

THE GRAND ARMY.

Our Weekly Record of Its Growth. The December Elections.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

NEW YORK, December 12.—The Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic are now holding their annual elections. Many took place last week, and most of the others will follow during the present week. At some of these elections the contests have been very close. Commander Walker of Rankin Post, No. 10, of Brooklyn, positively declined re-election, and the contest was between Post Commander E. A. Perry and Comrade B. N. Woodruff, the Senior Vice-Commander, resulting in the election of the former by a very small majority. The other officers elected were: S. V. C., John E. Denham; J. V. C., Captain P. H. McLaughlin; Surgeon, Dr. Charles E. Griswold; Chaplain, William P. Booth; O. D., J. A. Jones; O. G., David A. Pletcher; Q. M., William Wild; Delegates to the Department Encampment, John H. Walker, Henry W. Slocum, William A. Powers, William Delaney, B. N. Woodruff, Henry Eaton, N. Duggan, and William A. Thompson. The delegates were instructed to support Major Walker for Department Commander.

At the election of James C. Rice Post, No. 29, New York, Max Recco was re-elected Com. The other officers are: S. V. C., Col. George R. Bevan; J. V. C., Capt. William P. Walton; Q. M., Joseph H. Barker; Surgeon, Dr. J. B. McIntyre; Chaplain, T. K. McKoon; O. D., W. W. Robacker; O. G., James Ross; Delegates to the Encampment, N. D. H. Clark, Samuel Minnes, John Monroe.

The election of James H. Perry Post, No. 89, Brooklyn, resulted as follows: Richard W. L'Hommedieu, Commander; Elisha B. Francis, S. V. C.; John McGuire, J. V. C.; Joseph C. Abel, Q. M.; Dr. Walter B. Chase, Surgeon; Prof. Moses G. Young, Chaplain; C. Frank Thompson, O. D.; Wm. C. Baker, O. G.; C. Doty and A. Douglas, Color-bearers; Delegates to Encampment, H. W. Harlin, M. D., B. D. Magee, G. A. Buckholz, H. W. Hughes, H. A. Phillips, and J. W. Baker; Delegates to the Memorial Committee, H. A. Phillips, G. H. Jackson, H. W. Hughes, J. A. Barrett, H. W. Harlin, and R. B. Keeler.

On Sunday, Dec. 23, of Pittsburgh, elected the following officers: D. J. Pillsworth, Commander; J. A. Lindsay, S. V. C.; C. Y. Beecher, J. V. C.; John A. Schilling, Q. M.; John A. Duncan, O. D.; Delegate to the Encampment, E. N. Salmon; S. A. Van Lew, Surgeon; J. A. Fritchie, Chaplain; Charles Ballou, Adj't.

Manchester Post, No. 35, of Brooklyn, elected officers as follows: Com., Martin Short; S. V. C., William H. Hatch; J. V. C., Charles Nelson; Q. M., John Brown; Surg., Dr. James Sweeney; Chaplain, James Collins; O. D., Adam Miller; O. G., William Gossens; Delegates to the Encampment, James Brennan, William H. Conner, W. A. Richardson, Eugene C. Meyer, and Albert C. Ross.

The officers elected by Dupont Post, No. 157, of Brooklyn, are: Com., David Acker; S. V. C., Adam Klein; J. V. C., Charles Waage; Q. M., Herman Weber; Surg., Phillip Schand; O. G., J. P. Bailey; O. D., Peter Becker; Delegates to Encampment, John Platte, Jacob Rindler, and Herman Weber.

The officers of James C. Rice Post, No. 29, for the benefit of the Post charity fund, will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the present week in the Grand Opera House building. General Grant has promised to be present, and General Hancock and Congressmen Delaney and Slocum are expected to attend. There will be a flag-presentation to the Post, and among other things to be voted for will be a handsome sword and a large oil-painting of General Kilpatrick.

Commander John H. Walker, of Rankin Post, No. 10, and Commander Phillips, of Perry Post, No. 89, are going to Washington upon business connected with the Grand Army of the Republic. They are specially delegated to exert their influence with Secretary Chandler against the transfer of Colonel Broome, of the Marine Corps, from the Brooklyn Navy-yard.

