THE GRAND ARMY.

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

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Feb. 13, 1888.

Adj't-Gen. Fish returned on the 2d instant, delighted with his brief sojourn among the comrades of Pennsylvania, Washington and New York. The Commander-in-Chief is in New England and will visit the Department Encampment of Pennsylvania at Allentown on the 14th, going thence to Springfield, Ill., where he will be on the 16th.

A decision has been made upon the appeal of Comrade J. L. Bennett from the decision of the Commander of the Department of Illinois, holding that it is not competent for a Post of the G.A.R. to act upon a proposition to appoint a committee to unite with like committee of other Posts in forming a "Service Pension Association." The decision is based upon the ground that "it is not within the power of a Post to participate, as a Post, and against the objection of a member, in the formation of any independent body which, whether to be composed exclusively of comrades or not, is to be independent of the constituted authorities of the Order. * * * Presumptively, the objects of the G.A.R. can be best accomplished by the use of its own form of organization and plan of work. If any comrade believes that these objects, or any lawful objects, can be better subserved by other methods, he may resort to such methods, either alone or in conjunction with others. But every comrade has the right to insist that the Order itself should not be used as an instrument for advancing purposes or methods in the name of the Order by means not subject to its control. This principle is applicable to all forms of outside organization, whatever their object, which are not recognized by the National Encampment."

Returns from 13 Departments for the fourth quarter of 1887 show a slight aggregate gain over the reports for the third quarter.

The Department of Idaho held a Department Encampment at Boise City on Jan. 11, and duly organized, pursuant to Special Order No. 4, current series. The following Department officers were elected or appointed and installed: Commander, W. H. Nye, Boise City; S. V. C., A. S. Senter, Shoshone; J. V. C., D. F. Chamberlain, Eagle Rock; Medical Director, A. C. Girard, Boise City; Chap., W. H. Danilson, Blackfoot; Ass't Adj't-Gen., Charles A. Clark, Boise City; Q. M.-Gen., Malachi Krebb, Boise City. A Department charter will be issued in the course of time.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 10.—Commander-in-Chief Rea was tendered a reception here this evening by the Woman's Relief Corps. Gen. Rea was accompanied by a staff composed of Comrades J. C. Linehan, J. V. C.; A. H. Reed, Minnesota; George A. Woodbury, Post 89; A. L. Kneeland, Post 10; A. J. Wilson, Post 92; Warren O. Hawley, Post 178; Henry P. Oakman, Post 68; George Perkins, Post 161; Chas. J. Davis, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, and Jno. B. Driscoll, Post 57. There were also with the Commander-in-Chief Past Commander-in-Chief George A. Merrill and Past Commanders G. W. Creasey, J. G. B. Adams and J. W. Hersey, Department Commander M. P. Walker, S. V. C. G. L. Goodale, J. V. C. George H. Innis, Medical Director Sawyer, Ass't Adj't-Gen. A. C. Munroe, E. B. Jewett, C. of A., P. D. I. B. Read Wales, Past Medical Director J. B. Cherry, and the "poet scout," Jack Crawford. After a welcome by Mrs. Parker, Commander-in-Chief Rea was introduced to the audience, who greeted him with loud applause.

His speech was a thrilling one, full of soldierly sentiment, in which he paid a high tribute to the women of the State of Massachusetts for their noble and self-sacrificing qualities so many times exhibited during the late civil war. His feeling allusion to the tender and loving care bestowed upon the wounded soldiers, both on the field and in the hospitals, by these self-same women, brought tears to the eyes of many of his hearers. At the conclusion of his remarks, Past Department President Mrs. Parker stepped forward, and in behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps presented a magnificent bouquet to Commander-in-Chief Rea. At this point, Miss M. Lizzie Andrews was introduced and read in a spirited manner a brief historical sketch of the battle of Gettysburg. The lady was deservedly encored, and read an amusing selection. In a few well chosen remarks, the Past Department President, Mrs. Parker, next presented the newly-elected President, Mrs. Emma B. Loud, who spoke at length on the work before the Corps, and of the faith and confidence which she said she knew her sisters had in her, and she pledged the heartiest co-operation of the Woman's Relief Corps to the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. J. A. Abbott, of Illinois, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, who was present, made a very feeling address, and at its conclusion was presented a beautiful bouquet, composed exclusively of white roses, emblematic, so said Mrs. Parker, of the pure hearts of the "boys" he represented. The address of Department Commander Myron P. Walker was full of noble sentiment, and included a sketch of a drummer boy, who, sick and almost dying, was saved by the efforts of the women nurses. Commander Walker received a floral souvenir of the occasion, which was among the handsomest of those presented during the evening.

