THE GRAND ARMY.

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

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Hotel Rates—Free Quarters—Reunions.

The following information is furnished by the Citizens' Executive Board for the benefit of comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who purpose visiting Pittsburg during the meeting of the 28th National Encampment Sept. 10 to 15 next.

Hotel rates will be $1.50 to $5 per day. Special rates to be made for parlor and sample rooms. Three days is the limit for which accommodations must be engaged. Hotels will make arrangements direct with guests, and not through the Committee on Accommodations.

Lodging in private and boarding-houses, for each person, will range from 50 cents to $1 per night.

There are plenty of restaurants where meals of a first-class character will be furnished at reasonable prices.

Vacant halls and rooms can be secured at low rates by Posts desiring to furnish their own sleeping accommodations.

Free quarters will be furnished in schoolhouses and other buildings if applied for in time. Cots or mattresses will be placed therein, comrades providing their own blankets. No females will be admitted in these quarters.

Where Post organizations desire accommodations for any number of comrades it is advisable that a representative visit this city for that purpose, as more satisfactory arrangements can thus be made.

All communications bearing upon accommodations should be addressed to W. O. Russell, Chairman, Committee on Accommodations, Pittsburg, Pa.

Department Commanders, members of their staffs, and all others who desire horses and equipments for the parade, should communicate, at once with Thos. G. Sample, Chairman of the Committee on Parade and Review, P. O. Box 10, Allegheny, Pa. A uniform price for mounts will be arranged. Individual requests will be attended to promptly.

Company, battery, regimental, brigade, and corps organizations proposing to hold Reunions during the week of the Encampment, desiring place for meeting, should address W. J. Patterson, Chairman of the Committee on Reunions, 111 Fourth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

Members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G.A.R., and other ladies who desire information, should address Mrs. Carrie V. Sheriff, Chairman, Committee on Entertainment of Ladies, 21 Knoll street, Allegheny, Pa.

The Trunk Line Association controling railroads entering this city from the East has named one fare for the round trip.

The Central Traffic Association, controling the roads entering the city from the West, has named a rate from each of the leading points under the jurisdiction of that association, which range from one fare for the round trip to one cent a mile. The Traffic Association controling the lines west and south of the jurisdiction of the Central Traffic Association will, it is claimed, make similar concessions.

To avoid delay and annoyance, it is suggested that hand sachels be used for baggage, and brought in person by comrades. Trunks should be shipped by express.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

ARIZONA.—

Ransom Post, 4, Flagstaff—Com., H. W. Pierce; S. V. C., George Hoxworth; J. V. C., James H. Haley; Adj't, J. Guthrie Savage; Q. M., J. C. Milligant; Surg., Joseph R. Lockett; Chap., Robert L. Turner; O. D., Geo. Bagnall; O. G., L. L. Burns.

CALIFORNIA.—

Washington's Birthday was observed by Hartford Post, Lodi, in conjunction with the public schools. The entertainment consisted of musical and literary exercises and an old-time exhibition drill by the old vets in the old Hardy tactics, with the old-fashioned Springfield muskets.

FLORIDA.—

Hooker Post, 9, Holly Hill—Com., Wm. P. Ross; S. V. C., A. S. Harroon; J. V. C., P. B. Updegraff; Chap., E. V. Blackman; Q. M., G. G. Bayer; O. D., T. L. Rodgers; O. G., G. P. Ballough; Adj't, G. E. Porter.

GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.—

The annual Encampment of this Department was held in the rooms of Hancock Post, Savannah, on March 19. The roll-call showed 45 officers and delegates present. The report of the Commander showed the Andersonville Prison property to be free from all debt and belonging to the Department. The number of deaths during the past year was very large.

The report of the Ass't Quartermaster-General showed the receipts during the year to be $688.72, and the expenditures to be $412.88.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Dep't Com., T. Watson, O. M. Mitchell Post, 1, Atlanta; S. V. C., S. F. B. Gillispie, W. S. Hancock Post, 3, Savannah; J. V. C., George F. Schwarz, Post 2, Augusta; Medical Director, S. C. Morley, O. M. Mitchell Post, 1, Atlanta; Chap., William Pease, W. S. Hancock Post, 3, Savannah; Council of Administration, W. M. Scott, Post 1; Richard Washington, 9; Sylvanus Lumpkin, 8; Martin Cooley, 3; J. O. Ladd, 7.