The annual reception and ball of William D. Kennedy Post, No. 42, of this city, was given at Concordia Assembly Rooms on Tuesday evening. Many of the incoming city officers were present, with delegations from this city, Brooklyn, Greenpoint and Jersey City Posts.

The Memorial Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, who have in charge the procuring of money to build a monument in Brooklyn to commemorate the services of members who lost their lives in the late war, met Saturday in the Brooklyn City Hall for the purpose of taking further action. Commander John H. Walker, of Rankin Post, No. 10, presided. A circular was received from the Mayor, which is to be addressed to all the clubs and societies in Brooklyn, urging their co-operation and soliciting their aid to carry on the project. A committee was appointed, consisting of Commander John H. Walker and Commander Henry W. Phillips, to wait on the proper committee of Congress and solicit aid and to press the passage of a bill to secure additional land for soldiers' graves in Cypress Hill Cemetery.

A Prosperous Post at Warsaw. Special Correspondence National Tribune. WARSAW, N. Y., December 9, 1882.—The annual election of officers of Gibbs Post, No. 129, Department of New York, held on the evening of the 4th inst., resulted as follows: Commander, I. S. Johnson; S. V. C., John Duggan; J. V. C., L. W. Knapp; Q. M., E. M. Jennings; O. D., J. S. Morris; O. G., P. B. Munger; Surgeon, W. T. Albrow; Delegates, Augustus Harrington, E. M. Jennings; Alternates, R. Barnett, S. H. Salisbury.

This Post was organized in 1871, and for several years it was the only G. A. R. Post in Wyoming county; now there are eight. With few exceptions these elections were practically unanimous; in some instances strictly so. In no year of its history has this Post been so prosperous as during the year now drawing to a close. "How can I do most to advance the interests of the G. A. R.?" seems to be the motto of the comrades, and efforts in this spirit bear rich fruit.

Preparations are under way for the Annual Camp-fire to be held December 26th. Major Willard Ballard, of Phil. Kearney Post, No. 8, New York City, has promised to be present, and other prominent comrades are expected. An executive committee of seven comrades has the matter in charge, and a full program will soon be announced and formal invitations extended.

CONNECTICUT. For Sweet Charity's Sake. Special Correspondence National Tribune. DONALDSONVILLE, CONN., Dec. 9.—At the fair and festival, under the auspices of McGregor Post, No. 27, G. A. R. in Music Hall on the evenings of November 16th and 17th, we put into the hands of our quartermaster the sum of \$159.52, after all bills were paid. This goes to replenish our charity and Post funds. At the election of officers last Tuesday evening, December 5th, the following named persons were elected: Commander, E. S. Nash; S. V. C., H. F. Clark; J. V. C., Ben. E. Repp; Q. M., S. Hayward; Surg., Henry Stephens; Chap., Rev.

James Dingwell; O. D., John C. Bassett; O. G., Wm. H. Hedley; Adj't, Francis Burroughs; Delegates, John E. Bassett and Charles Burton. All of the comrades who take your paper are in love with it. Officers will be installed on the evening of January 2, 1883. Yours, in F., C. and L., JOHN E. BASSETT.

MASSACHUSETTS.

A Boston Post Sets the Precedent of a Ladies' Night. [From the Boston Herald, Dec. 10.] Having determined on a new departure in the social line, E. W. Kinsley Post, 113, G. A. R., decided to convert its anniversary celebration into a "ladies' night," and, therefore, pursuant to the invitations of a committee of the Post, about 125 ladies and gentlemen assembled in the spacious parlors of the Parker House last evening. Among the invited guests present were Governor Long, General Blackmar and Colonel Kingsbury of his staff, General and Mrs. Wales, Charles E. Pratt, president of the common council, and Department Commander Patch and lady. At a few minutes before eight o'clock the company proceeded to the banquet hall, where an elaborate and elegant menu was discussed. At the conclusion of the supper, Commander Thomas R. Matthews called the company to order, and in a few remarks, thanked the ladies present for their attendance, also for their efforts at the recent Grand Army fair, saying that the funds of the Post had been materially increased by their endeavors. He introduced Comrade Richards as toast-master. "The commonwealth" was pleasantly responded to by Governor Long, who in his usual happy vein paid a glowing tribute to the Grand Army of the State. He referred to the fact that almost his first duty was performed with Post 113, at the decoration of the grave of Governor Andrew at Hingham, and, in conclusion, he paid a kindly tribute to the ladies present. Charles E. Pratt replied in a humorous vein to the toast of "the city," bringing down the house by saying that "Boston was founded on the east by Hingham, and on the west by Lowell." Commander Patch responded eloquently for the Grand Army of the State, and General Blackmar replied to the toast, "The ladies." During the evening the Schubert quartet contributed excellent vocal music, and Mr. Powers gave several recitations.

