THE GRAND ARMY.

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

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

PREPARATIONS FOR NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 17, 1890.

The Executive Committee of the National Encampment held a meeting here Feb. 12, Past Department Commander Goodale presiding.

A Committee on the Erection of Grand Stands, from which the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps and others may witness the parade on Aug. 12, was appointed, consisting of Department Commander George H. Innis, John H. Cook, Cranmore N. Wallace, E. W. Hall and Charles B. Rohan.

Col. E. H. Haskell, Chairman of the Finance Committee, made a report of the progress of the committee's work, and stated that in about a fortnight an appeal to the public for subscriptions will be made. Col. Haskell reported the following addition to the Finance Committee; which, on motion of Past Department George W. Creasey, were unanimously adopted:

Bankers, Charles Fairchild, Jacob C. Rogers, Aaron W. Spencer; carpets, etc., Joel Goldthwaite; coal, Lamont G. Burnham; corporations, F. L. Ames, T. Jefferson Coolidge; dry goods commission, Hon. Rufus Frost, Amory A. Lawrence, Joseph Sawyer, William Whitman; boots and shoes, Hon. William Claflin; insurance, Hon. Samuel C. Cobb, John C. Paige; iron and steel, Hon. Oakes Ames, Hon. Eustace C. Fitz; lumber, Hon. J. M. W. Hall, Otis Shepard, David N. Skillings; newspapers, Col. Henry G. Parker; oils, etc., Hon. Alden Speare; paper, Hon. Alexander H. Rice; shoes and leather, Francis W. Breed, Lynn; sugar refinery, John P. Spaulding; transportation, William Bliss, Boston & Albany; Charles F. Choate, Old Colony; J. P. B. Edmands, Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn; Hon. Frank Jones, Boston & Maine; W. H. Marcy, Fitchburg; Henry M. Whitney, West End; wholesale grocers, Jacob Bates, Howard W. Spurr; woolens, Jonathan A. Lane. The name of Charles S. Clerke was added to the Committee on Entertainments.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

[The Assistant Adjutants-General of the different Departments are respectfully requested to forward a copy of the Department rosters for 1889 to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. Adjutants of Posts are also requested to forward as soon as possible a list of the newly-elected officers.]

ARKANSAS.—

Hugh McDaniel Post, No. 60, St. Paul, has adopted resolutions favoring the immediate passage by Congress of the per diem pension bill.

COLORADO.—

The following Post has elected officers:

Battle Mountain, 55, Red Cliff: Com., L. R. Thomas; S. V. C., W. H. Dickson; J. V. C., Wm. McMillan; Chap., J. C. Gibson; O. D., H. W. Goodrich; O. G., Frank Berley; Surg., W. V. Burt; Q. M., George P. Burrage; Q. M. S., John L. Campbell; Adj't, W. H. Gaskill; S. M., Reub. Thom.

CONNECTICUT.—

The 23d annual Encampment of this Department was held at New Haven Feb. 6 and 7. The reports of the officers showed the Department to be in an excellent condition. Commander-in-Chief Alger visited the Convention and made a short address. He said: "It is very gratifying to find in this State a Governor who is also a comrade, and to know that your hearts are with him in this work, and that his is with you in yours. But, comrades, I wish to talk a little business to you on the matter of pensions. As you are aware, at the recent National Encampment at Milwaukee the resolutions passed were but repetitions of those passed at the preceding Encampment at Columbus. They called for the united action of the G.A.R. in securing the passage of two bills, one a dependent bill and one a service bill. Our committee has recently been in Washington, and we are satisfied that at an early date we shall secure the passage of a very good dependent bill. There were so many objections to taking up the service bill that, while we heartily advocated both bills, we thought that the best thing we could do would be to persuade them to accept one first. The dependent bill provides that all soldiers, either wholly or partially disabled, shall receive $12 per month; and it also makes good provisions for widow and orphans. We concluded that to urge the immediate passage of that bill was the best thing we could do. We told them to give us this bill, let it be enacted and become a law, and then then we should see; then should we find out whom we had thought friends ready to oppose this bill, because they said it did not give enough to the soldier. Doubtless had we worked for the service bill these men would have told us that the bill would swamp the Treasury. We told them that we wanted the bill, and that we wanted it now. Comrade Tanner told me when I was there were 400,000 unadjudicated claims in the Pension Office. I am certain that this bill, when it becomes a law, will add at least 300,000 more. We were told that it had been estimated that the cost of the bill would be $37,000,000. We told them we thought it would, but that whatever it would cost it was due to the men who gave their all for their country, and but for whom the flag we love to-day would have been hidden or trodden in the dust. When the scale balances the G.A.R. will be content." The election of officers resulted as follows: Com., John C. Brastch, Middletown; S. V. C., Henry N. Fanyhan, Danbury; J. V. C., H. E. Smith, Willimantic; Medical Director, M. W. Robinson, Colchester; Chap., D. Henry Miller, Norwich; Delegates to National Encampment, N. Easterbrook, jr. (at large), G. R. Hurlbut, Post 2; G. H. George, Post 1; C. H. Hayes, Post 75; A. Gordon, Post 56; W. C. Siapes, Post 63; C. Wood, Post 49. The Department Commander appointed W. L. Morgan, of New Haven, Assistant Quartermaster-General, and J. H. Thacher, of Hartford, Assistant Adjutant-General.

