THE GRAND ARMY.

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

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., March 12, 1888.

A few days ago Mr. Hiram Weeks found in a vacant building in this city a bundle of papers consisting of 26 discharges of as many old soldiers from the service of the United States Volunteers. Among them were also two deeds from the United States of 80 acres of land each, and signed by President U. S. Grant. The following is the description of the discharges, viz: Peter Shontz, Co. D, 42d Ill.; Owen Bromley, E, 2d Iowa; Cornelius H. Stuckey, E, 150th Ohio; Wm. W. Whitney, G, 9th Ind.; Wm. R. Harkins, K, 2d Minn.; Edward S. Streater, H, 23d Wis.; Blanchard Fosgate, F, 89th N. Y.; Wm. Otto, B, 2d Minn.; August W. Petersou, H, 1st Minn. H. A.; George Doust, D, 17th Wis.; Freeman A. Carll, B, 2d Minn. Cav.; Thomas Owens, Independent Company, (Capt. Wm. P. Guynes); Samuel Scoville, F, 137th N. Y.; Henry Ulrich, I, 24th Wis.; Wm. W. Case, F, 100th Ill.; John F. West, D, 1st Minn. H. A.; John Justice, A, (Brackett's Battalion,) Minn. Cav.; Wm. Deadrick, E, 2d Minn.; Alexander Ward, G, 51st Ind.; Jeremiah Sams, E, 13th Kan.; John Schmalz, A, 11th Minn.; David J. Delling, M, 5d Me. Cav.; Godfred Doyan, G, 6th Minn.; Samuel F. Beaty, A, 9th Ind. Vet. Inf.; Samuel V. Haycock, A, 1st Minn. M't'd Rangers; James W. Whorton, A, 91st Ill.; also patent to Wm. Deadrick of 80 acres of land in the Southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 118, Range 7, in Litchfield District, Minn., and one to August W. Peterson of 80 acres in Section 26, Township 108, Range 31, New Ulm District, Minn.

These papers are now at these Headquarters, where they may be found by the owners.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

ARKANSAS.—

"Nix," Springdale: On Washington's Birthday U. S. Grant Post, of this place, united with the gray, and had a bountiful supper served by the ladies. Over 200 were at the tables, and with nice music and speeches made it an entertainment long to be remembered. The blue and gray of Washington County propose to work for the prosperity of this part of our Union.

COLORADO.—

Officers of George H. Thomas Post, No. 7, Fort Collins: Commander, John H. Mandeville; S. V. C., H. T. Short; J. V. C., James Loomis; Q. M., J. C. Hamilton; Surg., Dr. H. F. Hall; Chap., E. N. Elton; Adj't, James D. Mandeville; O. D., Peter Shell; O. G., E. E. Vanderwark; S. M., Jeff Stephenson; Q. M. S., Andrew Jackson.

DAKOTA.—

Officers of Gamble Post, No. 93, Bijou Hills: Commander, E. Ames; S. V. C., J. Hovey; J. V. C., A. I. Troth; Adj't, R. Bayles; Q. M., C. C. Lowe; Chap., E. Russell; O. D., J. K. Lowe; O. G., G. Felerty.

ILLINOIS.—

At a late meeting of Matt. Starr Post, No. 378, Jacksonville, Comrade Clauser presented the Post with a well executed portrait of Matt. Starr, formerly Lieutenant-Colonel of the 6th Ill. Cav., after whom the Post is named. It was received by Junior Vice Commander Loomis on behalf of the Post in a few well-timed remarks, after which the thanks of the Post were voted Comrade Clauser.

George H. Thomas Post, No. 5, Chicago, has adopted resolutions of respect on the death of Benj. H. Hebard.

The W.R.C. of McLeane Post, No. 97, Beardstown, recently surprised the Post with a splendid supper, which the veterans enjoyed very much. After the supper addresses were made by members of the Post and Corps. The Post recently presented Comrade C. Pilger with a elegant meerschaum pipe.

Harry M. Platner, Leaf River: Harner Post, No. 383, held their third annual Campfire Feb. 28, about 400 people being present. Commander Beck called the assembly to order, and welcomed the veterans in a few well-chosen words. A very interesting program of music, singing, recitations, etc., was then rendered. The officers of this Post are as follows: Commander, Thos. G. Lawler; S. V. C., J. T. Savage; J. V. C., W. J. Hart; Surg., G. W. Rohr; Chap., Geo. S. Roper; Adj't, J. M. Fraley; Q. M., M. A. Norten; O. D., W. A. Daniell; O. G., W. A. Tramblie; S. M., R. C. Smith; Q. M. S., Harry M. Platner.

