THE GRAND ARMY.

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HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

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

MEMORIAL DAY.

The following is the General Order (No. 16) alluded to in last week's issue:

The season is approaching when inclination and duty call the Grand Army of the Republic to prepare for the due observance of Memorial Day. By our Rules and Regulations the 30th day of May is fixed as the time for these observances, but by the same Regulation it is provided that, "When such day occurs on Sunday, the succeeding day shall be observed, except where, by legal enactment, the preceding day is made a legal holiday, when such day shall be observed."

Since the 30th day of May next falls on Sunday, it will be the duty of Department Commanders to ascertain whether, within their several jurisdictions, the preceding day has by legal enactment been made a holiday, and if such is found to be the fact to advise their comrades accordingly; where no such law has been enacted, Monday, the 31st day of May, is the time appointed by our own law.

The Grand Army of the Republic was born of the desire to do honor to the dead who fell in the service of their country's flag, and of the purposes of the strong in heart and hand to themselves become the servants of their less fortunate comrades, and of the widows and orphans of the departed. At first our memorial service had in view those only that fell during the period of actual war, but the fraternity engendered by our association and the growing consciousness of the importance for our country of the work done by the humblest of our comrades has led us to add to our roll of honor the name of each as he passes along. Memorial Day is the fit occasion for the renewal of our most sacred pledges and for the refreshment of our noblest aims.

In this the noonday of the prosperity of the Grand Army as an organization, and whilst there yet remains to us as individuals strength of body and of purpose, let the memorial ceremonies of the year be observed with greater unanimity and heartiness than ever before. There are more than 200,000 comrades now properly borne on our rolls; let their search begin for the graves of our dead that none may be omitted in the ministrations of the appointed day.

Great and manifold are the blessings that have come to us as a Nation and as a people because of the sacrifices of these our comrades. It has been our custom to gather in the churches of the land on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day for such reverent worship and instruction as befits the occasion. We shall honor ourselves by a continuance of this custom, and, inasmuch as the Sabbath is this year the bringer in of our own chosen day, it will be appropriate for Posts and comrades to invite all who worship God and love their country as well to lend their services to the inculcation of lessons of patriotism.

No duty is laid upon the Commander-in-Chief to direct or advise as to the manner in which the observances imposed by our Rules and Regulations shall be performed. He ventures, however, the suggestion that the distinguishing characteristic of the Grand Army of the Republic is that it knows no distinction based on former rank, but makes faithful service and honorable discharge the sole badge of merit; that its only name of honor is that of Comrade, and that there is therefore no place in the observances of Memorial Day for the bestowal of special honors—the miniature flag and the simple garland is the tribute due, and the crown fit for all.

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

JOHN CAMERON, Adjutant-General.

A CARD.

TO THE EDITOR: In your issue of April 15, 1886, their appears a correspondence between Mrs. C. E. Clark on behalf of the Women's Soldiers' Aid Society, of this city, and Gen. S. S. Burdett, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, in which Wells Relief Corps, No. 66, of this city, auxiliary to the G.A.R., is charged by Mrs. Clark with having refused to co-operate with the Aid Society in the performance of such duties as usually fall to the loyal and patriotic ladies of the Republic, in the observances of Memorial Day. To this charge made by Mrs. Clark, representing the Soldiers' Aid Society, which is as follows:

"We are advised that the Relief Corps declines to unite with us in the observance of Memorial Day, or rather, in the discharge of the duties delegated to the ladies on such occasions, on the ground that such societies as ours are not regular, not recognized by the G.A.R.," etc.

I desire, as President of the Wells Relief Corps, to enter a most emphatic denial that any action has been taken, in any manner, by the Corps refusing to co-operate with the Soldiers' Aid Society, as heretofore, when the ladies of the Aid Society and the Corps have cheerfully united in the observance of the loving, tender and sacred services of Memorial Day.—Mary E. Bancroft, President, Wells Relief Corps, No. 66, Department of Ohio, Columbus, O.

THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The following program for the G.A.R. National Encampment has been announced:

