of Gettysburg's a great historic spot, Which will teach an object-lesson that can never be forgot; For there we learn that Freedom's Flag in glory won the fray, And that the vanquished now rejoice to have the same to say; For North and South have placed their hands in a fraternal clasp, And pledged their sons to stand for it while Life and Time shall last.

"COTTAGE" CAVES IN.

Disastrous Work of Erie Mine Settlements at Mayfield.

Perhaps the most disastrous of the settlements in Mayfield yard section took place yesterday, when the "Cottage" was wrecked. This old landmark, famous as the home of Samuel Meredith, first treasurer of the United States, went down with a settling about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The earth dropped about five feet.

Skin-Tortured Babies AND TIRED MOTHERS Find Comfort in Cuticura

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SIMPSONITES BEATEN.

Defeated by Forest City Stars in a Lively Game.

The Simpson base ball team journeyed to Forest City yesterday afternoon and played a very interesting game with the Stars, of that place. The game was full of good plays, but the feature of the afternoon was the pitching of Drum, who struck out fifteen of the Simpsonites. The score was: Forest City Stars, 8; Simpson, 3.

Under the Surgeon's Knife.

"Jack" Alexander, of Forest City, who entered Dr. Wheeler's private hospital two days ago for treatment, was operated on Thursday afternoon for appendicitis. Dr. Reed Burns, of Scranton, used the instruments. He was ably assisted by Dr. Wheeler. For a long time Mr. Alexander has been afflicted in a way that made him feel miserable, but there were no outward symptoms of the trouble, it being the same from which King Edward VII was obliged to defer his coronation. Dr. Burns removed the cause of Alexander's misery, and the chances of recovery for the patient are all in his favor.

Death of a Former Carbondalian.

Word was received in this city yesterday of the death of Thomas L. Brennan, of Butte, Mont., a former Carbondalian. The deceased was at one time a resident of Carbondale, but went West at the time of the gold craze in California. He settled in Montana, where he has since resided. His many acquaintances in Carbondale will be grieved to learn of his death.

JERMYN AND MAYFIELD.

The big doll for which so many tickets have been disposed of will be drawn for in Assembly hall next Wednesday evening. The affair is under the patronage of Mizpah lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, and the public is requested to be present.

More Theories About.

Another attempt to rob the Mullady residence, on South Main street, was made a few nights ago. Members of the police force who were on duty on the front porch, heard a noise in the cellar, which led them to investigate. The visitors, whoever they were, were frightened, but evidences of their visit were to be seen in the disordered conditions in the cellar.

Going to Glasgow.

Thomas Barrett, of North Scott street, and his brother-in-law, Martin McAndrew, of Vandling, set sail tomorrow morning from New York City for their native city, Glasgow, Scotland. After a visit there, they will proceed to England, thence to Ireland, where they will visit relatives in Mayo county. They will be absent until the middle of September.

A Week in Clifford.

The following well known young ladies of this city are enjoying the refreshing summer air at Clifford: Misses Clara Watt, Gertrude Dennis, Florence Van Gorder, Ruth Bailey, Helen Hathaway and Hazel Wheeler. They are staying at Mr. Green's, and will remain for a week.

Distributing Samples.

J. J. Scott, of Scranton, was in the city Thursday, visiting his trade and circulating among numerous friends with samples of his tobacco. It is needless to say that he met a cordial reception in business and social circles.

Selling Timber Lands.

James Gearheart, of Tunkhannock, an iron manufacturer, was in the city yesterday with a view of interesting the Patterson Bros. in the sale of nearly 500 acres of good timber land in Wyoming county.

Returned from Vacation.

Miss Agnes Mullady, of South Main street, resumes her duties as stenographer in the International Correspondence schools, after one week's vacation, which was spent in Honesdale.

Meetings of Tonight.

Junior Order, United American Mechanics, Lackawanna Encampment, Odd Fellows.

An Attack of Illness.

Mrs. Harry Harrison is confined at her home on account of a slight illness.

THE PASSING THROUGH.

The Misses Anna and Nora Grier, of Priceburg, and Agnes Leary, of New

Connolly & Wallace Scranton's Shopping Center

Store Closes at Noon Tomorrow. Saturday's Business Must Largely Be Done Today.

Thousands of yards of Summer Dress Goods marked at new prices today. No other Scranton Store has such Fine Dress Goods, or so many different kinds.

No store has so many true novelties. And when the time comes to reduce prices, no store cuts so deeply

Table listing various dress goods and their prices, including Corded Lawns, Everett Classic Dress Gingham, and Finest Irish Dimities.

A Great Stir in the Cloak Room.

The Newest Styles in Women's Tailor-Made Suits at half price and less—100 Suits, divided into four lots, at these prices:

Table showing suit prices: \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50. Includes details about lot sizes and value.

Connolly & Wallace

Special Shoe Sale

In our Men's Fine Footwear, all our \$5.00 and \$6.00 grades, in Johnson & Murphy and The Stetson, in all seasonable leathers and lasts. High Shoes and Oxfords, reduced to \$3.50

Men's Tan and Russian Calf Shoes, \$4.00 and \$5.00 values, at this sale. \$3.50

Men's Black and Tan Shoes and Oxfords, \$3.00 and \$3.50 grades, reduced to. \$2.00

Men's Tan Shoes and Oxfords, \$2.50, now selling at \$1.25

Ladies' Patent Leather and Dongola Oxfords, \$3.50 and \$4.00 grades, reduced to. \$3.00

Ladies' Patent Leather and Dongola Oxfords, \$2.25, reduced to. \$1.50

Ladies' Dongola Oxfords, \$1.75, reduced to. \$1.25

Lewis, Ruddy, Davies & Murphy, 330 Lackawanna Avenue.

ARCHBALD.

Mrs. Henrietta Niemeyer, of Wilkes-Barre, is visiting her cousin, Miss Mams Beck, of Main street.

PECKVILLE.

The Misses Jennie and Anna Price, of Ridge street, attended the Merchants' excursion to Lake Ariel Wednesday.

OLD FORGE.

Rev. G. C. Jacobs is visiting with relatives in Candor, N. Y.

Mrs. Mary DeYoung has been seriously ill for the past week. Mrs. Ella Meyer and son, Cecil, have returned from an extended visit with friends in Wyoming.

Advertisement for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, featuring a woman's portrait and text describing the medicine's benefits for women's health.