Mrs. E. A. Turner, of Boston, Treasurer of the Corps for the past five years, made some very witty remarks on her long term of service, and pleasantly referred to the official relations existing between herself and the Past Department President, Mrs. Parker. As she finished she gracefully presented a beautiful gold badge to Mrs. Parker, who returned her thanks to the Corps in fitting terms. During the evening some vocal selections of high order were rendered by Mrs. Sophie Hall and Miss Hill. Phil Sheridan Corps, of Salem, presented through their Delegate, Mrs. Parker, a very large and handsome basket of cut flowers to the newly-elected President, Mrs. Loud. An "art quilt"—a perfect beauty—was, by vote of Post 96, of Roxbury, at its fair last December, to go to the Corps Commander receiving the largest number of votes. Comrade J. E. Gilman, of that Post, announced the lucky lady to be Mrs. Parker, and he presented the quilt to her.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

CALIFORNIA.—

General Orders, No. 16, issued at San Francisco, by command of Edward S. Salomon, Department Commander—T. G. Taylor, A. A.-G.—contain the following: The 21st annual Encampment of the Department of California will meet at Santa Rosa on Tuesday, March 13, 1888. Place of meeting, location of Department Headquarters, and other particulars will be given in future Orders. Complaints having been made at these Headquarters that men have gained admission as comrades of the G.A.R., in different Posts, who are not entitled to membership, attention of Post Commanders is especially called to Art. IV, Chap. I, of Rules and Regulations. At a meeting of the Council of Administration, held at these Headquarters, Jan. 9, 1888, Comrade R. S. Johnson, of Rawlins Post, No. 23, Stockton, was unanimously elected Junior Vice Department Commander, vice Allen T. Bird, resigned. Comrade R. S. Johnson is therefore declared duly elected Junior Vice Department Commander for the unexpired term, and will be respected and obeyed accordingly. Attention of all comrades is hereby called to the name of George Hunter, of Indiana, who claims to be a member of the G.A.R. Information has been received at these Headquarters that he is an impostor, and that he is not entitled to help from the comrades of this Department.

COLORADO.—

Officers of Pfeiffer Post, No. 36, Alamosa: Commander, Joseph Simons; S. V. C., T. G. Graham; J. V. C., Mark Miller; Adj't, William Thomas; Surg., James Beck; Q. M., W. R. Neal; Chap., A. McKinnon; O. D., John Taylor; O. G., George Binder.

CONNECTICUT.—

The total membership in this Department is 6,482, being a gain of 578 during the past year. The relief funds in the hands of Posts now aggregate $32,700, the gain for the year being $14,200. Twelve new Relief Corps have been organized since the Encampment of 1887, with a total increase of 577 in membership. There are 165 State beneficiaries in Fitch's Home for Soldiers at Darien. The buildings will be enlarged this year so as to accommodate 225 old soldiers, who will be supported at the expense of the State.

DAKOTA.—

Officers of Willis A. Gorman Post, No. 56, Grand Forks: Commander, J. C. Duncan; S. V. C., W. E. Parsons; J. V. C., John C. Allen; Surg., W. H. Brown; Chap., — Knudson; O. D., M. T. Caswell; O. G., O. Hexom; Adj't, S. L. Fansworth; Q. M. S., — Pierson; S. M., A. H. McKillip.

ILLINOIS.—

Officers of H. McCreery Post, No. 567, Lima: Commander, B. W. Nieley; S. V. C., Sylvester Potter; J. V. C., John Hess; Adj't, Chas. Slatery; Q. M., George Snyder; Chap., Theo. St. John; O. D., Martin Harding; O. G., Wm. Lecock; S. M., J. L. Keath; Q. M. S., T. E. Conover. Delegate, Chas. Slatery; Alternate, Frank Euler.

Officers of J. B. Steedman Post, No. 382, Potomac: Commander, John J. Skelly; S. V. C., C. R. Littler; J. V. C., Chas. Ingersoll; Chap., B. G. Franklin; O. D., E. Schreiner; O. G., B. Heffey; Surg., P. Sides; Q. M., H. M. Austin; Q. M. S., F. Pricer; Adj't, C. La Grange; S. M., R. Wiseman.

Officers of Post at Buckley: Commander, W. L. R. Johnson; S. V. C., W. A. B. Tate; J. V. C., Henry Spear; Adj't, J. D. Riggs; Surg., J. G. Wallace; Chap., John Stevens; Q. M., W. Aug. Welchlin; O. D., B. F. Leavering; O. G., Hiram Burr; S. M., J. L. Hoffman; Q. M. S., Augustus Reel.

Officers of Chiles Post, No. 278, Palmyra: Commander, W. A. Young; S. V. C., R. M. Crump; J. V. C., H. C. Wiley; Surg., D. H. King; Q. M., W. F. Crum; Adj't, G. L. Palmer; O. D., W. J. Neighbors; O. G., J. B. Young; Q. M. S., P. R. Cox; S. M., J. W. Crum. Delegate, G. L. Parmer; Alternate, F. S. Chiles.

