THE GRAND ARMY.

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HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

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

GRANT MONUMENT FUND.

The following communication from G. Van Houten Post, No. 3, of Jersey City, N. J., to the Commander of the Department explains itself:

H. M. NEVIUS, Department Commander of New Jersey, G.A.R.

COMRADE AND DEAR SIR: At a regular meeting of Van Houten Post, held on Friday evening, Nov. 6, the following resolution was adopted in reply to Circular Order, No. 3, from National Headquarters:

Resolved, That this Post protest against any of the funds contributed by the G.A.R. for a memorial to our late revered comrade U. S. Grant being diverted into any other channel than to the monument to be erected to his memory at Riverside, New York.

By direction of the Post I was to bring this protest to the attention of the Commander-in-Chief through the proper channel.

Yours, in F., C. and L., JOS. R. VAN SYCKLE, Commander of Post.

The following reply to the above was sent from Headquarters on Monday last:

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5, 1885.

Comrade Jos. R. Van Syckle, Commander G. Van Houten Post, No. 3, through Headquarters Department of New Jersey, G.A.R.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: I beg to acknowledge the receipt, through Department Headquarters by indorsement of the 2d inst., of your letter of Nov. 17, which conveys the action of your Post upon Circular No. 1 (erroneously referred to as Circular Order, No. 3), from these Headquarters. The action communicated is in form of resolution, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That this Post protests against any of the funds contributed by the G.A.R. for a monument to our late revered comrade, U. S. Grant, being diverted into any other channel than to the monument to be erected to his memory at Riverside, N. Y."

This resolution the Post directed to be brought to the attention of the Commander-in-Chief. It gives me pleasure to note in this action of G. Van Houten Post confirmation of the impression in my own mind which led to the issue of Circular No. 1, that it would be the "heart's wish" of every member of the Grand Army of the Republic, no matter what his circumstance so or in what remote corner of our country dwelling, to have a personal part to which they have contributed of their store. But in addition to these evidences of respect for the memory of the great commander and patriot, which will be chiefly the work of citizens who had with him into the ties of comradeship, there was in the heart of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic the desire to erect to him, for token not of affectionate admiration alone, but of the tie of comradeship, a monument which should be theirs, and which should speak for each of the 300,000 who constitute our Grand Army the pledge of their undying affection for his memory, and for that cause by loyalty for which we locked hands with him until victory for our country absolved the bonds which held us to her cause. The responses which have been made to the suggestions of Circular No. 1 more than justify the belief under which it was issued; but one suggestion of objection has been made, so far as these Headquarters have been advised, namely, that it had not been definitely announced that the proposed monument should be placed at the National Capitol. The recent action of the Council of Administration announced in General Order, No. 10, has settled this question, and settled it in accordance with the almost universal wish and preference of our comrades. I am quite sure that "Van Houten Post" will be glad with me in the erection of a monument to our departed Comrade Gen. U. S. Grant. The interest manifested in the general subject by the resolution conveyed to me is an assurance that comrades of Van Houten Post will, if they have not already, vouch the presence assumed for themselves of that common feeling by a subscription to the funds for a monument at Riverside Park, New York. The protest in the resolution against diverting any funds contributed by the G.A.R. into any channel other than for the Riverside monument could not have been intended to have so broad an application as its terms would seem to indicate.

In various parts of the country, as I am well advised, comrades have found pleasure in contributing to proposed monuments to be erected in their own vicinity or general locality, just as "Van Houten" Post finds expression for its liberal and patriotic desires in its contribution to the neighboring monument at Riverside. I am sure that it was not intended to protest that the G.A.R. contribution so made, should have been turned into the Riverside fund; on the contrary I believe that my comrades of your Post will and do greatly rejoice that in many a favored spot, and in localities as wide apart as our country is great, the eyes of our comrades will rejoice in monuments erected to U. S. Grant that our National authority has met the wishes of so many comrades by this action, and I am equally well satisfied that when the record is completed of those servants of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, whose contributions erected the Grand Army's Monument to its great comrade that there will be no name lacking which has a place on the rolls of the splendid Department of New Jersey.

Wishing your Post all success and prosperity, I am, Comrade, Yours, in F., C. and L.,
S. S. BURDETTE,
Commander-in-Chief, G.A.R.

General Orders, No. 10, issued on the 1st inst., relate also to the same subject:

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1, 1885.

General Orders, No. 10.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration, held at National Headquarters, in the city of Washington, D. C., the following was adopted and directed to be published in General Orders:

"The Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration, acting on behalf of the National Encampment, indorses and commends the action of the Commander-in-Chief in the matter of the erection of a monument by the comrades of the Grand Army to their late comrade, Gen. U. S. Grant.

"They indorse the several proposals of Circular No. 1, as expressing the wish and purpose of the Grand Army, and pledge its hearty co-operation until the noble object in view is fully attained.

