THE GRAND ARMY.

The Commander-in-Chief's Visit to Illinois.

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

Adj't-Gen. Alcorn's Trip—Honoring Minnesota—General Orders.

TOLEDO, O., April 4, 1885.

When your correspondent closed Headquarters correspondence a week ago the Commander-in-Chief was in Chicago, having taken but two days' rest following his return from New Orleans before setting out again. He reached Chicago on Friday morning, where he was met by Commander Freeman Conner, of Geo. H. Thomas Post; Ass't Adj't-Gen. J. L. Bennett, of Ill.; Comrades J. G. Everest and E. D. Loud, of his staff; Comrade Guy T. Gould, Past Department Commander; and Comrades A. M. Church, F. S. Capron, Rob't F. Wilson and W. H. Rose. The Commander-in-Chief was the guest of Thomas Post, at the Sherman House. During the forenoon of Friday he was driven about the city and shown the many points of interest; and in the afternoon, in company with Commander Conner, Adj't-Gen. Bennett, and other comrades, he visited the grand scenic displays of the "Battle of Gettysburg" and the "Siege of Paris." In the evening a reception was tendered him by Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 5, of Chicago, in which large delegations from the other Posts of the city participated. Promptly at 8 o'clock the Commander-in-Chief, under escort of the committee, consisting of Past Vice Commander-in-Chief Guy T. Gould, Past Department Commanders Hilliard and Reynolds, Maj. J. G. Everest and Col. E. D. Loud, entered the hall of Thomas Post, where he was warmly greeted.

HONORING THEIR CHIEF.

Nearly 400 comrades were present, including the representatives of the eight other Chicago Posts, Austin Post attending in a body. The large hall was crowded, and the regular Post exercises commenced, showing the working of the Post, with Past Commander Col. Freeman Conner in charge. Nine recruits were mustered, and the Commander-in-Chief was greatly pleased with the faithful exemplification of the work and the excellent discipline of the Post so apparent. After the exercises the doors were thrown open, and a formal presentation of Commander-in-Chief Kountz took place. Commander Conner introduced their guest, speaking of the loyal men who, when called, responded readily to save their dear old flag and country, and when the war was over those remaining associated themselves in an organization based upon the principles of fraternity and love, and who now number nearly 300,000 men, all old soldiers. He took great pleasure in introducing their Commander-in-Chief, who,

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when the war began, had enlisted as a drummer-boy in the 37th Ohio, and at the battle of Mission Ridge threw away his drum-sticks, and seizing a gun fought where the fiercest battle raged and was badly maimed for his love of country and valor.

The Commander-in-Chief, responding, said that he thanked all present for their gracious welcome to him, and was grateful for their kindness. It gave great and genuine pleasure to meet so many comrades and in a city which was as loyal as any and which furnished so many brave sons. To-day all lived in a free country and all in it were for its best interest. Those who fought against each other, who were bitterly opposed in the field of battle, met in unity and in friendship, and with one common country. Many survived those fearful days, and many cherishing the remembrance met to continue the glory of the Nation. The Grand Army, the grandest association on earth, sprang from patriotism, and still continued as the defender of the soldier's rights and interests and the guardian of his widow and orphan. Charity is the great link binding it together, and the charity came from the hearts of the men who formed the grandest army earth ever saw. It does not seek to keep alive or foster the difference of the past, and all recognizing this are proud of its badge, be they officer or private. Many old veterans are still out of the organization who should be in it, and they should be induced to enter the ranks. There all could feel the friendships that came from the Camp-fire and the battlefield, and could rally around the flag once more within the embrace of the Grand Army of the Republic.

A letter of regrets was received from W. W. Perry, Department Commander of Illinois.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL BENNETT

made a few remarks and was followed by Col. Loud, of the Chief's staff, and member of Post No. 1, Philadelphia. He thanked all for their reception to the youngest Chief of the Order, only a drummer-boy, a soldier, but one of the best Grand Army men in the country, who had worked ever for its interests. He advised constant charity and the keeping out of politics as the surest means of success. A few other remarks were made and the gentlemen adjourned to a supper served in the ante-rooms.

Among those present were James Everest and W. H. Loud, of the Commander-in-Chief's staff; Past Department Commanders Col. H. H. Hilliard and Guy T. Gould, Gen. H. H. Thomas, A. A. G. Bennett, Gen. A. L. Chetlain, Col. H. P. Thompson, Capt. C. F. Mattison, Capt. W. H. Rose, Capt. G. G. Pierce, Col. H. D. Field, Maj. H. C. Cook, Capt. James Donahue, Col. S. M. Randolph, Capt. S. P. Rumsey, Post Commanders Cole, Vaughn, Nisch, Brady, Sand, and others.

