THE PILOT.

GREENCASTLE:

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Editorial.

PAY IN ADVANCE.

Since the times have got so hard, we are forced to call upon our old subscribers to pay their ARREARS; and our new ones to pay in ADVANCE, as we cannot afford to wait for our money from month to month, as we formerly did. The value of advance payments cannot be properly estimated by those outside the publishing business. We will, however, make this offer: Subscribers paying their subscriptions before the expiration of the first month, will not be charged more than $1,50—our usual price. Thus it will be seen, that if subscriptions are paid in advance or within the first month, our paper can be had at the old price. This is certainly fair, nay even generous on our part, since the cost of material has advanced so rapidly. We once more ask our friends and old subscribers, to assist us by extending our circulation. Our patrons may justly expect to find THE PILOT conducted in the editorial and local departments with some ability.

POINT LOOKOUT.

As this place is of interest to some of our readers who have friends in the Hospital there, we extract the following from the correspondence of *The Presbyterian*, (of Philadelphia), prepared by a member of the Christian Commission:—

"This is the most southern part of Maryland. It is a sandy peninsula, separating the waters of the Chesapeake and Potomac, just before the latter is lost in the bay. Previous to the war it was a favorite watering place for Dixie, but six months ago it became the location of the Hammond General Hospital. In the beginning of December this contained nearly nine hundred patients. To these were added eleven hundred from Fredericksburg, making two thousand of our brave but suffering soldiers. In this bleak spot there are no visits from mothers, wives, or sisters; nor can the various Aid Committees, so efficient elsewhere, distribute their comforts. This report came to the ears of the Christian Commission. They immediately sent forward four young men, theological students, and a large quantity of supplies. The surgeon in charge, Dr. Wagner, received them very cordially, provided quarters, furnished food, and, in order to further facilitate their labours, appointed them "acting medical cadets." Thus assisted and directed, they laboured, dressing wounds and relieving destitution, speaking kind words and writing to loved ones at home—in short, doing all in their power to increase the comfort of the soldiers. I need hardly say that many were made glad. Warm under-clothing especially was very gratefully received. Their knapsacks had been left in camp previous to the battle, hence all they brought with them was what they had worn in the fight. The hospital was able to supply many hundreds, but the sudden increase more than doubled its number of patients, and its capacity was thus temporarily overtaxed.—These cases were sought out, and their wants satisfied.

"But the Christian Commission also cares for the souls of men. The chaplain was absent on a furlough. A Roman Catholic priest is stationed there; he was at his post, and was not idle. In the sense this visit of the Commission was opportune. Among the supplies were a large quantity of *American Messengers*, *Banners*, tracts, and religious reading from nearly every evangelical denomination, besides between three and four hundred Testaments, and Testaments with Psalms. How welcome was this word of life!"

The writer goes on to say that the men received the scriptures and religious books very thankfully, most of them having left their Bibles in their knapsacks, which they left behind, before the men went into battle, and, of course, did not get them again. Much time was spent in prayer, and religious conversation. Circumstances have since compelled the commission to withdrawn their delegates to another field. The Point has a population of 2500.

Address of Maj.-Gen. Hooker to His Troops.

Head-quarters Army of the Potomac, Jan. 27.—The following order has just been published to the army:—

Head quarters, Camp near Falmouth, Jan. 26.—General Orders, No 1.—By the direction of the President of the United States, the undersigned assumes command of the Army of the Potomac.

He enters upon the discharge of his duties imposed by this trust with a just appreciation of their responsibility.

Since the formation of this army he has been identified with its history. He has shared with you the glories and reverses, with no other desire than that those relations might remain unchanged until its destiny should be accomplished.

In the record of your achievements there is much to be proud of, and, with the blessing of God, we will contribute something to the renown of our arms and the success of the cause.

To secure these ends, your Commander will require the cheerful and zealous co-operation of every officer and soldier in this army. In equipment, intelligence and valor, the enemy is our inferior. Let us never hesitate to give him battle wherever we can find him.

