THE GRAND ARMY.

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

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

The members of the Headquarters party are slowly drifting back to Washington. Adj't-Gen. Cameron arrived on the 26th ult., looking very much improved by his trip. He worked hard all the time until the adjournment of the National Encampment, and has had to do so since, inasmuch as he has continued in office as a favor to the new Commander-in-Chief, and is carrying on the Headquarters until Gen. Fairchild can look about and make other dispositions. On his return to Washington he found a barrel full of mail, more or less, which he is now sorting out as rapidly as possible.

Past Commander-in-Chief Burdett went with his wife to the Puget Sound country, and after a very pleasant trip indeed he arrived home last week. The comrades will all be glad to know that he and Mrs. Burdett were greatly benefited by the journey. The more that the proceedings of the Encampment are considered the greater is the appreciation of Gen. Burdett. He proved himself to be a phenomenal presiding officer, and his management of that body from first to last was marked by tact, high parliamentary ability and untiring good nature.

A. A.-G. Brackett came on in advance of the others and is now immersed in his business, trying to catch up with the work that has accumulated.

Gen. Burdett has written the following very appreciative letter to his Adjutant-General, which is well deserved by that officer, whose work during the past year more than justifies all that his Chief says of him:

SEPT. 3, 1886.

JOHN CAMERON, Adjutant-General G.A.R.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: The first duty which suggests itself to me on my return from San Francisco is to express to you my sincere thanks for the faithful labors which made the administration of the concerns of the Grand Army of the Republic during the past year alike pleasant to me and in the opinion of those entitled to judge, both honorable and successful to the fraternity at large. I took occasion, as you know, to make mention of my obligations to you, with others of the staff, in my address to the National Encampment, but your labors and responsibilities were so much greater than those of others that any formal mention in a public address could not adequately do the justice which in my judgment is your due. I beg now to say that no mistake of the administration which culminated at San Francisco is attributable to you, and that you are in just measure to be praised and congratulated.

Wishing you with all my heart during the coming years prosperity and peace, I am, faithfully and in F., C. and L.,

S. S. BURDETT.

Commander-in-Chief Fairchild is expected on to Washington the middle of this month, when he will make himself thoroughly acquainted with his new duties under the tutelage of Past Commander-in-Chief Burdett and Adj't-Gen. Cameron, and set matters in order for his administration. It has been expected that he would appoint his old Adjutant-General, Phil Check, as his Adjutant-General; but this comrade, while an earnest Grand Army man, is reluctant to undertake a duty of so much responsibility, as he has private business that requires his whole attention. There is some talk of making a permanent establishment of the National Headquarters in this city, a plan which has many features of merit. The Headquarters records are becoming very voluminous, and their care and keeping should be the work of some trained man who has been familiar with the history of the Headquarters for a period of years. It is a great loss of time and causes much embarrassment to educate a new Adjutant-General every year. Still further, these records are so valuable that it is wrong to expose them to the dangers incident to frequent removal and their falling into the hands of those who do not understand or appreciate them.

GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 1.

The initial General Order of the new National Administration of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued last week at Washington, D. C., is as follows:

1. The 20th annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 4, 5 and 6, 1886, elected the following-named comrades to the offices designated:

Commander-in-Chief—Comrade Lucius Fairchild, Madison, Wis.

Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief—Samuel W. Backus, San Francisco, Cal.

Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief—Edgar Allen, Richmond, Va.

Surgeon-General—Ambrose Everett, Denver, Colo.

Chaplain-in-Chief—T. C. Warner, Chattanooga, Tenn.

National Council of Administration—Thos. Boles, Fort Smith, Ark.; P. P. Chipman, Red Bluff, Cal.; Frank Hunter, Denver, Colo.; Wm. Edgar Simonds, Hartford, Conn.; Geo. A. Silby, Mitchell, Dak.; G. W. King, Wilmington, Del.; E. W. Henck, Longwood, Fla.; Henry Schorten, Baton Rouge, La. (Gulf); R. P. Wilson, Chicago, Ill.; Cortland J. Whitsel, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. B. Morgan, Davenport, Iowa; J. W. Feighan, Emporia, Kan.; D. O. Ilsley, Litchfield, Ky.; A. M. Sawyer, Portland, Me.; John L. Otis, Northampton, Mass.; Geo. B. Cresmer, Baltimore, Md.; Geo. W. Devlin, Jackson, Mich.; W.W. P. McConnell, Mankato, Minn.; Eugene F. Weigel, St. Louis, Mo.; W. E. Sumner, Helena, Mont.; Jos. O. West, Grand Island, Neb.; Jas. Minot, Concord, N. H.; Bishop W. Mains, Trenton, N. J.; Thomas W. Collier, Raton, N. M.; Henry E. Turner, Lowville, N. Y.; D. R. Austin, Toledo, O.; Chas. L. Fay, Portland, Ore.; Samuel Harper, Pittsburg, Pa.; Solomon Z. Fauntc, Washington, D. C. (Potomac); Geo. O. Eddy, Bristol, R. I.; Edward S. Jones, Nashville, Tenn. (Tennessee and Georgia); A. Belknap, San Antonio, Tex.; W. H. Nye, Boise City, Idaho (Utah); Ed. H. Trick, Burlington, Vt.; Peter Morton, Virginia; Frank G. Fray, Dayton, Wash. Ter.; S. F. Stone, Parkersburg, W. Va.; J. L. Wheat, Racine, Wis.