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS.

Adj't-Gen. Alcorn has returned from the South, having extended his visit to Dallas, Texas, where he instituted the Department of Texas upon a call, issued to the Posts by telegraph, upon looking over the situation in New Orleans. The interest prevailing among the Union veterans of the Lone Star State was expressed in the very full delegation present from all the Posts, and the organization completed by the election of Comrade W. D. Wylie as Department Commander, with Headquarters at Dallas; Senior Vice Department Commander, F. R. Sturgis, Galveston; Junior Vice Commander, F. W. Bradley, Fort Worth; A. A. G., George W. Hynson, Dallas.

Texas has been a part of the Department of the Gulf, but the Posts have attained such numbers as to make a special Department most imperative. It is estimated that there are fully 5,000 Union veterans and their families now in Northern Texas. Comrade Alcorn did not fail to make a strong appeal for the Woman's Relief Corps, and Texas is pledged to the work. One application has been filed at National Headquarters, W.R.C. Comrade Alcorn represents the interest as developing at every point visited in Grand Army and Relief Corps work. Mower Post, New Orleans will form a Corps.

GEN. R. B. BEATH.

Past Commander-in-Chief Robert B. Beath was warmly welcomed by the comrades and ladies of Toledo on his way to Minneapolis, to be present at the presentation of the memorial voted by the National Encampment. Wednesday evening he visited Forsyth Post in company with Commander-in-Chief Kountz, where, after spending some time in fraternal comradeship, they repaired to the residence of the National President, Mrs. Sherwood, and received a cordial greeting. Comrade Beath is held in warmest esteem as one of the ablest and truest of our grand soldier Order, and his visits are hailed with sincere pleasure. On the morning of his departure for the West, via Detroit, Comrade Beath visited Headquarters and met the resident officers of the Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps, the Commander-in-Chief, Adjutant-General, Judge Advocate-General, National President and National Secretary being present. A profitable hour was spent and excellent advice received, Comrade Beath being high authority on all matters pertaining to soldier interests. By the way, Comrade Beath's Blue Book is proving invaluable throughout the West. Under the ruling of the National President that the decisions and opinions of the Grand Army should be applicable to questions arising in the Woman's Relief Corps, the work is proving to be as indispensable to Corps as to Posts. The Department President of Michigan has recommended its purchase in a circular letter of instructions to the Corps.

HONORING MINNESOTA.

The engrossed testimonials for Minnesota and Minneapolis have reached Headquarters for the signature of the Commander-in-Chief, who had just dipped his pen into the ink to sign for Minneapolis when your correspondent made an appearance this morning. They will be forwarded this morning for the presentation at Minneapolis on April 10.

TESTIMONIAL TO MINNESOTA.

FRATERNITY. CHARITY. LOYALTY.

The Grand Army of the Republic, in the 18th annual session of the National Encampment assembled at

Minneapolis, Minnesota,
July 23, 24 and 25, 1884,

desire to express in this manner their grateful appreciation of the munificent hospitality of the people of

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extended on every hand to them and to their comrades and friends in attendance at this Reunion.

For the first time, gathered in the great Northwest, in a State that has developed such wonderful resources, adding so greatly to the wealth and prosperity of the Nation, we were made more than welcome, and citizens have vied with the public authorities in making our stay memorable and pleasant: Therefore, it was unanimously

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to convey to the people of Minnesota, through the honored Executive of the State,

His Excellency Gov. L. F. HUBBARD,

the earnest thanks of the Grand Army of the Republic.

JOHN S. KOUNTZ,
Commander-in-Chief.

W. W. ALCORN, A. G.
[G.A.R. Badge.]

Committee on Testimonial—Robert B. Beath, Pennsylvania; Wm. Warner, Missouri; J. W. Burst, Illinois; H. A. Barnum, New York; S. S. Burdett, Potomac; J. R. Carnahan, Indiana; T. J. Anderson, Kansas.

TESTIMONIAL TO MINNEAPOLIS.

FRATERNITY. CHARITY. LOYALTY.

At the 18th annual session of the National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, held in Minneapolis, July 23, 24, 25, 1884,

[City Coat of Arms]

it was unanimously

Resolved, That in cordial appreciation of the many evidences of generous welcome shown in the decorations of public and private buildings, the reception and attention given by the officials of the city, and the open-hearted hospitality extended by the citizens to the soldiers and sailors of the Union in attendance at this Encampment, the hearty thanks of the

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

should be conveyed to the people of MINNEAPOLIS through its esteemed representative,

His Honor Mayor GEORGE A. PILLSBURY,

whose personal attention and kindness will also be long remembered by the participants in this our largest Encampment and Reunion.