"In view of the fact that inquiry is made at National Headquarters as to the location of the monument and of the desire expressed on all hands that it be at the National Capital, the committee, considering that it should for palpable reasons be there located, hereby declare that the city of Washington shall be the place of its erection.

"That there may be assurance that the funds contributed for this sacred end shall in no event be used for any other purpose than those specified in said Circular No. 1, the Quartermaster-General is directed to deposit the same with the Provident Life and Trust Company of Philadelphia, and the said fund so deposited shall be solely dedicated to the erection of the said monument, and subject to no other charge, save only the cost of printing and distributing the rolls and the proposed engraving of the finished monument; that all time and labor expended in this behalf by the Grand Army or any of its comrades or authorities shall be without cost to the said fund."

The Commander-in-Chief takes pleasure in announcing to his comrades that reports to National Headquarters show that the work of subscription has begun and favorably progressed in most of the Departments, and that the success of the movement is assured.

By command of S. S. BURDETT, Commander-in-Chief.

JNO. CAMERON, Adjutant-General.

[Circular No. 1, alluded to above, has already appeared in these columns.]

Accompanying General Order, No. 10, will be a blank subscription roll, which will be sent to every Post in the United States in the course of the next few days. This, of course, will entail a vast amount of toil, as there are nearly 6,000 Posts that will be reached by these rolls. But the Adjutant-General is willing to undertake any labor, no matter how onerous, when he sees that the Order is to be benefited, and there is no doubt that by this means the monument fund movement will receive a big boom.

NEW COUNTERSIGNS.

New countersigns will be sent out in time to be issued to Posts by Jan. 1, 1886.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE has recently forwarded in respone to requests, blank applications for Post charters to the following: B. H. Armstrong, El Paso, Tex.; Benj. Hohenstrasse, St. Charles, Mo.; J. A. Stout, Evansville, Ind.; Wilson Nevel, Proctor, Pa.; Alonzo Albright, Summit City, Mich.; T. H. Baugher, Blooming Valley, Pa.; J. L. Underwood, Montpelier, Idaho; making a total of 30 during the present administration.

CALIFORNIA.—

The mustering in of Gen. Berry Post, No. 85, at Truckee, Nov. 4, was a most interesting event. Col. C. Mason Kinne, of San Francisco, Past Department Commander, was the Mustering Officer. The veterans congregated at Odd Fellows' Hall at an early hour, and after a merry chat of an hour or so were ordered to fall in line by the Mustering Officer, and in due form were made members of the G.A.R. The new Post starts with 14 charter members, as follows: T. J. Smith, Abner Weed, J. Lambrecht, W. G. Case, Samuel Smith, D. B. Farver, Dan McPheeters, J. G. Booth, A. C. Campbell, B. F. Tackaberry, W. B. Thorndike, C. H. Barton, Dennis Burkhalter, and Pierce Laffin. Following the muster was the election and installation of officers. Those chosen were: Commander, Pierce Laffin; S. V. C., C. H. Barton; J. V. C., Dennis Burkhalter; Adj't, B. F. Tackaberry; Q. M., J. G. Booth; Chap., A. C. Campbell; Surg., W. B. Thorndike; O. D., Dan McPheeters; O. G., D. B. Farver; S. M., Samuel Smith; Q. M. S., Walter C. Case.

George D. Kellogg, Newcastle: Col. E. D. Baker Post, No. 71, of this place, is recruiting right along, and we are waiting anxiously for the next National Encampment to come and meet upon our golden shore. The comrades of the Pacific are anxious to break hardtack and share the army bean again with their comrades of the Atlantic and middle jurisdictions, and crack anew the jokes of '61-'65, and hear the cheers over as we heard them as we witnessed and participated in the victorious campaigns against Vicksburg, Gettysburg, Atlanta, Richmond, etc. Tell E. W. Fisher, of the 44th N. Y., that we have no Government land here, but we have better, as this section of country is the best fruit country on the continent, full of small ranches and prosperous homes, and we hope that our visiting comrades will see us while in this State.

DAKOTA.—

A new Post was organized at Tower City on the 18th ult., by Col. Tyner, Dr. Hill, and Capt. McCarthy. It starts out with 35 members and fine prospects.

ILLINOIS.—

W. H. McNair, Blackberry Station: We have a flourishing Post of 30 members at this place. It is named Roger-Bell, No. 495, after two members of Co. I, 8th Ill. Cav., who fell on the field of battle.

E. B. Hancock, Bloomington: Post No. 146, of this city, is increasing at almost every meeting. We shall have a very large Post before long.

Post No. 49, of Chicago, held a very interesting meeting in the latter part of last month. There was a large attendance, and four new recruits were added to the list of members, and two by transfer. The following are their names: Hugh Malloy, William Glenn, Co. F, 4th Md.; David S. Hamill, Co. D, 10th Mass.; Edward Hanney, Co. F, 57th Pa.; O. L. Carpenter, Co. K, 9th U. S. Inf.; Harvey Bayley, Co. I, 20th N. Y. Cav.

