THE GRAND ARMY.

News From the Departments---New Posts, etc.

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

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GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
WASHINGTON, D C.

Ass't Adj't-Gen. Fred Brackett, who has just returned to Washington from a trip through Minnesota and Illinois, says the enthusiasm among the comrades regarding the coming Encampment is unbounded, and that the attendance undoubtedly will be immense. Wherever he has circulated in Grand Army circles he found the indignation among comrades at the recent Davis ovation in the South most intense—not so much at the babyish sayings of the ex-chief of the rebellion, for they regard them as nothing but the silly vaporings of a man who has gone completely out of the sight of this generation—but at the enthusiasm which his presence and sayings evoked among the people of the South. Comrade Brackett thinks, too, that it will greatly militate against the project, which has been talked of in G.A.R. circles, to hold the next Encampment in Nashville, and that it is now very probable that event will take place at Topeka, Kan.—the Legislature of that State having already appropriated $15,000 for the entertainment of the comrades in case that point is selected.

Comrade Brackett says the railroads will make bids for sleeping and eating accommodations, so that every person who takes the trip will know exactly, before he starts, what demands will be made upon his purse. Nothing more definite than has already been stated has been arranged with the railroads, but the round trip from Washington will be in the neighborhood of $75.

The various Departments will, of course, make their own bargains with the railroads in regard to transportation and other matters.

Gen. Burdett and party have decided to return by the Northern Pacific route.

NOTES.

The Commander-in-Chief and Staff are busy getting up matter for the annual report—making lists of delegates, etc. A general order providing for amendment to rules is also in course of preparation.

Last week Gen. Burdett and Staff sat for a group photograph at the gallery of Merritt & Van Wagner, in this city.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

COLORADO.—

General Orders, No. 4, issued at Denver, call the attention of the comrades to the observance of Decoration Day, which will take place in that Department on the 31st inst. A circular issued from the same Department on the 27th requests the Post Commanders to inaugurate a series of drills in their respective Posts, commencing on the first regular meeting after the receipt of the circular. The Posts are recommended to make use of Upton's Tactics for that purpose.

CONNECTICUT.—

"A Comrade," Bridgeport: A very pleasant evening was spent by the comrades of Elias Howe, jr., Post, No. 3, of this place, recently. The Post was called together really for the purpose of inspection, Inspector William F. Rogers being the officer detailed to do that duty, but the meeting was also made the occasion of several presentations; the first being to Quartermaster W. E. Disbrow, who was presented, on behalf of the Post, by Commander Boudren, with a very handsome Past Department Commander's badge, pendant from the strap on which was the badge of the Sixth Corps. In the eye of the eagle which formed the top of the main emblem was set a fine ruby, and the stars on the strap had a diamond center, and the corps badge and the large star proper of the Order, which was suspended at the end of the ribbon, were set with the same precious stones. Comrade Disbrow responded in a very satisfactory and appropriate manner. As soon as this presentation was over, a badge was presented to Comrade A. B. Beers—W. H. Noble making the presentation speech. This gift was a counterpart of the other, with the exception of bearing the badge of the Tenth Corps. Comrade George W. Keeler was then presented with a handsome Past A. A. G. badge. The evening was a most delightful one in every respect and it was late in the night before the hand-shaking and congratulations were concluded.

ILLINOIS.—

S. G. Burdick, Centralia: Within the last two weeks I have mustered two Posts; one at Dix, Jefferson County, with 12 charter members, with Wm. Wood as Commander; also, one at Trenton, Clinton County, with 45 charter members, with John D. Edwards as Commander. Both of these Posts are in portions of the country where there are no Posts near. A class of ex-soldiers are reached who will be of advantage in sustaining the great objects of our organization. Wallace Post of this place has unanimously adopted resolutions expressing its indignation at the recent speech of Jefferson Davis.

C. R. Spore, Decatur: Post No. 141 has adopted resolutions expressing the opinion that Congress, both in the past and present, has shown too much apathy in regard to pension legislation.

D. Tinlin, Toulon: Officers of W. W. Wright Post, No. 327: Commander, A. Galbreath; S. V. C., G. H. Martin; J. V. C., C. E. Stilm; Adj't, D. Tinlin; Chap., W. W. Wright; Q. D., J. F. Edmodes; Surg., Jos. Flemming; Q. M., O. Imes; O. G., B. Pierson; S. M., L. C. Egbert; Q. M. S., R. H. Price.

INDIANA.—

Lookout Post, No. 133, of Noblesville, has adopted resolutions expressing the indignation of the Post at the recent tour of Jeff Davis and John B. Gordon through Alabama and Georgia.

IOWA.—

D. P. McDonald: Magnolia Post, No. 222, of this place, is in fine working order. We have 35 members in good standing, and hope soon to add largely to it.

