THE GRAND ARMY.

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

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

IOWA.—

F. A. Patterson, Drakesville: James P. Milliken Post, No. 257, observed Memorial Day. There were nearly 1,000 people present to witness the ceremonies.

KANSAS.—

F. Vogle, Junction City: Memorial Sunday, May 27, the Rev. J. J. Townsend preached the Memorial sermon in the Opera House to the Post and W.R.C., and, as all the churches joined us, we had a crowded house. The sermon was one of the best ever delivered in the city. On Memorial Day the Post and W.R.C. marched to the Opera House, where services were held. The procession then formed and marched to the cemetery, where the graves of the comrades were decorated.

Memorial Day services at Atwood were attended by fully 3,000 people. During the day a monument was dedicated to the old soldiers of Rawlins County by Comrade Bonner, Co. B, 18th Mich. Hon. O. C. Randall delivered the Memorial oration.

Abilene Post, No. 65, Abilene, has adopted resolutions condemnatory of the action of the recent election of Joseph Johnston as honorary member of the Philadelphia Post.

Nelson Post, Danville, has adopted resolutions thanking Senator Ingalls for the manner in which he defended the rights of the old soldiers in his recent speech.

MASSACHUSETTS.—

A. B. R. Sprague Post, No. 24, Grafton, is in a good healthy condition. Its growth is slow, but new recruits are added occasionally, beside dropped members returning. The Commander, Perley Godward, has lately lost his wife by death, which was quite sudden. He feels his loss deeply, and the comrades sympathize with him, as do also the W.R.C. She was a charter member of the Corps which was recently formed and promises to be the means of much good to the Post in many ways.

MICHIGAN.—

Herbert W. Bovee, Clayton: Memorial Day was fittingly observed by Rowley Post, No. 358, assisted by Rowley Relief Corps and D. H. Warren Camp, No. 121. Committees, previously appointed, decorated the graves in three neighboring cemeteries in the forenoon, and at Clayton at 1 o'clock p. m. a procession was formed which proceeded four miles, to Dover Center Cemetery. As the day was pleasant the oration, by Capt. C. R. Miller, of Adrian, was delivered in a grove near by. After the exercises here the Post, followed by the Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans respectively, marched to the cemetery to again "Cover them over with beautiful flowers." The services were impressive and largely attended.

MISSOURI.—

F. S. Jones, Kansas City: Buford Veteran Post, No. 381, was mustered at this place by Thomas W. Evans, Chief Mustering Officer, April 27, with a goodly number of charter members. The following officers were elected and duly installed: Commander, F. C. Jones; S. V. C., Hastings Alloway; J. V. C., L. W. Kintz; Q. D., Samuel B. Baker; Q. M., Henry Franke; Surg., Samuel R. Brown; Chap., W. H. G——; Adj't, Louis Lesem; O. G., W. H. Bimnix; Q. M. S., Anson B. Clark; S. M., H. Mott. The new Post starts off with very flattering prospects, and it feels under lasting obligations for the assistance rendered during muster and installation ceremonies, to members of other Posts of this city.

David Stanway, Clarksburg: Henry Brown Post, No. 276, accompanied by members of the Sons of Veterans and many friends, went to Jefferson City on Memorial Day and assisted Garfield Post, No. 6, to properly observe the day. The graves of fallen comrades were decorated and appropriate Memorial services held, after which the members of Brown Post and their friends returned to Clarksburg.

NEBRASKA.—

Emily Jackson, Plattsmouth: Memorial services were held jointly by the Post and Relief Corps. Hon. J. S. Strode was the orator of the day. His address was followed by music, after which a lunch was served by the W.R.C. The Post invited the Corps to meet with them Saturday evening May 26, and on our arrival surprised us by presenting us an elegant banner of silk blue silk, with badge, name and number of Corps on it, and beautifully trimmed with gold lace fringe, cord and tassels. The presentation was made by the Past Commander.

Officers of Post at Red Cloud: Commander, Harry E. Pond; S. V. C., J. W. Myers; J. V. C., H. E. Sackett; Adj't, H. C. Sead; R. M., Jos. Warren; O. D., T. Hadfield; O. G., Frank Thornton; Q. M., M. B. McNitt; Q. M. S., J. Ferman. Delegate, G. W. Knight.

