THE GRAND ARMY.

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

THE ENCAMPMENT.

Preparations for the National Encampment.

BOSTON, July 21.

It is understood that President Harrison intends to visit the Encampment and incidentally to attend the dinner of the Mayors' Club on Aug. 12. The plan now is to go with Secretary Tracy, Postmaster-General Wanamaker and such others of the Cabinet as can leave Washington. The trip will be made in the Despatch, in company with the vessels of the North Atlantic Squadron. These plans may be given up on account of Executive duties, but it is believed now that the President will go.

It has been decided by the Secretary of the Navy to order the North Atlantic Squadron to Boston, to remain in the harbor during the meeting. This is in accordance with the request made by the Executive Committee last week.

The Committee on Parade has succeeded in convincing Gen. Alger that it will be best to permit the crippled veterans to ride in the procession. Of course the principal objection made was that the line would be too long if carriages were admitted. The committee has decided to have a division of carriages follow the Department of Massachusetts, and all disabled veterans will be invited to occupy them.

There will be three triumphal arches erected, and the contracts have been awarded. The arch in Washington street near Newton, will be 55 feet high and 80 feet from curb to curb, with an opening 50 feet wide and 25 feet high. The battle scene on the front will represent Pickett's charge, and on the reverse Sheridan's ride. The paintings will be 12 x 40 feet. The four panels will represent cavalry, infantry, artillery and the navy. The top of the arch will be trimmed with laurel, with a stand of colors at the apex, and the whole will be decorated with flags and bunting. In Washington street, near Hanover, the arch will extend from curb to curb, the light being in proportion. The paintings will consist of the Signal Corps in the act of flagging signals, and Grant reconnoitering on the North Anna, with possibly Sherman's march to the sea, and a scene representing Peace, with the army at rest, and a scroll, "Welcome, Grand Army of the Republic." At the entrance to the Public Gardens, opposite Commonwealth avenue, a pavilion arch will be erected, showing the equestrian statue of Washington through the opening. The fight between the Monitor and the Merrimac will adorn the front, the whole being tastefully trimmed with garlands, bunting, flags, etc.

The arrangements for quarters are progressing satisfactorily. Mechanics' Building, which will be named Camp Sheridan, will accommodate 7,000 comrades. Officers of the Order will be placed in command, and there will be a certain amount of military duty performed and military discipline enforced. A dining-room will be established within the building, where meals can be had at the rate of 25 cents. All the hotels are practically filled now, as they have been arranged with for the accommodation of the veterans. Besides these, there is a list of 3,000 available boarding-houses, each accommodating from two to 50 persons. Winslow's Rink and Murdoch Hospital also have been secured for the comrades' exclusive use.

The subscriptions to the fund are pouring in, and the members of the Financial Committee are in good spirits. A circular has been issued stating that the sum now amounts to $42,330, of which $9,820 make up the gifts. The committee also urges the business men and citizens generally of Boston to further evidence their goodwill and generosity, and endeavor as soon as possible to raise the required $100,000. The sum of $500 has been transferred to a committee of Plymouth G.A.R. men and citizens that is to have charge of the clam-bake to be given the visiting delegates in Plymouth.

As the preparations go on from day to day, and as order is being gradually established, the magnitude of this coming meeting begins to be appreciated. The decorations will be of the finest order, the parade will be the grandest and longest ever seen of its kind, and the streets of Boston will be filled with the largest concourse of people the city has ever known. The sub-committee having in charge the quartering of the Posts and individuals have up to the present time arranged for 18,000 persons. This is of course exclusive of those who come independently. The estimates of the officers in charge as to the total number of Grand Army people who will be in the city during the second week in August vary from 25,000 to 80,000. Taking 50,000 as a fair average of individuals of the G.A.R., this does not take into consideration the families of these members. Allowing an average of two persons to each member of the Order, there would be a representation of more than $150,000. A recent estimate by a member of the committee placed the number of outsiders at more than 50,000. Thus we should have, at a fair estimate, 200,000 people in Boston during the whole period of the meeting.—E. B. C.

BOSTON, July 22.

A Boston newspaper has succeeded in working up a big furore over voting a $1,000 sword to the most popular (?) veteran in the G.A.R. The leading popular hero in this great discriminating test of personal worth has more than 63,000 votes polled already, and the intention is to work up a perfect voting craze during Encampment week, and drag every section of the country into it. There are four vets now who have more than 20,000 votes each, and it is predicted that the winner must receive a full half million votes. The scheme of the newspaper publisher is transparent and sharp, and no one can be deluded as to the "popular" standing of the victorious hero. At wholesale, these votes cost $150 for 10,000, and one man has placed an order with the paper for 5,000 votes a day so long as the contest continues. It is conceded that if the Western visitors want one of their leading veterans to carry this sword home he is bound to do so. There is no likelihood that the one leading when this is written will take the prize. Genial and genuinely popular Col. "Ben" will come up splendidly in the fight, and if that bright ubiquitous "drummer boy of the 16th," Past Department Commander Walker, really wants that sword, his friends will rise up in a "numerous one" which will make the other troops panicky. To boil it into a sentence, the sword contest is going to introduce an unexpected excitement into Encampment week, provided the visiting veterans take it up.

