THE GRAND ARMY.

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

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

HEAD'Q'RS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, MADISON, WIS., May 6, 1887.

This week the Commander-in-Chief is at Gettysburg with a commission appointed by the Governor of the State, authorized by a recent law, to locate monuments upon that historic ground to Wisconsin soldiers who fell in the great battle July 1, 2 and 3, 1863.

The matter of transportation to the 21st National Encampment is gradually coming to a settlement by the railroad officials. The Western States Passenger Association, through its proper officers, to-day advises National Headquarters that it has fixed upon one fare for the round trip. In additions to this deductions will be made by roads in many instances from competitive points, which will entirely satisfy comrades and result in an attendance at this Encampment unprecedented in the history of the Order.

The committee at St. Louis have suggested that they erect a large tent for each one of the Departments in Washington Square, two blocks from the Union Depot, where those who arrive late at night can be accommodated and taken care of until such time as they can obtain permanent quarters. These large tents will answer for regimental and other Reunions.

It is with great pleasure that Headquarters is enabled to announce to comrades of the G.A.R. and W.R.C. that the difficulties existing between these organizations through the past year have been amicably settled, and it is sincerely hoped that this may be the last of the very disagreeable and unprofitable misunderstanding between the two organizations. It appears from the proceedings of the Department Encampment of Ohio, recently held at Springfield, that Department Commander Conger was fully vindicated in the course he took in this matter, being fully sustained in all of his positions by a unanimous vote of the Encampment.

The roll of delegates and ex-officio members of the 21st National Encampment is now in the hands of the printer—all Departments except Ohio and Washington Territory. Proofs of the roll will be sent to each of the Departments for correction. It is the determination to prepare a roll as nearly correct as possible.

The actual number in attendance at the 20th National Encampment who were entitled to seats was 455. The number of regular Delegates to the 21st National Encampment will be 324, Past National officers 36, Past Department Commanders 294, Council of Administration 38, and Alternates 324, making the possible number in attendance 1,016.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

CONNECTICUT.—"Old Vet," South Coventry: The veterans of North and South Coventry held a meeting Saturday evening, April 30, and decided to start a Post here.

A. G. Warner Post, No. 54, Putnam, is in a flourishing condition. Eight comrades were recently mustered in inside of a week.

Stanley Post, No. 11, and its Relief Corps recently held a very enjoyable Campfire at New Britain. Mrs. Huntley, President of the Corps, read her report for the year, which showed that Stanley Corps, No. 12, was in a very prosperous and healthy condition. In closing her report, she said: "And now, as I am about to close, I will add that in order to have our year's work terminate pleasantly and well, and to the satisfaction of all—Commander, officers and members of Stanley Post, in behalf of Stanley Corps I place in your hands at present in this altar this our first offering to you, the Stars and Stripes, which you, most noble defenders of our flag, fought so hard to defend in the dark days of the rebellion. Take, guard, and protect it, and may this be to Post and Corps a united emblem of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty." The presentation was responded to by Commander Mann. The flag presented was a beautiful silk one, with gilt fringe and tassels, costing $25. Addresses were also made by Past Commander Gladden, Comrades Relyea, F. McMahon, Geo. Holmes, Junior Vice Beckett, Past Commander Kinney and F. H. Smith.

ILLINOIS.—A. E. Bonde, Carthage: Officers of Alexander Sympson Post, No. 455: Commander, Peter Jackson; S. V. C., Joseph Heirich; J. V. C., C. H. West; Adj't, R. J. Swigert; Surg., W. H. D. Noyes; Chap., J. F. Hubbs; O. D., F. G. McMeechan; Q. M., S. W. Merrill; O. G., James Corbin; S. M., M. V. Riley; Q. M. S., C. L. Roll.

T. F. Blankley, Litchfield: Officers of Sidney B. Phillips Post, No. 379: Commander, Isaac Kirby; S. V. C., T. F. Blankley; J. V. C., L. F. Wood; Adj't, D. W. Mannis; Q. M., A. F. McEwen; Surg., John D. Colt; Chap., W. H. Grover; O. D., A. H. Hays; O. G., J. C. Edwards; S. M., Andrew Bilyen; Q. M. S., Valintine Hoffman.

INDIANA.—J. A. Soliday, Academy: Ten members of Post No. 40, Fort Wayne, residing in Washington Township, Allen County, recently held a literary and musical entertainment for the purpose of raising money for the G.A.R. Grant memorial fund, as per orders of Gen. Fairchild. A pleasant time was had, and the birthday of our great commander was celebrated in an appropriate manner.

KANSAS.—A Post was recently organized at Macksville with 23 charter members and the following officers: Commander, Wm. F. Johns; S. V. C., Geo. Mack; J. V. C., Hunter Neill; Adj't, N. W. C. Harper; Q. M., J. S. Welch; Surg., J. Lewis; Chap., Martin Carpenter; O. D., R. M. Blair; O. G., I. B. Botkins; S. M., H. A. Kirkland; Q. M. S., I. B. Spalr.