DAKOTA.—

The following Post has elected officers:

Frank M. Rockwell, 151, Cooperstown, N. D.: Com., G. Nelson Stark; S. V. C., B. Nelson Stark; J. V. C., S. Simpkins; Adj't, Harrison Clark; Q. M., O. C. Ford; Chap., O. D. Purinton; O. D., C. H. Johnson; O. G., E. C. Buttes; S. M., J. Pates.

GEORGIA.—

General Orders, No. 1, issued at Savannah, Jan. 27, by command of David Porter, Department Commander—Thomas F. Gleason, A. A. G., contain the following:

The Department Encampment of Georgia, in annual session at Agusta, Jan. 24, elected the following-named comrades to the offices designated: Com., David Porter, Post 3; S. V.-C., J. T. Denning, Post 2; J. V. C., C. T. Watson, Post 1; Medical Director, John W. Stone, M. D., Post 1; Chap., L. D. Crawford, Post 5. Council of Administration, A. E. Sholes, Post 2; Isaac Beckett, Post 3; Henry Burns, Post 5; R. E. Mansfield, Post 7; George N. Graham, Post 4. Delegate to 24th National Encampment, E. A. Buck, Post 1; Alternate, W. W. Brown, Post 5. The Commander-elect hereby assumes command of the Department of Georgia, with headquarters at Savannah. The following-named comrades are hereby appointed to the offices designated, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly: Ass't Adj't-Gen., Thomas F. Gleason, Savannah; Ass't Q. M.-Gen., A. Bolsius, Atlanta; Ins., Charles A. Keith, Savannah; Chief Mustering Officer, Alfred Gutten, Augusta; Judge-Advocate, S. A. Darnell, Atlanta. Commanders of Posts are requested to send to these Headquarters at once the name of an active, working comrade for appointment as Aid-de-Camp. Also, send to the Department Inspector, Charles A. Keith, Savannah, the name of an active, working comrade for Assistant Inspector.

Savannah has been selected as the place of meeting of the next Department Encampment. The Council of Administration has designated the fourth Thursday of January (22d), 1891, as the time for holding the same. The past year has shown a satisfactory increase in membership in this Department. The Commander urges renewed zeal in securing recruits. Do not confine your efforts to your immediate locality. There are many ex-Union soldiers, by one's and two's, in the country around you. Try to reach them. Use your best endeavors that all within our limits who were united with us in comradeship as soldiers shall now be united with us in the comradeship of the Grand Army.

W. S. Hancock Post, No. 3, Savannah, held its fifth annual Campfire Feb. 5. Commander Gleason was presented with a handsome ebony gold-headed cane by the comrades of the Post. A banquet was served, at which toasts were responded to by Department Commander Porter and others.

ILLINOIS.—

Farragut Post, No. 602, Chicago, held the second of its series of entertainments Feb. 4. A banquet was served, which was enjoyed by fully 300 persons.

The annual Campfire of Waukegan Post, Waukegan, was held Feb. 6. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Weissart and Past Adj't-Gen. E. B. Gray were present and made addresses.

The 15th annual ball of Gen. George A. Custer Post, No. 40, Chicago, was held Feb. 17, and about $250 were realized. There were between 400 and 500 persons present, and they most thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The hall was decorated with the Post banner and many American flags. The program of dances was a long one, and was evidently gotten up to suit the taste of the old boys as well as the young.

INDIANA.—

The following Posts have elected officers:

Monroe Laymon, 211, Warren: Com., Jacob G. Young; S. V. C., Elbridge A. Collins; J. V. C., Andrew Williamson; Surg., Thos. Crandel; Chap., William W. Tharp; Q. M., Oscar F. McIlwain; O. D., John J. Leonard; O. G., James Ruble; Adj't, William F. Swaim.

Maj. John H. Simpson, 46, Michigan City: Com., H. J. Willis; S. V. C., A. B. Barron; J. V. C., J. W. Clark; Q. M., George W. Edick; Chap., J. Burbank; Surg., D. T. Brown; O. D., Ed. Lampliter; O. G., N. W. Miller; Adj't, E. M. Eyrkitt; S. M., Ed. Highfield; Q. M. S., J. C. Haddock.