First day—General reception by Posts of the city of San Francisco to all visitors, comrades, and kindred societies of the United States; assigning and locating headquarters of all organizations. The National Council convenes on Monday also. Grand campfires at night in the camps. Second day.—Grand parade, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., participated in by the G.A.R. and all kindred societies desiring so to do. Evening—General reception at the Mechanic's Pavilion, tendered to the National Encampment, the Society of the Army of the Potomac, the Loyal Legion, Woman's Relief Corps, and all kindred organizations, with addresses of welcome by the Governor of the State, Mayor of the city, and the G.A.R. Department Commander. Third day—National Encampment, 10 a. m.; legislative session continue three days. Excursions for all who are not delegates to various points of interest as arranged by Excursion Committee. Evening—Public meetings in several halls, with addresses by distinguished visitors, and reception of comrades at the several Post headquarters of the city. Fourth day—Continued meetings of the National Encampment and kindred societies. Excursions, etc., to other visitors. Evening—General reception and entertainment continued at the Mechanic's Pavilion. A grand banquet tendered to the members of the National Encampment. Fifth day—Continued meetings of the National Encampment and kindred societies; excursions continued. Evening—General reception and entertainment at Mechanic's Pavilion to all visitors. Overflow at the various Post headquarters. Sixth day—Closing meetings of all societies, grand excursions and grand campfires with fireworks at night. On the following Monday and Tuesday grand excursions will be arranged for the accommodation of the members of the National Encampment and kindred societies, who have not been able to participate during Encampment week.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE has recently forwarded, in response to requests, blank applications for Post charters to the following: D. H. Tyler, Pleasant Grove, Minn.; E. L. Billings, Pine Bush, N. Y.; F. C. Lummis, Chaplin, Conn.; making a total of 51 during the present administration.

Petitions for Post charters, with the requisite number of signers and accompanied by the fees, have also been received from S. M. Haskins, Eagle Bend, Minn.; P. J. Lee, New Berne, N. C.; E. L. Billings, Pine Bush, N. Y., and J. L. Underwood, Montpelier, Idaho.

CALIFORNIA.—

General Orders, No. 3, issued at San Francisco April 5, by order of W. R. Smedberg, Department Commander—F. J. Taylor, A. A. G.—direct that Assistant Inspectors make a thorough inspection of the Posts from which they are appointed, and report to Department Headquarters not later than June 1. It also gives a list of the Aids and Assistant Inspectors.

General Orders, No. 2, issued at San Francisco, relates to the life and services of the late Gen. John F. Miller.

CONNECTICUT.—

Circular No. 2, issued on the 6th inst. by order of John T. Crary, Department Commander—Arnot D. Allen, A. A. G.—contains the following in relation to the coming National Encampment: For the information of Comrades of this Department, notice is hereby given that Department Headquarters have decided to make the Westward bound trip to San Francisco, on the occasion of 20th annual Encampment at that place, via the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Union Pacific & Central Pacific Railways, stopping over a day each at Chicago, Denver and Salt Lake City. The Departments of Massachusetts and Rhode Island have also decided on the same route, and it is expected that the other New England Departments will conclude to accompany us. There will probably be a special train leaving Boston on or about July 22, which will be designated as the New England train. The route from Boston to Chicago has not yet been determined. It is guaranteed that the rates over these lines will be as low as by any other, and comrades going this route can return over any other line without extra expense, except in case they elect to return via the Northern Pacific Railway, in which case they will have to pay $12.50 extra for steamer passage from San Francisco to Portland. Further information will be given subsequently from these Headquarters. Meantime, any comrade desiring any special information can communicate with the A. A. General. Comrades desiring the Department to secure for them hotel accommodations at San Francisco, must notify these Headquarters at once. Also, those desiring sleeping-car accommodations will please notify the A. A. General as soon as they so decide. We have been requested by the Committee of Management at San Francisco to report to them the probable number of those who will be present at the Encampment from this Department. In order to furnish this information we would request that Post Commanders notify these Headquarters, at as early a date as possible, of those in their jurisdiction who expect to attend. We trust that all comrades of this Department intending to be present at the Encampment will accompany the Department Headquarters. Post Commanders are requested to call the attention of any comrades intending to make the trip, to the information contained in this circular.