TESTING ON THE OLD CAMP GROUND.

A Boston dispatch says: Colonels Carroll D. Wright and Solon A. Carter, Major F. L. Tolman, Captains Hodgson and Sturtevant, and other active members of the Veteran Association of the Fourteenth New Hampshire Regiment, propose a Reunion in the Shenandoah Valley. An endeavor will be made to secure the attendance of General Sheridan. Formal exercises will be held on the field of Opeconun or Winchester on the anniversary of the battle, September 19, 1883.

OHIO.

A Grand Soldiers' Reunion to be held at Columbus Next Summer.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 11th.—The Ex-Soldiers' Association, at its meeting last week, decided to hold a general Reunion of ex-soldiers in this city next summer. The time is to be fixed hereafter by the Executive Committee.

The Finance Committee, composed of citizens, reported a sum subscribed equal to about \$5,000, and agreed to get more.

The constitution was amended, making the Association quorum ten. From 50 to 150 and 200 usually attend, but, sometimes, in hot weather, or very cold weather, the attendance is slim when it may be necessary to transact routine business.

Mr. Briggs reported that Comstock's Opera House had been secured for January 16 for holding the annual Reunion of the Association. Comrade Andrew Schwarz, Treasurer of the Association, submitted his annual report, which shows the following results: Received, \$274.58; disbursed, \$235.70; balance, \$38.88.

The Association then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, with the following result: President, Major H. M. Neil; Vice President, S. S. Peters; Financial Secretary, D. M. Bredford; Recording Secretary, J. W. Myers; Treasurer, Andrew Schwarz; Chaplain, W. E. Moore; Color-bearers, Robert Gobey and Valentine Haas; Band Master, R. E. DeBatts.

The election of an Executive Committee then came before the Association, and Comrades Neil, Moore, and Porter were appointed to select names for the same, subject to the approval of the Association. After being out about fifteen minutes they reported as follows: C. N. Bancroft, A. T. Wikoff, Raymond Burr, F. C. Hensel, and G. W. Snyder. Vice President S. S. Peters and Financial Secretary Bredford are members ex-officio.

Comrade E. C. Briggs declined to be re-elected Vice President, though urged to accept the proffered honor.

The grand Reunion will probably be held some time in July or early in August.

NEBRASKA.

A New and Promising Post.

SAXON, SALINE CO., NEB., Dec. 7.—Lookout Mountain Post, No. 127, was organized on December 4th, at Mount School-house, near Saxon, Neb., with thirty-nine members. But for it being a rainy night, fifty of the comrades would have answered to their names, as that number has signed the master-rolls. The Post was mustered in by Bradford P. Cook, assistant adjutant-general of this Department. The following officers were elected: Commander, James Bell; S. V. C., John M. Brown; J. V. C., Jesse M. —; Q. M., Michael Adj't; Surg., A. J. Johnson; Chap., Henry Applegate; O. D., I. O. Foot; O. G., Mart. Daily; Adj't, G. W. DeLong; S. M., A. J. Justice; Q. M., S. J. H. McDonald. Yours, in F., C. and L., G. W. DeLong, Adj't.

KANSAS.

The Movement for a Soldiers' Home—A New Post.