IOWA.—

"A Correspondent," Spirit Lake: The comrades of the Post at Sanborn recently turned out and stacked 100 acres of flax for a sick comrade. That's the kind of brotherly love we have here.

Resolutions have been adopted by H. Robinson Post, No. 24, declaring that Washington is the proper place for the location of the Grant monument, and if that point is selected the Post is willing to pay its quota of 15 cents per member.

KANSAS.—

P. H. Coney, Topeka: The new hall of Gen. James C. Rice Post, No. 71, is the most complete, unique and exclusive G.A.R. hall in this State, and the attendance at the dedication exercises and festival exceeded 500. All did their part well to the delight and satisfaction of the large and cultured audience. Gen. James C. Rice Post and their splendid Relief Corps, although the second in this city, are the most prosperous and fraternal in the State. The Post was organized in 1881 with 40 charter members, and now numbers 278. It was named after Gen. James C. Rice, who raised and commanded the 44th N. Y. (the Ellsworth Avengers). He was killed at the battle of Laurel Hill, Va., May 10, 1864. Their Woman's Relief Corps, No. 94, numbers 100, and is composed of the hardest and most zealous-working ladies in the cause in this State. Mrs. Maj. T. J. Anderson, their President, is a whole Department in herself.

A. A. Holt, 96 Fremont street, Detroit, Mich., says that if any member of Jewell Post, Department of Kansas, will correspond with him, something will be ascertained which will benefit their Post.

W. Sigernon, Mt. Hope: S. A. Gilbert Post, No. 351, is in fine working order and increasing in membership every meeting night.

MAINE.—

G. E. Bryant, Yarmouth: We held a fair here on the 18th, 19th and 20th ult., for the benefit of W. L. Haskell Post, No. 108, in which the Woman's Relief Corps assisted us materially. In spite of the bad weather which prevailed during the three days, we had a large attendance and the affair was a complete success.

Officers of Geo. H. Greenleaf Post, of New Sharon: Commander, A. F. Morrill; S. V. C., L. W. Russell; J. V. C., J. W. Dickerson; Q. M., J. W. Potter; O. G., Elisha Baker; O. D., S. F. Swan; Chap., Col. Wm. Nye. The Post is now in a flourishing condition and numbers over 40 members.

New officers of John F. Appleton Post, of Farmington: Commander, A. Sylvester; S. V. C., F. N. Harris; J. V. C., L. B. Russell; Surg., G. Goggoy; Chap., A. Jennings; Q. M., A. J. Gerry; O. D., N. Gould; O. G., O. P. Dudley.

MASSACHUSETTS.—

E. L. Peck, Westfield: Lyon Post, No. 41, of this place, will hold a fair from the 12th to the 19th of December, to be conducted strictly on business principles, and without recourse to the customary lottery schemes and objectionable features too common on such occasions. The object of the management is to see if the public-spirited citizens who reside on the extreme western verge an enterprise which resorts to games of chance and the like, will lend their substantial aid to one conducted on high moral principles and with strict regard to law. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Post relief fund.

MUSTER OF GEN. B. F. BUTLER.

