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**Treasurer**—Thomas O'Connell.

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**Poor House Treasurer**—George C. K. Zahm.

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### EAST WARD.

**Constable**—Thomas J. Davis.

**Town Council**—I. Alexander Moore, Daniel O. Evans, Richard R. Tibbott, Evan E. Evans, William Clement.

**Inspectors**—Alexander Jones, D. O. Evans.

**Judge of Election**—Richard Jones, Jr.

**Assessor**—Thomas M. Jones.

**Assistant Assessors**—David E. Evans, Wm. D. Davis.

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**Inspectors**—G. W. Oatman, Roberts Evans.

**Judge of Election**—Michael Hasson.

**Assessor**—James Murray.

**Assistant Assessors**—William Barnes, Daniel C. Zahm.

## The General Bounty Bill.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF BOUNTIES TO VOLUNTEERS.

We append the Bounty Bill as passed by both houses of our State Legislature and approved by the Governor:—

**SECTION 1.** Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That all bonds, warrants or certificates of indebtedness, issued by the Commissioners, or Commissioners and controller, of any county, or the corporate authorities of any city, ward or borough, or the school directors, or road commissioners, or supervisors, of any township of this Commonwealth, for the payment of bounties to persons volunteering to enter the military or naval service of the United States, under any requisition heretofore made by the President of the United States, be and the same are hereby legalized, made valid and binding upon such counties, cities, wards, boroughs and townships, as if full and legal authority had existed for the issuing and making of the same when they were issued and made; and that in all cases where any special committee, commissioner, or an individual or individuals, of any county, city, township, or borough or ward, shall have subscribed and paid, or become personally liable for the payment of money, for the purpose of paying bounties to volunteers, under the late calls of the President of the United States, who have been mustered into the United States military service, and credited to such county, city, township, ward, or borough, with the understanding, or agreement, that a law would be enacted to levy and collect a tax upon such county, city, township, borough, or ward, for the payment of such advances and liabilities, all subscriptions, so paid, or money borrowed as aforesaid, shall be good and valid against such county, city, township, borough, or ward, as if the same had been subscribed or borrowed by the corporate authorities of the same, under the provisions of this act: and it shall be the duty of the commissioners, supervisors, councils, or school directors, as the case may be, to proceed to levy and collect a tax upon such county, city, township, borough, or ward, sufficient to pay the principal of all such claims, with interest thereon until the day of the payment, together with the cost of collection thereof.

**SEC. 2.** That all payment of bounties to volunteers, entering the service of the United States as aforesaid, by the commissioners, or the commissioners and controller, of any county, or the corporate authorities of any city, ward, or borough, or by the school directors, or road commissioners, or supervisors, of any township of this Commonwealth, and all loans made by said authorities, for the purpose of making such payments, be and the same are hereby legalized and made valid.

**SEC. 3.** That the authorities aforesaid are hereby authorized and required to execute and complete all agreements and contracts heretofore made by the aforesaid authorities of such counties, cities, wards, boroughs, or townships, for the payment of bounties, as aforesaid, or for refunding advances made for that purpose by any committee, special commissioners, individual or individuals, on condition that they should be refunded, according to the true intent and meaning of such agreements and contracts; and for that purpose the said authorities are hereby authorized to borrow money, and issue bonds, warrants or certificates in the name of such county, corporations, or townships, with or without interest coupons attached, payable at such time and place as may be agreed upon, and to levy such taxes as may be necessary to meet the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds, warrants and certificates, as the same shall become due; and which taxes and levies shall be assessed and collected as other county, city, ward, borough or township taxes are assessed, levied and collected: *Provided*, That in all election or enrollment districts, not having any constituted authorities, as contemplated by this act, competent to levy and collect said tax, the board of election officers of such district shall be authorized to levy and proceed to have said tax collected in such districts.

**SEC. 4.** That all assessments heretofore made of taxes for the purpose of paying bounties, as aforesaid, be and the same is hereby legalized and made valid: *Provided*, That the property of non-commissioned officers, and privates, in actual service in the United States army and navy, from this Commonwealth, or who died, or were permanently disabled, in such service, or having been in such service for the space of one year and six months, were honorably discharged therefrom, and the property of widows, minor children,

and widowed mothers of non-commissioned officers and privates, who died in such service, shall be exempted from taxation under the provisions of this act: *Provided*, That the provisions of the first, second, third and fourth sections of this act shall be so understood as to have reference only to such agreements and contracts as have been entered into by the authorities aforesaid, subsequent to the seventeenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

