THE GRAND ARMY.

News from the Departments---Campfires, etc.

HEADQUARTERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Commander-in-Chief returned from Ohio last Monday, and remained here until to-day, when he left for Ft. Wayne to attend the semi-annual Encampment of Indiana. He will be there to-morrow, Saturday and Sunday, and then returning home remain at Headquarters for the next 25 days, which will be the longest period he has been able to be here since his election. In that time he hopes to get the Headquarters business well under way.

He is delighted with the manner in which the Grand Army appeared at the Grant funeral. Fully 15,000 comrades were in line, and they presented a splendid appearance, eliciting commendations from all who were present. They were given the right of the line, and swung into their place in splendid shape, being where they could review the whole of the procession.

Leaving New York Sunday the Commander-in-Chief reached Gettysburg Monday, and was received there with all the honors due his office. In the evening a magnificent dress parade was held at the foot of Cemetery Ridge, than which grander place for such a demonstration could not have been found. The camp of the Department was on the hill beyond, the slope of which formed a natural amphitheater, where were gathered tens of thousands of citizens to view the pageant. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Commander-in-Chief was called upon for a speech, and responded in his happiest vein. Taking the train that evening for Springfield, O., he stopped over at Troy to visit his old friend C. C. Royce, Past Department Commander of the Potomac, who is in the banking business in that beautiful little city. The Troy Post formed escort of the Commander-in-Chief to Springfield, where they also met Corporal Tanner, who had been escorted from Toledo by Forsyth Post.

The exercises of the annual Encampment, described elsewhere, were full of interest, and were participated in by all present with decided enthusiasm. On Wednesday evening a grand Campfire was held, at which the Commander-in-Chief and Corporal Tanner made addresses.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE has recently forwarded, in response to requests, blank applications for Post charters to the following: John W. Houston, Warwick, N. Y.; Philip Blodgitt, Surrey, Wis.; Z. H. McCubbins, Rogers, Ark.; N. C. Bond, Townsend Mills, W. Va.; C. W. Russell, Pleasant Grove, Minn.; A. H. Stalnaker, Tanner's, W. Va.; C. N. Stone, Tanner's, W. Va.; Matthew Hallam, Prairie City, Mo.; James Hunt, Wales, O.;—making a total of 13 during the present administration.

ARIZONA.

"Schroedler," Prescott: Barrett Post, No. 62, of this place, has adopted resolutions of regret of the death of Gen. Grant.

CALIFORNIA.—

GEN. GRANT'S MEMORY.

General Orders, No. 6, issued July 25, contains the following in relation to Gen. Grant:

I. With the deepest sorrow the Department Commander announces to the Department of California, Grand Army of the Republic, that Gen. Grant is dead. Our comrade and the Nation's great Captain, whose military achievements from Donelson to Appomattox ranked him with the greatest heroes of history, has been called to answer to his name upon the roll of the Grand Army of the Great Commander of the Universe, in that haven of rest where the soldier is forever at peace.

From us who were his comrades, his soldiers, and who saw him when confronted with almost insurmountable difficulties, yet steadily and sturdily moving forward with a quietude that indicated great reserved force and a consciousness of power that would bring success, how could it have been otherwise than that we should instinctively and implicitly trust in him, and when the results proved that he was right, we freely and unreservedly gave to him not only our respect, but our affection.

The great characteristic of his life and of his every action was his determined honesty of purpose and fidelity toward his associates. He knew no superiors, he had no betters, and he esteemed no price too great which would save the Nation. He meant friendship if he gave you his hand. He had an honest and jealous pride in his military record, but it was a pride that caused him to willingly share his good fame and fortune with his earliest and humblest friends.

With them we unite in paying our homage to the remnant of mortality now deposited in a voiceless tomb; while as time is rapidly effacing the bitter animosities of that civil strife in which he was so prominent, we may expect at some day that a large majority of those who fought against his armies are with us, and are sorrowing over the silent tent that is now spread upon "fame's eternal camping ground," and that covers all that is earthly of Gen. U. S. Grant.

They will with us acknowledge the patriotism, devotion and true loyalty of him whose name will ever remain enshrined in the hearts of a now united Nation, and will brighten with shining luster the pages of history for all time to come.

To his bereaved family, in their sad and mournful affliction, which hangs like a pall over all our land, the Department of California, Grand Army of the Republic, tenders their warmest sympathy and love.

II. In recognition of the great loss to our organization in the death of Comrade U. S. Grant the colors of the Posts of this Department will be appropriately draped in mourning for the period of 30 days from the date hereof, and all comrades are requested to drape their badges in mourning for the same period.

III. All Posts are requested to take immediate steps to co-operate with the local authorities in such ceremonies of respect to the deceased hero as may be decided upon in their respective cities.

By command of R. H. WARFIELD, Department Commander.
W. R. Smedberg, Assistant Adjutant-General.

