

Gettysburg

The battle of Gettysburg, later considered a turning point in the Civil War, was fought July 1st, 2nd and 3rd in 1863. The Union County Star and Lewisburg Chronicle newspaper July 7, 1863 issue's first page was devoted to news of the war.

“Union Victory! The Gettysburg Battles. The Greatest Contests of the Times.”

“Wednesday morning, July 1st, the advance of the Union Army of the Potomac (being the 1st Corps, under Gen. John F. Reynolds) coming from the South East, encountered the Rebels, in large force...near Gettysburg..... Reynolds was killed.but his loss was not made known to his men, who stood their ground. Gen. Howard of the 11th Corps soon arrived and assumed command, but the Corps were forced to take support on a hill south of the town, where they rested. Both Corps fought bravely.

“During the night, the other Army Corps (except the Sixth) under Gen Meade, came up from the South.

“Thursday...Gen Lee, having massed his forces from the North and West, made a fierce attack upon the union line with all his strength, but was repulsed at every point, the Union forces gaining ground.....

“Friday the battle renewed with decided advantage to the Union arms and dreadful slaughter of Rebels.

“Saturday, [July 4] the Rebels began a retrograde movement.

“These battles were the most sanguinary shock of arms our continent ever saw.....The Armies must have numbered near 100,000 each of the best, most long-trained men, meeting on fair ground, well supplied, full of hope, and desperate with high resolve.

“Those who in this crisis fell, were in the noblest cause, on a field that may decide the Gigantic Struggle of the Age between Liberty and Despotism.”

Local soldiers

Over 100 three-month volunteers from New Berlin, Mifflinburg, Hartleton and elsewhere in the county, had come to Lewisburg, under Capts. Roush and Church. They joined a train with 1000-plus volunteers en route to Harrisburg, then to Reading. One member of the group, Charles Buchmiller from New Berlin, sent the newspaper a letter about the trip.

The Old Hartley 3-month men, under Capt. Wm F. Wilson, included 1st Lieut. Henry Klapp, 2nd Lieut. John Glover, Orderly Sergeant James Marston, Wm Weirick, Hy Halfpenny, George Reed, Sterigere Charles, eight corporals and 43 privates.

Local Support

An article admonished the farmers of Union and other counties to donate supplies to the Sanitary Commissions, especially cotton and flannel shirts and drawers, woolen socks, handkerchiefs, bandages, and men's clothing. Also needed were foods such as grains, jellies and domestic wines, canned fruit and vegetables, syrups and butters.

At Home

Life continued on the home front. The newspaper reported one marriage, one notice of a run-away daughter, Orphans Court notice for the estate of Jeremiah Stahl and executor's notice for estate of Andrew Hagenbuch, as well as sales in various stores. Slifer, Walls, Shriner & Co manufactured "the most approved agricultural implements on the market," the Buckeye Reaper and Mower, John Walls offered spring and summer goods includind French and English wool cloth, fine clothing and accessories, John Beale Merchant Tailor and Gentlemens Furnishing Store had relocated, and the Lewisburg Planing Mill had on hand doors, siding and all manner of millwork.

Civil War Program

On June 8 and 9, the Battle of Chamber's Ridge Civil War re-enactors will present a program to honor those from Snyder, Union, and Northumberland counties at the Battle of Gettysburg, at the Union Church, in Hartleton. Learn about Civil War era weapons, medicine, foods, games and more. For details, visit the Union County Bicentennial website www.unioncounty200.org.

LEWISBURG

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 1863.

<p>seige progresses was made in the on. Logan entered and planted guns on Port Hudson re are constantly els there, though cut off supplies seige. was burned, and ster county was d Thomas defend- Regiments, against who overpowered lacks fought nobly, he only death. we ifer served under s over a mile long, nd Ord. Chambers on a visit..... , including Ch. K. of the <i>Telegraph</i>, alls. y, a small bay mare old of Mrs. Sally \$10 Reward is of the animal.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Organization of the 61d Hartley 3-months' men.</p> <p>Captain—WILLIAM F. WILSON. 1st Lieut.—Henry Klapp. 2d Lieut.—John Glover. Orderly Sergeant—James Marston.</p> <p>2 Wm H Weirick 4 George F Reed 3 Hy C Halfpenny 5 Sterigere Charles</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CORPORALS</p> <p>1 Wm A Snyder 5 Samuel Weiser 2 Joseph Dale 6 D Oberlin 3 D Dieffenderfer 7 Reuben Lepley 4 Rob't K Charles 8 H E Smith</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRIVATES</p> <p>Burd C George Lepley Reuben Banks John Moore James Benfers Emanuel Moyer Wu Bilger L Henry Messer Francis Bingeman H James Millert Robert Charles Samuel Oberlin Alonzo Cox William Oberlin O Church Samuel Rinkert Samuel Garret James Reed David Grove Samuel Rhule Samuel Halfpenny Forster Sheary Robert Hilbish Ammon Sheasely George Hilbish Aaron Showalter Martin Hickernell Robert Schnure Levi Hayes James Tate Samuel Harper Benjamin Wiehr David Fees Wesley Wolfe Keefer Knauer John Worman Charles Katherman Eman'l Yerge Edward Katherman George Yeager George Katherman John Zeigler Elijah R Laird Samuel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cent Church with another squad of</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday</p> <p>Last night The Union ny returned. ing. Near 1 delayed two which one m passengers au the following</p> <p>In Evans' (form Capt. Evans won badly in thigh John V. Miller, it W. Kieffer, in left In Dougal's (to Samuel Hasseup Wounded and Aaron Ammon, i S. Bird, through Wounded.—Joi Charles K. Mad Sergt. Hinmire and; Henry Mar Paroled (and p Chester)—W Stit Haack, Jacob Fil Boyer, Simon M In Hospital at Sedam, Hunt, prisoners and pr very slightly wo John Keler. Ho different duties, Most of th onors, but th doubtless ere Loomis, Dick started down Union count vicinity. The J re-opened M</p>
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