THE GRAND ARMY.

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

ILLINOIS.—

On the 1st inst. the members of Alexander Sympson Post, of Carthage, gathered at the palatial residence of W. H. D. Noyes for the purpose of enjoying an evening's entertainment and partaking of the many good things provided by the ladies of Carthage for the occasion. The beautiful lawn was illuminated by Chinese lanterns, with little tables scattered here and there on which to serve the old veterans with the delicacies of the season. Music, vocal and instrumental, added to the pleasure of the evening.

Those who were fortunate enough to be present at the annual picnic and campfire of A. J. Weber Post, No. 421, G.A.R., at Pawnee Aug. 12, have abundant reason to congratulate themselves. The day could not have been more pleasant, the rain of the night previous producing a cool, refreshing morning. The crowd began to assemble at an early hour, and at 10 o'clock fully 2,500 to 3,000 people were present from the surrounding country. The memorable days from 1861 to 1865 were lived over again with many of the heroic and noble comrades who were spared to be present at this jollification, and each and every one vied with all the others to make this assembly a grand success.

Charles Rodolph, Vendy: This Summer about 24 of the old veterans residing in this vicinity organized a Post at Okawville, and were mustered in on the 24th ult. by Nashville Post, No. 419. Our new Post is named after Charles W. Harzman and its number is 582. Our officers are as follows: Commander, Wm. Schumeitzler; S. V. C., Jacob Donohue; J. V. C., Wm. Greiter; Adj't, Fred Baumgarton; Surg., Emil Boerner; Chap., J. A. Merrill; Q. M., Christ. Buckmiller; O. D., Rud. Helmkamp; O. G., L. Heberer; S. M., H. Kerksick; Q. M. S., Karl Schulz.

On the 11th inst. Col. C. Audell, Mustering Officer, accompanied by members of Hecker Post, No. 463, of Belleville, went to O'Fallon for the purpose of mustering in a new Post. Eighteen charter members were mustered and the following officers elected: Commander, D. F. Tiedeman; S. V. C., S. C. Smiley; J. V. C., S. H. Beedle; O. D., G. W. Ingles; O. G., John Sauer; Q. M., D. C. Doan; Adj't, Louis Fischer; S. M., J. M. Umberger; Q. M. S., Jos. Landtrad. The new Post was named Reith Post, in honor of the memory of the late Col. Julius Raith, of the 43d Ill., and it is numbered 587. There were a number of visiting ex-soldiers present, Hubbard Post, No. 534, of Collinsville, being well represented, and all were courteously and hospitably entertained by the members of Raith Post.

INDIANA.—

Comrade, Union City: Sedgwick Post, No. 38, of Union City, Ind., sends greeting to Eben H. Ford Post, No. 336, of Pennsylvania, and will advance the claims of a comrade who, while not rivaling Comrade Derrick K. Van Veelitin in age, will compete with him or any comrade of any age in length of service, fidelity to the cause, and loyalty to all Grand Army principles. Having fallen into line Dec. 10, 1861, and enlisted in the 71st Ohio Dec. 6, 1861. He served two years and then veteranized "for life or during the war." He was mustered out at San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 30, 1865, by reason of "expiration of the war." He reached home Jan. 8, 1866, making his entire time of service four years and one month. Comrade Sullivan was with his regiment during the whole of its service, always at his post, never shirking duty or evading danger. He is yet in good health, living the life of a quiet Christian man at his home in Union City, enjoying the respect of all who know him and especially of his comrades of Sedgwick Post. He sometimes sports a gold-headed cane, a present from his fellow-members.

James B. Thompson, Seymour: Post No. 29, of this place, has adopted resolutions condemning the action of President Cleveland in vetoing pension bills.

W. T. Strickland, Columbus: On the 31st ultimo I organized James L. Chittenden Post, No. 1, at Taylorsville, Ind., and installed the following officers: Commander, Victor M. Carr; S. V. C., Jesse L. Crisler; J. V. C., Josephus Huffer; Adj't., Al. O. Merrick; Chap., Wm. H. Hook; Surg., Wm. H. Beck; O. D., Ben. F. Robertson; Q. M., Henry H. Crist; O. G., Thos. W. Rominger.

On the 28th ult., on the portico of the Court-house at Lafayette, Ind., Frank Greenendyke presented Lafayette Post, No. 3, with a handsome banner after the style of the G.A.R. badge. The presentation speech was made by Col. R. P. DeHart.

R. Bortley, Elizabeth: I mustered Ulric Dahlgren Post, No. 476, at Lacounia, Harrison Co., on Aug. 7. It starts with 26 charter members, and plenty more are entered to draw upon. I think it will soon take high rank in the Department. Rich. Evans was elected Commander; S. V. C., C. B. Roby; Adj't, — Rhodes.