Errors in names to be promptly reported.

2. Comrade John Taylor, 218 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., is reappointed Quartermaster-General. Comrade John Cameron will until further orders continue his duties as Adjutant-General. Comrade W. S. Chase is temporarily detailed as Assistant Adjutant-General.

3. All communications for the Adjutant-General to be sent to Washington, D. C. Communications for the Commander-in-Chief to Madison, Wis.

4. Assistant Adjutants-General who have not sent in their returns for quarter ending June 30, 1886, are requested to do so at once. These returns should be accompanied by Form D and per capita tax.

5. Requisitions for supplies should be forwarded direct to the Quartermaster-General, "accompanied by the money, or the articles ordered will be sent C. O. D." Remittances should be made by post-office order, or eastern drafts, saving cost of exchange; express being, as usual, prepaid by the Quartermaster-General.

6. Comrades who have sent communications to National Headquarters since July 20 are informed that they will receive due attention.

7. In order that the Roll of the 20th annual Encampment may be properly printed in Proceedings, Assistant Adjutants-General are requested to send a list of Department representatives—those present at the Encampment to be so marked. Prompt compliance will save much feeling to those concerned.

8. It is recommended that inquiries for addresses to establish claims for pension be sent direct to the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C. The records of this office show that during the past 12 months 144,976 names have been supplied, and that the names and post-office addresses of over 700,000 ex-soldiers and sailors are on file in the Army and Navy Survivors' Division of the Pension Office. All calls made during the last year were sent from this office, and over 1,300 addresses promptly furnished at request of National Headquarters.

9. Appointments on the official staff and location of the next National Headquarters will be announced in due season.

By command of LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Commander-in-Chief.

JNO. CAMERON, Adjutant-General.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

COLORADO.—

General Orders, No. 6, issued at Denver, Aug. 20, by order of Henry Bowman, Department Commander—D. I. Ezekiel, A. A. A. G.—are as follows: The attention of Post Commanders is called to the importance of making prompt returns to these headquarters. Most of the Posts comply with the law, but the consolidated reports of the Department for last quarter were much delayed by the neglect of the few. Post Commanders, Quartermasters and Adjutants should bear in mind the obligations they assumed upon induction into office and strictly comply with the same. Of all our laws none are so essential to the well-doing of the Order as those regarding the rendition of returns by Post officers. Failure to comply with their requirements not only reflects upon the standing of the Post at Department Headquarters, but also of the Department at National Headquarters. The Commander hopes that he will not have occasion to again call the attention of Post officers to this matter. As the representation of the Department in the next National Encampment will be based upon the reports for this quarter, Post Commanders will see that the Adjutants and Quartermasters of their respective Posts forward their returns and the per capita tax due thereon to these Headquarters on or before Oct. 5, prox. Post Commanders will see that Adjutants' and Quartermasters' reports agree as to "number in good standing" and are correct in all other particulars. Adjutants and Quartermasters will use the blanks forwarded from these headquarters. The numbers thereon, in red ink, give the "number in good standing," "remaining suspended" and the "balances on hand" as shown by last reports received at these Headquarters, and under no circumstances must they be changed. Post Commanders will see that in forwarding the per capita tax the Quartermaster also forwards the per capita tax due these Headquarters on all reinstatements made during the quarter. As Department Headquarters has to pay National Headquarters on reinstatements, it is but just that Posts should pay same to the Department. It is the intention of the Commander to name in General Orders, each quarter, the Post most prompt in the rendition of returns. That honor for the second quarter of 1886 belongs to Dick Yates Post, No. 14, its returns being the first to reach these Headquarters. On May 4, 1886, W. S. Hancock Post, No. 66, Glenwood Springs, Colo., was mustered in by Comrade Jno. B. Brooks. It started with 12 charter members. Supplies will be promptly furnished upon requisitions approved by Post Commanders only when accompanied by post-office order, check or draft. All remittances to these Headquarters must be made payable to D. I. Ezekiel, Acting Quartermaster-General. The address of any officer or member of Co. D, 1st Mich. L. A., who is acquainted with the facts attending the injury of Wm. H. Lovell, late a private of said company, is desired by these Headquarters; also, the address of any officer or member of Co. G, 3d Inf., U. S. A. (Regulars) who served in said company between the years 1855 and 1858, and who was acquainted with Christian Eberhardt, who was then serving in said company.

