THE GRAND ARMY.

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

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

CONNECTICUT.—

Admiral Foote Post, No. 17, New Haven, is in a flourishing condition, and is one of the most wide-awake Posts in the Department. Among its members are the Junior Vice Department Commander and the Assistant Adjutant-General. It has 750 comrades on its rolls.

DAKOTA.—

John F. Reynolds Post, No. 44, Fargo, recently presented Past Commander I. E. West with a beautiful P. P. C. badge. The badge bore this inscription on the front: "Grand Army of the United States, 1881—veterans—1885." On the back was inscribed these words: "Presented to Past Commander I. E. West, John F. Reynolds Post, No. 44, Fargo, Dakota." At this juncture the following ladies, members of the Relief Corps, came marching into the parlors: Mrs. J. D. Parker, Mrs. J. R. Harrington, Mrs. Wm. McKendry, Mrs. Col. Geary, Miss Nannie Bates, Miss Mary Parker and Miss E. L. Craig. Then the Post indulged in singing Camp songs, and afterward were invited by the Judge's estimable wife and pleasant daughters to a spread of elegant sandwiches, delicious cake, and the best coffee that ever delighted the taste, and all present took hold heartily and ate with a will that was astonishing. The event was certainly one of the most pleasant in the history of the Post, and will not soon be forgotten.

ILLINOIS.—

N. F. Jones, Nashville: At a meeting held for that purpose, the organization of the Veteran Association of Washington County was effected. The different Posts and soldiers' organizations of the County were represented, and entered heartily into the business for which the meeting was called. Capt. G. A. Dickerman, of Andy Rosmer Post, Ashley, was elected Chairman, and A. H. Brown, of the same Post, Secretary. The following comrades were appointed an Executive Committee: H. F. Reuter, Nashville; J. H. Askins, Richview; Samuel Coulter, Oakdale; Charles Schultz, Okanville, and John A. Logan, Ashley.

C. E. Spore, Adjutant, Decatur: Dunham Post, No. 141, Decatur, mustered 43 recruits during this last quarter; purchased a $125 silk banner to take to St. Louis, and have employed Cunningham's 24-piece Band to accompany us there. We go as Mason County Veteran Association, of which there will be from 200 to 400, and will include nine surrounding Posts and many ladies. Dunham Post Relief Corps and Gen. Moore Camp, Sons of Veterans, are both in a prosperous condition, and quite a number of both bodies will accompany our Post to St. Louis. Such records and evidence will be placed before all doubting Thomases there as will convince them, beyond a doubt, that Dunham Post, No. 141, was the first Post ever properly organized in this country, dating back, as we do, to April 6, 1866. We are reaching out and taking in all of the stray comrades within reach of our Post, and now number 245 on our Roster.

KENTUCKY.—

At a regular meeting of George H. Thomas Post, No. 6, Louisville, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Post indorses the action of our present Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Lucius Fairchild, during his administration.

Resolved, That this Post request our representatives to the National Encampment to use all honorable means to re-elect our present Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Lucius Fairchild, as the Order has increased under his fearless administration over 10,000 in membership, and we hope that he will be re-elected to carry on the noble work of the Order.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Department Commander and to Adj't-Gen. E. B. Gray, also to our representatives to the National Encampment.

MASSACHUSETTS.—

Post No. 68, Boston, recently tendered a reception to the Department Commander. About 300 persons were in attendance. At 5 o'clock p. m. an adjourned meeting of the Post was held, and the new form of inspection was exemplified. The meeting was followed by an entertainment given by the lady friends of the members, and a Camp fire was then held in the upper hall, which was very beautifully decked for the occasion with flags, bunting and national colors. The hall was illuminated by Chinese lanterns, and at the head were the words, "Welcome, Department of Massachusetts, G.A.R." wrought in wintergreen, and set off on each side by the Post banners. At the head table were seated W. S. Underdown, Pay Clerk of the U. S. S. Wabash; Past Department Commander Evans, Commander C. D. Nash, Gen. M. T. Donoho, Past Commander Stiles and Adj't Palfrey. After the collation was served addresses were made by Department Commander Nash, Past Department Commander Evans, Senior Vice Commander Whitney, Past Commander Noyes, of Post 15; Gen. M. T. Donoho, who has been transferred from Post 7, N. H., and Comrade Redding. Comrade Morris then favored the assembly with a song, and Comrade Redding amused his hearers by a humorous recital of some of his adventures on the Kearsarge during the war. Department Commander Nash thanked his comrades for the good work done by the Post, and urged the great necessity of co-operation in all their undertakings, and pointed out to them the importance of castings aside all semblance of political opinion in connection with Grand Army matters. The sentiments expressed by the Commander were voiced by all the succeeding speakers, and it was not till a late hour that the assembly broke up.