NEW YORK.—

J. S. Lottingwell, Gainesville: Wm. B. Lawrence Post, No. 40, observed Memorial Day in a manner that made it pleasant for all concerned. The members met at the Post room on Sunday evening, May 27, and marched to the Congregational Church and listened to a very able and interesting sermon by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Stowell. The comrades, preceded by the Cornet Band of Gainesville, drove to North Gainesville, and the graves were decorated in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the G.A.R., after which we drove to Silver Springs, passing through Rock Glen. After reaching Silver Springs and strewing at the cemetery and decorating the graves there, the Post started for headquarters and halted at the new cemetery in Gainesville. After decorating the graves there we arrived at headquarters at 12:30, where we disbanded for dinner. At 2 p. m. the call was sounded and the comrades of the Post, accompanied by the Band, marched to the Free Methodist Church and listened to a very able and eloquent address by Rev. William McCormick, pastor of the church. Although a young man, he handled his subject in a manner that older heads might not be able to beat. After the address the procession reformed in line, preceded by the band, and marched to the cemetery, where the G.A.R. burial service was read, after which the ritual of the dead was performed by the Adjutant of the Post, and the little girls, as each name was called, dropped their offering of flowers at the foot of the cenotaph.

OHIO.—

Circular No. 2, issued at Lebanon June 1, by command of Joseph W. O'Neal, is as follows:

The 22d National Encampment will assemble in the city of Columbus during the second week of September. This will probably be the largest gathering of ex-soldiers and sailors ever convened in the United States. The men who saved the Union, and who now compose the Grand Army of the Republic, are to be our guests. While the place of meeting is our Capital city, this is not a Columbus affair. Every ex-soldier and sailor, and every citizen, ought to feel an interest and pride in this matter. We cannot afford to have a single comrade who attends the National Encampment go away dissatisfied. Ohio's fair name and fame, which have spread both far and wide, must and shall be sustained. The comrades of McCoy Post, No. 1, and Wells Post, No. 451, ably seconded by the efficient Ladies' Aid Society of McCoy Post, and the patriotic ladies of Wells Relief Corps, aided by the loyal citizens, are alive and at work. Fully realizing the importance of caring for every visitor to Columbus during the National Encampment, they have appointed their committees, raised large sums of money, and are doing all in their power to insure success. They will, however, require our assistance. Comrades, do not begin to grumble. Do not say that Columbus cannot take care of the hundreds of thousands of soldiers and sailors who will attend the 22d National Encampment. Columbus can and will fulfill every promise made. The citizens have thrown wide open their houses, and no comrade who visits that city will have cause to complain. Comrades, let us lend a helping hand. Let us pull forward—not backward—do our part, and Columbus will do hers. It is not only important, but absolutely essential, that we should at once perfect our organization throughout the State. At a meeting of the Council of Administration, recently held in the city of Columbus, the Department Commander was requested to encourage County organization, and to request the comrades of the several Counties, so far as practicable, to form regiments, to make arrangements to attend the Encampment in body, to enter into camp together, and prepare to take care of visiting brethren. Every comrade can, if he will, entertain at least one comrade from abroad. This will greatly lessen the burden and insure success. County organizations, and Posts not belonging to County organizations, or not desiring to go into camp, should at once write to Comrade N. B. Abbott, Chairman of the Committee on Camps and Barracks, Columbus, O., asking to be assigned quarters. Posts not desiring to go into camp, but to secure quarters indoors, may do so by applying to the Committee on Camps and Barracks, and securing payment of half rent. Tents and straw will be furnished, to Posts going into camp, free of charge. Comrades, do not wait until the last moment and then complain because you have not assigned the best place in camp. Assignments will be made in the order in which they are received. Comrades desiring to secure quarters other than in camps or halls, should at once write to Comrade R. W. Rowand, Chairman of the Committee on Hotels and Boarding. Comrades desiring other information should write to Comrade Col. A. G. Patton, Chairman of the General Committee on Arrangements, or to Comrade Alfred E. Lee, Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

Frederick Kauffman, keeper of the National Cemetery at Germantown, Philadelphia, has aroused the wrath of the comrades at that place by removing flowers that had been placed on the graves of colored soldiers by the Post on Memorial Day. The cause of the trouble runs in this wise: Posts 27, 80 and 363, the three and only colored Posts in Philadelphia, have ever since the opening of the cemetery sent to Post No. 6 at Germantown plants and flowers each Memorial Day to be placed on the graves of the comrades of their race. This year the flowers were sent, and a detail from Post No. 6 faithfully performed their duty. It was afterward reported that all the potted flowers had been removed from the graves a few hours after they had been placed there, by direction of the Superintendent. Comrades Lant and Karsher visited the cemetery and learned that the report was true. The flowers had been removed and transplanted in the flower beds surrounding the Superintendent's residence, which is located within the inclosure. Mr. Kauffman defends his action by saying that the rules governing the cemetery prohibit the placing of flowers on any grave. He says: "No flower or shrub is permissible on the graves, but they may be planted between the headstones; and then only hardy plants or shrubs that will stand the Winter. Flowers or plants placed on the graves are allowed only to remain until the length of the grass calls the mowing machine into use." But he does not deign to explain why he removed the flowers before the "mowing machine was called into use," nor does he explain why the Post was kept in ignorance of the law before the flowers were placed on the graves. And, again, an explanation is due for his action in confiscating them for his own personal use. The colored comrades are, of course, also indignant, and justly, too. They, together with members of Post No. 6, talk of bringing the matter to the attention of the authorities. 'Tis a pity, indeed, if we cannot strew flowers on the graves of deceased comrades in National cemeteries without having them removed. However, this may be a "new sort of rule," for it is not in vogue at the Gettysburg National Cemetery and other National burial grounds.