THE NEXT ENCAMPMENT.

General Orders, No. 7, issued at San Francisco, July 27, are as follows:

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I. The National Encampment in Portland, Me., at its 19th session voted to meet in San Francisco in 1886; to go from the sunrise to the sunset shore of the continent, and to repeat in the city of the Golden Gate the grand parade of nearly 30,000 old soldiers of the days when the gallant corps of the army were marching to the music of the Union.

II. There has been probably no time since the foundation of the Department of California when its prosperity was so great as it is at present; no time when the outlook for the future was brighter. The State of California has generously appropriated $25,000 to aid us in giving our veteran comrades a welcome worthy of our great State, but to suitably entertain and to carry out and maintain the reputation of California hospitality this amount must be quadrupled. The time to begin is now. It is a long distance from the East to California, and requires not only time, but money, and your delegation saw several instances where comrades of Eastern Posts began while in Portland to lay aside weekly a fund that shall at the end of the year amount to sufficient to bring them to the Pacific coast in 1886. Comrades of this Department, I advise that you begin at once by committees in every Post to prepare plans for having sufficient money in your hands and sufficient entertainments in view to entertain your old comrades, who will journey to our golden State next year. In every city, town and hamlet let there be a ready and generous welcome to these old soldiers. They will desire to see all parts of California, and many of them will locate permanently among us, and bring with them new life and new wealth to our State.

III. Every Post in this Department should be in San Francisco in a body during Encampment week, and if any comrade cannot take a whole week, let him begin now to prepare to be there the day of the parade, and to march in the column. But let every one aim to put in the whole week, and to work with energy to make the 20th National Encampment a grand and memorable success. Posts should provide themselves with banners, colors, guidons, etc., uniform and arm their officers, and if found consistent with the means of comrades to adopt a simple uniform for the entire Post. Single-breasted blue coats and blue pantaloons, with either G.A.R. hats or caps, will be appropriate and not expensive. Information as to cost of all articles required can be obtained through the A. Q. M. G. at Department Headquarters, and when desired he will act as purchasing agent without charge.

IV. Comrades! Every man to the front; let us begin work and recruit our ranks. Let every individual comrade exert himself to double the strength of this Department within this year. Let us see what comrade will obtain the most recruits and what Post will make the greatest percentage of gain. Tell every Union soldier or sailor who is not a member of the Grand Army now that he must "fall in" at once, to be able to meet those who wear the badge, and will visit us next year. Let the work begin at once. Let us do our utmost to bring into our ranks every man in our Department who stretched forth his stalwart arms to save our Union, who heard the thunder of the same guns in battle that we heard, and who finally with us marched under the Union flag to a glorious and final victory.

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

COLORADO.—

KIT CARSON MONUMENT.

J. Baldwin, Silver Cliff: I notice in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE of June 18, 1885, an article under the head of a "Monument to Kit Carson," wherein it says: "The monument was donated by ex-Senator Dorsey through Sedgwick Post at Raton, of which he is a member." I have no desire whatever to take one single laurel from ex-Senator Dorsey, but in justice to E. V. Sumner Post and many other Posts throughout New Mexico and Colorado, I desire to say that E. V. Sumner Post, No. 24, holds a receipt in the following words: "Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic, Department of New Mexico.—Santa Fe, N. M., June 2, 1884.—Received from E. V. Sumner Post, G.A.R., $6 for Kit Carson monument fund.—Signed: Franklin Jordan, Assistant Quartermaster-General.—No. 20." Which I believe will show conclusively that there were other donors to the monument besides the ex-Senator. You will observe that as early as June 2, 1884, the number of the receipt held by E. V. Sumner Post is 20, thereby showing very positively that the person or persons having in charge the raising of funds for the erection of a monument to the late Kit Carson had received money from others besides the ex-Senator. This is written by order of the Post, of which I am Adjutant.

FLORIDA.—

Post No. 5, of Eustis, held memorial services in honor of Gen. Grant on the 8th inst.

ILLINOIS.—

S. W. Merrill, Carthage: Aug. 12, 1884, Comrade E. B. Hamilton, Quincy, organized Alexander Sympson Post, No. 455, in this city, with 43 charter members. During the year we have added 32 to the number. We have lost one by death. Our officers for the present year are: Commander, John Eider; S. V. C., A. C. Shultz; J. V. C., John S. Duffy; O. D., S. S. Wilson; O. G., F. G. McMechan; Chap., James Sample; Surg., W. H. D. Noyes; Q. M., S. W. Merrill; Adj't, Peter Jackson; S. M., M. V. Riley; Q. M. S., Joseph Helfrich. We meet twice a month, and the meetings are well attended.

Post No. 102, of Salem, has adopted resolutions on the death of Gen. Grant.