The Worcester County Division of the Grand Army held their annual Field Day and basket picnic at Wauoomum recently, and a very enjoyable time was spent.

MINNESOTA.—

For some time Ass't Adj't-Gen. W. W. Broden, of St. Paul, has been collecting data from the various Posts of the State as to the views of the members of the Order on the dependent pension bill. Returns have been received from 69 Posts. Fifty-nine Posts cast 1,702 for and 69 against the bill. The Posts at Rush City, Hastings, Rushford, Verndale, Lanesboro, Melrose, Osakis and Nazeppa voted unanimously in favor of the bill without announcing their vote, and hence they are not given in the table. The Post at Sickopee voted unanimously against it. This vote also is not given. The Post at Maple Plain cast 22 votes against the bill, because the members favored the service pension. The two Minneapolis Posts reported are unanimously in favor of the bill.

MISSOURI.—

Returns from 157 Posts of the Department of Missouri give the following vote on the proposed new pension bill: Yeas, 5,174; nays, 47. Only two Posts voted against the measure.

Kirkwood, St. Louis: The St. Louis Posts are enjoying the biggest end of a boom in growth. Frank P. Blair Post recently mustered in 30 new members, and received as many more applications. Tuesday evening Hassendeubel Post mustered in 40 and have more than that number of applications on file. The other Posts are also all growing wonderfully.

Burnside Post, Kansas City, was recently presented with a beautiful silk banner by its Relief Corps. The presentation speech was made by Mrs. Annie Northrup, President of the Corps, and it was responded to by Commander Young.

NEBRASKA.—

The following Posts have recently been organized in this Department: No. 241, at Turner; 242, at Lawrence; 243, at Campbell; 244, at Farnamu; 245, at Diller; 246, at Emerick; 247, at Chambers; 248, at Wilcox; 249, at Norden; 250, at Stockville; 251, at Imperial.

NEW YORK.—

At a regular meeting of E. A. Kimball Post, No. 109, New York City, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas essential and estimable promotions of Captains, Sergeants, and Roundsmen were recently made in the Police Department of the City of New York; and

Whereas the Hon. John R. Voorhis, one of the Police Commissioners, kindly preferred, and without solicitation, selected from the Civil Service list of eligible candidates for those positions, veterans of the late war, one of whom is a comrade of this Post; therefore be it

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of E. A. Kimball Post and that of a loyal and patriotic community is due the Hon. John R. Voorhis for his sterling patriotism, exalted generosity, and laudable motive in thus recognizing the "services, sacrifices, and sufferings" of those who, in our country's dire hour of need, served in Army and Navy of the United States during the dark days of war for "the Union"; therefore

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions, signed by the Commander and Adjutant of this Post, be presented to the Honorable John R. Voorhis, as a slight testimonial of our appreciation, respect, and esteem.

OHIO.—

Jas. E. Stewart, A. A.-G., Springfield: Believing that a word or two from our semi-annual Encampment might be of interest, I will detail, as briefly as possible, some of its features, additional to the official program herewith inclosed. The Encampment was held at Fountain Park, Piqua, on Sept. 7, 8 and 9, and was a complete success in every way, except possibly in point of numbers of Grand Army men present. This latter fact can be accounted for by the number of the old boys who are contemplating the coming St. Louis trip, and Ohio is swarming full of regimental Reunions, so that it could not be expected to have an overwhelming crowd. On the 8th inst. all the trains had to be from three to five hours late, and one corporation lost a bridge, all of which seriously handicapped a larger attendance. The Department Commander, accompanied by A. A.-G. Stewart, and A. Q. M.-Gen. Wallace, arrived at Piqua on Tuesday evening, and promptly opened the camp on the following morning. The camp was named in honor of Post Commander R. B. Brown, and was a most beautiful and charming spot, well adapted naturally for such occasions. Some 350 wall tents were pitched, well policed, well watered, and all under the careful and competent supervision of the Camp Commandant, Col. Jas. E. Shellenberger, of Piqua. The following program was officially promulgated and complied with, as far as practicable:

Wednesday.—Forenoon—Reception of Posts and assignment to quarters by the Commandant of Camp, Comrade James E. Shellenberger. Each Post Commander, immediately upon arrival in camp, will at once report to the Assistant Adjutant-General, giving name and number of his Post, the number of comrades in attendance, and whether accompanied by band or not. Department officers will report to the Assistant Quartermaster-General for assignment to quarters. Meals will be served in camp at mess halls. Breakfast, 6 to 8 o'clock a. m.; dinner, 11:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m.; supper, 5 to 7 p. m.; 2 p. m., formal opening of the camp, as follows: Music. Prayer by the Rev. A. N. Carson. Music. Address of welcome by Comrade Rev. A. Ramsey. Music. Response by Department Commander D. C. Putnam. 3:30 p. m., regimental Reunions at points designated by the Camp Commandant. In the evening a reception will be tendered Commander D. C. Putnam and the Department Staff at the residence of Geo. H. Rundle.