M. E. Cornell, Yorkville: Post No. 522 was instituted Sept. 5, 1885, and has constantly grown in numbers and influence until now nearly all the old soldiers in the community are enrolled among its members. It has given several entertainments from home talent, all of which have been successful, socially and financially. During the last year we succeeded in getting domiciled in a good hall, which we have fitted up in becoming style. We make our meetings interesting by detailing two comrades at each meeting to give short reminiscences from their army experiences. The officers of the Post are: Commander, R. W. Willett; S. V. C., S. S. Boomer; J. V. C., Andrew Welch; Adj't, John S. Wilson; Q. M., M. E. Cornell; O. D., Wm. A. Paderleugh; O. G., L. O. Hubbell; Chap., Frank Moulton; Q. M. S., Frank M. Hobbs; S. M., Wm. T. Linn. We meet every first and third Thursday evenings of the month, and are always glad to welcome comrades of other Posts who may happen to be in our town on these meeting nights.

Officers of Calhoun Post, No. 448, Hardin: Commander, L. A. Delong; S. V. C., John Linoggle; J. V. C., Thomas Scupin; Adj't, D. L. M. Davis; Chap., I. W. Neal; Q. M., D. D. Cockrell; Adj't, J. A. Krause; O. G., J. A. Snider.

Officers of William Hubner Post, No. 303, Villa Ridge: Commander, T. W. Hanes; S. V. C., S. H. Graves; J. V. C., L. F. Crain; Chap., T. S. Hosler; Q. M., W. B. Edson; O. D., J. F. Parker; O. G., F. A. Carter; Adj't, W. R. Crain; Surg., E. M. Low.

INDIANA.—

The ninth annual Encampment of this Department was held at Indianapolis Feb. 22 and 23. The attendance was very large. A resolution was adopted conferring on R. S. Foster, Nathan Kimball, Oliver M. Hayes and Lewis Humphreys the title, honors and privileges of Past Commanders in accordance with the action of the National Encampment, the gentlemen having served as Commanders before the National Association had been formed. The Commander's report showed that there were now on the muster-rolls of the State the names of 23,173 members of the G.A.R. in good standing, an increase for the year of 2,970, with 1,399 suspensions, who, according to the rules, are members still, making a grand total of 24,464 comrades. The report of the Adjutant-General shows 476 Posts, with 23,195 members in good standing. The gains were: by muster, 4,346; by transfer, 431, and by reinstatement, 3,510, making a total gain for 1887 of 8,287. The losses were: by death, 245; honorably discharged, 405; by transfer, 730; by suspension, 4,257; dishonorable discharge, 46; delinquent reports, 11. The total loss for the year was 5,434, and the net gain in membership 2,873. Quartermaster Whitsit's report showed total receipts of $8,887.21, and expenditures footing $6,818.98, leaving a balance of $2,068.23. The Department has $2,300 invested in mortgages, bonds, loans and other assets, making a total of $4,368.23.

A committee appointed by Gen. Bennett was directed to secure a badge for presentation to Commander Chase in recognition of his faithful service in the Department, the same to cost not less than $100. A report was submitted on behalf of the Sons of Veterans showing 126 Camps had been organized, with a membership in excess of 3,000, and it is believed the total membership will reach 5,000 in time for the next Encampment. The resolutions adopted embrace the following:

1. Instructing the Department Quartermaster and Assistant Adjutant-General to procure portraits of Past Commanders, with history of service, etc., the said portraits to be framed and presented to the trustees of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, to be placed in the gallery of the Home.

2. That the 1889 National Encampment be solicited to meet in Indianapolis, provided that the citizens of Indianapolis guarantee a sufficient fund for the entertainment of that Encampment before Sept. 1, 1888.

3. That each Congressional District select one delegate and one alternate for the National Encampment, and also appoint one member of a committee of 13, who shall select 11 delegates and 11 alternates, shall constitute our representatives; provided, that the one having the largest vote in the committee of 13 shall be the delegate-at-large.

4. Requesting Senators and Representatives from this State to support the bill now pending, providing that the use of the site in Dearborn Park, Chicago, for a Memorial Hall be donated to a corporation, which the veterans' organization of the city have authorized for the erection of such a building.

5. Recommending that $18,000 be appropriated from available funds by the Monument Commission for the foundation of the new monument.

August D. Vanausdal, of Madison, was elected Department Commander; S. V. C., Shelby Sexton, of North Manchester; J. V. C., I. B. McDonald, of Columbia City.

Delegates—Visher Dorneck, S. B. A. Condey, Jos. Baisley, J. G. Moore, C. O. Waggoner, D. P. Leibhardt, George F. McGinnis, M. C. Rankin, D. F. Allen, Mark L. DeMotte, Reb'N A. Saxton, Allen H. Dougle, J. S. Dodge; Alternates—H. P. Hopkins, John Dearmin, George W. Cowards, W. H. Childs, J. V. Hadley, John W. Macey, C. A. McPherson, H. R. Tinsley, George W. Waters, Charles W. Watkins, John H. Hoffman, Wm. Kendall.