Special Correspondence National Tribune. FORT SCOTT, KAN., Dec. 9.—The G. A. R. Posts throughout the State of Kansas are all alive devising entertainments for the winter. Abilene Post, No. 63, G. A. R., Department of Kansas, has just issued a circular suggesting that Fort Riley Reservation be set apart as a Soldiers' Home, and that it be used as the place for the Annual Encampment of the Department. The Post considers that "Order is too sacred to be used as a tool for promoting the interests of any other associations," and that the Annual Encampment should have no connection with the State fair. The following is the heading of the petition in circulation:

"To the Honorable, the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled: The undersigned, your petitioners, Union ex-soldiers and sailors, residing in the State of Kansas, and members of — Post, No. —, G. A. R., Department of Kansas, would most respectfully ask your honorable bodies to secure the passage of an act to establish a 'Soldiers' Home' for the care of helpless Union ex-soldiers and sailors at some point in the State of Kansas. A 'Soldiers' Home' located in said State would accommodate not only the soldiers of Kansas, but also those residing in Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado, and the Indian Territory. Your exertions in behalf of helpless soldiers will be gratefully appreciated by us, and we will ever pray, etc."

Vicksburg Post, No. 72, G. A. R., Humboldt Kansas, was organized on June 9, 1882. It now numbers fifty-two comrades. The following are the officers of the Post: Post Commander, G. A. Nicholletts; S. V. C., G. DeWitt; J. V. C., L. A. Garrett; Adj't, George W. Moon; Q. M., J. B. Young; O. D., George Hettinger; Chaplain, W. T. Waldrip; Surg., E. R. Russell; S. M., B. F. Nigh; O. G., C. A. Frank.

The Order is booming in Kansas. There are 132 Posts, and new ones forming all the time. Comrade Robens has three copies of The Old Flag, issued by Captain May, of Bridgeport, Conn., while a prisoner during the war in Camp Ford, Tyler, Texas. He did the work with a pen.

WISCONSIN.

A New Society at Milwaukee.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. MILWAUKEE, Dec. 8.—Last week a society was organized in this city of ex-soldiers who served in Missouri regiments during the late war. We mustered fifteen members at our first meeting, representing the Second, Twelfth, Fifteenth, Seventeenth, and Thirtieth infantry, Fourth cavalry, and First flying artillery. Objects, social intercourse, to keep fresh the memories of the war, to help the comrades feeling an excursion during the summer of 1883 to St. Louis, and the stamping ground of Missouri and Arkansas; also to hold during the year an annual Camp-fire on the 7th day of March, being the second day of the battle of Pea Ridge. There are between forty and fifty of us Missouri volunteers in this city, and eighty-six in the Soldiers' Home.

Yours, in F., C. and L., HENRY T. FISHER.

OUR HAVERSACK.

And the Very Substantial Reasons Which it Contains for the Boys.

A new Post is about to be established at New Lisbon, Wis. Warren Post, No. 116, at Delphos, Kan., now has a membership of thirty-four.

Reverse Post, No. 94, at Canton, Mass., holds a fair from December 11 to 16. We wish them success.

A new Post is shortly to be established at Iliaca, Grafton co., Mich., by subscribers to THE TRIBUNE.

Garrett Post, No. 311, Department of New York, was mustered December 2, with forty-five charter members.

Over six hundred people were present at the Camp-fire of Robert Anderson Post, No. 68, at Waterloo, Iowa, on the 24th ult.

Sully Post, at Blue Earth City, Minn., is in a flourishing condition. It has a membership of sixty, and it is thought that the number will soon be increased to one hundred.

Comrade N. Kennedy writes from Odebolt, Iowa, that they intend to organize a Post there shortly, with one hundred charter members. How will that do for a start?

Meade Post, No. 14, of Sterling, Kan., will give an entertainment on Dec. 29th, 1882. Wait for the old boys and see what they can do. Programmes next week.

Andrews Post, No. 132, at Ashland, Ohio, held a very successful Camp-fire on Thanksgiving night. We regret that we cannot find room for a full account of the exercises.

Comrade Raymond writes from Hudson, Ill., that a new Post—No. 165—has been established there, and that ten out of the eighteen members have subscribed for THE TRIBUNE.

McClurg Post, No. 95, at Rochester, Ind., has now forty members, and expects soon to have one hundred. One of the boys writes to us that THE TRIBUNE is worth more than any other paper to our veterans.