KANSAS.—

E. S. West, Avilla: On July 31 the old soldiers of Comanche County, Kan., met at Coldwater, the County seat, and preceded to organize a Post of the Grand Army. It was an enthusiastic meeting, and we want our Eastern comrades to know that away out here in South-western Kansas the boys are as full of life and love for the old flag as they are back East. We now have two Posts in the County. Our Post at Coldwater is Scott Post, being named in honor of John Scott, the brave comrade who was tried and executed by the rebels for being one of the engine thieves who accompanied Walker and those other brave men upon that never-to-be-forgotten engine ride through the rebel lines. The following officers were installed: Commander, Wm. Gladden; S. V. C., J. S. Halliday; J. V. C., J. J. Walters; Adj't, H. Hatcher; Surg., S. C. Shepard; Chap., R. Deganno; Q. M., E. S. West; O. D., O. P. Snare; O. G., Jasper McCool.

Abilene Post, No. 63, Abilene, held a Reunion and Campfire on the 20th inst. It was the first time for some years the old soldiers of Dickinson County had met in Reunion. The attendance was very large, and the greetings between comrades of the most cordial description.

Lew Gove Post, of Manhattan, has arranged for a course of lectures to be given during the Fall and Winter. They will commence in September, and Comrade R. B. Spilman will deliver the opening address.

On July 31 H. C. Crump organized a Post at Randolph, with the following officers: Commander, Isaac Mayfield; S. V. C., J. W. Nelson; J. V. C., Thomas Murphy; O. D., C. Nixon; Adj't, P. B. Lewis; O. G., N. Smith; Q. M., J. Norris.

Ben. Greenman Post, of Downs, gave an entertainment at the Palace Rink on the 21st inst. The play was called the "Military Allegory of the War of 1861-'5, and was under the management of the author, Capt. L. D. Dobbs. The affair netted a handsome sum to the relief fund of the Post.

MASSACHUSETTS.—

During the last quarter this Department has gained 615 members, and now has enrolled 19,700 veterans.

Gen. Wadsworth Post, 63, of Natick, after years of patient waiting secured a portrait of the distinguished soldier after whom the Post bears its name. This picture, which is an excellent likeness, has been reproduced in crayon, elegantly framed, and will adorn the walls of the Post's meeting-room.

During a recent meeting of Post 40, of Malden, Mayor Cogan, in behalf of some 15 of the influential residents of the city, presented the Post with a memorial record book. The volume is very handsomely bound, and is to be used for the purpose of containing the war history of each member of the Post. Commander Frank E. West accepted the gift in behalf of the comrades. It was subsequently voted that whenever the Post disbands the book should be placed in the Malden Public Library. The present membership of the Post is 130, and it is one of the most prosperous in Middlesex County.

MICHIGAN.—

T. T. Hubbell, Detroit: Allow me space in your excellent paper to say a few words about the G.A.R. boys of Michigan, and more particularly Fairbanks Post, No. 17, of Detroit. We take great pride in letting people know that we have one of the finest Posts in the State of Michigan. We feel proud of our delegation that met at the National Encampment lately, in session at San Francisco. Our Post is now between 400 and 500 strong and increasing at every meeting.

Jno. B. Burris, Lexington: Post No. 11, of this place, and Post No. 51, of Concordia, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the battle of Lexington here on the 21st prox. by a grand Reunion and Campfire.

MINNESOTA.—

At a recent meeting of Stanton Post, No. 33, of Fergus Falls—C. C. Chase, Commander; P. Windsor, Adjutant—resolutions were adopted condemning in the strongest terms the recent attack made upon the late Secretary of War, Edwin M. Stanton, by Gen. Wheeler in the House of Representatives.

S. W. Bennett, Adjutant of W. S. Hancock Post, No. 146, Henderson, does not think that the recent vote of the National Encampment at San Francisco against the $8 a month service pension by any means a correct expression of the feelings of the soldiers of the country. He writes that the majority of our ex-soldiers belong to the laboring class and could not afford the luxury of a trip across the continent, even at reduced rates. Of his Post, which numbers about 50 members, only four could afford to spare the means to take the trip, and they could not spend the time to go. He concludes that the only way to get a correct expression of the feelings of the soldiers of the country is to take a vote of the members of the various Posts in the country, and he feels sure that in that event there would be a most overwhelming majority in favor of the service pension.

MISSOURI.—

Henry A. Astholz, Cape Girardeau: The members of Post No. 173, of this place, at a meeting held July 24 resolved that as THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE was the soldiers' paper par excellence of the United States, the Post subscribe for two copies.

NEBRASKA.—

The Womans' Relief Corps of Stromsburg, Neb., surprised the G.A.R. members at a recent meeting by providing an excellent supper after the close of the exercises. The boys were taken completely by surprise, but soon recovered and did ample justice to the things set before them.