The undersigned only gives expression to the feeling of this army, when he conveys to our late commander, Major-General Burnside, the most cordial good wishes for his future.

My staff will be announced as soon as organized. JOSEPH HOOKER,

Major-General Commanding Army of the Potomac.

From the Army of the Potomac.

Head-quarters, Army of the Potomac, Jan. 26.—This forenoon General Burnside turned over the command of the Army of the Potomac to General Hooker, who came to the Head-quarters Camp for that purpose.

As soon as the change became known a considerable number of superior officers called on General Burnside and took their parting leave with many regrets.

The following is General Burnside's address to the army:—

Head-quarters Army of the Potomac, Camp near Falmouth, Jan. 26.—General Orders No. 9.—By direction of the President of the United States, the Commanding General this day transfers the command of this army to Major-General Joseph Hooker. The short time that he has directed your movements has not been fruitful of victory or any considerable advancement of our lines, but it has again demonstrated an amount of courage, patience and endurance that, under more favorable circumstances, would have accomplished great results.

Continue to exercise these virtues; be true in your devotion to your country and the principles you have sworn to maintain; give to the brave and skillful General who has long been identified with your organization, and who is now to command you, your full and cordial support, and you will deserve success.

In taking an affectionate leave of the entire army, from which he separates with so much regret, he may be pardoned if he bids an especial farewell to his long-tried associates of the Ninth Corps.

His prayers are that God may be with you, and grant you continued success until the Rebellion is crushed.

By command of Maj.-Gen. BURNSIDE.

LEWIS RICHMOND, A. A. G.

It is understood that Generals Sumner and Franklin have also been relieved from their command of the right and left Grand Divisions, but the names of their successors have not been divulged, if appointed.

General Burnside, with most of his late Staff, have been allowed thirty days' leave of absence. They will go to New York.

The Sinking of the "Hatteras."

The Navy Department has received official information of the capture and sinking of the United States steamer Hatteras by the Alabama or "290." The substance is contained in the following statement of J. H. Partridge, Acting Master on board the Hatteras, off Galveston:—

At about 3 P. M., on Tuesday, January 11th, a vessel hove in sight, southeast; we were signaled by the Brooklyn to give chase. As she came in sight she appeared to be endeavoring to escape. Just after dark we were able to discover that she was back-rigged and set a top-gallant sail. After dark we gained on her fast, and when we got up we found her lying too under steam. We had been at quarters about twenty minutes. As we came up Captain Blake hailed and asked, "What ship it was? The answer was, "Her Majesty's ship Spitfire." Captain Blake said, "I will send a boat aboard."

The boat being called away, I was ordered to take charge and board. Before we went one-half of the ship's length the stranger opened fire. It was returned by the Hatteras, and both started ahead under a full head of steam, exchanging broadsides as fast as they could load and fire, for about twenty minutes, with big guns, and then with musketry, from both vessels. All the time I had been trying to board my vessel, but could not come up. After the musketry ceased I discovered that the Hatteras was stopped and blowing off steam, with the enemy alongside for the purpose of boarding. I heard the enemy cheering, and knew that the Hatteras had been captured, and thought it no use to give myself up as a prisoner, and rowed back to the fleet under the cover of the darkness, in hopes of given information of this more the affair The Brooklyn went out the next day and found the Hatteras sunk..

Gen. Butler to Resume His [illegible]

Washington, Jan. 25.—It may be stated that General Butler will resume command of the Department of the Gulf, head-quarters will be, first at New Orleans, soon at a higher point on the Mississippi. The determination in regard to him was arrived at immediately after his departure from Washington for the North. It was the inevitable result of his conferences with the President and heads of Department. None here could tell General Butler why he was recalled. He declared he would cheerfully carry out the plan formed for him by the Government if the means were given him, one of the means being an army such as that which Banks at New Orleans, or that which Sherman or McClernand commanded above.

The Department of the Cumberland.