MARYLAND.—J. H. Beck, Bakersville: The comrades of Antietam Post, No. 34, Sharpsburg, extend an invitation to the comrades of every State to be present with us on the 30th of May.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Charles Russell Lowell Post, No. 7, Boston, was recently presented with a stand of colors by Mrs. Morrison. Commander Colgan received the colors on behalf of the Post. The balance of the evening was spent in singing, tableaux, speaking, etc., concluding with a handsome lunch. Among those present were: Past Commanders Meehan, Perkins, Wakefield, Love and Comrade George S. Evans. The presentation was a genuine surprise to the members of the Post.

U. S. Grant Post, No. 4, Melrose, has secured for orator on Memorial Day Mr. George R. Jones, a prominent citizen of that town.

H. M. Warren Post, No. 12, Wakefield, is contemplating the erection of a new building, to be devoted exclusively to Grand Army purposes.

A grand Campfire was held by the various Posts in Boston recently at Music Hall. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags and streamers, a canvas camp scene making an appropriate background for the stage. Long before 8 o'clock the great hall was uncomfortably crowded and the stage held a strong contingent of guests of the evening, among them being Department Commander Nash and staff, Mayor O'Brien, President Barry, of the Common Council; Commissioner Richard P. Tobin, Past Department Commanders Patch and Evans, and a large delegation of veterans from Rhode Island. The Woman's Relief Corps was represented by President Mrs. S. Agnes Parker, Mrs. M. E. Knowles, Chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps, and others. Post 45, of Gloucester, attended in a body, and Meade Post, No. 1, of Philadelphia, was also represented. Shortly before 8 o'clock, Dahlgren Post, No. 2, of South Boston, commanded by Commander George H. Innis, marched into the hall, headed by the Post's drum, fife and bugle corps, and took position in the galleries at the right and left of the stage. The address of welcome was delivered by Past Department Commander Patch. Addresses were also made by Mrs. M. E. Knowles, Mayor O'Brien, Department Commander Nash, and others.

MINNESOTA.—We have received the Roster of Minnesota for 1887. The Department is rapidly increasing in membership, and now numbers 158 Posts.

The second annual Encampment of the Park Region District, G.A.R., will be held at Verndale June 21, 22 and 23.

S. L. Frazier, Verndale: C. C. Parker Post, No. 118, is in a flourishing condition, and has a membership of over 60 comrades.

MISSOURI.—Up to the present time Department Headquarters have been secured for the Departments below named, and are located as follows: National Headquarters, Southern Hotel, Walnut street, Fourth to Fifth; Connecticut Headquarters, Southern Hotel, Walnut street, Fourth to Fifth; Colorado Headquarters, Lindell Hotel, Sixth and Washington avenue; Illinois Headquarters, Lindell Hotel, Sixth and Washington avenue; Kansas Headquarters, Lindell Hotel, Sixth and Washington avenue; New Mexico Headquarters, Planters' House, Fourth street, Pine to Chestnut; Pennsylvania Headquarters, Laclede Hotel, S. E. Sixth and Chestnut; National Headquarters Womens' Relief Corps, Lindell Hotel, Sixth and Washington avenue.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Comrade E. T. Perkins, of Post 7, of Nashua, will deliver the Memorial Day address at Amherst. Miss Mamie E. Spurling, of Minneapolis, will recite a poem entitled "You Have Put No Flowers On My Papa's Grave."

Post No. 16, Lancaster, paid a visit to Post No. 48, Littleton, recently. After the banquet addresses were made by Rev. R. L. Howard, Commander Wellington, Comrade Ellis, Commander Parker, A. A. G. Kenney, and others. A very enjoyable time was spent.

Jos. B. Perry Post, Lebanon, has erected a fine memorial hall, which will be dedicated on July 4. The building is a two-story brick. The first story is to be used for a public library; the second story is to be a soldiers' memorial hall and for use of the G.A.R., and all of the old veterans. Each window in the hall will be a memorial one commemorating the death of some one of Lebanon's sons. Rev. E. T. Farrel will deliver the address for this Post on Memorial Day.

Stark Fellows Post, Weare, has secured the services of Department Chaplin Rev. J. W. Ewer, as orator on Memorial Day.

Rev. A. T. Hillman will deliver the address for Rob't Campbell Post, Sutton, on Memorial Day.

