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The most commendable kind of State pride is that aroused in her sons by the efforts of the old Keystone to preserve a Union consecrated by the recollection of so many brave deeds as those which achieved our independence. According to the Governor's recent message, Pennsylvania has now in the field seventy-eight regiments, and nineteen companies, consisting of eighty-seven thousand one hundred and seventy-seven men. In addition to those some six thousand four hundred have enlisted in regiments nominally of other states, and fourteen regiments and five companies (16,038 men) are organizing—making a grand total of one hundred and nine thousand six hundred and fifteen—to which may be added twenty thousand one hundred and seventy-five men in the "three months campaign"—in all one hundred and twenty-nine thousand seven hundred and ninety! The present location of our soldiers is thus stated: "Of the regiments in service the 11th and 15th Regiments of infantry are at Annapolis; the 28th, 29th, 31st, 66th, 69th, 71st, 72d, and 106th Regiments and one company of infantry are in command of Major General Banks; the 45th, 50th, 55th, 76th and 100th Regiments of infantry are in South Carolina; the 48th infantry are at Hatteras Inlet; the 108th infantry and 11th cavalry are at Fortress Monroe; the 77th, 78th and 79th infantry, the 7th and 9th cavalry, one troop of horse, one squadron of cavalry, two battalions of artillery are in Kentucky; the 84th and 110th infantry are in Western Virginia, as are also three companies of infantry, four companies of cavalry, five companies of light artillery; the 88th infantry are at Cockeysville, Maryland; one company of artillery is at Fort Delaware; all the remainder of the volunteers are at or near Washington. Upwards of three hundred volunteers from Pennsylvania are now prisoners, but, as arrangements have been made for the exchange of prisoners, it may be expected that they will soon be released."

A protest was handed the President, a few days ago, by a committee of privates of the Brooklyn Fourteenth Regiment, against the action of the Governor of New York in numbering the regiment the Sixty-Fourth. This shows they had some respect for their governor.

Regiment Consolidated.—All the unattached companies and squads in Camp Curtin have been transferred to Col. Meredith's Regiment—enough to send it full into the field. It, together with the 101st, Col. Wilson, will move this week. It is understood that both these regiments go to Philadelphia to join a Southern expedition to be composed wholly of Pennsylvania troops, viz: The 101st, Colonel Wilson; the 56th, Col. Meredith; the 108th, Col. Longnecker; the 68th, Col. Jones; the 59th, Col. Price; the 90th, Col. Lyle; the 54th, Col. Campbell; the 111th, Col. Schlandecker; the 113th, Col. Frismuth; and two to be formed out of the skeletons in Philadelphia and Camp Curtin—making a total of eleven regiments. It is not positively known whether they go as a new expedition, or merely as reinforcements to one of the expeditions already started.—Phila. Inquirer, Tuesday.

Nearly Four Months in Hospital.—In the list of soldiers in the Hospitals of Washington City, published weekly by order of Congress, our readers may have noticed one from this regiment. It is private John Jenkins, of Company B, Capt. Duff, who received a severe wound by the accidental discharge of a musket, while on guard, at Camp Lincoln, on the 28th of September—since which time he has been in Columbian College Hospital. The ball entered his right foot, and has probably lamed him for life.

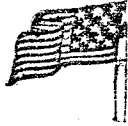
Alexander B. Smith, of Manchester, Allegheny county, died at Camp Pierpont, Va., on the 14th inst., and was buried on the 18th, from his late home at Greenwood. He was a member of Capt. Smith's Company (A.) Ninth Pennsylvania Reserves, Col. Jackson—and received a mortal wound in the neck, at the battle of Drainsville, Va., producing paralysis, of which he died.

Our neighbors of the other regiments composing Gen. Peck's Brigade will oblige us by brief communications containing items of news in their respective regiments, and the various adjutants by statistics of deaths, discharges, desertions, &c. We should like a brief history of each regiment, also, for publication. Communications should reach us previous to Friday of each week.

