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"BENNY HAVEN'S O"

McCLELLAN CAMPAIGN

SONG AND CHORUS.

Benny Haven is the name of a man who in other days dispensed buckwheat cakes, with accompainments, to such cadets of West Point as were daring enough to break through the regulations and visit his establishment. "Benny Haven's O" has become classic ground to the men of West Point. The author of "Cadet-Life at West Point" tells us that gray-haired veterans, "the bravest and wisest from the councils of both war and state," when they revisit West Point, make a "pilgrimage to Benny's sylvan shrine." We believe the old man presides there no more.

The song of "Benny Haven's O," arranged to a very simple air, is to the West Point man what the *Ranz des Vaches* is to the Swiss, or the pibroch of his clan to the Highlander. It was sung by the officers of the American Army in the "Halls of the Montezumas." Stanzas are continnually added by the different classes of graduates. "Benny Haven's O" does not now denote merely the house in which buckwheat cakes were dispensed; it is a poetical expression equivalant to "Arcadia," "Atlantis," or "the Happy Isles," indicating a state of things in which all wrongs are righted, and everything is as it should be.

When General McClellan visited West Point about a year ago the cadets gathered around him, and sung "Benny Haven's O," the General joining in the Chorus with as much spirit as he had done in other days. It is said that the cadets made themselves hoarse with shouting "Hurrah for McClellan!" On that occasion the General was suprized with the following stanza, which was sung with peculiar animation:

"Here's a health to George McClellan! God bless the young hero!
He's an honor to his country, and a terror to the foe.
May he long rest on his laurels, and trouble never know,
And live to see a thousand years at Benny Haven's O!"

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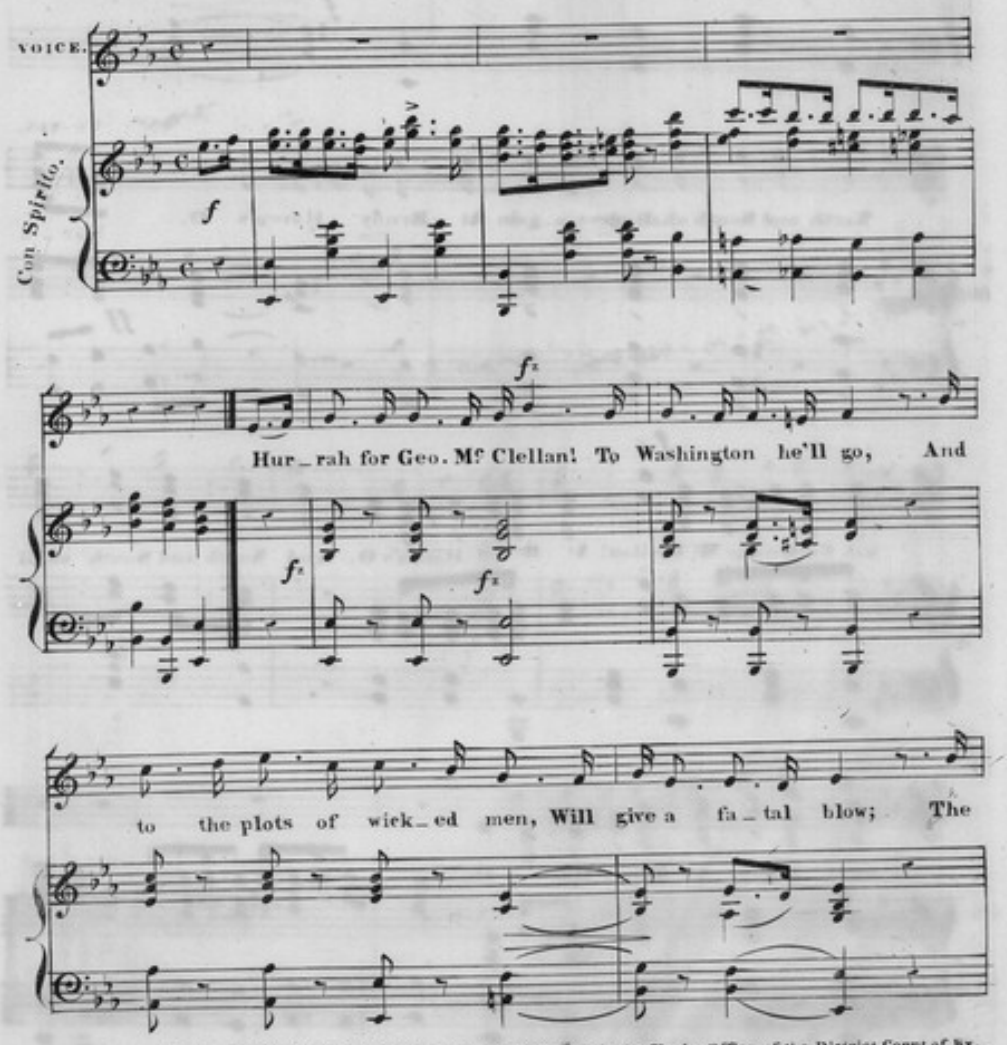

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Con_sti_tu_tion o'er the land Its am_ple shield shall throw, And

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CHORUS.

North and South shall meet a_gain At Benny Haven's O, Hur_ _

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rah for George Mc Clellan! At Benny Haven's O, And North and South shall

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Hurrah for George Mc Clellan!
"To whom it may concern,"
Beware how you attempt again
The law to overturn!
The free and proud American
His rights henceforth shall know,
And, knowing them, shall dare maintain
At Benny Haven's O. CHORUS. Hurrah &c.

3

Hurrah for George Mc Clellan!
He'll ope the prison-door,
And freemen shall be kept in chains
Unlawfully no more;
The "little bell" shall tinkle
For the prisoner to go
To see the dear ones once again
At Benny Haven's O. CHORUS. Hurrah &c.

4

Hurrah for George Mc Clellan!
The press again is free!
And at the polls where freemen vote
No bayonet shall be!
Free press, free speech, free ballot!
If tyrants shall say no,
We'll show them they're mistaken sore
At Benny Haven's O. CHORUS. Hurrah &c.

5

Hurrah for George Mc Clellan!
Our flag shall wave on high,
Until its stars shall mingle
With the stars that light the sky;
And not one star be wanting,
But every one shall glow
In brighter light, undimmed by time,
At Benny Haven's O. CHORUS. Hurrah &c.

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Hurrah for George Mc Clellan!
The merry songs of peace
Shall sound aloud throughout the land,
The wail of woe shall cease;
United firm in friendship,
Americans shall know
No North, no South, no East, no West,
At Benny Haven's O. CHORUS Hurrah &c.

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