KANSAS.—

Gardner Post, No. 343, of Udall, has adopted a resolution expressing the indignation of the Post at the recent conduct of Jefferson Davis and the people in Alabama and Georgia.

A. F. Little, Windsor: Post No. 181 was organized at this place April 30, with 18 charter members. We hope soon to largely increase our number, as we have a good many energetic old soldiers in our neighborhood. Our officers are: Commander, C. M. Case; S. V. C., C. Myers; J. V. C., J. Zimmerman; Surg., J. Busby; Chap., J. Kindel; O. D., G. Davis; O. G., William Chapman; Q. M., J. Van Nordstrand.

MICHIGAN.—

John Brown, Calvin: We have just organized Post No. 341, of this place, and have good prospects of a prosperous organization in the near future. We expect soon to have a Camp of Sons of Veterans.

MINNESOTA.—

The Department of Minnesota has issued its usual Memorial Day order, May 31 being fixed for the observance.

Washington Peirce, Minneapolis: George N. Morgan Post, No. 4, received its charter Jan. 18, 1861, since which time it has grown very rapidly. Five new Posts have been formed out of its members, namely: L. P. Plummer, Levi Butler, C. C. Washburn, Dudley P. Chase and John R. Rawlins. Our last quarterly report gives Morgan Post a membership of 412 in good standing. The discipline of this Post is excellent, which added to its large membership makes it the banner Post of the Department. We have a Woman's Relief Corps, which has proved a most able auxiliary, and also a drum corps which is second to none. Our Sons of Veterans Camp is in good condition. The present officers of Morgan Post are: Commander, Washington Peirce; S. V. C., Henry Shaw; J. V. C., D. R. Shockey; Adj't, G. W. Kellogg; Q. M., C. B. Fitz; Surg., J. H. Dennis; O. D., J. A. Filmore; O. G., J. H. Hasteg; S. M., H. Brentnell; Q. M. S., J. H. Perry.

MISSOURI.—

John Galbreath, Filmore: Post No. 170 has adopted resolutions expressing the indignation of the comrades at the utterances of Jefferson Davis.

Grand Army veterans, citizens of St. Louis, and others, numbering about 5,000, gathered at Koerner's Garden, St. Louis, on the 7th to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the taking of Camp Jackson. The members of Gen. Lyon Post, No. 2, had special charge of the exercises, which were extremely interesting.

NEBRASKA.—

J. A. Wood, Ewing: Officers of Gen. Augur Post, No. 192: Commander, Geo. W. Johnson; S. V. C., E. A. Chace; J. V. C., L. S. Butler; Adj't, B. F. Cleveland; Q. M., J. A. Wood; Surg., I. Saterley; O. D., G. W. French; Q. M. S., Joe Wadsworth.

NEW YORK.—

The initial General Order of J. I. Sayles, the newly-appointed Commander of this Department (G. P. Clarke, A. A. G.) is as follows: Having been elected by the Encampment of this Department to the position of Commander, I hereby assume command. I here desire to return to my comrades who have honored me by this selection my sincere thanks. Fully appreciating the high responsibilities of the position, I enter upon the discharge of its duties with the determination to so meet them as to merit the confidence so generously bestowed.

We have received a roster of Chapin Post, No. 2, of Buffalo. This is one of the largest and most flourishing Posts in the Department, and its roster, which is a model of neatness and comprehensiveness, does the compiler great credit. It gives a full list of its large membership, alphabetically arranged, besides those who have died during the year, its presente officers, Past Post Commanders, various committees, a complete Grand Army directory for the city, and the regular meeting nights of the Post during the year. Its officers are: Commander, Charles A. Orr; S. V. C., Otto Reimuitz; J. V. C., Thomas Falahee; Adj't, Calvin B. Kendig; Q. M., Joseph G. Axmacher; Chap., Frederick Gundlach; O. D., August Gundlach; O. G., George Beer; S. M., William Rofot; Q. M. S., Nicholas Haag; O. S., Nicholas Dopp; I. S., Bruno Rickman; Color Bearers, John S. Stevens, Eli Walser; Organists, Frederick Erfling, Frederick Knoll.

E. A. Hartshorn, Schaghticoke: The Post at this place was recently the recipient of one of the most elegant presents that has ever fallen to the good fortune of any such organization to receive. It consists of a regulation Grand Army badge made of white wood, finely gilded, and having jewels set in the points of the star. Its proportions are excellent, the dimensions of the eagle and ordnance being 2 x 8 inches, while the stars in the circle, on which the name and number of the Post are handsomely carved, is 16 inches from point to point. All is inclosed in an elegant frame, the badge having a background of black velvet, the flag being of silk. The donor was Comrade Alfred Marcon.