DAKOTA.—

G. W. Downer, Fort Meade: We have a Post here, composed entirely of soldiers, of about 40 members, and named after Col. S. D. Sturgis's son, who was killed at the Custer massacre, Jack G. Sturgis. We have been in operation since Oct., '82; and in this connection would say that I have read every year the doings at the National Encampments, and have looked in vain for a question to be brought up, namely: Why could not the Commander-in-Chief hold his office for four years instead of one, as now? Take for instance the Commanding General of the Army, who holds until he is 64 years of age and only commands about 25,000 men, while ours has control of more than 300,000, and he only just about gets into command and gets the thing running in good shape when he has to step down and out, and all that mass of records has to be transferred to some other locality.

W. V. Lucas, Chamberlain: In your issue of 19th ult. you say the Department of Dakota was not represented in the parade at San Francisco Aug. 3. This is a mistake. Dakota was represented by 19 comrades, and led by as fine a banner as there was in the procession. Dakota's position was in the fifth division, Gen. Lamb, of Oregon, commanding. The Department of Dakota is young and weak, comparatively, but has plenty of pluck and is full of hope.

ILLINOIS.—

R. B. Winn, White Hall: Pursuant to previous arrangement delegates from the various Posts in this vicinity met in this city Wednesday last and proceeded to form a veteran battalion. The meeting was called to order in the City Council room by Comrade E. J. Pearce, editor White Hall *Republican*. Delegates from Culver Post, No. 512; Jacob Fry, 193; Carrollton, 442; Watson, 420, and Manchester, 596, were present. Communications from Greenfield and Lucien King Posts were received favoring the organization and assuring their hearty co-operation. It was moved, seconded and carried that this organization be called the Green County Veteran Battalion, and that we admit the Posts of Murrayville, Morgan Co., and Manchester, Scott Co. Jno. A. Wright, of Watson Post, was chosen Commander; T. A. Smith, Culver Post, Lieutenant Commander; J. T. Atchison, Carrollton Post, Adjutant. C. J. Riddle, Jacob Fry Post; W. H. Robinson, Greenfield Post, and G. Wright, of Manchester Post, were elected as Aids-de-Camp.

MAINE.—

Geo. Gifford, Auburn: Burnside Post, No. 47, of this place, will, as usual, during the annual fair of the Maine Agricultural Society Sept. 14-17, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 15, give a Campfire to the visiting comrades. On these occasions nine States and nearly 100 Posts have been represented at times, and they are very enjoyable affairs. All comrades visiting the sister towns of Lewiston and Auburn during the fair will be made welcome by Burnside Post.

MISSOURI.—

Joseph Miles, Namrash: We have just organized Pruhart Post, No. 268, G.A.R., at Brunswick, Mo., with a membership of about 30. We have plenty of good material in this neighborhood for the formation of a large Post, and we expect to gather all the veterans living in the surrounding County into the folds of the Grand Army before long.

Geo. W. Skinner, Ozark: Steps have been taken to organize a Post of the Grand Army at Ozark, the County seat of Christian County. There are about 60 veterans who wore the blue within a radius of five miles of Ozark, and they now wish to have a Post formed for the ends of F., C. and L.

NEW JERSEY.—

General Orders, No. 7, issued at Jersey City, Aug. 31, by command of Frank O. Cole, Department Commander—John L. Wheeler, A. A. G.—are as follows:

The reports for the second quarter of 1886 show the following figures. The following Posts show net gains, viz.: Post 1, 8; 3, 15; 4, 6; 8, 22; 10, 7; 11, 6; 12, 2; 13, 11; 15, 4; 16, 4; 17, 1; 20, 6; 23, 6; 24, 4; 25, 12; 26, 3; 27, 1; 28, 11; 29, 1; 31, 3; 33, 1; 35, 6; 39, 5; 41, 12; 44, 1; 47, 1; 48, 9; 49, 1; 50, 10; 51, 5; 52, 5; 53, 1; 55, 5; 58, 2; 61, 6; 62, 2; 65, 5; 66, 4; 69, 1; 72, 1; 73, 12; 74, 7; 75, 5; 76, 1; 79, 1; 81, 14; 85, 8; 88, 11; 89, 3; 91, 1; 94, 1; 95, 3; 96, 3; 97, 3; 98, 34; 99, 5; 100, 4; 101, 5. Total gain, 337.

The following Posts show net losses, viz.: Post 5, 137; 7, 2; 9, 2; 21, 5; 32, 13; 34, 1; 37, 306; 38, 1; 42, 3; 43, 1; 45, 1; 46, 4; 54, 3; 56, 1; 57, 7; 60, 5; 64, 3; 67, 1; 68, 6; 71, 1; 77, 6; 78, 2; 80, 1; 84, 4; 85, 1; 90, 2, 92, 2. Total loss, 523. Loss in Department during the quarter, 186; total in good standing at end of first quarter, 6,167; total in good standing at end of second quarter, 5,981.

