# OLD WAR TIME CAMPS.

Early Military Organizations in This County, and the Part They Played in The Civil War

WRITTEN BY A FULTON RIFLEMAN.

EEITOR NEWS:-Recently visited the sites of two war time camps near Chambersburg, Pa. One of these, a mile west of town, on the old fair grounds, along the Bedford and Cnambersburg turnpike, was known as Camp McAllen, in honor, of Brigadier General R. W. McAllen of Fannettsburg, who was in command of the camp; the other, a short distance east of town, near the pike, was named Camp Slifer for



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many years, I found Camp Slifer | tions. as it was in 1861, except that a diate surroundings, appear as from old men in Wells Valley. they were then; but the passing necessary out buildings.

served in them.

The old fellows of the Fulton affairs of this company. great age. Her mental faculties 1859. is very remarkable.

old camps, I started for home, 2nd Lacut.

about the old time military companies of Fulton county, their company drills, their annual batcallion drills, reviews and inspections, their response to the President's call for 75,000 men in April 1851, together with some of the events in which they had part Stetler, a lumberman, from usduring those exciting momentous never-to-be-forgotten days following the fall of Fort Sumter, and something of the record they made during the great struggle there begun, might be interesting to the old comrades of '57 to '65 and perhaps to those of the present generation, therefore, I send you this.

In 1880, I went to the Adjutant General's office in Harrisburg to outcome of the case. find the date of organization of Washington Blues and Fulton Riflemen and that of some other companies organized far back as 1820 to 1840. I was informed that there were no records of military on file in the department, of date prior to 1862. The reason assigned for this was, that at the time of the rebel invasion of Penn sylvania, all records were boxed and barrelled and sent up into New York for safety; that they were afterward brought back, stored in the Capitol building, but never filed in place. In 1895, I went again in quest of records with same result. The boxes and barrels containing records were were filed by the defendant's vived by two children-one about dolyn, Bretherd, and Freeda; still in cellar and attic of the counsel. building. Everybody knows what became of those records when the Capitol building was burned in 1897. With no better success I went to the office of Dr. Egle, Hon. Eh Slifer then Secretary of secretary of the Historical So-Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. ciety of Pennsylvania. Therefore, in April and May, 1861, two I shall have to depend on my old old time military organizations of diary and my memory, and that Fulton county, the Washington of two others for what I shall Blaes, of Licking Creek town- write I am indebted, for informaship, headquarters at Harrison- tion, to the late Dr. H. S. Wish ville and the Fulton Riflemen of art of Johnstown, Captain of the Wells Valley, headquarters at Fulton Riflemen and Mr. M. C. New Grenada were in Camp Mc | Greenland, of Wells Valley, 1st Allen and in August and Septem- Sergeantof the Washington Blues. torneys interested when the case ber of same year the Fulton The old boys will not be slow to will be argued and a decision Ridemen were in Camp Slifer. I correct me, I hope, in case I am given. was one of the Riflemen. On my mistaken in anything I write return to the old Camps, after so about our old military organiza-

Of the military of Fulton coun dense growth of high coarse ty prior to 1852, I know but little grass covers the site of it. -not more than as a boy of from Fences, buildings, all the imme- 15 to 17 years of age I learned

At one time, 1840, perhaps of forty-nine years has wrought there were at least three military great change in Camp McAilen organizations in the County (part and its surroundings. The build- of Bedford county then) one at ings in which we were quartered, Warfordsburg with which the and the stables, fences, are all late Major Abner and Colonel gone and the race course which Amos Stigers were prominently was our drill and parade ground identified; one in Wells Valley, of is now occupied by a school house | which the late John B. Alexander with play ground attached and a Esq , was Captain, the only sur dwelling house with garden and vivor of that company being Mr. George Fessler, of Wells Tannery The dense thicket of pines, near now 89 years old, and one at Har the camp in which the rebs were risonville, the Washington Blues hidden on night of alarm (?) is no and, in 1852, the only one in the longer there. I write this de county, a distinction it had held scription of the old camps, as for years. The late General Ja they are now, for the information | cob Mumma, of near Harrison of the old boys yet living who ville, and Major Rowland Austin, of Saluvia, were prominent in the