NEW YORK.—

George Safford, Canton, writes a letter to the *Plain Dealer* of that town, in which he says that there are in the County poorhouse there one dependent father and five soldiers' widows. He also pens the following paragraph, which is worthy the attention of all old soldiers: "There are thousands of County houses in the United States, and I here desire to express the wish that the G.A.R. Posts nearest to the poorhouse in every County in these United States ascertain the number of soldiers and dependent relatives in each one and forward the same to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE so that the world may see how a grateful people reward the defenders of their country."

NORTH CAROLINA.—

F. J. Lee, New Berne: James C. Beecher Post, No. 72, has now 74 members and is in fine working order. We expect in the near future to organize a Womans' Relief Corps.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

Chaplain Woodruff has undertaken to raise the funds necessary to complete the Memorial Church at Gettysburg, about $20,000 being still required. A very desirable location has been secured on the main avenue from the town to the National Cemetery. He is appointed to receive from the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, Gettysburg being located in that diocese. This is to be distinctively a National Memorial, embracing tablets and memorial stones from both armies. It is to be built of stone taken from Devil's Den and Round Top, and the style is heavy and massive, with a large monumental tower. Windows, furniture and bell will be memorials, donated by surviving soldiers and friends of soldiers of the late war. It is expected that the corner-stone will be laid next year during the Reunion of both armies at Gettysburg. It will be called The Church of the Prince of Peace. All communications may be addressed to Chaplain Woodruff, at Williamsport, Pa.

After the ceremonies were concluded we had quite a nice little feast. Some time in September the comrades of the Post propose holding a picnic, and as all work undertaken by the Post is invariably successful, we expect to have a most enjoyable time.

Maj. A. J. Bolar Post, No. 553, was mustered in at Homer City, Pa., Aug. 16, by Maj. R. J. Irvin, of Saltsburg, with 35 charter members. The officers of the Post are: Commander, Jno. Evans; S.V.C., S. M. McIlheny; J. V. C., J. K. Myers; Adj't, S. H. Brewster; Q. M., Sergt., J. Edwards; Chap., J. Graber; O. D., G. H. Ogden; O. G., J. A. Kerr; Q. M., L. Gilbert; S. M., D. Shepard; Q. M. S., J. Uncapher. After the mustering in of the Post an elegant banquet given by the ladies of the town was partaken of and pronounced by all to be one of the finest served in this section. Comrades from Brush Valley, Blairsville, Latrobe and Indiana, about 60 in number, were in attendance.

On the morning of the 19th, Ezra S. Griffin Post, No. 132, of Scranton, started on an excursion to Berwick and spent a most delightful day. On their way they were joined by Wm. H. Davies Post, 187, of Carbondale, and by Posts from Honesdale, Waymart, Peckville, Moscow, and a large contingent from Susquehanna. Several members of the Loyal Ladies' League and other patriotic organizations in Scranton also joined the excursion.

VERMONT.—

At the close of the second quarter the Department of Vermont shows a strength of 99 Posts and 4,250 members in good standing.

WEST VIRGINIA.—

A. N. Spears, Birink, suggests that the Grand Army enact into its constitution a clause binding every member by a solemn oath never to support by word or deed any one who was ever known to do anything against the interest of the soldiers.

WISCONSIN.—

The Posts of Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin will meet at Lake Geneva, Wis., Sept. 1, 2 and 3. Among the distinguished soldiers who will be in attendance and address the veterans are Gen. John A. Logan, Gov. Lucius Fairchild, A. A. G. Phil Check, and Gov. Rusk.

REUNIONS.

MARYLAND.—

Alex. Leeds, Corresponding Secretary, Grafton, W. Va.: The next annual Reunion of the 6th Md. will be held at Northeast, Cecil Co., Md., on Saturday, Sept. 11, 1886. Round trip from Baltimore will be $1.80.

MICHIGAN.—

The eighth annual Reunion of the Soldiers and Sailors' Association of Southwest Michigan opened at Kalamazoo on the 17th inst. and remained in session three days. This was the largest meeting ever held, more than 2,000 veterans sitting down to dinner each day. The committee were at first alarmed at the large influx of visitors, which was to a great extent unexpected, but they proved equal to the occasion and all were accommodated in regard to lodgings and board.

MINNESOTA.—

W. A. Spalding, Minneapolis: The second annual Reunion of the 2d Minn. battery will be held at the Nicollett House, Minneapolis, Tuesday, Aug. 31.