OHIO.—The 21st annual Encampment of this Department was held at Black's Opera House, Springfield, April 27, 28 and 29. The decorations in the building were very beautiful. The entire rear flat of the stage was covered with what the decorators call a "radiator." It consists of an immense wheel, composed of the National colors, mingled with gilt and bordered with small flags. The effect by gaslight is indeed striking. Over the center of the stage was a beautiful banner bearing the words, "Welcome to the G.A.R.," on either side of which were representations of the insignia of the Order. Back of this, and fastened to the sky border, was a portrait of Gen. Logan. On the left of the stage in front was a figure representing an artilleryman in the act of loading a field piece, and yet in front of this is a portrait of Garfield and a life-size figure of a drummer. On the right hand side of the stage was a figure of a soldier taking leave of his wife for the war, and in front of this piece was a portrait of Lincoln and the figure of a bugler, corresponding in size to the drummer on the left. The Secretary's and President's desk was handsomely draped in flags, and in front of the stand was an excellent likeness of Gen. Grant. On either side of the stage between the proscenium and the balcony hung immense banners, upon which was inscribed the names of the various battles of the American rebellion. The front of the balcony was profusely decorated with the National flag tastefully grouped and festooned and fastened with shields, upon which appeared in gilt letters the names of Stanton, McDowell, McClellan, Sheridan, Sherman, McPherson, Garfield, Hooker, Burnside, Scott and others. The posts, windows, stairways, doors, chandeliers, and, in fact, every available inch of space within the building was literally covered with flags, flowers and evergreens.

Among those present were Gen. J. S. Kountz, Past Commander-in-Chief, Toledo; Gen. C. H. Grosvenor, of Athens; Gen. Kirby, Youngstown; Gen. L. H. Hurst, Chillicothe; Gen. Ruliff, Past Department Commander R. B. Brown, Zanesville; Judge Austin, Toledo; Past Department Commander D. W. Thomas, Akron; Past Department Commander C. T. Clark, Columbus; Past Department Commander H. P. Lloyd, Cincinnati; Capt. David Lanning, Columbus; Capt. J. H. Seymour, Treasurer-elect of Summit County; Judge O'Neal, Batavia; Gen. H. A. Axline, Adjutant-General, State O.N.G.; Capt. Ed Wilson, editor of the *Register*, Ironton.

Commander A. L. Conger and the following members of his staff were here: Adj't-Gen. E. T. Taggart, Akron; Asst't Adj't-Gen. C. E. York, Akron; Q. M. Gen. A. P. Baldwin, Akron; Inspector David P. Hunt, Elmore; Judge-Advocate Judge N. D. Tibbals, Akron; Chief Aid-de-Camp Capt. S. D. McGillenddy, Columbus.

A resolution was adopted complimenting the Woman's Relief Corps of the State for their earnest and grand work. A Committee consisting of Past Department Commanders R. B. Brown, Zanesville; D. W. Thomas, Akron, and J. H. Seymour, Hudson, was appointed to wait upon the ladies in Convention assembled and inform them that the Encampment was in session, and extend to them an earnest invitation to visit the Encampment at such time as would be designated, to present to the Encampment such reports as they had to communicate.

Past Commander-in-Chief Gen. J. S. Kountz, of Toledo, introduced Department Commander Col. A. L. Conger, who, when he took the stand, was greeted with enthusiastic applause. The Commander then read his report, which, during the reading, was greeted with hearty applause, especially the portions relating to the Relief Corps, Department gains, relief, etc. In his report, Col. Conger said: "The work of recruiting has been pushed steadily forward, with the following showing: Second quarter, ending June 30, 1886, 590 Posts, with 33,069 members. Third quarter, ending Sept. 30, 1886, 603 Posts, with 34,151 members. Fourth quarter, ending Dec. 31, 1886, 617 Posts, with 34,703 members. First quarter, ending March 1, 1887, 629 Posts, with 36,969 members. The total net gain to March 31, 1887, was 4,289. Eight new Posts have been organized since the close of the quarter ending March 31, with a membership of 760. The total number of Posts in good standing to-day is 637, and with the average monthly gain to date would give a membership of 36,694—a total gain during the year of 4,884. Over 30 Campfires and meetings have been held during the year throughout the Department, in which the Department officers and members of the staff have taken part, besides the many district meetings and Campfires that have been attended by officers in charge of their several districts. During the visit of the distinguished Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Fairchild, Campfires were held at Cincinnati, Columbus, Steubenville, Youngstown, Toledo and Cleveland. I earnestly recommend Campfires as one of the best methods of carrying forward the work of swelling the ranks and completing the task of enrolling all of the ex-soldiers and sailors in the ranks of the Grand Army. The time is not far distant when the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic will be numbered among things of the past. The lessons of patriotism and loyalty that it will have taught to the generations to follow must be committed to the sacred keeping of the Sons of Veterans, and I earnestly recommend to the comrades of the Grand Army that they give to this organization their wise and careful consideration. We should extend to them in their youth our aid and assistance. They will reciprocate this kindness in our declining years. The Ohio Division is under the command of Col. Henry Frazee, of Cleveland, to whose intelligence and energy is due the rapid growth of the Order during the last year.