R. D. Pierson, Fair Haven: At a recent meeting of Hudson Post, No. 159, of this place, the Post expressed its indignation at the recent utterances of Jefferson Davis, by the unanimous adoption of resolutions condemning them in the strongest language.

At a recent meeting of Wm. D. Brennen Post, No. 284, of Malone, resolutions were adopted condemning the recent action of Jefferson Davis.

J. N. Dick, Spencerville: Fair Post, No. 322, of this place, held an interesting Campfire May 1. It was largely attended, and netted $37 for the Post fund. Our officers are: Commander, Thos. Schaffer; S. V. C., G. W. Biner; J. V. C., J. M. Lamme; Adj't, J. N. Dick; Q. M., James Point; Surg., Jacob Rahlauber; Chap., L. L. Fryer; O. D., Fred. Stork; O. G., H. M. Hill; S. M., John Kies; Q. M. S., J. H. Woolery.

Winfield Scott Hancock Post, No. 259, G.A.R., May 12 moved into new quarters in Wendell's West Side Casino, corner of Seventh avenue and Forty-ninth street. A stand of colors was presented. It included the gunfalon of Hancock's old corps, the Second, which was used through the war, and is now given to the Post by Mrs. Hancock. Another was the flag of the 12th N. Y., Col. Weeks's regiment, and the other was the regular Post flag.

Dawson Post, No. 464, of Spencer, has adopted resolutions expressive of the indignation felt by the comrades at the recent treasonable utterances of Jefferson Davis.

OHIO.—

Col. A. L. Conger, the recently-elected Commander of this Department, has already taken hold of the work in a manner that promises great results during his administration. Immediately on his return from Cleveland he called a meeting of prominent G.A.R. men and held a conference in regard to the course to be pursued during the coming year. The Department Headquarters will be established at Akron as soon as suitable rooms can be prepared. Comrade Conger was born in Boston Village, O., in 1838. At the breaking out of the war he was engaged in teaching school, and as soon as his school was closed he enlisted in the 115th Ohio. He recruited and took into camp with him upwards of 40 men, and was elected Second Lieutenant. He was afterwards promoted to First Lieutenant. Much of the Colonel's term of service was spent on detached duty. He served as Acting Assistant Adjutant-General on the staff of Brig.-Gen. Ammen; served for a time as Provost Marshal under Gen. Jacob D. Cox; as

member of court-martial under Judge Advocate R. M. Corwine. His regiment being assigned to duty in the department of the Cumberland, the Colonel was detached for service in the Engineers Corps as Assistant Inspector of Railroad Defenses for that department on the line between Nashville and Murfreesboro. His reports drawing the attention of the Chief Inspector, he was called to the office and placed in charge of the entire business of that office. While serving in this capacity, his organizing ability became known to Gen. Thomas, and he was recommended by that officer for appointment as Captain and Commissary of Subsistence with a view to his taking charge of furnishing rations for all posts on the line of railroad defenses, Department of the Cumberland. With this recommendation just made the surrender at Appomattox took place, and the war closed.

In both public and private life Col. Conger has earned the esteem and confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact. He is well known in military circles throughout the State as Colonel of the 115th O., in which position during the Cincinnati labor troubles his coolness and presence of mind probably averted a fearful scene of bloodshed and upheld the law against a turbulent mob. He has been a member of the Grand Army for nearly 20 years, and has been an active and faithful worker in that organization. During that time he has also served as Commander of Buckley Post, of Akron. As a business man Col. Conger is very prominent, and is known throughout the country.

ASS'T ADJ'T.-GEN. E. F. TAGGART.

Commander Conger made a wise selection when he chose Comrade E. F. Taggart for his A. A. G., as he is one of the most active and well-informed Grand Army men in the State. He enlisted in the war of the rebellion in 1862, in Co. I, 102d regiment, while only 16 years of age, at Wooster, O. He accompanied his regiment to the front all the campaigns, until he was captured while participating in the battle of Athens, Ala., Sept. 24, 1864. He was taken to Cahaba, thence to Macon, and from there was sent to that terrible prison pen at Andersonville, where he remained until the 28th of April, '65, when he was released, weighing only 65 pounds. After the war he engaged in one of the best workers in Buckley Post, and is at present Senior Vice Commander of that Post.

COL. DAVID R. HUNT,

who has been selected for the position of Chief Inspector of the Department, enlisted as a private in the 25th Ohio and afterwards served on the staff of Gen. Franz Sigel as Quartermaster. He was Assistant Chief Quartermaster of the Eleventh Corps, and for a time was in command of the 25th Ohio. After his regiment was mustered out Col. Hunt remained in the service, was brevetted Lieutenant Colonel, and was Chief Quartermaster of the Department of the South, including North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. In April, 1865, he received the appointment of Captain and Quartermaster in the Regular Army, but was never mustered in. At the battle of Gettysburg Comrade Hunt was severely wounded and still carries the musket ball in his leg. He is at present Commander of Post No. 439, of Elmore, and is a hard-working, active Grand Army man.