Murfreesboro', Tenn., Jan. 25, 1863.—As yet I am compelled to announce everything in this quarter as remaining quiet. The Army of the Cumberland is still lying in front of Murfreesboro', while the enemy are strengthening their positions at Shelbyville are Tullahoma. The probabilities are that the latter place will be held only to gain time for still further strengthening the former, in case they are attacked by our forces before they have completed their arrangements for its defence.

The Rebels are reported as being remarkably active at present. Those who are not engaged upon their works are kept almost constantly on drill and parade. It is no wonder that their men have become thoroughly disciplined, as their officers, instead of lounging around taverns and grog shops, are in camp doing their duty. In this matter some of our "shoulder-strapped gentlemen" might profit by the example of those whom they are sent out to battle against.

From some time past it has been expected that the enemy were being reinforced, and at last that suspicion has become a certainty.—Within the past two weeks Bragg has been joined by about forty or forty five thousand troops from Richmond, and there is no doubt but that further reinforcements are on the way.

The leaders seem determined that the next general engagement in this quarter shall be a decisive one, and that they will either win or lose all in the coming contest. For this purpose and to this end they are straining every nerve, and ere long, you may expect to hear of one of the most sanguinary and bloody conflicts which have taken place during the war. But while the enemy are thus active, our own troops are, although quiet, by no means idle. All seem in good spirits, and all, both officers and men, have the most perfect confidence in their commanding General.—*Cor. of the Inquirer.*

From Nashville.

Nashville, Jan. 29.—A fleet of twenty-nine transport and 3 gun-boats, the Lexington, St. Clair and Brilliant, arrived here this morning. The Lexington, when above the shoals, was attacked by two hundred guerrillas, who fired three six-pounders. The boat was struck three times, but was not damaged. She returned the fire, and shelled them from their position. The fleet was not interrupted.

The gun-boats, with eight unloaded steamers, left for Clarksville at six o'clock this evening.

The river is at a stand, with ten feet of water on the shoals.

The Expedition against Vicksburg.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—A special dispatch from Cairo says that information has been received that the United States troops under General McClernand had landed on the mouth of the Yazoo, in full view of the city.

Two brigades were engaged in opening the famous cut-off when our informant left.

The river is now bank high at Vicksburg.

General Grant left Memphis on Tuesday, for below, with one division.

PASSING EVENTS.

A Word.—All persons indebted to JOHN W. REID, for tuition, will please make settlement with W. A. REID.

IF you want job work done, neatly and cheaply or if you want to subscribe for a good paper, come at once to THE PILOT office.

Lamp.—A Kerosene Lamp, *suitable for store or shop*, (the property of the Greencastle "Greys,") can be had cheap by calling on W. A. REID.

New Carrier.—If our new carrier makes any mistakes we ask our subscribers to let us know, so that they may be corrected.

Thanks.—We are indebted to Hon. E. M'PHERSON, Hon. W. M'SHERRY, and J. JACOBY, Esq., for interesting and valuable public documents.

Revival.—An interesting revival of religion is now in progress in the Methodist church. Several persons are under conviction.

Communion.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in three of our churches on last Sabbath, viz: The Lutheran, German Reformed and Methodist.

Army Letters.—Just as the paper was being "made up" we received two letters from the army, the publication of which we are compelled to defer until next week.

German School.—Professor GUSTAVUS WOLF has opened a German school on North street. He is well acquainted with the ancient and many of the modern languages.

[illegible]t the People See.—WM. M'CRORY has opened, at his Clock and Jewelry Store, [illegible]rlisle street, a large and elegant assortment of Gold, Silver and Steel Spectacles.

[illegible] for February. Its wor[illegible]le of contents prepares the reader for [illegible] of excellent literary matter.

Vaccina[illegible]—[illegible]own, as thousands of [illegible] business in the [illegible]fy. [illegible] there are some [illegible] neighboring towns [illegible] are doing a g[illegible] yet made its appearan[illegible] It is said, [illegible] in most of [illegible] case has [illegible]

[illegible]dmitted to [illegible]e.—Our talented young [illegible]tsman, J. M. H[illegible], was, after a highly creditable examinat[illegible]n, [illegible]mitted to the Bar at the January term of Co[illegible]t. [illegible] intends remaining in this place, we believ[illegible] trust he may meet with success in the practi[illegible] of profession.