COLORADO.—

General Orders, No. 3, issued at Denver, by order of Henry Bowman, Department Commander—D. I. Ezekiel, A. A. G., give the following list of Aids and Assistant Inspectors: Aids-de-Camp—W. K. Burke, Laramie, Wyo.; E. C. Evens, Georgetown; H. O. Dodge, Boulder; Charles Remer, Fort Collins; W. H. Bartlett, Pueblo; Geo. W. Cook, Leadville; B. F. Rockafellow, Canyon City; W. H. Champ, Maysville; John C. Pritchard, Durango; Oscar D. Needham, Pitkin; W. F. Gowdy, Rosita; John C. Bleeker, Gunnison; George D. Merriam, Buena Vista; Jacob Downing, Denver; John Miller, Central City; George W. Thomas, Colorado Springs; Wm. McFie, Evans; W. P. Alexander, Silver Cliff; Joseph Davis, Trinidad; W. I. Edgerton, Lake City; J. J. Elliott, Idaho Springs; Oliver Beeman, La Veta, Colo.; A. C. Snyder, Cheyenne, Wyo.; J. R. Elliott, Grand Junction; H. F. Sickles, Alamosa; S. M. Jackson, Salida; James S. Grier, Montrose; W. H. Slauson, Silver Cliff; C. W. Dickinson, La Junta; Daniel M. Draper, Denver; James M. Johnson, Denver; J. W. Anderson, Denver; Elmer Moses, Denver; W. H. Carter, Golden; Wm. Wentz, Alma; Cecil A. Deane, Denver; Jason E. Freeman, Aspen; B. H. Frisby, Red Cliff; J. C. McKillip, Coal Creek, Colo.; Wm. McCarty, Rawlins, Wyo.; J. M. Dodd, Rico; A. G. Webster, Castle Rock; Harvey T. Castle, Denver, Colo.; J. I. Patten, Lander, Wyo.; Samuel Dickey, Evanston, Wyo.; Isaac Dailey, Walsenburg, Colo.; E. E. Broad, At Large. Assistant Inspectors—Edward Kerns, Laramie, Wyo.; A. K. White, Georgetown; Andrew Wise, Boulder; I. N. Thomas, Fort Collins; N. Karney, Pueblo; A. J. Cohen, Leadville; J. E. Brown, Canyon City; W. C. Gibbons, Maysville; Wm. S. Hickox, Durango; Ezra S. Sprague, Pitkin; Wm. S. Camp, Rosita; Henry A. Tidd, Gunnison; A. R. Kennedy, Buena Vista; O. M. Bates, Denver; Geo. Sparks, Central City; L. B. Farrar, Colorado Springs; J. M. Imrie, Evans; H. W. Foss, Silver Cliff; John Conkle, Trinidad; L. P. Ward, Lake City; J. McIntosh, Idaho Springs; Samuel Todd, La Veta, Colo.; C. L. Hollingsworth, Cheyenne, Wyo.; J. B. Houghton, Lander, Wyo.; J. A. Layton, Grand Junction; C. D. Thayer, Alamosa; W. P. Harbottle, Salida; Geo. W. Andrews, Montrose; Samuel D. Brodibeck, Denver; L. H. Head, Denver; G. A. Hamilton, Denver; E. D. Waterbury, Aspen, Colo.; A. H. Disling, Evanston, Wyo.; Geo. Mariatt, Red Cliff; Truman Bacon, Coal Creek; T. L. Cressy, Walsenburg; F. L. Thompson, Rico; J. W. Farrell, Castle Rock; Geo. W. Thompson, Denver; G. H. Kimball, Golden, Colo.

C. M. Armbrust, Greeley: Officers of U. S. Grant Post, No. 13: Commander, H. C. Watson; S. V. C., A. M. Nixon; J. V. C., A. W. Jones; Q. M., T. W. Curtis; Chap., S. D. Ramond; Adj't, Thomas Robins; O. D., C. M. Armbrust; O. G., I. H. Paine.

DAKOTA.—

A. W. Wellman, Brookings: I have just returned from our annual Encampment of the G.A.R. of the Department, which was held at Watertown on the 23d, 24th and 25th ult. I will relate one incident that occurred, which I doubt not will be read with interest by all comrades. The song entitled "Hold the Fort" was called for, but before it was sung Commander W. N. Lucas called for Comrade Frank A. West to give a short personal history of the circumstances from which the song originated. Comrade West took the stand, and in a few words told the part he played in that memorable fight at Allatoona Pass, Ga. He said: "I have heard it disputed that there was a message flagged to Gen. Sherman for help, but I am here to say there was such message sent, for I flagged that message and received the answer: 'Hold the fort; I am coming.'—W. T. Sherman.' The flag I used was six feet square, and was riddled with bullets. I did not get a scratch." After Comrade West sat down the Commander said: "I do not wish to detract from Comrade West's courage or heroism as a soldier, but there is one duty which he has failed to perform, and I am going to perform that duty for him. He has a boy that he has not named. I have the permission of the boy's mother to name him." He then stepped down and took the five-months-old child in his arms, and kissing it said. "I therefore name this boy Allatoona Pass West. All in favor say aye!" It was adopted. "Comrades, I move the adoption of this child by the Department of Dakota, G. A. R." The motion was carried, and we have a boy to look after, and we propose to do it in good shape.

DELAWARE.—

R. W. King, Wilmington: The 21st anniversary of the surrender of Gen. Lee and the rebel army, was celebrated on the 9th by Smyth Post, No. 1, Post 8, of Philadelphia, under Commander Warren, attended in a body and were met at the station by Smyth Post and escorted to the Headquarters. Delegations were also present from Posts 2, 4, 8, 9, 12, and 13. The exercises consisted of addresses by Department Commander Dunn, Albert S. Nones, William Emmons, J. Cullin Bryant, Dan. Ross, James M. Bantheon, George W. King, Absalom Watson, David E. Buckingham, and others, with vocal and instrumental music and recitations. Commander Donnelly, of Post 13, was presented with a handsome sword; A. A. G. King, with a pen and paper-cutter; Robert Brown, a sporting rifle, while the picture gallery of Smyth Post received an accession in a handsome and life-like crayon portrait of Past Commander Ross. An abundant supply of refreshments was served, and the festivities kept up until midnight.