MISSOURI.—

The Reunion held at Trenton on the 10th, 11th and 12th inst. was a great success. One hundred and fifty tents were erected, besides quarters for the officers and visitors. Early on the first day about 50 members of the Grand Army were at the depot to welcome the incoming visitors, and for many hours train loads kept continually pouring into the town. The decorations on the houses were very handsome. Flags, evergreens and flowers were displayed in every possible place. On the second day Hon. H. G. Orton, of Princeton, delivered the address of welcome to the visiting comrades. The veterans met in the evening at a Campfire, which was addressed by Dr. Stevens, Hon. C. D. Knight and others. The third day's proceedings commenced by the singing of John Brown's Body, after which short speeches were made for several hours by various comrades. A little before noon the comrades formed into a procession and marched to the court-house. The old war horse Lightfoot, born in 1857, and which was ridden three years during the war by Capt. John A. Lowe, of the 30th Mo. Cav., was on the grounds. The old veteran was wounded several times, and still carries the scars. During the day the 11th Mo. Cav. formed a permanent organization, with the following officers: President, W. C. Swayze, Trenton, Mo.; Secretary, S. M. Mann, Brookfield, Mo. The services on the concluding day were highly interesting, and opened with a meeting of Mexican veterans. The Prisoners of War also held a Reunion, as did the 44th Mo.

NEW YORK.—

C. D. Marcy, Secretary, Boston, Mass.: The 11th annual Reunion of the United States Veteran Signal Corps Association was held Aug. 26, at Hotel Brighton, Coney Island, N. Y.

Jerome Bell, Secretary, New York city: The fourth annual Midsummer Reunion of the 1st N. Y. (Lincoln Cavalry Association), was held at the Stevens House, Broadway, Aug. 18.

James Henderson, Jersey City, N. J.: The 90th N. Y. will hold a Reunion Sept. 15, at Center Village.

The annual Reunion and picnic of the 124th N. Y., popularly known as the "Orange Blossoms," is to be held Sept. 10, at Scofield's Grove, Walden. Charles H. Winfield, of New York, who presented the regiment, is behalf of the ladies of Orange County, with the flag that was carried through the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and others, will be the orator of the day. Gen. George H. Sharpe, of Kingston, who was a member of Gen. Grant's staff, will give recollections of Gen. Grant. Gen. Daniel E. Sickles is also expected to speak.

The Reunion of the survivors of the 141st N. Y. will be held at Elmira, Sept. 15.

ILLINOIS.—

A soldiers' Reunion was held at Aledo, Mercer Co., Aug. 25, 26 and 27.

The Reunion at Kirkland last week was largely attended and reflected great credit on Thos. A. Humphrey Post, under the auspices of which it was held. Comrades from Malta, Sycamore, Belvidere and other places were present. The entertainment was of the most interesting description, consisting of music, both vocal and instrumental, and addresses. Miss Daisy Force, of Rockford, "Daughter of the Regiment of the Iron Brigade of Wisconsin" was introduced and sang "We were Comrades Together in the Days of the War." Gen. Dustin was introduced, and the boys greeted him with three cheers proposed by Comrade Campbell, of Kingston. He delivered a short but interesting address that was well received. Maj. N. C. Warner, of Rockford, the gallant soldier who left a leg in the South, was introduced, and held the rapt attention of the assembly with a patriotic, eloquent and able address, interspersed with humorous and pleasant anecdotes, and he was loudly applauded. Among the comrades who made addresses, sang songs, or contributed in some way to the day's entertainment were: Maj. Raper, Harry Platner, Capt. Lippincott. The Glee Club also rendered some excellent selections.

There will be a soldiers' Reunion at Albion Sept. 2 and 3.

"Comrade," Galena: The soldiers and sailors of the Northwest will hold a Reunion at this place Sept. 2 and 3, under the auspices of Jo Davies County Veteran Association. The people of Galena, assisted by Grant Post, are making extensive arrangements for the event, which promises to reflect credit upon the former home of the lamented Chieftain, Grant. It will be in point of numbers the largest gathering of the kind ever held in this portion of the Northwest since the close of the rebellion. Upward of 200 ex-soldiers from Lake and Cook Counties, survivors of the old 96th Ill., led by their former Commander, Gen. J. C. Smith, will be here, the guests of the city of Galena, which has provided for free transportation both ways for the old veterans. Among the distinguished persons who have signified their intention to be present at the Reunion are Gov. Oglesby, Senator Cullum, Gen. John M. Palmer, Congressman R. R. Hitt, Gen. A. L. Chetlain and others. The Executive Committee having the Reunion in charge are making strenuous efforts to induce "Old Tecumseh" Sherman to attend and address his former comrades.

INDIANA.—

Senator Benjamin Harrison delivered an eloquent address to the soldiers of Northern Indiana attending the Grand Army Art Loan at Wabash, Ind., last week. Over 3,000 people, nearly all of whom were soldiers, listened to the speech, which was admirably worded. The entire address was devoted to a review of the war period from 1860 to '64, and the summary, though but an hour was consumed in its presentation, was complete. The speaker was loudly applauded, and at the conclusion of the address the throng sang "Marching Through Georgia."