The following Posts show the same strength numerically as at the end of the first quarter of 1886: No. 2, 14, 18, 19, 22, 30, 36, 40, 59, 63, 82, 83, 87, 93.

The reports of all the Posts of the Department reached these Headquarters on time except the following: 1 day late, Posts, 16, 56; 2 days late, 17; 4 days late, 1, 7, 30, 52, 77, 97; 5 days late, 28, 55; 6 days late, 49; 7 days late, 39, 96; 8 days late, 23, 27, 51, 65; 9 days late, 11, 59, 74; 10 days late, 13, 43, 86; 12 days late, 67; 13 days late, 89; 15 days late, 22; 19 days late, 18; 25 days late, 90. It will be noticed that these figures show a marked improvement in the performance of their duties by Post Commanders. Their promptness in complying with Rules and Regulations has enabled the Department to take first place at National Headquarters for promptness in the performance of duty. The Posts of this Department are recommended to institute a "delinquent detail," whose duty it shall be to take from the Post Quartermaster a list of all comrades in arrears, to visit such comrades personally, and endeavor to reawaken their interest in our organization. This plan has been pursued by Post 12 with eminent success. Inasmuch as the number of suspended comrades grows larger each quarter, we should seek some method whereby the evil may decrease. The proposed plan offers many advantages. The Department Commander, having accepted an invitation from the veterans of the Lehigh Valley to attend a Reunion at Easton, Pa., on Sept 17 next, the anniversary of the battle of Antietam, all the members of the Department and Personal Staff, Aids-de-Camp and the comrades generally are invited to accompany him. A train will leave Jersey City at 9 o'clock a. m. Sept. 17 from the Pennsylvania R. R. Depot. Excursion tickets to Easton and return will be $3.25.

The following addresses are wanted. The P. O. address of Lieut. Albert Brand, of the Tammany regiment, by C. E. Bernhard, M. D., Endora, Kan.; the name and address of any comrade who served in Co. H, 5th N. Y. H. A., who knew Joseph Flynn, by John McElmeel, Commander of Post 100, Bergen Point, N. J.; the name and address of any comrade of the 90th N. J. who served in Summer of '64, by Frederick Rapp, No. 1808 Lyndale avenue north, Minneapolis, Minn.; the address of Wm. Ruhle, late of Co. D, 35th N. Y. H. A., by Comrade Dennis O'Neill, Soldiers' Home, Newark, N. J.; the address of Norman Horley, late First Lieutenant, Co. I, 24th N.Y. S. Vols., of Oswego, N.Y.; also, Capt. Levi Beardsley, of same regiment and company, by Comrade Wilson Pierson, Adjutant, Post 23, Trenton, N. J.

Rejections.—By Post 8, Wm. Cheesman, late private, Co. D, 38th N. J.; Samuel H. Leek, late private, Co. I, 23d P. A.; Moses Rosenbaum; late private, Co. F, 29th P. A.

NEW YORK.—

M. McDonald, Fair Haven: The fourth annual Encampment of the G.A.R. of Cayuga and adjacent Counties will be held on their old camp ground at this place on the 15th, 16th and 17th of September. Tents will be furnished free to Post delegations and their friends. The program will present many attractions. All old veterans are cordially invited.

Johnson Beers, Commander, Post No. 165, Elmira: We learn that a former member of this Post (dropped from our rolls for cause) is traveling in the Middle and Western States as a member in good standing. We wish to prevent further imposition on Posts and members of our Order, hence this note. His name is Frank Hemenway.

OHIO.—

Frank S. Mason, Bellaire: Post No. 98, of this place, has 71 active members, and is in fine working order. Following are the officers: Commander, W. D. Jones; S. V. C., James McFadden; J. V. C., J. L. Lancaster; Chap., J. W. Smith; O. D., Thos. Collins; Q. M., Fred. Eberle; Adj't, Frank S. Mason.

John O. McGowan, Youngstown: On Aug. 19 the writer and 25 comrades of Tod Post, No. 29, Department of Ohio, went to Berlin Center and mustered Post No. 600—Asher Kirkbride. The following are the officers of the new Post: Commander, Frank White; S. V. C., Dr. Hughes; J. V. C., John Ovington; Q. M., J. Kirkbride; Adj't, James Templin; Surg., W. T. Hawkins; Chap., John Kemp; O. D., W. H. Holman; O. G., W. H. Middleton; Q. M. S., Daniel Brum; S. M., Allen Silver. I will go to Newton Falls on the 21st and muster Post No. 622. The old soldiers out this way think the G.A.R. is the only representative soldier organization in the country.