One of the brightest propositions yet made in connection with the Encampment is that of getting the West Point Cadets to visit Boston and participate in the grand parade. They came to Boston once, but more than a generation ago, and the spectacle of the young cadets in line with the tried old veterans of the great war will prove one of the chief features of the pageant. There is a strong desire here to secure the attendance of the cadets.

The proposition to make Aug. 12 a universal holiday hereabouts is being urged and promises to succeed. This proposition is of importance to tens of thousands of people who want to enjoy the parade.

A curious ante-Encampment spectacle is the drilling of the various Posts. They are all in for it, and grizzled vets who registered solemn and profane vows never to do any more drilling are getting their toes out at an angle of 45 degrees and right dressing as of yore.—B.

Reunions and Headquarters.

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE headquarters will be at the Hotel Vendome, where the Editors will welcome all callers.

The Reunion Committee of the National Encampment earnestly desires the names of such organizations as have through local members or otherwise than by application to the committee, secured accommodations for their people. Titles of organizations, together with the names of presiding officer and Secretary, should be handed in prior to August 1. It is also desirable that military and naval organizations desiring to hold Reunions during Encampment week should at once notify the committee of that fact if they have not already done so. Notification should be addressed to J. Payson Bradley, Chairman Reunion Committee, No. 2A Beacon street, Boston, Mass.

Gen. Hiram Berdan's quarters will be at the Hotel Vendome, where he will be glad to see any of his old Sharpshooters.

A. B. Merrill, Bangor, Me.: The 7th Me. battery Reunion will be held Aug. 12, at 71 Kilby street, Boston. All members who have not done so must send in their personal sketches and pictures for the history to A. S. Twitchell, Gorham, N. H., before the meeting.

J. H. Barker, Secretary, 128 Maiden Lane, N. Y.: A special Reunion of the 5th N. Y. H. A. will be held at English High and Latin School House, Montgomery street, near Music Hall, Aug. 13, at 5 p. m. Headquarters of the regiment will be at Hotel Watterson, 8 Bullfinch street.

The 5th Mass. battery will hold their Reunion Aug. 12. Dinner at Young's Hotel at 8 p. m. Room 11 will be used for headquarters during the entire day and evening.

W. E. Richardson, Secretary, Boston: The Roanoke Association, Col. Edward H. Haskell, President, will hold a Reunion Aug. 13 at Union Hall, Boylston street, where headquarters will be established for the week.

The veterans of the 23d Mass. will establish headquarters, open from Monday to Thursday, in Wesleyan Hall, 36 Bromfield street. Business meeting and banquet Tuesday, Aug. 12, after the parade.

The 14th Me. will hold a Reunion at Union Veterans' Hall, Chelsea, Aug. 12 and 13. Tuesday the business meeting will take place at 5 p. m., followed by a banquet at 8 p. m.

The 58th Mass. will have headquarters at parlor F, Parker House. After the parade of Tuesday a banquet will be served in the Crystal Dining-room at 6 p. m.

Assignments of quarters have been made as follows:

Hunter Post, 63, Hodgden, Me., Mechanic's, 40.
Sargent Post, 92, Boothbay Harbor, Me., Mechanic's, 30.
Knox Post, 120, Lewiston, Me., Mechanic's, 25.
Tillson Post, 39, Thomaston, Me., Mechanic's, 40.
Hooker Post, 86, Montague, Me., Mechanic's, 15.
Gills Post, 157, East Boothbay, Me., Mechanic's, 20.
Hancock Post, 31, Westerly, R. I., Sherman House, 35.
Van Horn Post, 39, Milford, Conn., Mechanic's, 25.
Warren Post, 54, Putnam, Conn., Kneeland Hall.
Steinmer Post, 76, New Haven, Conn., Turnhalle, 25.
Bolton Post, 471, Lansingburg, N. Y., Mechanic's, 25.
Wade Post, 520, New York, N.Y., Mechanic's, 20.
Lenhart Post, 163, Tottenville, N. Y., Mechanic's, 20.
Reno Post, 44, New York, N. Y., Mechanic's, 155.
Lisle Post, 128, Allegheny, Pa., Palfrey's Cafe, Crescent Beach, 225.
Department Kentucky, Mechanic's, 150.
A. K. Taylor, Department Commander, Houston, Tex., Adams House.
Gen. J. N. Patterson, United States Treasury, Washington, D. C., 56 Magnolia street.
D. Eldredge, 36 Bromfield street, Boston: The 3d N. H. will have its headquarters at the above number.
Allen H. Dougall, Fort Wayne: The hall in the Christian Association Building, corner of Boylston and Berkeley streets, has been assigned as the headquarters of the Red Acorns. Reunion exercises will be held Aug. 13 at 10 o'clock a. m. The hall is nicely fitted up, and has a seating capacity of nearly a thousand.
J. E. Boyden, Secretary, Island Pond, Vt.: Co. G, 6th Vt. will reune on Boston Common, Aug. 11, at 6 o'clock, p. m., in company with the rest of the old brigade under Gen. L. A. Grant.