KANSAS.—

Z. Reeder, Wayne: Parson Brownlow Post, No. 359, was organized last Summer with about 25 charter members. We have taken in quite a number of additions and still they come. Officers of Post: Commander, G. A. Hovey; S. V. C., C. A. Campbell; J. V. C., D. Lawrence; Adj't, S. W. Walker; Q. M., William Hill; O. D., Z. Reeder; Surg., J. M. Campbell; O. G., William Brown; S. M., W. H. German; Q. M. S., N. Patterson; Chap., C. B. Williamson.

KENTUCKY.—

Phil Hager, Louisville: The fourth annual Encampment of this Department, held in this city on the 8th, under the auspices of George H. Thomas Post, was an unqualified success. About 100 delegates, representing the various Posts of the State were present, and fully as many more were kept away on account of the high water. In the morning the comrades were called to order by Col. Geo. W. Morgan, who was the presiding officer and Department Commander for this State. The various officers read their reports for the past year, showing the good condition of the Order. Some other business of a routine character was transacted, after which the comrades marched with music to Liederkranz Hall, where a dinner was ready for them. After dinner the delegates reassembled and proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Department Commander, Col. T. Z. Morrow, Somerset; S. V. C., Dr. Wm. Bowman, Vanceburg; J. V. C., Jas. V. Forrester, city; Medical Director, H. S. Woods, Litchfield; Chap., L. D. Winfrill, Danville; Historian, E. C. Hubbard, Hartford; Ass't Adjt.-Gen., H. G. Trimbel, Somerset; Ass't Q. M. G., C. B. Owen, Somerset; Ass't Ins. Gen., Edward Hilpp, Lebanon; Judge-Advocate Gen., W. J. Worthington, Greenup; Chief Mustering Officer, T. E. Livsey, Covington; Senior Aide-de-Camp, J. B. Fishback, city. The Council of Administration is composed of Messrs. Charles Blanford, of Bewleyville; J. B. Nall, city; L. M. Drys, Marion County; O. A. Reynolds, Covington, and D. O'Riley, Litchfield. The delegates to the National Encampment are S. T. Jack, Covington, and D. O'Riley, Litchfield, with F. C. Losey and Ed. Hilpp as alternates. At the Campfire held in the evening speeches were made by Col. Morrow, Col. Worthington, E. C. Hubbard, and others. [Comrade J. D. Forrester, of Louisville, also has our thanks for an excellent report of the Encampment.]

MINNESOTA.—

Wm. Wilson, Osakis: Officers of John Kennedy Post, No. 141: Commander, W. H. Crow; S. V. C., A. O. Chapin; J. V. C., V. A. Edgerly; Surg., H. H. Sanderson; Chap., H. O. Whipple; Q. M., J. H. Rock; O. D., Paul Harmon; O. G., Morgan Johnson; Adj't, W. H. Stevens; S. M., Wm. Johnson. Our Post is in good running order with 32 members in good standing. We had an entertainment the 27th and netted $14.59, and a ball St. Patrick's day which cleared $20.

MAINE.—

S. P. Baker, Bingham, N. F.: Blunt Post, No. 109, has now a membership of 43. Our Relief Corps, which has on its rolls the names of 50 loyal ladies, is of great assistance to us. On the 9th we held a grand Campfire in honor of Grant's great victory at Appomattox.

MISSOURI.—

W. N. Davis, Mt. Vernon: Post No. 118, of this place, has adopted resolutions indorsing the recommendation of the Pension Committee of the Grand Army, with the exception of the last paragraph, which they would like amended by inserting a clause in favor of a service pension.

General Orders, No. 2, issued at St. Louis April 7 by order of Nelson Cole, Department Commander—John McNeil, A.A.G.—is as follows: In pursuance of General Order, No. 12, Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic, dated Washington, D. C., March 10, 1886, an inspection of Posts in this Department is hereby ordered to be made during the months of April and May, such inspection to include the condition of Posts on March 31, 1886. As the Assistant Inspector will not be appointed in time to make this inspection and the amount appropriated by the Department Encampment does not permit two inspections to be made during the year by the Assistant Inspectors, the Commanders will inspect their respective Posts, or designate some competent comrade to do so. In making such inspection they will follow the form prescribed by the National Encampment, found on page 52, Service Book, also in General Orders, No. 12, C. S., National Headquarters. The report to be forwarded to Comrade Arthur Dreifus, Inspector, St. Louis, on or before May 10, 1886. This Order does not apply to Posts No. 1, 2, 13, 107, 131 and 193, of St. Louis, which will be inspected under direction of the Inspector of the Department.