H. A. Smith, Cleveland: The comrades of Memorial Post, No. 14, of this place, recently dedicated their new hall, making the occasion a most pleasant one. Post Commander G. C. Barnes, as master of ceremonies, acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of all. The evening opened with the singing of "My Country, 'tis of Thee," by the Post choir, which was made up of the following gentlemen: Comrades Kimberley, Birrer, Zimmerman, Patterson, Sanderson, Fish, Staley, Britton, Springstein, and Ludlam. Soon after the close of the song, Mayor Gardner was introduced, who spoke for a few minutes in praise of the beautiful hall, and the courage and patriotism of those who would hereafter occupy it. Councilman W. M. Bayne followed with a neat five-minute address. Comrade John C. Roland, Post Historian, read a most interesting sketch of the origin and growth of the Post, which, while organized in October, 1881, was the outgrowth of a much older organization, and its charter members were: Ed. S. Meyer, L. R. Davis, Morris R. Hughes, Herman Mayer, H. W. Kitchen, A. M. Van Sickle, P. M. Spencer, Louis P. Lambert, E. M. Hessler, John Crowell, jr., W. A. Howe, F. M. Sanderson, C. C. Dewstoe, Levi F. Bauder, Geo. W. Howe, John C. Rowland, Thos. King, M. B. Gary, J. F. Isom, John N. Frazee, C. L. Richmond, W. C. Corwin, G. M. Barber, C. C. Shanklin, M. T. Britton, Jas. Barnett, F. Kendall, W. F. Goodspeed, E. Sowers, James McMahon, W. R. Austin, J. N. Estabrook, and F. E. Newcomb.

The growth of this Post in membership has been steady and healthy. There has been mustered into its ranks since January 1, 1886, 101 comrades. Thirteen recruits now waiting the next muster night gives a gain of 114 in eight months, making a total membership of 316. The average net increase has been, however, only about 35 per annum. The losses have been light. A few honorable discharges and transfers have been granted, and some have been dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues. There have been no courts-martial or dishonorable discharges to mar our prosperous and peaceful history. That one other source of loss, death, which will eventually bring total dissolution to our Order, has upon seven occasions invaded our ranks. The first comrade called by the Supreme Commander was F. C. Parks, a former member of Co. D, 74th N. Y., who died October 18, 1884. The second summons came in December, 1884, to Comrade Josiah Barber, well known as an efficient officer of the army and a worthy citizen. Comrade W. H. Taylor, who served this Post as Quartermaster's Sergeant, died Aug. 5, 1885. On Dec. 26, 1885, Comrade L. B. Helmer, a member of the 9th Pa. Cav., left us. In years he was one of the youngest comrades, and only joined the Post a few months previous to his death. Comrade John Crowell, jr., died Dec. 31, 1885. Comrade Crowell gained the rank of Captain in the army, was a gallant officer and a genial, wholesouled comrade. Comrade B. S. DeForest, First Lieutenant, Co. A, 81st N. Y., serving from Aug. 26, 1862 until Sept. 19, 1864, died April 16, 1886. From the day Comrade DeForest was mustered, he was an attentive member of this Post, taking great interest in all its workings. Gustave Weiner, late First Lieutenant in Co. E, 29th N. Y., serving from May 16, 1861, to June 20, 1863, was the last comrade to answer the final summons. Our charter is now free from these emblems of mourning. The following are the present officers of the Post: Commander, G. C. Barnes; S. V. C., James McMahon; J. V. C., W. H. Polhamus; Surg., Dr. Springsteen; Chap., P. H. Tuttle; Adj't, C. P. Wainman; Q. M., E. M. Hessler; O. D., J. B. Molyneaux; O. G., E. Kelley; Q. M. S., C. C. Shanklin; S. M., J. M. Carrington.

A. Mullen, Van Wert: James A. Garfield Post, No. 2, was mustered Aug. 19 with 57 charter members and the following officers: Commander, J. W. Hetrick; S. V. C., Col. A. J. Burch; J. V. C., J. W. Wilson; O. D., H. H. Harrod; O. G., A. Stits; Q. M., D. L. Clippinger; Chap., A. R. Mullen; Surg., Dr. B. A. Welch; Adj't, M. B. Evers; S. M., A. J. Gleason. Delegates to National Convention, T. S. Gilliland, M. B. Evers.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

At a recent meeting of Martin V. Ryan Post, No. 372, of North Bingham, resolutions (offered by Comrade M. J. Grower) were adopted condemning the President's recent pension vetoes.

"Comrade," Williamsport: Reno Post, No. 64, of this place, mustered five recruits and elected six more Aug. 27. They go in a body to Lewisburg Grand Army Day, Sept. 9. Barrows Post, No. 385 has recently laid an elegant new carpet and otherwise embellished their Post room. Chaplain Woodruff, of Post 557, was presented by this Post with an elegant jeweled Chaplain's badge, made by Jos. K. Davison, of Philadelphia, last week. Perkins Post, No. 202, Athens, is one of the lucky Posts. Commander C. T. Hull, who is a cashier of a bank there, recently completed a block of bricks and arranged the third floor for an elegant Post room and presented it to the boys for their use. The walls are appropriately decorated, and when completely finished it will be one of the finest country Post rooms in this Department. Athens has also a very flourishing Camp of Sons of Veterans.

