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OUR WORK.

BY MRS. ANNE C. L. WATERSTON.

On the wide battle-field,
Or close to its edge,
Stand we with tent-cloth,
Cordage and wedge;
Lift up the canvas,
Stir up the straw,
Have ready the cordials,
Cooling draughts draw.

Bear in the wounded,
Bend gently down;
(Some mother's sons they are—
This day our own:)
Woman with soft touch
Bathe this young brow;
You with the strong arm
Raise that soldier now.

A cup of cold water
For him wounded sore—
He asks if a brother
Needs it not more.
Look! on his dark skin
Grim slave-scars are found,
Where blood rushes red
From the freedman's deep wound.

Few words are spoken—
We bandage and feed
Our soldiers and prisoners
In perilous need,
Comfort and light throw
Over Death's passage,
And for beloved ones
Receive the last message.

Pale lips have uttered
Thanks for our care;
Seldom a groan is heard,
Oft whispered prayer.
God and man aid us
In work to be done,
Till, through the struggle,
Freedom is won.

General Bounty Bill.

AN ACT relating to the payment of bounties to volunteers.

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 bond 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 herby 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 advancement 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 principle of all such claims, with interest thereon until the day of 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 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 authorites of such counties, cities, wards, boroughs, or townships, for the payment of bounties, as aforesaid, or for refunding advancements 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; 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 elections, 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 districts 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 and every 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 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, 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 the said county, city or borough, or for the payment of any bonds issued by said county commissioners, city or borough authorities, for the payments 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 the amount prescribed in this act; but any payment made, or to be made, or obligations given, or to be given, or liability 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 or 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 fully and as effectually as if done by the county authorities.

SEC. 7. That the said county commissioners, or school commissioners, 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, or 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 to 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 purposes 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 authorities as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to pay such part as remains unpaid by the terms of their agreement 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, 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 commissioners, 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 to such persons, in the manner directed by the tenth section of this act, and shall be allowed the same per centage 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 and special locality, shall hereafter be credited on the present draft, to the locality from which they originally volunteered, such veterans 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 officer or private, 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 that may be assessed for the purpose, as aforesaid, shall be audited in like manner as other county, township, city, borough, 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.

HENRY C. JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN P. PENNEY,
Speaker of the Senate.
APPROVED, March 25, 1864.
A. G. CURTIN.

PATS IDEA OF STOCK.—Pat Donahue was a "broth of a boy," right from the "Gem of the Say," and he had a small contract on the Conway Railroad, in New Hampshire, in the year of grace, 1855, in which he agreed to take his pay part in cash, part in bonds, and part in stock.—The stock of this road, be it remembered—like many others—was not worth a "Continental," and has always kept up its value with remarkable uniformity. In due time Pat, having completed his job, presented himself at the treasurer's office for settlement. The money, the bonds, and the certificate of stock were soon in his possession.

"And what is this now?" said Pat, flourishing his certificate of stock, bearing the "broad seal" of the corporation.

"That is your stock, sir," blandly replied the treasurer.

"And is this what I'm to get for me labor? Wasn't me contract for stock?"

"Why, certainly; that is your stock. What did you expect?"

"What did I expect?" said Pat, excitedly; "what did I expect? Why pigs, and shape, and horses shure!"

☞ Samuel Cousens, of Newton, Mass., together with five of his sons all of them in good circumstances, have enlisted for three years or the war. No Copperheads in that family.

☞ The lawyers of Adrian, Michigan, are on a strike. The people are debating whether to give them bigger wages or to live quietly and starve them out.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT.

BY L. F. MAYNARD.

Public Sentiment, the offspring of calm thought and mature deliberation, is an iron-clad power, irresistable to whatever opposes its progress. Such is the Public Sentiment now forming and gathering up the elements of power for the preservation of the liberties of the Nation. These elements of power are the individual thoughts of all classes of American citizens without distinction of color, that liberty, the birth-right of all men, must be made a living, practical reality among all men. As these individual thoughts become consolidated into the great mind of the Nation, we have a power then developed that will assuredly bring about the desired result—liberty to all—regulated and secured by equal and just laws to all. The Nation declared its Independence in 1776, basing its claim upon certain self-evident truths "that all men were created equal,—that they were endowed by their Creator, with certain unalienable rights,—Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." These great truths were the solemn thoughts of the majesty of a People determined to be free! They won their Independence of the mother country in 1783, and the Nation entered at once upon a development of its resources, so substantial, so permanent, yet so rapid in growth as to find no parallel in the hitherto annals of the world. But although the founders of our Government erected a splendid edifice of liberty in the formation of the General Constitution; yet in the formation of some of its beautiful columns there was some unsound material used. But now in the order of re-construction, all unsound material is to be removed, and in its place fitting material perfectly sound, is to be used, which with all added grace and beauty of finish is to possess enduring stability. Yes, unfortunately in the building of of our grand temple of Liberty, the work was not as full and complete as at first intended. An element of tyranny, a seed of mischief was left in the toleration for the time being, of African Slavery, trusting to be sure in the goodness of confident faith that this then acknowledged evil in the country, would, under the benificent working of free institutions, have a peaceable solution; and ultimately be totally eradicated. Fatal mistake! The lease of life given to the African Slave trade for twenty years, or until 1808, was literally sowing the tares and the wheat together upon the same Virgin fields, to multiply the evil indefinitely, if not to exterminate the good seed.

"But as the tares and the wheat were to grow together until the harvest, lest in gathering up the tares the wheat also be rooted up." So now the time of *Sward Harvest* of our Nation has come! The grand harvest commenced in 1861, and the reapers are at work with a will "to gather up the tares in bundles to burn them" and to destroy the seed of them as utterly worthless, "but to gather the wheat into the barn." And so this new but just manner of harvesting, is to purify the *old fields* and regenerate them, by sowing the pure seed, until they shall blossom and wave in the glory of the ripened grain an hundred fold!

Yes, to drop the figure, the grand struggle of civil war, now enacting in our land, is for our Nation a needed necessity to purge and purify it. We are now to win and establish in the security of perpetual life, its necessary and legitimate liberties. The great truths of the Declaration of Independence are to be made through all the length and breadth of the land a living reality. In the spirit of this the work has been commenced, in the spirit of this the work goes on.—Under the dispensation of true liberty the scales of prejudice drop from the hitherto darkened eyes; men see clearer and feel nobler, hand joins to hand and heart knits to heart to swell the deep, calm current of Public Opinion, that this Nation *must* and *shall* be preserved, and that it *must* and *shall* be absolutely free!

SNAKE STORY.—Between the point of Lookout Mountain and Bridgeport, down the Valley of the Tennessee, lie 25 miles of dead mules, in one continuous string; the head of the first carcass lying on the "quarter deck" of the one behind him, and so on throughout the entire distance. Just imagine a convulsion of nature of sufficient magnitude to bury these remains as they now lie, and phancy the pheelinx of a future Agassiz, who in his geological researches, strikes either of the termini, and attempts to exhume the entire "snake." Won't it knock the socks off the saurians of the diluvian period!—Twenty-five miles of vertebra with two pedal arrangements every three feet! What a bully side-show for a large circus! It will probably be called "the old copperhead of the rebellion period"—admission ten cents—Peace Democrats half price.—*Chattanooga Gazette.*

☞ Patience conquers all.