"Saratoga Chips," New York: On Friday evening, Oct. 23, Gen. B. F. Butler was mustered into membership with the old soldiers whom he led from Lowell to the front, and who followed him through the varied fortunes of the war of the rebellion. He was mustered with all the formality and ceremony befitting the occasion, and henceforth let no calumnious tongue deny the membership of Comrade Butler in this most honorable of fraternities. B. F. Butler Post, No. 42, of Lowell, Department of Massachusetts, had the honor of receiving the distinguished veteran into its ranks, the occasion being also the annual inspection of the Post. The hall was filled to overflowing by the members of the Post and by visitors and guests from other Posts in the vicinity, who were present to witness the interesting ceremony. The services were of course private, none but the initiated being allowed in the hall during the ceremonies. At 9 o'clock the hall was opened to the invited guests, who entered in time to see the General holding an impromptu levee, and to watch the stream of comrades who passed in line to shake the hand of the new recruit. Gen. Butler, at the conclusion of his fraternal ceremony, passed out of the hall for his home, being too weary to remain and participate in the subsequent scenes. After his departure the comrades supped in military fashion on the traditional coffee, doughnuts, beans, etc., and when the pipes were lighted and the meeting called to order by Commander Peabody, the fun began. A glance around the hall showed the presence of Department Commander Hersey, of Springfield Post; Department Commander Geo. Patch, of Boston; Past Ass't Q. M. Gen. C. O. Fellows, of Boston; Ass't Inspector Atherton, of Lowell; Dr. Saunders, of Post 138; the officers of Post 120; Comrades Kelley, Flagg, Coan and a delegation from Needham Post, No. 39, Lawrence, and Comrade E. D. Watterson, Department of New York. Comrade Peabody, with a few remarks, introduced Department Commander Hersey, who said: "The event which has called us together to-night is by all odds the most important in your history; not that Gen. Butler is more than the humblest man in the Post, but by reason of the great and valuable services rendered by that remarkable man to his country. However much we may differ from Gen. Butler politically, there is no one who can forget how, despite the influences thrown around him at the time, in the hour of peril he stepped to the front and laid his life and services on the altar of patriotism and placed his country under lasting obligations to him. Let us never forget them; let us remember these things even in the heat and passion of political turmoil; and let us remember that despite his exalted position he has not deemed it beneath his dignity to come and join himself with his humblest comrade. Why, it is only a few weeks since that I received an application from a Post in a neighboring town to grant them a dispensation to go out into the country to muster two distinguished comrades of the old army into our Order. I did not believe that any such authority lay within my jurisdiction, but I did know that armless and legless veterans had been carried into the lodge rooms in their comrades' arms to join the Grand Army of the Republic. I remembered that, and I declined to grant the dispensation, believing that if our maimed comrades could come to us to be mustered into our ranks no man was exalted enough for the Grand Army to go to them. What Gen. Butler has done all can do; and those who know the character and mettle of the man, and recognize the exalted position he holds in the eyes of his countrymen, can appreciate the spirit that sent him among us to-night. Therefore, I esteem it an honor and a privilege to have been here." When Department Commander Hersey's remarks were concluded the Hon. Jeremiah Crowley made a brief but interesting speech. He mentioned the fact that when President Lincoln made his call for troops at the beginning of the rebellion Massachusetts responded with four regiments, and the first to march was the 6th Mass. In crossing the bridge the cars were mixed up, and in utter confusion the regiment entered Baltimore, where all but four companies were drawn in cars through the streets. These four companies were assailed by the mob of rebels, who did not cease their demonstrations until the maddened soldiery shot them down. The band of the regiment—the old Lowell Brigade Band—had been left behind in a box-car, and was soon the objects of the mob's revenge. They were unarmed and helpless. But a poor, frail woman, deep down in whose heart there burned the divine spark of patriotism, came to their aid, called upon them to follow her, and led them in safety to her home. That night the police took them under their protection, and next day they returned to Philadelphia, from whence, through the kindness of Gen. Butler, they were sent home. Past Department Commander Patch then made a rattling address, given with a pungency and snap which distinguishes that gentleman's utterances. The meeting broke up about midnight, when the comrades returned to their homes delighted with the events of the evening.

MICHIGAN.—

"Cavalry," Detroit: Fairbanks Post, No. 17, and Fairbanks Relief Corps, No. 10, of this place, held a basket picnic social on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, for the purpose of obtaining funds with which to purchase a piano. Comrade Gibbons acted as auctioneer, to sell the baskets, which contained all the good things imaginable. Some of the baskets were knocked down at quite a big price. In the audience was a new organization which consisted of 12 young girls,—daughters of veterans,—whose object was to assist the W.R.C. These young ladies had a bushel-basket, which was finely decorated, and filled with all the luxuries of the season. Every comrade who partook of a lunch from this bevy of damsels was taxed to the extent of 25 cents. The affair was a great success. The Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps in the Department of Michigan are in a very prosperous condition, the latter having doubled the number of its Corps within the past year.

A. E. Ripley, Union City: Carlin Post, No. 88, of this place, having rented a large and commodious hall and furnished it to their liking, occupied the same for the first time on Friday evening, Nov. 25th, and while peacefully and quietly transacting our business for the evening, the W.R.C., with a large force, quietly surrounded and captured our outpost, guarding every avenue of escape, and compelled the surrender of the entire Post. The supply train was quickly advanced, well loaded with hot coffee and cakes. After the close of festivities the comrades were requested by the ladies to call the assembly to order, when one of their members, Mrs. D. E. Youngs, stepped forward, and with a neat little speech presented Commander D. L. Merrill with a beautiful Bible, much to the surprise of the recipient, who was hardly able to stammer his thanks, but called upon Comrade Harsh, who, it is generally believed, was in the secret, and had his little speech prepared for the occasion. It was certainly to the point, and well received. It is needless to say that all enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

MISSOURI.—

A. L. McBride, Butler: On the 6th ult., Mt. McGregor Post, No. 252, was mustered at Sprague with 15 charter members. W. B. S. Gault was elected Commander and J. A. Sartorius, Adjutant. The Post starts off with fine prospects, and I predict for it brilliant success. It is expected that there will be from 50 to 60 comrades before the Winter closes.

NEBRASKA.—

Robert Anderson Post, No. 32, of York, has adopted resolutions of regret on the death of Gen. Geo. B. McClellan.

