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THE PILOT.

GREENCASTLE:
 Tuesday Morning, Dec. 22, 1863.



CHRISTMAS.

Christmas originally was a festival of the church, and still is, in some denominations, observed as such. But when Christmas is spoken of now-a-days, it does not evoke the idea of a holy day but rather of a holiday, when cares and business are to be laid aside, and pleasures and amusements to be substituted in their stead—when new friendships are to be formed and old ones to be confirmed—when waiting toil is to give way to wholesome relaxation both of mind and body—when close fist'd parsimony is to open his hand without the long-drawn sigh—when people are to acknowledge by their conduct, their appreciation of the truth that, although the chief end of man is to make money, that was not the only end and object of his creation—when they are expected to acknowledge also this other truth, that there is "a time to laugh," and this other that there is "a time to kill"—chickens, and a time to eat them. All these truths go fitly together, and are aptly placed side by side, for "A hearty laugh helpeth digestion, And serveth to shake to cob-webs out of the brain."

THE NEWS.

The small pox has broken out among the Union prisoners at Danville, Va.
 The Ladies' Fair at Indianapolis, Ind., recently held, realized twelve thousand dollars for the benefit of soldiers' families.
 Maj. Gen. French, lately commanding the Third Army corps, Army of the Potomac, the New York Times says, has been relieved of his command and ordered under arrest for alleged misconduct in the late movement of the Army.
 The cavalry of the Army of the Potomac are kept busy looking after Mosby's guerrillas. Stewart's Rebel cavalry frequently make raids on the north side of the Rapidan, occasionally picking up some of the stragglers of the Union army.
 The steamer Fulton brings the sad intelligence that the monitor Weehawken, suddenly sunk at her anchorage off Morris Island, during a gale on the 6th inst., Out of her crew thirty were lost, including four assistant engineers. Her captain was on board the flag ship when the accident occurred. Nearly all the officers were saved. No damage received by any of the other iron-clads.
 Dr. Chas. P. Wright, of Ohio, who was captured at Chickamauga on the 20th of Sept. last, has just arrived from Libby Prison by a flag of truce. The doctor states that the articles of clothing, provision, &c., sent to the Union prisoners at Richmond by their Northern friends and associations, have been received by them, except in a few cases. The doctor was requested by our officers now in Libby Prison to convey to their friends at home an injunction as to the necessity of confining themselves to sending forward of luxuries, as the Confederate modes of transportation are now taxed to their utmost extremity.
 Gen. W. D. Whipple has succeeded Maj. Gen. Reynolds as Grant's Chief Staff. Gen. Reynolds takes command of the troops.
 The President has issued a pardon for E. W. Gantt, of Aankansas, from the penalty of treason, which he incurred by accepting the position of a Brigadier-General in the rebel army.
 Washington, Dec. 15.—The following despatch was received here to-day:—
 Fortress Monroe, Va., Dec. 14, 1863.—Gen. Wistar, with my approbation, sent out an expedition to Charles City Court House, on the James River, to capture the enemy's force stationed there, and I have the pleasure to forward his report of his complete success. What adds to the brilliancy of the achievement is that it has been accomplished during a terrible storm.
B. F. BUTLER, Major-General.
 Yorktown, Va., Dec. 14, 1863.—To Major-General Butler:—I have the satisfaction to announce the complete success of the expedition sent out under Colonel West. All work-

sacrifice their happiness to the procuring of riches.
 Too much of anything is too much, except, said an old woman, as to ale, and then too much is just enough. With that exception then the proposition stands. There is no exception of work. After laboring six days it is wise to rest on the seventh; with equal reason, after fifty-one weeks of toil and care, it is wise to rest and recreate during the fifty-second.
 The Christmas holidays used to be a season of universal joy and gladness. Old and young took their ease and sought their pleasure. But now we are beginning even to drive the children to school, during the long-looked for week of gifts and freedom and frolic unrestrained, and the old and middle aged must be about fulfilling their mission, and can't take time to be happy. Oh! for a good old-time Christmas week! Yes, even in the midst of war; for we have enough and too much of trouble and care, and need to cast the load off for a few days. But every thing is against us. Old Crisskinkle has gone to some more genial and light-hearted people, and it won't even snow during the holidays as it used to. The proposed Festival promised something, but that got the opium and went back and died. So there is nothing for it, but for us to go back to fulfilling our mission—eat, drink and make money—except attend the PHILLO DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION'S *divertissement*. It was a happy thought, that. In the midst of our grief for the good old times that are gone, and the departure of Old Crisskinkle, and the Festival that got the opium, and went back and died, we lost sight of the Dramatic Association, which a dozen of our young gentlemen have instituted, having fitted up Mr. IRVING'S Hall for that purpose. The New Hall is commodious and comfortable, and the stage arrangements excellent. In fact the New Chestnut Street is the model and improved upon. The proceeds are to be devoted to the relief of sick and wounded soldiers. So, if the community attend and encourage the enterprise, they will be entertained and the soldiers relieved, or, in another aspect, the community will be relieved and the soldiers entertained. At all events, the Dramatic men will enable the young folks to keep up a "merry heart," and we need not look yet a little while for the "dry bones."

