



The Bushwhacker

April 2012

The Civil War Round Table of Saint Louis

*“Civil War Fractional Currency:
Pocket Change of the North”*

by Robert Kravitz



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In Missouri, by December of 1861 nearly all coinage had been “removed” from circulation as it was being hoarded for its intrinsic value in preference to the paper money offered by the USA and the CSA. By this time, New York banks suspended “specie payment”. Mr. Kravitz will provide an introduction to Fractional Currency, the pocket change of the north.

MEETING DATE: APRIL 25, 2012

TWO HEARTS ON LINDBERGH BLVD NEAR GRAVOIS

Doors open at 5:30 pm; Meal served at 6:30; Presentation at 7:30

**Make reservations by APRIL 11 and let us know if you are eating
Please reserve via our Web Site at <http://civilwarstlouis.org/main/>
or Call Gary Scheel at 314-623-2062**

Bushwhacker deadline: Three weeks prior to each meeting. Please submit items of interest to Walt Bittle waltb50@charter.net or John Harris ce342@swbell.net

Upcoming Speakers

- May. 23, 2012 – “Major General Lew Wallace” by Monocacy National Battlefield volunteer Gail Stephens, author of *Shadow of Shiloh, Major General Lew Wallace in the Civil War*

2012 – 2013 Campaign

All dates are tentative, awaiting a decision about re-arranging the campaign schedule. The *Bushwhacker* will publish the final schedule as soon as possible.

- September 26, 2012 - “The Capture of New Orleans” by Dale Phillips, NPS
- October 24, 2012 - “The Battle of Ball’s Bluff” by Jim Morgan, historian
- December 5, 2012 - “Iron Brigade” by Lance J. Herdegen, historian and author
- January 23, 2013 - “The Civil War in Film” by Diane Mutti-Burke, Professor of History, UMKC
- February 27, 2013 - “One Man’s Story of the Civil War” by Tim Heggemeier, CWRT St Louis
- March 27, 2013 – “The Battle of South Mountain” by Tom Clemens, historian and author
- April 24, 2013 - “Abraham Lincoln” by Harold Holzer, historian and author
- May 22, 2013 - TBD

A Note From Our President

Dear Friends,

With the sesquicentennial underway, I am excited about the new and/or renewed interest in the Civil War. Requests have come in to the Round Table from a variety of public and private organizations looking for speakers willing to share their knowledge of the War and quite possibly result in new members for our group. We will be adding a page to the website which will act as a directory of speakers. I know that the members of our Round Table have a vast knowledge of the Civil War, as many of you have developed talks or considered doing so.

Well, I am now calling on you to join us in this project. Please e-mail me your information: Name, your preferred mode of communication for listing to the general public (e-mail address, postal address, cell phone, home phone, carrier pigeon, etc.), subject(s) of your talks, compensation (do you expect a speaking fee or is your service free?), are you willing to travel to speak, and if yes, is there a limitation on your travel, (for example, would you only speak in the metro area, or limit yourself to a driving distance of ___ miles, or are you willing to fly to another city and/or state – this brings up reimbursement, and I believe if you travel away from the Saint Louis area, most of us would want to be compensated by at least having our travel expenses covered). Add any miscellaneous information you think necessary.

I am also excited by a project undertaken by our own Bill Winter, who is compiling a bibliography of articles and books which have been authored by the members of our group. We will add the bibliography to the website. This is a really neat thing Bill has undertaken, and I for one want to thank him for his many services to the Round Table.

Sincerely, Mike Scully

Events of Interest

2012 – date still uncertain due to construction delays

Opening of the Missouri Civil War Museum

For information: <http://mcwm.org>

Now Through August 18, 2012

The Beat Goes On: Instruments From the Hartenberger World Music Collection

Exhibit at the Sheldon Art Galleries (3648 Washington Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108). Includes Civil War instruments and photos. Free admission; donations accepted. For hours and other information: <http://thesheldon.org/galleries.asp>.