T. A. Smith, White Hall: The members of Post No. 512 and their friends were regaled for two hours on the 5th inst. by a magnificent account of the battle of Shiloh by Maj. B. M. Prentiss. In his discourse he established, beyond question, the fact that Gen. Grant was on the field as early as 8 a. m. on the first day.

Post No. 20, Aurora, Ill., has adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of Gen. Grant.

The Encampment of the G.A.R. Posts of Central and Southern Illinois, held at Hillsboro on the 14th and 15th insts., was very largely attended, the crowd being estimated at from 10,000 to 15,000. The beautiful grove where the encampment was held was alive with people from all parts of Central and Southern Illinois. Capt. F. Y. Hedley, of Bunker Hill; Gen. John I. Rinaker, of Carlinville; Maj. Jas. A. Connolly, of Charleston, and Rev. W. H. Lilly delivered addresses on the first day. On the last day of the encampment Gov. Oglesby, Gen. John A. McClernand, Maj. A. Orendorff, and the Hon. John M. Palmer were present and made speeches.

INDIANA.—

Chas. H. Garrigues, Francisville: Post No. 76, of this place, held public memorial services at the Methodist Episcopal Church on the day of Gen. Grant's funeral.

IOWA.—

C. M. Norton, Marshalltown: The day opened very unpromising, with frequent heavy showers, to an extent that all out-door arrangements for the funeral obsequies of Gen. Grant, which were to be quite extensive and included procession by G.A.R. Post, National Guards, civic societies and citizens, were dispensed with. At 2 p. m., however, a large assemblage of people met at the M. E. Church, among which was F. M. Thomas Post, No. 94, 125 strong, under command of S. V. C. Capt. Nelson Ames, its Commander, A. F. Haradon being President of the Day. Exercises were opened by the President of the occasion in a few touching remarks. He then introduced Comrade Rev. H. B. Foskett, who offered up an invocation. This was followed by the memorial oration, delivered by the Post Chaplain. Rev. Mr. Schindler closed the exercises with a benediction. The exercises were appropriately interspersed with songs by a 15-voiced male chorus.

Grigsby Foster Post, No. 329, Lucas, has adopted resolutions of regret on the death of Gen. Grant.

Baker Post, No. 88, of Clinton, held memorial services in honor of Gen. Grant on the 8th inst.

Albert Winchell Post, No. 227, of Lyons, held memorial services in honor of Gen. Grant on the 8th inst. Rev. H. L. Shurey preached an excellent sermon, and the address was delivered by J. C. Route. Resolutions of regret were also adopted by the Post when intelligence of the death of Gen. Grant reached it.

KANSAS.—

At a special meeting of Severance Post, No. 191, Highland, held July 18, 1885, Comrade Frank Kitzmiller presented the Post with a beautiful gavel made from wood taken from Libby Prison. The gavel is a present from Stonewall Jackson Camp, C. V., Richmond, Va. Resolutions thanking the donors were adopted with three cheers nad a tiger. The Post is in a flourishing condition.

KENTUCKY.—

Memorial services were held at Louisville, under the auspices of Geo. H. Thomas Post. Speeches were made by Cols. Kelley, Duke and others.

MASSACHUSETTS.—

"M," Attleboro: William A. Streeter Post, No. 145, was organized at this place in 1871, and from that day to the present has been found ready to perform those duties known only to comrades. We have a membership of 110, and quite a majority of that number can be counted on for any and all duties. We have a few reliable members always present at the regular meetings, and doing their part to help the G.A.R.; and, like many other Posts, we have a few who like to be counted G.A.R. men only on public occasions. We are in a good sound financial condition, and pleasantly located in a commodious hall. We have quite a large cabinet of curiosities gathered from the many battlefields, etc., kindly presented to us by many friends and comrades. We are like many towns in one particular, that we have more than 100 men in this town who served their country in her need; honorably discharged soldiers, who have not yet connected themselves with us. They are gentlemen who would give to the Post character, and whose membership would aid us in many directions. We do not understand why they keep in the background. On Saturday, the 8th, the Post attended the Grant memorial services, as did the Sons of Veterans and the Woman's Relief Corps. The attendance of citizens was not as large as might have been expected. The speakers were Dr. S. R. Bronson, Rev. Mr. Whitehill, Rev. Mr. Biddle, the pastor of the colored church in this village, and Rev. Mr. Kaufman; they all filled their parts nobly, and no one who attended will ever regret the time spent in paying respect to our departed comrade. A most excellent choir rendered great assistance in making the service most interesting.

MICHIGAN.—

H. J. Holmes, Hart: Joe Hooker Post, No. 26, of this place, held memorial services in honor of our late comrade, Gen. U. S. Grant.

A most interesting gathering of old soldiers was held at Greenville Aug. 5 and 6, in which quite a number of Posts took part. The parade was reviewed by Gov. Alger. Quackenbush Post, of Owosso, took the first prize for drilling. Gen. Cutcheon, Hon. T. F. Tarsney and Hon. J. W. Turner delivered addresses.