Officers of Coulterville Post, No. 259, Coulterville: Commander, H. E. Benjamin; S. V. C., R. East; J. V. C., R. F. Johnson; Chap., A. Steele; Surg., Dr. C. J. Childs; Q. M., J. Eyer; O. D., J. McBride; Adj't, H. Stokes; O. G., J. Baker.

Officers of George Hunter Post, No. 145, Farmington: Commander, J. S. Smith; S. V. C., Chas. Mundy; J. V. C., Elie McClain; O. D., William Bostwick; Surg., Henry Greenleaf; Chap., R. Warden; Q. M., Joseph Routson; O. G., George Dailey; Adj't, E. M. Rose; Delegate, H. Greenleaf.

Officers of John A. Rawlins Post, No. 579, Mulberry Grove: Commander, Samuel G. Enloe; S. V. C., D. Z. McKean; J. V. C., A. F. Miller; Chap., M. F. Book; Adj.t, D. R. Matteny; Q. M., T. C. Skelton; O. D., E. L. Enloe; O. G., H. H. Babcock; S. M., A. W. Crowell; Q. M. S., Charles McDaniel.

Officers of Will Carter Post, Watseka: Commander, W. L. R. Johnson; S. V. C., W. A. B. Tate; J. V. C., Henry Spear; Comr.-in-Chief, M. W. A. Welchner; Adj't, J. D. Riggs; O. D., B. F. Lovering.

INDIANA.—

Officers of John K. Higman Post, No. 415, New Harmony: Commander, J. T. Eagle; S. V. C., Chas. D. Elliott; J. V. C., Wm. Hartman; Q. M., John Given; Chap., E. R. Snelling; Surg., George Welbourne; Adj't, Henry B. Real; Q. M. S., Eugene Beal; S. M., E. F. Davis; O. D., J. P. Jackson; O. G., Sam'l Williams.

Officers of J. E. Fouts Post, No. 272, Saluda: Commander, John S. Pender; S. V. C., Jacob L. Mummert; J. V. C., John C. Maddex; Adj't, Silas W. Tolbert; Surg., Andrew H. Phillips, M. D.; Chap., John R. Crawford; Q. M., David Rennan; O. D., Thomas W. Sampie; O. G., Enoch G. Barnett; S. M., Joseph Pender; Q. M. S., Jas. E. Benham.

Officers of Sam Henry Post, No. 63, Decatur: Commander, D. K. Shakley; S. V. C., E. Cutting; J. V. C., M. L. Marquart; Surg., Dr. Halway; Chap., D. Lehman; O. D., —— Blossom; O. G., A. J. Teeple; Q. M., J. R. Smith; Adj't, J. T. Hill; Q. M. S., J. Barnet; S. M., J. Hellem; Delegates, H. H. Hart, R. A. Dreman.

Officers of Bawldine Post, No. 340, Vernon: Commander, John D. Kidd; S. V. C., Mike Fetter; J. V. C., Joseph N. Jordan; Chap., John M. Osborn; Q. M., William Conlill; Adj't, I. S. Wagner; O. D., Thos. A. Pearce; O. G., H. S. Arnold; Surg., Jas. Orrel; Q. M. S., R. A. Harper; S. M., S. P. Skinner.

IOWA.—

Officers of Ersland Post, No. 235, Cambridge: Commander, John Jory; S. V. C., A. J. Hainline; J. V. C., W. A. Thompson; Adj't, A. P. King; Q. M., D. Harker; Surg., W. H. Jones; Chap., Jas. H. Kirk; O. D., A. P. Cronk; O. G., D. Yasel; S. M., G. G. Crosier; Q. M. S., Anfer Ersland. Delegate, Dr. J. M. Brown; Alternate, Anfer Ersland.

Officers of Whited Post, No. 247, Belmond: Commander, J. A. Whiting; S. V. C., C. Boughton; J. V. C., L. J. Justice; Chap., Rev. J. D. Sands; O. D., Col. T. B. Kaufman; O. G., S. N. Hinman; Q. M., J. P. Byres; Adj't, E. S. Hubbard; S. M., D. L. Cuppett; Q. M. S., N. Melvin.

Officers of Dennison Post, No. 244, Center Point: Commander, H. L. Newlin; S. V. C., A. Snyder; J. V. C., E. W. Stuart; Surg., J. W. Tiffany; Chap., A. Gable; Q. M., J. B. Wayne; Q. M. S., Hugh Kating; Adj't, S. E. Conner; S. M., A. L. Rucker; O. D., A. Kubias; O. G., A. Hawkins; C. G., F. W. Chesley.

Officers of James C. Taylor Post, No. 165, Algona: Commander, H. C. McCoy, M. D.; S. V. C., E. Telfer; J. V. C., Sylvester Spencer; Surg., L. A. Sheetz; Q. M., J. A. Bartlett; Chap., D. Aty; O. D., J. M. Comstock; Adj't, O. F. Hale; O. G., M. Manwain; Delegate, J. B. Jones.