For Commander-in-Chief, etc.

Gettysburg Post, 191, of Boston, has indorsed Commander Harrison Hume for the position of Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. The Post will use all honorable means to secure his election.

John J. Fry, Glandorf, O., announces that Gen. A. V. Rice and Col. J. L. Long, both of Thomas Allen Post, 598, Glandorf, will each have a strong support for Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, DETROIT, MICH., July 19, 1890.

General Orders, No. 17.

I. The Commander-in-Chief hereby announces that the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic at its 24th annual National Encampment will take place at Boston on Tuesday, Aug. 12, 1890.

II. The Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief will be established at the Hotel Vendome on Commonwealth avenue at 9 a. m., at which hour all Departments will form in their designated positions, and the column will move at 10:30 a. m. over the following route: Commonwealth Ave. (south side) to Arlington street, thence via Boylston street, Huntington avenue, Dartmouth street, Columbus avenue, Westchester Park and Square (south side), Washington street, Hanover street, and dismissed corner Washington and Hanover streets.

III. The formation of the line will be in the Park on Commonwealth avenue, the right resting at the corner of West Chester Park (south side), and extending to Arlington street. Departments will take position in line in order of seniority of charter, and form in single-rank platoons of 12 files front, closed en masse. Detailed orders will be issued later from these Headquarters, giving exact position of each Department, which will be designated by flags.

IV. Department Commanders will at once report to these Headquarters the approximate number of men who will be present from their respective Departments.

V. Department Commanders and Staffs will be mounted if possible. Mounted Posts will parade with their own Departments, their places of rendezvous to be designated hereafter, but at places where they can "fall in" their proper places in the column.

VI. Organizations other than the G.A.R. will follow the G.A.R. in the following order: all Associations of Naval Veterans, Regimental and other Military Associations, Camps of Sons of Veterans.

VII. All Naval Associations will form on Newberry street, right resting on Arlington street, and extending south. Regimental and other Military Associations will form on the left of the Naval Associations. Sons of Veterans will form on Marlboro street, right resting on Arlington street, and extending south.

VIII. Carriages with crippled veterans will form on Beacon street, in double line near street curb, right resting on Arlington street, and extending south, and will move into position on the left of the column of the G.A.R.

IX. Each Department will parade as a division under command of its Department Commander. Naval Associations will parade as a division under a Commander to be designated by the Commander-in-Chief in later orders. Regimental and other Military Associations will parade as a division under similar orders. Sons of Veterans will form as a division under command of the ranking officer of their Order present. Column of crippled veterans in carriages will be in charge of an officer who will be designated by the Commander-in-Chief in later orders.

X. The Massachusetts Department, being the entertaining Department, will take position on the left of the column of the Departments of the G.A.R.

By order of R. A. ALGER, Commander-in-Chief.
GEO. H. HOPKINS, Adjutant-General.

General Orders, No. 18.

The 24th National Encampment will convene at Faneuil Hall, Boston, at 9 a. m. Wednesday, Aug. 13. After the morning session of that day, the other meetings of the Encampment will be held at Music Hall.

By order of R. A. ALGER, Commander-in-Chief.
GEO. H. HOPKINS, Adjutant-General.

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DETROIT, MICH.

Circular.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND RITUAL.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the National Encampment, June 18, 1879, the following proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations, which have been received to date are brought to the attention of the members of the 24th National Encampment, to be held at Boston, Mass., Aug. 13, 1890:

I. Presented by the Department of the Potomac.

Strike out the word "Northern" on line 22, page 37, of the Service Book, and insert in lieu thereof the word "National," so that as amended it will read * * * "whereby to-day our "National homes are secure," etc.

