THE GRAND ARMY.

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

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

ILLINOIS.—

The meeting of Godfrey Weitzel Post, No. 425, Chicago, last week was one of the largest ever held since its organization. Department Commander Sanders, A. Sexton and his entire staff were present, together with visiting comrades from other Posts. The muster was an excellent one. Speeches were made by Department Commander Sexton, Chief Aid-de-Camp H. P. Thompson, Department Inspector Fred W. Sprink, Department Mustering Officer A. F. Wolcott, Past Commanders H. E. Sanders, G. G. Pierce and W. H. Rose, and Comrade Wilder, of Post 5, and by many others. After this the ladies of Weitzel Corps, No. 81, presented a splendid surprise in the shape of a luncheon served in the main hall.

MASSACHUSETTS.—

The first of a series of assemblies to be given under the auspices of the armed battalion of John A. Andrew Post, No. 15, Boston, took place Oct. 30, and was a success. There were 125 couples present. Capt. E. D. Sanborn was floor manager, and to him and the following aids is due a great measure the success of the affair: Lieut. R. Burgess, Serg'ts J. W. Webb, G. W. Andrews, Corp'ls David King, C. A. Gilman, Troopers W. H. Holly, F. McIntire, and A. M. Robinson. The orchestra of the band connected with the armed battalion of Post 15 furnished excellent music. The hall was handsomely decorated with flags and bunting. The veterans entered into the pleasures of dancing with the same spirit as the younger people.

At a recent meeting of A. B. R. Sprague Post, No. 24, Grafton, Gen. Sprague, after whom the Post is named, was presented with a valuable gold-headed cane.

A delegation from Dahlgren Post, No. 2, South Boston, visited Gettysburg Post, No. 191, recently, and a very pleasant time was had.

A benefit was given in Hingham last week under the auspices of Edwin Humphrey Post, No. 104, to aid Comrade John W. Gaul, who is very ill. About $90 was realized, which was presented to the sick comrade's family.

Lander Post, No. 5, Lynn, has an excellent war library. At present it consists of 1,000 volumes.

William H. Smart Post, No. 30, Cambridgeport, celebrated its 21st anniversary by a Campfire. The hall was filled with the active and associate members of the Post. Commander Henry Newman presided. Past Commander Horace J. Gray, Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment, officiated as toastmaster. A fine collation was provided. Past Department Commander George S. Evans gave a graphic description of his recent visit to the Gettysburg battlefield, and later, in behalf of Comrades Hill and Winter, of Post 20, presented to the Post a handsome black walnut altar, beautifully ornamented. A bountiful collation was served, and the festivities lested until a late hour.

MISSOURI.—

The Logan Monument Committee of Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis, have issued the following circular letter: The committee appointed in pursuance of a resolution of the Post to draft a circular letter soliciting subscriptions to a monument to Gen. Logan, beg to say that at the last National Encampment a resolution was unanimously adopted asking each comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic to pay 10 cents, or more if he will, toward the erection of a monument to Gen. John A. Logan. We therefore beg that each member of Ransom Post make it a duty with himself to pay to the Post Quartermaster for the Logan Monument Fund at least one dime. Whatever we send must be sent at once. Bring or send your subscriptions forthwith.

Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis, was recently presented with a handsome engraving of Gen. U. S. Grant by Comrade W. H. H. Clark.

NEW YORK.—

Hans Powell Post, No. 638, was mustered in by Gen. William De Lacy at No. 225 Grand street, New York City, Saturday evening, Oct. 27, with 19 transfers and 11 new recruits. After the ceremony of muster-in and installation a collation was served and speeches made by Commander Thos. H. C. Kinkaid, Gen. Wm. De Lacy, Past Junior Vice Department Commander C. Hull Grant, Assistant Inspector-General Henry Miller, Past Commander James H. Fulon, of Kimball Post; Maj. Ucell, of the Department of the Potomac; Comrade Burke, of Corcoran Post; Commander J. C. Abell, of Strong Post; Comrade Farrell, of Canova Post, and other visiting comrades. The Post starts out under most favorable auspices, and has 10 applications in the hands of the committee for the next muster. The civilian friends of the Post are to present it with a flag and guidons in course of a few weeks. The officers of the Post are: Commander, Thomas H. C. Kinkaid; S. V.-C., William M. Walters; J. V.-C., Thomas Grimes; Adj't, Thomas McKeogh; Q. M., James T. Walsh; Surg., Charles H. Smith; Chap., R. S. McLoughlin; O. D., R. P. Connolly; O. G., Eugene A. Martin; S. M., John Dolan; Q. M. S., Maurice Hennessy.