Wayaine Post, No. 496, Buck Creek, is in a prosperous condition, with recruits coming in regularly.

Officers of Williamson Post, No. 364, Paoli: Commander, W. T. Kimbrel; S. V. C., J. R. Moore; J. V. C., Louis Hayworth; Surg., Laben Lindley; Chap., T. V. Claxton; O. D., D. O. Comingoer; Q. M., W. J. Haggatt; Adj't, J. W. Montgomery; O. G., Henry Gross; S. M., G. T. Childers; Q. M. S., W. J. Johnson.

Officers of Post No. 126, Connersville: Commander, Wm. N. Young; S. V. C., Jacob Ridge; J. V. C., O. B. Johnson; Q. M., Robert Utter; O. D., T. J. Clark; O. G., Peter Riley; Surg., Jno. Burnes; Chap., T. H. Johnson; S. M., Thomas Downs; Q. M. S., John Paine; Delegates, Wm. Catton, J. W. Hannah, L. S. Cooley.

IOWA.—

James B. Sample Post, Fort Madison, has erected a beautiful memorial window in the new M. E. church at that place, in memory of deceased soldiers and sailors. The window is one of the largest and best in the building. It is a triplet window of cathedral glass, and was put in by the St. Louis Stained Glass Co. In the upper light is a crown; in the left-hand upper light a dove, and in the right-hand upper light an open bible. On the outside main panels are two National flags, very prettily draped, and falling down on either side. In the main center panel, at or near the center, is a deep-sea view, with the anchors resting on the rocks in the foreground. At the bottom of this panel, on a scroll of white glass, is the inscription: "Erected by the G.A.R. in memory of the soldiers and sailors. The combinations of the different colors are so harmoniously blended that all who see it are delighted, and the old boys are very proud of their achievement.

Officers of A. R. Prince Post, No. 227, Glasgow: Commander, R. F. Bower; S. V. C., H. Hammans; J. V. C., S. S. Crane; Adj't, J. M. Gregg; Q. M., W. W. McElwee; Surg., Dr. S. W. Taylor; Chap., Rev. E. Sampson; O. D., Joel Campbell; O. G., Nels. Pearson; S. M., E. P. Taylor; Q. M. S., M. Kizer.

KANSAS.—

The seventh annual Encampment of this Department was held at Winfield Feb. 21, 22 and 23. Maj. N. P. Hackney delivered an address of welcome to the veterans. The reports of the various officers showed the Department to be in excellent condition. A. H. Limerick, Assistant Adjutant-General, reported 62 new Posts during the year and voluntary surrender of six, leaving 459 Posts on record, with orders out for nine new ones. The report showed a net gain of 1,007 for the year, with an aggregate membership of 20,139 comrades. During the year Posts had expended from the charity fund $5,822.66. The number of deaths was 179. The Assistant Quartermaster's report shows a balance on hand of $1,201, with $391 still due from Posts.

General Order, No. 1, issued at Emporia, by command of J. W. Feighan, Department Commander—O. H. Coulter, A. A.-G.—is as follows: At the seventh annual Encampment of this Department, held at Winfield, Kan., Feb. 21 to 23, the following-named officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year, viz: Department Commander, J. W. Feighan, Post 55, Emporia; S. V. C., Henry Booth, 8, Larned; J. V. C., W. H. Young, 28, Wyandotte; Medical Director, W. H. Lemon, 168, Winchester; Chap., John Wilson, 198, Oberlin.

Council of Administration—W. C. Whitney, Post 43, Cawker City; H. E. Richter, 7, Council Grove; O. E. Morse, 33, Mound City; F. B. Webster, 87, McPherson; Ira F. Collins, 175, Sabetha.

In assuming command of this Department, I desire to express my sincere thanks to all my comrades for the confidence reposed in me, and sincerely hope and believe that they will give me their hearty support during my term of office. I congratulate the Order on the great work done by my honored predecessor, and sincerely trust that we may emulate his example by harmonious and united efforts in the upbuilding of our great Order. Let every comrade feel that upon his conduct as a citizen and soldier depends the honor and welfare of our Order; and let us all, with united and fraternal ones, join in doing our whole duty to our country and the Grand Army of the Republic, thus deserving the continued gratitude of our beloved Nation. The following staff appointments are announced: Assistant Adjutant-General, O. H. Coulter, Emporia; Assistant Quartermaster-General, Charles Harris, Emporia; Inspector-General, Albert Magolin, Post 20, Lyons; Judge Advocate, A. B. Lambert, Post 1, Topeka; Chief Mustering Officer, Geo. K. Spencer, 423, Grove City. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Other staff appointments will be announced in future orders. Department Headquarters for the ensuing year are established at Emporia, Kan. All orders for supplies will be promptly filled on and after March 1. Address all official communications to O. H. Coulter, Assistant Adjutant-General, Emporia, Kan.