Soldier Dead.—[illegible]ES W. FRYE, a member of company K, 126th [illegible]. V., and son of JOHN FYE, Esq., of the v[illegible]f Upton, died in Hospital at Acquia Cree[illegible] [illegible]n Friday, the 23d ult. He had been ill for s[illegible]t, but not dangerously as was supposed. H[illegible] [illegible]d rother killed in battle, at South Mountain, l[illegible]ember.

Squad Sent O[illegible]—[illegible]L. B. F. WINGER sent off a squad of eight [illegible] this (Monday) morning. Among them [illegible] new recruits, viz:—MATTHIAS BITNER, [illegible] HOFFMAN, WILLIAM [illegible]ARNER and REUBE[illegible]. Some others have been enlisted, who wi[illegible]eat off in a few days. The recruiting officers [illegible]e active.

A Surfeit.—We w[illegible] anxious to have rain and small change. We [illegible] rained and rained, until a little clear wea[illegible]d now be relished very much.

As to change, "Shi[illegible]" have become so numerous that it is not [illegible]y for individuals to issue any—the U. S. [illegible]currency is plenty enough now for all usef[illegible]ues.

158th Pennsylva[illegible] [illegible]antry.—Letters recently received from [illegible]ment (Col. M'KIBBEN's) confirm the repor[illegible] since published of their being sent to N[illegible]er N. C. After leaving Suffolk, Va., they h[illegible] and troublesome march to Chowan river, [illegible], barking on transports, they sailed away t[illegible]ghmlico and Albermarle Sounds and up the [illegible]ver to their present location. The men [illegible]ering good health. The Brigade, of which t[illegible] Regiment is a part, is commanded by Gen. SPIN[illegible].

Minister Dead.—We are [illegible]ed to record the death of Rev. JACOB WI[illegible] A.W., some years ago, was employed as a cle[illegible] in GUITNER's store, in this place. After leaving [illegible]ere went to Ohio, and entered one of the c[illegible]egin Ohio, where, after a course of study, he [illegible]ed to enter the ministry of the church—Un[illegible]d [illegible]thren in Christ—of which he was a consiste[illegible] [illegible]exemplary member. His health was bad, and [illegible] his account he was unable to preach little m[illegible] a year or two. He died at the residence of [illegible]ther, in Chambersburg, last Tuesday.

Ambition.—The following [illegible]utiful passage occurs in a private letter w[illegible] have received from a soldier:—

"It is midnight! My tent-m[illegible] are all asleep, and I am seated, "solitary [illegible]one," watching the beautiful red hot coals, [illegible] are sparkling in our rustic fire-hearth. T[illegible]ars ago it was a blazing fire of respectable [illegible]mad vigor; but there remains now nothing bu[illegible] successively dying away. Occasionally o[illegible] if fearful of death, or as if in agonizing [illegible] experienced by the chemical changes makes a[illegible]fo to resuscitate itself, and burns with some vig[illegible]fo time, but its strength exhausted it ceases ag[illegible] zephyr wafts once more, and for a transient [illegible] another blaze appears. A mill-dew falls, a[illegible] it is a coal again; anon! and nothing bu[illegible]p of ashes remain! How emblematical of h[illegible]! Ambition kindled by a lucifer of envy [illegible]nned by the oxygen of emulation and de[illegible]ion, as wood by the oxygen of the air, gra[illegible]lwaxes into a fervent blaze. Favorable circum[illegible] accompanying the ardor of the man, a pe[illegible] success attends his efforts for distinction [illegible] adversity comes, and as speedily as he rose—[illegible]ells. Another effort is made to surmount co[illegible]g surroundings—and once more he rises. B[illegible]ol how transient his second period of success—[illegible]e as short as the blaze excited from a burnt [illegible], a blast of wind, and then again nothing [illegible] but *black* disappointment—black as a de[illegible]coal—loathsome as a pile of ashes! So is life.