II. Presented by the Department of Kansas.

1. That Art. 4, Chapter 5, Rules and Regulations, be amended so as to provide for that class of comrades created by section three of said Article, to be known as "retired members."

2. That Sec. 3, of Art. 4, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. Any member of a Post who is six months in arrears in the payment of his dues shall be notified thereof in writing by the Post Quartermaster, and if the same are not paid within two months thereafter he may be suspended from all privileges of membership by vote of the Post, and be then so reported in the quarterly reports to Department Headquarters until such dues are paid. While so suspended the Post shall not be subject to the per capita tax of such member, and he shall not be counted in the representation of the Post in the Encampments of the Department, nor of the Department in the National Encampment."

3. That the following be adopted as a part of Article 4, of Chapter 5, Rules and Regulations:

"4. That hereafter when any comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic shall become unable to pay his annual dues to his Post, and shall ask to have the same remitted, he may be placed upon the retired list of said Post by a majority vote of those present.

"5. The retired list shall include all members who voluntarily ask to have their dues remitted because of their inability to pay the same; and all such comrades shall have and retain all the rights and privileges accorded to other members of the order.

"6. Whenever a comrade is in arrears for dues for six months, he shall be so reported by the Post Quartermaster, and shall be notified by printed or written notice, and shall have 60 days thereafter in which to pay said dues before he shall be considered as eligible to be placed on the retired list, or suspended under provisions of Section 3, Art. 4, Chapter 5, Rules and Regulations, as the Post may elect.

"7. Before any comrade may be placed on the retired list, as provided in Section 4 of this Article, he shall make application in person by letter or through a comrade of the Post in good standing, stating that he is unable to pay his dues.

"8. Whenever a comrade desires to be transferred from the retired to active membership in the Post, he will be so transferred upon payment of dues for six months in advance, and the Quartermaster shall so report him to the Post, and inform the Adjutant that such comrade has been reinstated.

"9. The Adjutant and Quartermaster shall keep a roster of all comrades on the retired list separate from those on the active list, and all transfers from the retired list shall be made by majority vote of the members present and voting at any regular meeting.

"10. Returns and reports to the Assistant Adjutant-General, and the Assistant Quartermaster-General, shall include the enumeration of each class separately, and the Post shall pay per capita tax to the Department and the Department to the National Encampment only upon the active membership as shown by such reports.

"11. Members of the retired list shall be entitled to the Post and National countersign, and may be transferred or discharged, the same as active members, and when transferred or discharged, or when a traveling card is issued, the following shall be written on the margin thereof, 'Retired.'

"12. The Commander-in-Chief shall, within 30 days after the adoption of these amendments, issue a General Order containing a full text thereof; and he shall also issue an amnesty order declaring all members of the Grand Army of the Republic heretofore suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, to be eligible to re-instatement upon the retired list of the Post of which they were members when so suspended or dropped by making formal applications for that purpose; provided, that no suspended or dropped members shall be reinstated to the active list of his former or any other Post, except as provided in Section 13; and provided further, that reinstatement to the active list shall be by ballot the same as for a recruit."

"13. Whenever a dropped or suspended member of any Post has removed to another locality or Department, or in case the Post of which he was a member when dropped or suspended has ceased to exist, he may become a member of the retired list of any other Post, upon satisfactory proof that no charges were pending against him in his former Post, and that his Post has ceased to exist; provided, that in all such cases a sum not less than the regular fee shall accompany the application.

"14. That Section 4 of Art. 5 be amended so as to read: 'Section 14. If a member of a Post shall be one year in arrears for dues, he shall be notified thereof in writing by the Post Quartermaster, and on failure for two months thereafter to pay such dues, he may, by vote of the Post, be dropped from the rolls unless relieved from such payment, as provided in Section 4 of this article, and can be reinstated to membership on the retired list as provided in Section 6, and from that to the active list as provided in Section 8 of this Article.'"

III. The Department of Kansas at their last annual Encampment adopted a resolution, recommending that Post Surgeons who are physicians be admitted to a seat and a vote at Department Encampments, and that Medical Directors be admitted to seats in the National Encampment.

IV. Presented by the Department of Georgia.

1. "*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of the Comrades of the Department of Georgia, the changes made in the Ritual by the Committee, which reported at the National Encampment of 1888, were, in many instances, for the worse, and that much of the beauty and impressiveness of the previous ceremony, particularly in the charge, have been taken away and nothing added.

2. "*Resolved*, That the National Encampment be requested at its next meeting to appoint a new Committee on Ritual, who shall endeavor from the old and new Rituals to devise a still newer one, which shall meet with more general approval.