Officers of Charles H. Abbott Post, No. 345, West Point: Commander, E. D. Stoddard; S. V. C., John Johnson; J. V. C., Henry Jefferson; Chap., N. Brockway; Adj't, Moritz Tschoepe; Q. M., O. K. Stockhouse; Q. M. S., C. Appleton; O. G., T. Armour; S. M., Tim Whitmarsh; Q. M. S., C. Metzgar.

KANSAS.—

Officers of Capt. Jarvis Post, No. 209, Norton: Commander, W. Adams; S. V. C., Joseph ——; J. V. C., Amon Butler; Q. M., Julius Bridegroom; O. D., Fred Eibert; Chap., E. E. Dopps; Surg., R. E. White; O. G., J. C. Latham; Adj't, L. Williams; S. M., J. E. Davis; Q. M. S., B. Crawford; Delegates, J. R. Hamilton, R. E. White.

Officers of Franklin Post, No. 68, Olathe: Commander, O. P. Diehl; S. V. C., Sol. Hisey; J. V. C., Nelson Wright; Surg., S. R. Burch; Q. M., R. E. Stevenson; Chap., B. Amos; O. D., C. Wintermute; O. G., A. A. Brown; Q. M. S., Thomas Norris.

Officers of Junction Post, No. 132, Junction City: Commander, W. J. Franklin; S. V. C., George W. Chase; J. V. C., J. M. Langdon; Surg., George E. Harvey; Q. M., Martin Bradford; Adj't, W. J. Parker; Chap., C. L. Nicholson; O. D., Henry Vick; O. G., Henry Brothers; Q. M. S., R. S. True; S. M., A. J. Callahan.

Officers of S. S. Perry Post, Wallace: Commander, T. J. R. Perry; S. V. C., Felix T. Gandy; J. V. C., James Teets; Adj't, S. L. Wilson; Chap., G. R. Copeland; O. D., Alex. S. Hatch; O. G., Jerry Weaver; Q. M., J. M. Young; S. M., O.W. Gandy; Q. M. S., E. Grewell. Delegate, S. L. Wilson; Alternate, Dr. A. S. Hatch.

Officers of O. P. Morton Post, No. 38, Wamego: Commander, S. Fee; S. V. C., J. P. Julian; J. V. C., R. H. Bell; Chap., A. S. Copeland; Q. M., J. H. Wiegman; Surg., F. M. Tuttle; O. D., M. M. McKelvey; O. G., John Witts; Adj't, D. M. Reynolds; S. M., C. E. Hathaway; Q. M. S., Geo. Simpson.

KENTUCKY.—

Officers of Whittaker Post, No. 75, Louisville: Commander, George Brinkworth; S. V. C., George Menz; J. V. C., Len. Feuster; Adj't, Phil Hager; Chap., T. O. Talcott; O. D., I. B. Webster; Q. M., J. W. Hammond; O. G., H. Reese. The Post was presented with a large Union jack by Comrade William Simmons, of Philadelphia, which was accepted and a rising vote of thanks given Comrade Simmons.

MAINE.—

Officers of Heath Post, No. 6, Gardiner: Commander, James Walker; S. V. C., S. C. McKenney; J. V. C., W. F. Haines; Surg., G. A. Bowie; Chap., Albert Bonner; Adj't, J. L. Stoddard; Q. M., C. O. Wadsworth; O. D., J. R. Peacock; O. G., O. D. Jaquith; S. M., F. L. Berry; Q. M. S., J. S. Jeck.

MASSACHUSETTS.—

Lieut.-Gen. Sheridan visited Boston and Salem last week. At both places he was tendered receptions by the Grand Army Posts, and he was greeted with enthusiasm by the veterans.

Officers of Post No. 34, Salem: Commander, Amos Stillman; S. V. C., James B. Nichols; J. V. C., Almon Allard; Surg., John H. Russell; Chap., S. L. Gracey; O. D., Merrill Hussey; O. G., James H. Knox. Delegates, A. M. Dudley, C. E. Trow, J. J. McCue, C. W. Jones, J. G. Dennett, W. Foss, E. A. Hall; Alternates, T. W. Nye, G. A. Andrews, W. L. Welch, Patrick Dalton, J. H. Henfield, W. H. Eastman, R. J. Long. For Commander Amos Stillman received every vote cast.

Officers of Post No. 60, Westminster: Commander, J. H. Miller; S. V. C., L. M. Drury; J. V. C., O. W. Sawin; Q. M., G. E. Rice; Surg., Francis Eaton; Chap., D. E. Hurd; O. D., H. J. Partridge; O. G., J. M. Eaton; Adj't, E. S. Kendall; Q. M. S., A. F. Baker; S. M., S. S. Harrington.