Maj. Gordon, 452, North Indianapolis: Com., Lorenzo Fee; S. V. C., Nathan Carr; J. V. C., Wm. C. Moffitt; Surg., Jacob Roller; Q. M., Moses Smith; Chap., George W. Crist; O. D., Isaac Darling; O. G., James Mallery; I. S., Wiley Sweeney; O. S., John Wilkinson.

IOWA.—

Henry Keating Post, 211, Afton, has passed resolutions unanimously indorsing the pension service bill now pending in Congress.

KANSAS.—

The annual Encampment of this Department was held at Salina Jan. 28 and 29. The reports of the officers showed the Department to be in good condition, both numerically and financially. A letter was received from Gen. W. T. Sherman, regretting his inability to be present. Resolutions asking more liberal pension legislation were adopted; also in regard to locating the 26th annual Encampment in Topeka during 1892. Hutchinson was selected as the place for holding the next Encampment. Officers were elected as follows: Com., Ira F. Collins, Sabetha; S. V. C., J. B. McGonigal, Oberlin; J. V. C., A. R. Green, Cedarvale; Medical Director, D. D. Rose, Dodge City; Chap., J. R. Lockwood, Salina; A. A. G., J. F. Thompson, Sabetha; A. Q. M. G., J. E. Price, Sabetha; Inspector-General, F. B. Webster, McPherson; Judge Advocate, L. J. Webb, Topeka; C. M. O., R. J. Ren, Russell Springs. Council of Administration—H. E. Richter, Council Grove; Ed. Jones, Holton; J. P. Harris, Ottawa; W. F. S. May, Oberlin; C. C. Kincaid, Cherryvale. Delegates to National Encampment—R. W. Blue, Bernard Kelley, G. T. Anthony, J. G. Mohler, M. W. Sutton, George Trout, T. B. Geron, D. G. Bliss, T. A. Stanley, E. B. Park, A. R. Arnold, E. F. Sprague, J. H. Howe, E. M. Parke, E. G. Putnam, Lewis Hanback, B. D. Shaffer, W. R. Hopkins, A. W. Hoyt.

LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI.—

The color question is causing trouble in G.A.R. circles of Louisiana and South Carolina. At the recent Encampment of the Department of Louisiana the white delegates refused to meet with the colored ones, and consequently two sets of officers were elected. The matter will be brought before the National Encampment for settlement. In South Carolina, which is attached to the Department of Georgia, there are two colored Posts, but a resolution was adopted at the recent Encampment declaring that no other Posts would be admitted to the Department other than those already in it.

MASSACHUSETTS.—

William H. Bartlett Post, No. 3, Taunton, has adopted resolutions indorsing the G.A.R. pension bill.

The Massachusetts members of the staff of Commander-in-Chief Alger have adopted a handsome sleeve ornament, consisting of a lozenge of red velvet, bordered with gold, and bearing the letters "Mass." in silver.

MICHIGAN.—

A. W. Chapman Post, St. Joseph, has sold its old muskets and purchased a fine new outfit of breech-loading guns.

MINNESOTA.—

A curious feature of J. S. Cady Post, Anoka, is the fact that 22 of its members belonged to one company in the army, Co. A, 8th Minn. Capt. J. S. Cady, for whom the Post was named, was the first Captain of the company, and was killed in June, 1863, while trying to recover some horses which were captured in the Indian raid on Silver Creek. He was succeeded by Capt. M. O. Butterfield, whose name adorns the roster of the Post, though he has been dead three years.

MISSOURI.—

Lieut. John Baxter Post, No. 338, Purdy, has adopted resolutions favoring the passage of the service pension bill.

NEW JERSEY.—

The 23d annual Encampment of this Department was held at Trenton Feb. 13 and 14. Department Commander W. B. E. Miller, of Camden, called the veterans to order. A committee, consisting of Assistant Quartermaster-General H. L. Hartshorne, Lieut. R. Dunn, George Barrett and J. J. Rodrigo, met Commander-in-Chief Alger, Mrs. Alger, and Mrs. Wittenmyer, the famous Army Nurse, and escorted them to the assembly room, where a rousing reception was given them. The address of welcome was delivered by the Department Commander, and speeches made by Junior Commander John Lovett and Senator Nevius. Gen. Alger made a stirring speech in reply. In the evening a reception was tendered Gen. Alger by Gov. Abbett at the State House, to which the public was invited. A Campfire followed the reception. The principal event of the second day's session was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Department Commander, A. M. Matthews, Orange; S. V. C., J. Wildrick, Belvidere; J. V. C., J. M. Atwood, Plainfield; Chap., C. E. Hill, Lincoln town; Medical Examiner, Dr. William A. Conover, Hackettstown. Council of Administration, J. H. Bird, Asbury Park; George Barret, Camden; J. A. Bridgan, Newark; J. A. Rocket, Jersey City. Delegates National Encampment, E. C. Stahl, J. W. Kinzey, W. W. Morrell, W. W. Larkin, Aaron Hawkyard, J. Shields, Charles Kirker, F. Getzinger, George Nelson.