Quackenbush Post, Owosso, held memorial services on the 8th inst.

MISSOURI.—

A correspondent at Jefferson City writes that the State offices were all closed, as well as the business houses, as a mark of respect to Gen. U. S. Grant, so that all might participate in the memorial service. The day was very hot, but notwithstanding the heat the boys in blue were on hand. At 2 p. m., J. A. Garfield Post, No. 6, G.A.R., led by the brass band, marched to the State grounds, where minute-guns had been fired from sunrise until we reached the grove. Rev. R. Palmer spoke very touchingly of the great man's life, after which M. G. Walker made a very fine address. Rev. T. M. Cobb, ex-Confederate, made some remarks of sympathy and read the burial service of the M. E. Church.

"A Comrade," Jefferson City: J. A. Garfield Post, No. 6, is growing; we are getting in some good and true boys who know what it has been to march and fight in rain and shine, with half rations, or little or none in prison-pens. The boys think they are highly honored in having the Department Chaplain, John S. Ferguson, for their Post Commander.

R. A. Vance, Clinton: Post No. 238 was recently mustered at Lowry City, and the following officers elected: Commander, H. H. Bass; S. V. C., M. E. Ferguson; J. V. C., J. W. Titus; Adj't, J. H. Stewart; Q. M., Jonas Rothgebe; Surg., Dr. John McGlade; Chap., Rev. Emerson Barbet; O. D., A. J. Vincent; S. M., P. S. Harris; Q. M. S., J. M. Francis.

NEBRASKA.—

J. Matinson, Dorchester: Post No. 107, of this place, has adopted resolutions in regard to the death of Gen. Grant. I think the most appropriate monument that could be erected to Gen. Grant would be some magnificent temple of learning.

NEW MEXICO.—

J. J. Fitzgerrell, Las Vegas: I expect shortly, with several members of my staff, to make an official visit to the different Posts in this Department. It is hoped, in view of the fact that San Francisco was selected as the next meeting of the National Encampment, that there will be an increased membership in our ranks in the West and in New Mexico. A visit at this time through the Department is deemed opportune for the purpose of enthusing the old comrades to maintain their ranks and recruit as rapidly as possible. It is earnestly hoped that the meeting of the Encampment will not be called before July or later than August, and not later than Aug. 5 to 10. I have conferred with many members of our Department and know what their feelings are and what their preferences are. Many members of the Grand Army are Knights Templar, myself among the number. The tri-annual Conclave will be held in St. Louis in Sept., 1886. It seems to me it would suit the convenience of the greatest number of our comrades to visit San Francisco in August and return via St. Louis, attending the Knights Templar Conclave in September. The month of August is the month the greater number of our business men can be absent from their business. Let time enough be given between the two meetings to let the comrades who desire to, stop over and examine into the resources of the Rocky Mountain country do so.

NEW YORK.—

Some of the members of Post Joseph C. Rice, of New York city, deny the statement made by Lieut. Thomas McKeon that he was the only member of the Post, of the 180 who started, who marched to Riverside Park. They protest against being termed "weak-kneed brethren." They assert that the Post turned out about 100 members, of whom about 40 were in the ranks when they filed off at 121st street, Mr. McKeon, the guidon, continuing to the tomb.

Wadsworth Post, No. 77, of New York city, held its eighth annual picnic on the 11th at Elm Park, and during the day indulged in a rifle-shooting tournament. Gen. Charles P. Stone was introduced to the assemblage by Chaplain of the Post George A. Gardner, at the close of the tournament, and made a brief soldierly speech. The Guard Lafayette and Fire Zouaves arrived during the evening and participated in the dancing.

The Grand Army Encampment at Coney Island, Sept. 9 and 10, promises to be a grand affair. At a recent meeting at the City Hall, Brooklyn, Comrade E. A. Dubey was Chairman, and Solomon Galinger, Post No. 21, Secretary. Representatives from 19 Posts were present. Chairman Dubey stated that there was a prospect that tents and camp equipage could be obtained from the State through the courtesy of Brig.-Gen. Daniel D. Wylie, Quartermaster-General. About 100 "wall" tents would be needed. Invitations had been given to and accepted by Gov. Abbett and staff, of New Jersey, and Secretary of State Gen. Joseph B. Carr, of New York, and other distinguished guests were expected. Committees on railroads, steamboats, vehicles, and transportation; entertainment and ceremonies; hotels, restaurants, and breweries; press and advertising; invitation, reception and arrangements, were appointed. Col. McLeer, Gen. E. L. Molineux, and Gen. J. B. Woodward were appointed a committee to obtain the tents and camp equipage. This Encampment will not only be participated in by the Grand Army Posts of Kings County, but by thousands of comrades from New York and neighboring States. The Commander-in-Chief, the Department Commanders of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and other Departments have been invited and it is expected they will be present. Several prominent Generals will also be in attendance.