New York City has a membership of 52 Posts, and is rapidly increasing this number.

The Commander and officers of E. A. Kimball Post, No. 100, New York, made a very pleasant visit to the comrades of Clarence D. McKenzie Post, No. 399, of Brooklyn, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 16. The visitors, though unexpected, were of course welcomed in the true spirit of a comradeship made in the long ago on the battlefields of Old Virginia. Speeches were made as a natural consequence, and a social time of congratulations followed. Commanders William Meyers, of Kimball Post, and Balwin, of McKenzie, led in the feast of reason, and Senior Vice Commander Castor drew a creditable draught from the flow of soul. Comrade Levin delighted his happy listeners with appropriate recitations. Adam Gross Post had an able representative present, and he too materially aided in making the evening memorable.

L. N. Holden, Vermillion: Hiram Sherman Post, No. 434, has a membership of 48 comrades, and expects to increase this in the near future. The Post recently adopted resolutions condemning President Cleveland for his action in regard to veterans.

OHIO.—

The comrades of Cleveland tendered Department Commander O'Neall and staff a reception last week. The affair wound up with a Campfire in the evening in Gass Hall, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The front of the platform was hidden behind a bank of tropical and other foliage plants, and a succession of National flags covered the walls at the sides and rear of the stage. A fine American flag was also draped over and around the speaker's desk. The Riverside Cornet Band, which had been secured for the evening, played a number of selections at the street entrance while the audience was coming together. The floor of the hall was fairly well filled with the veterans and their wives and lady friends, and the gallery partially so, when the exercises began. The visitors were welcomed to Cleveland by Col. Brinsmade, who made an excellent address. He was followed by Department Commander O'Neall, who spoke for 20 minutes. His remarks were very interesting, and were listened to with close attention by the entire audience. Among other things he said that the Order was prospering in Ohio and the Posts were very generally adding to their membership. At the conclusion of his speech, which was received with great applause, the Kimberly Trio sang several songs. An address was then made by Gen. Ed. S. Meyer, after which the audience was dismissed. Gen. O'Neall then held an informal reception in the hall.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

The Campfire of Post No. 114, of Philadelphia, on Monday evening, Oct. 29, will long be remembered by the participants. After a short business session the campfire was lighted, with Past Commander Dr. Joseph Ferguson in charge. The first speaker was Past Commander Gregg, of Post No. 1, of Wilmington, Del., who made some forcible remarks on the objects of the Grand Army. "A Soldier and a Man" was sung by Past Commander G. T. R. Knorr. He also sang several other songs and received well-earned applause. Commander Simmons, of the Naval Post, and Col. J. C. Aitken, of the Union Veteran Legion, made brief addresses. The program was interrupted by Past Commander McMullen introducing Capt. Louis Chastean, Chief of the Fairmount Park Guards, who presented the Post, on behalf of Comrade William J. Rehn, with a magnificent life-sized portrait, in oil, of Gen. Phil. Sheridan. The picture was painted by Comrade E. A. Goods, and is a splendid piece of artistic skill. The remarks of Capt. Chastean, in making the presentation, were appropriate and met with applause. While the enthusiasm was at its hight Comrade Waterhouse, of Post No. 19, recited "Sheridan's Ride," and Col. Hamp Thomas, of Post No. 2, related reminiscences of Gen. Sheridan. There were a host of other speakers, the addresses being interspersed with musical selections.

Post No. 275, of Philadelphia, is arranging for a Campfire, commencing on November 19 and continuing for an indefinite period. Raffles for poultry will be given for the benefit of the Entertainment Committee.

There was a "Dog-watch" at the headquarters of The Naval Post, Philadelphia, on Wednesday evening of last week. To the uninitiated a "Dog-watch" in sea parlance is synonymous with Campfire. Prior to the "watch," and during the muster, Adj't John F. Mackie presented the Post with a magnificent regulation frigate's capstan, made of mahogany, with polished brass top and brass trimmings. He also showed his shipmates the old capstan owned by the Post, improved by the addition of a life railing and pins, on which there was coiled a 25-fathom rope. All these were purchased from cash donations by Secretary of the Navy Whitney. The gifts were received by Commander Simmons in a neat address. At the "Dog-watch" Comrade George L. Varnick presided. Among those who took part in the entertainment were Col. J. C. Aitken, of the Veteran Legion; Comrades Marshall and Williams, of Post 24; Robinson, of Post 71; Dr. G. W. Martin, Col. Gillespie, of Post 2, Boston, Mass.; Shipmate Jos. E. Vantine, of New Castle, Del.; E. J. Moyer, Post 5, and Shipmates Leamy, and Adler. There was ship's grub and coffee for refreshments, and an evening of pleasure indulged in.

