

THE GRAND ARMY. What is Being Done by the Veterans for the Good of the Order.

HEADQUARTERS MATTERS. An Ovation to the New Commander-in-Chief.

A rousing reception was tendered Commander-in-Chief John G. B. Adams, of the Grand Army, upon his return home at Lynn. He was received at the depot by Past Commanders Heit and Parker, of Gen. Lander Post 5, the largest Post in the State, of which Capt. Adams is a member, and was escorted to Post 5, Headquarters Hall, by 700 veterans of Post 5 and Posts of neighboring cities and towns.

John W. Berry, Commander-in-Chief Adams's appearance brought out deafening applause, that continued for several minutes. He thanked Post 5 and the citizens for his hearty reception with tears in his eyes. In the course of his brief speech he said: "It is a great thing to take up the work of men like Logan and Evans, to command an army that has numbered in its ranks Grant and Sheridan and Sherman, yet God helping me with your aid I will be true to my trust and advance still further the standard of the Grand Army. Stand by me as you have stood by me since you took the obligation at your altar 27 years ago, and I promise you you will never be sorry for having conferred this honor upon me."

Gen. Weissert's Return. Gen. A. G. Weissert, Past Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R., arrived home from the National Encampment, after a stop at the World's Fair. "The Indianapolis Encampment was in every way a success," he said. "It was a bigger gathering, if anything, than that held here in Milwaukee in 1889. Of course, the financial situation kept the attendance down somewhat, but there was a big crowd nevertheless. The election of Capt. Adams was most harmonious, and business was so well dispatched that we were able to proceed to the election of a Commander-in-Chief during the first session. There was not the least hitch over the selection. Gen. Hurst's withdrawal being frank and sincere, and offered in an entirely good-natured spirit. There was never a more harmonious, enthusiastic, and energetic Encampment."

Preserving the Order. A Comrade Thinks that the Sons of Veterans Should Be Admitted as Members. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Nearly if not all our Posts located in the rural districts feel the effects of the radical ravages of death. In many localities our lines are shortening very fast. There are so many vacant chairs, and among the comrades still left there are so many, on account of disability and distance from Post-hall, unable to attend our meetings. I care not how much energy is brought into action by the few who are best with physical ability to attend Post meetings, it is only a matter of a short time ere many very many of our comrades will be surrendered, and we die to the noble Order. No matter how much we love to assemble together in the Post-room, or how much love, fraternity, cheerfulness, and loyalty we possess, the inevitable is near at hand.

In your correspondent's Post—Capt. Geo. Stow Post, 274—we feel that some action should be taken, if possible, to evade the otherwise inevitable disaster that is threatening our comrades as full of energy, some traveling from three to 14 miles to our hall, and yet we often find, in bad weather, scarcely a quorum. Our correspondents are not to be blamed for attending the meetings, and although unable to do but little manual labor, yet having the privilege of riding, we can say we have missed only two of our meetings in the past three years. Others of our Post can truthfully claim the same; therefore we do not propose to acknowledge that we are destitute of energy in Grand Army work. But let us come up closer to the subject.

Would it not be an advantage, as well as agreeable, to admit our sons into our ranks as full-fledged Grand Army boys? Place our badge upon their loyal breasts with such variation in design as to admit of their being distinguished from their fathers. We firmly believe this to be the only successful way to hold our rural Posts together; we believe this to be the best way to teach the principles of patriotic devotion to country to our young men, and to give them the opportunity to venerate the defenders of the Grand Army and Stripes. It is said somewhere in that old book that they who would have friends must show themselves friendly.

Comrades, is not the time here, even at our doors, that we need friends? Let us not overestimate our strength, but let us gather into one solid compact with us our own blood and bone, and our own sons. G. B. ALBARTON, Co. G, 83d Pa., West Hickory, Pa.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

CALIFORNIA.—Gen. H. Thomas Post, 2, of San Francisco, have, as they believe, the only plot set aside to it by the National Government in a National Cemetery for a Post in the United States. Gen. H. Thomas Post ordered the following Post funds entirely, the only monument to its dead and that there is on the coast. Monuments like this are usually paid for by towns or city corporations or associations, or by the public, which in this case means the Post. The Post has in its relief fund about \$7,600, besides its general fund and Post office, which are as handsome as any in the country. The Post charges \$25 for membership, either by muster or transfer, and has a membership of 546.

INDIANA.—The following Posts have been reorganized: Post 383, No. 383, 256, Birdseye; 526, Rosedale, and 407, Montezuma. The following new Posts have been organized: Post 570, as Col. Snodgrass, Crothersville, by Thos. Bard; by H. E. Meyer, Marion Soldiers' Home, by H. E. Meyer.

