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GREENCASTLE:

Tuesday Morning, April 5, 1864.



MILITARY.

There is every appearance of a forward movement at an early day, by all our armies. The troops are being rapidly concentrated at certain points, and the policy of scattering troops in every direction for the purpose of taking unimportant places, just for the sake (it would seem) of giving them up again, we hope and believe has been fully abandoned. No longer will we be compelled to hear of being met by superior numbers and repulsed. We have the men, and we need some one to know how to direct them—and we believe we have that man, in the person of the Lieut.-General—a "tried man" and a "successful General." So mote it be.

"Horse, foot, and dragoons," the whole effective force is going to the front. Troops who have been doing garrison duty for a year or more are going out, and their places filled by the Veteran Reserves (formerly Invalid Corps.) This is as it should be.

The troops about Chambersburg are going, or have gone. The 20th Pennsylvania Cavalry passed south last week.

The 2nd Pennsylvania (Heavy) Artillery has gone out from Washington, supposed to South Carolina.

A detachment of the 7th Maryland passed through this place on Sabbath, en route for Hagerstown. These soldiers have gone home to attend the election on the 6th instant.

Proclamation of the President.

WASHINGTON, March 26, 1864.

By the President of the United States.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, It has become necessary to define the cases in which insurgent enemies are entitled to the benefits of the Proclamation of the President of the United States, which was made on the 8th day of December, 1863, and the manner in which they shall proceed to avail themselves of these benefits;

And whereas, The object of that proclamation were to suppress the insurrection and to restore the authority of the United States;

And whereas, The amnesty therein proposed by the President was offered with reference to these objects alone;

Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, do hereby proclaim and declare that the said proclamation does not apply to the cases of persons who, at the time when they seek to obtain the benefits thereof, by taking the oath thereby prescribed, are in military, naval or civil confinement or custody, or under bonds or on parole of the civil, military or naval authorities or agents of the United States, as prisoners of war, or persons detained for offences of any kind, either before or after conviction; and that on the contrary, it does apply only to those persons who, being at large and free from any arrest, confinement or duress, shall voluntarily come forward and take the said oath, with the purpose of restoring peace and establishing the national authority.

Prisoners excluded from the amnesty offered in the said proclamation may apply to the President for clemency, like all other offenders, and their application will receive due consideration.

I do further declare and proclaim that the oath prescribed in the aforesaid proclamation of the 8th December, 1863, may be taken and subscribed to before any commanding officer, civil, military or naval, in the service of the United States, or any civil or military officer of a State or territory not in insurrection, who, by the laws thereof, may be qualified for administering oaths.

All officers who receive such oaths are hereby authorized to give certificates thereon to the persons respectively by whom they are made, and such officers are hereby required to transmit the original records of such oaths at an early day as may be convenient to the Department of State, where they will be deposited and remain in the archives of the government

The Secretary of State will keep a register thereof, and will, on application, in proper cases, issue certificates of such records in the customary form of official certificates.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington the twenty-sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-eighth.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President.

WM. H. SEWARD, Secretary of the State.

BOUNTY LAW.

An Act relating to the payment of Bounties to Volunteers.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That all bonds, warrants, 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 comm'rs owners, 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, commissioners, or an individual or individuals, of any county, city, township, 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 call 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 principal of all such claims, with interest thereon until the day of payment, together with the cost of collection thereof.

Sec. 2. That all payments of bounties to volunteers, entering the service of the United States as aforesaid, by the commissioners or the commissioners and the 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 authorities of such counties, cities, wards, boroughs, or townships, for the payment of bounties, as aforesaid, or 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 agreement and contracts; and for that purpose 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 a 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 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 districts shall be authorized to levy, and proceed to have such 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 are 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 exempt from any taxation under the provision 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 associated 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 any law of the United States, now made, or hereafter to be made, a sum not exceeding \$300: *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 that 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 the said county, city or borough, for the payment of bounties, or for the payment of bonds issued by said 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 districts, which shall have agreed, or offered, to pay, as bounty to each volunteer credited to such county, city, ward, township, borough, or other districts, 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 fully and effectually 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, 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 a time, and in such a 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 a draft, have, for the purpose of raising the sum requisite to pay a bounty to 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 the 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 are 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, 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 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, 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 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 bonds, 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 reenlisted, 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 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 soldier, 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 any special act heretofore passed, or hereafter to be passed, authorizing particular cities, counties, wards, boroughs, or townships, to borrow moneys and pay bounties to volunteers, shall be exempt from all taxation.

