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Camp Curtin

We are sorry that we have not room this week to publish entire the interesting letter of our Silver Gray correspondent, "High Private." Here-with we give an extract from it, touching the order for the removal of the troops at Camp Curtin to Washington city:

Camp Curtin is being "cleaned out." On Wednesday, the camp was electrified by the intelligence that an immediate onward march had been ordered. The news was received with an enthusiasm, which illustrates the restraint upon the eagerness of the men that has kept them from a participation in the recent conflicts with the enemy. The men seem to walk with an elasticity not distinguishable before, bearing their heads aloft with a pride that bespeaks their desire to strike—and that effectually—for their country, its constitution, and its unity. Tents are being struck—knapsacks packed—baggage loaded—soldiers are yelling with delight—confusion seems to reign supreme—in a word, men appear to be mad, yet there seems to be "method in their madness," as everyone is found in his proper place when the word "March" is given.

The 54 regiment—better known as the "Cambria County Regiment," and for several months past stationed at Camp Curtin—were among the number thus ordered to take up their "onward march." They are now with the Grand Army of the Potomac.