IOWA.—James B. Sample Post, at a recent meeting unanimously resolved that "we heartily agree with and endorse the plan THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE proposed to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior and the Honorable Commissioner of Pensions, to take 2,000 pension cards in consecutive order from the rolls, and have a thorough investigation of the same inaugurated; that we on our part demand such an investigation, feeling thoroughly satisfied that the result of the same will quiet forever the hue and cry of the soldier-baiters."

KENTUCKY.—At a recent meeting of Crittenden Post, 31, Marion, it was unanimously resolved that we endorse the pension laws as ruled and rendered by Hon. Green B. Raum, ex-Commissioner of Pensions, but we do condemn as unjust and improper the course of the Post Department Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Pensions."

MAINE.—Nearly a year ago 17 boys in blue living near Wayne organized a Post. As it was the last Post formed in Maine it was called "Baby Post." The name it bears on the roster is Lewis H. King Post, 167. Surely a Post must have an elderly man for its commander. The family of the number 21 formed a Corps which was instituted the first of this year. Soon after organizing we gave an entertainment, realizing over \$100.00. The family of the number 21 formed a Corps which was instituted the first of this year. Soon after organizing we gave an entertainment, realizing over \$100.00.

The Grand Army Memorial Hall, built by Charles Kaiser Post, Waldoboro, was dedicated recently, the exercises taking place before a large gathering of veterans. The exercises were in charge of Past Department Commander S. L. Miller. Addresses were given by Herbert M. Lord and Gen. Ellis Spier, of Washington, D. C. The new building is a fine

SONS OF VETERANS. News from the Various Divisions, Elections of Officers, etc.

[THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE desires copies of Camp and Division rosters, not for publication, but for reference, and brief letters concerning the special duties of the Sons of Veterans, and as far as possible after the event to which it relates, to secure insertion.]

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN. General Orders, S. Issued by the Commander-in-Chief.

LEADQUARTERS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., ROOMS 129-133, AMERICAN HOUSE, Boston, Mass., Aug. 28, 1893.

Having been duly elected and installed Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year I hereby assume command and establish Headquarters at Rooms 129-133, American House, Boston, Mass.

The following staff officers of the Commandery-in-Chief have been appointed and installed, and will be respected and obeyed accordingly: Adj.-Gen., Charles K. Darling, Boston, Mass.; Hon. Sec., J. W. & J. C. Darling, Boston, Mass.; Judge-Advocate Gen., W. H. Russell, Rosh Center, Kan.; Surg.-Gen., J. A. Averick, Covington, Ky.; Chaplain-in-Chief, E. Weldon Young, Salem, Mass.

Lieut.-Col. Daniel F. Goulding, of Somerville, Mass., is hereby detailed as personal Aid to the Commander-in-Chief, and to that end will be respected and obeyed accordingly. Careful perusal of the appended consolidated report for the quarter ending June 30, 1893, will show an appalling loss in membership, almost unparalleled in the history of our Order. While from a constitutional standpoint this is a loss, yet it must not be regarded as absolute and total, simply because if sundry Camp and Division officers had only performed the duty they obligated themselves to do, the figures of 19,329 members would not have been printed at this time. Negligence is the prime cause of so many suspensions, and it is hoped that in the next report a large number of reinstatements will be announced. In this connection all Division and Camp Commanders are earnestly urged to put forth every possible effort to stop the large number of suspensions. Quartermaster-Sergeants can and should be instructed to personally call on all members of their Division, and in a spirit of friendship, charity and loyalty appeal to each and every brother about to be suspended, to retain his membership. Of course it means a hard word, but that is precisely what officers are selected for. Camp Commanders should also exercise a careful scrutiny of all applicants. Secure only the best. Quality is preferable to quantity; for the former you can do much, while the latter is a large but poor quantity you can do absolutely nothing.

The Commander-in-Chief at this time desires to call the attention of the Order to the diversity of uniforms worn by the Sons of Veterans, and Regulations explicitly set forth just what should be worn. Shoulder knots and straps are not permitted, and such officers of Divisions and Camps as are wearing them are doing so in violation of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and are hereby ordered to remove them.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1893.

Table with columns: Division, Number of Camps, Number of Members, Gain, Total loss, Number in good standing. Lists divisions from Alabama and Tennessee to Wisconsin.