**SEC. 5.** That all the provisions of the fourteenth section of an act to create a loan, and provide for arming the State, passed the fifteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, which authorized the associate judges and county commissioners of the several counties of this Commonwealth, to constitute a board of relief for the families of such volunteers as have been, or shall be, enrolled and mustered into service from their several counties, are hereby extended and applied to the families of men who have been, or may hereafter be drafted or conscripted and mustered into the service of the United States, and credited to the quota of said counties, respectively; and all arrangements made by the several counties of this Commonwealth, for the support of the families of volunteers, militia, drafted or conscripted men, mustered into the service, and credited, as aforesaid, are hereby legalized and confirmed; and full and legal authority is hereby given said county commissioners to borrow money for the payment of such expenses, and for the extension of such relief to the families of all private soldiers and non-commissioned officers who have been mustered in, or may hereafter be mustered into the service of the United States, and credited as aforesaid, in pursuance of any requisition made, or to be made, by the President of the United States, or by any law of the United States now made, or hereafter to be made, or by the Governor of Pennsylvania, or any law of said Commonwealth now made, or hereafter to be made.

**SEC. 6.** That the Commissioners of any county in this Commonwealth are hereby authorized to borrow such sum or sums of money as may be sufficient to pay to each and every non-commissioned officer and private soldier who volunteered from such county, and entered the military or naval service of the United States, on or after the seventeenth day of October, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and to each and every non-commissioned officer and private soldier who may hereafter volunteer and enter the service of the United States from such county, and be credited to the quota thereof in pursuance of any requisition of the President of the United States, or by any law of the United States now made, or hereafter to be made, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars: *Provided*, however, That in that part of any county where school directors, or road commissioners, or supervisors of any township, or where the corporate authorities of any city, ward or borough, or any committee, special commissioners, individual or individuals, have paid, or have now commenced to raise a fund for the purpose of paying such bounties, it shall be lawful for such school directors or road commissioners, or supervisors of such township or townships, or the corporate authorities of such city, ward or borough, to borrow such sum or sums of money as may be required to pay to each volunteer from such district, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars; and it shall be lawful for such authorities of said townships, cities, wards or boroughs, to issue bonds of said townships, cities, wards or boroughs, for such sum or sums of money, and in such amounts as may be necessary to pay the authorized bounty to each volunteer required to fill the quota or quotas of such township, city, ward or borough: *And provided further*, That such townships, cities, wards and boroughs as have filled their quota or quotas under any call or requisition heretofore made by the President of the United States as aforesaid, without aid from the county, city or borough, shall be exempt from any tax levied, or to be levied, by said county, city or borough, for the payment of bounties, or for the payment of any bonds issued by said county commissioners, city or borough authorities, for the payment of bounties to volunteers to fill the quota aforesaid: *And provided further*, That no county, city, ward, township, borough, or other district, which shall have agreed to offer to pay as bounty to each volunteer credited to such county, city, ward, township, borough or other district, a larger sum than three hundred dollars, shall be subject to the limitation as to amount prescribed in this act; but any payment made, or to be made, or obligation given, or to be given, or liability incurred, or to be incurred, in pursuance of such offer or

agreement, is hereby ratified and declared to be lawful and valid: *And provided further*, That in case the Commissioners of any county, or the Commissioners and Controller of any county in this Commonwealth, shall neglect or refuse to take the necessary steps to raise or complete the raising of bounties in townships, wards and boroughs, not having raised, or commenced to raise bounties at the time of the passage of this act, then, and in that case, said township, ward or borough, by their authorities aforesaid, shall have power to proceed and raise bounties as if done by the county authorities.

**SEC. 7.** That the said county commissioners, or school directors, road commissioners or supervisors, of any township, or corporate authorities of any city, ward or borough, are hereby authorized, (for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act,) to borrow money, and issue bonds, certificates of indebtedness, no bond, or certificate, to be less than the sum of twenty-five dollars, except when the bounty is less than twenty-five dollars, in the name of such county, township, city, ward, or borough, with or without interest coupons attached, payable at such time, and in such manner, as may be agreed upon; and to levy, and assess, on all property, professions, trades, and occupations, subject to taxation, for State and county purposes, and collect such taxes as may be necessary to meet the principal and interest of said bonds and certificates, as they shall become due and payable; which taxes shall be collected as county, city, ward and borough, taxes are now levied and collected, including a per capita tax of not more than one dollar on all taxable male inhabitants: *Provided*, That only one per capita tax shall be levied in any one year: *Provided*, That in all cases where any person or persons, liable to draft, have, for the purpose of raising the sum requisite to pay a bounty to the volunteers required to fill the quota of any county, city, ward, borough or township, stipulated, in writing, to pay a sum greater than the amount of tax which would be due upon the assessed valuation of their real or personal property, it shall and may be lawful for the corporate authorities of such county, city, ward, borough and township, to collect the amount so subscribed: *Provided*, That no bonds or certificates, issued under any of the provisions of this act, shall be for a longer period than ten years: *Provided further*, That in all cases where a borough and township have separate boards of school directors, and are embraced in one district, for the purpose of the military draft, the directors of said districts are hereby authorized to act jointly in carrying into effect the provisions of this act.