V. Presented by the Department of Illinois.

In Sec. 5, Art. 2, Chap. 2, of Rules and Regulations, there is a clause which reads as follows: "He shall not be eligible to membership in any other Post without consent, by a two-thirds vote, of the Post rejecting him." A proposition is hereby respectfully submitted to amend said clause by striking out the words "not" and "by a two-thirds vote," also the word "rejecting," substituting in lieu thereof the words "which rejected," and when so amended, said clause to read as follows: "He shall be eligible to membership in any other Post, without the consent of the Post which rejected him."

VI. Presented by the Department of Massachusetts.

1. *Resolved*, That the Delegates and Representatives from this Department to the next National Encampment be, and they are hereby, instructed to vote to eliminate Par. 3, Sec. 1, Art. II, Chap. IV, of the Rules and Regulations, and that hereafter no comrade shall have voice nor vote in the National Encampment without corresponding responsibility to the Department in which he holds membership.

2. *Resolved*, The ritual of the G.A.R. be restored as it was before the last amendments.

VII. Presented by the Department of Minnesota.

1. In Article 8, Chap. 3, prefix the words "ex-officio members of the Department Encampment" cannot be represented by proxies, but any elected representative of a Post may, in the absence of alternate, be represented in such Encampment by proxy in the hands of any representative of his Post who is present."

VIII. Presented by Past Commander-in-Chief Robert A. Beath.

1. To amend Sec. 1, Art. 7, Chap. 2, by adding after the title "Q. M. Sergeant"; in second paragraph, "and may remove the officers so appointed at his pleasure."

2. To amend Sec. 3, Art. VI, Chap. 5, by striking out all after the words "their respective jurisdictions" and insert "*Provided*, That Department officers designated in Sec. 2, Art. IV, Chap. 3, other than the Commander, shall only be tried by courts ordered by the Department Commander or Commander-in-Chief, and the Department Commander and the National officers designated in Sec. 2, Art. IV, Cahp. IV, other than the Commander-in-Chief, shall only be tried by courts ordered by the Commander-in-Chief."

IX. Presented by the Department of Illinois.

Amend Sec. 5, Art. II, Chap. II, to read as follows: "Sec. 5. If an applicant be rejected, his admission fee shall be returned, and he shall not be eligible to admission to the Grand Army of the Republic until six months after such rejection. A second and all subsequent applications shall be in the same form and subject to the same conditions as the first.

X. From the Department of New York.

A request that the present Ritual be changed to the form as it existed prior to Jan. 1, 1889.

GEO. H. HOPKINS, *Adjutant-General.*

What the Records Show.

Following is a statement showing the number of Posts and the number of members in good standing for the quarter ending March 31, 1890, with the exception of the Department of New Mexico. (No report has yet been received from that Department for that quarter, and the figures given are those of the quarter ending December 31.) The loss in membership for the first quarter of this year is 4,165. Total amount expended for charity for the year ending March 31, 1890, is $221,035.59.

Department.	No. of Posts.	Members.
Alabama	12	277
Arizona	8	308
Arkansas	66	1,749
California	114	6,173
Colorado and Wyoming	76	2,870
Connecticut	84	6,740
Delaware	20	1,166
Florida	18	385
Georgia	9	388
Idaho	17	446
Illinois	590	32,315
Indiana	515	25,613
Iowa	429	20,381
Kansas	489	18,445
Kentucky	146	5,528
Louisiana and Mississippi	17	1,198
Maine	155	9,351
Maryland	42	2,200
Massachusetts	199	21,742
Michigan	396	20,731
Minnesota	178	7,237
Missouri	423	19,725
Montana	19	671
Nebraska	279	7,666
New Hampshire	90	4,975
New Jersey	113	7,759
New Mexico (Dec. 31, '89)	10	331
New York	638	38,985
North Dakota	20	738
Ohio	712	46,672
Oregon	49	1,666
Pennsylvania	595	44,613
Potomac	13	3,047
Rhode Island	21	2,722
South Dakota	14	394
Tennessee	71	3,171
Texas	42	813
Utah	2	138
Vermont	103	5,164
Virginia	87	1,215
Washington and Alaska	52	1,894
West Virginia	93	2,998
Wisconsin	264	13,781
	7,264	393,809

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

[The Assistant Adjutants-General of the different Departments are respectfully requested to forward a copy of the Department rosters for 1890 to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.]

CALIFORNIA.—

The roster of this Department for 1890 shows there are 119 Posts within its limits. This is a slight reduction over the roster of 1889, due to the fact that the Department of Arizona is a separate Department of our Grand Army family, and the Posts in that Territory were in the Department of California. The roster shows the formation of Posts from 149 to 155; also that Post Marion has number 155. Comrade A. T. Buckles, of Fairfield, is the Department Commander, who has Comrade T. C. Masteller for his Assistant Adjutant-General.