NEW YORK.—

Willard Post, No. 34, Troy, has adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Rodney Bovie and Michael Looby.

G. L. Pierce Post, No. 349, Forestville, is unanimously in favor of the one cent per diem pension bill.

Koltes Post, New York City, gave its 23d annual masquerade ball, Feb. 5, which was attended by a large number of veterans and their ladies. Among those present were Gen. Franz Sigel, Col. J. W. Marshall, Gen. Joseph Hadfield, Gen. Fraser and others.

OHIO.—

T. J. Mercer Post, No. 529, Sharpsburg, held a very interesting Campfire recently, at which Comrade Rose, of Marietta, delivered an address.

Noble Post, No. 491, Caldwell, is furnishing a fine new hall. This Post is in a very prosperous condition.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

The 24th annual Encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania is a matter of history now, and the active comrades are again engaged in searching for recruits and aiding distressed comrades. About 800 delegates and almost double that number of other comrades tried to find sleeping accommodations in Shamokin, where the meeting was held, and many were disappointed. The few hotels were disagreeably crowded, and private houses were pressed into service. The comrades were generally pleased with the town on Tuesday, by Chief Burgess Weaver, in a short speech, which was responded to by Col. C. W. Hazzard. Chaplain John W. Sayers then opened the Convention with prayer, and Department Commander Stewart followed with his report. It was a lengthy and ably-prepared paper, and contained a full resume of the work of the Department during his term of office. It contained much interesting reading, and met with loud demonstration of everybody. At the conclusion of his address the election of officers was taken up, with the following result: Commander, Joseph F. Denniston, of Post No. 117, Pittsburg; S. V. C., John F. Osler, of Post No. 140, Shamokin; J. V. C., Geo. F. Shattuck, of Post No. 231, Meadville; Medical Director, J. P. Burchfield, of Post No. 179, Clearfield; Chap., Rev. John W. Sayers, of Post No. 16, of Reading (but who resides in Philadelphia). Council of Administration, Wm. Emsley, of Post No. 51, Philadelphia; Levi W. Shengle, of Post No. 94, Philadelphia; John F. Hunter, of Post No. 3, Pittsburg; Eli G. Sellers, of Post No 8, Philadelphia, and William Horrocks, of Post No. 55, Frankford. Commander-in-Chief Alger, accompanied by Comrades Lewis W. Moore and J. Fletcher Conrad, of Post No. 1, Philadelphia; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief James F. Lovett, of New Jersey; Past Commander-in-Chief Robert B. Beath, and Gen. J. P. S. Gobin attended the session. The comrades greeted Gen. Alger with a storm of cheers. He responded with a brief address, which touched upon the question of pensions, and advocated the hearty indorsement of the dependent pension bill. Altoona was selected as the place for the next Encampment.

Among the resolutions passed were the following:

Resolved, That this Department favors all the legislation in reference to the battlefield of Gettysburg which tends to give intelligent ideas of the position of the contending forces at the battle; and further

Resolved, That this Department opposes any action tending to glorify those who in that battle were fighting as rebels against our country; and further

Resolved, That under no circumstances should those who were rebels, or anyone in their behalf, place monuments on the battlefield of Gettysburg.

Resolved, That this Department has faith in the rectitude and energies of the Committee on Pensions of the National Department, and that we do not deem it advisable at this time to pass any more pension resolutions.

A resolution was also adopted directing the Delegates to the National Encampment to further the readoption of the old ritual and to try and secure from Washington the colors of the colored Pennsylvania regiments, to be placed in the flag-room at Harrisburg.

Post No. 88, of Allegheny City, again presented its resolution condemning the Memorial Association for allowing the 24 Md. Confederate regiment to erect its monument at Gettysburg, but it was rejected by the Encampment. Another resolution adopted condemned Senator Butler, of South Carolina, for the introduction of his bill in reference to the emigration of the colored people from the South.

The new officers were then installed by Gen. Wagner. The Commander reappointed James McCormick, of Post No. 5, Philadelphia, Assistant Adjutant-General, and Harry G. Williams, of Post No. 8, Philadelphia, Assistant Quartermaster-General. He also appointed G. Harry Davis, of Post No. 1, Philadelphia, Judge Advocate-General. A rising vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Commander for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the Department. Comrade Stewart's retirement concludes eight years of active work for the Order. Seven of these were as Assistant Adjutant-General. During that time 389 Posts and 30,000 comrades have been added to the rolls. His successor, Maj. Dennison, is at present City Treasurer of Pittsburg, and has just been renominated for another term by the Republicans and indorsed by the Democrats. He enlisted April 25, 1861, in the Friend Rifles of his native town, and on June 27 following was mustered in as Second Lieutenant of his company. He was promoted to Captain May 6, 1862, and was mustered out Jan. 1, 1867, after six years' service. He was brevetted Major of U. S. Volunteers March 13, 1865, for gallant and meritorious services, and appointed First Lieutenant of the 424 Inf., U. S. A., May 27, 1867, which, however, he declined.