Officers of Ezra Batcheller Post, No. 51, North Brookfield: Commander, H. K. Gould; S. V. C., E. W. Deane; J. V. C., G. W. Bruce; Q. M., G. W. Sargent; Surg., A. F. Wallace; Chap., A. W. Briggs; Adj't, H. B. Littlefield; O. D., C. H. Bartlett; O. G., Charles Stockwell; S. M., Joel Bartlett; Q. M. S., H. O. Bemis.

Officers of Charles Beck Post, No. 56, Cambridgeport: Commander, William H. H. Howe; S. V. C., Albert W. Curtis; J. V. C., Matthew Fleck; Surg., Frederick L. Ladd; Chap., Henry C. Hitchcock; Q. M., Edmund Miles; O. D., Robert L. Sands; O. G., George Rovillard; Adj't, A. J. Littlefield; Q. M. S., Philip T. Greely; S. M., Edward R. Pearson. A fine steel engraving representing the battle of Five Forks, Va., a cavalry battle, was presented to the Post by Adj't Littlefield. The picture cost $50. A supper was furnished at the close of the meeting. Post No. 56 is flourishing, and now has 150 members in good standing.

MICHIGAN.

Perkins Post, No. 279, Spring Lake, dedicated a new hall on Jan. 27. Posts were present from Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Grand Haven and elsewhere. Department Commander L. G. Rutherford and staff were also in attendance. After the dedication ceremonies a very interesting program of speeches, singing, recitations, etc., was rendered. The company was then invited to adjourn to the Spring Lake Hotel, where a banquet was spread to which all did ample justice. It was 4 o'clock a. m. before the comrades dispersed.

L. L. Smith, Leader; William Bell Post, No. 10, was organized Oct. 9, 1879, with 11 charter members. We have constantly increased in membership, and at present have 106 in good standing. The total muster, 183, represents 15 different States. We have had seven different Commanders, all first-class, which has been a chief cause of our prosperity. But the one great cause of our almost perfect success has been Relief Corps, No. 17, which was organized April 28, 1883, with 28 charter members, and now has a membership of about 50 in good standing. The Corps furnished the Post hall almost entirely, lately, putting in new carpets, stove, secretary, organ, and presented the Post with a fine silk flag costing $55. No society in Dundee is looked upon with more favor than the G.A.R. and Woman's Relief Corps, and justly so, as they have done more by far to relieve the poor, sick and distressed than any other society.

N. D. Watkins, Farwell: Gen. Charles Griffin Post, No. 386, is booming. We have been in existence a little over five months, and in that short period our percentage of gains has been a little over 228 per cent. We mustered with 11 July 21, and now have 36 at our last quarter's report. Our new hall is now completed. We took possession two weeks ago. The new hall is 70x28 feet, with a stage at one end. We would like to produce some good war drama during the Winter to add to our "sinews of war." Any comrade knowing of such a play, please name it. In conclusion, will add that for a small Post Griffin Post, No. 386, takes the coke in life and vim.

Officers of Col. Baker Post, No. 84, Kalkaska: Commander, D. P. Beebe; S. V. C., James Greacen; J. V. C., W. J. Wilson; Adj't, J. W. Mosher; Q. M., L. D. Curtis; Chap., J. F. McKinley; O. D., C. H. Hulin; O. G., J. Lewis; S. M., W. R. Parker; Q. M. S., M. C. Ridder.

Officers of M. W. Draper Post, No. 100, Lyons: Commander, T. A. Steadman; S. V. C., George Sykes; J. V. C. Charles Lung; Adj't, N. B. Sherwood; Q. M., E. N. Thayer; Surg., J. L. May; Chap., L. H. Blancher; O. D., John R. Dougherty; O. G., John Ashley; S. M., G. W. Baldwin; Q. M. S., Almon Rogers. Dr. L. S. Stevens was elected Post correspondent.

MISSOURI.—

Charles Harrison, Winston: Kilpatrick Post, No. 66, was organized in March, 1883 with 23 charter members. It was started on a boom, and its live members intend to keep booming it until the last roll-call. We have never lost a comrade by death since our organization, and but few by nonpayment of dues; have never been without a quorum except three times; have put up several headstones for comrades who had died before our organization; have had several campfires and numerous bean suppers and other entertainments, and own our hall, which is reasonably well furnished, but not as well as we wish and intend to have it. We are all in favor of the Service Pension Bill, and think it ought to become a law; and we all read THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. The following officers were recently installed for the ensuing year: Commander, B. F. Rarrick; S. V. C., Stephen H. Stout; J. V. C., Joseph Sutton; Adj't, V. A. Scrivner; Q. M., Samuel Stecker; Surg., Dr. Jacob Snyder; Chap., Auren E. Woodruff; O. G., G. E. Barkdoll; O. D., S. R. Johnson.

Officers of Farnsworth Post, No. 237, Warsaw: Commander, N. B. Petts; S. V. C., G. W. Laird; J. V. C., H. Boeschen; Q. M., R. Holly; Surg., K. Crawford; O. D., J. S. Leach; O. G., John Ashby; Q. M. S., John Powell.