A. B. Keagle, Liberty: We have a good Post here, of which I am Adjutant—King Brothers Post, No. 288, named in honor of three brothers who were killed in battle. On the 10th and 11th of this month we propose holding a grand Campfire, and we expect the attendance will be very large.

W. A. Siegfried, East Mauch Chunk: Chapman Post, No. 61, have erected a handsome monument made by the U. S. Monumental Bronze Co., of Bridgeport, Conn. The hight of the white bronze structure is 36 feet; hight of the artificial stone base, 15 feet; total hight, 51 feet, which is the largest white bronze monument in the United States. The day for unveiling is Sept. 28, 1886, and a number of well-known G.A.R. men have been invited to attend.

WEST VIRGINIA.—

S. F. Shaw, Parkersburg: I see in your report of the procession at San Francisco you have the West Virginia delegation as commanded by J. Carlin, Department Commander, F. H. Crago, A. A. G. I would say that neither of the gentlemen went at all. I, as member of National Council of Administration and ex-Commander, had charge of the delegation, J. H. Ruhl (delegate) acting A. A. G., O. P. Boughner A. D. C. Please correct in next issue. Also, you have my name on the new Council of Administration as S. F. Stone. Please correct and make it S. F. Shaw, same as last year.

REUNIONS.

Gatherings of Comrades in all Parts of the Country.

ILLINOIS.—

There will be a Reunion of the 14th Ill. Cav. at the annual meeting of the Big Bend Veterans' Reunion Association, which meets at Lasalle, Ill., on Sept. 15, 16 and 17. The Reunion will probably take place on Thursday evening, Sept. 16. Lieut. Putnam Beckwith is temporary Chairman of the Regimental Association. All who can attend should address E. A. Natlinger, Secretary, Altoona, Ill.

W. R. Morley, Farmer City: The Yates Phalanx, 39th Ill., will hold its annual Reunion at Marseilles, Ill., Oct. 13. Comrades of the 62d and 67th Ohio, 13th Ind. and 85th Pa. are especially invited.

John Morris, Lawn Ridge: The 11th Ill. will hold a Reunion at Lasalle during the Reunion of the Big Bend Association, Sept. 15, 16 and 17. All who were at any time members of the old 11th are cordially invited to be present. It is proposed to visit the home of Mrs. Gen. Wallace at Ottawa and see our old battle-flag, which we carried at the battle of Shiloh.

A. R. Mock, Cambridge: The Reunion of the 9th Ill. Cav. will be held at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, Sept. 29 and 30.

There will be a grand Reunion of the old soldiers of Central Illinois held at Decatur, Ill., Oct. 6 and 7. During the Reunion the following regiments will hold regimental Reunions and perfect their organizations: The 8th, 35th, 41st, 63d, 107th, 115th and 116th; the 2d, 7th and 10th Ill. Cav. and Battery I, 4th Ill. Art. The arrangements are being perfected to feed all old soldiers, with reduced rates on all railroads entering Decatur. Prominent speakers will be present. Wednesday, the 6th, will be devoted to regimental organizations and Reunions.

M. A. Ewing, Neoga: The 12th annual Reunion of the Society of the 21st Ill. (Gen. Grant's old regiment) will be held at Mattoon, Sept. 25. The comrades will then adjourn to meet at Ironton, Mo., on the 27th of the same month to assist in the dedication of a monument erected to the memory of Gen. Grant.

INDIANA.—

A. P. Hendrickson, Secretary, Indianapolis: The organization of the 130th Ind. met at the Court-house in Kokomo last week, with about 70 members present. C. S. Parrish was elected President for the ensuing year, and A. P. Hendrickson Secretary and Treasurer. It was decided to hold the next Reunion at Wabash, Aug. 6, 1887. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the following regiments and batteries that composed the Second Division, Twenty-third Corps, 120th, 123d, 124th, 128th, 129th, 130th Ind. and 6th Mich. Battery, in view of effecting a Reunion of this division at some time in the near future. The meeting was then addressed by Mayor Moulder, who extended the freedom of the city to the organization and bade them a hearty welcome. He was followed by a rattling speech from Col. Parrish, who had not lost any of his old-time vigor, and at the sound of whose voice the stirring scenes and incidents of nearly a quarter of a century ago were most vividly brought back. Then followed many pleasant reminiscences of camp life and soldier days by Comrades Truax, Black and others. The meeting concluded by E. B. Crouch, the "bushwhacker boy," relating the story of his capture and attempted assassination by the bushwhackers of Tennessee.