Meeting of Conference—[illegible]st Day.—MONDAY, January 26th. Devotional [illegible]ercises by S. Bigham.

T. S. M'Neil, of Virginia Co[illegible]nce, Revs. Hyde, of the Methodist Episcopal [illegible]pple of the German Reformed churches, were [illegible]l advisory seats.

Isaiah Baltzell, T. B. Hursh and [illegible]F. Eberly were elected Trustees of Otterbein [illegible]ersity, located at Westerville, Ohio.

Seven trustees were elected for [illegible]e benevolent Fund Society of the Conference. ([illegible]nterest of the fund is to be appropriated to the [illegible] of superannuated ministers, and widows and chi[illegible] of ministers who are needy.)

Adjourned.

Prayer by Hummelbaugh.

AFTERNOON.—Prayer by Weidler.

Resolutions of thanks were voted to the Cumberland Valley and Franklin Railroads, [illegible]e return tickets; to the friends of Greencastle [illegible] vicinity for kindly entertaining members of, a[illegible]rsons attending conference,—and to the Germ[illegible]eformed brethren, for the use of their church[illegible] the Ordination services.

Committees on course of reading, to [illegible]mine licentiates at the next session of confe[illegible], as follows:—

First Year, J. M. Bishop, Erb, Eberly.

Second Year, Colestock, Altman, J. C[illegible]ith.

Third Year, Raber, Dickson, J. P. Bi[illegible].

Raber offered the following resolution [illegible]ich was passed by a full vote:

Resolved, That the preachers on the [illegible]lds are requested to deliver a sermon, or lecture [illegible] the different classes in reference to the freed, [illegible] yet to be freed, colored people, and solicit co[illegible]butions privately, or otherwise, for the purpose [illegible]ending missionaries and teachers among them.

Remarks on the foregoing were mad[illegible]y J. P. Bishop, Eberly, Smith and Raber.

There was collected during the past [illegible]r, and during the session of conference about [illegible]00 in cash, for the Home, Frontier and Foreign M[illegible]onary work.

The reports show an increase, consid[illegible]le, in membership, and great interest in Sabbath [illegible]hools. This conference does not forget and negle[illegible]e *little ones.*

The session was peaceable and pleasant.

Conference adjourned to meet in its next annual session in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland county, Pa.

The preachers were happy and pleased, and free in expressing their gratitude to the kind citizens of Greencastle. W. B. R.

The following appointments were made for the coming conference year, by the Pennsylvania Conference:—

York District—N. ALTMAN.

Baltimore Ger. Station, J. A. Sand;
York Station, J. Erb;
Shopps " D. Eberly and T. F. Bushong;
Mechanicsburg Station, W. B. Raber,
Carlisle Circuit, J. S. Wentz;
Manchester " T. Brashear;
York " S. Enterline, & B. Baltzell, Elder;
York Spring " J. A. Clem;
Bendersville " H. Y. Hummelbaugh;
Perry " H. Brown;
Liverpool " P. Corl;
Paradise " J. G. Clair:
Baltimore Miss. Sta., J. P. Bishop, $350 appro.;
Philadelphia " " S. L. Minnick, $150 appro.;
Ickesburg " " S. Bigham, $80 appro.

Chambersburg District—J. W. BURD.

Chambersburg Station, J. Dickson;
Orrstown " Isaiah Baltzell;
Big Spring " Z. A. Colestock;
Rocky Spring " J. M. Bishop;
Greencastle and Alto Dale, Cir., J. C. Smith & W. Humberger;
Mercersburg Circuit, A. Tripner;
Path Valley " S. Young;
Shippensburg " W. A. Jackson;
Carlisle " J. S. Wentz;
Littlestown " Isaac Weidler;
Bethany Miss., J. B. Jones, $20 appro.

W. B. RABER, *Sec'y.*

Court Proceedings.—The following is a list of the most important causes tried at the January term:

COMMON PLEAS.