The Pittsburg companies in the Second Virginia Regiment, now at Camp Elkwater, in Western Virginia, are very anxious to be transferred to Pennsylvania Regiments, and complain of very hard usage where they are.

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Gen. E. Keyes'
Division.



Gen. J. Peck's
Brigade.

Col. Thomas A. Rowley's Regiment.

One Flag! One Country! and one Congress!

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Re-convened.—The General Court Martial, presided over by Col. de Trobriand, which adjourned two weeks ago, on completing its business, re-convened on Wednesday, by order of Major Gen. McClellan, probably to reconsider some of its sentences.

Thanks.—The loyal little girls in Miss M. A. Forbes' room of the Sixth Ward Public Schools, knit with their own hands several pairs of socks and mits, and sent them with Lieut. Col. Kinkead, for the use of those who stood in need of them. They were distributed among those who came from the Sixth and Seventh wards—some of whom had been scholars in the same school—and received with blessings on the sweet little flaxen heads who made them.

Detailed for Recruiting.—Capt. Foster, Lieut. Kenney, Sergts. Baer, Wilkinson and Algeo, and Private Callow, have been detailed by Col. Rowley, for recruiting service in Pennsylvania—and started on Saturday, 18th inst., to Washington City, to report for duty, returning in the evening to await orders from Headquarters. The squad are to report at Harrisburg, to Capt. R. I. Dodge, Eighth U. S. infantry, Superintendent of Recruiting Service in that State, who will station them where he pleases. They left for Harrisburg this (Saturday) morning.

At Headquarters, the lines are becoming more strictly drawn as regards furloughs, an order having been issued that "unless by reason of sickness, upon medical certificate, no leaves of absence or furloughs shall be granted, at the present time, except in urgent and exceptional cases, where the necessity for the indulgence must be clearly set forth in the application. It is proper to remark that many of the reasons for which leaves of absence and furloughs have heretofore been granted, cannot now be allowed." In addition to this, no one is allowed to visit General McClellan's Headquarters, to apply for leave of absence, or enquire the fate of previous applications, unless in urgent cases, by written permission of the commanding general of his division.

Our New House.—We have the pleasure to announce the arrival of our new portable office, from the manufactory of Mr. A. Derron, Patterson, N. J. It is one of the lightest, most compact and comfortable houses that Yankee ingenuity has yet devised, and we have no hesitation in recommending it to soldiers as the cheapest and best tenement they can procure. John Drew, Esq., is the agent for Washington and vicinity, and can always be found at the corner of Seventh st. and Pennsylvania avenue—where specimens may also be seen. See advertisement in another column.

The members of the Old Thirteenth Regiment, who served with him in the three months campaign in the Shenandoah Valley, were much grieved this week to hear of the death of their old comrade, Capt. Leopold Sahl, jr., of Pittsburg, whose leg was broken and his horse shot under him, in a recent charge of the Moorhead Cavalry upon a superior force of rebels who surrounded them in Virginia, in the vicinity of Cumberland. He was removed to Cumberland, and the wounded limb amputated, but notwithstanding the best medical attendance, he died on the 17th, some ten days after the battle, and his body was sent to Pittsburg for interment. Capt. Sahl was quite a young man, being aged twenty-six years, and leaves his parents, a wife, and three children to mourn his early but glorious death. His old comrades in this camp, on hearing of his death, met, on the evening of the 20th, and passed the resolutions published in our paper of to-day.

Our Flag.—The following correspondence explains itself:

Headquarters, Tennallytown, D. C., January 14th, 1862.—General Orders, No. 3.—The accompanying letter from the Governor of Pennsylvania, thanking the Brigade for its participation in the presentation of colors of that State, is communicated for the gratification and encouragement of the troops.

By order of Brigadier General Peck.

Wm. H. Morris, Capt., A. A. Gen.

Headquarters, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Washington, Jan. 14, 1862.—Brig. Gen. Peck: General—I am directed by the Governor of Pennsylvania to thank you in an especial manner for your courteous and generous conduct to his Excellency's representatives on the occasion of presenting stands of colors to the two Pennsylvania Regiments forming a portion of your command, and also to express his Excellency's regrets that he was not present at the time to acknowledge in person the courtesy extended to him by you through one of your regimental bands during his recent visit to the city.