Jas. M. Kates, Barden: We organized a Post on Dec. 23, 1885, with 22 members. Since then we have mustered nine and have a good field to work in. We shall give an oyster supper in May. The Post name is Barden Post, No. 562.

NEW YORK.—

Geo. L. Hoyt, La Fayette: We have started a Post here called R. S. Park Post, No. 172, with 20 charter members, and we are blessed with everything except wealth. We hope, however, in the near future to get in good shape.

J. W. Thompson, Three Mile Bay: Officers of E. M. Camp Post: Commander, Orville Fish; S. V. C., John Northrop; J. V. C., W. D. Fisher; Q. M., D. M. Mount; Chap., R. E. Horton; O. D., John Combs; O. G., Costello Spicer; Adj't, Theodore Lake; S. M., Gardner Smith; Q. M. S., J. M. Wells. We have 50 members in good standing on our rolls.

S. B. Hardy, Jasper: We have just organized a new Post in this town (Dennis Post, No. 583), which is awakening a new interest in that direction. We mustered 20 charter members. The officers are as follows: Commander, S. B. Hardy; S. V. C., J. S. Sergent; J. V. C., P. Waight; Adj't, A. Murphy; Q. M., A. Vanarsdale; Chap., A. Hardy; Surg., Wm. McIhallen; O. D., D. F. Countryman; O. G., E. Shoats; S. M., C. Whiting.

E. Woodcock, Stannard's Corners: Wesley Rolfe Post, No. 332, of this place, has a good working membership, and is mustering in recruits at every meeting.

NEBRASKA.—

A movement is on foot in this State to establish a State Soldiers and Sailors' Home, and with the view of getting all the information possible regarding the number of destitute old soldiers in the State, it is requested that Post Commanders ascertain, as soon as possible, the name, regiment and present address of all needy old soldiers in their district, and send same to S. B. Jones, secretary of this committee, Omaha, Neb., it being the intention of the comrades of the Department to draft a bill and have same presented to the next Legislature, to secure an appropriation to build a Soldiers and Sailors' Home, if it is found that there are enough old soldiers and sailors in the State, that are needy, to warrant such a move.

OHIO.—

"Comrade," Cincinnati: This Post will have a full representation of delegates at the next State Encampment to be held at Cleveland, O. Lytle Post is one of the most prosperous and thriving Posts in the State, numbering over 500 good-standing members. The delegates from Lytle will present the name of John B. Hoffman, Past Post Commander, for the position of Senior Vice-Commander. He is one of the veterans of the old bloody 5th Ohio, and his record both as a soldier and a citizen entitle him to the highest distinction. The comrades of Lytle Post feel proud of him, and as a Post would feel honored by his election to that position, which they know he would fill with honor and credit to himself, to his Post, and to the Order.

C. J. Madden, Urbana: W. A. Brand Post is one of the best managed Posts in the Department, and has a very handsome Post hall, in fact, there are but one or two halls in the State that can surpass it.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

A. S. Eagleson, Washington: W. F. Templeton Post, No. 129, which was named after a Captain of Co. A, 100th Pa., who was killed at the second battle of Bull Run. The officers are: Commander, James P. Sayer; S. V. C., James B. Kennedy; J. V. C., Peter Hocy; Chap., Manasen Sharp; Q. M., Andrew S. Eagleson; Adj't, Thomas Harter; O. D., John W. Greer; O. G., Geo. W. Thompson; Surg., John Templeton; S. M., Samuel Fergus; Q. M., Samuel G. Rogers.

POTOMAC.—

The Executive Committee of the Grand Army on Memorial Exercises met at Grand Army Hall, Washington, D. C., Saturday night. Department Commander J. B. Burke was authorized to increase his Committee on Orators and Poets and to incur necessary expenses. The Department Commander, Vice Department Commander, and the Official Staff, and the Past Department Commanders were constituted the Reception Committee. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Committee were authorized to select a Finance Committee. Past Department Commanders Gibson and Hawkes and Assistant Adjutant-General Faunce were appointed a committee to select the other Committees. An invitation was received from Commander Greene, of U. S. Grant Post, No. 327, of New York city, inviting the Grand Army members of the Department of the Potomac to participate in the memorial services on May 31 at Gen. Grant's tomb at Riverside, New York. The address will be delivered by Gen. John A. Logan. Music will be rendered by the Amphion Musical Society and Arbuckle's Military Band. A salute for the dead will be fired by a regiment of infantry, by a battery of artillery, and by a man-of-war. The invitation was accepted, as was that of the Union Veteran Corps (Old Guards), who will act as an escort on Memorial Day.

