

Franklin Repository.

LOCAL ITEMS.

VOLUNTEERING—THE DRAFT.—Volunteering has been very brisk in most of the districts of this country during the last two weeks. Antrim, Greene, Washington, Waynesboro, Green, Gifford, Hamilton, Peters, Letterkenny, Warren, and probably other districts in the county, are either or nearly full with their respective quotas; and what is most gratifying, they have put in the very best class of men for soldiers. A few of the hundred day men on duty here re-enlisted in the regulars, while others who entered the service were of our young, active, healthy men, who feel that they can best serve the country in our gallant armies. Many of them had been in service before—in the 126th and the 15th, and some had already served over two years. We learn that the draft will not be made at present in Chambersburg. It would be but just to postpone it indefinitely, and we presume that the temporary postponement means that no order will be given to enforce it.

Many persons have flattered themselves that the draft will not be made in the districts which have failed to fill their quotas, which have been the result of their meanness to put bounties, and it would be the grossest injustice to our heroic armies and to the nation, now on the threshold of decisive victory, not to put in the full number of men called for. The stronger our armies are, the less blood will be shed by treason, and the less money will be expended, for invincible armies will bring the war to a speedy close.

We have the official authority of the Secretary of War for the assurance that the *delinquent districts*—the 7th, 11th, 12th, 13th, &c., will be dispatched to the 7th, 11th, 12th, 13th, &c., Provost Marshal General's office is highly engaged in arranging the credits of the several districts, and is ordered to draft without delay for the deficiencies in the districts that have not filled their quota beginning with those most in arrears. Credits for volunteers will be allowed as long as possible, but the *advantage of filling the arms immediately requires the draft to be speedily made in the defaulting districts.* All applications for its postponement have therefore been refused." Such is the latest official information on the subject of the draft, and the command districts should move at once to cheer our soldiers, and to let the same time relieve themselves of the draft, by filling up the quotas as promptly as possible. Volunteers can be credited until the draft is made.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—The undersigned, committing on behalf of their suffering fellow-citizens by the late calamitous fire, hereby tender their profound acknowledgment and expression of thanks to our heroic armies and to the nation, the kindest and most generous friends who sent forward supplies for their relief. Those supplies came at an opportune time. Thousands were homeless, houseless and without the smallest necessities of life. Our town was a heap of smouldering ruins, and grief, lamentation and destitution pervaded our midst. Without these supplies the suffering of many would have been greatly increased. But you have extended to us substantial sympathy, by the most ample expression of charity and friendliness with which you have relieved us of our sufferings in proportion which fell the hungry and the destitute. We need hardly say that words are inadequate to convey to you the gratitude we feel for the assistance you thus rendered us, but we will ever pray that in you may be blessed by a beneficent Providence in all those things that make life appreciable, and that it may count to the reward of each and every one of you in the life to come.

The Committee respectfully submit a statement of the contributions received and distributed by them.

SAMUEL SEIDERT,
W. G. REED,
GEO. FLACK,
D. K. WENDERLICH,

Carlets and vicinity—For Bread, Flour, Beans, Shoulders, Veal, Mutton, Eggs, Vegetables, Apples, Butter, Turnips, Cabbage, Potatoes, Beef, Bologna, Quince, Turnips, &c.
Mechanicsburg and vicinity—For Flour, Corn Meal, Mackerel, Potatoes, Bread, Butter, Lard, Beans, Cherries, Soap, &c.
New Berlin—For Bread, Flour, Eggs, Apples, Butter, Blackberry Jam, Jelly, Soap, &c.
Adams Express Company—For 6 barrels Crackers and 6 lbs. of Bacon, 10 lbs. of Flour, 10 lbs. of Sugar, 10 lbs. of Tea, 10 lbs. of Coffee, 10 lbs. of Butter, 10 lbs. of Eggs, 10 lbs. of Apples, 10 lbs. of Turnips, &c.—For 15 boxes of Bread, 10 lbs. of Flour, 10 lbs. of Apples, 10 lbs. of Turnips, &c.
Greenbrier—For Bread, Flour, Eggs, Butter, Eggs, Lard, Potatoes, &c.
Uniontown—For Sugar, Coffee, Rice, Beans, Tea, &c.
Merion—For Bread, Butter, Apples, Butter, Eggs, Lard, Potatoes, &c.
Washington—For Bread, Hams, Shoulders, Sausage, Potatoes, Cabbage, Bologna, Dried Beef, 25 crocks Apple-Butter, Pease-Cakes, Dried Fruit, Onions, Cheese, Eggs, Veal, Bacon, Green Corn, Cucumbers, Vines, &c.
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