I have the honor to be, General, your obedient servant.

S. H. Puleston, A. D. C.

The Senate has confirmed a large number of "Home Guards" as consuls at Tin-buctoo, and various other seaports. Being useless at home, it was hoped they would prove useful abroad—as specimens of those who won't fight for their country.

A Splendid Acquisition.—The Ninety-Third Pennsylvania Volunteers have been assigned to Gen. Peck's Brigade. It is over a thousand strong, well officered, and in excellent discipline. It has also a fine band. Col. McCarter commands, and Lieut. Col. Johnston, a native of Westmoreland county, is one of the field officers.

Photographs.—Sergt. Hugh McIlwaine, of Company F, having procured the necessary apparatus for photographing, has arranged a log building in our camp for a "sky-light gallery" in which to conduct operations in his art. This will be quite an accommodation to our boys in camp who desire to send their pictures to friends at home.

Camp Tennallytown, D. C.,
January 20th, 1862.

At a meeting of the officers of the old Thirteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers, Col. Thos. A. Rowley having been called to the chair, Maj. John Poland selected as Vice President, and Lieut. Col. J. M. Kinkead chosen Secretary, the following resolutions, reported by a committee for the purpose, consisting of Captains J. H. Foster, J. H. Coleman, Wm. McIlwaine, Quartermaster A. C. Day, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, We have heard with deep regret of the death of a late companion in arms, and officer in this regiment in the three months campaign; be it

Resolved, That in the recent death of Capt. Leopold Sahl, jr., of the Moorhead Cavalry, by injuries inflicted by rebels, while impetuously charging upon the traitors now in arms against their country, the Union has lost a loyal defender, the army a brave soldier, his parents a son of whom they might well be proud, and his old friends of the Thirteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers one endeared to them by a knowledge of his many virtues.

Resolved, That for the many qualifications he possessed for the position he adorned, and as the first officer from our homes who has gone to an early grave, in defence of his country against rampart treason, his memory will be ever dear to his comrades in camp.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere sympathy to the parents and bereaved wife of our fellow soldier, in this their hour of affliction, and trust that his blood, poured like water in defence of an honored flag, may not have been shed in vain.

P's in Our Brigade.—Printers, parsons, painters, pugilists, punsters and poets.

Gen. Peck has availed himself of a leave of absence, and is now at home for a few days, at Syracuse, New York.

The Pittsburg Dispatch, an old familiar friend, is now received daily, and for sale by the Sutler—who also sells the Thirteenth.

The health of the Brigade is remarkable, less than two per cent of the command are sick.

Discharged.—Sergeant A. J. Evans, of Company H, and private J. W. Young, of Company G, were discharged from service for disability. Henry Motts, of Company A, was discharged for minority, this week.

Paid.—Maj. Maris Hoopes, of Lancaster county, Pa., paid us two months wages on Tuesday—a very large proportion of which is on its way to Pittsburg. The Sutler has bagged no small part of the remainder.

Arrested.—We regret to learn that Capts. Chapman and McHenry, of Col. Alex. Hayes' regiment, got into a difficulty of a serious nature at Alexandria on Saturday evening last. The Washington Republican of Monday said they were returning from a visit to the city and quarreled, when Gen. Montgomery in endeavoring to quell the disturbance was twice fired upon by Capt. Chapman, fortunately without injury. Both captains were placed in irons.