Officers of A. J. Pickering Post, No. 390, Cambridge: Commander, J. C. Hendrickson; S. V. C., T. M. Hicks; J. V. C., J. A. Irwin; Adj't, S. B. Sherman; Q. M., E. J. Horsman; Chap., C. P. Alling; Surg., L. D. Sutton; O. D., B. E. Burns; O. G., John W. Black; S. M., W. E. Johnson; Q. M. S., I. B. Todd.

KENTUCKY.—

L. H. Rousseau Post, No. 62, Stanford, is in a flourishing condition. The comrades expect to muster over 100 comrades this Spring.

MICHIGAN.—

Col. Baker Post, Kulkaska, is flourishing. It has a membership of about 140 comrades, and more coming.

Officers of Cory Post, No. 261, Wayne: Commander, A. F. Smith; S. V. C., F. E. Coleman; J. V. C., Phillip Scamblers; Surg., Frederick Waldrew; O. D., Edward Irwin; Q. M., Joel Brace; Chap., S. D. Smith; Adj't, Giles H. Collins; O. G., James Adams; S. M., O. L. Austin; Q. M. S., C. H. Scott.

MINNESOTA.—

Officers of Ash Post, No. 98, Alden: Commander, W. W. Sweet; S. V. C., F. B. Fisher; J. V. C., S. N. Payne; Adj't, I. E. Starks; Q. M., O. F. Peck; Surg., C. E. Booth; Chap., W. M. Humes; O. D., W. T. Lyon; O. G., J. B. Coyle; S. M., M. Schowater; Q. M. S., C. J. Granda.

MISSOURI.—

The Post at Paris has a membership of 36 comrades. The members take a deep interest in all that pertains to the good of the Order, and expect soon to increase their number.

Officers of Picket Post, No. 215, Farmington: Commander, George M. Wilson; S. V. C., Zichman Mowery; J. V. C., A. J. Williams; Chap., Rev. James F. Baker; O. D., D. J. Doughty; Adj't, Eli Hopkins; Q. M., Thomas Lang; O. G., Peter Smith.

Officers of Franklin Post, No. 308, Stoutsville: Commander, J. W. Conrad; S. V. C., O. W. Pelme; J. V. C., N. Cooper; Surg., J. A. Smith; Chap., William Vincent; Adj't, B. M. Vincent; Q. M., W. H. Dawson; S. M., W. V. Post; Q. M. S., W. R. McGee.

NEW YORK.—

The annual Encampment of this Department was held at Syracuse Feb. 22 and 23. On the morning of the 22d a grand parade was held in honor of Washington's birthday. The Encampment was called to order by Department Commander G. H. Treadwell, about 1,200 delegates being present. Of 420 Posts in the Department, nearly every one was present. The Commander's annual report showed that all debts of the Department had been paid, and a balance of $3,524.86 left in the treasury. The Chaplain, Rev. J. R. B. Smith, reported 312 deaths in the Department during the year. W. A. Wallace, Assistant Adjutant-General, reported that five Posts had surrendered their charters, and that charters have been issued to 17 new Posts. The total number of members in good standing is 39,036. The amount expended for charity had been $36,775.37. In the evening a banquet was tendered to Col. Fred Grant by Department Commander Treadwell. The guests were Col. Fred D. Grant, Past Department Commanders Henry A Barnum, of New York; John Palmer, of Albany; Abram Merritt, of Nyack; James S. Fraser, of New York; John A. Reynolds, of Rochester; Ira W. Hedges, of Haverstraw; Senior Vice Commander Jos. P. Cleary, of Rochester; Junior Vice Commander C. Hull Grant, of Brooklyn; Daniel Lewis, of New York, and others.