CAPT. A. P. BALDWIN,

the new Assistant Quartermaster-General of the Department, was a member of the 6th Ohio Light Independent Battery, and served with the Army of the Cumberland through all its campaigns and marches, participating in every battle from 1861 till the close of the war. Dec. 10, 1861, Comrade Baldwin was appointed Second Lieutenant by Col. John Sherman; was promoted soon afterwards to First Lieutenant, and finally to Captain. For gallant and distinguished services at Franklin Capt. Baldwin was tendered a commission in the Regular Army. He declined, however, and was mustered out of the service Dec. 1, 1865.

CAPT. E. T. CURTIS,

Chief Mustering Officer, enlisted in the 29th Ohio as a private in Co. G; was commissioned Second Lieutenant Aug. 2, 1863, and First Lieutenant Aug. 2, 1864. He received his commission as Captain Jan. 15, 1865. He was detailed as Lieutenant of the Pioneer Corps in January, 1863, on the staff of First Brigade, Second Division, Twelfth Corps. He was detailed as Provost Marshal on the staff of Gen. Canby during the riots in New York city. After the riots the Captain returned to the Army of the Potomac, and was detailed as commander of the Ambulance Corps of the First Brigade, Second Division, Twelfth Corps. He was transferred to the Army of the Cumberland under Gen. Joe Hooker, and detailed as Commissary of Prisoners at Nashville, Tenn. He was mustered out at Louisville, Ky., July 15, 1865. He has been Commander of Eadie Post, Cuyahoga Falls, and of Sherman Post, No. 68, for several consecutive years.

CAPT. C. H. WESTZELL,

of Cincinnati, the Senior Vice Commander, enlisted in Co. A, 181st Ohio, in September, 1864, when but 14 years of age. He was too young to carry a musket, and was detailed as a drummer, which duty he performed until his discharge at Salisbury, N. C., July 14, 1865. He has been a prominent Grand Army man for some years. He is a charter member of Post No. 76, of Cincinnati, and has not missed a single meeting of the Post since its organization in 1886.

B. N. LINDSEY,

of Steubenville, Junior Vice Commander, was mustered into Co. I, 20th Ohio, and served three months in West Virginia, after which he helped to organize a regiment at Uniontown, Pa., and was chosen First Lieutenant, but resigned and went back to Steubenville, where he raised a company in the 98th Ohio, and was commissioned First Lieutenant. He again resigned in order to go to Washington and take charge of the remains of a brother who had been killed in action. He once more enlisted in the 98th Ohio as a private; was soon afterward commissioned as Second Lieutenant, and then promoted to First Lieutenant. Just before Sherman's march to the sea he was commissioned Captain, and had charge of the 98th during that famous march.

DR. P. J. KLINE,

of Portsmouth, Medical Director, enlisted in Co. I, 81st Ohio, in July, 1862, and served until the end of the war as a private. In his profession of medicine Dr. Kline has gained enviable reputation. He is, besides, an enthusiastic Grand Army man.

F. W. BLAKE,

of Fayette, Department Chaplain, enlisted Aug. 21, 1861, in the 18th U. S. Inf. at the age of 13 years, and participated with it in all its marches and battles. He is now paster of the M. E. Church at Fayette.

H. A. JOHNSON,

of Ashtabula, the Department Historian, was a member of the 171st Ohio. He is at present editor of *Johnson's Lake Shore Home Magazine*, a periodical of choice literature. He is a good writer, and his selection as Department Historian was a wise one.

Commander Conger has issued his initial General Order, in which he announces his assumption of command and the appointment of his staff. General Order, No. 3, calls the attention of the Department to Memorial Day. General Order, No. 2, issued on the 5th, is as follows: The following Committee on Transportation to the National Encampment, to be held at San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 3, 1886, is hereby announced: Past Department Commander R. B. Brown, Zanesville; Past Department Commander D. W. Thomas, Akron; Comrade J. W. O'Neal, Lebanon; Comrade D. R. Austin, Toledo; Past Department Commander H. P. Lloyd, Cincinnati. It is desirable that a meeting of this committee be held at as early date as possible to complete arrangements. Officers, delegates, and comrades desiring to attend this Encampment will be notified of route, cost of transportation, date of departure, etc., in future orders from these Headquarters. Each County in this Department comprises an inspection district. Where it is possible and convenient, Post Commanders of each inspection district will confer together and recommend for nomination a comrade for appointment as Assistant Inspector for the district. In districts where they cannot confer together each Post Commander will recommend some energetic and capable comrade who can and will devote his time and perform the duties of his office. The letters of recommendation should give special qualifications, business and fitness for such preferment, and be addressed to Comrade David R. Hunt, Inspector, Department of Ohio, G.A.R., Akron, O.