J. F. DENNISTON.

The report of Assistant Adjutant-General James McCormick is replete with interesting statistics and a review of the year's work, and is one of the best and most complete reports ever made. The gain in membership for the year was 2,783 comrades and 15 Posts. The following 10 Posts show the largest gains during the year: Post No. 8, 157; 1, 107; 37, 82; 162, 78; 19, 76; 51, 70; 91, 67; 21, 64; 35, 57; 18, 46. The following 10 show heaviest losses: Post No. 58, 70; 62, 61; 10, 49; 524, 49; 67, 37; 187; 31; 408, 30; 134, 26; 253, 25; 87, 23; 94, 23. Post No. 8 is the largest Post in the Department, reporting 715 members in good standing. Post 281 and 339 are the smallest, reporting 10 members each; 320 Posts show gains for the year; 195 show losses for the year. The following extract from Comrade McCormick's report is worthy of more than passing attention: "The report for the year just closed shows a gratifying decrease in the number of suspensions from that reported at last Encampment, and I cannot but urge on the officers and members of all Posts the necessity of still further reducing the number until the minimum is reached, which can be done by the hearty co-operation of all the comrades. Once on the suspended list, a former good comrade straggles until he is way in the rear, and it is hard to bring him back into the ranks. Persuasion before he reaches the suspended list will accomplish much in preventing him leaving his old comrades for former associates." Quartermaster Williams showed that the receipts for the year had amounted to $15,257.76, and the disbursements to $12,444.40.

The Campfire in honor of the Encampment was lighted on Tuesday night in the Opera House. As many comrades and ladies as could find room within the building watched the logs burn brightly, and for an late hour helped to quench the smoulder-ing embers. The Department Commander introduced Col. C. W. Hazzard, of Post No. 60, at Monongahela City, and a Past Department Commander, as master of ceremonies. After a brief address Comrade Hazzard presented Commander-in-Chief Alger to the audience. The General stepped to the front of the stage amid a storm of applause and immediately took the presiding officer to task in good-humored way for saying that he had once addressed a Democratic penitentiary in Michigan, and had said, "Comrades, I'm glad to see so many of you here." He complimented the local Post, No. 140, for having such a busy and thrifty town for its home. The West did not have so many hills as he had seen in Pennsylvania, but it was just as good country. There were and are loyal men and women in the West just as there are in the East. He was sorry he could not represent Michigan as Commander, but was represented the Keystone State while abroad. "Comrade Stewart," said the General with a smile, "had almost intimated that Pennsylvania put down the rebellion, and that Pennsylvania soldiers were the best, and everybody and everything that was from that State or ever had anything to do with it, could not be excelled." Speaking seriously, he said he did not think that the Grand Army had reached the hight of its glory, as has been repeatedly stated. He felt sure that its membership will increase. Pennsylvania was indeed the "Banner Department," and he spoke in the most complimentary manner of the Order in this State. He concluded amid vociferous applause. An overture by the band gave Chairman Hazzard time to think of some new sayings, and he then introduced Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief James F. Lovett, of Trenton, N. J. He devoted his address mainly to praising the loyal women during the war, and then Comrade Hazzard said: "The next speaker is quite a big man in the town which he hails from, and a director of some things that are good and some bad. He makes bad gas, some people say, and he has brought along a large supply of his worst. Now you have Gen. Louis Wagner, Past Commander-in-Chief, and Director of Public Works in Philadelphia." When the laughter had ended, Gen. Wagner said that he had Hazzard appointed Chairman of the Committee, so he could get rid of some of the musty jokes which were cluttering his brain. Hazzard, he said, published an alleged newspaper, and on that account could be forgiven. An eloquent and appropriate speech closed the General's portion of the program. A trio of able singers, consisting of Messrs. Thomas, Steele and Pearce, then interspersed the speech-making with pretty selections, and Gen. J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, who was a brigade of the Past Department Commanders, was introduced. In the course of his remarks, he said he could distinctly remember when the troops marched down Pennsylvania avenue in Washington at the close of the war, and all eyes were attracted to an inscription on the Treasury building. It read, "This Nation can pay every debt she owes, except the one she owes her soldiers." Some how or other the public did not remember that banner to-day as they should at that time. Rev. John W. Sayers, one of the most beloved veterans in this State, who was re-elected Chaplain for the 19th consecutive time at this Encampment, was the next speaker. His remarks were brief and appropriate. He took occasion to present E. D. Baker Post, No. 8, of Philadelphia with a handsomely-framed picture of Col. A. Wilson Norris, a Past Department Commander who died last Summer. The gift was accepted for the Post by Comrade Stewart. "Tenting on the Old Camp-ground" was sung, after which Past Commander-in-Chief Robert B. Beath, of Philadelphia, was introduced, who in turn introduced Mother Wittenmyer, an old army nurse, and President of the Woman's Relief Corps. Short speeches were also made by John M. Vanderslice, Past Department Commander, and Comrade Mann. A pleasing recitation was rendered by Miss Lizzie Sweigard, and Col. John A. Danks, of Pittsburg sang "The Blue."