The third annual Encampment of the Grand Army of Western New York will be held at Hemlock Hall, North Collins, N. Y., Aug. 25, 26, and 27, under the auspices of Ayer, Noyes, and Darby Posts. The program will comprise guard-mountings, inspections, parades, Reunions, sham-battles, etc.

NORTH CAROLINA.

A special meeting of New Berne Post, No. 4, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of North Carolina, was held in the city of New Berne, on Wednesday evening, Aug. 5, 1885. Commander Maj. Wm. L. Palmer presiding, called the meeting to order, and in a few brief and appropriate remarks stated the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of expressing our sympathy, by suitable resolutions, at the loss of our deceased comrade, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, whose death occurred at Mt. McGregor, N. Y., on the 23d of July last.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas it hath pleased the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ to call from the cares, toils and battlefield of life to eternal peace and rest our Comrade, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant; therefore,

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the will and wisdom of Him who rules the armies of heaven, who sets up and casts down empires, and shapes and controls the destinies of Nations and men.

Resolved, That earnestly desiring to show every possible mark of respect to the memory of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, ex-President of the United States and Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy, and to manifest the high estimate in which his eminent public services and distinguished patriotism are held, we, the members of New Berne Post, No. 4, Grand Army of the Republic, resident in New Berne, N. C., do hereby express, in common with the members of our Order throughout the Union and the people of the Nation, our appreciation of his high character, his public service, military achievements and private virtues.

Resolved, That in the death of Gen. Grant the country has sustained a loss which is felt and deplored not only within our own borders, but by the nations of the earth.

Resolved, That we herein express our gratitude to God, who permitted his servant to see the consummation of his hopes and labors in a restored Union; called upon the scene in the hour of the Nation's greatest peril, Gen. Grant turned defeat into victory and prevented a dissevered Union.

Resolved, That as a soldier he was cool and deliberate, daring, resolute and brave; bold to plan and vigorous to execute, his battles were fought to secure peace; the victory won, he was magnanimous to the enemy, and the tender tributes to his memory from those who fought against him welds the broken link and verifies his own expression, "Let us have peace."

Resolved, That we express our admiration and love for our deceased comrade, whose private life furnishes the true test of character, who as a husband and father was loyal and true, finding joy and delight in the home and society of his family, and trusting in the truths of Revelation for his future life, in which he was a firm believer.

Resolved, That we extend to Mrs. Grant, and the other members of the family of our deceased Chief and comrade, our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of their profound sorrow, and commend them for consolation to Him upon whom the husband, father, soldier and patriot leaned in life, and through his long and painful illness sustained him, and at last was "his rod and staff through the valley of the shadow of death."

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of our deceased comrade, and that a copy be furnished the press for publication.

Committee—D. Stimson, R. C. Kehoe, A. R. Dennison, A. J. Yeomans, Dr. H. G. Bates, R. Berry, P. M. Draney, D. N. Kilburn, E. W. Carpenter, W. S. H. Turner.
T. A. Henry, Secretary.
Maj. William L. Palmer, Chairman.

OHIO.—

The tri-State Reunion at East Liverpool of the Grand Army of the Republic was a success in every way. The day was opened with a parade of 2,500 men from Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Ohio and West Virginia under command of Col. R. H. Hill. Several battle-flags were carried, and the Pittsburg Posts hauled cannon made from shells gathered at Gettysburg and Shiloh. The public meeting in the afternoon was addressed by Judge Foraker, Maj. McKinley and Department Commander Brown, of Ohio. Judge Foraker was given an enthusiastic reception. In the course of his remarks he said no man should be admitted to an office of trust or profit while bearing the slightest taint of treason. He appreciated the talk of conciliation, but it should never be mentioned until every man in the United States can be assured of human liberty and absolute equality. At night several regimental Reunions and a big Campfire were held. There were 15,000 strangers in the city during the day.

Richard Netz, Waynesboro: Post No. 433, Woman's Relief Corps No. 56, and Washington Camp, No. 47, S. of V., held memorial services on the 8th inst. Rev. J. B. Rust delivered an eloquent address on behalf of the Grand Army and Prof. J. L. Robb spoke for the citizens.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

An effort has been made to secure for Meade Post, No. 1, of Philadelphia, one of the four flags with which the canopy of Gen. Grant's catafalque was decorated. An inquiry into what had become of the four flags showed that one had been given to U. S. Grant Post, one to the 7th New York Regiment, one to Mrs. Dr. Newman, and the fourth Undertaker Merritt had presented to his wife. It is to be hoped that one of the two ladies owning the flags will be willing to relinquish one to Gen. Grant's old comrades of Meade Post.