VERMONT.—

George R. Dinsmoor, Windsor, has our thanks for a copy of the roster of Wm. C. Tracy Post, No. 35, in which is incorporated also the roster of its Relief Corps. The officers of the Post are: Commander, J. H. Humphreys; S. V. C., F. F. Monroe; J. V. C., George R. Dinsmoor; Adj't, R. D. Cobb; Q. M., James Carlin; Surg., Chas. Stone; Chap., Henry Thompson; O. D., Hollis Knights; O. G., E. P. Robinson; S. M., M. V. B. Hurley; Q. M. S., R. J. Coffey.

VIRGINIA.—

Thomas H. Savage, Superintendent Cold Harbor (Va.) National Cemetery, Cold Harbor, has issued a circular inviting all the citizens of Cold Harbor and vicinity to be present and participate in the services on Memorial Day, the 31st. There will be public speaking at the same time and place by Past Post Commander Edgar Allen, of Phil Kearny Post, No. 10, and there will be present a detail of Phil Kearny Post, No. 10, and a detail of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans, of Richmond, Va. The services will be at 2 o'clock.

WEST VIRGINIA.—

D. W. Welsh, Parkersburg: Post No. 14 is in fine working order, and we are steadily adding recruits. Our present membership is 89, and under the able commandership of George K. Mallory we expect to increase that number largely during the coming year.

WISCONSIN.—

C. E. Benell, Lake Geneva: At a recent meeting of Post No. 27, of this place, resolutions expressing the indignation of the comrades at the recent treasonable demonstrations in the South were unanimously adopted.

SONS OF VETERANS.

WALTER S. PAYNE, Commander-in-Chief, Fostoria, Ohio.
T. G. CARLISLE, Adjutant-General, Fostoria, O.

The *Sons of Veterans Advocate* is in error when it states that the sum of $25 is deducted of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE is furnished directly from General Headquarters. We have never received a line from that source directly. The *Advocate* should not be offended if the Commander-in-Chief has a kind word in General Orders for THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. He very sensibly recognizes in it an invaluable aid in informing the Grand Army of our progress and strength. It has no desire to destroy the periodicals devoted to the interests of the Order; on the other hand, by aiding the spread of the Order, it is enlarging the field for them.

Maine has made a most excellent choice in placing E. H. Gould, of Rockland, in command of the Division. We congratulate Col. Gould.

The Commander-in-Chief in last General Orders announces the names of those comrades of the G.A.R. who, in the midst of almost universal opposition from the Press at that time, succeeded in planting our noble Order on a sure and solid foundation, and in the Commandery-in-Chief were, at its annual Encampment in Philadelphia, Pa., in August, 1884, by unanimous vote, constituted constituent members of the Order, with rank equal to Colonels of Divisions and Major-Generals of Grand Divisions, giving them all the rights and privileges of any past officer of the same rank, except that of holding office in the future. In recognition of this, a large party of Pittsburg, Pa.; Gen. William E. W. Rose and Col. John A. Thompson, of Baltimore, Md.; Col. R. M. J. Reed, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Col. John A. Rodrigo, of Newark, N. J.; Col. Wm. H. Fierpont, of New Haven, Conn.; Dr. Eli Bridge of Auburn, Me., and Gen. I. S. Bangs, of Waterville, Me. This was done in recognition of their valuable services, and they each have a vote in their respective Camps and Divisions, and in the Commandery-in-Chief. The latter name was inadvertently omitted by Gen. Payne, but it probably belongs in the list. We, too, will gladly cast in our mite for a testimonial to Maj. Davis, that friend and champion of our cause, who bravely battled on in the midst of deepest discouragements and darkest gloom.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE VARIOUS DIVISIONS.