The Ladies' Gettysburg Club, of Post No. 51 (The Lambs), accompanied by their husbands, paid a social visit to the home of Quartermaster-General John Taylor on last Thursday night. The resolutions which the Post presented to Captain Taylor are very pretty, and have been admired by throngs of people at Tenth and Chestnut streets, where they are on exhibition.

Department Commander Magee and staff will pay official visits to Gus Town Post, No. 45, on Nov. 14, and Post No. 63 on Nov. 21.

Preparations are being made by Ellis Post, No. 6, of Germantown, for the celebration of its 22d anniversary in December. An open Campfire and banquet in the town hall will be one of the attractions.

Steps are being taken for the formation of a District Association of Grand Army Posts, including Montgomery, Chester, Delaware, Bucks and Berks Counties. The prime factor in the movement is Cook Post, No. 11, of Norristown. There are five Posts in Montgomery, 10 in Chester, six in Bucks, four in Delaware and two in Berks which favor the movement. It is proposed to hold a grand Reunion at Reading next year.

The candidacy of William F. Marshal for Commander of Post No. 24 has been announced.

The fair of Post No. 63, Philadelphia, commences on Dec. 7 at Liberty Council Hall.

Post No. 58, of Harrisburg, is hustling for the honor of being the banner Post of this Department. According to the last report the Post has 601 members, and Post No. 2, of Philadelphia, which is the largest, numbers 648.

Among the visitors at Department Headquarters during the past week were Charles A. Hall, of Gettysburg; Albert Groves, of New York, and William M. Bartram, of Wayne.

On Nov. 13 Post No. 7, of Philadelphia, will light a campfire.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Post No. 5 will give the members of the Post a complimentary banquet on the Thursday night.

Posts No. 71 and No. 334 will have Campfires on Nov. 14.

Post No. 25, Chester, contemplates making some great improvements in repairing its hall. About $1,000 will be expended on it.

POTOMAC.—

General Orders, No. 9, issued at Washington Oct. 29, by command of Charles P. Lincoln, Department Commander,—John Cameron, Assistant Adjutant-General,—contain the following: The Department Commander, while fully recognizing and appreciating the merit and praise due each comrade who attended the 22d National Encampment at Columbus, O., desires to especially acknowledge the services of the "Old Guard," Captain Edgar commanding. Their soldierly appearance in the line of parade as an escort to the Potomac delegation showed that the enthusiastic reception they received was fully deserved. The Encampment, by a vote 356 to 22, adopted resolutions favoring a pension measure granting $8 per month to all who served 60 days, and an additional one cent per day per month for all over 800 days of service. The Disability Pension Bill was also indorsed. The following amendments to the Rules and Regulations were adopted: First section, article 2, chapter 3, add: "and that Departments, at their discretion, be authorized to restore honors lost by Post Commanders." Article 12, chapter 5—relief fund—strike out "shall" and insert "may" in third line. (This leaves it optional with Posts to dispense with a relief fund.) In manual of court-martial, page 141, Beath's Blue Book, 14th line, strike out "five" and insert "a majority of the members be" present. The new Rituals adopted will be furnished in even exchange for the old as soon as received at these Headquarters. The Encampment recognized officially the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and recommended "that comrades aid and encourage the institution of Camps." The Department Commander calls the attention of Posts to the Sons of Veterans, and urges the formation of Camps. Our boys are those who will fill our places and help keep sacred the memory of our dead. The Department of West Virginia has on hand several hundred medals that were awarded by that State to those who served in West Virginia regiments during the war. These medals are of three classes, viz: "Honorably Discharged," "Killed in Battle," and for those who died while in the service, the heading reading, "For Liberty." The name of the soldier is milled in the edge of the medal. Comrades in this Department who served in West Virginia regiments may procure their medals by sending their names to Thomas C. Miller, Assistant Quartermaster-General, Fairmont, W. Va. The following are the dates of receipt of Post returns for the third quarter, marked received No. 5, at National Headquarters: Post No. 7, Sept. 28; Posts 1 and 9, Oct. 4; Posts 2, 4, 6 and 11, Oct. 5; Post 3, Oct. 8; Posts 5 and 8, Oct. 10; Post 10, Oct. 19. The returns show a gain of 81, making a total gain for the first, second and third quarters of 218, in good standing, 2,153. Remaining suspended, 88. It is recommended that special efforts be made by officers of Posts to restore to active membership comrades on the suspended list. It is well to recruit new members, but it is better to hold to old ones. Each Post should appoint a Committee on Delinquents, if it has not already been done, who should before the end of each quarter obtain from the Quartermaster the list of those in arrears, then call upon the comrades named, inquire into their circumstances, collect dues where possible, and make such recommendation to the Post in each case that it may act intelligently, and remit the dues where necessary, and thus keep many a good man in the Order.