TENNESSEE.

Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 1, of Nashville, held memorial services on the 8th inst. at the Masonic Theater. Post Commander W. J. Watson, Adj't Bradford and Department Commander E. S. Jones conducted the services. Maj. Willis delivered a most eloquent eulogy on the life and services of the illustrious dead. Judge Lawrence also made some appropriate remarks.

Union Veteran Legion.

Encampment No. 3, Union Veteran Legion, Youngstown, O.,—Robert W. Gray Commander, W. G. Leedy Adjutant,—has adopted resolutions in regard to the death of Gen. Grant. The resolutions also extend the heartfelt sympathy of the organization to the bereaved family.

No Medals for Him.

TO THE EDITOR: The old soldiers of this community commend your strictures on the question of a medal to be worn by soldiers and sailors of the late war. The best and highest honor that can be bestowed on soldiers is the one we bought at such a sacrifice in the field of conflict—namely, the parchment certifying to our honorable service, without which none is entitled to enter the portals of the G.A.R. These medals cannot be bought. The pieces of silver designated as medals could be worn by many unscrupulons and undeserving; but when you take hold of a hand on whose breast the badge of the G.A.R. rests, you know you meet a comrade and friend. We are also more than rejoiced to know that we are to have some pen pictures from the hand and heart of our old commander, Gen. John A. Logan, than whom there are none better qualified to write us up.—H. COFFEEN, 1st Iowa Ind'pt Co. L. A., Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The Silver Medal.

TO THE EDITOR: Your brief comments on the "Silver Medal" proposition are to the point, and I wish, as an humble member of the fraternity, to record my emphatic "No!" What I believe the ex-soldiers most need now is the repeal of the arrearage of pensions act, so that all should be served equally and alike. We have, as you say, the G.A.R. badge, and no ex-soldier need be now ashamed to wear it. Every ex-soldier should be a member of the Order and wear the badge at all times, and if they will only subscribe for your valuable and to me indispensable paper they would soon be G.A.R. men and wear the badge with a good deal of pride and pleasure.—GUY T. GOULD, Chicago, Ill.

Headache, Costiveness, and Piles, are easily and thoroughly cured by a judicious use of Ayer's Pills.

No more striking evidence of the growth of the business in condensed milk can be given than in the statement of the Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company, that "The annual production of condensed milk is estimated at 60,000,000 cans, manufactured by 11 different firms in Europe and America, of which the above-named company manufacture 40,000,000; that is to say, the Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company supply two-thirds of the world's entire demand, and the other 10 firms the remaining third." This great house has its parent establishment in Cham, Switzerland, with branches in England and America, and it is claimed that this immense growth is due entirely to the superior and uniform purity of their productions, coupled with the low prices at which they are sold.

OHIO ENCAMPMENT.

Encampment of the Grand Army at Springfield—An Immense Attendance.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week the Encampment of the Department of Ohio was held at Springfield, the camp being named in honor of Past Commander-in-Chief Earnshaw, and was a great success in every way, nearly 70 Posts being in attendance. Every possible arrangement for the comfort of the visitors had been arranged. Tents in abundance were on the ground, so that there was no crowding. The weather was most delightful, although on the morning of the first day there was a heavy storm. Among the first arrivals were Gen. S. S. Burdett, Commander-in-Chief; Judge Carnahan, of Toledo, one of his aids, and E. J. Stewart, Department Chaplain of Ohio. There were also on the ground Corporal Tanner, of Brooklyn; Past Commander-in-Chief John S. Kountz; Adj't-Gen. Alcorn, of Toledo; Gen. R. B. Brown, Commander Department of Ohio, of Zanesville; A. A. G. Henry, A. Axline, Quartermaster-General Fred C. Dietz, and Chaplain Wiley, of Greenville, of his staff. Among the prominent ladies of the Relief Corps were Mrs. Lottie Myers, of Canton; Mrs. Mary A. Hovey, of the Lower Salem Corps; Mrs. C. V. Harr, and Mrs. Lemuel Jeffries, Wooster, Ohio.

The city was very handsomely decorated. Wherever the eye rested, and as far as could be seen in any direction, there was a continuous flutter of bunting, relieved by G.A.R. emblems and mottoes, evergreens, flowers, pictures, etc. The first night in camp was spent by the boys with great jollity, but everything was quiet and orderly. The second day brought large accessions of veterans and Posts, and by noon it was estimated that not less than 4,000 were at Camp Earnshaw. In the afternoon a meeting was held, at which Department Commander Brown presided, and the following Department officers were also present: S. V. C. D. P. Bosworth, Marietta; Medical Director T. M. McClaren, Wellington; Chaplain J. L. Wylie, Greenville; A. A. G. H. A. Axline, Zanesville; A. Q. M.-G. F. C. Dietz, Zanesville; Ins. Carl N. Bancroft, Columbus; Judge Advocate Chas. Townsend, Athens; Council of Administration D. C. Putnam, Springfield; R. H. Cochrane, Toledo; Aids-de-Camp J. H. Rees, Columbus; John W. Byron, Soldiers' Home; Henry Kissinger, Dayton; Henry Smith, Cincinnati; Jas. Knapp, La Rue.

