

## The Rich Lead Mines of Iowa

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Judge Flandrau's testimony and generous defense of Captain Bee compels, it seems to me, a reversal of the harsh judgment of Iowa's pioneers upon his conduct of his expedition to the relief of the victims of Inkpaduta's attack upon the settlement between the Okobojis. Major Williams' severe arraignment, while perfectly natural, was not well founded. Captain Bee's character and career create no adverse presumption. He was a veteran of the Mexican War. He will always have a conspicuous place in the annals of the Civil War between the states. He was made a brigadier general at the outset of that war by Jefferson Davis. In the First Battle of Manassas his First Brigade was being beaten back by the Federals. Riding among them striving to get them to resist he pointed back to General Thomas Jackson's five regiments holding a hill in full view and cried out: "Look! There is Jackson standing like a stone wall. Rally behind the Virginians." General Bee's words became a rallying cry; General Jackson henceforth had his famous sobriquet by which the world now knows him; and the impending defeat was turned into a victory. General Bee lost his life at the head of his troops in the famous First Battle of Bull Run.<sup>46</sup> Major Williams had no reason for doubting the courage and soldierly qualities of Captain Barnard E. Bee in his unsuccessful effort to capture Inkpaduta and his murderous band of outlaw Sioux. Nature, circumstances and humanity stood athwart his success.

(To be concluded.)

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<sup>46</sup>See H. A. White, *Stonewall Jackson* (American Crisis Biographies), pp. 87-88; T. J. Arnold, *Early Life and Letters of Thomas J. Jackson*, pp. 110-11, 122.

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Upwards of forty new lead mines have been opened in the mining regions upon the upper Mississippi during the last winter. The mineral lands of Iowa and Wisconsin are supposed to be more productive of this metal than the whole of Europe, with the exception of Great Britain.—*Iowa Morning Star*, Keokuk, Iowa Territory, April 24, 1845. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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