"The Council of Administration, at its meeting in May last, set aside the sum of $600 as a special relief fund, to be placed at the disposal of the Department Commander, and to be used in cases of special importance where immediate relief was required. Of this sum $140 has been expended in sums of from $15 to $25. Many applications for assistance have been received by the Department Commander from worthy sources and deserving comrades, but generally the amount required was so large as to place it beyond the power of the G.A.R. to afford the relief. I desire to call attention of the comrades to the fact that the Gettysburg Memorial Commission have completed their contracts for the Ohio memorials to be erected on the battlefield of Gettysburg in accordance with an act of the General Assembly passed April 21, 1887, and have fixed as the day for dedicating said memorials Sept. 14, 1887, when it is hoped that such rates can be obtained (notwithstanding the Interstate Commerce law) as will enable the ex-soldiers of this State to participate in the ceremonies in such numbers as will indicate the pride of the Buckeye Department in the record made by our gallant comrades who were so conspicuous in that, the greatest, battle of the war. During the administration of our distinguished comrade, Past Department Commander R. B. Brown, he found upon investigation that nearly 400 of our old comrades were suffering and dying in the poorhouses of the several Counties of our State. He recognized the propriety of building a home for these worthy and suffering comrades, and it once brought the project to the attention of the comrades of the Department, who united with him in bringing the matter before the Legislature, which resulted in the passage of the Soldiers' Home bill, making an appropriation of $50,000 for this purpose. This amount was found to be wholly inadequate, and at the last session of the Legislature an additional $100,000 was appropriated for this purpose." The Commander then gave a history of the further legislation on the subject, and the location of the Home at Sandusky, where it is now about to be built. "The letting will take place May 5, and it is hoped that at least six cottages and the domestic building will be ready for occupation by Dec. 15. It is proper that, as Department Commander, I should state that at several points in our Department, women's aid societies have been organized, acting in conjunction with the Posts, in which the loyal ladies are engaged in dispensing the charities and rendering assistance to comrades upon all occasions. They are deserving the highest commendation for their patriotic labors. Thirteen Posts in the Department had remitted $188.86 on all from the Department toward relieving the Charleston earthquake sufferers, and more would have been sent had not orders come that sufficient aid had been received to bridge over the difficulties." Col. Conger paid a glowing and handsome tribute to the W.R.C. auxiliary, stating that their work was progressing handsomely and that they were fully carrying out the charitable and noble purposes for which they were organized. After the reading of the Commander's report, which was greeted with thundering and prolonged applause, Past Commander R. B. Brown, Chairman of the committee appointed to wait upon the ladies of the Relief Corps, reported that the committee had performed its work and he had the extreme pleasure to announce that the ladies had heartily received by the ladies and the Department President had instructed him to extend their earnest congratulations upon the good and efficient work done by the G.A.R. for the past year and assure the comrades of the Grand Army that they had the sympathy and care of the 6,000 loyal ladies of the W.R.C. Comrade Brown remarked that he knew that every old soldier present would be glad to learn that he was loved by 6,000 women. [Great applause and laughter.] The report of E. F. Taggart, Assistant Adjutant-General, covered many points included and published above in the Commander's report. It showed that since the close of the first quarter ending March 31, there has been eight new Posts organized, with a membership of 160; this with the average monthly gain would place the total number in good standing, to date, 637 Posts and a membership of 36,694, a total gain during the year of 4,884. The gains for the year are as follows:

By organization and roster	7,046
By transfer	552
By reinstatement	2,383
By delinquent reports	557
	10,539
Losses for same period:	
By death	373
By honorable discharge	207
By transfer	909
By suspension	4,002
By dishonorable discharge	35
By delinquent reports	129
Total loss	5,655
Net gain	4,884

During the year ending Dec. 31, 1886, 359 comrades have answered to their last roll-call and now sleep in the silent bivouacs of the dead. There have been 25 General Orders, 12 circulars, and 561 dispensations and special orders issued during the year, and nearly 4,000 letters have been written, many of which were in answer to questions which could have been avoided by reference to the "Blue Book" and the Rules and Regulations, had the comrades take the time to refer to them. The Council of Administration has held three meetings, as follows: May 25, 1886, at Akron; Sept. 8 and 9, at Portsmouth, and April 26, 1887, at Springfield.