IOWA.—

The 6th Maine Association held its Reunion at Houlton Aug. 12 and 13 and elected the following officers: President, J. Q. Adams; V.-P., Murray Applebee; Sec., L. Gardner. Executive Committee—William Leavitt (Chairman), James Walden, L. Gardner, Charles P. Furgeson, A. H. Porter.

A. P. Alexander, Marion: The Reunion of the 20th Iowa will be held at this place Sept. 15, and the Reunion of the 1st Iowa Cav. at Cedar Rapids, Sept. 21, 22 and 23.

OHIO.—

The 36th Ohio will hold a Reunion at Jackson, Sept. 7. All survivors of the 36th are urged to be present, and to signify their intention of attending, by addressing Dr. B. F. Holcomb, Jackson, O., the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

The 21st annual Reunion of the 4th Ohio was held at Wooster on the 4th inst.

The 11th Reunion of the 16th Ohio, which was held at Akron on the 5th, 6th and 7th inst., was attended by comrades from all parts of the State. Headquarters was located at Grand Army Hall. The commissary department was conducted by the ladies of Buckley Relief Corps in a manner which was highly pleasing to everybody. On the second day a meeting was held in the Rink, which was presided over by W. B. Tanneyhill. Gen. A. C. Voris delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by President Tanneyhill. The toasts were then in order. The first, "The United States," was responded to by Gen. Geo. W. Morgan; "Our Flag," by Col. Philip Kershner; "Ohio," by Capt. W. P. Van Dorn; "Our Old Brigade, 22d Ky., 49th Ind., 42d and 16th Ohio," by Capt. A. S. McClure; "Our Officers," by Corp'l T. D. Wolbach; "Our Musicians and Teamsters," by H. C. White; "The Women of the North," by Lieut. B. F. Heckert. The comrades then adjourned to Grand Army Hall, where a meeting was held and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Harry McClaren, Wooster; Vice-President, Maj. E. Rotsford, Wooster. The Secretary and Treasurer being permanent officers remain unchanged, and are as follows: Secretary, Enos Pierson, Wooster; Treasurer, Harry McClaren, Wooster. In the evening a grand Campfire was held, which was attended by comrades, their wives and children.

The 20th annual Reunion of Battery C, 1st Ohio L. A., will be held at Zanesville Aug. 26 and 27.

The 33d Ohio will hold its Reunion at Portsmouth in connection with the Reunion of the Army of West Virginia, Sept 7, 8 and 9.

David Laken, Columbus, O.: The annual Reunion of the Regular Brigade, Fourteenth Corps, will be held at Columbus (O.) Barracks Wednesday, Sept. 1.

The annual Reunion of the 34 and 10th Ohio Cav. was held at Elmore on the 18th inst.

The annual Reunion of the 55th and 164th Ohio will be held at Sycamore, O., Sept. 7. Every effort is being made to make this the grandest of all their Reunions.

R. K. Shaw, Secretary, Marietta: Owing to the failure to make adequate preparation, the Ohio Brigade Reunion at Mt. Vernon is withdrawn. The next Reunion of the brigade will be held at Chillicothe, Ross Co., O., on the 3d and 4th days of October, 1887, the 25th anniversary of the battle of Corinth.

The 67th Ohio will hold their 11th annual Reunion at Point Place and not at Walbridge, as heretofore announced, Sept. 2.

The Reunion of the 7th Ohio, which was held at Put-in-Bay, O., on the 18th inst. and continued one week, was a very interesting affair and largely attended. A more delightful spot for a Reunion could not possibly be imagined, the beautiful isle being perfectly adapted for a camping ground.

In November, 1864, at the battle of Meriden, Tenn., Capt. Watts, the young Commander of a rebel regiment, was captured by a Federal prisoner of war and his sword taken from him by Capt. Knapp, of Massillon, O., the Union officer who held him prisoner. The rebel Captain was treated kindly by the Northern boys in blue, but after the war was over they lost sight of each other. Several months ago Capt. Watts, the Southerner, got trace of Capt. Knapp, and correspondence ensued. The result was that Watts attended the annual Reunion of Knapp's regiment at Lake Park, Meyer's Lake, on the 12th ult., in the presence of a vast multitude, was presented by Capt. Knapp with the sword which was taken by the latter from Watts when he was captured. The sight was a stirring one, and the old boys of the 104th showed the best possible honors to the former Captain in gray, who had traveled from Meriden, Tenn., to Canton to recover his old sword.