NEW JERSEY.—

John F. Randolo, Phillipsburg: Geo. B. McClellan Post, No. 99, was mustered at Frenchtown, Nov. 12, with 31 charter members and the following officers: Commander, Geo. T. Riddle, M. D.; S. V. C., P. L. Courter; J. V. C., C. N. Card; Adj't, John Misson; Q. M., Dr. Eggert; Surg., Chris. Schlable; Chap., Eli Swallow; O. D., Aaron H. Slack; S. M., Mayor Kachline; Q. M. S., Thos. Able; O. G., Wm. Weaver.

P. S. Duganne, Hoboken: Our Post (Bright Post, No. 360, of Verona) was inspected on the 21st ult. by Deputy Inspector Comrade Campbell Stanton, of Custer Post, No. 38, who, I am proud to say, found everything in first-class order. Splendid attendance. Comrades all uniformed and cleaned up, prepared for a good showing. Comrade Stanton reports 360—a "Jim Dandy" Post in all respects.

NEW MEXICO.—

General Orders, No. 4, issued at Las Vegas, Nov. 21, by order of J. J. Fitzgerrell, Department Commander—J. C. Bromagen, A. A. G.—contains the following: It is with pleasure that the Department Commander announces the reorganization of Mc-Rea Post, No. 7, at Silver City. On the 9th of June the remuster was made by Comrade B. K. Knowles, Commander of Custer Post, No. 8, at Deming, also Chief of Staff, by my order. It was my pleasure to muster in U. S. Grant Post, No. 11, at Hillsboro, Oct. 25, and Veteran Post, No. 12, Oct. 27, at Kingston, both in Sierra County. I was aided in this work by Comrade B. K. Knowles, my Chief of Staff, to whom I return my thanks. The following Staff officers are hereby announced and will be respected accordingly: Comrade W. T. Reed, of McRea Post, No. 7, Aid-de-Camp; Comrade O. L. Scott, of McRea Post, No. 7, Assistant Inspector; Comrade Thomas Murphey, of U. S. Grant Post, No. 11, Aid-de-Camp; Comrade M. Benson, of U. S. Grant Post, No. 11, Assistant Inspector; Comrade Thos. Burns, of Veteran Post, No. 12, Aid-de-Camp; Comrade A. W. Story, of Veteran Post, No. 12, Assistant Inspector. The comrades appointed Aids-de-Camp will report by mail to the Assistant Adjutant-General at these Headquarters. The Assistant Inspectors will report to Department Inspector George W. Hartman, at San Miguel, N. M., for duty. Attention is called to Circular Letter, No. 1, from National Headquarters, dated Sept. 14, 1885, urging the erection of a monument by the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to the memory of our illustrious comrade, Gen. U. S. Grant. It is suggested "that a sum equal to a contribution of 15 cents per capita for each member of the Grand Army of the Republic in good standing be raised for the end named; that for the purpose of certainty and expedition this amount be appropriated from the funds of the Post, to be reimbursed by the donations of the individual comrades, or in such manner as each Post may provide." It is requested that all donations to this fund be forwarded through Department Headquarters to the Assistant Quartermaster-General, who will give the proper receipts. It is hoped that all comrades in this Department will respond and contribute their mite to this fund.

NEW YORK.—

On the 2d inst. a committee of the Brooklyn Grand Army Post called at the residence of the late Gen. Grant at New York and presented the family of the deceased General with a set of resolutions adopted some months since. There were present Mrs. Grant, Fred. Grant and Mrs. Grant, widow of the late General, in the parlors of their residence on East Seventy-sixth street. The presentation was made by Senior Vice Department Commander Cowan and were received by Col. Grant. The work was handsomely engrossed and heavily framed. In the center was a portrait of the departed soldier. It gave great satisfaction to Mrs. Grant, who expressed her gratitude for the way in which her husband was remembered by his old comrades-in-arms.

John McWilliams, New Lebanon: "Lights and Shadows of the Great Rebellion" was put on the stage last week by Post No. 559, of Chatham. The play was largely attended, and a great success, financially and otherwise.

OHIO.—

O. G. Daniels, Mt. Vernon: I feel some time as though I was not doing all in my power for the Grand Army, but will now doing more than my limited means justify me in doing. Several years ago, during 1880 or 1881, I was instrumental in organizing a Post at a town seven miles from Mt. Vernon. It failed because there was no one to run it. Some two months since I, with several comrades, organized Jacob Young Post, No. 539, at the same place, (Fredericktown,) with 48 charter members. We now have 54, with several more to join soon. I am visiting them every two weeks and urging them on.