At the second day's session the election of officers resulted as follows: Commander, Capt. D. C. Putnam, Springfield; S. V. C., C. H. Jones, Waynesboro; J. V. C., John W. Byron, Dayton; Chaplain, Rev. Theodore Brake, M. D., Dr. G. W. Harman, Lancaster; Council of Administration, W. S. Harlan, Zanesville; Gen. James Barnett, Cleveland; C. H. Wentzel, Cincinnati; S. H. Williams, Dayton; F. S. Penfield, Springfield. The committee of 10 to select 37 delegates and Alternates to the National Encampment, whose report was referred back at the morning session for the reason that several Posts were represented by two delegates, reported the following list of delegates and alternates at the afternoon session, which was accepted: Col. Chas. H. Grosvenor, Athens; James C. Campbell, Hamilton; W. W. Alcorn, Toledo; H. S. Anderson, Zanesville; David Lanning, Columbus; J. B. Lucky, Elmore; Jas. O'Neal, Lebanon; J. C. Shields, Cleveland; F. R. Stewart, Fostoria; H. R. Brown, Ironton; John L. Green, Fremont; M. M. Boothman, Bryan; W. C. Cooper, Mt. Vernon; T. W. Brake, Fayette; W. W. Edge, Troy; R. W. Ratcliff, Norwalk; E. F. Taggart, Akron; C. J. Bockins, Canton; F. J. Frame, Shiloh; J. E. Mack, Sandusky; T. W. Prentiss, Leipsic; Charles Hipps, St. Marys; Geo. L. Utter, Cincinnati; S. H. Hurst, Chillicothe; J. M. Kirby, Upper Sandusky; B. O. Eddy, Youngstown; John L. Penny, Hamson; M. Swartz, Cincinnati; E. Lyberger, Warsaw; T. W. Dell, Mansfield; James McMahon, Cleveland; G. J. Hickey, Defiance; G. A. Maxwell, Steubenville; R. T. Moore, Marietta; J. D. Emmerson, Bellefontaine; John K. Drake, Portsmouth; Henry Kissinger, Dayton. Alternates, S. S. Bader, Lima; A. Claypool, Toledo; John S. Adair, Malta; Joe Arms, Columbus; T. C. Hoyt, Ashtabula; John S. Gill, Delaware; Cameron DeWolfe, Columbus; Chas. Griswold, Cleveland; W. H. Harry, Xenia; J. D. Gleason, Van Wert; Charles C. Howell, Dayton; J. C. Bishop, Middlepoint; T. R. Shinn, Ashland; G. A. Hamberger, Lancaster; J. S. Winsan, Goshen; D. C. James, Christianville; Jno. Taylor, West Union; G. B. Aten, Wellsville; James Moore, Cadiz; H. F. Campbell, Canton; John T. Columbus, Urbana; W. H. Glenn, Hillsboro; G. W. Thurston, Washington C. H.; H. C. Barnes, Barnesville; Geo. W. Hazens, Clyde; J. Reimer, Wadsworth; J. B. Wallan, Milford; W. H. Park, Elyria; David Harness, Colton; H. H. Hatch, Middletown; C. A. Shackford, Orville; E. W. Poe, Bowling Green; William McCutcheon; Bucyrus; W. H. Sanlies, East Liverpool; O. Weeks, Batavia; D. L. Miskimen, Newcomerstown.

It was decided to hold the next Encampment at Toledo. In the evening a grand Campfire was held. Speeches were made by Col. Conger, J. E. Stewart, Past Commander Brown and others.

On the third day Gen. S. H. Hurst, of Chillicothe, presented the following as the report of the Resolutions Committee:

Resolved, The comrades of this Department of the Grand Army of the Republic are to be congratulated on the prosperity and harmony which marks our solid growth and steady march, and place us to-day in the front ranks of the Grand Army, the enthusiasm of our comradeship and the faithful devotion of our officers. Our solid financial prosperity; the sympathy and helpfulness of the noble women of the Relief Corps of the Department, and the hearty accord of the patriotic citizenship of the State give promise of a still greater advance and a proud future for our noble Order. Cherishing the memories of the past, rejoicing in its accomplished victories; realizing the duties and responsibilities of the future, with love and gratitude let the column move steadily on.

Resolved, That the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Ohio has our warmest sympathy and our most earnest commendation in its noble work. In caring for the suffering families of the country's defenders they honor patriotic and Christian womanhood, and ennoble the civilization of the State. We greet them as co-workers in a noble cause, and bid them Godspeed.

The Nation that lives by the heroic and costly sacrifices of its citizens, lives most unworthily unless it bears undying gratitude to its defenders. The unselfish heroes who die for their country merit imperishable renown, and the scarred veterans who live to wear the honored badge of public service are entitled to all the grateful and high consideration which the Nation can bestow. Be it

Resolved, therefore, By this Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic that we recognize the fitness and regard with pride and gratitude the noble spirit exhibited by the Republic in providing for its disabled defenders. But we believe the beneficent action of the Government is not complete, and will not be completed until every man who risked his life in actual military service in behalf of the imperilled Union and the principles of human liberty, which make that Union glorious—until every such man who is unable to gain a full and comfortable living by reason of physical disability, if it be not the result of his own immoral and vicious habits, shall, under such rules as will prevent impositions, be entitled to such aid in pensions as to fill his last days with peace and comfort. Nor will the Nation's duty be fulfilled unless in the same spirit and to the same extent, the widows, mothers and orphans of its deceased soldiers are thus tenderly cared for.