Officers of Serg't Ryan Post, No. 214, Brashear: Commander, J. N. McCreery; S. V. C., W. McLaughlin; J. V. C., James McIntyre; O. D., D. Tuttle; Q. M., William Steele; Surg., J. N. Waddell; Chap., William Platz; O. G., B. W. Church; Adj't, M. A. Church.

Officers of Rousseau Post, No. 80, Ravanna: Commander, J. E. Callaway; S. V. C., Cyrus Devoe; J. V. C., Howell Scott; Surg., J. H. Beadles; Chap., S. P. Hall; Q. M., L. F. Parrish; O. D., Lem McDonald; O. G., Hiram Pickett; Q. M. S., Jacob Loutzenhiser; S. M., Jacob Eidson; Adj't, R. J. Lewis.

Officers of Col. Jacob Smith Post, No. 72, Trenton: Commander, M. Wetzler; S. V. C., Alex. Wamsley; J. V. C., George Bukler; Adj't, J. E. Carter; Q. M., J. M. Robertson; O. D., Wm. Lockheart; O. G., Thomas Pennock; Chap., T. M. White.

NEBRASKA.—

Officers of Veteran Post, No. 84, Falls City: Commander, J. C. Yutzy; S. V. C., J. D. McCann; J. V. C., John Boyer; Adj't, J. J. Marvin; S. M., B. F. Story; Surg., H. L. Randall; Chap., Jacob Ditzler; O. D., S. G. Mower; O. G., E. P. Glines; Q. M., W. H. H. Myers.

Officers of Antietam Post, No. 131, Franklin: Commander, W. E. Hatch; S. V. C., George Harlow; J. V. C., S. B. Butterfield; Surg., H. Remley; Chap., M. W. Bly; Q. M., Geo. Clapp; Adj't, G.W. Prather; O. D., O. G., Bailey; O. G., W. J. Williams; S. M., L. B. Reed; Q. M. S., E. Parr.

Officers of Post No. 143, Madison: Commander, W. E. Kimball; S. V. C., E. F. Cole; J. V. C., C. Young; Q. M., M. C. Scott; Surg., S. J. Arnett; O. D., H. Barney; O. G., T. Hannan; Chap., H. C. Church; Adj't, R. A. Malony; Q. M. S., C. C. Wyatt; S. M., A. R. Fraser.

Officers of Bob McCook Post, No. 31, Ashland: Commander, R. Dexter; S. V. C., L. K. Bell; J. V. C., S. B. Hart; Q. M., J. H. Mason; Surg., S. Hemphill; Chap., S. G. Bryant; O. D., A. J. Downer; O. G., Wm. Nichols; I. G., I. V. Davis; Adj't, W. W. Crane.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The 21st annual Encampment of this Department was held at Concord Feb. 1 and 2. There were about 400 representatives present. The reports of the retiring officers showed the Department to be in a good condition. At the business meeting held on the second day the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Commander, A. B. Thompson; S. V. C., Fred H. Foss; J. V. C., James F. Grimes; Medical Director, Hadley B. Fowler; Chap., Rev. James K. Ewer; Council of Administration, M. S. Brown, J. Sanborn, L. Severance, D. H. Reed, J. B. Sanborn. Delegates, J. H. French, John J. Dillon, A. W. Wiggin, C. W. Leighton, Charles W. Stevens, R. L. Howard; Alternates, M. V. B. Clark, James M. Caswell, Frank K. Hobbs, L. E. Gove, A. P. Horne, W. H. Lovejoy.

The following resolutions on the death of Col. J. L. Thompson were adopted:

Whereas the Supreme Commander above, in his infinite goodness and mercy, has summoned our comrade, Gen. J. L. Thompson, late of the 1st N. H. Cav., to the Grand Army above; therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of our comrade we feel the irreparable loss of a brave soldier, a kind friend, one who had the interest of the soldier at heart, beloved by all who knew him.

Resolved, That the sympathy of the comrades of New Hampshire be extended to the family of our deceased comrade in this their hour of deep affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased comrade, and spread upon the records of this Encampment.

Comrade Gilman, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, to whom was submitted the report of Assistant Inspector Batchelder, reported as follows:

Whereas we believe it to be the duty of this Encampment to cause further inquiry to be made concerning the condition of dependent veterans in New Hampshire, and as to the advi-ability of establishing a Soldiers' Home within our limits; therefore,

Resolved, That the Department Commander be instructed to cause such inquiry to be made. Also that he be requested to inquire what further legislation is necessary in order that dependent veterans and their families, and the needy widows and orphans of deceased veterans, who shall be assisted under the law of 1885, shall not be classed in town and county reports as paupers, and report at the next annual Encampment.

Considerable discussion took place on the report of the Committee on Report of Council of Administration reducing per capita tax and allowing Delegates to National Encampment but $25 for expenses. The recommendations of the committee were not accepted; therefore the per capita tax will remain the same and Delegates will receive $50 for their expenses. The officers-elect were then installed by Commander-in-Chief Rea, assisted by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Linehan, after which the Encampment adjourned.