A resolution was passed by the Encampment favoring Atlanta as the place for the National Encampment in 1895. Louisville was second choice.

The visiting comrades were taken on a carriage drive around the city and suburbs by the members of W. S. Hancock Post. The party visited Thunderbolt, where an enjoyable time was spent. The visitors declared that they had been royally treated, and would always remember their visit to Savannah with pleasure.

INDIANA.—

Post 126, Connersville, after a careful investigation of all pensioners in that neighborhood, has found that all receiving pensions are entitled to the same.

KANSAS.—

W. P. Campbell, the Commander of this Department, was born at Stanford, Ky., Feb. 18, 1845, and was educated principally in the old seminary of Stanford in the common branches. His first military service was as Quartermaster-Sergeant of a company of Home Guards, which

W. P. CAMPBELL.

was formed in the Spring of 1861, and was armed with Belgian muskets. He enlisted at Camp Dick Robinson in the 1st Ky. Cav. as a musician, Oct. 28, 1861, and was mustered out after the battle of Mill Springs by general order from the War Department.

He re-enlisted in July, 1862, as a private in Co. M, 6th Ky. Cav.; was afterward made a Sergeant; and the last six months of his term he was Sergeant-Major of the regiment. He was mustered out at Nashville, Tenn., in July, 1865. The regiment served principally in Tennessee with the Army of the Cumberland, and in guarding the railroads in Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. It also had a few brushes with Morgan in Kentucky. He was captured on the courier-line between Stephenson and Woodville, Ala., Aug. 25, 1863, by a detachment from the 4th Ala. Cav. in command of Capt. Mead, and taken to Guntersville, on the south side of the Tennessee, and from there was marched a roundabout way to Chattanooga, making 175 miles in four-and-a-half days, which through the sands of Georgia was no pleasant task. He was taken from Chattanooga to Atlanta, where he remained three days, and then on to Richmond and Belle Isle, where he remained six months. He was commissioned as Second Lieutenant of Co. M of his regiment, some three months before his time expired, but did not receive the commission until about the time of his discharge. It had lain at Nashville, in the Postoffice, while the regiment was in the Wilson raid into Alabama and Georgia.

In January, 1869, he married at Somerset, Ky., and came to Kansas in July following, and settled at Eldorado, taking a claim within two miles of the little town, which was the Countyseat of Butler County. In March, 1872, upon the formation of the Thirteenth Judicial District, he was appointed by the Governor, James M. Harvey, as Judge of the district. At the succeeding November election he was elected for a term of four years, and in 1876 was re-elected for another term of four years. He left the bench at the expiration of his second term, in January, 1881, and has since practiced law at Wichita.

He was one of the charter members of Garfield Post, 25, of this Department.

MASSACHUSETTS.—

Theodore Parkman Post, 204, Centerville—Com., Wm. C. Gifford; S. V. C., E. W. Childs; J. V. C., G. C. Nickerson; Q. M., S. A. Putnam; Adj't, E. F. Steere; Surg., C. E. Bearse; Chap., F. L. Dane; O. D., G. W. Childs; O. G., J. H. Robinson; S. M., H. Lyons; Q.-M. S., C. L. Baker.

Post 128, Ipswich—Com., Albert N. Nichols; S. V. C., Wm. Chaplin; J. V. C., Joseph A. Nason; Q. M., Wm. P. Ross; Adj't, Charles W. Bamford; Surg., John J. Fowler; O. G., Henry P. Boynton; Chap., Eben L. Thomas; Q.-M. S., John E. Tenny; S. M., Charles W. Rogers.

MICHIGAN.—

The Encampment of this Department, held in Owosso, was a very enthusiastic one. The Encampment convened on March 19, and lasted until March 22.

The officers chosen are: Com., Louis Kanitz; S. V. C., Herman C. Friesky; J. V. C., James M. Greenfield; Medical Director, Oscar Palmer; Chap., John Fletcher.