Now Through November 4, 2012

The Civil War in the West Exhibit, Old Ordnance Room, Jefferson Barracks Park

Artifacts, equipment, and text panels explaining the war in the West featuring the battles of Shiloh, Vicksburg, Corinth, Nashville, Chickamauga, etc. Uniforms, equipment, and other artifacts. Free admission; \$2 suggested donation. For information: www.stlouisco.com/parks/jb

Now Through March 16, 2013

The Civil War in Missouri

Comprehensive exhibit exploring the complexities of the Civil War in Missouri at the Missouri History Museum. For information: www.mohistory.org

Now Through June 1, 2014

Civil War Missouri: A House Dividing

Artifacts and documents about the stories of everyday Missourians. Daily 8:00 am – 5:00 pm except Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, and Easter. Missouri State Capitol Museum, 201 W. Capitol, Jefferson City, MO. For information: www.mohistory.org

Sunday, April 15, 2012, 3:30 pm

Portrayal of Women in Civil War Literature

Presentation by Dr. Kathleen Nigro (University of Missouri – St. Louis). Missouri History Museum, AT&T Foundation Multipurpose Room, Free. For information: www.mohistory.org

Saturday, April 21, 2012, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

National Park Service Junior Ranger Day

Kids ages 5 – 14 can explore the Ulysses S. Grant National Historical Site, enlist as a Civil War soldier, be part of the Missouri State Museum's Cannon Crew, learn how to shoot an air-powered cannon, and more. Free. All kids must be accompanied by an adult. For information: (314) 842-1867

Thursday, April 26, 2012, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Honor the Fallen: Finding Death & Burial Information for American Soldiers and Veterans, 1775 - 2012

Free presentation by librarian Tom Pearson at Buder Branch, Saint Louis Public Library. Registration recommended, but not required. To register or for more information: tpearson@slpl.org

Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 7:00 pm

An Overview of the Archaeology and History of the Battle of Pilot Knob: A Tale of the Virtues and Drawbacks of Public Ownership

Larry Grantham of the Missouri Department of Transportation examines the history of the battle and looks at the pitfalls and pluses of public ownership. Missouri History Museum, AT&T Foundation Multipurpose Room, Free. For information: www.mohistory.org

Sunday, May 6, 2012, 2:00 pm

A Savage Conflict

Using his book, *A Savage Conflict: The Decisive Role of Guerillas in the Civil War*, as a basis, University of Arkansas professor Daniel E. Sutherland explains the role and overall impact that guerillas had in determining the nature and outcome of the Civil War. Missouri History Museum, AT&T Foundation Multipurpose Room, Free. For information: www.mohistory.org

Saturday, May 12, 2012, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Salt Beef and Blue Mass: Civil War Supply and Transportation

Free presentation by librarian Tom Pearson at Buder Branch, Saint Louis Public Library. Registration recommended, but not required. To register or for more information: tpearson@slpl.org

Saturday, May 19-20, 2012

Used Book Sale to benefit the Chatillon-DeMenil House

May 19, 10 am to 4 pm (\$5 admission to the 9 am preview). May 20, Noon to 4 pm, free admission. Sale held at the Historic Lemp Brewery. More information at www.demenil.org.

Thursday, May 31, 2012, 7:00 pm

Dred Scott and the Southern Argument for Slavery

Dr. Paul Finkelman, the President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy at Albany Law School, discusses the Dred Scott case within the context of pro-slavery thoughts in the antebellum South. Missouri History Museum, Lee Auditorium, Free. For information: www.mohistory.org

Thursday, June 7 through Sunday, June 10, 2012

Civil War Trust Annual Conference

Richmond, Virginia. For information: www.civilwar.org/aboutus/events/

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Off The Shelf

Price's Lost Campaign: The 1864 Invasion of Missouri

by Mark A. Lause, 2011

Mark Lause is a Professor of History at the University of Cincinnati. His recent book on Price's 1864 Invasion provides some interesting and detailed accounts of movements up to October 8, 1864, but the abrupt end of the story at Jefferson City is only one of the book's flaws. The level of detail of actions in places like Union, Missouri, would have been greatly reinforced with detailed maps of the various areas of operations. The two maps copied from the Official Records only provide general coverage as far north as Leasburg. The detailed definition of locations and movements of the various militia and home guard units, along with the regular units engaged, are well summarized in the Appendix, but their movements to places like Prince's Ford or Bolton's Ford might have been understood if an appropriate map had been provided. Professor Lause expresses his bias against Federal officers William Rosecrans and A.J. Smith's lack of action. He also takes unnecessary pains to discuss items like the founding of Carondelet and the "Wilson Christmas massacre". Add in more than the normal typographical errors, and I don't think I can recommend this book.