W. H. Reinheimer, Winchester: The 6th annual Reunion of the 19th Ind. battery and Co. D, 101st Ind., will be held at Anderson, Oct. 5 and 6. The 75th and the 101st Ind. hold their fourth annual Reunion at the same time and place.

Alex. Hess, Wabash: The first Reunion of the 2d Ind. Cav. will be held at Indianapolis Sept. 30. All surviving members are requested to send their post-office address to the Secretary, Maj. James Conner, Fountain City, Ind.

L. P. Holman, Peru: There will be a Reunion of the 51st Ind. at Indianapolis on the 5th and 6th of October. A. D. Straight, its old Colonel, and the man the rebs "loved to hate" while he languished within the prison walls of Libby, has extended to his old comrades a general invitation to meet at his beautiful residence, three miles east of the city. Correspondence solicited by the committee from the members of the regiment. Committee: Capt. M. T. Russell, of Des Moines, Iowa; Capt. Wm. Wallick and Lieut. L. P. Holman, Peru, Ind.

I. E. Boswell, Secretary, 200 Fort Wayne Ave., Indianapolis: The annual Reunion of the 4th Ind. Cav. will be held in the Criminal Court-room at this place Sept. 29.

IOWA.—

A roster of Co. D, 6th Iowa, has been prepared by E. C. Haynes, of Centerville, and will be mailed to all the members of the Company on application, with a view to having all corrections made in names, residences, etc., before the history of the regiment is written.

KANSAS.—

E. W. Deeble, East Wolf: There will be a Reunion of the soldiers and sailors of Osborne, Russell, Lincoln and Ellsworth Counties, near Delhi, to which all are invited. Ample accommodations for all are being prepared.

H. W. Roby, Leavenworth: The Kansas Association of Union Ex-Prisoners of War will hold their annual meeting at Emporia, Kan., on the 6th and 7th of October, 1886. All Union ex-prisoners of war are requested to attend.

Frank K. Kitzmiller, Secretary, Highland: The members of the 13th Kan. will hold their annual Reunion at Emporia on Oct. 6, 7 and 8. I earnestly request that the names, rank and post-office address of all surviving members of the old 13th be sent me in order that I may complete the regimental roster as perfectly as possible.

James Bateman, Adjutant, Post No. 4, Independence: There will be a Reunion held at this place on the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th of Oct. Every effort will be made to make this Reunion a great success. The grove is beautiful, well watered and situated at River Side Park. A corps of prominent speakers from home and abroad will honor the occasion with their presence. A complete program has been arranged for the amusement of all visitors. A battery of artilley will be on hand to remind the boys of dayagone by. A cordial invitation is extended to all soldiers and citizens to come and enjoy four days' pleasure with us.

MARYLAND.—

Thomas L. Matthews, Baltimore: The second annual Reunion of the 2d Md. will be held at Wilson Post hall, in this city, on Friday evening, Sept. 17. After the meeting a banquet will be served at the Maltby House. All comrades who served in this regiment are cordially invited to be present. They are also requested to send their names and addresses to the Secretary, Lieut. James Glen, 54 Lexington street, Baltimore, Md.

The third annual Reunion of the Purnell Legion (artillery, cavalry and infantry), Maryland volunteers, will be held in Baltimore on Friday, 17th inst. The Reunion will conclude with a banquet at the Maltby House.

MASSACHUSETTS.—

The gallant old 31st Mass. held its annual Reunion at Grand Army Hall in Springfield, Aug. 26. Massachusetts never sent to the front during the entire rebellion a poor regiment. Each organization contained the best blood and the truest courage of the locality from which it went, and the State saw that every one of its regiments went into the field well equipped. It is therefore not a matter for wonder that the troops of the old Bay State were at the front during their service. The 31st was one of the best regiments that went out. It was quartered at the Agricultural grounds, Pittsfield, during the Winter of 1861, and Feb. 21, 1862, it sailed from Boston for Ship Island. Running on to Frying Pan shoals, the steamer Mississippi, which had the regiment on board, was taken to Hilton Head for repairs, and finally arrived at Ship Island, March 20. The 31st was the first Union regiment to land and take possession of the city of New Orleans. After serving as infantry for a little more than a year the regiment was made a cavalry regiment and did great service in Louisiana, up the Mississippi and at other places. Its discipline was fine and it was noted for its great coolness under the most galling fire. There were warm greetings as the boys came together at Grand Army Hall, and numerous old associations, both sad and pleasant, were revived with true soldierly heartiness. In the dining hall the W.R.C. of Wilcox Post had prepared an excellent dinner, which the veterans sat down to at 1 o'clock. Gen. Nettleton, who was expected, did not appear. Among officers from out of town were Maj. Frederick Rice, of Boston, President of the association, and Capt. N. F. Bond, of Fitchburg.