CONNECTICUT.—

The roster of the "Nutmeg State" for 1890 shows there are 69 Posts in existence, being an increase of two ever the roster of 1889. The field is well garnered in this Department, and there are but few who are eligible for membership who have not connected themselves in active fellowship. We have received the rosters of all but eight of the Posts in this Department, and believe we will receive these also. Comrade John C. Broatch is Department Commander, who has retained the services of Comrade John H. Thatcher as his Assistant Adjutant-General. The Headquarters of the Department is at Middletown, Conn.

GULF.—

The trouble between the white and colored Posts of this Department has at last culminated in an order from the Commander-in-Chief for a court-martial to try Capt. Jacob Gray, Past Department Commander, on several charges preferred by Jos. A. Mower Post, No. 1, and two members of the Commander-in-Chief's Staff, recently sent to New Orleans to investigate the status of the rival Posts. The court will be presided over by Gen. A. S. Badger, with Col. Frederick Spead as Judge-Advocate, and will meet July 24.

IDAHO.—

The roster of the Department of Idaho for 1890, the "Baby State," shows the existence of 18 live and energetic Posts, speeding the doctrine of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. As this distant Department is within the limits of the Territory so recently invested with Statehood, we think the general rejoicing will result in a still further increase in Posts and membership. Comrades, see to it that every worthy ex-Union soldier and sailor is enrolled under our banner. Comrade W. T Riley, of Hailey, is Department Commander, and Comrade T. E. Picotte is his Assistant Adjutant-General. The headquarters of the Department is at Hailey, Idaho.

ILLINOIS.—

The roster of this Department for 1890 is not yet printed for distribution. We have received the roll of members of the 24th annual Encampment, which was held at Quincy, Ill., March 12, 1890, from which we gather that at that date there were 584 Posts in the Department, which is an increase of 21 over the roster of 1889. This is one of our banner Departments, and with the exception of the Department of Ohio and New York, contains more Posts than any other Department in our family. The baby Post bears the high number of 692, and is located at Aid. At this time we have no doubt enough additional Posts have been formed to carry the numbers over 700. As soon as we receive the printed roster we will give the names of Department Commander and his Assistant Adjutant-General.

It has been decided by the comrades of this Department to erect a grand Memorial Hall at Decatur. It will be dedicated April 6, 1891, the 25th anniversary of the organization of the first Post in the Department, and is to cost $100,000. The Soliciting Committee is composed of the leading business men of Decatur and the prominent members of the Department. It is the intention to have every Post of the G.A.R. in the United States assist in the building of this great memorial hall.

KANSAS.—

At a meeting of Havensville Post, 144, resolutions were adopted expressing the keen appreciation of the comrades at the efforts of Senator John J. Ingalls and Representative E. N. Morrill in behalf of the veterans.

MARYLAND.—

We have received the roster of this Department for 1890, which shows 46 Posts, an increase of three over the number shown by the roster of 1889. Comrade Geo. R. Graham, of Dushane Post, No. 3, is the Department Commander, who has retained the valuable services of Comrade Hugh A. Maughlin as his Assistant Adjutant-General. The headquarters of the Department is located at 305 Second street, Baltimore, Md., where comrades are always welcome.

MASSACHUSETTS.—

The roster of this Department for 1890 shows 199 Posts. The peculiarity of the Department in its family of Posts is noticed that they run in consecutive numbers from 1 to 199 inclusive, not a single Post omitted, and every number representing a live Post. One Post has a membership of over 1,000, one over 600, one over 500, three over 400, six over 300, 13 over 200, and 42 over 100. Comrade George H. Innis, of Boston, is the Department Commander, who has for his Assistant Adjutant-General Comrade Alfred C. Monroe.

MICHIGAN.—

The roster of this Department for 1890 shows it contains 390 Posts, which is an increase of 13 over the number shown in the roster for 1889. The policy in this Department in numbering the Posts seems to be to give to new Posts the numbers that belonged to Posts that have disbanded. The comrades are alive in the work of the G.A.R., and being the home of our beloved Commander-in-Chief, they take special pride in that fact, hence the magnificent showing. Comrade Henry M. Duffield, of Detroit, is the Department Commander, who has Comrade Wm. P. Sumner, of Post 17, for his able Assistant Adjutant-General. The headquarters are located at Detroit, Mich.

U. S. Grant Post, 67, of Bay City, has passed resolutions protesting against and condemning the opinions of Bishop Potter, of New York, as to the character of the volunteers of 1861, and upon pension legislation, as expressed in a recent address.