James R. Smith, Richfield: The 18th of November was set for the dedication of the new G.A.R. hall at Richfield Center, but owing to heavy rains and bad roads the Department Commander and other speakers did not come. The Department Commander, R. B. Brown, came as far as Sylvania, the nearest railroad station, a distance of eight miles from Richfield Center, where he was met by a team to convey him to this place, but the rain continued to pour down so he thought it best not to come; but the boys of the Post had mostly all turned out, and being used to disappointments, and with the consent of the W.R.C., decided to have a Campfire in the evening. The meeting was called to order at 7 o'clock p. m., and was opened by a prayer by Elder Barman, of the Baptist church of this place, after which Comrade O. P. Clark made a lengthy speech on the future prospects of the soldier. Miss Lily Bolinger recited a piece about the boys in blue, which was well done and appreciated by all present, after which four little girls sang "John Brown;" then our Chaplain, H. Chulip, made a short speech. Miss Lily Bolinger read a paper on the welfare of the W.R.C. and Mr. Grifith made a very amusing speech on foraging. The others who contribute to the evening's enjoyment were Miss Alice Smith, John E. Bolinger, Miss Hattie Lyons, and Messrs. Clark, Griffith and Turner. A supper closed the entertainment, which proved a success both financially and otherwise.

Gideon Ditto, Lima: Nov. 20 was a red-letter day for the G.A.R. at Lima, O. The occasion was a District meeting. The 1:40 p. m. train from Toledo brought Department Commander Brown, who was received at the station and escorted to the Lima House by a committee from Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202. From 2:30 to 5 p. m. Commander Brown exemplified the work of the Grand Army, instructing the officers in their respective duties and and exhorting all to more earnest effort in carrying out the principles of the Order. Nearly 300 officers and comrades, representing 21 Posts of Allen, Auglaize, Mercer, Van Wert, Putnam, Hancock and Hardin Counties, were in attendance. At night a rousing campfire burned brightly in Music Hall, at which not less than 2,000 were present, filling one of the finest halls in the State to overflowing, many going away for want of room; and this notwithstanding Dan Sully, in his "Corner Grocery," was at the Opera House and the Palace Skating Rink was in full blast. In his address of the evening Commander Brown maintained that while the war was indeed over, the soldiers were not all dead nor laid on the shelf, and he called attention to what they had done through the Grand Army, and indicated what remained for them to do. His argument was earnest, trenchant, convincing, and will do our cause in this vicinity much good. The Lima Choral Society (the champion choir of Ohio at the late Eistedfodd) brought down the house by their rendition of the "Soldier's Farewell," "The Battle of Murfreesboro," "Tramp, Tramp," "Roll Call on High," and "Honor to the Soldiers." The recitations—"The Bayonet Charge," "You Put No Flowers on My Papa's Grave," and "Into the Valley of Death," were well rendered. But the grand performance of the evening, the one before which the laurels of the Choral Society withered and the luster of the champion medal of Prof. Miles dimmed, was the "Battle of Pork and Beans," by the members of the W.R.C., with full male chorus. This was enacted in the dining hall. It came well nigh losing us the sympathy of the people for the hardships we claimed to have endured. We were told to our face if that was the way we lived we ought never to complain again. We defended ourselves as best we could by reminding our traducers that in the field we didn't have the ladies to cook our pork and beans; and that we didn't always have the pork and beans, and that wasn't all pork and beans, anyhow. The hardtack was altogether too soft to remind us of the early days of the war, but it looked natural. Much of it was carried away and will, probably, usurp the place of the horse shoe over many a door. The coffee had the genuine army twang. We regretted the absence of Mrs. Sherwood, but the work of the W.R.C. was ably presented by Mrs. Dr. W. R. Thrift, President of Mart Armstrong Relief Corps, of this place.

The first of a series of Campfires to be held by the G.A.R. of Portage County took place at Kent's Hall, Kent, under the auspices of Post No. 185 on the 19th ult. The hall was filled by visiting comrades from Buckley Post, No. 12, of Akron; McIntosh Post, No. 327, of Ravenna; Bentley Post, No. 294, of Mantua; Earl Millikan Post No. 333, of Windham; Mark Horton Post, No. 515, of Garrettsville, and ladies and gentlemen of Kent. The program consisted of speeches, recitations, readings and music by the quartet.

John A. Bering, Lynchburg: Murrell Post, of this place, held a most interesting Campfire recently. One of the most interesting parts of the exercises was the announcement that Maj. J. A. Bering would appear on the stage with an old fiddle, and give a description of the difficulties attending its manufacture, as well as play several selections upon the instrument. It was made in Camp Ford Prison, Tex., by Lieut. Paine, of the 18th N. Y. Cav. The material used was a stump which he dug up in the prison, and split it up so as to make the different parts. All the tools he had to work with was an old knifeblade tied on a stick with strips of rags torn from the tattered garments worn by the prisoners. The bow was made from hair stolen from the tail of an old gray horse which was used about the prison. They were difficult to obtain, as the rebels placed a guard over the old horse's tail to keep the prisoners from stealing his tail, and they could get but one hair at a time, when they could manage to divert the guard's attention away to something else. The Major entertained the audience by playing. This remarkable fiddle was presented by Lieut. Paine to Maj. Bering while in prison, and it has been in his possession ever since.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