TEXAS.—

John Donaldson, Sherman: The Department Encampment met in Dallas March 24 and 25, W. D. Wylie commanding. Eleven Posts were represented, of which five were organized during the year. Reports of officers show the Department to be in a flourishing condition. The following officers were elected for ensuing year: Commander, O. T. Lyon, McPherson Post, No. 1, Sherman; S. V. C., A. K. Taylor, McClellan Post, No. 9, Houston; J. V. C., A. W. Bennett, Rosencranz Post, No. 4, Fort Worth; Medical Director, W. H. Deal, Grant Post, No. 7, Cleburne; Chap., David Perkins, McClellan Post, No. 9, Houston; A. A. G., John Donaldson, Sherman. Council of Administration, Dr. Bell, Thomas Post, No. 6, Dallas; C. Dickson, Grant Post, No. 7, Cleburne; M. D. Kent, Rosencranz Post, No. 4, Fort Worth; W. H. Sinclair, Hancock Post, No. 2, Galveston; James P. Newcomb, Ord Post, No. 3, San Antonio. Delegate, A. Belknap, Ord Post, No. 3, San Antonio; Alternate, A. S. Emerson, Rosencranz Post, No. 4, Fort Worth. Gen. J. A. Reynolds, Past Department Commander of New York, being present, installed the officers elected and made the Delegates a most excellent speech. Galveston was selected for the next Encampment. After adjournment the Delegates were invited by the comrades of John A. Dix Post, No. 2, to see Gen. H. Thomas Post, No. 6, to gather around a campfire and table, which we enjoyed as only soldiers can.

WEST VIRGINIA.—

General Orders, No. 7, issued at Martinsburg, W. Va., by order of C. B. Smith, Department Commander, and W. V. Hoffman, A.A.G.—are as follows: The fourth annual Encampment of this Department will convene on April 28, 1886, at the headquarters of John Holliday Post, No. 12, in the city of Wheeling. Posts that have not reported the names of their Delegates and members of the Encampment to these headquarters will do so at once. The members of the Department Council of Administration will meet at the Department Headquarters, McLure House, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 28th. Members of the Encampment will report to the Assistant Adjutant-General on their arrival. The Commander of John Holliday Post will furnish an Officer of the Day, Officer of the Guard, and a detail of six comrades for duty during the session of the Encampment. Post Commanders will see that the reports are forwarded promptly to these headquarters.

ENCAMPMENT NOTES.

GOING OVER THE UNION AND CENTRAL PACIFIC.

The Department Commander and Massachusetts Delegation and the National Headquarters of the Woman's Relief Corps and Department President and Delegates of Woman's Relief Corps of Massachusetts have decided to go on outward-bound journey over the Union and Central Pacific Railways to San Francisco via Omaha, Denver, Cheyenne and Ogden and side trip to Salt Lake. Gen. Paul Van der Voort is now making an effort to arrange for a special New England train through to San Francisco, which will be something quite unusual in the way of comfort and convenience.

REUNIONS.

J. N. Ohlwine, Cromwell: Seventy-five members of the 30th Ind. held their third annual Reunion at Warsaw, Ind., on the 7th inst. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: J. W. Whitaker, President; John Provines, Vice-President; Jasper N. Ohlwine, Secretary; M. D. Kirk, Treasurer.

Maj. Clark Reynolds, of Baldwin City, Kan., Secretary of the Society of the 16th Kan. Cav., wishes every and all former members of the 16th to forward to him their names, letter of company, and present addresses.

William Emery Brown, Valparaiso, Ind., President, 20th Indiana Regimental Association, wants the names of all comrades of that organization.

W. V. B. Coplin, Lewistown, Pa.: A meeting of a number of the survivors of the 1st Pa. Reserve Cav. was held here Thursday the 8th. Gen. J. P. Taylor presided and W. V. B. Coplin was chosen Secretary. Serg't L. T. Carpenter, of Lock Haven, who had come here to advocate a Reunion, was chosen chairman of a committee to be composed of a member from each company, the chairman having the power to select the committee. W. V. B. Coplin was selected as the member of Co. C. The committee will meet in Altoona on or about April 28, to effect a permanent organization and arrange for the first Reunion.

N. Y. Prisoners of War Association.

TO THE EDITOR: The annual Reunion of the New York State Association of Ex-Union Prisoners of War was held on April 14 at its headquarters, Armory of the Second Battery N. G. S. N. Y., corner 45th street and Broadway, New York city. The Treasurer's report shows the Association to be in a perfectly sound condition and possessed of quite a large surplus. Besides the usual routine of business, a committee of three was appointed, consisting of Comrades A. T. Decker, E. M. Lee, and James Walstead, to visit Washington in the interest of the Prisoners of War Pension Bill. The annual election of officers for the ensuing year was held with the following result: President, A. T. Decker, N. Y. city, re-elected; Vice-President, Wm. E. White, N. Y. city; Treasurer, Fred A. Rowe, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Secretary, George W. Farr, Brooklyn, N. Y., re-elected; Chaplain, Rev. D. H. Hannaburgh, Peekskill, N. Y., re-elected.—GEORGE W. FARR, Secretary.