At the second day's session the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Commander, N. M. Curtis, of Ogdensburg; S. V. C., Jas. W. Keerman, Corning; J. V. C., Robert Wilson, Newburg; Medical Director, Charles A. Harlan, Brooklyn; Chap., Rev. Jeremiah R. B. Smith, Hudson, re-elected. Council of Administration—T. L. Poole, of Syracuse; Dennis Sullivan, New York; T. B. Odell, New York; Alfred Lyth, Buffalo, and Geo. W. Pentfield, Buffalo. Delegates — Henry W. Slocum, Warner Miller, Edwin A. Merritt, Alexander M. Lowry, J. A. Andrews, Robert R. Seeley, I. Sam Johnson, Charles A. Orr, H. E. Stambach, Martin T. McMahon, John Fiero, John Parks, Russell A. Ferris, John F. Randolph, S. Smith Fairchild, Henry M. Mold, Mathias Cook, Edward Drake, C. Frank Smith, Edward J. Brennan, Morrissey Long, J. P. Cleary, William Hennessey, Floyd Clarkson, William H. Barker, E. H. Dickey, J. W. Brown, S. W. Russell, M. N. Ridout, L. E. Griffith, Walter Matthewson, John E. Savery, N. W. Day, James Low, A. H. Spierre, J. S. Koster, D. W. Quick, Mark J. Bunnell, W. W. Rebacher, Charles E. Remick; Alternates—Henry E. Turner, James S. Graham, C. A. Weaver, A. H. Stafford, R. W. Voss, E. H. Wells, H. F. Rice, James Wetherell, A. F. Skinner, E. A. Wheeler, George E. Smith, H. D. Ellsworth, John Little, W. L. Scott, Seymour Dexter, Frank Z. Jones, August D. Shoemaker, George R. Baldwin, Joseph H. Barker, E. C. Reed, Thomas Hunter, Walter Scott, Ernst Bamberg, Jacob F. Humbert, George J. Wenck, Winfield S. Newman, A. P. Clark, A. C. Van Slyke, Fred. Kossum, Charles T. Saxton, John H. Moffatt, C. F. R. Coe, Thomas Saile, William Todd, E. L. Clark, Henry M. Knight, Albertus Whitford, H. B. Willett, James Swan, H. Vision. The Encampment closed with a reception.

Officers of E. S. Gilbert Post, No. 382, Livonia: Commander, Wm. H. Earle; S. V. C., J. L. Wallace; J. V. C., Truman Bishop; Surg., C. H. Richmond; Q. M., W. W. Russell; Chap., William E. Dubois; Adj't, M. W. Lindsley; S. M., H. B. Stedman; O. D., C. Runyan; O. G., James McGlynn; Q. M. S., J. D. Beardsley.

OHIO.—

W. H. Duffield and Mrs. A. C. Hale, brother and sister of the comrade in honor of whom C. L. Duffield Post, No. 339, Germano, is named, recently presented the Post with a beautiful banner.

Officers of W. C. Workman Post, No. 323, Plainfield: Commander, G. G. Abbott; S. V. C., Joseph Love; J. V. C., J. B. Bassett; Q. M., S. P. Woodward; Chap., George Tidrick; Adj't, T. J. Platt; Surg., W. A. Cross; O. D., N. H. Bassett; O. G., Richard Owens; S. M., Samuel Wiggins; Q. M. S., John Cochran. This Post has adopted resolutions in favor of the per-diem pension bill.

PENNYSLVANIA.—

Watkin Waters Post, No. 146, Shenandoah, has adopted a resolution protesting against any reduction of the tariff or the internal revenue until the soldiers receive their dues.

Lieut. Wm. Allison Post, No. 196, Duncannon, held a Campfire on the evening of Washington's birthday, and netted a handsome sum for the charity fund.

Officers of J. H. Mullen Post, No. 356, Duke Center: Commander, H. M. Black; S. V. C., C. R. Hatch; J. V. C., A. A. Gillespie; O. D., J. V. Brown; Q. M., W. H. Randall; Surg., J. M. Tracy; Chap., J. E. Baldwin; O. G., S. P. Stives. Delegate, C. R. Hatch; Alternate, James Frazier.

Officers of Foster Brook Post, No. 539, Gillmor: Commander, C. E. Payne; S. V. C., William Lepper; J. V. C., John T. Dunn; Chap., Harold B. Day; Q. M., W. A. Rogers; O. D., John Bump; O. G., Peter Bulger; Adj't, Edward Burns; Q. M. S., Mathew Campbell; S. M., J. W. Price; Surg., J. Hays.

Taylor Post, No. 19, Philadelphia, gave a dramatic and musical entertainment on the evening of Feb. 28, for the benefit of its charity fund. That the affair was a grand success is shown conclusively by the fact that the hall wherein the entertainment took place was crowded to overflowing. Those who were enabled to catch a glimpse of the performance were highly delighted with it. As there was a large number of persons who purchased tickets of admission, but who were unable to get within the building, the Post will, in all probability, give another entertainment, as has been its custom heretofore.

POTOMAC.—

Farragut Post, No. 10, Washington, has adopted resolutions of regret on the death of John B. Ulrich.