General Buford.
 This distinguished cavalry officer died in Washington city yesterday. The deceased was a graduate of West Point, and was brevetted Second Lieutenant in the First United States Dragoons, July 1st, 1848. He was born in Kentucky, but was appointed from Illinois. His commission as Captain in the Second Cavalry was dated November 12th, 1861. In July, 1862, he was appointed a Brigadier-General of Volunteers. General Buford was one of the most dashing, brave and brilliant cavalry officers in the service. He was conspicuous in nearly all our cavalry engagements under Generals Stoneman and Kilpatrick.
 He was a pioneer in that famous raid of General Stoneman almost to the gates of Richmond, and at the battle of Gettysburg he was the first to encounter and drive the Rebels from the town. His appreciation as an officer is proved by the devotion of General Stoneman to him during his illness, and in his earnest recommendation to the President to appoint him a Major-General, which, the telegraph informs us, was done yesterday morning, and the dying hero had the pleasure of signing his acceptance, but remarked, as his friends raised him up in bed, that he feared he could not use it. His disease was typhoid fever.—*Inquirer, Dec. 17.*

Summary of the Payment at the State Treasury from the 1st day of December, 1862, to the 30th day of November, 1863, both days inclusive.

Expenses of Government.....	\$ 446,456 85
Military expenses, ordinary....	4,312 50
Pennsylvania volunteers in the late war with Mexico.....	18 00
Military expenses for the defence of the State and Union per act of May 15, 1861....	125,583 79
Military expenses for the defence of the State and Union per act of April 16, 1862, and paid out of the appropriation of May 15, 1861....	53,664 99
Military expenses for defence, &c., per act of April 14, 1863, and paid out of the appropriation of May 15, 1861....	2,490 66
Military expenses for defence, &c., per act of April 22, 1863, and paid out of the appropriation of May 15, 1861, &c.....	25,089 23
Pensions & gratuities, ordinary Pensions under act of May 15, 1861.....	5,086 65
Charitable institutions.....	345 86
Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society.....	119,926 37
Farmers' High School of Pa..	2,000 00
State Normal Schools.....	6,237 50
Philadelphia school of design for women.....	10,000 00
Common Schools.....	2,000 00
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to wit:	317,506 97
Loans, &c., re-deemed.....	\$951,608 78
Other paym'ts.....	6,803 33
Interest on loans.....	958,412 11
Domestic creditors' certificates, including interest.....	2,667,748 61
Damages on the public works and old claims.....	73 00
Special commissioners.....	1,304 64
State library.....	3,607 33
Public buildings and grounds.	3,168 92
Houses of refuge.....	8,024 29
Penitentiaries.....	25,029 16
Escheats.....	32,423 00
Revenue Commissioners.....	681 76
Free banking system.....	9,356 42
Abatement of State tax.....	3,945 51
Mercantile appraisers.....	60,147 41
Miscellaneous.....	637 14
	8,845 38
	\$4,314,964 05
Balance in the Treasury Nov. 30, 1863, available.....	\$2,147,331 70
Depreciated funds in the treasury unavailable.....	41,032 00
	\$2,188,363 70
	\$6,503,327 75

Finances of Pennsylvania.
 We are under obligation says the Harrisburg Telegraph, to the Auditor General for an advance statement of the financial affairs of the State. It will be observed that Pennsylvania, notwithstanding the heavy outlays for war purposes, has a large balance in the State Treasury.
Summary of the Receipts at the State Treasury from the 1st day of December, 1862, to the 30th day of November, 1863, both days inclusive.