Col. Fred. Taylor Post, Philadelphia, will celebrate its 1200th muster with a big Campfire March 6.

The following Posts have elected officers:

Custer, 33, Etna: Com., E. M. Roberts; S. V. C., John R. McKee; J. V. C., W. D. Thompson; O. D., M. B. Lea; O. G., T. W. Sallade; Chap., H. F. Long; Surg., T. B. Jones; Adj't, J. L. Elsesser; S. M., G. M. Ray; Q. M. S., Chas. Morgan.

Post 177, Lansford: Com., Jos. McLaughlin; S. V. C., George Wintersteen; J. V. C., W. W. Ratcliff; Surg., J. F. Brislin; Q. M., David Williams; O. D., R. B. Singard; O. G., Jno. O. Donnell; Adj't, John Jeffries.

TENNESSEE.—

The following Post has elected officers:

Garfield, 25, Athens: Com., W. N. Hoge; S. V. C., Julius Aytse; J. V. C., Geo. Kelley; Adj't, G. L. Campp; Q. M., M. P. Long; Surg., John Leonard; Chap., T. M. Glazer; O. D., F. D. Thompson; O. G., C. A. Fifer; S. M., Joel J. Pyott; Q. M. S., J. J. Jackson.

TEXAS.—

John A. Logan Post, No. 23, Denton, has unanimously adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the appointment of Charles H. Clements as Postmaster at Denton is not the choice of the members of this Post or the Republicans who receive their mail at said office, nor is he the choice of the majority nor even a respectable minority of the patrons of said office, irrespective of party affiliation, and was never known as a Republican in Denton County until a few months before the last Presidential election:

Resolved, That the members of this Post deprecate the disregard by the Administration of the wishes of the Republican party and people in this locality in appointing said Charles H. Clements in preference to capable, true, well-known Republicans, and we respectfully ask a Republican Senate not to confirm said appointment; and we further request the Senators from this State to vote against the confirmation of said Clements.

VERMONT.—

Stannard Post, Burlington, has been presented, by Miss Edith G. Rogers, of Boston, with a beautiful medallion head of Gen. Burnside. The portrait is done in plaster, and is a life-size profile in high relief, representing the General as he appeared at the time he was Commander-in-Chief of the G.A.R., and it will make a valuable addition to the already fine collection of portraits of distinguished Generals now decorating the walls of the Post room. The present was accepted with thanks.

WEST VIRGINIA.—

Lyon Post, No. 22, indorses THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE pension bill; also the disability bill.

WISCONSIN.—

The annual Encampment of this Department will be held at Milwaukee March 18.

The Post at Needah held a Campfire recently, at which it realized $50.

CLEARLY SHOWN.

How you can have a Vigorous Nervous System.

The Marvelous Success of Paine's Celery Compound is shown with Living Examples, and it is Proven to be Nature's True Health Restorative.

The most skeptical should be convinced by the following brief extracts from letters recently received by us, that Paine's Celery Compound is an unfailing means of cure in all diseases which are caused by weakened nerves.

"For some months before using Paine's Celery Compound, I was afflicted with insomnia and more or less vertigo—all brought on by overwork and protracted anxiety.

"Since using the Compound I feel much better, sleep soundly, and my head troubles me less. I have not, meanwhile, intermitted or materially slackened my work.

"For the benefit I have gained from your preparation I am grateful to God and thankful to you." L. B. W. SHRYOCK, Pastor of Presbyterian Church, Reynoldsville, Pa.

Three months after writing the above Rev. Mr. Shryock said: "The symptoms for which I used Paine's Celery Compound have not returned, although I have had no leisure or vacation from work."

"For a long time I was so nervous and worn out that I could not work. I tried many medicines, but none gave me relief until I used Paine's Celery Compound, which at once strengthened and invigorated my nerves. Many of my friends have used it at my recommendation, and they all agree with me in pronouncing it the best nerve tonic ever discovered."

HARLEY SHERMAN, Burlington, Vt.

Facts like these are the best reason why you should not despair of a cure. What the Compound has done for others it will do for you.

RELIEF CORPS NEWS.

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

Mrs. ANNIE WITTENMYER, National President.
Mrs. ADBIE LYNCH, National Secretary.