MISSOURI.—

The roster of this Department for 1890 shows that the officers of the Department have been very busy during the past year, as there are now 423 Posts, being an increase of 41 since the roster for 1889 was issued. This is a growing and flourishing Department, containing a large number of ex-Union soldiers and sailors. As the ranks are being thinned, those who have not heretofore gathered under our banner are coming in. Comrade Leo Rassieur, of St. Louis, Mo., is the Department Commander, and he very wisely continues in office the very efficient Assistant Adjutant-General of last year, Comrade Thomas B. Rodgers. The headquarters are in the Granite Building, Fourth and Market streets, St. Louis.

NEW JERSEY.—

Ulric Dahlgren Post, 25, Elizabeth, recently presented an Instructione flag to the Orphan Asylum. The ceremonies were witnessed by several hundred persons. The exercises by the children, including a flag drill, were varied and entertaining. The presentation was made on behalf of the Post by Rev. W. H. Shermer, and Rev. E. C. Cobb responded for the managers and children of the institution.

NEW MEXICO.—

The roster of this Department for 1890 shows the same number of Posts (12) as shown by the roster for 1889. The number of the "boys in blue" who settled in this Territory after they were changed from soldiers to citizens is comparatively small, but those who settled here were true and brave defenders of the flag under whose folds they had won victory. As Grand Army men they are equally true and vigilant, and in these 12 Posts are gathered as trusty comrades as can be found anywhere. The Department is presided over by Comrade A. M. Whitcomb, of Albuquerque, who has for his Assistant Adjutant-General Comrade W. A. Rankin. The headquarters are at Albuquerque.

OHIO.—

This is the banner Department of the G.A.R. The roll of the 24th Encampment, which met at Cincinnati, April 29, 30 and May 1, 1890, shows it contains 712 Posts, numbered from 1 to 712 consecutively. We have not yet seen the printed roster of the Department for 1890, but hope to receive it as soon as it is issued. The roll shows a gratifying increase in the number of Posts as set forth in the roster of 1889. The Department has a live and energetic Commander in the person of Comrade Dowling, and we will expect great results from his administration.

Officers of the following Post are:

Henry McCarthy, 307, Fayetteville—Com., John N. Evans; S. V. C., Geo. McMahan; J. V. C., Thos. Sroufe; O. D., R. H. Newkirk; O. G., John Keily; Surg., Thos. Thompson; Chap., John Apgear; Adj't, Michael Stanton.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

Gen. E. D. Baker Post, 8, will take, it is stated, 200 men to Boston. The Frankenfield Band has been engaged. The Post, in addition to the handsome stand of colors, National, State and Grand Army flags, will carry a naval flag—the Union Jack—which has been ordered especially for the occasion. The Post, with its Cadet Corps, will make one of the finest displays in the parade it has ever made.

Gen. U. S. Grant Post made a trip on the steamer Republic, one day last week, with the view of raising funds to defray the expenses of the band which will accompany the Post to Boston.

The arrangements for the Naval Reunion at Boston, in connection with the National Encampment, indicate that the committee expects 20,000 blue jackets to meet there. This will be the largest gathering of the survivors of the Union naval veterans that has taken place since the war. Philadelphia's Naval Post, No. 400, its Farragut Association, the first Naval Veterans' organization, and the Naval Veteran Legion, a new but prosperous society, will reflect credit upon Philadelphia by their fine appearance.

Capt. Philip R. Schuyler Post, 51, has engaged a band of 30 pieces for the parade in Boston. The Post will leave by train, Aug. 10. The whole number of excursionists, including ladies and citizens, will, it is believed, reach 150.

Zook Post, 41, Norristown, will take the Post Drum Corps of 22 pieces; 115 names are enrolled. In addition to these there will accompany the Post, comrades of Post 79, Conshohocken; those of 101, Hatboro; 45, Phoenixville; 106, Pottstown; 290, Lansdale, and 515, Schwenksville. The party will probably number 250 persons.

Post 41, Pittsburg, will be accompanied by the ladies of Ripley Circle, Ladies of the G.A.R., in all 150 persons.

Capt. Walter S. Newhall Post, 7, of Philadelphia, while in Boston will be the guests of Post No. 57, Cambridge, Mass.

Gen. George G. Meade Post, 1, is having a fine, artistic bronze medal badge struck off as a souvenir of the Boston excursion. The face is a remarkably good likeness of the General, and the badge will be worn by the comrades who join the Post on the excursion.

Col. J. W. Moore Post, 56, West Philadelphia, was presented on Friday evening with a Grand Army record book by a number of citizens. Past Department Commander Thomas J. Stewart made the presentation speech.

