

OBITUARY.

GEN. J. EGBERT FARNUM.

A brave soldier of fortune and of the Republic, Brevet Brigadier-Gen. J. Egbert Farnum, Colonel of the 70th New-York Volunteers (Sickles's Brigade), died yesterday in this city. He was born in the State of New-Jersey, April 1, 1824, and was reared and educated at Pottsville, Pa., where his relatives were among the leading citizens. He did not receive a collegiate training, but was a very well-read man, and was an occasional contributor to the literature of the day. In 1846 he enlisted as sergeant-major in the 1st Pennsylvania Regiment, under Col. Wynkoop, who was his bosom friend. He served with distinction throughout the Mexican War, from the landing at Vera Cruz to the surrender of the City of Mexico. In the succeeding years, his restless love of liberty and adventure connected him with the Lopez expedition to Cuba from New-Orleans in 1850, and made him an active sharer in the Nicaraguan expeditions under the filibuster Walker. Still later, he was captain of the famous slave yacht Wanderer, and was indicted at Savannah for carrying on the slave trade. This episode in his life he always regretted, and, when the war broke out in 1861, instead of aiding with the Rebels, as was expected, he made amends by promptly enlisting as major in the 70th N. Y. V., raised and commanded by Gen. Sickles. He took a gallant part in all the engagements in which the Sickles Brigade distinguished itself, and rose in due time to be Colonel of the 70th. At the battle of Williamsburgh, May 5, 1862, he was very severely wounded, shot through both thighs, but after his recovery he joined his regiment again, and participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg, and was breveted Brigadier-General for gallantry; but his wounds broke out afresh, and he was compelled, much against his will, to abandon active service, and take a position as Colonel of the 11th regiment of the Veteran Reserve Corps, which he held until the close of the war, when his regiment was disbanded. He was subsequently appointed Inspector of Customs in this city, a position which he held at the time of his death. He leaves a wife, but no children. His malady was Bright's disease of the kidneys, and he was past help before he was known to be dangerously ill. He died at 8:30 yesterday morning, and his remains will be buried from his late residence, No. 31 Stuyvesant-st., on Thursday next, at 1 p. m. It is expected that a military band, and probably some regiment of the National Guard, will attend his funeral.

Gen. Farnum was a brave, unselfish, generous man, and his loss is much regretted by his many friends, some of whom met yesterday afternoon at No. 119 Broadway to provide for his burial. Gen. Charles K. Graham acted as chairman, Gen. John D. McGregor as secretary, and Major Willard Bullard as treasurer. Gen. A. Farnsworth, Col. J. N. Coyne, Col. M. W. Burns, Major W. Bullard and Dr. J. W. Powell were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the funeral. Gen. Farnsworth also presented the following complimentary resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, in memory of the deceased soldier:

Resolved, We have heard with sincere and heartfelt regret of the demise of our late distinguished comrade-in-arms, Gen. J. Egbert Farnum, in consideration of his gallant and patriotic services, and the many personal good qualities which endeared him to us, we in humbly submitting to the decree of Divine Providence, offer the following resolutions in honor of his memory and services:

Resolved, That we have heard with unfeigned sorrow of the death of our comrade and friend J. Egbert Farnum, and, while lamenting his death, we have the consolation of knowing that his patriotic services will be remembered by a grateful country, and his personal good qualities cherished by his numerous friends and beloved comrades.

Resolved, That we will attend the funeral of our deceased friend and comrade on Thursday, the 19th inst., at one o'clock, p. m., and, as a mark of respect, will wear the usual military badges of mourning.

Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting, and of these resolutions, be engrossed and sent to the family of the late Gen. J. Egbert Farnum.

Resolved, That the members of the National Guard, and all ex-officers and members of the army during the Mexican war, and the war of the recent Rebellion, be invited to cooperate with us in the funeral ceremonies of our deceased comrade.