UTAH.—

General Order, No. 1, issued at Ogden Feb. 22, by command of Nathan Kimball, Department Commander,—John L. Clem, Assistant Adjutant-General,—is as follows: Having been chosen Commander by the unanimous vote of the Department Encampment at the annual meeting on the 15th inst., I hereby assume command of the Grand Army in this Department, with headquarters at Ogden. The principles that actuate the true soldier can never become the heritage of any but a noble, generous, active and humane people. The Grand Army of the Republic fitly chooses to recognize only such principles, and as faithful comrades in the field let us always endeavor by our language and actions to secure and maintain the same pledges of devotion we then and there made to the "old flag," which is emblematical of all that is good and great in a Nation and brave and loyal in man. The objects to be accomplished by our organization are as stated in the Rules and Regulations: 1st. To preserve and strengthen those kind and fraternal feelings which bind together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion and to perpetuate the memory and history of the dead. 2d. To assist such former comrades-in-arms as need help and protection, and to extend needful aid to the widows and orphans of those who have fallen. 3d. To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon a paramount respect for and fidelity to its Constitution and Laws; to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty, incites to insurrection or rebellion, or in any manner impairs the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions, and to encourage the spread of universal liberty, equal rights and justice to all men. With an abiding faith in the justice of our claims and the righteousness of our principles, I recommend the widest possible diffusion of a knowledge of our organization until every true and tried soldier who has marched to the music of the Union and worn the blue shall be mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic, and every suffering, disabled soldier, every soldier's widow and orphan, shall be relieved by the sense of justice and liberal generosity—not charity—of the Government. Let every member of the Grand Army remember that he is a soldier, and that our Posts are camps of instruction—not debating societies. Let proper discipline be maintained and a willing respect paid to the officers whom you have chosen for your leaders. I shall cheerfully give you, in the discharge of my duties, all the ability I possess, and in return ask your earnest co-operation to make the Grand Army in the Department of Utah all that the spirit of its laws demands and its provisions contemplate. The officers elected and the staff of this Department are herewith announced: S. V. C., Henry Page; J. V. C., C. A. Williams; Medical Director, A. S. Condon; Chap., W. S. Hawkes. Council of Administration — Thomas Cahoon, E. Sells, George C. Kidder, Hugh Anderson, Henry E. Steele. Staff—Assistant Adjutant-General, John L. Clem; Quartermaster-General, E. R. Eulaniski; Inspector-General, Thomas C. Bailey; Mustering Officer, James M. Bradley; Judge-Advocate, E. T. Sprague.

WISCONSIN.—

Officers of Charles Green Post, No. 216, Lynxville: Commander, G. W. Peas; S. V. C., S. C. Prince; J. V. C., John Enright; Adj't, Hugh Porter; Chap., E. J. Van Warner; Q. M., M. F. Nickerson; O. D., G. W. Newton; O. G., William H. H. Black; S. M., N. T. Canfield; Q. M. S., ——.

REUNIONS.

[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.]

IOWA.

James H. Reading, Secretary, 18th Iowa, Lowry City, Mo., desires to correspond with all surviving comrades of the 18th Iowa, in regard to forming a permanent organization and holding a Reunion at Columbus during the Encampment.

MISSOURI.

W. F. Flint, Great Bend, Kan., is anxious to have a Reunion of the survivors of the 43d Mo. at St. Joseph at the time of the Buchanan County Fair or St. Joseph Exposition this Fall. He would like to hear from the comrades concerning the matter.

NEW YORK.

The survivors of the 1st N. Y. M't'd Rifles held their 10th annual Reunion at New York, Feb. 22, 70 comrades answering to the roll-call. A resolution was unanimously adopted favoring the per diem Service-Pension Bill. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Michael Schnepp; First Vice-President, A. G. Patten; Second Vice-President, Thomas Turner; Third Vice-President, George Barger; Sec., W. H. Armstrong; Treas., P. Nick Grefe. Headquarters, 45 Vesey St., New York City. After the election a banquet was held.

B. N. Hurd, Secretary, Syracuse, would like to hear from all members of the 15th N. Y. Cav., in regard to holding a Reunion.

OHIO.

J. B. Allen, Sergeant, Co. C, 30th Ohio, Columbus: Veterans of the 30th Ohio contemplate holding a Reunion at Columbus during the National Encampment. Will comrades communicate with me as to their choice of dates, etc.

The survivors of the Ohio Brigade held their annual Reunion at Marietta recently. During the banquet speeches were made by Col. T. J. Conner, R. K. Shaw, I. R. Rose, Wm. Contner, and a song by Robert Shiers. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, I. R. Rose; V.-P., T. J. Conner; Sec., James Adams; Treas., Robert Shiers; Cor. Sec., W. A. Snodgrass.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The sixth annual banquet of the Survivors' Association of the 72d Pa., better known as the Philadelphia Fire Zouaves, was held Feb. 29 in Assembly Hall, Philadelphia. Magistrate Benton O. Severn presided. About 100 comrades were present. After the menu had been satisfactorily discussed, addresses were made by Col. Charles H. Banes, Julius C. Aitken, Dr. S. M. Trinkle and others. Letters of regret were read from Gens. A. S. Webb, W. W. Burns and I. J. Wistar, former commanders of the Philadelphia Brigade, to which the regiment was attached. This regiment participated in the battles of Yorktown, Fair Oaks, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Cold Harbor, Petersburg.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The survivors of the 3d W. Va., later 6th W. Va. Cav., are requested to send their present addresses and the company of the regiment to which they belonged to Col. R. E. Fleming, Fairmont, W. Va. A complete roster of the regiment is desired for the purpose of holding a Reunion this Fall; time and place to be fixed hereafter by Gen. N. Goff, President of Regimental Association.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Jesse Burkett, Troy, O.: The survivors of Co. M, 5th U. S. Cav., will hold a Reunion at Columbus during the National Encampment. All members are requested to send their addresses to James Porch, Chebanse, Ill.