George. J. Balsly *vs.* Ignatia Harbaugh and Sarah his wife. Assumpsit, for goods sold to Mrs. Harbaugh while a minor. Jury could not agree and were discharged by the court. Kimmel for plaintiff; Reilly & Sharpe for defendant.

David McNulty *vs.* Daniel Gilds. Deceit in a horse trade. This case was on trial as we went to press with last week's issue, verdict in favor of Plff. for sixty dollars and costs of suit. Kimmel for Plff., Reilly, Brewer and Sharpe for defendant.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

Com. *vs.* Elias Craig, Larceny—verdict not guilty. District Attorney W. S. Stenger for the Com., and Kimmel for the defendant.

Com *vs.* Samuel Miller, Jr. Assault and Battery—verdict, guilty, sentenced to pay a fine of one cent to the Commonwealth, be in the county prison for the period of thirty days, pay costs of prosecution, and remain in the custody of the Sheriff until this sentence is complied with. Stenger for Com., Reilly for defendant.

Com. *vs.* Adam Besore—charged with having counterfeit bank notes in his possession. Defendant appeared in open court and plead guilty, sentenced to pay a fine of twenty-five dollars, to be confined in the Eastern Penitentiary for the period of three years, pay costs of prosecution, and remain in custody until this sentence is complied with. Stenger and Kimmel for Com., Brewer and Sharpe for defendant.

Com. *vs.* Henry Middour. Charged with passing counterfeit money. Verdict, guilty, sentenced to pay a fine of one dollar to the Commonwealth, undergo an imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary for the period of eighteen calendar months, pay costs of prosecution, and remain in custody until this sentence is complied with. Geo. Eyster, Kimmel and District Att'y Stenger for Com.; Brewer, Reilly and Sharpe for def't

Com. *vs.* John Kuhn. Charged with passing counterfeit money. Verdict, guilty, sentenced to pay a fine of fifty cents to the Commonwealth, undergo an imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary for the period of eighteen calendar months, pay prosecution, and remain in custody until this sentence is complied with. Geo. Eyster, Kimmel, and District Att'y Stenger for Com.; Brewer, Sharpe and Reilly for def't.

Com. *vs.* Elias Craig. Larceny. Verdict, not guilty.

Com. *vs.* Samuel J. Miller, jr. Assault and Battery. Verdict, guilty, sentenced to pay a fine of one cent to Commonwealth, undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for the period of thirty days, pay costs of prosecution, and remain in the custody of the Sheriff until this sentence is complied with.—District Att'y Stenger for Com.; Reilly for def't.

OYER AND TERMINER.

Com. *vs.* Jacob Slyder, Henry Morgan and Joseph Stoner, all colored. Charge, Burglary and Larceny. Verdict, guilty as to Slyder, and not guilty as to the others. Slyder was sentenced four years to the House of Refuge; of the Eastern District. Dist. Att'y Stenger and Kimmel for Com.; Eyster and Duncan for defendants.

The Grand Jury ignored a large number of bills, and the District Attorney entered a *Nol Pros* in many others by leave of the Court.

SECOND WEEK.

The Court commenced at 1 o'clock, Judge Graham, from Carlisle, presided No Jury trials were had as many cases were settled, while the remainder were continued until the next Term. After the Attorneys having made the usual motions and the argument list having been over the Court adjourned.—*Repository and Transcript.*

Infanticide.—On Saturday last, while the contents of a cesspool, on the premises of Mr. JOHN NOEL, were being removed, the body of a new-born but fully developed male child was found. The facts coming to the knowledge of Esquire HAMMAN, who with his usual characteristic energy, had the body removed to his office, where an inquest was held and a *post mortem* examination made by Dr. W. H. BOYLE. The examination showed that it was a clear case of murder. It appears that a silk apron had been partially wrapped into a cord, by the cruel mother, it is supposed, and tied as tightly around the neck of the child as it could be drawn, leaving a deep indention in the flesh, thus producing death by strangulation. The balance of the apron