Resolved, That the Legislature of Ohio, in providing for the care of our indigent comrades and the orphans of our dead comrades, commands our warmest approval and gratitude. By such generous action they do honor to the State and justice to its patriotic wards.

Resolved, That the spirit, character and design of the Grand Army demands that Memorial Day be observed by every Post in a dignified, impressive and military manner, so that the ceremonies may be alike significant and imposing. The Department Commander should insist in General Orders upon the uniform and universal observance of the rules of the Service Book, unless the circumstances dictate a different course which may not lessen the dignity or impressiveness of the ceremonies.

Resolved, That we recommend to the officers of this Department the strict observance of economy in conducting the business of the Order intrusted to their hands, to the end that all ex-soldiers and sailors may be encouraged to become members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and take a deep interest in promoting its welfare.

Resolved, That we heartily approve and commend the work already accomplished in the establishment of the Ohio Soldiers' Home. We hereby pledge our warmest and unremitting support to this work until its accomplishment is complete.

Resolved, That we indorse with earnest words the administration of our outgoing Commander, Col. A. L. Conger, and his associate officers. We commend their energy, enthusiasm and fidelity in the performance of their trust.

Resolved, That the action of the National Pension Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic meets with our heartiest approval.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Department are due and are hereby tendered to Past Commander-in-Chief Burdett and to Comrade James E. Stewart, of Mitchell Post, for their untiring efforts to secure moderate rates of railroad fare to this Encampment.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to Mitchell Post, No. 45, of Springfield, for the elegant provision they have made for holding the 21st Encampment, and that we hereby tender to the Post our hearty congratulations upon the honor bestowed by the 21st annual Encampment convened in Springfield, April 27-29, I hereby assume command. Grateful to my comrades for this expression of their esteem and confidence, I pledge my best efforts to the advancement of the interests of our Order, and I expect the hearty co-operation of every comrade in pushing this Department to the front of the National column. The following staff appointments are announced: Comrade James E. Stewart, Mitchell Post, No. 45, Assistant Adjutant-General; Comrade Ira W. Walsace, Mitchell Post, No. 45, Assistant Quartermaster-General. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Headquarters are established in rooms Nos. 10 and 12 Arcade Building, Springfield.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Pos No. 157, of Pittsburg, closed on last Friday night one of the most successful fairs ever held in that city.

Post 117, of Pittsburg, accompanied by Posts 41 and 157, will attend divine worship on Sunday, May 29, at the Calvary Church, Philadelphia. The memorial sermon will be delivered by Rev. Boyd Vincent, a brother of Gen. Strong Vincent, who was killed on Little Round Top at the battle of Gettysburg.

On Friday evening last the youngest son of Quartermaster-General Taylor died at Philadelphia.

RHODE ISLAND.—The fair and bivouac of Smith Post, Woonsocket, was a success every way.

VERMONT.—G. P. J. Stannard Post, No. 427, recently organized at Wakefield, with 20 charter members. The following officers were elected: Commander, W. P. Gates; S. V. C., D. Gaston; J. V. C., W. G. Nevin; Adj't, J. D. Griffin; Q. M., F. M. Carpenter; O. D., B. F. Jerous; O. G., R. Shivers; Surg., A. Burt; Chap., P. J. Strack; S. M., J. Myers; Q. M. S., H. A. Beck.

WEST VIRGINIA.—The fifth annual Encampment of this Department was held at Fairmont April 28. Resolutions were unanimously passed asking Congress to enact laws to pay soldiers of the late war the difference between the depreciated currency paid them and the par value. Col. J. Holmes Grover, from the Department of Ohio, was made an honorary member of the Encampment and decorated with the badge of West Virginia. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Commander, Lee Haymond; S. V. C., R. E. Fleming; J. V. C., R. H. Freer; Chap., R. M. Wallace; M. D., J. J. Morgan. F. H. Crago and C. Miller were reappointed A. A. G. and A. Q. M.

General Orders, No. 1, issued at Wheeling, May 2, by command of Lee Haymond, Department Commander—F. H. Crago, A. A.G.—are as follows:

Having been elected Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of West Virginia, at the fifth annual Encampment, held at Fairmont, April 27 and 28, I hereby assume command. In doing so I desire to congratulate my comrades on the handsome progress of the Order under the able administration of our lamented deceased Department Commander and his efficient staff. It is my earnest desire that the good work may continue, and every effort of mine shall be put forth to that end, and I call upon the comrades throughout the Department to aid in every possible way.