"Not Bulk, but Business"!

is the way a Western man put it in expressing to a friend his complete satisfaction in the use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets. So small and yet so effectual, they bid fair to supplant entirely the old-style pill. An ever-ready remedy for Sick and Bilious Headache, Biliousness, Constipation and all blood disorders. Mild in action, wonderful in effect! Put up in vials, convenient to carry. Their use attended with no discomfort! These sterling merits account for their great popularity.

He Told Anecdotes.

[Richmond Religious Herald.]

Many years ago we heard a sermon from the Rev. James D. Coulling, a Methodist preacher of decided ability. In the course of the sermon Mr. Coulling told several pointed and pertinent anecdotes in illustration of his subject. Upon leaving the church, we walked a little way with a Presbyterian lady of considerable intelligence and some culture. We were accompanied by an elderly gentleman of uncommon sagacity and wide reading. The lady criticised the sermon very severely. Said she: "I don't like to hear anecdotes from the pulpit. I do not call that preaching. I want to hear a preacher reason." There was a slight pause, when our elderly friend said very quietly: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves. The Preacher who told that anecdote is supposed to have known how to preach, and He was very much given to telling anecdotes." This remark closed the discussion.

Working His Way.

[Harper's Bazar.]

Farmer (to old darky driving canal-boat mules)—I say, Uncle, what d'ye get a day fer drivin' them mules?

Old darky—I don't git nuffin 'cept my passage. I'se gwine ter Albany, an' de Cap'n 'greed ter let me wuk my way.

That *sense of extreme weariness* indicates disordered blood. Ayer's Sarsaparilla purifies it.

RELIEF CORPS NEWS.

Gleanings from National Headquarters---Notes from the Departments.

NATIONAL HEAD Q'RS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE G.A.R., DETROIT, MICH.

The National President is home again after a delightful visit to the New England States, and is taking up her pen with renewed vigor, feeling strengthened, encouraged, and inspired with new zeal. This trip was made in the business interests of the Order, and so planned as to embrace some of the Department Conventions. All along the line was found the most undoubted enthusiasm and devotion to the great work.

At Syracuse, N. Y., a short stop was made, and a few hours spent with the efficient Department President, Mrs. Sarah C. Mink, and her faithful Secretary, Mrs. Emma J. Carpenter. As is often the case, Relief Corps work, and that alone, was the subject of conversation, and many fine points on improved and progressive work and management of large Departments were discussed, showing that the executive officers of New York are ever on the alert and anxious to be in the foremost ranks of knowledge, government and discipline.

At Boston, notwithstanding the train was hours belated by the immense fall of snow, kind friends were there to extend a welcome. The first Department Convention it was possible to reach was Vermont, held in St. Johnsbury. The Department President, Mrs. Amanda T. Newcombe, daughter of Gen. Thomas, of Vermont, took great pleasure in welcoming to her State and presenting the first National President that had yet visited them, and especially one who bore the honored name of Stark.

The reception the first evening was grand, with an overwhelming attendance. The Convention was made up of intelligent, earnest women, and presided over with grace and dignity by Mrs. Newcombe, who returned the work accepted the year before, having added 14 to the then 20 Corps. The best of feeling prevailed, and all exhibited an earnest desire to learn and be benefited by counsel from the highest authority. Such meetings lead to mutual good, as officers and members come into closer contact and learn to know each other better. By clasping hands and exchanging ideas, members are encouraged, and officers can ascertain the special needs of Corps and Departments, and can more wisely administer. The new President, Leonora W. Howe, evidently has the good will of the several Relief Corps, and with the strong support of the Department Commander from the same place ought to make a good record.

New Hampshire Convention immediately followed Vermont, and like it showed the best of spirit. New Hampshire's best and ablest women are connected with the work, and to whatever other Order any may belong, there is nothing that elicits the enthusiasm and draws out the fine gifts and true devotion as does the Woman's Relief Corps. Mrs. Celia F. P. Foster presided with ability and tact, showing much thoughtful study in preparation, and personal attention to the work during two years' service. The revised Ritual was exemplified in an impressive manner by Chamberlain Corps, of Concord, the balloting being especially fine.