RHODE ISLAND.—

Tower Post, No. 17, Pawtucket, tendered Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief John C. Linehan a reception on Oct. 26. The distinguished visitor was escorted into the city by the Post Commander. After the applause had subsided, Comrade Linehan spoke as follows: Commander, comrades, and members of Tower Relief Corps: As I sat here I tried to think what I should say to you for this kind, cordial and hearty reception. I love my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps. I held no rank while in the service, I wore no shoulder-straps or chevrons. By our Rules and Regulations we are all on a level—simply comrades. While I have received many kind words and cordial receptions from my comrades in other Departments, never have I received so cordial, so kind and such hearty welcomes anywhere as I have received from the comrades in this Department. I believe that the fraternity existing in our Order has done more to elevate and bind together the men who served their country than any other order ever known. Again I thank you for this cordial reception. At the conclusion of his address refreshments were served by the ladies of the Relief Corps, after which an hour was spent in conversation and social enjoyment.

WISCONSIN.—

The comrades in this Department are working very earnestly for the good of the Order, and as a result of their labors have organized a number of new Posts, besides strengthening old ones.

A new Post was mustered in at Greenwood, Oct. 20, with 32 charter members. The new Post starts off with bright prospects for largely increasing its membership in the near future.

John W. Scott Post, Oshkosh, is making extensive preparations for a royal time on Thanksgiving night.

The Post at Antigo recently met with a great loss. Its hall, books and records were all destroyed by fire.

W. E. Hill, Durand: At the regular meeting of Charles Coleman Post on Oct. 17 we mustered six new recruits, and afterward had a very enjoyable Campfire. The ladies of the Relief Corps provided a bountiful supply of pork and beans, hardtack and coffee, which was highly enjoyed by the old boys. After doing full justice to the viands, the time was taken up in telling army yarns and singing army songs until a late hour. The Post is in a flourishing condition, mustering new members and waking up the tardy ones, and all swinging into line preparatory to the National Encampment at Milwaukee in 1889.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

The following decisions in G.A.R. law by the Judge Advocate-General and the Commander-in-Chief were contained in Commander-in-Chief Rea's address to the 21st National Encampment at Columbus, O., but are now published for the first time:

No. 1. The proofs of an applicant's eligibility to membership must be such as are prescribed by the common-law rules of evidence. The best available evidence of the essential facts must be produced. The fact of honorable discharge from the service should be shown by the original certificate of discharge, if such was issued to him (which was not always the case), or, in the event of its loss or destruction without his privity or procurement, a duplicate certificate from the War Department, or its equivalent from some officer of the State Government having adequate records and authority to issue it. It is not admissible for a Post to admit a recruit upon oral or unofficial testimony.

No. 2. It is not within the power of a Post to participate as a Post against the objection of a member in the formation of any independent organization 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 alone or in conjunction with others, but every comrade has the right to insist that the Order itself shall not be used as an instrument for advancing purposes or methods in the name of the Order by means not subject to its control.

No. 3. A comrade holding a transfer card from one Post made application for admission to another, was duly elected and was notified of such election. He never paid any admission fee or dues to the new Post, nor was he mustered therein. He never subscribed to the By-Laws of that Post, and was never in the Post room. Subsequently, and within one year from the date of the transfer, having returned to his former place of residence, he applied for a return of his card, but received no reply. After the expiration of one year, considering himself honorably discharged under the Rules and Regulations, he applied for admission to his former Post, was regularly elected and mustered and became its Commander. Held that his application to and election by the Post to which he applied on his transfer constituted him a member thereof, said Post having waived the payment of admission fee and dues, and it not appearing that subscription to the Regulations and By-Laws was required as a condition of membership. It follows that his election as Commander of his former Post was void.

No. 4. A comrade honorably discharged from the Order and afterward rejoining it is not entitled to his past honors, and the Commander-in-Chief has no authority to restore him thereto.

No. 5. There is no provision in the Rules and Regulations for changing the locality of a Post from one town to another, and the Commander-in-Chief has no power to authorize such transfer.

No. 6. A Past Post Commander joining a Post of another Department by transfer is not entitled to a seat in the Encampment in that Department by virtue of his past rank.

No. 7. The Adjutant of a Post upon being discharged from the Order may properly "attest" his own discharge.