A comrade writes us that Patchen Post, No. 229, of Burton, Ohio, held a glorious Camp-fire on the 6th inst., and that Comrade J. W. McBride, of Charlon, presented the Post with a handsome red, white, and blue mallet in a very felicitous speech.

Comrade Clark, commander of Post 277, at Delta, York county, Pa., writes us that a Post fair will be held on the 16th inst. and a flag presentation will take place. The Post is in a flourishing condition and has re-elected all the old officers.

Comrade E. P. Duhl, adjutant of Franklin Post, No. 68, of Olatie, Kan., writes us that although it was only organized in June last it now has a membership of eighty-four, seventy-six regiments and seventeen States being represented.

The following is the roster of officers-elect for ensuing year of Martin McMartin Post, No. 257, Johnston, N. Y.: Commander, Jerry Keck; S. V. C., John J. Buchanan; J. V. C., Charles T. Bown; Q. M., J. Edward Lee; Surg., C. C. Joslin; Chaplain, J. L. Eldred; O. D., Marvin Brock; O. G., John Denmark.

At an election of officers of Wm. Lazarus Post, No. 133, G. A. R., of Audenried, Carbon county, Pa., held at their hall, the following were chosen: Post Commander, Thos. Daugherty; S. V. C., Jas. Brennan; J. V. C., Chas. Russell; Q. M., Harry C. Taylor; Chaplain, John T. Hardeste; O. G., Eph. Renker.

Will Wendell Post, No. 46, of Holton, Kan., now has about thirty members, and is composed of good material. Its officers are: Commander, Ira H. Taber; S. V. C., E. D. Rose; J. V. C., E. F. Jones; Chaplain, J. E. Mooney; O. D., L. Williams; Adjutant, C. Noble; Q. M., G. H. Barker; O. G., H. Spence.

The Judson Kilpatrick Post, No. 29, of Oakdale, Monroe county, Wis., has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Post Commander, Wm. Nuttall; S. V. C., J. S. Guthrie; J. V. C., J. H. Belcher; Q. M., B. M. Grover; Surgeon, A. E. Logan; Chaplain, William Garland; O. D., Henry Meloy; O. G., O. H. Belcher.

An Auxiliary Society was organized Nov. 22 by the lady friends of James A. Jackson Post, G. A. R., at Owensboro, Ky., and the following officers were chosen: Commander, Mrs. J. H. Fisher; Vice Commander, Mrs. G. W. Byers; Conductress, Mrs. Wm. Little; Chaplain, Mrs. Lois Atson; Secretary, Mrs. Major Kilgore; Treasurer, Mrs. James Wilson.

The following named comrades were elected to office in C. G. Jackson Post, G. A. R., Borwick, Pa., on the night of the 4th inst.: Post Commander, C. K. Hughes; S. V. C., Joseph Keener; J. V. C., Eugene Lenhart; O. D., Frank Brochly; O. G., Joseph Bittler; Q. M., E. D. Lebkicher; Chaplain, Wm. Barnard; Surgeon, John Bredberger; Delegate, F. Brochly; Alternate, A. D. Seely.

Cummings Post, No. 37, at Hinesburgh, Vt., elected the following officers for the year ensuing: Com., J. H. Allen; S. V. C., P. D. Boynton; J. V. C., Jackson Isham; Adj't, Silas H. Tilley; Q. M., A. C. Jolin; Surg., George Tolly; Chaplain, Hiram H. Tilley; O. D., H. G. Lamus; O. G., H. Prince; S. M., A. H. Weed; Q. M., S. Alexander Roland. Representative to Department Encampment: A. C. Jolin.

Post No. 60, Department of Ohio, on Dec. 5th, elected the following new officers: P. C., D. A. Stark; S. V. C., John Chapman; J. V. C., J. D. Van Deman; Q. M., Jacob Kaick; Chaplain, Prof. W. G. Williams; Surg., F. M. Morrison; O. D., A. Frantz; O. G., B. McPherson. Delegates to the Seventeenth Annual Department Encampment, at Youngstown, Ohio, 18th of January, 1883: John Chapman, R. G. Lybrand, C. D. Crawford and G. L. Sackett.