The contest for Commander of this Department promises to assume a highly interesting aspect by the time the next Convention rolls around. Comrade John A. Weidersheim, Past Commander of Meade Post, No. 1, of Philadelphia, who was defeated for the position a few months ago by the present Department Commander—Col. Frank J. Magee—will again be a candidate. His friends are already at work in his interest. Comrade Weidersheim is better known now than at the last Convention, and his popularity has increased tenfold. That he will make a hard and gallant fight for the honor, no one can gainsay. But it is too early to make any predictions. His early canvass may reach, however, in a manner entirely unlooked for. Maj. Moses Veale, of Post No. 2, Philadelphia, is also mentioned as a candidate.

A paper represented to be a Grand Army journal, published in this State, is making itself very obnoxious by rasping and shouting about "ring rule," et cetera, in the Department Conventions. It can do no harm, and this so-called journal must have fresh news of some kind, and thus these brilliant (?) editorials. A local Sunday newspaper furnishes 90 per cent. of its "news."

Post No. 87, at York, was royally entertained by the Knights of the Golden Eagle at that place on June 7.

Post No. 14, Philadelphia, has purchased a property on the northwest side of Kensington avenue, 25½ feet northeast of Front street, from W. A. Brisbon, for $13,500 of which $7,500 remains as a mortgage.

Says Adj't William F. Huckel, of Kearny Post: "Frankford, No. 55 is still alive, also its Auxiliary Corps, and working with a will. On Memorial Day the Corps presented to the Post a handsome State flag, for which the 180-odd members are truly thankful. New members are arriving each muster-night, and the Post is in a flourishing condition."

On Wednesday evening June 20, Post No. 71, will give a concert in the Post hall, No. 1226 South Eighth street, Philadelphia.

The G.A.R. Executive Committee of Allegheny County for the term 1888-9, consists of President, Maj. A. P. Burchfield; V.-Ps., Joseph F. Denniston and Edward Fisher; Rec. Sec., H. H. Bemgough; Cor. Sec., Sidney Omohundro; Treas., John P. Hunter, and Comrades W. R. Jones, Thos. R. Boss, John M. Brown, W. O. Russell and S. C. Baer.

Senior Vice Department Commander W. R. Jones paid an official visit to No. 154, South Side, Pittsburg, on last Tuesday night.

The excursion to Atlantic City, N. J., on Aug. 4, under the auspices of Posts 7, 14, 51, 63, 114, 191, 312 and 400 Philadelphia, promises to be largely attended. The Posts are working strenuously to make it a success, which it will undoubtedly be from present indications.

Shipmate Webster, a member of Post No. 400, who recently returned to Philadelphia after a three years' cruise in the United States man-of-war Omaha, has presented his Post with a curiously worked G.A.R. badge made in Japan. It is composed of bunting sewed with silk, and differs but slightly with the official badge. It also contains two American flags, surmounted by a blue field.

Post No. 2, Philadelphia, will have a large Campfire to-night.

Post No. 71 will give a concert in the Post hall, Philadelphia, on June 20.

A movement has been started, with Gov. Beaver at its head, having in view the appointment of a "Pennsylvania Day" at Gettysburg early in October, at which time the several Pennsylvania commands that have monuments to unveil and dedicate are to be requested to hold their ceremonies. Prominent G.A.R. men think the movement a good one.

The railroad rates from all points in this State to the Summer Encampment will be a single fare for round trip. The individual rate from Philadelphia will be $4.65. Arrangements are now being made to run a special train from that city on Saturday, June 30, the train to leave at 10o'clock in the morning and arrive at Gettysburg about 4 p. m. The program for the week's festivities in camp is now being arranged by the Department officials.