Lands.....	\$ 18,457 03
Auction commissions.....	14,532 45
Auction duties.....	39,065 37
Tax on bank dividends.....	228,299 66
Tax on corporation stocks.....	438,622 96
Tax on real and personal estate, including a mill tax.....	1,733,401 91
Tavern licenses.....	215,268 09
Retailers' licenses.....	192,347 11
Pedlers' licenses.....	1,166 10
Brokers licenses.....	9,200 75
Theatre, circus and menagerie licenses.....	2,136 90
Distillery and brewery licenses.....	7,558 91
Billiard room, bowling, saloon, &c., licenses.....	4,857 53
Eating houses, beer houses licenses.....	16,266 42
Patent medicine licenses.....	1,142 50
Pamphlet laws.....	179 40
Militia tax.....	5,545 35
Millers' tax.....	661 68
Foreign insurance agencies.....	41,630 74
Tax on writs, wills, deeds, &c.....	61,729 96
Tax on certain offices.....	12,424 88
Collateral inheritance tax.....	137,002 39
Tax on enrollment of laws.....	6,810 00
Premiums on charters.....	15,644 85
Wyoming canal company bonds redeemed.....	281,000 00
Tax on tonnage, commutation of Banks paying interest equivalent to coin.....	360,000 00
Escheats.....	3,004 74
Free banking system.....	1,080 00
Dividends on bridge stocks.....	6,378 92
Pennsylvania railroad company bond No. 6 redeemed.....	100,000 00
Accrued interest.....	12,596 72
Refunded cash, ordinary.....	6,779 09
Refunded cash, military.....	9,736 46
Tax on loans.....	147,756 31
Interest on loans.....	84,163 98
Annuity for right away.....	10,000 00
Fines and forfeitures.....	18 03
United States Government.....	36,221 84
Tax on brokers & private bankers.....	23,041 20
Fees of public offices.....	3,101 42
Miscellaneous (cases of conscience).....	420 00
	\$4,289,451 65
Balance in the State Treasury, November 30, 1862, available.....	\$2,172,844 10
Depreciated funds in the treasury, unavailable.....	41,032 00
	\$2,213,876 10
	\$6,503,327 75

PASSING EVENTS, &C.
 Business of all kinds is in a flourishing condition in this Borough.
For Amusement.—Remember the Dramatic Exhibition on Christmas night.
 TRUNKS, Umbrellas, Leather, and all kinds of Shoe Findings, cheap at KUNDEL'S.
 No one can now be exempted until after the draft. Hundreds and thousands of people were in Chambersburg during the past two weeks, for this purpose.
Hotel Sold.—The Franklin Hotel, in Greencastle was sold on last Saturday, for the sum of \$3015. Purchaser, DANIEL FOREMAN, the present landlord.
 The men who were drafted from this township in August last, and who entered the service, are in the 19th Penna. Regiment, 2d Brigade, 3d Division, 1st Army Corps, Army of the Potomac.
Let the People See.—Wm. McCrory has just opened, at his Clock and Jewelry Store, on South Carlisle street, a large and elegant assortment of Gold, Silver and Steel Spectacles.
Middleburg Property.—Mr. JOHN REARSON of Middleburg, sold his dwelling house and store room for \$3650. Purchaser, a Mr. Beck, from Chensville, Md. The same party bought the stock of goods.
Services on Christmas.—Religious services connected with the Sabbath School of the German Reformed church, will be held in that church on Christmas morning. Examination of school reports of officers, teachers, &c.
 A heavy force of mounted men have gone up the Valley. It would not be proper to state the object at present. We may be certain, however, that it will accomplish a great work. They will reach a portion of Virginia not yet reached by our forces. LONGSTREET will feel the blow.
Lost.—A case containing two Likenesses, one of which is a soldier, was lost on the 10th of December, between FOREMAN'S Tavern, and the farm of Mrs. PAWLING. Any person leaving it at this office or D. FOREMAN'S Tavern will be liberally rewarded.
Hogs.—We don't hear much about five and six hundred hogs this year. Somehow few of them get over 350. Mr. C. HARTMAN, however, killed one which weighed 418 pounds.
 Betting on porkers seems to be dull. At any rate it is a poor business for unlucky people. Perhaps lovers always think so.
Before the Magistrate.—On last Friday morning one or two of our juveniles were arraigned before Justice KAUFFMAN, on charge of making noise and otherwise disturbing the peace and quiet of the Post Office. The lads were very penitent; and were made to pay some costs, were reprimanded by the Magistrate and sent to school. If some older persons were put through the nuisance would cease.