No. 8. A comrade holding an unexpired transfer card is entitled to the countersign. It does not follow, however, that any Post Commander is required as an official duty to confer it. The duty of conferring the countersign is inferred from the fact of membership and the provisions of the Ritual, being nowhere expressly prescribed. Certainly no Post Commander violates a prescribed duty in refusing to communicate the countersign to a comrade not a member of his Post. Where necessary, application should be made to the Department Commander, who may act either by himself or by some officer to whom the duty may be deputed by him.

No. 9. It is not within the province of the Commander-in-Chief to decide merely speculative questions which may be submitted for his opinion. A ruling "on the subject of responsibility to their several Departments of Past Department Commanders and others who are eligible to seats in the National Encampment, and to what extent they are responsible for obedience to the instructions of their Departments on the subjects coming before the National Encampment" would be a mere personal opinion possessing no official authenticity and likely to do more harm than good.

The following decisions have been made, without calling upon the Judge Advocate-General for his opinion:

No. 1. The Commander of a provisional Department has the same authority to organize and charter new Posts that is possessed by the Commader of a permanent Department.

No. 2. A Post court-martial can only be convened by a majority vote of the Post, and the findings and sentence thereof must be approved by a majority vote.

No. 3. Neither the Grand Army of the Republic, nor any of its officers, has authority to interfere in any manner with the administration of the affairs of the Woman's Relief Corps. Although recognized as an auxiliary of the G.A.R., it is altogether independent as regards the discipline of its members and the control of its organization.

No. 4. A Post Commander-elect cannot legally be installed until after Dec. 31.

No. 5. In case a Post is transferred from one Department to another, Past Commanders of such Posts are not entitled to membership in the Encampment of the Department to which the transfer is made merely because such membership was accorded by the Department to which it formerly belonged. The right to determine whether Past Post Commanders shall be members of a Department Encampment rests solely with such Encampment.

No. 6. The suspension of a Post Commander pending his trial upon charges and specifications by a court-martial, does not create a vacancy in the office which can be filled by an election. During the suspension the duties of the office should be performed by the Senior Vice Commander.

No. 7. One who has served in the Confederate army, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, is ineligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. If by any means he gains admission to a Post, this does not make him a member. As soon as the fact of his ineligibility is discovered, he should be dropped from the roll and excluded from the meetings. No action of the Post is necessary; but, the fact appearing, his election and muster are simply void.

No. 8. Certain members of Dushane Post, No. 3, Department of Maryland, who had paid all dues and against whom no charges had been preferred, duly asked for transfer cards on the evening of Aug. 24, 1887. The cards were not issued that evening, but a statement was made and signed by the Quartermaster showing the payment of all dues. On the same evening these comrades were duly mustered as members of another Post. Before the cards were issued, certain charges were preferred against the applicants; whereupon the Post Commander refused to sign the cards or to recognize their membership in the new Post. Held, that the cards should have been issued, and that these comrades should have been reported as lost by transfer, and that their muster into a new Post was authorized and constituted them members thereof.

No. 9. The Commander-in-Chief has no power to authorize the holding of a Department Encampment after the time fixed by the Rules and Regulations.

No. 10. There is no such thing as honorary membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

No. 11. (a) Upon a ballot for the election of a Post Commander, two more ballots were cast than there were comrades present. Such ballot was void and was properly so declared. (b) At this election, by invitation of the Post Commander, the Commander of another Post presided. This was irregular, but in the absence of objection made at the time, did not invalidate the election.

No. 12. By a vote of 71 yeas against 67 nays, a Post ordered that all nominations for officers should be made before any ballots were taken, and that after nominations were properly so declared, no others not previously nominated, should not be counted. An opportunity was then given to present the name of any candidate for whom any comrade desired to vote for either of the offices to be filled. No point of order was made such as to call for a decision from the Post Commander. Two comrades cast their ballots for a comrade not previously named, but their ballots were not counted because of the adoption of the foregoing motion. Held, that under these circumstances the rejection of the two ballots did not invalidate the election.

No. 13. The authority of a Department Commander to organize Posts within his jurisdiction is exclusive. The Commander of another Department cannot legally establish a Post therein.

No. 14. The Rules and Regulations do not in terms require that a recruit should actually be mustered within three months after written notice of his election. He is required to present himself for muster within three months after such notice, but there are no words of exclusion which prohibit his muster after the expiration of that period. Such muster is therefore not void for that reason alone.

No. 15. The quarterly returns of a Post may be legally and properly made and transmitted before the end of the quarter. In fact, it is the proper practice to do this at the close of the last meeting of the quarter.

No. 16. A member of Co. E, First Regiment of Organized Employes of the Quartermaster's Department, Washington, D. C., is not eligible to membership in the G.A.R., such organization not being a "State regiment," nor mustered into the military service of the United States.