The Department Commander opened the meeting with a few remarks in regard to the W.R.C. He said: "If the G.A.R. is to be continued and perpetuated, it must be through the agency of the women. The Corps at Toledo, one of the 92 in existence in the State, Olin Corps leading all others in this work, expended $2,200 last year, and Hazlett Corps, Zanesville, expended $1,100. The life of a Post is in its social features, and who better than the ladies can manage such entertainments." Among the other speakers were Mrs. D. C. Putnam, President of Mitchell Relief Corps; Gen. S. H. Hurst, of Chillicothe; Comrade Fearing, of Post 457, Lynchburg, and Department Chaplain Wyly.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The Ohio Department of the Woman's Relief Corps held their semi-annual meeting in the G.A.R. Hall. Department President, Mrs. Lottie L. Myers, of Akron, presided, and Department Secretary, Mrs. Sarah M. E. Battelles, of Akron, and Department Treasurer, Mrs. Matilda E. Ebersole, of Akron, were both at their posts. The roll-call showed 95 members present, the Mitchell Corps being unable to attend on account of their manifold duties on the ground. The parade was the event of the Encampment, however, and was a most brilliant spectacle. Among the other organizations that marched in the procession were the following Posts:

Phil. Kearney Post, No. 38, Nelsonville; Kyle, 41, Wapakoneta; Serg't Holt, 43, Rutland; Eaton, 55, Clyde; Neal, 62, Sidney, and band; 81, New Concord, and band; Kishler, 83, St. Mary's; Wetzel-Compton, 96, Hamilton; Edgar, 102, Dunkirk; Poysell, 103, West Liberty; Lyon, 121, London, and band; Jobes, 157, Greenville; Henry Harmon, 354, West Mansfield, 36 men; McCarty, 182, Collen, 192, Vaughnsville; Commodore Foote, 200, Cincinnati; Mart Armstrong, 202, Lima; Coleman Asbury, 257, Mt. Victory; J. M. Boddie, 272, Newtown; Hughes, 285, Malta; Langston, 299, Covington; McKendree Murlin, 319, Mendon; Henry Hatfield, 320, Roundhead; Conger, 330, Cambridge; 343, Cambridge; Thos. Lilly, 345, Georgesville; D. Van Fossen, 354, Mechanicstown; Brooklyn, 368, Brooklyn; James Young, 376, Burbank; Wilson Burrows, West Jefferson; Theodore Bode, 396, Independence; Decter-Gilbert, 417, Herrings; Washington Liggett, 436, Agosta; Dell Roy, 438, Dell Roy; G. W. Larimore, 445, Versailles; Samuel Allen, 461, Kirkland; M. A. Ross, 473, Christiansburg; Post 513; J. M. Arthur, 518, Huntsville; J. C. McCoy, 1, Columbus; E. A. King, 23, Dayton; P. L. McCook, 30, Carthage; Israel Vance, 76, Centerville; Hiram Strong, 79, Dayton; Stephen L. Baxter, 88, Mechanicsburg; Stout, 108, Fayette; Ransom Reed, 113, Marysville; Strong, 118, Jamestown; John M. Bell, 119, Washington C. H.; Keller, 128, Bucyrus; Harker, 146, Shelby; Runyan, 147, New London; Alexander, 158, Piqua; Bailey, 164, Portsmouth; Morrison, 167, Ashville; Chandler, 186, Utica; Perkins Bullich, 195, Cincinnati; G. Thurston, 213, Lebanon; John Kell, 241, Franklin; Hoel, 230, Waynesburg; W. H. Trimble, 243, Rainsboro; L. A. Myers, 252, Simburg; Corp. Owen Gray, Gray, 274, La Rue; Armstrong, 278, Greenwich; Scioto, 287, Scioto; Willis, 292, Marseilles; Jere Galehouse, 297, Doylestown; Henry Hart, 306, Brookfield; Hamilton, 311, Orrstia; Miller Moody, 314, Bellville; James Mann, 348, Steuben; Col. Stevens, 353, Morrow; A. J. Sykes, 355, Chicago Junc.; Henry Lincoln, 364, Oberlin; W. W. Simpson, 370, Belle Center; David Lloyd, 374, Maringo; D. Brown, 380, Duncan's Falls; Austin, 403, Cleveland; Dan Parker, 418, Lodi; Livingston, 425, Richwood; John Berry, 437, Green Camp; Eugene Reynolds, 441, Bellefontaine; T. J. Murrill, 457, Lynchburg; Monumental, 462, Perry; Duncan, 477, West Milton; Millington, 506, Pottersburg; Carrolton, 516, Germantown; Clinton, 25, Canton.