Submitted by John Harris

March 2012 Trivia

This is the list of spelling words used in the March trivia quiz. They are regularly used in Civil War literature and are frequently a spelling challenge.

Even our "all-knowing" trivia master admits he erred with "Echelon". He is very repentant. He apparently has been misspelling it for years.

Rappahannock does end in a "k", which was apparently not understood when the answer was given.

My apologies to all for the problems, but it was fun! John

Spelling Test

Sergeant	Rendezvous
Lieutenant	Reveille
Reconnaissance	Pursuit
Corps	Echelon
Liaison	Rappahannock
Colonel	Kennesaw
Occurred	Cincinnati
Cannon	McLean

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Off The Wall

Rebellion or War Between Two Sovereign Nations?

Was the “recent unpleasantness” of 150 years ago a rebellion, or was it a war between two sovereign nations? President Lincoln saw it as a rebellion, but it was also treated as a war. The blockade put in place as part of the Anaconda Plan was, under International Law, an act against a warring nation.

Benjamin Butler argued that the Confederate States of America could not expect him to apply the Fugitive Slave Law and return runaway slaves if the CSA were a separate country, and since that separate country was using that “property” to execute the war (build fortifications), he was clearly within his right to confiscate them as “contraband” of war.

How many “rebels” were tried for treason at the end of the hostilities? Why were the “rebels” paroled?

So, was it a rebellion or a war? The answer, of course, is yes.

Submitted by John Harris

150 Years Ago – April 1862

- April 5 – May 4 CSA uses breastworks built by Cornwallis in 1781, as General McClellan orchestrates the second Siege of Yorktown, VA
- April 6 – 7 General Albert S. Johnston is badly wounded, but unaware that he is bleeding to death, as General Grant barely defeats CSA in the first great two-day battle at Pittsburg Landing (Shiloh) TN.
- April 11 Savannah’s Fort Pulaski falls after heavy bombardment by rifled shells from eleven Union batteries on nearby Tybee Island.
- April 12 The Great Locomotive Chase by Andrew’s Raiders – the six survivors become the first recipients of the Medal of Honor.
- April 15 US troops from California fight CSA troops from Texas to a draw near Picacho Peak, AZ – farther west than any battle of the war.
- April 16 Slavery abolished in Washington, DC.
- April 25 Admiral Farragut’s fleet finally passes Forts Jackson and St. Philip, easily takes poorly defended New Orleans.