No. 17. A comrade cannot retain his membership in one Post and also become a charter member of another. He cannot be a member of two Posts at the same time.

No. 18. A Post court-martial duly ordered to try an accused comrade upon charges and specifications, was dissolved by vote of the Post upon the request of the Judge Advocate, who gave as his reason for the request, that "it seemed to be impossible for the court-martial to convene with a quorum." The Commander ruled that this action was, in effect, an abandonment of the charges, and declined to entertain the motion, but on appeal his ruling was sustained by the Post. In the absence of anything showing a contrary intention, held that the charges and specifications were dismissed.

No. 19. The refusal of a Department Commander to order a Department court-martial for the trial of charges and specifications will not be reversed by the Commander-in-Chief, except in cases where it clearly appears that he has withheld the law or the facts, or has been actuated by improper motives.

No. 20. (a) A comrade who has been dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues, is no longer a member of the Order, and is therefore not subject to discipline as such. He can only be restored to membership by a vote of the Post, upon his application. (b) The fact that charges are pending against a comrade, does not preclude the Post from dropping him from the roll for non-payment of dues, in a case where such dropping would otherwise be proper.

Happy Days.

[Chicago Tribune.]

"Brown," said Robinson, "you seem to be the happiest man on earth. When I saw you last, nearly a year ago, you were as bright and cheerful as a bird."

"Yes," responded Brown, "I was just about to be married then."

"And to-day you are in the same buoyant spirits. You're always happy. I suppose ——"

"Yes," responded Brown, "I am just about to be divorced."

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[Burlington Free Press.]

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RELIEF CORPS NEWS.

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

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE G.A.R., VIROQUA, WIS., Nov. 1, 1888.

Work at National Headquarters is moving steadily forward, and reports from the several Departments have been coming steadily forward, showing marked interest everywhere. A consolidation of the third-quarter reports will show handsome gains and much good work for relief. Mrs. Charity Rusk Craig, National President, and her busy Secretary, Mrs. Nichols, are busy with the floods of letters and communications that pour in upon them from all directions. The National President directs the publication of the following resolutions of thanks, passed by the sixth National Convention, and not heretofore made public:

THANKS SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Resolved, That our most profound thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the Posts of Columbus, to Wells Relief Corps and the Department of Ohio, W.R.C., for their magnificent and generous arrangements for our reception and entertainment. Also to Col. Bancroft, Chairman of the Relief Corps' Committee, of the Grand Council, G.A.R., and others who have worked with untiring zeal to perfect these arrangements; to Maj. J. K. Jones, who has, with so much liberality and artistic skill, decorated this Convention room without cost; also, for the beautiful Sovenir Banners which have been so generously donated to the several States.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are cordially extended to Adj't-Gen. Axline for ordering out the National Guards, and his admirable arrangement of other details for the complimentary reception tendered Mrs. Gen. Logan and party.

Resolved, That our thanks be tendered to the press for its generous notices; also the various railroads for their liberal reduction in rates of travel.

Resolved, That our grateful thanks be tendered for the free use of the Second Presbyterian Church, and that we appreciate the generous conduct of all the churches in Columbus which have placed to our use their buildings during this Encampment free of cost.

Resolved, That thanks are especially due, and are hereby tendered, to Wells Corps for their ample and splendid luncheons furnished daily.

OHIO WOMAN'S COUNCIL.

It is a significant fact that Ohio, first-born of the ordinance of 1787, in her Centennial year should be the first State to form a State Council of Women. The pioneer mothers a hundred years ago rolled logs with their hands to rear the structures in which their daughters were born. These daughters now propose to continue the log-rolling business at the old stand. The brawn and brain of the women of 1888, as represented at the organization of the Ohio Woman's Council, are the best proof of the brawn and brain of the women who worked side by side with their brothers and husbands in planting and maturing the grand Buckeye State. Blood will tell.

The Ohio Woman's Council was formed on the Centennial grounds, Oct. 11, and is to be to Ohio what the great National Council of Women, which met for the first time at Washington last Winter, representing 53 National Associations of women, is to the United States. It is an alliance of women to assemble annually, compare notes, exchange ideas, and together advise and counsel concerning all matters of interest to women, individually and collectively, to the end that we shall have better homes, better health, better lives and better laws. It might properly be called the Normal School of Woman's Development.