J. W. French, Little Marsh: Alfred Toles Post, No. 320, held Memorial services at the Union Cemetery, near Keeneyville. The I. O. O. F. joined the Post in a body. The Sabbath-schools and the people generally turned out, and when the services commenced over 1,000 people were on the cemetery grounds. The Post had previously built a mound of earth covered with sod. The Post, Sons of Veterans, Odd Fellows, and flower girls then formed in a circle around the mound, which was covered with Memorial flags. The Memorial services were then read, and the names of every fallen comrade who came under the jurisdiction of the Post was called and a wreath deposited upon a flag. Thus 100 comrades were remembered. Rev. A. G. Cole made one of the finest addresses ever delivered before a Memorial audience. The entire community vied with each other in aiding the G.A.R. to make the day a bright one.

Gen. G. A. Custer Post, located at Etna, had the pleasure of attending St. Joseph Catholic Church, in Sharpsburg, on Sunday, May 27, in full uniform, and there listened to an impressive sermon delivered by Rev. Father Grace, Pastor of the Church. The Post turned out almost to a man. This happy event is the result of an untiring effort made on the part of the officers of the Post, and especially by Comrade W. B. Kroeser, Past Commander, and at present Medical Director of the Department of Pennsylvania. The privilege accorded has brought unbounded joy to the members of the Post.

Gen. Zook Post, No. 11, Norristown, has issued a very neat little pamphlet containing its Memorial Day program. It also contains a list of the officers of the Post and of the different Memorial Committees.

TENNESSEE AND GEORGIA.—

Memorial Day was observed at Savannah, Ga., to quite an unusual extent. The exercises were under the auspices of W. S. Hancock Post.

TEXAS.—

J. H. Pratt, Fort Clark: W. H. Lewis Post, No. 17, is the largest Post in this Department. While our financial condition is not the best, still we are able to take care of all our deserving comrades, widows and orphans. Memorial Day was a grand success here. The address was delivered by Chaplain Merrill.

WEST VIRGINIA.—

J. E. Watkins, Rowlesburg: Services were held at this place on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day. The Post was accompanied by the Sons of Veterans and a military company. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Shaw, and was very impressive.

WISCONSIN.—

Memorial Day was celebrated at Hartford in the usual manner. Col. C. K. Pier, of Fond du Lac, held an audience of 600 almost spellbound for near an hour. At least three times that number were unable to gain an entrance to the hall. He gave a very clear statement of the injustice of our pension laws, illustrating some of his points very forcibly by an apt anecdote. The procession that marched to the cemetery was one of the finest ever seen in Hartford. The school children were out in force, carrying the colors along the whole line. One large banner inscribed in gilt letters "Educate in Patriotism" was proudly held aloft by two very pretty misses. The great need in our country, especially in communities of a foreign element, is to do work in the schools of this kind. From school histories they get little or no idea of the sacrifices that have been made that they may enjoy the privileges they now do. Every National holiday should be so arranged that the children may be taught to love, honor and even to die for that dear old flag.

Write to E. A. Armstrong, Detroit, Mich., for his G.A.R. or S. of V. Price List. Sent free.

"COME INTO CAMP."

Soldier-Talk that Sounds Like Old Times.

The following circular deserves reproduction:

HEADQUARTERS TOLEDO POST, NO. 167.

COMRADE: Toledo Post meets on the second and fourth Wednesday evening of each month. At each meeting the comrades indulge in the fragrant "Havana," (at their own expense,) lubsie the fumes of the historic "Brier Root," swap chin music, and each and all "lie" on an equal footing. You are cordially invited to join in these "revelries" of "the sweet bye and bye;" open the rusty doors of your mouth and let your ugly voice walk out; dip your oar in the turbid (turbid, that's good,) stream of time, stir the memories of the dim and musty past, that in rippling waves of ever-widening circles have their limits only, when the last roll is called, the beat of the last tattoo is our requiem, and we aswer to the reveille in the silent camping-grounds on the other shore. (Ah! there, give us a rest! Curtains down; rogue's march; v-e-r-y slow music.) "No mon-, no fun." Post dues are four dollars per annum, payable quarterly in advance. The books show that it is your "ante" for the first two quarters of this year. It will take just two of the "glorious birds of freedom" stamped on a silver circle to make your "ante" good. Stay in the game, comrade, and come to the center with your "chips." You will find the Quartermaster always on hand, ready to see you and go you a quarter better if you are willing. Do not forget the regular meetings; and remember if you are short on your "ante," or do not make your "blind" good before the close of the second quarter, it makes a "jackpot" of it; and then, you know, it takes a little more than a small pair to open the fun. Show up on the next turn, bring your meerschaum and bag of Durham, put up your "ante," and shove the "buck" to the next "fellah."

Yours, in F., C. and L., H. G. NORTON, Q. M.

Guards Around Andersonville.