JOHN S. KOUNTZ,
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THE G.A.R. TESTIMONIAL.

The testimonial to the Department of Minnesota is a large Grand Army badge, 30 x 17 inches, of captured cannon metal, cast by Heaton Bros. This is fixed on a board back which is covered with red plush, all set in a fine bronzed frame about 26 x 23. The inscription plate of cannon metal bears the following: "Presented to the Department of Minnesota, Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade E. C. Babb Commander, by the National Encampment for fraternal courtesies received at the 18th annual session at Minneapolis, July 23-25, 1884.

GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 14.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
TOLEDO, O., March 28, 1885.

I. "Proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations must be presented to the Adjutant-General in time to furnish each member a copy at least 30 days before the National Encampment." (*Resolution, Encampment, June 18, 1879.*)

In accordance with the foregoing resolution, proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations must be forwarded to these Headquarters not later than April 24, 1885.

II. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Aids-de-Camp—Edward Moore, Portland, Me.; John Williamson, Portland, Me.; Henry Street, New Orleans, La.; Jas. J. Healy, Chicago, Ill.; F. S. Capron, Chicago, Ill.; C. W. Von Trotha, Denver, Colo.; W. P. Altman, Selida, Colo.; Dexter T. Sapp, Leadville, Colo.; Chas. B. Peek, Columbia, Dak.; John C. Schmidt, Westfield, Mass.; Geo. W. Wilson, Hamilton, O.; Ben. Henderson, Sedan, Kan.; John M. Armstrong, St. Joseph, Mo.; Jno. H. Stolhoff, New York, N. Y.; Harry R. Whiting, Albuquerque, N. M.; Michael H. Murphy, Las Vegas, N. M.; Franklin Jordan, Santa Fe, N. M.; Ferdinand F. Boltz, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; O.W. Blakeeley, Meriden, Conn.; Daniel Worchester, Bridgeport, Mich.; Michael Cornely, Kirkby, O.

Assistant Inspectors-General—Louis B. Fulwiler, Peru, Ind.; M. W. Merrifield, Union City, Ind.; Chas. Emery, Fort Worth, Tex.

The resignations of Comrades M. J. Sloan, Warren, O., and John H. Walker, of New York City, Aids-de-Camp, are accepted. The former has been elected Junior Vice Commander, Department of Ohio, and the latter appointed Assistant Quartermaster-General, Department of New York.

By command of
JOHN S. KOUNTZ.

W. W. ALCORN, Commander-in-Chief.
Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS NOTES.

Comrade Samuel Wells, Buchanan, Mich., Chairman of Committee on Transportation, 19th National Encampment, and member of the National Council of Administration, is a visitor at Headquarters this morning. Comrade Wells reports satisfactory arrangements fast reaching completion. A circular with full information will shortly be issued from these Headquarters.

The Commander-in-Chief leaves Monday for Bellevue to attend the funeral of his friend, Rev. W. G. Gibbons. Tuesday he leaves for California. FORSYTH.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

ILLINOIS.—

J. C. Boyles, Macedonia: We have a Grand Army Post here, which is in good working order and constantly increasing in membership.——H. Nurse, Hallock: Officers of Post No. 135: Commander, Samuel Hosselton; S. V. C., H. H. Nurse; J. V. C., N. M. Bell; O. D., R. J. Nurse; O. G., Jno. L. Beck; Q. M., T. Alexander; Chap., J. F. Thomas; Adj't, M. B. Robb; S. M., F. S. Wilmot., Q. M. S., Levi Bean.——Officers of Aurora Post, No. 20, Aurora: Commander, Eb. Denney; S. V. C., M. D. Yager; J. V. C., F. L. Thayer; Surg., H. S. Seymour; Chap., C. H. Snediker; O. D., J. J. McNair; O. G., C. G. Ayres; S. M., R. E. Covalt; Q. M. S., E. A. Sanders; Drum Major, Pat Howard; Adj't, C. W. Howard; Q. M., J. E. De Vier.

INDIANA.—

J. V. Pownall, Fulton: Officers of Reed Post, No. 206: Commander, D. J. Pownall; S. V. C., F. M. Leffel; J. V. C., H. C. Patton; Adj't, J. V. Pownall; Q. M., H. A. Fissel; Surg., S. M. Allen; Chap., J. V. Reed; O. D., R. B. Reed; O. G., S. Spenser; S. M., O. Bryan; Q. M. S., W. H. Zuck.——E. P. Statzer, Evansville: The fair of Post No. 27 commenced on the 6th inst. Officers of Post: Commander, A. C. Rosencranz; S. V. C., Dan. S. Wilson; J. V. C., J. M. Laughlin; Surg., J. W. Compton; Chap., S. B. Samson; O. D., Jac. W. Messick; O. G., J. Holtman; Adj't, August Loich; S. M., C. Reichert; Q. M., O. F. ——R. Q. M. S., W. A. Page.——Edward Harrison, Marengo: Hammond Post, No. 231, which was organized Sept. 18, 1883, has now a membership of over 80, and is in fine working order, mustering in new recruits at nearly every meeting.