MICHIGAN.—

The Soldiers and Sailors' Association of Central Michigan held their annual Reunion at Owosso Aug. 11, 12 and 13. Thirty Posts were in attendance. C. E. Grisson Post, of St. Johns, took first prize for drilling.

J. N. Voorhies, Greenville: The 1st Mich. Engineers will hold their annual Reunion at Lansing, Oct. 14 and 15.

NEBRASKA.—

The North Nebraska Reunion of veteran soldiers was held at Norfolk on the 17th to 22d ult. inclusive. The camp was named Camp Manderson, in honor of Senator Manderson, and Gen. J. R. Brisbin was elected Commander. In all, 1,025 veterans registered, but there were a great many more in attendance who did not enroll themselves. Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, California, Kentucky, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and West Virginia were represented. A large number of Posts were in attendance and the affair was a success in every way. During the closing day the ex-prisoners of war formed a temporary organization, which will be soon completed. L. C. Washburn, of Norfolk, was elected President, and B. F. Graham, of Anderson, Secretary.

NEW YORK.—

E. W. Seymour, Syracuse: The Reunion of the 3d N. Y. will be held at this place Sept. 30.

A Reunion of the 19th N. Y. and the 3d N. Y. L. A. will be held at Syracuse Sept. 30.

James E. Northrup, Binghamton: The seventh annual Reunion of the 89th N. Y. will be held at Guilford on the 17th of September.

Lorenzo Bond, Secretary, 214 Halsey street, Brooklyn: The 48th N. Y. will hold its annual Reunion at Coney Island, Sept. 16.

The annual Reunion of the 19th N. Y. and 3d N. Y. L. A. will be held at Danforth Park, Syracuse, Sept. 30.

The regimental Reunions at Waterloo Aug. 26 were largely attended. Exercises were held in the park in the afternoon, addresses being made by Col. F. L. Manning, Col. J. P. Foster, Gen. Guion, Col. Noyes, Col. McDonald, Capt. Davidson, of the 50th Eng.; Lieut. L. P. Thompson and others. There were horse races on the fair ground in the afternoon, where the local G.A.R. Post also had a clam-bake in the afternoon and evening.

OHIO.—

The 38th Ohio held its 13th annual Reunion at Montpelier on the 1st inst. It was conceded by all present to be the largest Reunion ever held by that regiment. By careful estimate the crowd was placed at 25,000. It was one of the best of days for the occasion, and the little town of Montpelier entertained the old vets and citizens with a lavish hand. The crowd was fed on the best in the land, and one old comrade said there was more than the traditional five baskets left—there was more than five army wagon loads left.

The surviving members of the 57th Ohio met at Lima Sept. 1, about 200 members being present. Owen Francis, of Lima, was elected President for the coming year; First V.-P., S. T. Windgartner, of Herrod; Second V.-C., Jesse Bush, of Columbus Grove; Treas., A. E. Marvin, of Findlay; Sec., L. L. Parker, of Ottawa; Orator, John McClure, of Little Rock, Ark.; Chap., Samuel Heinger, of Vanliew.

The members of the 96th Ohio held their annual Reunion at Bellefontaine Sept. 1, and the boys had a solid day's enjoyment. In the afternoon they had a business meeting, talking over old times and solidifying their organization. In the evening they were banqueted at the Logan House, and were treated royally by the landlord, Mr. Wilkinson, who, being one of the boys, knew just how to do it. After the banquet they marched to the Opera House, where they were welcomed by Mayor Ador, after which Judge William Lawrence delivered the annual address. The Judge's speech was an able one, and was warmly received by the old soldiers, after which the evening was spent in singing the old war songs, literary exercises, etc.

About 120 of the survivors of the 74th Ohio met in Reunion at Xenia on the 31st ult. and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Dr. Samuel Stewart, of Centerville; V.-P., Capt. W. S. Armstrong, of Cincinnati; Sec., John Smalley, of Springfield; Treas., John Smith, of Jamestown. Springfield was chosen as the place for holding the next Reunion, at the same time that the Reunions will be held by the 44th Ohio, 8th Ohio Cav., 94th Ohio, 110th Ohio, 17th Ohio Battery, and some one or two other regiments.

The survivors of the 72d Ohio held a most successful Reunion at Fremont Sept. 1 and 2. On the afternoon of the opening day Gen. Buckland, the old Colonel and organizer of the regiment, and their life President, called the comrades to order, and Mayor Buckland, in behalf of the City Council and citizens of Fremont, extended the freedom of the city to its pet regiment, which was responded to by Capt. J. M. Lemmon, Vice-President of the association. Old Barney, the horse rode by Gen. Buckland during the war, and presented to him when he left the city with his regiment, attended this Reunion in full regimental attire and was the observed of all observers. He was fondled and caressed by the boys like a pet child.

J. M. Garven, Cadiz: The 10th annual Reunion of the 126th Ohio was held at Thornville, O., Aug. 26. The next Reunion will be