Cyrus Kirkland, Branch Junction, Pa., wants to know how many the guards around Andersonville numbered. That is rather difficult to say, owing to the customary inaccuracy of the rebels as to their numbers. There were at one time stationed there two regiments of volunteers—the 26th Ala. and 55th Ga.—and five regiments of Georgia militia. Subsequently one of the regiments, the 26th Ala., was sent away. It is usually estimated that the guards numbered from 3,500 to 5,000, which, taking the average strength of a regiment, would seem to be about the figure.

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RELIEF CORPS NEWS.

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

Department Gleanings.

SOLDIERS' HOME MONUMENT.

Sunday afternoon, June 3, was dedicated at Forest Dale Cemetery, Malden, Mass., the Soldiers' Home Monument presented by Mrs. Lyman Tucker, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Association, of which she was a leading organizer. The order of exercises opened with "The Vacant Chair," followed by an invocation by Rev. E. S. Potter, a Memorial hymn by the audience, and Scripture readings by Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D. D. William Hedge, of Plymouth, presented the monument in behalf of Mrs. Tucker; accepted by Capt. J. G. B. Adams, President Board of Trustees of Soldiers' Home. Dedicatory prayer by Dr. Hale; addresses by Gen. N. P. Banks and Rev. E. A. Horton, Department Chaplain of Massachusetts G.A.R.; music and benediction concluded the program. Music by 1st Regiment fife and bugle corps.

Many letters were received by Mrs. E. Florence Barker, Chairman Committee of Arrangements, from invited guests, of which a large number were present, including Mrs. Cora Day Young, National Senior Vice-President, W.R.C., now on a visit to her; Albert Day, M. D., a distinguished specialist, and Superintendent of the Washington Home, of which he was the founder.

The following verses from Mrs. Sherwood, Past National President, W.R.C., accompanied a letter of regrets:

UNVAILING THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

[*By Kate Brownlee Sherwood.*]

Why these monuments, ye say,
Rising on the broad highway,
Children of a calmer day?

In the name of all the dead,
By the trumpet of freedom led,
Lying in their gory bed;

In the name of all who wait,
On the downward slopes belate,
Scarred and scorned of cruel fate,

Oracles of the broad highway!
Bend an ear and hear them say,
Children of a calmer day:

"To the cause of Human Weal,
Freedom's guardian, clad with steel,
These were faithful; be ye leal."

A SOLDIER'S TRIBUTE TO THE W.R.C.

The Proceedings of the Third Annual Convention, W.R.C., Department of Washington Territory, has been received. If there was no other evidence of the beneficence of the work of the Relief Corps on the front line of American civilization, the following tribute, from a resolution of the Department Encampment, embodied in the proceedings, would tell its own touching story:

Resolved, That while the sterner duties of life fall to the lot of man, for the softer influences, the tenderer care, the more loving kindness in the hour of adversity as well as the days of prosperity, we turn with grateful hearts to the gentle sympathy of woman, and there find that "charity which never faileth." So, in the merciful ministrations of the Woman's Relief Corps, we find thus comforting assurance of kindly sympathy which to every heart in sorrow and affliction is the sunlight of life. In the broad field of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty we find our mothers, wives and daughters working shoulder to shoulder with the Grand Army of the Republic in relieving the sorrows, distresses and trials that surround us in daily life. May the Great Commander of all give us hearts to realize and understanding to appreciate the great work of our noble auxiliary, and may He ever bless them in their good work. To its officers and members we are ever grateful for their untiring zeal and devotion.

THE SOLDIER'S CANTEEN.

The Memorial and Executive Committee, G.A.R., of Kings County, N. Y., have placed a contribution box, in the shape of a soldier's canteen, in the National Guard company rooms and Sons of Veterans Camps of New York and Brooklyn, asking the members to drop in at least a penny on drill nights in behalf of soldier charity. This canteen is highly ornamental, and tells its own story; a group of widows and children and maimed veterans occupies one side; on the other, the stalwart young soldiers of 1888; in the distance a shadowy host of departed heroes.

The Memorial and Executive Committee can furnish these canteens for $2 each, and they should be in the company room of every martial organization in the United States, if only as an object-lesson. For circulars address Edward A. Dubey, Room 14, City Hall, Brooklyn, the originator of the unique scheme.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA.

Lincoln Post, San Francisco, was tendered a birthday party upon attaining its majority, and a grand time it was. In the 21 years of its existence as a Post it has raised and expended over $50,000 in relief, and has been particularly flourishing since the organization of Lincoln Corps.

On the arrival of the veterans in the Corps room they were greeted by Mrs. Lydia J. Wharff, Corps President, after which an address of welcome was also delivered by Miss Gertrude Gallagher, who competed for a medal. Comrade Sam Rodgers, now rejoicing in a brother's majority, and adverted to the glorious heritage of fame and National glory to which the Post succeeds on its coming of age. Commander Dibble responded, thanking the ladies for the courtesy extended.