The Medina County Soldiers and Sailors' Association held its annual Reunion and picnic on the Public Square at Medina on the 18th ult. On the arrival of the morning train a large delegation of soldiers, preceded by a band, were at the station to meet Gen. M. D. Leggett and other invited guests. After handshaking and visiting the comrades and their wives partook of dinner in the shade, and at 1 p. m. there was a gathering of from 3,000 to 5,000 people at the park to hear the addresses. Mayor Phillips extended the welcome of the city to the heroes of many a hard-fought battle, and the response was made by Capt. J. H. Greene. E. McDougal, President of the Association, then delivered his annual address, included in which was a poem for the occasion. The President then introduced Gen. Leggett, of Cleveland, who was in his best humor and was listened to for a full hour by an attentive and appreciative audience. His address was good and highly spoken of by everyone. After the address there was more music and more song, and then Capt. A. S. McClure, of Wooster, was introduced and in a few words well said added to his already large popularity among our people. Then, and last, but not least, Col. J. F. Herrick, of Cleveland, was announced.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

C. McMullen, Altoona: The second Reunion of the surviving members of Co. A, 55th Pa., will be held at Summit, Sept. 21, 22 and 23. All old soldiers are cordially invited to attend.

VERMONT.—

D. W. Kinison, Post No. 9, West Burke: The members of the 11th Vt. are anxious to hold a Reunion this Fall at St. Johnsbury. Comrades will please send their names to me.

WISCONSIN.—

The 11th and the 33d Wis. will hold a Reunion at Madison, Sept. 15. These two regiments, which were so closely connected during the war, have not held a Reunion for 12 or 15 years.

T. J. Brown, Manston: In response to a call issued by Angus S. Northrup Post, No. 59, Department of Wisconsin, G.A.R., about 100 delegates and visiting comrades from the Posts along the line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway assembled and organized the La Crosse and Lemonweir Valley Veterans' Association. F. S. Veeder, of Manston, was elected President of the association, and one Vice-President from each Post represented. Hon. W. H. Blyton, of Sparta, was elected Treasurer; Col. B. F. Parker, of Manston, Commander of Parade; Thos. McCaul, of Tomah, Quartermaster; J. I. Herrick, of Manston, Surgeon; A. O. Wright, of New Lisbon, Chaplain. The first Reunion of the Association will be held at Manston Sept. 28, 29 and 30.

S. R. Bell, Milwaukee: The fourth annual Reunion of the 28th Wis. will be held Sept. 23 and 24 at the Light Horse Squadron Armory at Milwaukee.

S. Durkee, Schofield: The annual Reunion of the Iron Brigade will be held at Oshkosh, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 and 2.

Union Veterans' Union.

James A. Garfield Post, No. 1, Van Wert, O., organized last Thursday evening with a membership of 27 and elected the following officers: J. W. Hetrick, Colonel; A. J. Burch, Lieut.-Col., J. T. Wilson, Maj.; H. H. Harrod, Capt., O. D.; August Stitz, Lieut., O.G.; Alex. Mullen, Chap.; D. L. Clippinger, Q. M.; M. B. Evens, Adj't; A. J. Gleason, Serg't-Maj.; B. F. Welch, Surg.; T. S. Gilliland and M. B. Evens, Delegates to National Encampment. Also Abraham Lincoln Post, No. 1, Akron, O.; Post No. 1, Meriden, Conn.; Post No. 1, Berlin Mills, N. H.; Hancock Post, No. 1, Washington, D. C., all with strong force. The Department of Potomac has also been organized as the Headquarters of the Order until further orders, with M. A. Dillon as Commander.

RELIEF CORPS NEWS.

The Annual Convention at San Francisco.

The second session of the National Convention was spent chiefly in routine work, the consideration of reports of the various officers and the committing of material to the proper committees. There was no matter of general interest to the public that was considered. It was voted to make the election of officers a special order for Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Much time was consumed in asking questions and in the settlement of mooted points in Corps work. Perhaps the most important thing, as affecting the point of discipline in the Relief Corps, was the report of the committee on the appeal made by Rod Matheson Corps, of Healdsburg, Cal., from the decision of the Past National President, Mrs. Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne. The committee not only reported that they declined to act favorably on the appeal, but that they heartily sustained Mrs. Kinne in her ruling. This was the unanimous expression of the National Convention, and remarks were made by various delegates present indorsing Mrs. Kinne and expressing themselves against a loose rendering of rules and regulations in any form. The fact that Rod Matheson Corps had mailed circulars all over the United States derogatory to the character of the Past Department President as a woman of discretion and honor was greatly against them in the minds of the delegates present, who were satisfied that their appeal was not well taken, and which an examination into its merits proved to be the case. The Convention adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock on Friday morning.

THIRD SESSION.

The third session was held Friday morning at 10 o'clock. After receiving the reports of Committee on Resolutions which followed, it having been moved that the Convention proceed to the election of officers, this being made the special order of the forenoon, it was moved that upon nominations being made speeches be confined to two minutes. Mrs. Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, Past Department President of California, was nominated and warmly commended for National President by the Past National President, Mrs. Sherwood, and Miss Anna Wittenmyer, National Chaplain, was nominated by the lowa delegation. Mrs. Margaret Wickes was nominated, but her name was afterwards withdrawn. Upon proceeding to election it was found that Mrs. Kinne was elected by a majority of 39 over Mrs. Wittenmyer, who gracefully came forward and asked that the nomination of Mrs. Kinne be made unanimous. Mrs. Kinne's election was received with great applause, as she has always proven herself a competent and efficient worker in the work of the W.R.C.