W. E. Dixon, Philadelphia: The second grand Campfire of Post No. 312, of Philadelphia, was held Nov. 25. The room was well filled with ladies and children, although the rain kept a large number of persons from coming. It was one of the most pleasant evenings ever spent by the comrades of the Post, and everybody seemed delighted with the entertainment. The opening of the Campfire was a selection from Miller's orchestra. The selections were fine and excellant. This was followed by Comrade Moore, of Post 79, with a recitation, entitled "On the Shores of Tennessee." Mr. and Master Haws and Miss Simms then gave a selection of songs. Past Commander Flink presented to the Post in behalf of Comrade John McKelvy a rebel flag, which was captured by him at St. John River, Fla., he at that time being a sailor on the sloop-of-war Towanda. It was received on behalf of the Post by Comrade Moore, of Post 79, in his usual happy way. There was also the presentation of a piece of steel plating of U. S. steamer Ironsides, sent to the Post by Comrade Williams, of Post 51, and received by Commander Gravener. Then followed more music and singing, and at a late hour the meeting dispersed.

Wm. Simmons, Philadelphia: Naval Post, No. 400, Department of Pennsylvania, paid a fraternal visit to Naval Post, No. 516, Department of New York, on the evening of the 23d ult. On our arrival at the foot of Liberty street the comrades of New York met us and, amidst profuse display of fireworks, escorted us to their hall, corner of Canal and Bowery. After a muster-in ceremony, which was done in true nautical style, a Campfire was opened, with Commander Jones, of Post No. 516, in the chair, and continued all night, during which time both Posts sat down to a bountiful repast of substantial good things. In the morning the visiting Post was escorted to Coney Island, where another repast was provided.

"Chaplain," Easton: Lafayette Post, No. 217, held a grand Campfire on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, which was largely attended.

R. P. Black, Parker's Landing: At a recent meeting of Post No. 75, the Adjutant was instructed to subscribe for a copy of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE to be kept in the Post room as an official reference in G.A.R. matters.

POTOMAC.—

In accordance with orders from Department Headquarters, G.A.R., the annual election of officers of Lincoln Post was held in Washington Dec. 2. The following officers were elected: Commander, W. W. Hibbard; S. V. C., Robert Nelson; J. V. C., J. E. McCabe; Q. M., John A. Van Doren; Surg., Dr. Florence Donohue; Chap., Benjamin Swallow; O. G., James McCrea. The only contest of the evening resulted in the election of J. P. Bartlett as Officer of the Day.

Farragut Post, No. 10, at the annual election of officers on Monday night last elected the following: Commander, D. B. Gallatin; S. V.-C., L. S. Emery; J. V.-C, Sid. M. Davis; Surg., H. N. Howard; Chap., J. H. Hitchcock; O. D., H. H. Bower; O. G., Edw. Junoux; Delegates to the Department Encampment, H. N. Howard and Sid. M. Davis; Alternates, L. S. Emery and J. H. Hitchcock.

RHODE ISLAND.—

E. Albro, Providence: Slocum Post, No. 10, gave a grand entertainment in Infantry Hall Nov. 24. Maj. R. H. Hendershot, the drummer boy of the Rappahannock, and other talent took part. The Major is a wonderful drummer, and has quite a history. He was presented with a silver drum for gallant service in the war of the rebellion.

TENNESSEE.—

W. R. Carter, Knoxville: The Grand Army throughout this Department is in excellent condition, and our Post (Ed Maynard, No. 14) is prosperous in every way.

VERMONT.—

C. A. Kelton, Calais: Stowe Post, No. 29, of this place, which was organized about two years ago, is now and has been since its organization in a most prosperous condition. We have, too, a most thrifty Camp of S. of V.