Thursday.—9 a. m.—Conference of Post officers regarding the present status of the Order, and consultation as to the best methods of future advancement and prosperity. 10:30 a. m.—Meeting of delegates and all other comrades who expect to attend the National Encampment at St. Louis, Mo. 1:30 p. m.—Meeting of Council of Administration. 2 P. M.—Meeting of ex-prisoners of war of Miami County. 3:30 p. m.—Regimental Reunions. 7:30 p. m.—Campfire; addresses by Comrade Gen. W. H. Gibson; R. B. Brown, Past Department Commander of Ohio; Gen. J. Warren Keifer; Gen. T. J. Wood, John S. Kountz, Past Commander-in-Chief; Past Department Commander H. P. Lloyd, and others.

Friday.—The parade will take place in the forenoon; Department will be formed as follows: First Division—Commander, Comrade C. H. Jones, S. V. D. C.; Posts Nos. 1 to 200 inclusive. Second Division—Commander, Comrade John W. Byron, J. V. D. C.; Posts Nos. 201 to 400 inclusive. Third Division—Commander, Comrade Gen. James Barnett, M. C. of A. Posts Nos. 401 to 649 inclusive. At 8 a. m., three guns, signal to form Posts. At 8:30 a. m., two guns, to take position in column. At 9 a. m., one gun, signal for column to move. Division Commanders will form in single rank on the parade ground, facing the east. The column will march in fours.

The Department officers were all present with the exception of W. A. Curry, sr., A.-D.-C.; G. A. Harman, Medical Director, and Chas. E. Howell, Inspector. We were also favored with the presence of Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief John P. Rea, of Minneapolis, who favored us with two of his well known beautiful and forcible Grand Army speeches. Comrade Rea is a whole team, and one of the most powerful and impressive Campfire speakers I have ever heard. The Campfire on Thursday evening was a grand success, and plain, forcible talk was the order of the occasion. Mrs. Steedman McCann was present on the stand, and gave a grand recitation, as she is always capable of doing. The reception on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. Rundle passed off pleasantly, and proved to the satisfaction of the most fastidious that the boys in blue are as much at home in the parlor as they were on the tented field or at the cannon's mouth. Department Chaplain Brake and Quartermaster-General Wallace were "the boys" at Headquarters, full of antics and fun. Notwithstanding the many soldiers' Reunions and the National Encampment coming this month, still the Encampment was a success in quality if not in a large outpouring of the Grand Army boys.

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Comrade D. S. McClure, of Post 71, Philadelphia, is announced as a candidate for a place on the next Department Council of Administration.

The general arrangements for the observance of Grand Army Day at Pittsburg on Oct. 4 are almost concluded. General Headquarters for the day will be established at the City Treasurer's office until 1:15 p. m., when they will be removed to Smithfield and Water streets, where Aids-de-Camp will report to Chief of Staff W. J. Patterson, mounted and equipped. Headquarters will be designated by a red, white and blue flag. The line of march will be divided into five divisions. The first G.A.R. division will be designated by the color red, the second G.A.R. division by white, and the third G.A.R. division by blue. The five divisions will be composed as follows: First division, the National Guard, independent military companies and Sons of Veterans, under command of Brig.-Gen. John A. Wyllie, of Franklin, Pa.; second division, of all Grand Army Posts lying between the rivers, and all Posts arriving at B. & O. and Union stations; third division, of all Posts lying south of the Monongahela River, and all Posts arriving at railroad stations in that part of the city; fourth division, of all Posts lying in Allegheny, and all Posts arriving at railroad stations in that city; fifth division, mounted men, under command of Gen. William Blakely. The line will form about 1:30 o'clock. At the conclusion of the parade the Interstate Fair Association will present the committee having charge of the parade with two flags at the fair grounds. It is the intention of the committee to present to the Post having the largest number of members in good standing in line with the Post colors, and the Post having the largest percentage of members in good standing in line to receive the National colors. Post Commanders contesting for these prizes will be required to make affidavit before the Mayor of Pittsburg as to membership of their Posts and numbers in line, basing their return on the quarterly report for June 30, 1887, to Department Headquarters. While every Grand Army Day observance held in Pittsburg has been very successful, the observance this year promises to surpass all others, and to be the greatest Grand Army Reunion ever held in any Department. The arrangements being made for the entertainment of distinguished members of the Order are simply astonishing, and for the occasion to be otherwise than unusually successful is impossible. Every arrangement has been concerted with Department Chaplain Brake and Quartermaster-General Wallace were "the boys" at Headquarters, full of antics and fun. Notwithstanding the many soldiers' Reunions and the National Encampment coming this month, still the Encampment was a success in quality if not in a large outpouring of the Grand Army boys.