IOWA.—

E. M. B. Scott, Ottumwa: Cloutman Post, No. 69, was organized a little more than a year ago with a membership of 67, and now we number about 100 in good standing, the majority taking great interest in Post matters. Our present corps of officers is: Commander, E. M. B. Scott; S. V. C., W. H. C. Jaques; J. V. C., Wm. Dempsey; Adj't, George H. Wheelock; Q. M., T. J. Hall; O. D., W. S. Coen; O. G., J. W. Driskell; S. M., J. M. Conlin; Q. M. S., Chas. Bachman; Surg., L. Campbell; Chap., W. H. Pilsbury. One very interesting feature of our meetings, which we hold regularly on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month, is that at each meeting two comrades are appointed and at the next regular meeting they are expected to favor the Post with a talk, generally on reminiscences of the war, and we find that our boys take great interest in it. We have a project on foot, and have gone at it in good earnest, to erect in our city a fine soldiers' monument. Our idea is to erect a granite monument, surmounted by a private soldier in bronze (life size), to cost from five to six thousand dollars, and we hope to be able to have it completed and be ready to unvail by Decoration Day next year. On the monument is to be inscribed the name, company and regiment of each soldier throughout our County who was killed or died in the service and those who have died since the war.——J. E. Leasure, La Dora: Officers of Post No. 145: Commander, C. A. Gates; S. V. C., A. E. Gates; J. V. C., F. M. Fields; Surg., John Byers; Chap., J. D. Kohl; O. D., J. J. Coats; O. G., E. Wallick; Q. M., M. A. Mantz.

KANSAS.—

H. A. Kenworthy, Survey: Officers of Post No. 136: Commander, L. C. Worden; S. V. C., G. B. Lane; J. V. C., H. H. Underwood; Adj't, R. James; Chap., H. Emrich; O. D., W. T. Allen; Q. M., H. Toliver; O. G., M. R. Jones; Q. M. S., J. Shepard; S. M., H. Dunn.——J. H. Rhoads, Goddard: Fincher Post, No. 352, was mustered March 28 with 17 charter members and the following officers: Commander, Thomas Northop; S. V. C., J. H. Rhoads; J. V. C., F. B. Smith; Adj't, L. R. Masters; Surg., J. C. Van Greson; O. D., G. H. Smith; O. G., J. G. Hazcraft; Q. M., Wm. H. Taylor; Q. M. S., Jas. Tifts; S. M., M. Loomis.

MAINE.—

Charles B. Stuart, South China: James P. Jones Post, No. 106, is preparing to build a two-story building, which will be the largest hall in the town. The Post was organized April 23, 1884.

MICHIGAN.—

A. H. Church, Hannah: Jas. S. Wadsworth Post, No. 297, has recently been organized with 20 charter members and the following officers: Commander, Curtis H. Camp; S. V. C., Allen H. Church; J. V. C., Myron A. Fuller; O. D., N. W. Clark; Surg., Dr. M. S. Brownson; Chap., M. W. Jackson; Adj't, James Broderick; Q. M., Albert Stenson; O. G., Edmond Tripp; S. M., Morris N. Sackett; Q. M. S., Edgar Ormsby.

MINNESOTA.—

M. S. Fawcett, Balaton: Officers of Markham Post, No. 7: Commander, R. M. Addison; S. V. C., T. P. Baldwin; J. V. C., L. S. Keil; Surg., Dr. J. L. Armington; Chap., O. Warren; O. D., W. H. Langdon; O. G., E. L. Chase; Adj't, C. C. Whitney; Q. M., O. E. Gail; Q. M. S., C. A. Cook.