C. A. H. Thompson, St. Johnsbury: Chamberlin Post and Relief Corps have recently closed a very successful fair, held for the purpose of raising money to establish a relief fund. The fair was opened and placed on a popular footing by Gov. Pengree, a Grand Army man, and staff. The Governor made some very pertinent remarks, and was warmly received. Music Hall was beautifully draped with bunting. There were several tables of fancy articles made by the Relief Corps, together with contributions from our citizens, among them an elegant marble clock, a French plate-glass mirror, a mixed silver and china tete-a-tete set, a barrel of flour, a set of grocers' scales, live aligators and other curiosities from Florida, and many other things. The ladies had a very handsome silk crazy quilt, which was given to the person guessing the exact or nearest to the correct number of pieces the quilt contained. Three persons guessed the exact number, and they gave it to Gov. Pengree. We also had a Grand Army quilt, composed of 20 blocks of fine bleached sheeting. A Maltese cross of red was sewed to the center of every block, and two stars and two crescents on diagonals in the corners. Twenty ladies each took a block and solicited contributions from the gentlemen in sums from 10 cents upward, the lady raising the most money receiving the quilt usually; but we varied this by giving it to the gentleman who gave the most on a square. One generous individual gave $20, and received the quilt. The marble clock was voted to the most popular man in Chamberlin Post; the mirror to the vainest woman, "that she might see herself as others see her"—open to the world; the scales to the most accurate business man; a handsome afghan to the most popular clergyman. The marble clock netted us $135; the silk quilt $50; the Grand Army quilt $45. We had a restaurant in rooms below, which was well patronized. An interesting feature of the fair was the "War Relic Loan Exhibit," filling about 40 feet of showcases, besides stacks of muskets hung with canteens, knapsacks, haversacks, cartridge-boxes, all carried or captured from the rebels by their owners. There was an iron gun, picked up on the border at the time of the Fenian scare—a curious-looking thing. In the showcases there was everything of use to a soldier, from a sword to a frying pan; wooden spoon made and used eight months in Andersonville Prison; shoes made from an old flannel shirt, and worn in Libby Prison; a bayonet from the Fort Pillow massacre, with a blood-curdling history; Revolutionary relics from Fort Ticonderoga; bayonet used at Lexington; a flintlock pistol, powder horn, and a gourd which would hold nearly a gallon; bullet mold and sword—all Revolutionary relics. There was a piece of the force pump of the Merrimac, showing where it was broken by a ball; rebel shell and canister shot; Union and rebel canteens; swords, sabers and murderous knives, all captured from the rebels; bone and laurel-wood rings made in prison; pipes and watch charms made in camp; a piece of hardtack brought home by a three-months' man in '61, and a bass drum captured by the 17th Vt. in April, '65. A wealth (?) of Confederate money—$100 bond and several $100 bills, and $50s, $20s, and down. One curious thing was a souvenir of Libby Prison; whittled from a straight stick of wood were a pair of scissors, dividers, hammer, anvil, bullet mold, two pairs nippers, little ball in open frame, these all connected by little chains of several links each, all without rivets, joints all cut in the wood, all movable, scissors could be closed, hammer strike the anvil, dividers measure one or six inches, and the whole shut up in a box about three inches wide and 10 or 12 long. There were dramatic entertainments by home talent. But the great event of the week was the evening when Gen. John A. Logan delivered an address to an audience of 1,200 people. Gen. Logan was received with open arms by Vermonters. The subject of his address was Gen. Grant, and was intensely interesting. The fair was a financial success; receipts, about $1,500; expenses very light; net gain, probably $1,000 or $1,200. It places Chamberlin Post and Relief Corps on a very substantial foundation, and we hope no veteran or veteran's family will suffer while there is a dollar left. We have a fine hall, well furnished, stations all marble top, with banquet room adjoining; also kitchen, ante-rooms, ladies' parlor, and various other rooms attached.

REUNIONS.

W. T. Rigby, Stanwood, Iowa: A Reunion of the 24th Iowa will be held at Cedar Rapids, Dec. 17. A banquet will be provided in the evening at $1.50 per plate. To pay this and the other unavoidable expenses it will be necessary to collect an enrollment fee of $2.50 from each comrade attending the Reunion. Comrades are urged to bring their wives with them if possible; for your wife, child or friend you will only pay the cost of the banquet—$1.50.

D. S. Hunter, Co. I, 2d Minn., Anoka, Minn.: There will be a Reunion of the 2d Minn. at St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 19, 1886. Members of the regiment are earnestly requested to attend. All members of the 9th, 35th and 105th Ohio, and 75th, 87th and 101st Ind. will receive a hearty welcome from their old comrades-in-arms if they will attend our meeting.

A Reunion of the 6th Pa. Reserves will be held at Towanda, Pa., Saturday, 19th inst. The Committee on Gettysburg Memorial Monument will report progress. The address of every survivor of the old 6th is requested to be sent to O. D. Lyon, esq., Towanda, Bradford Co., Pa.

A most interesting Reunion of the 143d Pa. was held at Scranton Nov. 14. The address was made by M. D. Roche, esq., and was listened to with great attention by the crowd of veterans assembled.

A meeting of the 95th Pa. was recently held at Philadelphia. It was a very interesting affair, and a permanent organization was effected, with Capt. Pritner, of Co. G, President; David S. Ayers, Co. F, Secretary, and David Bishing, Co. B, Treasurer.

A. A. Hay, Beach City, O.: The 19th Ohio will hold their annual Reunion at Minerva, Stark Co., O., on Jan. 8, 1886.

At the Centralia soldiers' Reunion held last September a number of the members of Gen. Logan's old regiment reorganized for the purpose of holding Reunions, and decided to hold a Reunion on the 22d of July, 1886. For the purpose of making a roster of the survivors, each member is requested to send his address to M. F. Swartzcope, Secretary, Grand Tower, Ill.

T. J. Hastings, West Glover, V