**SEC. 8.** That in all cases where the county commissioners of any county, the school directors, road commissioners or supervisors of any township, or the corporate authorities of any city, ward or borough, have levied a per capita tax upon persons subject to draft or military duty, the action of said corporate authorities be and the same is hereby legalized and made valid.

**SEC. 9.** That in any case where a part of the bounty, authorized by this act, has been paid by any ward, township, city or borough, and said ward, township, city or borough authorities, as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to pay such part as remains unpaid by the terms of their agreements to pay bounties to volunteers, then the difference between the sum so paid, and the full amount of the bounty promised, (not exceeding in the whole the sum of three hundred dollars to each volunteer,) shall be paid said volunteers by the county authorities in which said ward, townships, cities or boroughs are located: and the county commissioners in which said ward, townships, cities or boroughs are located shall assess, levy and collect a tax on such defaulting ward, townships, cities or boroughs as other ward, township, city or borough taxes are levied and collected, in such amounts as may be required to pay the balance due the volunteers, as aforesaid, from such defaulting township, city, or borough.

**SEC. 10.** That the money so borrowed by the county commissioners, shall be paid over to the treasurer of the proper county, who shall pay to each non-commissioned officer, or private soldier, who volunteered from and has been credited to the quota of such county, and has been mustered into the service of the United States, or has been honorably discharged therefrom, the sum of money to which such person shall be entitled, under the provisions of this act, on the warrant or order of the commissioners, drawn on him for that purpose; and said treasurer shall not receive more than one-half of one per centum on any money so paid over to him.

**SEC. 11.** That the money so borrowed by the school directors, or road commis-

sioners, or supervisors of any township, or the corporate authorities of any city, ward or borough, shall be paid over to the treasurer of said city, ward, borough or township, or when such officer does not exist, to a person duly appointed by said authorities of said township, city, ward, or borough, who, upon giving sufficient bond for the faithful performance of his duties, shall proceed to pay such persons in the manner directed by the tenth section of this act, and shall be allowed the same percentage as is allowed to the county treasurer by the tenth section of this act: *Provided*, That the compensation allowed to any collector of taxes, under this act, shall not exceed two per centum.

**SEC. 12.** That in case any veteran soldiers, who have re-enlisted, and have not been credited to any special locality, shall hereafter be credited on the present draft, to the locality from which they originally volunteered, such bounty shall be paid by the local authorities, whose duty it is to pay bounties, such bounty as under the provisions of this act shall be paid to volunteers from said locality.

**SEC. 13.** That if any soldiers or non-commissioned officers or privates, who would have been entitled to receive the said bounty, shall have died before receiving the money, the proper authorities shall pay the same to such person or persons, as, by the laws of the United States, would be entitled to receive the bounty of deceased soldiers.

**SEC. 14.** That all accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the bounty fund, arising from any taxes that have been assessed, or may be assessed for the purpose, as aforesaid, shall be audited in like manner as other county, township, city, ward, or school district, accounts are audited.

**SEC. 15.** All bonds, warrants, certificates of indebtedness or loans issued, or to be issued, under the provisions of this act, or of any special act heretofore passed, or hereafter to be passed, authorizing particular cities, counties, wards, boroughs, or townships, to borrow money and pay bounties to volunteers, shall be exempt from all taxation.

## The Petroleum Region.

The editor of the Oil City Register, in closing the second volume of his weekly publication, thus refers to the improvements which have taken place in that vicinity within a short period:

"It is now over two years since we first arrived in Oil City, with our press and materials, after a tedious journey in mid winter, over almost impassable roads, from Kittanning to this place. Oil City was then a town in the wilderness, consisting of little else than board shanties. The present immense Petroleum business was but fairly commencing. With the first issue of the Oil City Register, our citizens organized a borough, and laid the foundation of the present flourishing city. The contrast between now and then is so great as to almost appear incredible. In these two short years the export of Petroleum to foreign countries has increased from about 7,000,000 to 28,000,000 gallons.—The home consumption has increased in like ratio. Oil City now numbers between four and five thousand inhabitants. Along the valley of Oil Creek, for a distance of twelve miles, an almost continuous town has sprung up as if by magic. We estimate the entire population of Oil City and Oil Creek at from 12,000 to 15,000, which is daily increasing by fresh arrivals. Two railroads tapping the Oil Region have been built, and several more are projected and under course of completion to this point. The marine fleet engaged in the oil trade has averaged about 500 oil boats and barges, besides some fifteen steamers. In a busy season, even this immense means of transportation has been found inadequate to the great and growing Petroleum trade. There are now seventy-six refineries in this collection district, with an average capacity of from ten to three hundred barrels per day, and many more are building. Blocks of stylish and substantial dwellings and business houses now line our principal streets; one church has been built, and two more are in course of construction, as well as a commodious school house. From one well has been realized, so we are authentically informed, \$1,000,000 during the past season."

"Why don't you wheel the barrow of coals, Ned?" said a miner to one of his sons. "It's not a very hard job; there's an inclined plane to relieve you."  
"Ah?" replied Ned, who had more relish for wit than work, "the plane may be inclined, but I am not."  
"Wake up and pay for your lodgings," said the deacon, as he nudged a sleepy stranger with the contribution box.

## A Salient Rebuke.

The Ebensburg Democrat & Sentinel, of the 23d inst., in the course of some remarks touching the Philadelphia Sunday Mercury criticism of the Moore-Marbourg homicide case verdict, (published in these columns last week,) took occasion to travel out of the line of its duty by indulging in a tolerably strong insinuation that R. L. Johnston, Esq., was the author of that scurrilous production.—Whereupon, Mr. J. indignantly denies the "soft impeachment," and proceeds to "take down" the Dem. & Sent. in this wise:—

MR. TODD—Sir: In your issue of last week, under the caption of "An Insult to Cambria County," you do me an injustice which I desire to have corrected. From that article I extract the following sentences in reference to an article which had appeared in the Sunday Mercury.

"We have heard very strong insinuations that the article was written by an interested individual of this county."—"Perhaps the key-note to the kink in this affair, and the copious oncomiums on the talents and superior skill of a certain attorney, might be found in a very small space, in a former number of the Mercury."

As the only counsel noticed in the article referred to in the "Mercury," of course I am the person alluded to. If instead of "a certain individual of this county," and "a certain attorney," you had said "Robert L. Johnston," your article would, at least, have had the merit of manliness; but as you deal in "insinuation" only, your article might injure others, when it was only intended to injure me.

Why you depart from your usual inoffensive course for the purpose of damaging, by insinuation, a man who never harmed you, I am at a loss to know. You are well aware, sir, that I have never doubted either the honesty or the legal ability of Judge Taylor; nor have I ever doubted for a moment the intelligence and purity of the jurors of Cambria county. And the fact that in the case in question, in which the Commonwealth asked for a conviction for murder in the first degree, and in which the Court instructed them to find for murder in the first degree, unless "insanity was clearly proven," a verdict of murder in the second degree, instead of a defeat, was a triumph for the prisoner, and proves that, in Cambria county, jurors will not hang a man for slaying the seducer of his wife.

But, sir, I had nothing more to do with any articles in the Mercury than with the able editorials of your own paper. In a practice of nearly twenty-five years, I have never written an article for any paper connected with the trial of any case. In the Moore case, I paid no attention to reporters, publishers, or anything else, except my duties as counsel. Along with my able colleagues, I endeavored to save from the death punishment as pure and upright a citizen as lives in Pennsylvania—and we succeeded.

I regretted the article in the Mercury so far as aught was said derogatory to either Judge Taylor or the jury. That could not be palatable to any attorney in Judge Taylor's District, and, I presume, was called out by a slur upon an equally honest and able Judge in Philadelphia. But with that I have nothing to do—they are responsible for what they say. More than this, they are men whom I am proud to call my friends, and men, too, who are able to do what some editors cannot—write their own editorials.

I admit that in the notice of myself in the Mercury, personal friendship has attributed to me ability and talent that I do not possess. It is the failing of the generous and warm-hearted to do so. But the praise of the generous and noble has not been more useful to me through life than the malicious insinuations of the mean and envious. And among the latter I have met nothing so contemptible as the article to which I have referred—an article that on a groundless suspicion would endeavor to create difficulty between Court and counsel, and that would be intended to impair my professional success and usefulness before the intelligent people of Cambria county, who are called upon as jurors to decide upon questions of life, liberty, and property.

R. L. JOHNSTON.

March 28, 1864.

If the color of Jeff. Davis' skin, says Prontice, were to strike in, his soul would be white. If the color of his soul were to strike out, his skin would be black.

Declaiming against pride, is not always a sign of humanity.