NEBRASKA.—

"Ninth Corps," Lincoln: Brad P. Cook, Past A. A. G. of this Department, has been appointed by Gov. Dawes as Chief Clerk in the State Census Office, and has commenced his duties at the Capitol building in Lincoln. His appointment to this responsible position will be hailed by the entire membership of the G.A.R. in this State. Comrade George B. Lane, of Post No. 7, Omaha, has been appointed Superintendent of the State Census. The Department Encampment of Kansas was attended by Department Commander Cole, Past Department Commander Palmer, Past Department Inspector Allee, and Chairman Hill of the 1884 Reunion committee. These comrades were part of a committee appointed by our late Department Encampment to extend a cordial invitation to the entire Department of Kansas to unite with us at our Reunion at Beatrice in September next. They extended the invitation, which was quickly accepted by our Kansas comrades. Commander-in-Chief Kountz was met at the Encampment, and made arrangements with Commander Cole to pay our Department an official visit in the near future. He will receive a cordial reception from his old comrades in arms, as the spirit of Fraternity burns with undimmed luster in the hearts of every comrade in Nebraska. The Topeka Flambeau Club has accepted an invitation to be present at the Reunion and give us an exhibition of their unsurpassed pyrotechnics, marching and drill. It has been announced that Gen. Morrow, Commander of Department of Washington Territory, will attend the Reunion, accompanied by a large escort of the Regular Army. His attendance at Fremont was a marked feature of that Reunion, and his many warm friends in this State will be pleased to learn that he is to be with us again. Camp-fires, open meetings, fairs and festivals have been the order of the day throughout the Winter months, and a large increase to the Relief fund has been the result. Comrade J. C. Lewis, the new Department Inspector, has started on his rounds. It is his intention to pay an official visit to every Post. This will do more than any one thing to increase the interest of our Order, as many of our Post are so isolated that visits from Department officers are few and far between, and some Posts have felt as though they were neglected. Comrade Lewis will thoroughly inspect each Post, and will exemplify and fully explain the details of the unwritten work. We expect grand results from his fidelity and zeal. Our Department is alive, and as soons as the new officers get settled into the harness you may expect good reports from this neck of woods.

NEW MEXICO.—

"Bee," Wallace: Post No. 4, of this place, is named after Sergeant Benj. F. Hopper, Co. C, 5th N. Y. (Duryea's Zouaves), who was killed at the battle of Big Bethel, June 10, 1861. We were recently the recipients of a fine crayon portrait of Sergeant Hopper, given by the mother, sister, and brother of the dead hero. The picture was received by Commander Morris in an appropriate manner, and now adorns the Post room.

NEW YORK.—

Wm. L. Sternberg, Newark: Officers of Post No. 99: Commander, S. B. Van Duser; S. V. C., Howard Burt; J. V. C., Victor Le Roux; Adj't, Wm. L. Sternberg; Q. M. S., Horace J. Crosby; Surg., Alfred Westfall; Chap., Rev. Arthur W. Cady; O. D., Geo. H. Mills; O. G., Edwin N. White; S. M., Jacob E. Stever; Q. M. S., S. S. Richards.——Officers of Jas. Perry Post, No. 89, Brooklyn: Commander, H. W. Hughes; S. V. C., B. D. Magee; J. V. C., George W. Martin; Adj't, Jos. H. Bartlett; Q. M., Chas. T. Morgan; Surg., John Mallay; Chap., Joseph I. Stone; O. D., C. F. Thompson; O. G., Wm. C. Baker; S. M., J. H. Schaeffer; Q. M. S., H. Schiefelin; Color Serg'ts, Robert Givein and D. J. Sullivan; Drum Major, B. F. Chapman; Fife Major, Wm. Potavin; Inside Sentinel, James Carr; Outside Sentinel, Jos. P. Haven.

OHIO.—

Geo. W. Fry, Hamden Junction: Officers of Post No. 315: Commander, Dr. S. W. Monahan; S. V. C., Wm. J. Cox; J. V. C., L. W. McKinniss; Q. M., H. D. Wortman; Surg., M. J. Montgomery; Chap., R. G. Colville; O. D., James E. Taylor; O. G., L. B. Zigler; Adj't, Geo. W. Fry; Q. M. S., Torrence Murray.——John K. Duke, Portsmouth: Officers of Post No. 508: Commander, Wm. H. McCurdy; S. V. C., Jacob Fritz; J. V. C., John Mooning; Adj't, O. A. Searls; Surg., Dr. Jacob Seigel; Chap., J. H. Kemp; Q. M., J. Montgomery; O. D., Jno. P. Merrill; O. G., D. F. Andre.