At a late hour on Wednesday the camp broke up, and the veterans prepared to return home, after having met in one of the most delightful Reunions ever held in the State.

During the Encampment the 22d Ohio held its annual Reunion and elected officers as follows: Pres., J. R. Brownell, of Dayton; Sec., J. M. Niuffer, of Springfield.

THE G.A.R. ENCAMPMENT.

Meeting of the Veterans on the Field of Gettysburg.

Tuesday of last week was an interesting day at the Grand Army camp on the famous battlefield of Gettysburg. There were large excursions with bands from Chambersburg, the Cumberland Valley and other points. In the afternoon the 140th Pa. dedicated on the battlefield a granite monument on Wheatfield avenue, six feet high, five long, three and a-half wide, at the spot where the regiment lost 14 officers and 227 enlisted men in less than an hour, among them the Colonel, R. P. Roberts. Ex-Congressman W. S. Shellabarger was orator of the day, with speeches by Col. Batchelder and Gen. Barnum. D. M. Frey, Washington, Pa., presented the monument to the Battlefield Memorial Association, which was received by Col. J. M. Vanderslice, member of the association.

The Pennsylvania Reserve Association held a Reunion at Devil's Den, ex-Gov. A. G. Curtin presiding. Addresses were delivered by Capt. H. S. Minnigh, who commanded Co. I, Pennsylvania Reserves, the only Adams County Company in this battle; Col. John H. Taggart, of Philadelphia, and ex-Gov. Curtin. A banquet at Round Top Park followed.

The 4th Pa. held a Reunion in the court room, with addresses by Rev. Jesse B. Young, of Harrisburg, and others.

The 45th Pa. had a Reunion at Post No. 9, Room A, Department Commander Curtin and Gen. John J. Curtin, of Bellefonte, speaking.

Among the attractions at night was a lecture by Rev. Jesse B. Young before the Sons of Veterans—subject, "Echoes from Round Top"—and a ball in the large refreshment tent of Post 291.

The Battlefield Memorial Association held a long session during the day, at which permission was unanimously granted the 2d Md. (Confederate) to erect a monument on Culp's Hill, on the ground of the Association. Arrangements were also made to indicate the positions occupied by the New York and New Hampshire regiments. On the following day—Wednesday—the camp was at its hight. Throngs of visitors covered the grounds, and at least 5,000 spectators witnessed the dress parade in the evening. At the business meeting, Gettysburg was selected by a large majority over Williamsport as the place for the next Summer camp. The commission to erect a Pennsylvania Soldiers' Home met at the Springs Hotel, Gov. Pattison presiding. No definite action, however, was taken. Gov. Pattison, the State officers and other distinguished gentlemen reviewed the dress parade. The day closed with a grand display of fireworks and a sham battle, participated in by a large number of men. Gov. Pattison made a speech, which was heartily applauded by the veterans. Gen. J. A. Beaver followed, urging that the Encampment should indorse the Memorial Association's action in allowing Confederate monuments to be placed on the field, saying that the war ended at Appomattox. The speaker hoped that every Southern State would make the appropriations necessary to mark the positions of their regiments on the battlefield. At the end Ass't Adj't-Gen. Stewart read a telegram of greeting from the Ohio Department. On the following day the committee of 30, representatives of the 19th Ohio, headed by Adj't-Gen. E. B. Finley, of Columbus, visited all parts of the battlefield with Col. Bachelder, Superintendent of Tablets, and located positions with the view of erecting a monument. In the afternoon the 106th Pa. dedicated a fully-inscribed granite shaft. Gen. A. S. Webb, of New York, commander of the brigade, delivered the oration. Gen. James C. Lynch, of Philadelphia, turned the monument over to the Battlefield Memorial Association. It was received by Past Department Commander J. M. Vanderslice, of Philadelphia, on the part of the association. Exercises were held in the large tent at the camp. On account of the rain there was no dress parade. There were fireworks later in the evening, and a concert at the Springs Hotel by members of the Peabody Institute Orchestra, followed by a grand ball. At 1 o'clock Friday the Encampment closed. It was one of the best attended, most successful and interesting in the history of the Department. While those who participated thoroughly enjoyed themselves in every particular, the very best of order prevailed in town and camp throughout the entire time. The Assistant Adjutant-General's report shows the Department of Pennsylvania to be in splendid condition. The membership is now 37,000, an increase of 2,000 in the past six months. The Department has not been behindhand in works of charity, over $60,000 having been spent for that alone since January last.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

REGRET FOR GRANT'S DEATH.

Resolutions adopted by the Woman's Relief Corps, No. 13, auxiliary to Post No. 141, G.A.R., Bradford, Pa., on the death of Gen.