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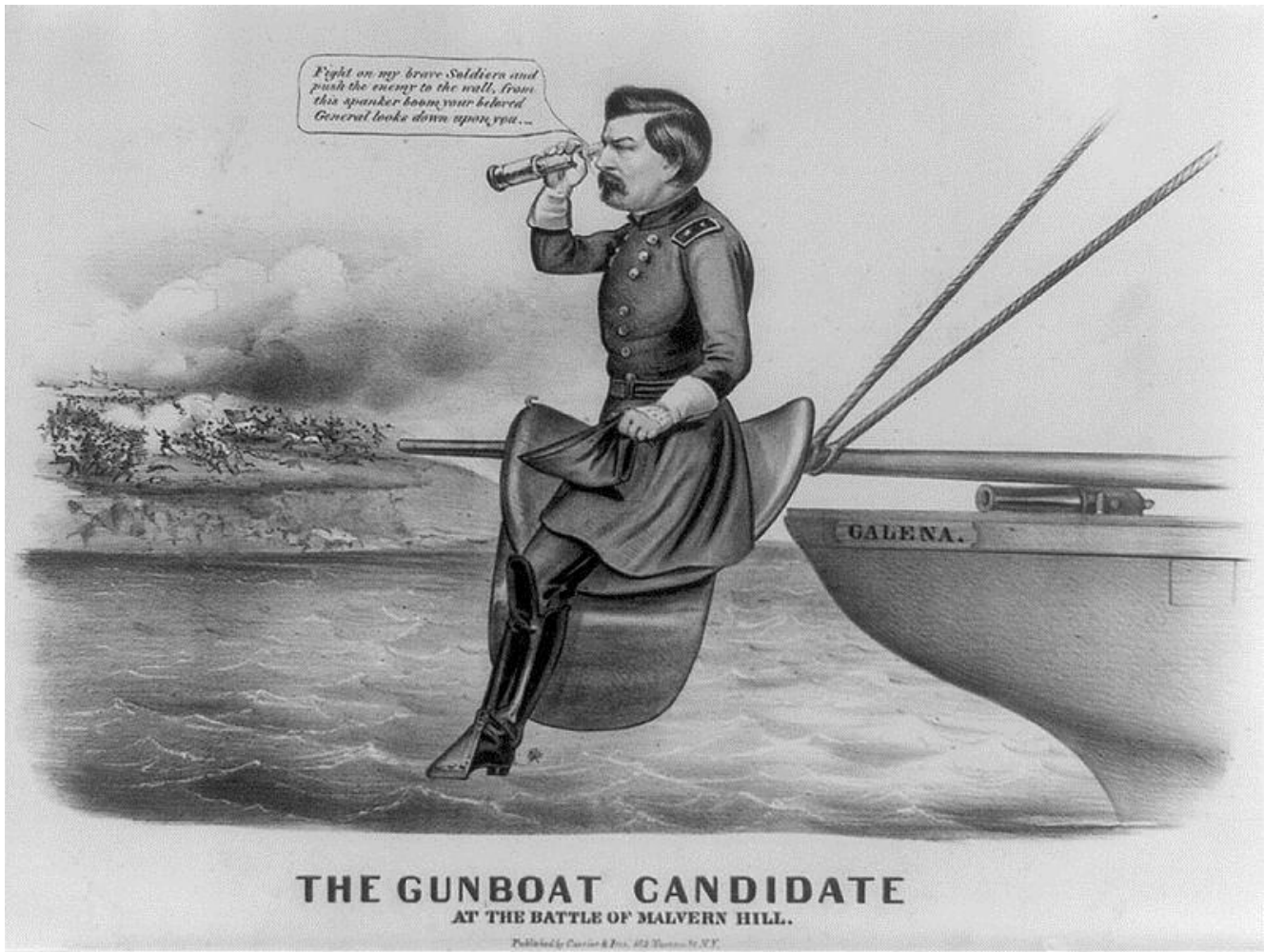
Overheard in the ranks:

“Before you Yanks can get to Richmond, you’ll have to get up Early, go up a Longstreet, get over the Lee of a Stonewall, and climb two Hills”.

[Jubal, James, Robert, Jackson, A.P. and D.H.]

Submitted by Walt Bittle

Editorial Cartoon of the Month



This cartoon was published by Currier and Ives in the summer of 1864. It is out of sequence related to 150 years to the month, but it is too good to miss! The battle of Malvern Hill on July 1, 1862 was essentially the last of the Seven Days battles as McClellan withdrew from his Peninsula Campaign. The Confederates suffered much heavier casualties than the Union (5300 to 3200), but it was McClellan that withdrew. In fact, McClellan actually was not on the field of combat. In this cartoon, we see him seated on a boom of the *Galena* gunboat on his saddle saying, “*Fight on my brave Soldiers and push the enemy to the wall, from this spanker boom your beloved General looks down upon you....*”

The cartoon was issued during the presidential campaign of 1864. It recalls two of McClellan’s failures during the Peninsula Campaign. The *Galena* gunboat, leading a flotilla of Union gunboats attacking towards Richmond up the James River, was driven back with heavy damage by Confederate batteries at Drewry's Bluff. It also reminds the electorate of the Peninsula Campaign that ended at Malvern Hill.

Member Bob Schultz has created ***Political Cartoons of the American Civil War***, a 52-page book of contemporary cartoons from many sources, accompanied by a Powerpoint® disc suitable for presentations to organizations or in school settings to supplement conventional study materials on the Civil War. Available to members for \$10 each (see Bob Schultz at the next meeting) or for \$14.95 postage paid. Contact waltb50@charter.net for further details.