"Lay Me Down and Save the Flag" was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Flora C. Rowley. Comrade Cornett's appearance was warmly applauded, and he responded with a song. The ladies meanwhile were serving out coffee-cake, sandwiches and coffee, and Post and Corps went into a Committee of the Whole to enjoy the good things.

A special table had been reserved for Col. and Mrs. Kinne, and some more of the Post and Corps who had been detained at the Mechanics' Pavilion. After partaking of some of the good things, Col. C. A. Sinnott, Kinne was introduced by the organization of Lincoln Post, which had for quite a number of years only 10 members, just sufficient to retain the charter; now there were 500 names on the roll. He paid a handsome tribute to the loyal women who belong to the Corps, without the hope of any reward whatever.

Following a regular meeting of Garfield Corps a memorial entertainment was given in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Florence Blake, in complete surprise to the lady. After the entertainment all adjourned to the dining-hall up stairs, where a sumptuous banquet was laid, after which dancing. The affair was jointly gotten up by the Corps and Alexander Nasbrook, of St. Louis, a relative of Mrs. Hentz, visiting the city. Many handsome presents were received by Mrs. Hentz.

Custer Post, No. 5, assisted by the ladies of Custer Corps, No. 15, gave a very pleasant social, in the form of a Campfire, for the purpose of raising funds for the proper observance of Memorial Day. The entertainment was a social as well as financial success, about 340 people being present.

Phil Sheridan Corps, No. 2, San Jose, tendered a reception and strawberry social to members and families of Phil Sheridan Post, No. 7. The hall was tastefully decorated with beautiful flowers, and immediately after the regular meeting of the Post the room was filled with comrades, their families and friends. Post Commander Bradley Smith introduced Mrs. Hattie Holcomb, President of the Relief Corps, who delivered a pleasing address of welcome. Then followed an overture by the Schwartz Band, recitations and songs, after which the strawberry feast and much fraternal festivity.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA.

DEAR TRIBUNE: Died at Des Moines, Iowa, Friday, Feb. 1, 1888, Sarah S. Evans, wife of George H. Evans, aged 42 years five months and 18 days, and an honorary member of Crocker Post, No. 12, Department of Iowa. Her dying request was that she be buried in Hudson, Mich., the home of her childhood, by the Grand Army.

At the breaking out of the late rebellion Mrs. Evans and her husband answered the first call for 75,000 men, and for nearly four years endured the perils and privations of a soldier's life, she administering to the sick and wounded, receiving the commissions of the dying to the loved ones far distant; he doing soldier's duty.

Mrs. Evans, together with the wife and two daughters of Chaplain May, were the first women who strewed Memorial flowers upon soldiers' graves. On April 13, 1862, they decorated the graves of 17 Michigan soldiers at Arlington Heights. This token of love was repeated May 12, 1863, and again at Fredericksburg, Va., in May, 1864, thus inaugurating our beautiful National Memorial Day custom. On Memorial Day just passed the Woman's Relief Corps of Indianapolis, led by the Department officers, headed the procession in the line of march of the G.A.R. through Crown Hill Cemetery to the soldiers' graves. The services were the most impressive and beautiful ever held here. The veteran soldiers were arranged on the south side of the National Cemetery, the Woman's Relief Corps on the north side, military escorts and Indianapolis military companies on the west side, and Sons of Veterans and Knights of Pythias on the east side. The planting of the flags was done by the Grand Army, which moved from its position across the cemetery to the north; the planting of the wreaths by the military escort, Sons of Veterans and Knights of Pythias, who moved from west to east, meeting in the center and returning to their places, and the scattering of the flowers by the Woman's Relief Corps, which moved from north to south. Divine service on Sabbath preceding was attended by many Corps, together with their respective Posts throughout the State, and reports show that a still greater number of Corps took active part in Memorial Day exercises. Westfield, Marion, Attica, Columbus, Peru, Shelbyville, Lapel, Mooresville, Anderson, Knightstown and Noblesville were especially noticed in the newspapers.

The Department Secretary regretted the necessity of declining invitations to address Albany Post and Liberty Corps on Memorial Day. It was also a great privation to the Department officers to be obliged to forego the pleasure of being at Angola upon the occasion of the recent Tri-State Reunion there.

Lucia Julian Martin, a member of Maj. Robert Anderson Corps, No. 44, Indianapolis, has been appointed Department Aid. Mrs. Martin, formerly a resident of Toledo, O., is one of our very brightest and most lovable loyal women.—Flora Wulschner, Department Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY.