Of the new President, Mrs. Nancy Moore, of Nashua, much will be expected by those who know how clearly and concisely she can draw a conclusion. Her work with Committee (of which the now National President was one) on Revision of Rules and Regulations in San Francisco, showed a thorough knowledge of the principles and laws of our government, and well may we anticipate grand results this year, as her brother, the Hon. A. B. Thompson, is elected Department Commander. Added to this is a link that binds New Hampshire to National Headquarters, from the fact that the Assistant Adjutant-General, James Minot, was for years a school-fellow of the National President in Brockport, N. Y., and enlisted with her brother, Capt. Milo L. Stark, in the 140th N. Y. New Hampshire should make a record this year.

The dates of the Connecticut Convention made it impossible to reach it from Concord, and a much-anticipated pleasure was thus denied. But glowing reports were brought and safely delivered by the National Treasurer, Mrs. Turner, telling of growth and progression, and a promise from the President, Mrs. Mary J. Merriman, to be at the Massachusetts Convention.

"Little Rhody" next claimed attention, and, accompanied by National Aid Harriet L. Reed, of Dorchester, and Mrs. Josie Lescher, of Somerville, Mass., the National President visited Pawtucket, R. I., the home of the Provisional President, Mrs. Sarah C. Mason. A profitable day was spent in discussion and instruction, and in the evening instituted Slocum Corps, No. 6, with 93 charter members, in the beautiful city of Providence. The new Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, and other comrades gave strong assurance of support and assistance, and an early call for a regularly-organized Department in that State would not be a surprise at National Headquarters.

Massachusetts Convention, held at Boston, was marked by a full delegation and large visiting attendance, in which the adjoining States were well represented. The President, Mrs. S. Agnes Parker, was surrounded by her staff on the platform, and presided over that large body of women in the most admirable and masterly manner, treating all with the utmost courtesy, and rendering most impartial decisions. Many important points and principles were debated and cleverly handled. All seemed alive to the interests of the Order, and only anxious for its advancement. The retiring President and her staff seemed each and every one to be particularly adapted for the position occupied, and the incoming ones equally so. Mrs. Emma B. Lowd appears eminently fitted for the office of President, and is taking up her duties like a veteran. She is the possessor of a fine, cultivated intellect, which will be another laurel added to the Department of Massachusetts.

The National President spent sufficient time at the office of E. B. Stillings & Co. to become thoroughly familiar with the business being transacted by that firm for the W.R.C., and find the Order are indebted to them in many ways. Their promptness in assisting the issue of all revisions of the present administration has been gratifying, and the benefit of their knowledge and large experience in G.A.R. work has been freely and cordially at our disposal, making possible many an effort that would otherwise be futile.

The National President was the guest of the Department officers during Convention, and from them received the most cordial reception, every attention being shown that was due the executive head of the organization, together with all that could be done through the promptings of warm and affectionate hearts. The comrades and Corps were all kind and cordial, vieing with each other in their attentions and invitations, until it seemed every point of interest must be exhausted. These attentions were fully appreciated and treasured up by the recipient, and bonds of friendship formed that will not be severed when the labors and honors of the year are transferred to another. When the time for separation came it was like parting with life-long friends, and all felt the visit had been a profitable one. The National President returns to her home with new inspiration and encouragement, and the best and sweetest remembrances of her co-workers in the East.

WOLVERINE.

Department Gleanings.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

DEAR TRIBUNE: The fifth annual Convention, W.R.C., Department of New York, assembled at Syracuse Feb. 22, at 10:30 a. m., and continued its session througout the 23d and 24th. An unusual amount of business was transacted, and everything passed off in the most pleasant manner. Between 150 and 200 delegates were present, together with a large number of visitors from other places. All the Corps were represented, except a few in the most remote parts of the State. The principal business was the selection of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Department President, Sarah C. Mink, Syracuse.
S. V.-P., Annie Cleary, Rochester.
J. V.-P., Ida V. Sherwood, Hornellsville.
Sec., Emma J. Carpenter, Syracuse.
Treas., Jennie P. Shepard, Seneca Falls.
Chap., Nellie M. Snyder, Rome.
Inspector, Martha E. Rivers, Ilion.
Counselor, Sarah C. Nichols, Auburn.
Chief Instituting and Installing Officer, Ellen M. Putnam, Buffalo.
Executive Board—Mary E. Jennings, Warsaw; Kate Gledhill, Albany; Ada Mohr, Brooklyn; Fannie Palmer, Elmira; Jane Eisenbury, Gloversville;
Delegates to National Convention, Imogene S. Guion, Seneca Falls; Ellen M. Putnam, Buffalo; Mary E. Johnson, Warsaw; Josephine Baker, Jamestown; Margaret Hibbard, Albany; Mary E. Seeby, Syracuse; Isabella Stanley, Dunkirk; Mary E. Drake, Syracuse; Martha