Sturtevant Post and Relief Corps tendered Commander-in-Chief Rea and other distinguished guests a reception on Wednesday evening, Feb. 1. Among those present besides Commander-in-Chief Rea and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Linehan, of the National Department, were Mrs. Emma Stark Hampton, of Detroit, President of the National Woman's Relief Corps; the officers of the New Hampshire G.A.R. and the Woman's Relief Corps; Gov. Sawyer and Gen. Howard L. Porter, Gen. A. S. Twitchell, Gen. Arthur L. Emerson, Col. W. E. Spalding and Col. Seth M. Richards, of Newport, of his staff; Mayor Robertson and members of the City Council, and many distinguished citizens of the city and State. Speeches were made, songs sung, and a good time had generally. The hall was very finely decorated and reflected much credit on the Post and Corps.

Officers of Collins Post, Exeter: Commander, A. J. Gilman; S. V. C., B. F. Rowe; J. V. C., G. L. Stokell; Adj't, G. W. Gadd; Surg., J. M. Mallon; Chap., D. W. Robinson; Q. M., Lewis E. Gove; O. D., C. M. Collath; O. G., W. Frank Brigham; S. M., Weare N. Shaw; Q. M. S., E. K. Walker.

Officers of Austin Goodell Post, No. 67, Monroe: Commander, Charles P. Chamberlin; S. V. C., Robert S. Kelley; J. V. C., Albert Shepherd; Adj't, James G. Peabody; Surg., Fred H. Colby; Chap., Isaac S. Moore; O. D., Charles M. Wallace; O. G., James Ransom; Q. M., Gilbert Chamberlin; S. M., John M. Little; Q. M. S., Benj. F. Bailey.

Officers of Gay Post, Newmarket: Commander, James M. Caswell; S. V. C., Freeman H. Tuttle; J. V. C., Alonzo Jones; Adj't, Alanson C. Haines; Surg., Woodbridge W. Durrell; Q. M., George K. Caswell; O. D., Frand A. Brackett; O. G., William H. Brown; S. M., Cyrus R. Rand; Q. M. S., Orin D. Shaw; Guard, Chas. H. Wentworth.

NEW JERSEY.—

The annual Encampment of this Department was held at Trenton last week. After the routine business had been disposed of, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Department Commander, Gen. E. Burd Grubb; S. V. C., John M. Smith, of Newark; J. V. C., Col. John A. Wildrick, Belvidere; M. D., John T. Lack; Chap., Rev. D. M. Wells, Newark. The Department, by resolutions, approved the Don Cameron one-cent-a-day pension bill; recommended the passage of a bill by the Legislature to give them representation in the management of the Newark Soldiers' Home, and made Trenton the headquarters of the Department. Resolutions offered by Col. E. W. Davis, of Newark, were adopted, expressing the Department grief over the recent loss by death of ex-Governor Parker.

NEW YORK.—

Officers of Bingham Post, No. 74, Naples: Commander, Barber Eldredge; S. V. C., Orson R. Linkletter; J. V. C., Benj. F. Hills; Adj't, I. A. Seamons; Surg., Benj. Smith; Chap., S. J. Merrill; Q. M., John Game; O. D., E. H. Willson; O. G., William Long. Delegate, S. J. Merrill; Alternate, Benj. F. Hills.

Officers of Abraham Lincoln Post, No. 13, New York City: Commander, James Boylan; S. V. C., William A. Vogts; J. V. C., Thomas Welsh; Chap., Paul Kamerer; Q. M., Joseph Humphryes; Adj't, John Wood; Surg., John C. West; O. D., Joseph Long; O. G., David Graham. Delegate, Chas. A. Wells; Alternate, Paul Kamerer.

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Officers of Gen. Lander Post, No. 482, Quaker City: Commander, Allen M. Floyd; S. V. C., John R. Hunt; J. V. C., Elisha Patterson; Surg., Amer Wilcox; Chap., P. B. Cox; O. G., Wm. J. Lindsay; Q. M., Lewis Beebe; Adj't, David S. Scott; Q. M., Carmi M. Morrison; S. M., Richard S. Fisher; Q. M. S., Joseph Paith.

Officers of Wm. W. Foster Post, No. 655, Lightsville: Commander, James S. Welbourn; S. V. C., D. C. Mote; J. V. C., A. C. Rupel; Surg., David Studabaker; Chap., Wm. Carter; O. D., Jacob H. Benner; Q. M., J. G. Whittacre; Adj't, F. M. Ludy; O. G., B. F. White.

Officers of Gibson Post, No. 180, Greenfield: Commander, H. N. Depoy; S. V. C., C. F. Wilson; J. V. C., J. N. Scott; Q. M., G. B. Aushutz; Surg., W. H. Wilson; Chap., John M. Elliott; O. D., J. H. Wickersham; O. G., B. McCann. Delegate, I. S. Evans; Alternate, T. M. Elliott.