Gen. Logan's Flag.

If any comrade remembers anything regarding the flag presented to Gen. John A. Logan about the time of the great review in Washington, in the Spring of 1865, he will confer a favor by addressing this office.

Vain Regrets.

[*Texas Siftings.*]

Little Johnny Fizzletop was busily engaged in a life and death struggle with his lessons. He paused in his labors and heaved a heavy sigh.

"What's the matter, Johnny?" asked his mother.

"I was just thinking how nice it would be if I had been born during the dark ages."

"What good would that have done you?"

"Heaps. I was reading yesterday that education was very much neglected during the dark ages. If I had been born then I wouldn't have to learn this jography lesson."

Read all the advertisements of spring medicines, and then take Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

RELIEF CORPS NEWS.

Gleanings from National Headquarters--Notes from the Departments.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
BOSTON, MASS.
SARAH E. FULLER, National President.
ELEANOR B. WHEELER, National Secretary.

April 15, 1886.

Competition is said to be the life of business, and it will be found equally true, that the earnest rivalry between the several Departments of the W.R.C. to excel in numbers, amount expended in relief, and general excellence in all the work of the Order will result in advancing the Order and bring it to the high plane which the united efforts of such a body of loyal women should reach. Surely every officer and member should feel an individual care and responsibility in the growth and success of the grand and noble Order which we represent.

From the Provisional Department of Washington Territory, the President, Mrs. Viola A. Kenyon, reports the organization of Sedgwick Relief Corps, No. 4, at Spokane Falls, Feb. 9, 1886, with 18 charter members: Pres., Claribel Kaufman; S. V.-P., Josephine Myers; J. V.-P., L. F. Griffin; Sec., L. A. Ide; Treas., J. C. Saling; Chap., A. E. Bump; Con., J. E. Van Dorn; Ass't Con., Ella Downes; G., L. C. Childs; Ass't G., Louisa Chisholm. These officers were installed by Commander J. S. Brown, of Sedgwick Post. Mrs. Kenyon says of this new Corps that they give promise of being equal in ability and enthusiasm to any Corps in the Department.

The ladies of Stevens Relief Corps, No. 1, of Seattle, gave a bean supper and sociable on the evening of March 23, which the comrades of Stevens Post attended in a body, and after a fine literary and musical entertainment, all sat down to the supper, which one old soldier said reminded them of the days in camp.

A very pleasant letter from Mrs. Henderson, President of Sedgwick Corps, No. 4, Raton, N. M., says the Corps gave an entertainment March 30, which was a splendid success, socially and financially. Mrs. Henderson is very hopeful that a sufficient number of Corps will be organized before National Convention to warrant the organization of a full Department. Past Department Commander Fitzgerrell is a warm friend to the Order and is doing much to further its interests. ECHO.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
BOSTON, MASS., April 2, 1886.

General Orders, No. 6.

I. Congratulating the members of the Woman's Relief Corps upon the continued growth and prosperity of the Order, the National President would urge upon every member the importance of renewed zeal and interest in the work, as we enter upon the last quarter before the National Convention. What a great showing we could make if every member would bring to the Order one good loyal woman during the next three months. Shall we do it, and at the fourth National Convention present a membership of more than 50,000 women pledged to work for the interest of the G.A.R.?

II. All the revised blanks ordered by the third National Convention are ready, and Department Presidents should order them at once, that each Department should have a complete outfit of supplies.

III. Badges for National and Department Aids, and members of National or Department Council, are also ready, and should be obtained through Department Treasurers.

IV. Officers or members detailed to institute Corps or install Corps officers, will report the discharge of such duty immediately thereafter to the Department Instituting and Installing Officer. The Department Instituting and Installing Officer shall consolidate the reports of such assistants for the information of the Department President, and shall furnish copies of such consolidated reports to the National Instituting Officer.

V. The special attention of Department Presidents is again called to this form of official communication. (See pages 28 and 29, revised Rules and Regulations.

Department General Orders should be as follows:

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF ——, W.R.C.
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
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By command of Department President,
A——B——,
C——D——, Department Secretary.

VI. On the nomination of the National President, and with the concurrence of the National Council, Mrs. Margaret R. Wickens, of Sabetha, Kan., has been appointed a member of the National Council of Administration, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Lizzie Anderson.

VII. Special Order has been issued organizing the Provisional Department of New Mexico. Provisional President, Mrs. Cassie Henderson, of Raton, N. M.

VIII. Other engagements preventing Mrs. Helen H. Rich from serving as National Aid for the Department of the Gulf, Mrs. Frances T. Russell, of Zanesville, O., is hereby appointed to that office.