OREGON.—

Officers of Ellsworth Post, No. 19, Carvallis: Commander, J. B. Scrafford; S.V. C., S. A. Hemphill; J. V. C., W. E. Paul; Adj't, F. M. Johnson; Q. M., Wm. Morgan; Surg., Albert Kemp; Chap., John Blanford; O. D., Walis Baldwin; O. G., S. Keer; S. M., H. Gerber; Q. M. S., C. W. Atwood.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

W. H. Hudson, Millerton: Charles W. Deming Post, No. 47, was mustered March 25, at this place, by Commander James Loughbridge, of Phil Holland Post, of Lawrenceville, with 22 charter members and the following officers: Commander, Harry T. Graves; S. V. C., W. E. Deming; J. V. C., J. C. Belknap; Q. M., W. H. Hudson; Chap., Charles Tillinghast; O. D., Frank Kelly; Surg., J. S. Kelly; Adj't, Charles Kelley; S. M., Jesse Buchanan; Q. M. S., Thaddeus Kelly; O. D., Frank Shaffer.

VERMONT.—

Isaac H. Elliott, Waterbury: Officers of Edwin Dillingham Post, No. 22: Commander, J. W. Sleeper; S. V. C., George Brown; J. V. C., J. A. Durkee; Q. M., I. H. Elliott; Adj't Charles Wells; Surg., John Knapp; Chap., O. W. Davis; O. D., D. A. Gray; O. G., Hartwell Moody; S. M., F. Carpenter; Q. M. S., J. Hutchinson.

WISCONSIN.—

U. D. Wood, Black Earth: On the 10th ult. Luther T. Park Post, No. 184, of this place, held a most delightful Camp-fire, which was very largely attended. On this occasion the Post was the recipient from the citizens of Black Earth of a handsome flag and a purse, the latter increasing the Post fund considerably.

THE ENCAMPMENTS.

KENTUCKY.

The Department Encampment of Kentucky convened at Newport on the 27th ult., and the election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Commander, Col. Geo. W. Northup, of George H. Thomas Post, No. 6, Louisville; S. V. C., Col. D. O'Riley, of J. Wess Gosnill Post, No. 8, Litchfield; J. V. C., O. A. Reynolds, of Garfield Post, No. 2, Covington; M. D., F. A. Davis, of William Nelson Post, No. 1, of Newport; Chap., J. J. Parsons, of Hambrick Post, No. 22, of Burtonsville; Historian, R. M. Kelley, of George H. Thomas Post, No. 6, of Louisville.

Wm. Bowman was appointed Delegate-at-Large to National Encampment, at Tolesboro. Z. T. Morrow, of Somerset, was appointed Delegate to National Encampment, with W. A. Newton and P. H. Keen as attendants.

There are at present 36 Posts in the State, with a total membership of 1,500, being an increase of 600 in the past year. There are on file applications for several other new Posts that have been organized. The Encampment strongly favors the establishment of Relief Corps.

Somerset was selected as the next place of meeting for the Department Encampment.

Organization of the Department of Montana.

In pursuance of orders issued by Provisional Department Commander Thomas P. Fuller, the representatives of the Grand Army Posts in Montana assembled in Encampment in Helena March 10th, for the purpose of permanently organizing the Department of Montana. The following were the authorized representatives of Posts responding to roll call:

Post No. 2, Fort Custer, I. F. Rowe, Henry Frederick, C. E. Price, J. H. Macomber.

Post No. 6, Butte, P. R. Dolman, H. C. Kessler, Levi E. Holmes.

Post No. 8, Helena, G. W. Shaw, J. G. Sanders, R. C. Wallace.

Post No. 9, Deer Lodge, D. J. McMillan, H. H. Zenor, Lew Coleman, James H. Mill; aiternates, Geo. C. Houck, S. Glover.

Post No. 10, Virginia City, H. S. Howell, J. E. Callaway.

Post No. 13, Livingston, F. W. Wright.

Post No. 17, Billings, H. M. Kane, W. H. Norton.

Post No. 18, Bozeman, J. M. Lindley, W. F. Sanders.

Post No. 19, Missoula, John L. Sloan, W. H. H. Dickinson, Will Kennedy.

Post No. 21, Glendive, Pierce Hoopes, M. P. Wyman, C. E. Waters.

(The above Post numbering is as existing under the Department of Utah. The Posts will be renumbered in due time as the Department of Montana.)

After preliminary business the Department Encampment proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, and the appointive offices were filled by the Department Commander, resulting as follows:

Dept. Commander, Thos. P. Fuller, Post No. 8.

S. V. C., James H. Mills, Post No. 9.

J. V. C., C. E. Price, Post No. 2.

Medical Director, Levi E. Holmes, Post No. 6.

Chap., L. E. Hanna, Post No. 13.

Council of Administration—M. P. Wyman, Post 21; P. R. Dolman, Post 6; D. J. McMillan, Post 9; W. H. H. Dickenson, Post 19; Eddy S. Ferris, Post 18.

A. A. G., John Moffit, Post 8.

A. Q. M., Charles S. Warren, Post 6.

Ins. Gen., Horatio S. Howell, Post 12.