Officers of Maxwell Post, No. 176, Kingston: Commander, Nelson J. Dunlap; S. V. C., Jesse Ross; J. V. C., A. M. Lamaster; Adj't, T. C. Rodgers; Q. M., Elias Moore; Surg., Jas. Lingrell; Chap., John T. Mowery; O. D., A. B. Crummell; O. G., John Thornburg; Q. M. S., S. C. Rogers. Delegate, Milt McCoy; Alternate, N. J. Dunlap.

Officers of Hastings Post, No. 207, La Grange: Commander, S. M. Powers; S. V. C., C. A. Wilcox; J. V. C., A. D. Myndese; Q. M., Eli M. Griffith; Surg., George Nuderhill; Chap., L. B. Sweet; O. D., Charles Hastings; O. G., Edgar Hastings. Delegate, William F. Walcott; Alternate, Charles Hastings.

Officers of J. B. Richardson Post, No. 451, Lakeside: Commander, Myron E. Clemons; S. V. C., A. A. Clemons; J. V. C., J. L. Shraeder; Q. M., William Carroll; Surg., S. B. Permar; Chap., J. McCoglin; O. D., John Hannon; O. G., P. Lynch. Delegate, A. A. Clemons; Alternate, J. A. Clark.

Officers of Lorain Post, No. 448, Lorain: Commander, C. H. Williams; S. V. C., A. Baldwin; J. V. C., R. C. Van Norman; Q. M., W. B. Smith; Surg., A. Messmer; Chap., H. S. Card; O. D., Jackson Ilish; O. G., Wm. Stewart. Delegate, R. A. Rowley; Alternate, A. Messmer.

Officers of Reno Post, No. 87, Lowellsville: Commander, John E. Grist; S. V. C., I. J. Nessle; J. V. C., P. O. Bookwalter; Q. M., William Cramer; Surg., D. W. Webster; Chap., Henry Roemer; O. D., J. C. Mapes; O. G., James O'Hara. Delegate, John A. Miller; Alternate, J. C. Mapes.

PENNYSLVANIA.—

Officers of Capt. William Evans Post, No. 167, Oil City: Commander, Luman Stephens; S. V. C., D. G. Stillwell; J. V. C., Joseph Anderson; Adj't, J. J. Moltz; O. D., R. B. Magee; O. G., Thomas Buckley; Surg., F. F. Davis; Chap., Rev. W. F. Wood. After the installation a banquet was served, which was enjoyed by all present.

Officers of William E. Downing Post, No. 435, Oil City: Commander, John A. Lewis; S. V. C., J. R. Steele; J. V. C., J. M. Snowden; O. D., S. A. McMullen; Chap., Rev. J. D. Smith; Q. M., R. H. Renwick; Adj't, L. E. Rogers; Surg., T. H. Duff; O. G., Andy Carson. After the installation of officers a very interesting program of music, singing, dancing, etc., was rendered.

The Memorial Day Committee of Baker Post, Philadelphia, has organized and elected these officers: Chairman, A. K. Long; Sec., A. Kemmerline; Treas., H. G. Williams. The other members of the committee are B. O. Severn, Henry Schneider, J. W. Woodward, George L. Warren, John Dougherty, J. R. Locke, E. G. Sellers, Hugo Schauer, William A. Witherup, J. H. Deperven, Sylvester Crossley and W. R. Thomas.

Logan Post, No. 115, Philadelphia, added $30 to its charity fund by a campaign party on the 30th ult.

Post No. 275, of Philadelphia, received an agreeable surprise on Wednesday evening, Feb. 1, through an unexpected visit from Aaron Wilkes Post, No. 23, of Trenton, N. J. The impromptu Campfire that was held called forth addresses by Commander Wilson Pierson and Past Commander McCloskey, of Post 23, and Adj't John D. Worman, Past Commander Pickerson, D. B. McCready and Commander John McGarvey, of Post No. 275. The usual amount of singing and recitations were rendered by comrades. A short visit was made to Post No. 46 by the visitors, escorted by a delegation from Post 275, but unfortunately that Post had adjourned. There were enough comrades present, however, to hold a brief reception, after which the Jerseymen returned home. Post 275 reciprocated the surprise by visiting Post 23 on last Monday night.

Kearney Post, No. 55, Frankford, has reduced its reinstatement fee to $2.

Post No. 312 announces an entertainment for the comrades and their families on Feb. 22.

Post No. 236, of Mount Oliver, Allegheny Co., closed a most successful fair on the 21st ult. A feature of the evening was the presentation to the retiring Commander, J. E. Johnson, of a handsome gold badge.

Schuyler Post, No. 51, had a Campfire on last Thursday night of the impromptu order. The recitations, songs and comical specialties were very amusing