IX. The following appointments as Aids on the staff of National President are announced: Sarena A. Foote, San Jose, Cal.; Louise B. Sherman, Colorado Springs, Col.; Etta D. Horne, Winsted, Conn.; Emma P. Walton, Huron, Dak.; Amanda Olmsted, Henry, Ill.; Mary Garard, Clinton, Iowa; May Johnson, Randallville, Ind.; Emily Jenkins, Clay Center, Kan.; Elizabeth G. Ellsworth, Greenville, Mich.; Emmett Reynolds, Coldwater, Mich.; Kate C. Wright, Minneapolis, Minn.; Abbie M. Wheldon, Pittsfield, Mass.; Harriett Eaton, North Adams, Mass.; Lucy P. Sleeper, Sherman Mills, Me.; Bessie E. Young, Kansas City, Mo.; Lydia A. Scott, Manchester, N. H.; Emma Way, N. Brunswick, N. J.; Imogene L. Guion, Seneca Falls, N. Y.; Annie Henry, Lockport, N. Y.; Elizabeth Mansfield Irving, Toledo, O.; Emma K. McCammon, Carthage, O.; Millie C. Moore, Portland, Ore.; Mamie Myers, Philadelphia, Pa.; Margaret K. Ide, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; Mary S. Smith, Norfolk, Va.; Nannie Colwell, La Crosse, Wis. Members thus appointed will please report at once to these Headquarters their acceptance or non-acceptance.

X. The following named ladies have been appointed as a Reception Committee for the fourth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps at San Francisco, Cal., with power to make such additions as they deem proper: Lizzie D' A. Kinne, B. Jenny Rosell, Nellie Ward, Rachus, Martha A. Simons, Mattie Thompson, Elizabeth D. Layres, Mary P. Stevens. All communications regarding rooms and board, or the location of the various Department Headquarters, should be addressed to Mrs. Lizzie D' A. Kinne, No. 711 Jones St., San Francisco, Chairman of the Reception Committee. Through the efforts of Mrs. Kinne a large and convenient hall for the meetings of the National Convention has been secured, and National Headquarters engaged at the Occidental Hotel, where the Commander-in-Chief of the G.A.R. will have his headquarters.

XI. The National President and staff, with the New England delegations of the W.R.C. and the G.A.R., will leave Boston en route for California on or about the 20th of July, by special train proceeding via Niagara Falls to Chicago; Chicago to Omaha, by Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul R. R.; Omaha to Ogden, by Union Pacific R. R.; Ogden to San Francisco, Central Pacific.

XII. It is hoped that each Department will send a full representation.

By Command of National President, SARAH E. FULLER.
ELEANOR B. WHEELER, National Secretary.

Department Gleanings.

DEPARTMENT OF IOWA.

Officers of Relief Corps, Stuart, Iowa, instituted December, 1885, with 31 charter members, by Mrs. Nichols, of Des Moines: Pres., Miss Kate Hench; S. V.-P., Mrs. C. H. Berner; J. V.-P., Mrs. C. J. Plumb; Sec., Mrs. H. F. Rogers; Treas., Mrs. Nellie Heriott; Chap., Mrs. B. F. Rogers; Con., Mrs. Cora Mapes; Ass't Con., Mrs. H. R. Backus; G., Miss Clara Lupton; Ass't G., Miss Nora Horn.

Officers of John L. Bashore Relief Corps, No. 32, Centerville: Pres., Susie J. Wentworth; S. V.-P., Mrs. Fannie A. Walden; J. V.-P., Sarah J. Gunn; Sec., Nan Elliott; Treas., Mary J. Moore; Chap., Lucretia A. Charlton; Con., Louisa L. Gray; G., Lois Lemington. Mrs. Hattie E. Marshall, the beloved Department President, installed the officers following the installation of officers of the Post. The Sewing Society has done a great work in making clothing for distribution, besides disposing of articles at a February fair to the amount of $72. Membership 45, loyal and true. In the nine months of its organization the Corps has raised funds to the amount of $233.32 by entertainments and disbursed $85.23 in relief.

The Victor (Iowa) Corps realized $10.50 by the sale of a TRIBUNE watch, which the club of 10 secured as a premium. This was done by the sale of 10 cent shares to the number of 105. Mrs. Jacob Genzley, a member of the Corps, had the number. Comrade B. Mason writes that the Corps is a noble band of workers. They have furnished their hall, and during the Winter have met to make a rag carpet for it. The comrades have taken part in the rag sowing and much pleasure to all has resulted.

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS.

Officers of Delavan Relief Corps, No. 35, Delavan, instituted Jan. 4, 1886, by Mrs. Mann, of Peoria—charter membership 21; present membership 45: Pres., Sue A. Sanders; S. V.-P., Carrie Briggs; J. V.-P., Ella M. Cobeau; Sec., Jennie J. Van Hague; Treas., Gertie A. Wilson; Chap., Emily Cobeau; Con., Katie Beatty; G., Eliza A. Hatfield. At