Twelve associations of women, or branches of women's work, were represented at the formation of the Ohio Woman's Council, including the Ohio Woman's Press Association, the Woman's Suffrage Association, The Woman's Christian Temperence Union, The Woman's Relief Corps, The Labor Union, and medical, legal, art, educational and philanthropic exponents. Frances Willard, President of the National Council; Rev. Anna K. Shaw, of Cranston, Ill., and Susan B. Anthony, of Rochester, N. Y., were present at Columbus to define the aims and objects of the Woman's National Council, of which the Ohio Woman's Council is an outgrowth.

The Constitution as adopted provides for County Councils of all associations of women represented therein, which shall meet, organize and elect five delegates to the State Council, in addition to representation through the President of each. When it is considered what important reforms are to be effected in society and how many unrighteous laws stand in the way of purity, progress and Christian development, we are sure that the women of Ohio Relief Corps will unite with other progressive bodies in this grand organization. The officers of the State Council are wide awake and determined women, as follows: President, Dr. Orpha H. Baldwin, Cleveland; V.-P., Dr. Martha May Howell, Hartwell; Cor. Sec., Caroline Everhard, Massillon; Rec. Sec., Juliet N. Thorpe, Cincinnati; Treas., H. Coit, Columbus.

Among the laws which should be passed by the Legislature of Ohio, to which women should turn their attention, is the raising of the age of consent, by which seduction of young girls shall be visited by just penalties; the appointment of women physicians to take charge of women in our insane asylums; the appointment of women trustees of our Soldiers' Orphans' Home and State Reform School for Girls, and similar appointments of women on our School Boards, Infirmary and Correction Boards. Not only moral considerations require these reforms, but sanitary, economic and humane advancement depend upon them.

It will be seen that the Relief Corps is vitally interested in the work to be done, as the welfare of her soldiers' orphans is so largely concerned. With all other associations in line the W.R.C. must not lag in the rear; and we hope that in every State this noble association will assert itself in the formation of State Councils. The writer of this had but a brief conference with Miss Willard, but hopes for a more satisfactory interview at the Woman's Congress at Detroit Nov. 14 to 16, concerning the proposed alliance of the National W.R.C. and the National Council, in accordance with discussion of sixth National Convention.

The following rallying song, to the tune of "Glory Hallelujah," was composed by Mrs. Virginia G. Ellard for the Ohio Council of Women, and a souvenir copy presented each member. Journalists, authors and physicians were most numerously represented.—Kate B. Sherwood.

THE FULLER LIFE.

The stars of night are hidden in the glory of the sun,
While the steady wheels of power in their course are on of progress run;
From the seed sown in the furrow all the blossoms have been won,
For women's hearts are true.

They have waited in the darkness for the coming of the Light,
Till, born from out their weakness, it has struggled into light;
Pure womanhood is noble, though uncrowned by errant knight,
When healing every wound.

To the queen of every heartstone we will humbly bend the knee,
For thus enthroned in wisdom will our women be;
To mold men's lives for action is divine as God's decree:
Be loyal to our trust.

Our souls, in mutual sympathy, reach out with zeal and hope
To the wide and sure unfolding of a broader vision's scope;
No more in somber valleys will our footsteps sadly grope:
The mountain tops are bright.

We will climb the summit proudly, with a fearless heart and strong,
And, linked with Truth forever, we will battle with the Wrong,
Till jubilant our voices join in triumphant song:
We live a fuller life.

OHIO'S NOBLE RECORD.

The quarterly report Department of Ohio, beautifully prepared by Ella C. Burr, Department Secretary, is before us, showing a net gain in membership for third quarter of 579—total, 9,282, notwithstanding the fact that seven Corps failed to report. The figures are as follows: Number in good standing last report, 8,703; gain by initiation, 838; by transfer, 25; by reinstatement, 107; total gain, 970; aggregate, 9,673; loss by death, 16; by honorable discharge, 31; by transfer, 56; by suspension, 163; by delinquent reports, 125; total loss, 391; numbering in good standing, as reported, 9,282; number suspended, 156. The harmony and interest existing throughout the Department is evinced by the fact that there was not one member dishonorably discharged and only 57 dropped for the non-payment of dues.

In relief work for the old soldiers and their dear ones Ohio maintains her noble record. The figures are as follows: Cash expended for relief during the quarter, $1,316.34; number of members and their families assisted, 94; number of soldiers and their families assisted, 448. Total assisted, 542.

Mary E. Bancroft, the faithful and efficient Department President, has so far recovered as to be able to attend the funeral of a comrade, her favorite hack driver, who had so many times driven for her in the slow processions that bore his brothers-in-arms to their last resting place in "the little low tents" of the beautiful Columbus Cemetery. It is this quiet, unostentatious interest in the distressed that has given Mrs. Bancroft her strong hold on the hearts of the veterans.