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When crowded, visitors to Washington City are sometimes hard put to for a night's lodging. Some time ago, two officers, having run around until the hotels were closing, and it was too late to go to camp, bethought them to secure lodging for the night. After being politely or gruffly informed, at sundry hotels, from Willard's down the avenue, that they were full, and refused admission at others, they brought up under the portico of one where they had usually stopped, and after some difficulty achieved an entrance, and registered their names. The porter, however, assured them there wasn't a vacant room in the house, and (determined to go no further) they wrapped their martial cloaks around them and enconced themselves quietly on the tessellated floor of the reading room, where "they dreamt that they slept in marble halls," until awakened by a servant, who was industriously engaged in playing hose on the window near them. A visit to the barber-shop and the breakfast table renovated the inner and the outer man. Somewhat revived, they proceeded to examine the register for the autographs of friends, and the landlord stepping up was thus accosted by the spokesman of the pair: "Mr. ———, I have been at your hotel on several occasions, and have always been well pleased, but last night and this morning things have occurred which I deem it due to you to inform you of." "Certainly, certainly, captain—what was it, sir? Were the servants uncivil?" "Not at all." "Perhaps the breakfast did not suit?" "The table was excellent." "Please inform me of the trouble, and it shall be rectified at once." "The fact is, sir, that coming in late, I was put in a room with no lock on it, water was dashed over me in the morning, through the window, before I awoke, by a negro on the street—and there are now a dozen men in my room—three with their feet on my bed, one writing a letter, four or five smoking, and all squirting tobacco-juice on my bed." The astonished landlord glanced at the register, and finding no number opposite the captain's name, inquired where his room was, and whether the offenders were not friends or acquaintances? "Not at all, sir; never saw one of them before. I'll show you the room; come along"—and, leading the landlord through an opening in the wall, he pointed in the reading room, to a corner, with the remark, "there's where I slept last night!" The landlord then saw the "goak," and, after apologizing for the porter's conduct, promised his visitor better accommodations on his next visit; and invited him to take a drink. The captain lighted a cigar and quietly "smiled."

The One Hundred and Third Pennsylvania Regiment, Colonel J. F. Lehman, (late of Col. Alack's regiment,) left Kittanning on Tuesday for Harrisburg.

Captains' attention is directed to General Orders No. 7, of January 13th, which says: "Paragraph 1250, Revised Army Regulations of 1861, requires that, when a soldier is placed in a general hospital, his company commander shall certify and send to the hospital his descriptive list, and account of pay and clothing, containing all necessary information relating to his account with the United States." Hereafter company commanders must comply in all cases with this provision, as its neglect proves a serious injury to the soldier, and an embarrassment to the service."

Our Quartermaster had issued to the Thirteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers, up to Dec. 31st, the following articles, which are charged to the soldiers at the prices annexed:

Caps,	1,400,	\$0 63	Overc'ts,	1,048,	\$7 20
Hats, &c.	1,000,	1 83	Blankets	1,260,	2 94
Shirts,	2,900,	88	Shoes,prs	3,394,	1 94
Drawers,	2,750,	50	Stockings,	3,860,	26
Coats,	1,048,	6 71	Blouses	1,860,	2 15

—The lined blouses are charged at \$2.63.

Completed.—The telegraph line from Rockville, Md., to Great Falls, nine miles, has been completed, under the superintendence of Mr. Ed. Conway. This places Capt. M'Farland's detachment in direct communication with Brigade Headquarters. Heretofore all dispatches have gone via Washington City, Alexandria and Fort Corcoran.

Where's the Street Commissioner?—Our camp is all one vast mudhole. It is mud everywhere, rendering locomotion very disagreeable. The road to the federal city is the same, yet applications for passes to town are numerous. If the Virginia roads are no better, any "onward, to Richmond" movement must be by balloons or ferry boats.

"What are You Doing There?"—The "orphan boy" was considerably exercised last week, by a report that Gen. Buell had telegraphed to the War Department to have the old Thirteenth and the Anderson Zouaves ordered to Kentucky.

Appointed.—Mr. Louis F. Brown, of Pittsburg, recently appointed Hospital Steward of the Regiment, arrived here on Monday. He was a private in Capt. Joe Brown's company last campaign.

One of the Sanitary Commission visited us on Thursday, and stated that (after General Couch's) Gen. Peck had the healthiest Brigade in the army of the Potomac.

Gen. Couch has been assigned as commanding officer of this Brigade, during the temporary absence of General Peck.

Companies B, I and L, on guard duty, have not yet been paid off.