Rifleman will be pleased to learn | It is more than probable that that I called on Mrs. Mary A. each had been Captain long be Eberly in Chambersburg, and of fore 1852. At that time Major the condition in which I found Austin was Brigade Inspector. her. Camp Slifer was located He was succeeded in that office very near her home and the by David D. Mellott in 1855. In Riflemen were the recipients of 1858, James C. Austin was electnumberless acts of kindness at ed Captain of the Blues, and at her hands. Of course Mrs. Eb-|once, began, with characteristic erly did not recognize me; but energy, to improve the drill, diswhen I intoduced myself, she cipline and general morale of the told me that she remembered me, company. This resulted in the and then she began to inquire addition of the names of a large about the boys by name. This number of recruits to the com J. B. Gaster and M. C. Greendear old lady is now ninety-three pany muster-roll, an entire change years old and very strong, vigor- of uniform and a thorough reor ous and healthy for one of her ganization of the company in

are unimpaired in the least, but When J. C. Austin was captain ter roll was longer perhaps than by Rev. Ray, after which all that her wonderfully retentive mem. Dr. Stitzel was 1st Lieutenant, that of any other company in the ory of persons and events, of H. D. Betz, 2nd Lieutenant and state of Pennsylvania. In point of tenderly laid to rest in Hopewell bearly fifty years ago, at her age, J. B. Gaster 1st Sergeant. Lieut. drill and discipline it was unex cemetery. Stitzel resigned and 2nd Lieut. After my interview with Mrs. Betz became 1st Lieut. and was Eberly and after looking over the succeeded by D. L. Michaels as

my mind busy with the memories In 1860, probably, Capt. Austin ly every man responded to that of the long ago. It then occurred was elected Brigade Inspector call. Silas D. Auderson became to me that perhaps something with rank of Major being suc 2nd Lieutenant at that time. that I could write for the News | ceeded as Captain by 1 Sergeant

The Traction Engine Case.

On petition of Samuel F. Stouffer, contractor building the State Road in Bethel township, a temporary injunction was granted by the Court at the recent October term, restraining one William ing a traction engine of unusual weight and size to haul loaded wagons over the public roads of a large number of citizens of church. Bethel township interested in the

roads is one that has been the death of Mrs. Deshong some subject of more or less agitation two week's ago. Like a dutiful poraly injunctions have in some ity were in such great distress, least making a test case.

of the supervisors of Bethel town grew worse until death came. ship was presented to Court ask-

The evidence showed that the five months old. engine in question weighed some new road. State Highway Com- ner is a crushing blow. missioner Hunter was present and testified that it is impossible to construct a highway that would stand up against such usage.

After the hearing of the evidence the Court adjourned until such time as the Stenographer should have the notes typewritten and placed in the hands of the at-

## Local Institute.

The second local institute of Tod township, held at Scott's called to order by the teacher, Miss Mary Ott, who appointed. Blanche O. Peck, president, and Blanche Brant, secretary. A number of very good recitations were rendered by the school. Teachers present were: Blanche O. Peck, Mary Ott, John Kelso, Blanche Brant, Mabel O. Fore, Prof. Thomas, D. K. Chesnut, A. E. Deshong, Harry Deshong, Maude Deshong, Maude Strait, Robert Cromer, and John Wood cock .- Mabel O. Fore, secretary.

The second local institute in Thompson township for this season, was held at Ditch Run last Friday evening. It was called to order by the teacher, Mac Pittman who appointed Robert Alex ander, president. The questions were ably discussed by the teachers present. The teachers present from Thompson were: Anna Comerer, Mac Pittman, and H. B. Hill. Robert Alexander of Bethel was present and gave some interesting talks. - Anna Comerer, secretary.