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

DEAR TRIBUNE: But for physical debility attendant upon the weeks since Convention I would have publicly acknowledged my appreciation of the many and great kindnesses shown me at that time as the executive head of our great Order, and now to this debt of gratitude is added many a fresh and oft-returning kindness, for during the weeks of bodily pain and prostration following that event, while waiting for the strength that returns but slowly, each day has been cheered and made more endurable by letters received from all quarters bearing words of appreciation, sympathy and congratulation. As it has been impossible to reply to all, I wish through these columns to acknowledge them until each may receive personal attention.

I have often wondered was it the sanctity of our mission that enlisted for it so many noble and unselfish advocates, and now, in the quiet home, looking back over the past months and recalling the beautiful spirit with which the officers of each Department took up their duties, with a determined effort to advance a good work in a good and perfect manner, I am lost in admiration of women who, moved by the great magnetic power of love, marched side by side and hand in hand with us like one great family with a mutual interest. They shared our burdens and horrors, lightened labor by words of encouragement and kindly suggestions, ever welcome by ready obedience to constitutional authority and prompt performance of official duties. The sweetest and most perfect harmony existed between each Department and National Headquarters the entire year, and it was most gratifying to note the evident and growing desire to excel not one another, but in conformity to perfect discipline and adherence to the law wherein lies one great secret of our wonderful advancement.

Women thus associated in noble and unselfish purpose can but be personally benefitted, and will gradually rise to a still higher and broader plane of moral and intellectual worth, thereby elevating our cause to a corresponding degree of dignity and refinement. Words can ill express the feelings that bound me to my co-workers, and when at sixth National Convention, weary and worn by excessive work I stood before them, I felt as never before the power that lies in mutual confidence and united action, and the true love of truer hearts there found expression in grateful sympathy, loyal support and hearty indorsement of all I had done. This rich recompense will be cherished as a most precious gift, bearing evidence of the principles we espouse, and the memory of good deeds done and works kindly spoken will be a well-spring of pleasure from which will flow abundant and fond recollections of the year that has gone.

Accompanying many letters received are faces of the writers, and asking an exchange, which will be cheerfully given when time and strength permit. Although these are already photographed on the tablet of the mind, it will in days to come be a great pleasure to spend an hour in visiting with the "Home Circle," as I have named my valued collection.

Numerous requests have come from both comrades and members of the W.R.C. for copies of President's address; but, as much as I regret it, am obliged to say there are none remaining to send.

Duly appreciating all kindness and courtesy extended during my official year, I am, as ever, faithful in F., C. and L.—Emma Stark Hampton.

A G.A.R. LADY FOR UNION.

DEAR TRIBUNE: I saw in the paper a short letter from a member of the Ladies of the G.A.R. Now, I wish to speak a word on that subject. I have belonged to that Order two years, and have studied and studied what was best to be said. I am for peace and union with the W.R.C., though a veteran's wife. I have belonged to the church 26 years, and that is a sign I work for peace. Now, it is not in the rules of the Ladies of the G.A.R. that we organized to exclude a disturbing element, with the idea that wives, sisters, mothers, etc., could not be of that class; but we do exclude soldiers' wives, sisters and mothers who are not of good moral character.

We ladies in town, in choosing the Ladies of the G.A.R. Society, inquired, "Is this the Relief Corps? Why not?" The answer came, "Not exactly: that is, like other lady lodges." It has taken me two years to decide why the W.R.C. is not like other lady lodges. The W.R.C., as we supposed, started like all other lodges; but one word in its name changed its whole course, and it was originally misinterpreted.

I refer to the middle word; it meant "relief" in military tactics, and not, as it was taken to mean, relief in a charitable sense. This misinterpretation caused it thus to become a charitable Order, devoted surely to the G.A.R., but not a component portion of the G.A.R.

All hail, charity and the W.R.C.! I would like to be one of the first to join on that basis. Further proof of my explanation is in the fact that our first name, "Loyal Ladies' League," was also misinterpreted and not essentially significant, and we had to say "G.A.R." to get safe at home. As I have spoken correctly, peacefully, charitably and intelligently, I hope all members of W.R.C. and L.G.A.R. will understand themselves and shake hands.—A California G.A.R Lady.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

DEAR TRIBUNE: As the time for the usual Fall inspection drew near, the ladies of Wm. Richardson W.R.C., No. 59, Department of New York, conceived the idea that it would be very pleasant to have the Department President, Mrs. Sarah C. Nichols, present during the services. Mrs. Nichols has officiated many times as Instituting, Inspecting and Installing Officer for the Corps during the three years of its existence, so that the ladies know her worth. With nearly all, however, it was the first occasion of seeing Mr