Devil.—Some person has been trying to perform a silly post—that of playing "devil," not a spitter and brimstone fellow, but a sort of walking giant, intending thereby to frighten children. The boys took it into their heads one evening last week, to stene a fellow of this description off the streets. We haven't heard of a repetition of the "devil's" part.
 We would caution persons not to push this thing any farther, as some one of weak nerves might be frightened so seriously as to be injured for life.
A Correction.—We have to correct a notice made last week that the Ladies intended to hold a Festival during the holidays. It was contemplated. The preparatory steps had been taken, but after a fuller consideration of the subject, it was deemed prudent not to have any thing of the kind at the time named.
 The Society, however, appointed and instructed a committee to issue an appeal to the citizens of this neighborhood to contribute liberally to the relief of our suffering soldiers. This appeal will be found in another part of to-day's paper. Proper committees will wait on the people.
Dramatic.—The "Philo Dramatic Association" of Greencastle, is composed of the most respectable and intelligent young men of this vicinity. During the holiday season, a series of dramatic entertainments will be given. The plays, we are informed, have been selected with care; nothing immoral or immodest will be introduced, as we are authorized to state. A series of entertainments of a similar character was given in this town a few winters ago, and were well attended.
 The proceeds, to be derived from the exhibition, will be appropriated to the use of our unfortunate, sick and wounded soldiers languishing in hospitals and southern prisons. The object truly is worthy. The times demand that every honest enterprise, with this object, should be well patronized. The young gentlemen are laboring assiduously. We believe they will succeed beyond their expectations.
 Programmes containing particulars, will soon be issued.
 The first exhibition will be on Christmas night, (December 25th).
Sad Affair.—Our citizens were shocked by the announcement, on Sunday morning last, that Mr. JOSHUA BESOKS, merchant of this place, had committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. It was known that Mr. B. had been declining in health for sometime and that his mind had thereby been somewhat impaired, but no one, not even his family, entertained any suspicion as to such an unhappy result of his illness. On Saturday evening he was in his Store attending to business as usual, and on Sunday morning was with his family up to about 10 o'clock, when he left the sitting room and repaired to his stable where the unfortunate deed was committed. He was first discovered by Mrs. B. who followed him to the stable supposing that he was getting his horse to take a ride. A looking glass which he had taken from the house was found nearby suspended to the fodder rack. Mr. B. expired in about two hours after he was discovered. He was in the 48th year of his age and had been a most worthy and highly esteemed citizen. The announcement of his death cast a gloom over our entire community. On Tuesday morning his remains were followed to the burying ground attached to the German Reformed Church, attended by an immense procession of sorrowing friends and acquaintances.—*Waynesboro' Village Record, of the 18th.*
Ladies' Aid Society.—An Appeal.—The Ladies' Aid Society of Greencastle have appointed the undersigned a Committee to make an APPEAL to the citizens of the township and vicinity, for contributions of money, to be appropriated to the Relief of Sick and Wounded Soldiers.
 The Society, for a long time past, have worked indefatigably for this most commendable object, with results more favorable than they had reason to expect or dared to hope for, and have won for our community a reputation for patriotism and benevolence second to none.
 Now when the severity of Winter is upon us, and a double exertion is necessary to preserve from suffering and death their unfortunate sick and gallant wounded, they appeal, with all the earnestness in their power, to the patriotic devotion, to the gratitude, to the benevolence, and Christian philanthropy of the citizens in their comfortable and secure homes, surrounded with plenty, in behalf of the brave defenders of those homes, and beg them to consider the unhappy condition of many of these heroic men who languish in far off hospitals and prisons.
 They call upon the community to reflect that in a very short time an additional number of their fellow citizens will be called to the Army and subjected to the dangers, exposures, and diseses of campaign life and that it behooves us to prepare now, in connection with the patriotic and benevolent of other parts of the Union, to mitigate, as far as possible, the unavoidable evils, which must necessarily befall them.
 They make this appeal at this time, when the holiday season approaches, at the close of a year of plenty and prosperity, that a part of that superabundance, which is usually expended less worthily, may be given to this most Christian object.
 Proper Committees have been appointed, and every one, as far as possible, will be solicited prior to the 1st day of January next. Contributions may be paid in, however, by persons overlooked or preferring to do so, to Mrs. BREIDENBACH, President of the Ladies' Aid Society, or to any one of the undersigned.
 The Society appeal to every one in the community, by every consideration which can influence a good citizen—patriotism, benevolence, gratitude, philanthropy and religion, to aid them in succoring the sick and wounded soldiers.
 D. WATSON ROWS,
 GEORGE W. ZIGLER,
 WILLIAM A. REIN,
 On behalf of the Ladies.

THE TOMB.

DIED.—In Upton, Dec. 8, 1863, Mr. Peter BYERS, aged 26 years, 2 months and 24 days.
 Near this place, Dec. 12, 1863, Mrs. Elizabeth Stine, in the 80th year of her age.