OBJECTS OF THE RELIEF CORPS.

To specially aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic and to perpetuate the memory of their heroic dead.

To assist such Union veterans as need our help and protection, and to extend needful aid to their widows and orphans; to find them homes and employment, and assure them of sympathy and friends; to cherish and emulate the deeds of our Army Nurses, and of all loyal women who rendered loving service to their country in her hour of peril.

To inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live; to maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty and to encourage the spread of universal liberty and equal rights to all men.

Women of good moral character and correct deportment, who have not given aid and comfort to the enemies of the Union, who would perpetuate the principles to which this association stands pledged, and who have attained the age of 16 years, shall be eligible to membership in the Woman's Relief Corps.

THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT ON WHEELS.

DEAR TRIBUNE: It was my privilege to attend the Department Convention W.R.C. of Vermont. After traveling all night, during which time I changed cars three times, I reached Rutland and was welcomed into the W.R.C. Convention most cordially. A noble band of women greeted me. The Senior Vice-President occupied the chair, the President being sick with la grippe.

In the evening there was a Campfire, to which the W.R.C. were invited. Seats were reserved for them, and every speaker who stood before the immense audience that night spoke in the highest terms of the W.R.C. and its work. After a right royal and enthusiastic welcome the Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Alger, made an eloquent address, in which he referred to the W.R.C., and commended its work in high terms, as the following sentence will show:

"I cannot say too much in behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps. Every comrade in this Department should use his best efforts to secure the organization of a Corps auxiliary to the Post to which he belongs. May the blessed Order continue to increase until there is no Post in this Department but has a Corps attached to it."

I also had the privilege of speaking. Refreshments were served to the immense audience, who remained seated, during an intermission. Perfect order was maintained, and after the feast was over the Campfire was continued without the least delay or confusion.

Judge Veazey, of Rutland, who is a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, occupied the chair and presided with great dignity and ability. As he is a gifted, genial, witty presiding officer, the enthusiasm was not allowed to flag for a moment.

The W.R.C. were invited to attend the installation services of the G.A.R., and a delegation was sent to escort the ladies over and seat them on the platform.

Gen. Thomas, who is called "The Infant," of Vermont, because he is so jolly and young in heart and feeling, although he is over 80 years old, was designated to escort the National President. I deemed it a high honor to have as my escort such a grand old hero.

The railroad officials gave a free excursion to the Commander-in-Chief and the other visitors to Benington to visit the battle monument, a place near was assigned us, and C. C. Kinsman was untiring in his attentions for the comfort of all.

The institution is indeed a Home. There was an air of comfort in all the rooms. Refreshments were awaiting in the dining-room. After the luncheon, Gen. Alger, Judge Griffin and myself addressed the inmates of the Home briefly. As the men stood there, some of them leaning on their crutches—to take in the scene bearing the scars of battle and deep lines of suffering—every heart was touched, and as the speakers dwelt in fitting terms on the grand services they had rendered to their country and to the world, and on the glory that would follow, every face was wet with tears, and the visitors moved out with silent, solemn mien from the hall as though they were treading on holy ground.

The visitors were taken to the base of the huge granite shaft erected to the honor of the Vermont soldiers who fell in the recent civil war. It is massive and lofty, and is by far the grandest structure of the kind I have ever seen.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONVENTION.

At the earnest solicitation of the officers I attended the W.R.C. of New Hampshire. I was surprised and delighted to find so large a gathering and such a splendid-looking body of women together. A spirit of earnestness and an unselfish consecration to the work characterized the Convention. One of my able Aids—E. Florence Barker, of Malden, Mass.—met me at Manchester, and by her wise and timely words added largely to the interest of the Convention and to the Campfire, where she made an appropriate and effective speech.

General and Mrs. Alger visited the Convention. The speech of the Commander-in-Chief commending the work of the W.R.C. was received with enthusiasm. Mrs. Alger, who is a member of our Order, takes a deep interest in everthing connected with the W.R.C.

Every courtesy and attention that it was possible for the G.A.R. Encampment to show was extended to the W.R.C. Special seats were reserved for their delegates at the Campfire, and the warmest words of praise were uttered in regard to their work.

The Commander-in-Chief, after being welcomed by the Lieutenant Governor to the State, by the Mayor to the hospitality of the city of Manchester, and the Department Commander to the hearts of all true G.A.R., responded in a brief and clear speech. He was followed by others, among them Mrs. Barker and myself. We left with the conviction that the patriotism of New Hampshire is as solid as her granite hills.—Annie Wittenmyer, National President.

BANCROFT TESTIMONIAL.