The following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year:

Commander, Lee Haymond, Clarksburg; S. V. C., R. E. Fleming, Fairmont; J. V. C., R. H. Freer, Ritchie C. H.; Chap., R. M. Wallace, Clarksburg; M. D., J. J. Morgan, Buckhannon.

Council of Administration—E. A. Bennett, Huntington; T. H. Marks, Wellsburg; W. J. Kearns, Clarksburg; D. R. King, Bellville; Charles E. Anderson, Weston.

Delegate-at-Large to National Encampment, W. J. Robb, Wheeling; Alternate, George J. Walker, Jackson Court-house. Delegates, R. S. Northcott, Clarksburg; John Donohue, West Union. Alternates, J. C. Gluck, Auburn; Wm. C. Parker, Fairmont.

The following appointments as the staff of the Department Commander are announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly: F. H. Crago, Assistant Adjutant-General, Wheeling; Thos. C. Miller, Assistant Quartermaster-General, Fairmont; Phineas Gano, Assistant Inspector-General, West Union; Thomas A. Fleming, Chief Mustering Officer, Fairmont; T. G. Field, Judge Advocate, Parkersburg.

Headquarters will remain at Wheeling, and all official communications should be addressed to F. H. Crago, A. A.-G., Wheeling, W. Va. By resolution of the Department Encampment, the per-capita tax is reduced to 10 cents per quarter. Each Post Commander in this Department is requested to send to Department Headquarters immediately the name of a comrade to act as Aid-de-Camp. By vote of the Encampment, the Department is divided into 13 Inspection Districts, the State Senatorial Districts being taken for said Districts, and the Assistant Inspector-General of the Department will select a suitable person in each District as Assistant Inspector, and report the same to Headquarters as soon as possible, in order that a complete roster may be published. On the inclosed slip will be found the Department countersign in cipher, which can be easily read by referring to the key in Ritual. And now, comrades, one and all, consider yourselves a self-appointed committee to enlist under our banner at the earliest possible moment every worthy, honorably-discharged soldier in the Department.

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SONS OF VETERANS.

News from the Various Divisions—Election of Officers, etc.

COLORADO.—The annual Encampment of this Division was held at Denver April 27. The Encampment was called to order at 10:30 a. m. by Col. Frank C. McArthur, commanding the Division, a large number being in attendance. The business, which was secret, was dispatched with promptness, and the Encampment adjourned until 7:30 p. m. The evening session was called to order, and the election of Division officers being the first order resulted as follows: Colonel, Harry D. Kendig; Lieut.-Col., E. E. Williams, of Salida; Maj., E. R. Bulware; Division Council, G. C. Gillett, Canon City; J. E. Randolph, Salida; E. T. Beltz, Larimer City. E. L. Taylor, Denver, was elected Delegate to the National Convention, which will be held in Des Moines, Iowa. C. L. Taylor, Aspen, was elected Delegate-at-Large and A. B. Chatterton and Grant Gilletts, Alternates. The officers-elect were duly installed by Col. McArthur, who made a farewell address, and to whom was presented by Lieut. C. L. Taylor the silver cross of the Order. The third annual Encampment of the Colorado Division will be held in Denver on the 2d Tuesday in May, 1888.

CONNECTICUT.—Frank J. Allard, New Haven: Nathan Hale Camp has a membership of 74, and is in a flourishing condition. It has also attached to it a sick benefit, which pays $5 weekly. A short time ago we gave an entertainment and supper with the W.R.C. at their Camp room, which netted $57.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.—Overfield Camp, No. 184, was mustered at Auburn Four Corners with 12 charter members.

KANSAS.—A Camp was organized at Pittsburg on the 2d ult. with 19 charter members and the following officers: Captain, Bert Dedrick; First Lieut., A. C. Maxwell; Second Lieut., John B. Wilson; Chap., E. E. Long; O. S., Frank Wiesbrod; Q. M. S., Norman Baxter; C. S., James Sellers; S. of G., Charles Watson; C. G., Wm McNally; P. G., Oscar Whybark; Principal Musician, James Whybark.

J. J. North, Cherokee: John A. Logan Camp, No. 33, has the honor of being the first Camp in the United States to adopt the name of John A. Logan. We were organized May 25, 1885, with 25. We now have 45 members in good standing. Recruits are being mustered almost every night. The following is a list of the officers: Captain, C. M. Lucas; First Lieut., R. W. Branson; Second Lieut., E. E. Wade; F. S., Willis Swank; Q. M. S., J. J. North; Chap., Charles McClure; S. of G., M. J. North. We have a beautiful flag, which bears the following inscription: "John A. Logan Camp, No. 33, Division of Kansas, organized May 25, 1885." We also have a splendid picture of the dead General, which could not be bought.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Gen. A. P. Martin Camp, No. 62, Everett, held a Campfire and parade on April 26. After the parade a banquet was spread, to which we did ample justice. After clearing away the supper table, Capt. Beals called the meeting to order and introduced as the first speaker of the evening Gen. George W. Penniman, of Minneapolis, Minn., Chief Mustering Officer of U. S. Sons of Veterans, whose words were listened to closely. Letters of regret were read from Col. Cleveland, Gen. A. P. Martin, Gov. Ames and others.