DEAR TRIBUNE: May 1, M. G. Lanning, Department President; M. L. Walker, Department Treasurer, and Amanda O. Daniel, Department Senior Vice-President, proceeded to Flemington to institute a Corps auxiliary to Lambert Boeman Post, No. 48. The ladies were met at the depot and taken to the residence of their hospitable entertainer, the lady who eventually became President of the new Corps, No. 19. M. G. Lanning, Department President, instituted the Corps and installed the officers, as follows: President, Anna J. Higgins; S. V.-P., Sarah J. Davis; J. V.-P., Martha Hult; Treas., Mrs. Joe Colflet; Sec., Mary J. Sunderlin; Chap., Lavinia Veh; Con., Ella E. Allen; G., Helen Boss; Ass't Con., Ellen B. Hart; Ass't G., Mary R. Jones.

Returning via Lambertville, where cars were changed, they were met by the President and a delegation of ladies from Corps No. 11, and escorted to the hall of Post No. 20, where a fine collation was spread. Members of both Post and Corps were gathered to receive and do honor to the Department President, showing their appreciation of what Mrs. Lanning is doing thus early in her administration for New Jersey.

G. W. Taylor Corps, No. 16, was instituted at Junction, N. J., Feb. 1, 1888, by Abby J. Whittier, Department President, Amanda O. Daniel, Department Junior Vice-President, and Hannah Westphal, Instituting and Installing Officer, and under its able management this Corps bids fair to outrival those longer engaged in the good cause. Officers: President, Kate E. Gordon; J. V. P., Kate Fenwick; Treas., Sarah J. Edmands; Sec., Belle Waidman; Chap., Sarah Fenwick; Con., Matilda Berry; G., Sarah Hummell; A. C., Francis Heath; A. G., Hannah Bowley.

Post No. 32, of Atlantic City, are proud to name Joe Hooker Corps, No. 18, as their auxiliary. This Corps was instituted Feb. 7, 1888, by Department Senior Vice-President M. G. Lanning, assisted by Junior Vice-President Amanda O. Daniel and Department Inspector Amanda J. Covert. We hope to hear often of the progress this Corps is making in this lovely place beside the sea. Officers: President, Elizabeth Wardell; S. V. P., Hannah Dickerson; J. V. P., Kate Adams; Treas., Annie E. Bigelee; Sec., Maggie Lutton; Chap., Susanna McAnney; Con., Sue L. Brown; G., Belle Leeds; A. C., Lizzie D. Biddle; A. G., Adelia Zane.

Past Commander Morgan was made the happy recipient of a lovely upholstered spring rocker on Saturday evening last, by members of Post 20 and ladies of Corps 11. Commander Morgan had been sick for some time, and this kind method of remembrance was doubtless very gratifying to him. —Corps 11, Trenton, N. J.

BEAUTIFUL CEREMONIES AT ZANESVILLE.

DEAR TRIBUNE: The beautiful custom of strewing the graves of our dead heroes with flowers was commenced by Hazlett Post, No. 81, Zanesville, O., Grand Army of the Republic, on the 30th ult. Everything was auspicious, and fears of a scarcity of flowers were soon dispelled, as myriads of little children, comrades and citizens brought them in profusion, and together with the Woman's Relief Corps arranged them in baskets for garlanding the graves. It is said but few flowers were left in the city, all the citizens donating what they had toward making the little hillocks of our brave sleepers beds of roses.

The hour for the tender service was proclaimed by the tolling of bells on courthouse, churches and public buildings, as our comrades, with baskets filled with the living blossoms of love, marched to the solemn tread of martial music to the city of the dead, there to scatter tokens of sweet remembrances upon the resting-places of those who have answered the last bugle call.

In the evening at joint Memorial services, held at Black's Music Hall, the attendance was very large. After the unveiling of the beautiful cross to the "Unknown Dead" by Mrs. Bagley, Past Department President, Mrs. Farquhar and Mrs. Dietz, on behalf of the W.R.C., Mrs. Louisa J. Terry, Department Chaplain, W.R.C., addressed the audience in beautiful language, fairly captivating her willing listeners. Among other beautiful thoughts, she said that as the blood of Christ was shed that we might live a heavenly home, so had the blood of our Nation's dead been spilled that we might have an earthly home. The applause which greeted the close of Mrs. Terry's remarks was proof enough that the audience were in sympathy with the lofty sentiments offered.

Gen. W. D. Hamilton, of Columbus, was the orator of the occasion, delivering a grand patriotic address. Splendid and appropriate music was rendered, making the occasion one of vast benefit to the young as well as the old.—Hannah M. Leslie, Past Department Secretary.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

The Wisconsin battlefield monuments at Gettysburg, Pa., in Reynolds Grove, will be dedicated June 30. Gov. Jeremiah Rusk will present the monuments to the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association; acceptance by Gov. Beaver, President of the association. Handsome program invitations have been issued.