Although it is yet six months before the Department Encampment convenes at Altoona, a number of comrades of the Grand Army are already named for positions of honor. According to the present appearances there will be a larger number of candidates for Department Commander than has been the case for many years. Among them are Comrade W. L. Schroeder, of George H. Thomas Post, 84, Lancaster, and ex-Congressman Charles M. Brumm, of Schuylkill. Dr. S. M. Trinkle, a Past Commander of Gen. E. D. Baker Post, No. 8, of this city, is also named in that connection. Comrade William E. Miles, M. D., also of Post 8, will be a candidate for Medical Director of the Department.

Gen. Winfield Scott Post, 114, of this city, has tendered an invitation to Admiral Dupont Post, 2, Wilmington, Del., to pay a fraternal visit to the Post's muster some evening next Fall.

Capt. Walter S. Newhall Post, 7, will be presented with a costly stand of colors, in the First Presbyterian church, on East Girard avenue, next Friday evening.

Gen. D. B. Birney Post, 63, will celebrate the 16th anniversary of its organization by a picnic and Campfire in Rising Sun Park, Thursday afternoon and evening, Aug. 21.

The new Assistant Adjutant-General, Comrade Samuel P. Town, accompanied by Assistant Quartermaster-General, H. G. Williams and Chaplain John W. Sayers paid an official visit to Gen. D. B. Birney Post, No. 63, on Wednesday evening. It was the first visit paid to any Post by the Department's new Executive officer.

This is also one of the banner Departments in our grand family. The roster for 1890 shows it contains 596 Posts, which is a gratifying increase over the number shown by the roster of 1889. This is the only Department of large size which shows upon its roster every Post from No. 1 to the baby, No. 596. There is one Post in this Department that is located in Winnipeg, Canada. This is a long distance at which to locate one of its children, and we cannot say why it is attached to the Department of Pennsylvania instead of the Department of Minnesota, on the borders of which Manitoba is situated. We wish our comrades of Post 592 success and prosperity, and congratulate the Department of Pennsylvania upon the establishment of a Post in the country from whence comes all our very cold weather. A little at this time would be quite acceptable. The Department Commander is Comrade J. F. Denniston, Post 117, Pittsburg, who has for his Assistant Adjutant-General, James McCormick, of Post No. 5, Philadelphia. The Headquarters are at North East corner of 10th and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, Pa.; entrance No. 30, South Tenth St.

VERMONT.—

The roster of this Department for the year 1890 shows it contains 103 Posts, which is an increase over the number shown by the roster of 1889. This roster shows the existence of every Post from 1 to 103, not one being missed from the family circle. Comrade Z. M. Mansur, of Island Pond, is the Department Commander, who has for his "right hand" Comrade A. H. Hall, of Island Pond, as the Assistant Adjutant-General. The headquarters of the Department are at Island Pond, Vt.

Scrofulous humors, hives, pimples, and boils are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. Sold by druggists.

RELIEF CORPS NEWS.

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

MRS. ANNIE WITTENMYER, National President.
MRS. ABBIE LYNCH, National Secretary.

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.

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.

NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Program of the Week.

1883—1890.

HEADQUARTERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, (AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,) 657 WASHINGTON STREET, ROOM 17. BOSTON.

The Woman's Relief Corps, as the recognized auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, holds its annual sessions during Encampment week in the city and on the date selected by the G.A.R.

The eighth National Convention W.R.C. will assemble in Boston, August next, when delegates representing a membership of over 90,000 will be in attendance from 30 States of the Union, and detached Corps from States where there are no Departments.

Arrangements for the week, as far as completed, are hereby announced.

Members of the Committee on Information (designated by badges) will be at depots and prominent hotels on Monday and Tuesday, August 11 and 12, to furnish strangers arriving in the city with information desired.

Through the courtesy of the National Encampment G.A.R. Committee, a grand stand will be erected in Copley Square for members of the W. R. C., who will be admitted by tickets, to view the procession Tuesday a. m., and on that evening the Woman's Relief Corps will unite with the Grand Army of the Republic in a reception at Mechanics Building, Huntington avenue.

The sessions of the Convention will open in Tremont Temple (Tremont street), Tuesday, August 12, at 10 o'clock a. m., when the delegates will be assigned to seats designated by the banners of their respective Departments. All other members of the order desiring to visit the convention and listen to proceedings, will be admitted to the galleries.

A lunch will be served the delegates Wednesday and Thursday noon, in the Meionaon, Tremont Temple Building.

The badge of the Order will admit members to the Grand Army Campfire, in Mechanics Hall, Wednesday evening.

The delegates will be the guests of the G.A.R. on Friday, Aug. 15, in an exc