Comrade M. A. Hartley sends us from Lomp City, Nebraska, a club of fifteen new subscribers, and says Shiloh Post, No. 124, has just been organized at that place with the following officers: Post Commander, M. A. Hartley; S. V.

C. W. A. Wilson; J. V. C., L. Bechteloe; Surgeon, Thomas Johnson; Q. M., G. W. Kittell; Chaplain, E. Brewer.

Comrade Wheeler, of Post 93, Versailles, Ind., who was a participant in the first day's fight at Gettysburg, writes that the statement made some time since in THE TRIBUNE that the first shot fired on that day was by Dennis Buckley, of a Michigan cavalry regiment, is incorrect. He claims the credit for Mat Glauber and another member of the Third Indiana.

Phil. Kearney Post, No. 19, organized at Denver, Col., three months ago, now numbers thirty-five members. Its first Camp-fire was given on the 29th ult. The following are the newly elected officers: Commander, Major Jacob Downing; S. V. C., George Lynn; J. V. C., Albert Ham; Q. M., Charles Saunders; O. D., Charles Harris; O. G., George Ruggels. Representatives to the Department Encampment: General D. J. Cook and Charles Saunders.

The following are the newly elected officers of Phil Kearney Post, No. 7, of Muskegon, Mich.: Commander, A. J. Bradford; S. V. C., J. V. C., P. J. Conolly; Q. M., J. Copenheimer; Chaplain, Jas. Sprague; O. D., G. W. Fisher; O. G., Thos. Cady; Surg., A. Ackerman; Delegate to Department Encampment, A. F. Temple; Alternate, M. Averill. The Post is making a slow but sure growth, and now numbers seventy members in good standing.

H. A. Tabor Post, No. 13, Redwood, Wis., will give a bean banquet on the 28th inst. The following are the officers-elect for the ensuing year: Post Commander, H. P. Person; S. V. C., T. W. Carrige; J. V. C., S. Corbin; Surg., Dr. S. Hall; Chaplain, S. C. Chase; O. D., James Miles; O. G., B. Rathbone. The following were elected delegates to Department Encampment: C. F. Sheldon; Alternates, T. W. Carrige, James Ferdon, Dr. J. Perry, S. C. Chase, Dr. D. G. Spicer.

James Shields Post, at Grafton, Neb., is a live one, having a membership of fifty. At their recent election the following officers were chosen: Post Commander, John Shoff; S. V. C., M. M. Stanwood; J. V. C., Jasper Culver; Surgeon, W. H. Johnson; Chaplain, J. B. Doolittle, and Q. M., G. E. Crumb. At their Camp-fire Christmas eve they expect some fine speakers and are preparing for a rousing good time. May success attend them. We are indebted to the commander for ten new subscribers to THE TRIBUNE.

Senior-Vice Department Commander Frank De Ford organized a Post of the G. A. R. at Centerville, Iowa, December 4th, with twenty-one charter members, and the election of officers resulted as follows: Commander, Henry H. Wright; S. V. C., George W. Boell; J. V. C., J. J. Pratt; Adjutant, Thomas W. Moore; Surgeon, R. Stephens; Q. M., William J. Martin; O. D., G. C. Burrows; O. G., Joseph Gray; Chaplain, W. W. Thomp. Centerville has about 3,500 population, and the outlook for a strong Post is encouraging.

The following were chosen officers of John H. Williams Post, No. 4, G. A. R., at Berlin, Wis., for the ensuing year, on Thursday evening, December 7th: Commander, Grif J. Thomas; S. V. C., E. T. Chamberlin; J. V. C., Chas. H. Russell; Q. M., A. G. Dinsmore; Chaplain, Chas. T. Sasin; Surg., J. D. Galloway; O. D., A. L. Tucker; O. G., Sam. Starling; Delegates to Department Encampment, J. D. Galloway and E. G. Blackman; Alternates, J. P. Suther and G. F. Dresser. The Post is in good condition. Membership in good standing small, but determined. There is a good cash balance in the treasury.