HENRY C. JOHNSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN P. FENNEY,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty fifth day of March, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

A. G. CURTIN.

PASSING EVENTS, &C.

HATS AND CAPS for sale cheap, at

KUNKELS.

All kinds of furniture, farming implements and stock generally, have been selling at high prices at the public sales this Spring.

Some Rebel deserters passed through here some days ago, stating that a large number were on the road from Dixie. We haven't seen them yet.

J. MARSHAL DETRICH is "located" as the efficient and obliging clerk in the Post Office of this place.

Personal.—Lieut. J. BURK, Quarter Master of the 1st Maryland Regiment, is now in town. Wish him a pleasant time.

CAPT. GEO. W. COLLIER, of Carroll county, Md., who has numerous friends and acquaintances here, is now in command of the U. S. Marines at Washington.

The Telegraph line from Loudon to Mercersburg was lately completed, and our Mercersburg neighbors talk of extending it further, to "tap" the Baltimore and Ohio line.

Surgeon.—Dr. S. G. LANE has resigned his position in the Pennsylvania Reserves, and has been appointed Surgeon to the Board of enrollment of this Congressional District, in place of Dr. SMITH, resigned.

For Rent—A good two-story Brick House and Lot, adjoining the Borough of Greencastle. For further particulars apply to Joseph Paxton, Greencastle, Pa. J. L. P. DETRICH. Greencastle, April 5, 1864.*

WM. KENNEDY, Esq., has withdrawn from the Valley Spirit. The paper is now published by B. Y. HAMMER and H. C. KEYSER, under the style of B. Y. HAMMER & Co. The Spirit has been clothed in a suit of new type.

Declined.—Rev. T. G. APPLE announced to his congregation not long since, that he had after a full consideration of the matter, declined the call to the Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, which was tendered him a month or two ago.

So far from there being a retreat of our forces from Martinsburg, they have moved further up the Valley. No large force of Rebels has been in Winchester for some time. There are a good many guerrillas, however, prowling about in that region picking up stragglers and plundering on an extensive scale.

Iron Works.—It is said that HOLLER HUGHES' Mont Alto iron works have been sold to a company from Scranton, Pa., for a sum exceeding two hundred thousand dollars.

Some time since the ARLS, of Cumberland county, Pa., purchased the Antietam iron works in Washington county, Md.

"U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION,"

Philadelphia, March 18, 1864.

"Received, of Mrs. M. M. LANSBORN, Forty Dollars for the U. S. Christian Commission from the Ladies' Aid Society of Greencastle, Pa.

"JOS. PATTERSON, Treasurer.

"per WM. H. HILL."

Information Wanted.—MRS. ANN E. GRAYSON, who recently made her escape from Virginia, is anxious to learn the whereabouts of her husband JOHN L. GRAYSON, of Green county, Va. He left his home on December 24, 1862, with the intention of making his way to the loyal States. When last heard of he was said to have been at Sharpsburg, Md. Mrs. GRAYSON is now at Waynesboro' Pa.

Railroad Matters.—Every afternoon a long train of freight cars passes through this place, bearing the rich cereal fruits of the lower part of this and Washington county, Md.

The passenger cars are crowded almost every morning with passengers going to the West. Indeed, there has not been such an emigration westward for many years.

Roads.—We do hope that the new Supervisors, not looking to the example of their predecessors, will go to work at the earliest moment to improve the condition of the public roads. If so, they will be entitled to the gratitude of all travelers. The roads in this county are, to say the least, admirable, and when compared with those of our neighbors just across the Line, we cannot help feeling ashamed. For once then, let the Supervisors throw off the shackles.