J. C. Mellott and wife, and mother, Mrs Marian Meliott, all of Belfast township, spent a few hours in town yesterday.

land became 1st Sergeant. When the call to arms came in 1861, the Washington Blues was a fine company indeed. Its muscelled, unless maybe by some crack city company, and for phys ical make up it was up to the highest degree of efficiency. Near

#### RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers. Who Have Answered Final Summous.

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

BARD. Mrs. Margaret Resetta Bard,

Mr. and Mrs. Bard were indus fifteen tons, that the loads drawn trious young people and were get daughter. averaged about six tons, and that ting along well, and this sudden the engine was damaging the taking off of Mr. Bard's life part cinner was served, after which

The name Grubb is not a famihar one in this county, but the name Barney is, and when it is learned that Mrs. James Grubb, who was Miss Carrie Barney, a daughter of the Rev. John H. Barney, died at her home in Clearville, Bedford county, of typhoid fever, on the 7th of this month, it will create a pang of sorrow in the hearts of her num erous friends in this county.

She was born in West Virginia on the 4th of September, 1875. and became the wife of James School, last Friday evening was Grubb on the 11th of August 1896. This union was blessed with two children, Mabel aged about twelve, and Donald, four an a half years.

She is survived, besides her husband and children, her father, one brother, Prof. John W. Barney, of Defiance; one sister, Miss Louise and one half brother, J. S. Barney, both of Clearville.

The funeral took place on Sunday morning, October 9th, in the Union church, of Clearville, and interment was made in the cemetery at the church where the service was held.

Death is always .sad, but especially so when it removes from the home, the Sunday school and the church one so full of promise and usefulness.

Chester Russel, youngest child of W. G. and Jennie Meck, was born June 29, 1909, and died at Kearney, October 11, 1910, aged 1 year, 3 months and 12 days. Chester was a bright, attractive Jennie, who was there while I child, and won the admiration of all who knew him; and until a few weeks previous to his death was a healthy, robust boy; but when stricken with a gastric affection he quickly succumbed, despite the fact that every effort was put forth to save his life. He lay in a white casket, robed in pure the success of any of your former white, and a protusion of white flowers-all fit emblems of the pure life that had just gone out. Funeral services were conducted was mortal of little Chester was

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Lynch and their little daughter Helen, of Belfast township, drove up to Knobsville Tuesday, where they spent a few hours and returned home in the evening.

Family Reunion. Last Sunday was a red letter

day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Mellott, of Belfast towntownship. Wholly unexpected to them, nearly all their children and grand-children made it suit to be together in the old home, and only parents who have been spared to a good old age, and have a numerous family scattered Bethel township. For the pur- daughter of Hanry Deshong, and abroad from the home nest, know pose of hearing evidence in this wife of John Bard, residing near the joy that fills the heart when case, and adjourned session of Emmaville, died at her home the children all come home again. court was held Tuesday and Wed on Friday of last week. Funeral On this occasion forty-two pernesday until noon This brought on Sunday, interment in the cem sons were present, of which lawyers from Chambersburg and etery at the Sideling Hill Baptist | twenty-one were grand children, and one great-grand-child, name-Mention has previously been ly, Mr and Mrs. (Harriet) N. H. made in the News of the terrible Peck and two orphan children The question of the right of scourge of typhoid fever in Hen that live in their home; Rev. W. traction engines on the public ry Deshong's family and of the T. Sines and wife (Alice), and their two little sons, Jonas and William, of Oakland, Md.; Exfor several years; and while tem- daughter, when her father's fam Connty Treasurer George B. Mellott and wife, and five of their other counties have had the effect Mrs. Bard went to help take care children: Webster D., Samantha of taking the traction engine off of them and took the fever her. B, Winnie Davis, Verda Finette, the road, Mr. Stetler felt like self. As soon as she found that and Blanche Irene-Mazie, their fighting this to a finish, and at she had fever, at her urgent re eldest daughter was in Philadel quest, she was removed to her phia; W. H. Mellott and wife, and On Tuesday morning a petition own home, but she gradually four children: Tenie, Dovie, Chester, and George Ray; J. P. McKee Rosa was 29 years old last May and wife (Rebecca), and daughter ing that they might be allowed and was married to John Bard, a Florence; Anderson Mellott and to join Mr. Stouffer as plaintiffs son of Michael Bard, of Belfast wife, and children Rosa, Wayne, against Mr. Stetler. This, the township, about eight years ago. and Pearl; Isaiah Mellott and Court allowed, but exceptions Besides her husband, she is sur- wife, and children Marie, Gwensix years old, and the other, about Ross Mellott and wife and their son George Ermel (a great-grandson); and Libbie Funk, and grand-