Judge Advocate, J. R. Goss, Post 17.

C. M. O., James E. Callaway, Post, 12.

Aids-de-Camp—E. S. Dickenson, Post 10; Pierce Hoopes, Jr., Post 21; Lester S. Willson, Post 18; Otho Klem, Post 15; Will Kennedy, Post 19.

Comrade C. E. Waters, of Post 21, was elected Delegate of the Department of Montana to attend the next National Encampment at Portland, Me.

The requisite action was taken to entitle Past Post Commanders to voice and vote in Department Encampments.

After numerous ballots, including Butte, Missoula, Helena, Livingston and Billings, it was finally determined to hold the next Department Encampment at Bozeman, the time to be designated by the Department Commander.

Organization of the Department of Texas.

The Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, was permanently organized on the 25th ult., at Dallas, by the election of Col. W. D. Wylie, of the 2d Iowa, Department Commander; Capt. F. R. Sturgis, 5th N. Y., Senior Vice-Commander; Lieut. D. W. Bradley, 44th Mo., Junior Vice-Commander; Dr. J. Bell, Ill. Inf., Medical Director; Capt. G. W. Hynson, Texas Cav., Assistant Adjutant-General. Col. Charles Emory, of Fort Worth, was elected Delegate to the National Encampment.

G.A.R. GENERAL ORDERS.

VERMONT.

General Orders, No. 3, issued at Burlington, March 16:

I. It is the earnest desire of the Department officers that all matters relating to the work of the Department receive prompt attention, and to accomplish this it is necessary that all matters of business be addressed to the officer who is to act upon the same. Personal communications may be sent direct to the Department Commander, but all returns from Posts required by Rules and Regulations and all official communications should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant-General. Requisitions for badges, books, blanks and supplies of all kinds to the Assistant Quartermaster-General. Applications for mustering officers to the Chief Mustering Officer, and all matters relating to the inspection of Posts to the Inspector of the Department or Assistant Inspector of the district in which the Post is located.

II. Comrade Beath's "Blue Book," which contains the official decisions and opinions on questions pertaining to Rules and Regulations, should be in the hands of every Post Commander to enable him to determine whether a question has not been already decided, before referring it to Headquarters, and thus save himself much delay and inconvenience.

III. Blank returns for the first quarter of 1885 have just been distributed to Posts, and it is hoped that Post officers will make an effort to have them ready for transmittal at the close of the last meeting in this month. Posts in arrears for returns for any quarter are not entitled to representatives in Department Encampment.

IV. Attention is again called to the matter of service cards. The Commissioner of Pensions is very desirous that the record of surviving soldiers and sailors, commenced last year, be completed, and that the changes occurring in the various Posts be put on record in his office. The importance of this work cannot be over estimated, and it may be looked upon as work of charity for our disabled comrades. Blank cards will be furnished on application to the Assistant Adjutant-General, and should be returned through these Headquarters when filled out.

V. The Department countersign is transmitted to Posts with this order.

By command of W. L. GREENLEAF,
JAS. B. SCULLY, Dep't Commander.
Ass't Adjutant-General.

CALIFORNIA.

General Orders, No. 2, issued at San Francisco March 9, are as follows:

I. The 18th annual Encampment, held at San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 18, 20 and 21, 1885, elected the following officers:

S. V. C., Comrade H. F. Burnett, Sumner Post, No. 3, Sacramento.

J. V. C., Comrade Henry C. Dibble, Burnside Post, No. 36, Tombstone, A. T.

Medical Director—Comrade J. W. Pease, George H. Thomas Post, No. 2, San Francisco.

Chap., Comrade L. W. Simmons, L. H. Rousseau Post, No. 64, Kelseyville.

Council of Administration—Geo. L. Harris, Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 2; A. Hollywood, Lyon Post, No. 8; James F. Cunningham, W. H. L. Wallace Post, No. 32; Allen Ticknor, Bird, W. H. Seward Post, No. 65; I. S. Loventhal, Grant Post, No. 9.

Delegates to National Encampment—Comrades T. H. Goodman, James A. Waymire, W. H. Seamans, and Chas. E. Wilson, all of Geo. H. Thomas Post. No 2.

Alternates—Comrades C. E. Royce, George H. Thomas Post, No. 2; Dr. H. McCrew, Lyon Post, No. 8; J. L. Lyon, Appomattox Post, No. 50; E. A. Weed, Frank Bartlett Post, No. 6.

II. The following Staff appointments are hereby announced:

A. Q. M. G., Comrade R. H. Orton, Lincoln Post, No. 1.

Dept. Ins., Comrade Walter H. Holmes, George H. Thomas Post, No. 2.