The committee appointed by Ohio Convention to present a fitting testimonial to Mary E. Bancroft, Ohio's Centennial President, have discharged their duties to the highest satisfaction of all concerned. At a meeting at Wells Post Hall, Kate B. Sherwood, Past National President presiding, the exercises took place. Sarah M. E. Battels, Past Department President, Chairman of the Committee, made a most eloquent address, to which Mary E. Bancroft responded in her lovely manner. Cora Day Young, Past National Senior Vice-President; Ada F. Clark, Past Department Counselor; S. Allie Shuler, Past Department Senior Vice-President, all of the committee, and Elizabeth S. Herron, Department President, followed with happy congratulations. Col. Bancroft, Rev. Dr. Moore, Senator Alexander, Representatives Palmer and Putney, and Past Commander Wilder were among the speakers. The Apollo Quartet rendered choicest selections.

The testimonial selected is in the form of an exquisite black-and-white cameo medallion of Col. Carl N. Bancroft, Past Department Inspector, G.A.R., one of the Ohio comrades who, at Denver, pledged himself to the W.R.C., and who in every National and State Encampment ever since has stood for the noble Order. It is set in gold, studded with pearls, and is of the finest Tiffany manufacture. As Ohio is never extravagant in appropriations for testimonials, it may be whispered that the draft on the treasury will only be for a part of the expense, the difference having been made up by one who goes with her hand in her pocket, both to relieve soldier suffering and to honor those who have become famous in the same glorious work.

MRS. BATTELS'S PRESENTATION ADDRESS.

This is an age of Reunions. People have learned that the gathering together of those who possess common ties and interests, and the mingling of those interests and the interchange of thoughts, plans and sentiments, and the gilding of them with social pleasures, has widened and deepened human sympathies, and made our lives less selfish and more akin to that divine love and sympathy that overshadows us all. Now, we are not isolated creatures, but are made to feel by this spirit of reunion that we are a part of a large number whose aims, objects, aspirations and duties are the same. There are many thousand women in our land who have pledged themselves to perform a specific duty to those who bore the heat and burden of the "time that tried men's souls," and who won a victory over treason and gave to us a country without a master or a slave. To care for these, our heroes and defenders of home and country, and the widows and orphans of those "who sleep in their windowless palace of rest," has ever been a sacred duty and pleasure to you, as well as to aid suffering humanity everywhere.

Recognizing this devotion to our soldiers of the civil war, and the marked ability shown in caring for them, a branch of this great army of patriotic, grateful-hearted women, the Department of Ohio, W.R.C., called you to the chief executive office in its gift, and as its President you gave to us an administration so full of intelligence as to its requirements and the methods to bring the greatest good to all concerned, that the result was an administration so just and pure, so filled with kind and loving thoughtfulness, that a year of great prosperity was the portion of our Department.

While caring for the interests of this the banner Department of the W.R.C., you, from physical disability, were debarred from many of the social pleasures and duties that devolve upon the President of the Department; but when on the couch of pain, the interest of this great cause was ever in your thought, and in and from that place of intense suffering were written and sent the many white-winged messengers of peace, comfort, cheer and kindly advice that made your administration to be called one of love.

The Department recognizing this inestimable labor peformed in its behalf, have deemed it right and proper that some token of their appreciation of such distinguished services be prepared and presented to you. The members of this committee, distinguished in our Order for their devotion to its objects and their own excellent work, and closely connected with you in the past, as earnest co-workers, were, with myself, commissioned by Department Convention at Dayton, O., April, 1889, to perform this pleasant duty. The honor conferred on us by this appointment we appreciate beyond expression. We, as a committee, deemed no place so fitting as your home, among your lifetime friends, to bestow upon you the token of appreciation of duties well performed, and come to-night and bring to you the love and esteem of 10,000 loyal, true-hearted women of Ohio, and the high regard of the Grand Army of the Republic, who have ever recognized your devotion to the brave and true. There has been connected with you in your labors one who has ever been devoted to our cause, the Department of Ohio, W.R.C., being the recipient of many favors at his hands, and to whom all members of this committee are grateful for favors unnumbered; and we, desiring to show in this testimonial, in some way, that we are not unmindful of his valued services, and to make it still more precious to you, have combined with the Department of Ohio, W.R.C., in their gift, and have prepared this medallion of him, your husband.

Receive from us this token of their and our love; so great is it that we would have it encompass your life; would we could make this, its symbol, a talisman against every ill. It is a white stone marking a bright spot in your and our lives. May the pure gold of friendship and love be around you ever. Pearls, gems of the ocean, are said to be caused by rays of sunlight shining through tears, congealing them. In this they are emblematic of the loving words and deeds that you have sent as sunshine through the tears of sorrowing, troubled ones, whose lives have been made more bleak by your gentle ministrations. They are also emblematic of the gems of a crown that cometh to those who weary not in well doing.

The time may come when those dark tresses will be white with the snows that never melt and those hands and feet less quick to perform the behests of a mind and heart which, while life lasts and reason sits on her throne, will never cease to be interested in all work