Number in good standing at last report, 17,933 Camps, 47,216 members; transferred, 215 members; 54 Camps, 5,284 members; transfer, 215 members; reinstatement, 85 Camps, 2,185 members; total gain, 139 Camps, 6,225 members; aggregate, 1,932 Camps and 53,441 members. Loss: by disbandment, 42 Camps, 37 members; death, 54 members; honorable discharge, 152 members; transfer, 176 members; suspension, 383 Camps, 10,559 members; total loss, 406 Camps and 11,345 members. Net gain, 93 Camps and 42,096 members. Dropped, previously reported as suspended, 440 members; number mustered during quarter on which no per capita tax is due, 54 Camps, 1,227 members; amount received for per capita tax, \$1,737.35; cash on hand at Division Headquarters, \$3,628.57; cash on hand in Camps, \$48,572.98; expended in charity, as per Quartermaster-Sergeants' reports, \$1,200.00; number of members, their families relieved, 129; number of veterans or their families relieved, 40.

By vote of the Commandery the Sons of Veterans Guards are severed from the Commandery-in-Chief as to authority and financial support, but are to receive full recognition and encouragement so long as they insist that the Sons of Veterans be not in the least prejudiced in their respective Camps. It was further recommended that all armed Camps join the Guards. It will be noted that this organization is deprived of most of its privileges, but is simply made more independent and given the best possible opportunity to work out its own future.

Applications for Camp charters have been received and approved in the following order: Camp 118, Chetopa, Kansas, 16 applicants; 7, Pennville, Missouri, 24; 31, Hay Springs, Nebraska, 19; 74, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, 19; 42, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, 43; 15, Tyndall, South Dakota, 16; 5, Queen West, Virginia, 22. Total number applications approved, 77; total number of applicants, 149.

By command of JOSEPH B. MACCABE, Commander-in-Chief. Official: CHAS. C. DARLING, Adjutant-General.

ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE.

The report of the Adjutant for the quarter ending June 30 shows: Number in good standing at date of last report, 30 Camps, 435 members; gained by organization and muster, 27 members; transfer, 4 members; reinstatement, 3 Camps, 11 members; aggregate, 33 Camps and 513 members. Loss: honorable discharge, 4 members; transfer, 5 members; suspension, 2 Camps, 10 members; total loss, 2 Camps and 10 members. Number in good standing at date, 31 Camps and 493 members.

INDIANA.

Gen. John C. Fremont Camp, 149, Indianapolis, has been reorganized. For some time previous it had been gradually but nevertheless surely losing the prestige of high standing and at the same time losing its credit. Poor business management, utter lack of discipline, uncertain attendance of some of the staff and most of the members have combined with a result that looks dubious for much longer life of the Camp. The few remaining members, realizing that without a competent leader the organization few could be maintained of such an existence, resolved some weeks ago to utilize a constitutional privilege and declare the office of Captain vacant by Art. VII, Sec. 4, Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Due notice had been given, and in the meantime a paper was circulated as to who should be called to the chair. Past Captain R. E. Zinn was the

WASHINGTON, D. C., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1893.

members; suspension, 6 Camps, 215 members; dropped, 9 members; total loss, 6 Camps, 232 members. Number in good standing, 40 Camps, 1,211 members. Lieut. N. C. Cheney Camp, 82, Lunenburg, has surrendered his charter.

THE CAPITOL CELEBRATION.

Centennial Observance of the Laying of the Corner-Stone of the Great Capitol Building. It was just a hundred years ago on Monday last when, according to our historians, the Father of his Country, then President of the United States, crossed the Potomac into Maryland (meaning the miles square located by Maryland and Virginia for the site of the National Capitol), and escorted by Virginia and Maryland troops, and Masonic and other civic bodies, moved in procession to Capitol Hill, and there laid the corner-stone of the National Capitol.

For the Centennial celebration of this significant event not a more perfect day could have been desired. The city and the people were in holiday dress, the hum of business was silenced, and the day was ushered in by the ringing of Centennial chimes.

At 1 o'clock a great parade in four divisions started from President's square, as the park in front of the White House where the Lafayette statue stands was called a hundred years ago, marched down that broad street Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol, the civic organizations following the Grand Marshal's Order and waving a brave display of civic insig, much music, and the applause of a great gathering of people.

At the head of the procession, immediately following Grand Marshal Order and waving the mounted staff, rode the President of the United States in an open barouch, attended by Mr. Beriah Wilkins, Chairman of the Reception Committee, followed by carriages containing the Cabinet officers, each attended by two members of the Committee of Arrangements. The escort was a squadron of United States cavalry, which made a glittering, glittering show in following Grand Marshal Order and waving the mounted staff, rode the President of the United States in an open barouch, attended by Mr. Beriah Wilkins, Chairman of the Reception Committee, followed by carriages containing the Cabinet officers, each attended by two members of the Committee of Arrangements. 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