Judge Advocate, Comrade S. F. Daniels, Lyon Post, No. 7.

C. M. O., Comrade L. Finigan, Phil Sheridan Post, No. 7.

Senior Aid-de-Camp, Comrade Will H. Voorhees, Lincoln Post, No. 1.

Acting Ass't Adj't-Gen., Comrade Chas. H. Osborn, Lincoln Post, No. 1.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. The Department Government reduced the per capita tax from 12½ to 10 cents per quarter for the ensuing year.

IV. Post Commanders will at once designate from their Posts one comrade for the position of Aid-de-Camp and one for Assistant Inspector upon the Staff of Department Commander, and forward the names to these Headquarters. It is to be hoped that none but enthusiastic and earnest comrades will be named for these positions.

V. The Provisional Department, Woman's Relief Corps, effected a permanent Department organization at the same time as the meeting of our Encampment, and elected Mrs. Lizzie D'A. Kinne Department President, with a full complement of energetic and active assistants in other official positions of the Corps.

It is a subject for congratulation upon the part of all the comrades of this Department that we now have so able, so devoted, and so welcome an ally as the Ladies' Auxiliary are determined to prove themselves to be, and the Delegates who were at the Encampment have special reasons for remembering the hospitality and many courtesies extended to them by the Relief Corps. It is not too much to hope that during the coming year a majority of the Posts in this Department will have their Auxiliary Corps duly organized, and greater success than ever before in any single year guaranteed to the Posts, by such allies as noble, loyal and patriotic women are sure to be.

I trust that the comrades of this Department will encourage by every honorable means this labor of love, this heart-work of the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, which the loyal women of America have established, and which is doing so good a work, in true fraternity, for the needy and distressed of those who were tried in the fire of battle that waged so fiercely and for so many years, for the preservation of our national integrity and unity. To the Woman's Relief Corps the Department Commander cordially gives a soldier's welcome, a God-speed for their noble organization, and assures them of his most hearty support.

VI. All orders and requisitions for Post supplies should be sent to these Headquarters.

By command of R. H. WARFIELD,
W. R. SMEDBERG, Dep't Commander.
Assistant Adjutant-General.

MARYLAND.

General Orders, No. 3, issued at Baltimore, March 21, are as follows:

I. In compliance with General Orders, No. 13, dated March 14, 1885, from National Headquarters, there will be a thorough inspection of all the Posts of this Department between the 1st day of April and 15th of May next. The reports of said inspection to be forwarded to these Headquarters not later than May 18.

II. The following assignment of Assistant Inspectors has been made: Alfred S. Cooper, Posts 8, 11, 19, and 25; George W. Grove, 2 and 24; Frank Nolen, 1, 6, 12, and 26; E. C. Miller, 4, 14, and 31; D. E. Brockett, 5 and 37; A. G. Alford, 3, 15, and 16; George W. McCullough, 9, 10, and 30; John H. Mitten, 13 and 38; H. H. Haines, 22; Samuel Nichols, 20 and 21; Noah Underwood, 7 and 39; Joseph H. White, 24; Matthew Strohm, 27; James A. Dell, 18 and 28; John W. Parsons, 35; Thomas S. Norwood, 22, 23, and 33.

Comrade George F Wheeler, Inspector, will personally inspect Posts 29 and 39.

III. Assistant Inspectors will immediately communicate with Post Commanders and arrange the dates for making the inspections. It is hoped this inspection will be rigidly performed, all questions on the blanks to be fully and correctly answered. Assistant Inspectors should thoroughly inform themselves in the work of the Ritual, Rules and Regulations, and manner of conducting Post business, so that they may be able to give the proper instructions when found necessary. For any information in regard to their duties, Assistant Inspectors will address Comrade George F. Wheeler, Department Inspector, corner Light and German streets, Baltimore.

By command of JOHN W. HORN,
Department Commander.

Official: THOS. L. MATTHEWS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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RELIEF CORPS NEWS.

Gleanings from National Headquarters--Notes from the Departments.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS
TOLEDO, O.

KATE B. SHERWOOD, National President.
EMMA D. SIBLEY, National Secretary.

TOLEDO, O., April 1, 1885.

This may be "All Fools' Day," but a glance over the letters on the National Secretary's desk shows that there are no fools in the Woman's Relief Corps. Some of the writers may have more valor than discretion, but the agitation over many things shows a healthy interest in the work and a determination to know all there is to know not unworthy of the cause. Fortunately for the National President trouble slips off her shoulders like water from a duck's back, and in the manifold complications which arise her faith is so implicit in the Woman's Relief Corps and in all to which it is pledged as to increase her enthusiasm and