The galleries were filled with ladies, who asked that they might also share in the expression of applause and signify their approval of the choice by a rising vote. The President ruled that while of course they had no right to vote, she would be glad to give the ladies of California and the visiting delegates a chance to express themselves in this way, when all in the gallery arose amidst waving handkerchiefs and much applause.

Mrs. Nichols, Department President of New York, was unanimously elected for National Senior Vice-President. Mrs. Nichols has been in the organization since its beginning. She has large executive ability and has proved herself personally very popular among the ladies of the National Convention.

An adjournment was here taken for the noon lunch, when Mrs. Sarah Gardner, of Illinois, was elected National Junior Vice-President, and Rev. Miss Mary Girard, of Iowa, so popular among the people of that State and among the veterans of the G.A.R., was unanimously elected National Chaplain. Miss Girard was called to the platform and made a very touching address, in which she pledged herself anew to the principles of the W.R.C.

The National Treasurer, Miss Lizabeth A. Turner, was again complimented by a unanimous vote to serve the fifth term as National Treasurer. She resides in Boston, is a widow lady of means, and gratuitously gives of her time and strength to the W.R.C.

Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, the retiring National President, was made a member of the National Council of Five.

Miss Anna E. Wittenmyer was made a life member by a unanimous vote.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions respectfully submit their report as follows:

The resolutions on Mormonism introduced by Mrs. Ida E. Lincoln, President, Department of Utah, the committee cordially approve and recommend to the favorable action of fourth National Convention.

Whereas there exists in these United States an organization professedly independent of and hostile to the Government, known as "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints," which already holds absolute political control of one great Territory and is rapidly gaining ascendency in two others;

Whereas this organization by its public teaching of the right to violate National law when it conflicts with their religious practices; by its doctrines of State sovereignty so fully tested and settled by the civil war; by its open acts of dishonoring the flag by trailing it in the dust in contempt of National authority, and by half-masting the same on our National holiday, expressive of the sentiment, "Liberty is dead in Utah," by these things it has inculcated disloyalty and arrayed itself against the principles of American unity; and

Whereas its teachings and principles of the organization, as well as the practices and public teachings of its adherents, are antagonistic to the American home and subversive of the true instincts of wifehood and motherhood; Therefore,

Resolved, That we declare the principles involved beyond and outside of the pale of religionts or political discussion, and that it is time for us, within the sphere of legislative action by our Order, as demanded by our principles found in our Rules and Regulations, which says "that we shall discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty."

Resolved, That we deem it imperative upon us to enter our protest against the vile practices and the continued attempts of the Mormons, and to call on all loyal women of this Nation to encourage such legislation as shall most effectually suppress the evil.

Resolved, That we be more diligent in preserving the purity of the ideal of the American home.

THANKS TO CALIFORNIA.

We offer resolutions of thanks as follows in behalf of the fourth National Convention, W.R.C.:

Whereas the delegates to the Fourth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps have found in San Francisco and California a munificence of hospitality, a bountiousness of entertainment, and a cordiality of welcome which has filled them with untold delight, and left with them associations which will while life lasts be golden memories of a Golden State; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That our most hearty thanks are due to the liberal-hearted and generous citizens, veterans of the G.A.R., and loyal women of California, and especially to our co-workers in the W.R.C. of San Francisco, for their princely outpouring of affection and patriotism, and we pledge ourselves that coupled with the sweet memories of fruits and flowers and the warm and sunny faces that have planned a generous greeting, will be the recollection that California is the strong safeguard of National unity and loyal impulse that has set the golden spike of expansive fraternity on the outmost edge of our great Republic.

Resolved, That to press and people, veterans of the Grand Army and co-workers of the Relief Corps, we will pour out the offerings of our hearts and extend to them greetings of our hands, and assure them that whenever they shall cross the Continent to us we will, as far as lies in our power, give them of the first fruits of hospitality and such commensurate return for their generous deeds as is the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty can devise.

Resolved, That engrossed copies be sent to the Mayor of San Francisco, the Department Commander, G.A.R., the Department President, W.R.C., and the Governor of California.

Having seen with our own eyes the condition of the Chinese women in the Chinese quarter of San Francisco, we ask your approval of the following resolution:

Whereas the Relief Corps is pledged to the maintenance of loyalty, the elevation of women and the purity of the home, and

Whereas they have seen with untold horror the deep degradation of women in the Chinese quarter, bought and sold and penned in dark, damp brothels, like the very swine of the earth:

Resolved, That we call upon women everywhere to enter earnest protest against the further importation of Chinese women for purposes of prostitution, and that we unite in a solemn appeal to the Government, State and National, to lay the strong arm of the law upon the violators thereof and forever wipe out the reeking dives that are eating into our Republic like a loathesome cancer.