MICHIGAN.—The Michigan Encampment will be held June, 7, 8, 9 and 10, at Whitehall, Mich.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The seventh annual Encampment of the Eastern Pennsylvania Division will be held at Altoona June 14, 1887. The West Pennsylvania and Provisional Pennsylvania will meet at the same time and place. As soon as the business of the three Divisions has been completed they will consolidate and elect officers for the ensuing year.

VERMONT.—E. B. Frost Camp, No. 13, recently received their friends of the G.A.R. and W.R.C., with their families, and treated them to new maple honey, and the usual concomitants of snow, biscuit, plain doughnuts, codfish, and dried beef. Music and speaking by members of the organizations helped to pass the time very pleasantly.

WEST VIRGINIA.—The following officers were recently elected at the Encampment of this Division: R. H. Freer was re-elected Colonel; J. H. Bradley, Lieutenant-Colonel; W. S. Watson, Major, and H. T. Merriman, Chaplain.

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REUNIONS.

KANSAS.—Geo. Amey, Hammond: The survivors of the 6th Kan. Cav. will hold their third annual Reunion at Fort Scott Aug. 30.

MISSOURI.—L. C. Carrico, Box 90, Otterville, Ill.: The second Reunion of the 1st Mo. Cav. will be held at Keorner's Garden, on Second St. and Carondelet avenue, St. Louis, Mo., commencing Sept. 27 and lasting during the National Encampment of the G.A.R. The business meeting will be on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. All the former members are cordially invited to attend.

The Reunion of the survivors of the 10th Mo. will be held at St. Louis, during the National Encampment of the G.A.R., Sept. 28, 29 and 30. All comrades of the 10th Mo. who can be present are requested to send in their names and addresses to G. F. W. Froehlich, Oquawka, Ill., or M. O. Frost, Topeka, Kan.

Robert Kelley, Secretary, 13th Mo. Cav., Leon, Iowa, desires all the survivors of that regiment to send him their addresses.

NEW YORK.—Members of the 30th N. Y. are requested to send their addresses to John D. Dargen, Secretary, Lansingburg, N. Y.

All officers and members of the 19th N. Y. and the 3d N. Y. L. A. are requested to send their names, rank, company and present address to M. S. Webster, Secretary of the Veteran Association, at Auburn, N. Y.

A meeting of the survivors of the 4th N. Y. H. A. was held at New York city recently. Communications were received and read from Lieut.-Col. Thos. Allcock, Capt. G. L. Morrison and others. The Secretary was directed to correspond with officers of the association and arrange for the next Reunion, to be held at Rochester Oct. 14 and 15. The plan of regimental history, portraits of Gen. Tidball and others prepared for the same, as presented by Lieut. Kirk, were approved, and a committee appointed to solicit subscriptions and secure the necessary funds for publishing the work. Capt. Wm. B. Knower, of the Bank of North America, was elected Treasurer of Historian's fund, who will receipt for all subscriptions as soon as received. The history will be forwarded as soon as published to each subscriber. The price is fixed at $3, which is very low, as the book will contain some 600 pages.

A. W. Bradley, Troy: The survivors of the 2d N. Y. will celebrate their second annual Reunion at Harmony Hall, Troy, on the evening of May 18, which is the 26th anniversary of the departure of the regiment for the seat of war, May 18, 1861.

OHIO.—W. M. Jordan, 68 Adams avenue, West Detroit, Mich.: The time and place of holding the Reunion of the 8th Ohio has been changed from Toledo, O., to Gettysburg, Pa., Sept. 14, 1887, on which occasion a monument to mark the exact spot on the field occupied by the old 8th in that long-to-be-remembered battle, commemorating its services, and also at all the battles in which the regiment was engaged during the war.

WISCONSIN.—The annual Reunion of the survivors of the 13th Wis. will be held at Clinton Junction, June 8, 1887.

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RELIEF CORPS NEWS.

Gleanings from National Headquarters--Notes from the Departments.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
ELIZABETH D'A. KINNE, National President.
NELLIE G. BACKUS, National Secretary.

APRIL 28, 1887.

DEAR TRIBUNE: Although our National President's absence from Headquarters last week was for the purpose of rest and recreation, and in no way an official flight, she took great pleasure in attending the two Corps, Sumner and Fair Oaks, of Sacramento, and was most delightfully entertained at both with enthus