New York.—From Brother W. R. Moir we have received the following additional particulars of the Division Encampment held in New York city May 3 and 4; "Division headquarters were established on Sunday afternoon. At 7 o'clock Camps No. 7, 8, 9, 15 and 25, of New York city met at the Ashland House in full uniform and white gloves, and, under command of Col. George J. Foster, proceeded to Washington Hall to escort the Staff of Department Commander Lyon, of Sons' Lodge Society, No. 1, of New York. Remarks were made by many, all pledging themselves to advance the cause of the L. A. S. Among the visiting officers and brothers present were Gen. W. H. Payne, Gen. Geo. W. Truman, of Nimmo's Gen. R. M. J. Reed, the Majors of New Jersey and Massachusetts Divisions; many brothers from New Jersey Division and veterans of the G.A.R. The officers elected were as follows: Colonel, Chas. F. Rain, Cohoes; Lieut.-Col., B. J. Doran, New York city; Maj., E. P. Fellows, Brockport; Chap., F. P. Cole, Fort Leyden. Division Council, Brothers Kirwin, Schlageter and Morse, New York city; Representative to Council, Col. E. P. Holmes, New York city. Delegate-at-Large to Commandery-in-Chief, Chas. McBride, Kingston. Delegate, Lieut. Hendee, Lowville; Alternate, A. F. Sedgwick, New York city. Donations were made, and a generous response was given to Gen. Payne, the Division officers and delegates, and a grand public installation, conducted by Gen. Payne, Coppas's 7th regiment band, of 100 pieces, furnished the music. The grand march was led by Gen. W. S. Payne and wife, followed by a train of 500 guests. Among those noticed was Gen. R. M. J. Reed, Gen. Pennman, Gen. R. Tobias, Maj.-Gen. Kohler, Col. Foster, Col. Holmes, Col. Lehman, Col. C. T. Hanks, Col. McBride, Col. H. J. Downing, Lieut.-Col. Doran, Lieut.-Col. Ely, Lieut.-Col. Hayes, Maj. Dr. E. A. Bracklow, Maj. Fellows, Adj'ts Smalling, Q. M.'s Jones and Baker, Capts. Rain, Erlange, Retel, Brunette, McCafferty and many others. The Encampment adjourned Wednesday morning, May 5, to meet at Rochester in May, 1887.

Massachusetts.—E. E. Ellsworth Camp, No. 28, celebrated its second anniversary on the 23d of April with an address filled with a membership of 4,548, a collation partaking of the nature of a Campfire. Clay pipes were in order, and seated around the tables arranged in the form of the initial letter of the Camp, speeches were made by Past V. C. Commander Jos. B. McCabe, of Boston; Past Commander, First Grand Division, H. P. Kent, of Cambridge, Mass.; Inspector Hinckley, members of the G.A.R. Advisory Committee, and Sons of Veterans, and several other Relief Corps, making a most enjoyable occasion. At midnight the festivities were brought to a close by all joining in singing "America," the Camp being much benefited by the occasion, and received the good wishes of the best sides of all.

Kansas.—Memorial Day will be observed in Kansas this year on Monday, May 31. Camps have been requested by Col. Webb to unite with the Posts of the Grand Army for a short time in short religious exercises appropriate for the occasion on Sunday, May 30. We quote also from Col. Webb's recent orders: "The prince of traitors recently proclaimed that the cause for which our fathers spared their lives was just. Sons of Veterans, resent this insult to your fathers' memory, this treason to your country and its flag, by always, and at all times, and especially on Decoration Day, showing to the country that the memory of your sires' sacrifices for freedom are now and ever will be revered by you. In the language of the immortal Lincoln, let us resolve 'that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion. That we highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that the Nation under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that the Government of the people shall not perish from the earth.'"

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New York.—From Brother W. R. Moir we have received the following additional particulars of the Division Encampment held in New York city May 3 and 4; "Division headquarters were established on Sunday afternoon. At 7 o'clock Camps No. 7, 8, 9, 15 and 25, of New York city met at the Ashland House in full uniform and white gloves, and, under command of Col. George J. Foster, proceeded to Washington Hall to escort the Staff of Department Commander Lyon, of Sons' Lodge Society, No. 1, of New York. Remarks were made by many, all pledging themselves to advance the cause of the L. A. S. Among the visiting officers and brothers present were Gen. W. H. Payne, Gen. Geo. W. Truman, of Nimmo's Gen. R. M. J. Reed, the Majors of New Jersey and Massachusetts Divisions; many brothers from New Jersey Division and veterans of the G.A.R. The officers elected were as follows: Colonel, Chas. F. Rain, Cohoes; Lieut.-Col., B. J. Doran, New York city; Maj., E. P. Fellows, Brockport; Chap., F. P. Cole, Fort Leyden. Division Council, Brothers Kirwin, Schlageter and Morse, New York city; Representative to Council, Col. E. P. Holmes, New York city. Delegate-at-Large to Commandery-in-Chief, Chas. McBride, Kingston. Delegate, Lieut. Hendee, Lowville; Alternate, A. F. Sedgwick, New York city. Donations were made, and a generous response was given to Gen. Payne, the Division officers and delegates, and a grand public installation, conducted by Gen. Payne, Coppas's 7th regiment band, of 100 pieces, furnished the music. The grand march was led by Gen. W. S. Payne and wife, followed by a train of 500 guests. Among those noticed was Gen. R. M. J. Reed, Gen. Pennman, Gen. R. Tobias, Maj.-Gen. Kohler, Col. Foster, Col. Holmes, Col. Lehman, Col. C. T. Hanks, Col. McBride, Col. H. J. Downing, Lieut.-Col. Doran, Lieut.-Col. Ely, Lieut.-Col. Hayes, Maj. Dr. E. A. Bracklow, Maj. Fellows, Adj'ts Smalling, Q. M.'s Jones and Baker, Capts. Rain, Erlange, Retel, Brunette, McCafferty and many others. The Encampment adjourned Wednesday morning, May 5, to meet at Rochester in May, 1887.