THANKS TO THE RAILROADS.

Whereas the delegates to the fourth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps are indebted to the liberal-hearted patriotic two percent. of the railroad officials who have tendered the courtesies of their lines to delegates and visiting members; and

Whereas our thanks are especially due to the great trans-continental lines, particularly the Pittsburg & Grand Trunk, the Baltimore & Ohio, the Chicago & Rock Island; the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe; Denver & Rio Grande, Central Pacific, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Northern Pacific, the Pacific Steamship Co., and the Oregon Transportation Co.; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the fourth National Convention put itself on record as appreciative of manifold courtesies and their earnest thanks for favors rendered. And particularly would they acknowledge the untiring services of Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Van Dervoort, in arranging for the transportation of National officers and acting as their strong escort across the continent, making it possible by his influence that many other Departments could be present upon the same generous terms.

RESUME OF NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Important action of the National Convention was a commending the address of the National President, in which she expressed a desire to consolidate all similar organizations into one grand body, so that loyal women everywhere should cooperate with them in the work they are doing for the soldiers, their widows an l orphans. They indorsed her recommendation to allow $100 to be taken from the cash on hand to be used as a relief fund, and also the propriety of paying the expenses incurred by the National President and other officers detailed in the performance of duty. They passed a resolution in which they approved the organization of Daughters of Veterans for social purposes and for the perpetuation of the heroic deeds of their fathers, but urged upon them the importance of serving as recruiting ranks for the Woman's Relief Corps, in order that they should take upon themselves the duties of the Woman's Relief Corps, which is working for the material, social, and patriotic interests of the veterans of the Union. The Sons of Veterans were strongly indorsed, and the W.R.C. pledged to give them sympathy and support.

It was made obligatory upon all Corps upon the disbandment and surrender of their charters that they turn over all properties to the National Treasurer, but that the moneys on hand, over and above expenses, should revert to the Posts of which they are auxiliary, unless the Posts themselves should be disbanded, or for some reason they declined to accept the money, in this case the money should be turned over to the Department to be used as a relief fund.

By unanimous consent Mrs. Mary E. Lull, of Milford, N. H., Past Department President of New Hampshire before the National Association was formed, was made an officer of the National organization, as Past Department President.

Among the important legislation coming before the National Convention was the passage of a resolution calling upon the Corps to appoint a Conference Committee of five to co-operate with the Conference Committee from the Post, and Corps Presidents were instructed to signify to the Post Commanders their desire for such committees. To this joint Conference Committee all matters of joint interest to the Post and Corps, or for the preservation of harmony and concerted action between the two organizations should be submitted.

A very important action was the diversion of one-half per cent. of the per capita to a National relief fund to be used for the benefit of army nurses, and for the disabled mothers of soldiers who had themselves rendered services on the battlefield.

Another important piece of legislation was a passage of the resolution that Corps secrecy extended not only to matters which transpired in Corps sessions, but that any discussion of Corps matters with members outside should be considered as a violation of the articles of secrecy.

A great deal of business was transacted during the sessions of the National Convention, and this was no better evinced than by the unanimous vote on Saturday morning that the Convention forego the pleasure of an excursion on San Francisco Bay that they might complete the work for which they were assembled.

St. Louis was chosen as the next place of holding National Convention, and the pro rata for Departments fixed at one delegate for every 300 members.

The session of the National Convention did not close until Saturday afternoon, when the following officers were obligated, as follows:

Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, National President.
Clara G. Nichols, New York, S. V. P.
Mary Markweather, Minneapolis, J. V. P.
Lizabeth A. Turner, Boston, Treasurer.
Eleanor B. Wheeler, Boston, Counselor.
Mary Garard, Iowa, Chaplain.
Margaret R. Wickens, Kansas, Inspector.
Annie Wittenmyer, Life Member Nat'l Council.
Sarah E. Fuller and Gertrude Rogers, Members National Council.

There are now three life members, the first and second National Presidents, Mesdames Barker and Sherwood and Mrs. Wittenmyer.

RELIEF OF ARMY WORKERS.

The following report, accepted by Convention, indicates that the Woman's Relief Corps is fast getting into working order. It having been recommended by National Treasurer that the per capita should be reduced one-half, the Convention voted to allow it to remain as fixed, but authorized the excess or one-half of the per capita to be paid quarterly into the relief fund as provided in report.

REPORT RELIEF COMMITTEE.

Mrs. ELEANOR B. WHEELER, National Secretary:

We have the honor to report that a committee on Relief and Pensions was organized with Mr