At Houtzdale, Pa., on November 20, Wm. H. Kinkead Post, No. 293, G. A. R., was organized in Parker's Hall by Commander A. H. Smith, of Jno. W. Geary Post, assisted by Comrades Geo. Heimach, Geo. Parker, and others. About twenty candidates were admitted to membership, and the following gentlemen installed officers: Commander, W. A. Davis; S. V. C., Geo. H. Wooden; J. V. C., R. R. Fleming; O. D., J. Leedom; Chap., G. W. Dickey; Adj't., E. H. Beebe; Q. M., O. L. Johnston; Surg., Geo. Smith; I. G., Nelson Knapp; O. G., G. A. Baldwin. Quite a number of members are yet to join, and the Post bids fair to become a strong one.

Lyon Post, No. 10, of Vineland, N. J., had a gala time of it on the night of December 6. Department Commander Campbell held the comrades of Lyon Post an official visit on that evening, accompanied by Assistant Inspector Grub, of Post 37, who put the Post through the annual inspection, and complimented the Post as being up to the standard of excellence in all of its workings. Large delegations of visitors were present from Post 342 of Bridgeton, 49 and 55 of Millville, also visiting brothers from Posts of the Department of Pennsylvania. After an able and interesting address from the Department Commander, the command to fall in was given, and the comrades marched to the pleasant hall of Alpha L. League, No. 1, where the soldiers paid their respects to a sumptuous repast, prepared by the ladies of the League. After which short speeches were listened to from the Department Commander, Inspector Grub, and others.

A comrade writes us from Eldred, McKeen co., Pa., under date of December 5th: At a regular meeting of J. R. James Post, No. 158, Department of Pennsylvania, December 1, 1882, the following officers were elected for the year 1882: Commander, F. M. Adams; S. V. C., M. S. Caley; J. V. C., P. Welch, Jr.; Adj't., A. J. Duray; Q. M., James Biglin; Surg., M. G. Knapp; Chap., G. T. Dennis; O. D., David Dantz; O. G., W. A. Howell; S. M., G. W. Newland; Q. M., S. P. McDonald; Delegate to Department Encampment, J. M. Wright; Alternate, M. S. Caley. This Post now enters the fourth year of its organization, with ninety members, and is in a flourishing condition. The success of this Post is mainly owing to the energy and zeal of our past Post Commander, J. S. Hicks, who has served us faithfully for three years past, and who now retires with many regrets. The outlook is favorable for a large increase the coming year. A. J. Duryea, Adjutant.

The survivors of the Forty-ninth regiment Pennsylvania volunteers held their Reunion at Huntington, Pa., November 12th and 14th. They were received by the Grand Army of the Republic and entertained at private houses and the expenses of their meeting defrayed by the people of that city. A supper was given them in Mohs Hall on the 14th, to which two hundred people sat down. The address of welcome was delivered by the Rev. E. K. Freeman, of the Methodist Church, and the response was by Rev. I. Newton Ritzer, of Philadelphia, secretary of the Veteran Society. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. C. Greenland, and ten vice-presidents, one from each company; secretary, I. Newton Ritzer; assistant secretary, Joseph B. Downing; treasurer, Josiah L. Barton; chaplain, Rev. William Hershaw, D. D.; surgeon, Dr. A. Harsberger. The members of the regiment and Post No. 44, G. A. R., headed by the City Band, marched through the principal streets, making a very creditable display. The meetings during both days were devoted to business, speech making, reading of poems, historical sketches, and reminiscences. The next Reunion will be held at Millfistown.

Rather Unreasonable. [From the National Republican.] Democratic papers call pension bills "raids on the treasury," and yet they expect the support and votes of the men for whom these "raids" are made. In other words, they call men hard names, and then beg favors of them.

SOLDIERS' LETTERS.