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In pursuance with Special Orders, No. 121, Post No. 551 was mustered at Sciota, Monroe County, on Tuesday evening, Sept. 20, by A. C. Jansen, of Post No. 150, assisted by a detail from that Post. Twenty-three charter members were mustered. The officers elected and installed were as follows: Commander, John H. Fenner; S. V. C., Wm. H. Young; J. V. C., Casper Krumnacher; Q. M., August Baltz; O. D., John S. Hufford; O. G., T. F. Fehr; Chap., William Sitzer; Adj't, Eugene B. Marsh; Q. M. S.,

REUNIONS.

Gatherings of Comrades in All Parts of the Country.

[NOTICE.—Organizations holding Reunions this year having or making rosters, will favor us by transmitting a copy thereof to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE for file and future reference.—EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE.]

CONNECTICUT.

The survivors of the 27th Conn. held their 19th annual Reunion at Pawson Park recently. About 400 people were in attendance. The opening address was made by Capt. David S. Thomas. Addresses were also made by Maj. Rue P. Cowles, Col. Simeon J. Fox, Chas. Thayer, Parson Isbell and others. The following officers were elected: President, Capt., David S. Thomas; V.-P., Charles Sheyea; Treas., F. Cornwall; Sec'y, E. G. Mansfield.

ILLINOIS.

Geo. Heinzman, 120 La Salle street, Chicago: The survivors of the 82d Ill. will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their muster-in on Oct. 24 at Chicago.

Wm. R. Morley, Farmer City: The Reunion of the "Yates Phalanx," 39th Ill., will be held at Chicago Oct. 11.

F. J. Filbert, Palatine: The 113th Ill. Veteran Association held their third annual Reunion at Watseka on the 14th and 15th inst. There were 120 of the survivors of the regiment present, and we had a grand good time. The next Reunion will be held at Momence on Wednesday and Thursday of the second week in September, 1888. The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year: President, Col. Geo. B. Hoge, 157 Washington street, Chicago; First V.-P., Lieut. John Frith, Watseka; Second V.-P., Geo. W. Van Alstine, Sherburnville; Third V.-P., Lieut. H. L. Frisbie, Pontiac; Fourth V.-P., Capt. Geo. E. King, Englewood; Fifth V.-P., Jas. H. Dennison, Momence; Sec. and Treas., F. J. Filbert, Palatine, Cook Co.

C. E. Bassett, Austin: The Reunion of the survivors of the 124th Ill. was held at Aurora recently. A permanent organization was effected and the following officers were elected: President, Chas. Bassett; V.-P's, O. D. Bonney and Capt. Newlan; Sec., Dr. O. Willson; Treas., John W. Kendall. Comrades Burroughs, Goodhue, David Bonney, Evans and Capt. Field were appointed a committee to draw up constitution and by-laws for the permanent organization.

J. P. Wing, Newton: The survivors of Co. D, 112th Ill. held a Reunion at Clarinda, Iowa, Sept. 14, and a good time was had.

The survivors of the 57th Ill. held a Reunion at Tiskilwa recently. About 250 members of the regiment were present.

The 41st Ill. Veterans Association held their annual Reunion at Sullivan Sept. 7 and 8. The veterans were welcomed to the city by Mayor Eden and Judge Minor. Responses were made by Col. W. G. Cochran, E. T. Lee and Rev. Crowder. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Col. R. H. McFadden; Capt., W. F. Turney; Sec'y, E. T. Lee; Ass't Sec'y, Joseph Worthington; Treas., Judge H. M. Minor. The next Reunion will be held at Mattoon.

The Reunion of the Soldiers and Sailors' Association of Christian County, held at Taylorville recently, was a great success. About 500 comrades registered, and from 6,000 to 7,000 people were present. Maj. N. H. Schuyler delivered the address of welcome. He was responded to by B. H. Hailey. Capt. J. W. Kitchel was elected President.