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Kansas.—Memorial Day will be observed in Kansas this year on Monday, May 31. Camps have been requested by Col. Webb to unite with the Posts of the Grand Army for a short time in short religious exercises appropriate for the occasion on Sunday, May 30. We quote also from Col. Webb's recent orders: "The prince of traitors recently proclaimed that the cause for which our fathers spared their lives was just. Sons of Veterans, resent this insult to your fathers' memory, this treason to your country and its flag, by always, and at all times, and especially on Decoration Day, showing to the country that the memory of your sires' sacrifices for freedom are now and ever will be revered by you. In the language of the immortal Lincoln, let us resolve 'that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion. That we highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that the Nation under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that the Government of the people shall not perish from the earth.'"

Maine.—The following are the officers for the ensuing year chosen at the meeting held at Lewiston, May 6: Colonel, Edward K. Gould, Rockland; Lieut.-Col., Chas. O. Wadsworth, Gardiner; Maj., Geo. A. Fields, Lewiston; Chap., Horace L. Wright, Auburn. Division Council, Samuel H. Dill, Auburn; Fred. E. Pottle, Bangor; David O. Brown, East Stoneham. Commandery-in-Chief, Delegates at Large, Samuel H. Dill, Auburn; Alternate at Large, George E. Prance, Lewiston; Delegate, Frank W. Davis, Auburn; Alternate, Charles O. Wadsworth. The following appointments on the staff of the Colonel commanding are announced: Adjutant, M. W. Carver, Rockland; Q. M., David A. Friend, Rockland; Ins., Thos. G. Libby, Vinalhaven; J. A., Herbert M. Heath, Augusta; M. O., George R. Hodgdon, Auburn. The following was adopted: "Resolved, That Order is commended to the Order at large: "It is with deep regret that the Colonel commanding has noted the alarming extent to which Memorial Day is used as an occasion of frivolity and jollification. Picnics, excursions, and dances have taken place within sight and sound of the cemetery at which the solemn and impressive ceremonies of decorating the graves of our honored dead were performed, greatly marring the sacredness of the occasion and the holy thoughts and tender memories which it should inspire. All brothers are hereby directed to aid the G.A.R. in properly observing the day, not only by participating in the ceremonies, but by discountenancing any descrations of the same by the citizens at large."

Minnesota.—The second annual Encampment of this Division is called to meet at Wasecca, on June 2, 2:30 p. m. Col. Van Clove has just issued a neat roster of this Division, showing name and location of Camps, Captain and time of meeting, and the various Division officers. The roster shows 21 Camps in the Division. Capt. E. H. Mulham, of St. Paul Camp, No. 1, is a candidate for Colonel at coming Encampment.

New Jersey.—A Camp at Salem, heretofore "not affiliating," was mustered into the Order recently. One by one they are coming. Do you observe R. Gen. Wagner?

Missouri.—This Division will hold its second annual Encampment at Warrensburg, June 3 and 4. In General Orders just issued Col. Chrysler refers to the duties of Memorial Day as follows: "We should make this day one of humble, unpretentious service. Sometimes in the confusion incident to imposing parades and ceremonies, some sacred duty has been neglected, and some sorrowful mother with tearful eyes and wounded heart has turned from that humble mound pained because her boy's grave was forgotten, or some little child has wept bitter tears over a father's neglected grave. It is not and must not be made a day of amusements. Let us make it a day that long after each one of the mighty legion of the warrior dead has lost his identity, this great Nation may, for one day in the year, cease the din and whir of its industry, and repair to the graves of its dead soldiers and decorate them with the flowers of Spring time."

Jno. Brown, of Calvin, Mich., asks: 1. How can I proceed to organize a Camp of Sons of Veterans? 2. What age must the members be? 3. Are grandsons or stepsons eligible? Ans. 1. Write to Col. F. W. Rowlson, Grand Rapids, Mich., for instructions. 2. Eighteen and over. 3. Grandsons are only eligible after they are 21 years old, and only can attain membership through their father, having been a member. Stepsons are not eligible, as we understand it.

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.

May 13, 1886.