About two q'clock, a sumptuous the family were assembled and Rev. Sines returned thanks to the Author of all Good, for the numerous blessings bestowed. The aged father who has been blind for many years then gave the patriarchal blessing in the form of wholesome advice and admonition. The formal exercises were closed by all loining in the singing When Shall We Meet

## About Former Fulton Countians.

Monday from Mrs. C. O. Sipes, better known to some of the boys and girls of this county a score of years ago as Miss Minnie Comerer, a successful teacher. She now lives in Iowa, and the FULTON COUNTY NEWS keeps her in touch with her former friends and acquaintances in the county of her nativity. Besides containing the cash to renew her subscription another year it contained the following which though not written for publication, we take the liberty of using, for when we hear a good thing of any one we believe in passing it along. Mrs. Sipes says: "It was my great pleasure to spend a few days recently in the home of Rev. and Mrs. John S. Decker, of Kirkville, lowa, both former Fulton county people. I staid in their home over Sabbath and Change in Game Law Dates Probable. heard two as good sermons by Mr. Decker as it has been my privilege to hear in a long time. Mrs. Decker was Miss Nela Zimmerman, of Thompson township. I also had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Decker's sister, Miss was. The church people show that they love and appreciate Mr. and Mrs. Decker, for they have given them a substantial raise in salary. They deserve it, for they are earnest, untiring workers. I mention this because I know you are always glad to hear of pupils." Mrs. Sipes says further that

they have ideal weather in Iowa this fall, but it has now turned colder and they are getting some rain. The late fall has helped vegetation and they are enjoying lots of new beans and corn.

Mr. and Mrs. 1. D. Thompson, of Philadelphia, are spending this week with friends and relatives their uncle Jonathan Peck's at in McConnellsburg. Mr. Thompson holds a State appointment in the Health Department in PhilaFAKE SCHEME EXPOSED

Would Destroy San Jose Scale by Inserting a Capsule of Poison Under the Bark.

There is a fake scheme being worked in various parts of Pennsylvania, which Professor II. A. Surface, State Zoologist, has exposed and is warning persons against. He has received many letters on this subject, the following of which is typical, coming from a correspondent in College-

"A man came into this section, stating he was authorized by the State to treat trees affected by San Jose scale, by inserting a of this place spent Sunday with poison filled capsule under the Mr. Harris' sister, Mrs. S. D. bark of the tree. This poison Stevens in Chambersburg. the scale.

killing the scale without injuring

In reply to this Professor Sur-

"His statements are false and his method is wrong. Several times unscrupulous persons have tried to gain the confidence and obtain money of the people of this State, by the statement that they are employed by this office or Department. All such impostors should be arrested for false pretense, and such other charges as can be brought against them, and such imposition can then be checked, even if they cannot wholly be stopped.

This office authorizes no persons to treat or destroy trees, ex cepting our regularly appointed inspectors, who carry certificates of appointment, stamped with the seal of the Department of Agriculture and properly signed. Also, we do no work in treating see how it is done, as a useful Hon, and Mrs. Harry A. Thomp The editor received a letter that the best possible means of Street. controlling the San Jose scale and certain other pests is by the use of the spray pump.

"No poison can be put into the system of the tree by injecting it under the bark in such manner that it will be taken up through the sap. You will find the safest, cheapest and most effective means of treating the San Jose scale to be thoroughly spraying with strong boiled lime-sulfur wash, applied at any time while the trees are dormant. If they are much infested you should make two applications, one just after the leaves drop, and another when the buds are swelling in the spring."

Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the State Game Commission, car, and on account of the wretch gives it as his opinion, that the present season for quail, wild turkeys, squirrels and pheasants, "comes too early; game is not of Harrisonville. good until cold weather sets in and we are having almost sum mer heat as the season opens.' Dr. Kalbfus believes that the early fall weather will thus cement the sentiment and end in the agreement to change the game laws to permit of the season being made later in the year. This has been agitated for some time and suggestions are made hours in town, and called at the that November be made the month instead of October. The next Legislature will very likely

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Sipes and their grand-daughter Miss Esther, and Mr. Roland Sharp and his daughter, Miss Blanche, spent Tuesday in town.

Mr. F. C. Bare and family, of Fort Littleton, are spending this week visiting in the home of Mrs. Bare's parents, Hon. and Mrs.L. P. Kirk in Bethel township.

### ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Miss Gertrude Hose and Mrs. L. W. Seylar of this place visited friends in Hagerstown last Sat

urday night and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Nace in Chambersburg. Mr. and Mrs. George A. Harris

Cashier M. W. Nace spent Sat

was to be carried by the sap to Ex-Treasurer Geo. B. Mellott all parts of the tree, and so kill and family, spent last Sunday with Mr. Mellott's parents at "Is this treatment effective in their home in Beifast township.

Miss Edith McEldowney who the trees? I shall be very grate had been employed at Wilson ful for information on this sub- College, Chambersburg, returned to her home near Gem, last Fri-

> Mrs. Mertie Harr, who had been visiting her brothers Howard and John Shimer at McKees Rocks, Pa., returned home last Saturday.

> Thompson W. Peck and Walter A. Peck, of Needmore, came to town last Thursday and got the pulpit for the new church at Laurel Ridge.

> Ex-Prothonotary Jas. R. Waltz, of Thompson township, spent a day or two last week, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harr, in Tod township.

Walter Rotz employed in the Forbes Granite Works Chambers burg, spent the time over Sunday with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. David Rotz in Ted township.

Miss Margaret Daniels and her niece Miss Zoe Mellott spent last trees, excepting that which is Saturday night in the home of done as public demonstration Mr. and Mrs. William Baumwork, inviting the public in to gardner on east Market street.

public lesson in the community. son, of Tyrone, Pa., are spending More than this, we do no other a few days visiting in the home treatment of trees than the prun' of the former's mother, Mrs. M. ing and spraying, being assured D. Thompson, on East Water

Geo. W. Sipes, wife and son Glenn and daughter Vera, and James Campbell and Herbert Kerlin, were guests of Jacob Sharp, in Tod township, last Sunday.

Dr. J. S. Swartzweider and family, of Mercersburg, spent Saturday and Sunday calling on their old neighbors at Needmore. They made the trip in the Doctor's Ford touring car.

Mrs. Annie Teeter, her son William, and her aunt, Miss Annie Shimer-all of Chambers burg, spent several days last week among their McConnellsburg relatives and friends.

Frank C. Bare and wife, of Ft. Littleton, spent a few hours in town last Friday. They came to town in Frank's Ford touring ed condition of the Cove road between McConneilsburgandKnobs ville, they returned home by way

Mrs. Philip G. Diehl and Miss Elsie Clevenger, of Friends Cove, Bedford county, have been visiting among their relatives and friends in this county during the past ten days. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Lake in the Cove last Friday, and in the afternoon, Mrs. Diebl, Miss Clevenger, and Mrs. Lake spent a few News office.

Mr. L P. Gordon, or as most

of his old schoolmates and chums about Fort Littleton would remember him as Porter, now a prominent business man located at West Newton, Par, and his brother Harry, a hustling liveryman at Coalport, Pa., are spend-ing this week among their many relatives and friends in this coun

ty. The boys are making go in their respective places, and was with much pleasure that