A Reunion of the 66th Ill. was held at Reed City, Mich., recently. The attendance was very large, and the affair was a success in every particular. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: President, Lieut. N. R. Park; Sec'y, H. D. Williams.

INDIANA.

The first annual Reunion of the survivors of the 16th Ind. will be held at Rushville Oct. 26. Members of that organization will please send their names, addresses and companies to Thos. M. Hardy, Pendleton.

The survivors of the 115th Ind. have perfected a permanent organization and elected the following officers: President, Ex-Lieut.-Gov. Hanna; Sec., W. Edgman. All members of the regiment are requested to send their names and addresses to the Secretary, so that a complete roster of the regiment can be made. Address W. Edgman, Portland Mills, Ind.

M. Reilly, Filmore: The first Reunion of the survivors of the 43d Ind. will be held at Terre Haute Oct. 5.

John Baker, Anderson: The 12th annual Reunion of the survivors of the 8th and 18th Ind. will be held at this place Oct. 19.

Geo. F. Stewart, Connersville: The survivors of the 124th Ind. will hold a Reunion at Connersville Oct. 6 and 7.

The survivors of the 20th Ind. held a Reunion at Valparaiso recently. The following officers were unanimously elected: President, Col. C. L. Taylor; V.-P., Serg't James P. Clute; Sec'y and Treas., Serg't William Emery Brown. The next Reunion will held at Monticello, Sept. 1, 1888.

KANSAS.

L. R. Johnson, Trivoli: A permanent organization of the old vets and old settlers was made at Trivoli Sept. 8. The organization to be known as the Old Soldiers and Settlers' Union of Ellsworth County, Kansas. The officers elected for the first year were as follows: President, D. B. Long; V.-P., S. H. Thomas; Sec., Theo. Sternberg; Treas., J. S. Card; H. V. Faris, County; Col. J. S. Snyder, Kanopolis; Col. L. R. Johnson, Trivoli; Dr. Wm. Reed, Trivoli; A Patterson, Ellsworth; F. H. Woodmansee, Wilson; A. A. Jellison.

A Reunion of the survivors of the 6th Kan. was held at Fort Scott recently. The following officers were eleted: President, C. S. Atkins; S. V.-P., E. L. Parker; J. V.-P., J. C. Anderson; Sec. and Treas., G. M. Moore; daughter of the regiment, Miss Columbus H. Riley.

MAINE.

Sewell Pettingill, Wayne: The Reunion of the survivors of the 11th Me. was held at Old Orchard Beach recently. Speeches were made by N. P. Downing, Gen. J. A. Hill, W. H. Andrews, Nathan J. Gould and others. The next Reunion will be held at Boston. It was decided to invite the survivors of the 24th Mass. and 10th Conn. to meet with us at that time.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The first Reunion of the members of Co. G, 1st Mass. H. A., was held at Marblehead, recently. Addresses were made by Lieut.-Col. Samuel C. Oliver, Capts. Day, Rhoades and Spofford; Lieuts. Noyes, Smith, Martin, Perkins, Stacy and Gwinn; Josiah B. Osborne and Comrade Getchell. The thanks of the company were voted to the Mugford Association for the use of the hall, to the ladies for the bouquets, and to the caterer; also, to the Excelsior Drum Corps, of Marblehead. It was voted to have another Reunion on the first Monday in September, 1888, at the same place, and in the same general style. The Treasurer reported all bills had been paid, and that there was a balance of $4 in the Treasury.

The 38th Mass. Regimental Association will hold their 19th annual Reunion at the United States Hotel, Boston, Oct. 19.

The survivors of Co. B, 42d Mass., held a Reunion at West Medway on Sept. 14. The old board of officers was re-elected for the following year: President, Col. Joseph Stedman; V.-P's, Capt. D. A. Partridge, Capt. J. B. Cook, Capt. B. C. Tinkham; Sec. and Treas., George E. Pond; Executive Committee, D. A. Partridge, D. S. Woodman, G. H. Greenwood, J. A. Fitts, T. M. Turner. It was voted to hold the Reunion in the same place next year.

MICHIGAN.

The survivors of the 2d Mich. held a Reunion at St. Clair Flats, recently. About 140 members with their wives and children participated. A very pleasant day was spent.

W. H. Beasley, Ithaca: There will be a Prisoners of War Reunion held at Owosso Oct. 12.

MINNESOTA.

The survivors of the 4th Minn. held a Reunion at Belle Plaine recently. The following officers were elected: President, John B. Sanborn; V.-P., Capt. Asa W. White; Treas., Dr. John H. Murphy; Sec., John H. Thurston, Belle Plaine, Min