The Department roster of Illinois, made up at the close of the third quarter for 1888, shows 116 Corps.

Headquarters Department of Washington Territory—Helen Burke President, Lizzie R. Hereick Secretary—continues as heretofore. It is a live Department, and General Orders No. 1 mean business.

Lewis Corps, No. 29, Xenia, O., observed Memorial Day with appropriate exercises. At Woodlawn Cemetery an urn was filled with lovely flowers for the "Unknown." Commander Thrall, of Lewis Post, read Mrs. Sherwood's "Memorial Poem for 1887," after which followed the decorating of comrades' graves by the Post. Department Commander O'Neal delivered an eloquent address at the Opera House in the evening. Music was furnished by a band from the Soldiers' Orphans' Home. The day was more generally observed than for years. Over 200 veterans were in line.

General Orders, No. 3—Mary E. Bancroft, Department President—reports awakening interest in the Department in view of the coming National Convention and a rapid growth and continued prosperity in this the Ohio centennial year. In a Circular Letter to the Ohio Corps, under date of May 26, Mrs. Bancroft appeals to the Ohio Corps to unite heart and hand in a grand effort to propagate the glorious work. We can imagine how joyfully the Buckeye women will respond, "It will be done."

A Concord (N. H.) journal pays a deserved compliment to Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, Past National President, in a review of the proceedings of fifth National Convention, in which it says: "Past National President, Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, is remarkable as an executive officer, and her individuality is indelibly stamped upon this journal. It would require only a few hours to read the work of this Order, as given in National Convention, and even the most skeptical would be convinced of the helpfulness to soldiers and their families. The Order is an honor to the land, for not only does it alleviate suffering, promote fraternal feeling, but it keeps constantly before the minds of the young, lessons of patriotism.

Elaborate observances of Memorial Day were carried out by Post and Corps of Hubbardsville, Mich., including a sermon in the Congregational Church. Three cemeteries were decorated Memorial Day morning, followed by dinner at G.A.R. Hall to soldiers and their families. At the close, led by a martial band, Post and Corps, and 38 little girls in red, white and blue, and bearing wreaths and bouquets, marched to the church. It was densely packed, the services consisting of a Memorial eulogy by Rev. W. H. I. Kentleburg, singing, and so on. After which all repaired to the public square, where a monument was erected to the memory of the Unknown Dead, and there the little girls placed their flowers and many loving friends added their tributes. After a salute to the dead the ranks were broken.—Mrs. J. E. Crossett, Corresponding Secretary.

Lookout Mountain Corps, Department of Nebraska, celebrated its first anniversary May 24, by an evening entertainment, after which Maggie Saylor, Senior Vice-President, in behalf of the Corps, presented the Post with a beautiful blue satin banner; Comrade De Long, Post Commander, expressing thanks. The entertainment was a success, and the children's pieces were splendid, showing that patriotism and love of country is both preached and practiced in our Western States.

A feature of Memorial Day services, Toledo, O., was the unveiling, at Woodlawn Cemetery, of a bronze bust of Maj.-Gen. James B. Steedman, surmounting a monument erected by the late Col. W. J. Finly, when Mrs. Sherwood's latest Memorial Poem was read with ringing earnestness by Comrade R. G. W. Foster. Toledo and Forsyth Posts united in decorating Forest and Woodlawn Cemeteries; Forsyth Corps in charge of the flowers, which were abundant. Each comrade carried a basket of flowers and a wreath. At Woodlawn Cemetery, Forsyth Corps, assisted by members of Mark E. Sibley Camp, S. of V., decorated the monument to the Unknown Dead, while the veterans were decorating the soldiers' graves.

A Wonderful Phenomenon!

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Country Wit.

[*Buffalo Express.*]

"Country boys are not such squash-heads as they sometimes look," said the sociable drummer at the Broezel House. "One day last week I was out riding with a fellow who seemed to think it his mission to say or do something smart every minute. Presently we overtook a barefoot urchin driving a cow home from pasture, and my companion reined up the horse and spoke to him, saying: 'Say, my little man, what time will it be at 6 o'clock this afternoon?' Without a moment's hesitation the lad answered: 'T'will be bedtime for hens and fools. You're not a hen, but 'twill be your bedtime all the same.'"

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God Save the Commonwealth.

[*Omaha World.*]

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Rumnose—Ain't after dimes this time, pard, I'm after votes. Bill Beerguzzler and Jake Ginslinger, the bosses of our grand ole party, hez nomynated me fer school director.

"Oh! I'll vote for you Mr. Rumnose, of course. Three cheers for liberty!"

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