The only message from Headquarters this week is that all are busy. The National officers acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to be present at the opening of the new hall of Sion S. Bass Relief Corps, No. 7, at Fort Wayne, Ind., on the evening of May 13. Of course the distance precludes the possibility of an acceptance of the invitation, but all rejoice in the very evident growth and prosperity of the Corps. The President, Mrs. Annie Weldon, writes that the new quarters are elegantly furnished, and have also a banquet hall, kitchen, and ante-rooms, all furnished most conveniently. At a recent meeting of the Corps 18 applications were received and 20 more are in readiness for the next meeting. Congratulations are certainly in order.

Mrs. Sarah J. Martin, President of the Department of Missouri, reports the organization of Nat. Gwynne Relief Corps, No. 26, at Kansas City, April 23, with 19 charter members. The Corps was instituted and officers installed by the Department Junior Vice-President, Mrs. Emma L. Lindsay. The officers of the Post, No. 267, were installed the same evening at a joint public installation, and the Corps was presented with a handsome Bible. Mrs. Nat. Gwynne presented the Post with a beautiful large flag and nice Bible also. Young Martin Gwynne presented the Post with a beautiful book-mark, and the evening closed with speeches, songs and refreshments. The Corps officers are: Pres., Hattie M. Warner; S. V.-P., Mary W. Phelps; J. V.-P., Olive Hofmaster; Sec., Cynthia B. Clapp; Treas., Maggie J. Thompson; Chap., Emma Douglass; Con., Miss Minnie V. Rupert; Ass't Con., Julia Wilson; G., Lydia Thomas; Ass't G., Hannah Hayes.

On the 5th of May a new Corps was instituted at Macon City, and an application for charter is also on file for Fillmore, Andrew Co., Ind.

Mrs. Kate E. Jones, National Aid for Virginia, reports that instructions had been furnished Grant Post, Eastville, and Joe Hooker, of Yorktown, Va., and that the Posts at Martinsburg, Clarksburg, Wellsburg, W. Va., have the matter under consideration.

Mother Bickerdyke has recently been quite sick in Washington, D. C., and it was a happy privilege for the National Treasurer to be able to forward to her a check for $100, and just before she left San Francisco a check for $30 was also sent her from the relief fund in the hands of National Treasurer, and we know the comrades and members of the W.R.C. who have contributed to this fund will realize a satisfaction in thus being able to assist this army nurse, who is so dear to the veterans everywhere. This fund for the relief of army nurses is almost exhausted, and a special appeal will soon be made, that Posts and Corps that have not already contributed to the 10-cent fund for that purpose should help to replenish the treasury, and thus afford relief and comfort to those noble women who so freely gave of their strength and health to minister to the boys at the front.

We learn with deep regret of the death of the aged mother of our National Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Elizabeth D'A. Kinne, at San Francisco, Cal., April 29, and the tenderest sympathy of all at Headquarters go out to our sister in her sad bereavement. ECHO.

Department Gleanings.

OFFICIAL REPORT OHIO CONVENTION.

DEAR TRIBUNE: I am pleased to report for THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE the work of the third annual Convention, W.R.C., Department of Ohio, held in Cleveland, April 28, 29 and 30, 1886. The Finance Committee met at Department Headquarters, Forest City Hotel, at 3 o'clock p. m., April 27, 1886; the vacancies in committee, caused by the absence of Harriet P. Lloyd, Cincinnati, chairman, and Mira D. Barclay, of Canton, were filled by the appointment of Belle T. Bagley, Corps 11, Zanesville, and Emma K. McCammon, Corps 2, Carthage. The Council of Administration met with Board of Directors at the same place at 4:30 p. m., Mrs. Lydia A. Morrison, Senior Vice-President of Department, in the chair, Sarah M. E. Battels, Department Secretary. The representatives at this meeting from Corps acted upon all business brought before them, and recommended for action of Convention many things of importance for the welfare of the Woman's Relief Corps. The sessions were of great interest and harmonious, and were especially full of the spirit of "the greatest good to the greatest number." They then adjourned, the Board of Directors ceasing to be henceforth, and the Council of Administration from then on doing the work.

The Convention convened at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday, April 28, Mrs. Lydia A. Morrison, Senior Vice-President of Department, Cincinnati, in the chair, Mrs. Lottie L. Myers, Department President, being absent through severe illness. After organization and roll-call of officers, which found all present but President and Junior Vice-President of Department, Minerva E. Ewing, of Portsmouth, there was received from the Encampment of the G.A.R., then in session, an invitation to be present at the opening services of Encampment and listen to Brough's address. Department Commander, and the honor was extended to the Convention that the Department President's report be read at the same time and place, which was done by Mrs. Elizabeth M. Irving, of Toledo, by request of the President, Lottie L. Myers. After exercises, which were very interesting, we were jo