Our Subscribers Do a Little Talking On Their Own Account.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

I have found a copy of your TRIBUNE supplement, volume II, in which you argue against the reduction of the revenue. I am glad to see you doing this. We have no right to reduce the revenue until every interest-bearing indebtedness incurred by reason of the rebellion is paid and wiped out. We cannot, in justice, mortgage the labor of future generations to pay a debt incurred by ourselves. All this cry about the necessity of reducing the revenue comes from the money power—the lending classes, who are anxious for a National debt for investment. Every soldier should stand up for the principle, "That the Government alone must issue money, and that all its issues, whether coin or paper, must be made a full legal tender." The greatest of all monopolies to-day is the money power. If any reduction in taxation is necessary it could be made beneficial to all the Nation by reducing the postage on letters to two cents in place of three. But I did not commence this letter for the purpose of making an argument on the political economies of the day, but for the purpose of saying that I am an old Andersonville prisoner, who escaped from that den of horrors and was thirty days in the swamps and woods, making my way through our lines. My escape was one of the most interesting of any that occurred during the war, (so pronounced by Captain W. W. Glazier, author of "The Capture, Prison Pen, and Escape") and I thought perhaps it might prove interesting to your readers, if I written up in a series of chapters. This is my excuse for writing. What do you think of it? I am, yours, &c., R. H. FERGUSON, 1st Brigade, Headquarters 2d Cav. Div. TROY, N. Y., Dec. 9.

[Send us the sketch. We will make room for it if it is interesting and not too long.—Ed.]

FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

James B. McPherson Post, No. 57, G. A. R., Department of Kansas, was mustered in July last. Additions have been made to the membership at nearly or quite every meeting, until there are now on the muster-roll the names of more than one hundred comrades, all good men and true, firmly united in the bonds of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. At the last meeting of the Post I took with me the sample copies of THE TRIBUNE that I had received, showed them to the boys, and in a few minutes I had sixteen new men on the skirmish line, and I think that we can re-enforce them from time to time. If you can do so, please begin their subscriptions with Vol. II, No. 16, so that they may have the complete history of the Gettysburg campaign, as some of them were participants in that bloody contest. Hoping that the battle now being waged by THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE may be equally as decisive as was Gettysburg. I am, yours, in F. C. and L., ALVAH W. TOWER, GALVA, KAN., Dec. 4.

A WIDOW'S TWO LETTERS.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

Enclosed please find one dollar to renew my subscription. I have no time to read papers, but THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE I shall read if I have to read it after midnight. It is a splendid paper, and I would not be without it at any price. Yours, truly, MRS. NATHAN CLOUSE, AKRON, O., Nov. 6.

The above letter is dated November 6th. I was certain I could renew my subscription then, but my little boy's shoes gave out and I had to get new ones, and it took time to earn the money to fulfill my promise. My lot as a soldier's widow is a hard and sad one. If Uncle Sam would only give me half of what he owes me, I might have a little comfort with my children. Yours, truly, MRS. NATHAN CLOUSE, AKRON, O., Dec. 4.

[Nathan Clouse was a private in the First Ohio L. A. He filed his claim in 1870, but died before the allowance of the claim. His widow filed her claim in 1879.—Ed.]

WANTED—A HISTORY OF TYLER PRISON.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

I have read all the sketches that have been written for THE TRIBUNE by ex-prisoners of war, and I have been deeply interested in them. I was a prisoner myself for over one year at Tyler, Texas, and judging from the reports of Fred Lance and others, the treatment was about the same in all. Much has been said about Andersonville and other Eastern prisons in the TRIBUNE, but I have not seen anything about Tyler prison. Could not some comrade of the Seventy-seventh and One Hundred and Thirtieth Illinois or Thirty-second and Thirty-sixth Iowa furnish a sketch of it? I was captured in the spring of 1864, when I was but seventeen years old, and was one of the last to sign the parole at Tyler in May, 1865. What a joyful time we had that night. I never shall forget it. I was at Tyler when the first tunnel and the last was dug. A traitor in the prison "gave us away" to the rebels. Every man intended to go out through the last one, and would have done so had it not been for him. However, he got his just dues all the same. I was there, too, when the boys escaped in the dirt cart. A friend of mine escaped in that cart. Two of the boys would lie down in the cart and the rest would cover them with fith from the prison. The darkey driver, with his mule, would then take them out and dump the cart and come back after others. I would like to hear from some of the boys through the TRIBUNE. Who can give the history of Tyler? I have a sketch of the prison, drawn just before the prisoners were liberated, which is very natural. One word for the TRIBUNE: I have taken it ever since it was born. It is the best paper we soldiers can take. Enclosed please find post-office order for \$15 for that many new subscribers. Yours, fraternally, A. J. SWANGER, Late of Co. K