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## "Veterans" and their Bounties.

Everybody knows that there is a great deal of delay and difficulty in securing enough men to fill the quota of the city, owing mainly to the rules prescribed by the War Department, the burden of our own municipal machinery, and the want of a clear comprehension of what is to be done, as well by those who are to get as by those who are to give the local bounty. Standing right face to face are the recalled veterans and the city or county treasurers, the former with their rolls, the latter with their money, and yet an impassable barrier of red tape, an unfathomable screen of official mystery and routine, a deep chasm of forms and orders, and credits and muster-in rolls and certificates, keep them in the most tantalizing way just out of each other's reach.

In order to be justified in paying a local bounty, there must be furnished such evidence as will satisfy the local provost marshal of the fact of a credit on the quota of his district or any part of it. But, wherever men are re-enlisted or remustered out of that district, all the evidences of such a credit must go up to Washington, which is to the whole volunteer force what our clearing house is to the banks, and thence come down again through tortuous channels to the local provost marshal. Until he is satisfied of the fact and gives the credit on his books, it would be his duty, at any time when a draft is ordered, to enforce it on the basis of his own records, and until these are made up, there is no safety in paying local bounties, and no assurance of credit on the quota, from men re-enlisted in the field. Our neighbors, in New Jersey, however, have an abiding faith in the force of the almighty dollar, and their last exploit is recited in the subjoined article from the *Daily Advocate*, of Jersey City, February 19, 1864.

On the strength of orders from Washington, allowing "veterans" to be credited wherever they were paid local bounties, the Jersey City authorities have quietly gone into the market and bought up the "Bucktails," or 1st Pennsylvania Rifles. This regiment, or what is left of it, is one of the best, if not the very best, in the old Reserves, an organization peculiarly Pennsylvanian, and so popular in the Keystone State that their old services and their new pledges can get. It is plain that no one anticipated such a scenesault as this, and it is far from clear even now that a Pennsylvania regiment can re-enlist and convert itself into a part of the New Jersey quota, as seems to be done. But, whatever they can do, or whatever the result of this particular instance, it should serve as a warning to us and to other Pennsylvania regiments. Prompt steps should be taken, at least as decisive as those of the Jersey City Councilmen, to convince our *veterans* that they are entitled to the largest local bounties by payment with the least possible delay, and to terms within their own State not second to any from without. Of the loss in reputation to a regiment which thus disfranchises itself; of the loss in local assistance to the families left behind by the men themselves; of the complications in election and other privileges of a shifting citizenship of this sort, there is no need to speak here and now. The questions involved are very grave and serious, and for the present we are content to point simply to the following:

[From the Jersey City Advocate.]

"At 10 o'clock this morning Mayor Romar notified Captain Hopper and the recruiting agents that they need not recruit any more men for this city, the quotas of 603 men on the July call and of 603 men on the October call being now filled and Seventeen men were recruited and sent to Trenton this morning.

"Besides this city, the towns of Bergen, Greenville, and Bayonne have filled their quotas, these being the only places in the county that have offered a bounty.

"The inhabitants of Hoboken, Hudson City, Harrison, North Bergen, Union, West Hoboken, and Weehawken not having offered any inducements, are left out in the cold, and will probably be under the necessity of submitting to the conscription act after the 10th of March.

"Captain Hopper desires us to state that as there are now no bounties offered in this county he is prepared to enlist men for other parts of the State, where the largest inducements are offered.

"A few days since, our wide-awake citizen, Ex-Alderman, Ex-Recorder, Thomas E. Tilden, and at present Recruiting Agent, paid a visit to the army with an eye to business. He visited the *First Regiment* Pennsylvania Rifles, known as the 'Bucktails,' and secured sixty-five men from among those to be credited to Jersey City. On Saturday, the special committee of the Common Council on enlistments drew the required amount of money ($22,750) and proceeded to Bristow Station, where the Bucktails are now stationed, and paid the city bounty of $350 to each of the sixty-five men. The committee arrived home last night, having recruited twenty-five additional men from the Bucktail Regiment, and will again return to the front to pay them the bounty. They are a noble set of men, and as brave and daring as any soldiers in the field.

"At the time of the seven days' fight on the Peninsula, the brigade to which they belonged were stationed in rifle-pits on a side hill, in front of which was a marsh and impassable quicksand, upon which one mile in the rear of Mechanicsville. They were attacked early in the afternoon by an overwhelming force, under Stonewall Jackson, which made repeatedly efforts, up to 3 o'clock at night, to dislodge them, without effect. About 4 o'clock, the next morning the day of the Gaines' Mills battle, General McClellan went upon the field, and ordered their retreat, which they did very much against their will, asserting that they were able to hold their position, and would do it if General McClellan would grant them permission."

CHEMISTRY FOR THE ARMY.—During the past few weeks a number of eminent clergymen of this city, New York, and Brooklyn, have visited the Army of the Potomac, under the auspices of the United States Christian Commission, for the purpose of preaching to our soldiers. Among those who have gone down and returned are Rev. J. Wheaton Smith, Rev. S. P. Hanson, Rev. A. G. McAuley, Rev. T. L. Robbins, and others, of this city; Rev. J. B. Davis, of Bridesburg, and Rev. Dr. Rockwell, of Brooklyn. These have all returned highly pleased with their visit, and speak encouragingly of the moral and religious condition of the army and of the demand among them for religious and good secular reading matter.

The Christian Commission has established a preaching station at Gen. Meade's headquarters, which was opened a few Sabbaths ago by Rev. Dr. Rockwell, of Brooklyn.

We understand it is the intention of the Commission to keep this station fully supplied with some of the most eminent ministers of this city and elsewhere. Rev. Alfred Cookman, well known in this city, now of New York; Rev. Mr. Hatfield, and Rev. Mr. Watkins, of Brooklyn, eminent ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, passed through the city, on Friday last, on their way to the Army of the Potomac. Our soldiers deserve the best pulpit talent of the country, and the Christian Commission is doing its duty in keeping with all their exertions on behalf of the defenders of the Union.

## The Almaden Quicksilver Case in the Supreme Court.

The argument of the quicksilver case, which occupied all of the last week, will not be finished till Tuesday or Wednesday of the present week. The case is a complicated one, not only in the facts and law involved, but in the technical jurisdiction of justice inherent in the peculiar jurisdiction given to the court over land titles in California and other territory acquired of Mexico. The quicksilver company claim the mine in controversy under a grant to Charles Fossatt, which the Supreme Court has pronounced valid, and which has been ordered to be surveyed within certain exterior boundaries. When this survey by the Land Office Surveyor, defining metes and bounds, and so laid down as to include the mine, came before the District State District Court of California for confirmation, certain other parties *intervened* under the statute to object to so much of the survey as embraced the mine. Among them was one Berryessa, who insisted that the mine was on land granted to him. The District Court did not confirm the Fossatt survey, but among other changes therein, it modified the eastern boundary line so that the mine was thrown off, and to the eastward, of the Fossatt grant. To this decree of the District Court, Fossatt of course took exception, and appealed to the Supreme Court. The case is entirely between these parties, and the Government, as such, is not a party to it. The United States, although claiming in the court below that the mine belonged neither to Fossatt, Berryessa, nor any other private person, but was public property, yet did not take exception to decree there made, and it is now urged that thereby the Government has no standing in court here. The Attorney General, however, has been permitted to present argument for the United States.

Since the decision of the court in California, the quicksilver company have purchased the Berryessa interest in chief part. This grant to Berryessa, however, has not been surveyed, confirmed, and yet there is no title in him or his heirs from the United States.

The quicksilver company rely in the present trial, *first*, upon throwing out the United States, because no appeal was taken; and when the Government is excluded the case is claimed, as between Berryessa and Fossatt, both of whose interests the company own; so that whether the Supreme Court say the mine belonged to Fossatt or Berryessa, the company is safe.

The difficulty with that theory seems to be that, in order to give the mine to Fossatt, the Supreme Court must make itself a surveyor, and lay down boundary lines. The company asks the Supreme Court not only to say that the court below was wrong in *defining* the eastern boundary as it did, that, *in addition*, to mark out the correct boundary. That would seem to be the duty of the Land Office, and not of the Supreme Court, and the appeal should have been to the Secretary of the Interior. The Supreme Court has the power to reverse the decree below, or affirm it, but *has*, says the Government, no right to usurp executive functions, and become surveyors.

Again, if the Supreme Court should sustain the decree of the court below, then the mine