The special committee appointed to consider the report of the Standing Committee on the Memorial Hall Fund recommended that the vacancies be filled, and that the Chairman be a resident of Detriot. It was further recommended that the committee be empowered to act in accordance with the judgment of its members and to apply to the State Legislature for an appropriation to supplement the generous gifts of Senator Palmer and Gen. Alger. The bonds of this committee are fixed at $5,000. The principal speakers at the grand Campfire on the evening of the 21st were Judge Long and Gen. Wm. Shakespeare. Judge Long reviewed the action taken by the Commissioner of Pensions in his case. He said: "The war is still on, and we must stand together now as we did from 1861 to 1865. It was the happiest moment of my life when to-day my comrades gave me their unanimous support and said that I had done right. We will stand shoulder to shoulder until there are only two pair of shoulders left."

Gen. Shakespeare made a brief address. He was followed by E. P. Allen, Hon. J. M. Holman and President Parkill.

Post 96, Union—Com., H. Meacham; S. V. C., J. H. McCraned; J. V. C., J. C. Kyle; Chap., C. C. Parker; O. D., C. Fuller; Q. M., L. D. Hitchcox; Surg., C. S. Buhland; Adj't, H. M. Fox; S. M., H. S. Garmon; Q.-M. S., B. Probst; O. G., R. C. Foster.

Henry Dobson Post, 182, Fremont—Com., George R. Miner; S. V. C., Benj. F. Preston; J. V. C., Wm. H. Norton; Q. M., Frederick Nay; Surg., Wm. McEwan; Chap., Ephraim Echtinaw; O. D., Wm. Pearson; O. G., George Hopkins; Adj't, Edward E. Warren; Ass't Adj't, Daniel Barns; Q.-M. S., Walter Pumphrey.

MINNESOTA.—

Thomas Post, 30, Brainard—Com., J. C. Congdon; S.V. C., H. J. Hagadorn; J.V. C., Anthony Nolan; Chap., Sidney Hockridge; Q. M., Chas. A. Reuss; O. D., Geo. W. Healey; Surg., John W. Murray; O. G., M. Maloney; Adj't, H. Harrison.

MISSOURI.—

The 13th annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri will assemble at the Opera House in the city of Lebanon, Mo., at 10 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, April 11.

The Department Council of Administration will meet at the Gasconade Hotel on Tuesday, April 10, at 2 o'clock p. m. Department Headquarters will be established at the Gasconade Hotel on Tuesday, April 10.

The following-named comrades have been appointed a Committee on Credentials: John P. Tracy, Post 69; C. G. Manchester, Post 48; Louis C. Hesse, Post 13; Louis Fischer, Post 128; F. S. Huckins, Post 355.

This committee will meet at the Laclede Hotel on Tuesday, April 10, at 2 o'clock p. m. Representatives and members of the Encampment will report to this committee on their arrival and receive their Encampment badges. The Department register will be kept at the Lebanon House.

On recommendation of the Commander of Post 48, the following-named comrades of Post 48 have been detailed for duty during the sessions of the Encampment: For Officer of the Day, R. C. Barrows; for Officer of the Guard, J. B. Hickman.

The comrades of Lebanon have made ample preparations for the entertainment of the visiting comrades, and they will spare no pains to make it agreeable for all who may attend.

The St. Louis & San Francisco, Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis, Missouri, Kansas & Texas, Missouri Pacific & St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern have made a rate of one fare to the State Encampment.

The annual meeting of the Missouri Ex-Prisoners of War will be held in the same place as the Encampment on April 10.

Bates County Post, 58, Butler—Com., A. L. McBride; S. V. C., D. Smith; J. V. C., L. Showalter; Surg., J. Everningham; Chap., W. G. Buck; Q. M., F. M. Wyatt; O. D., W. Riter; O. G., Ed. Morgan; S. M., D. Jennings; Q. M. S., W. W. Cook.

Tindall Post, 29, Chillicothe—Com., A. R. Smiley; S. V. C., J. W. Toppas; J. V. C., Jas. H. Felt; Q. M., H. C. Clem; Chap., H. B. Seely; O. D., G. Harker; O. G., James Bench; Adj't, A. D. Sturgis; S. M., A. B. Crill; Q. M. S., J. R. Tisdale.

NEBRASKA.—

Commander Howe has established Department Headquarters at Lincoln.

The following comrades constitute the Commander's staff: A. M. Trimble, Lincoln, Farragut Post, 25, Ass't Adjutant-General; E. M. Shaw, Cook, Roberts Post, 104, Ass't Quartermaster-General; S. D. Davis, Wilber, Harker Post, 51, Ass't Inspector-General; T. F. Powers, Chadron, Lemington Post, 227, Judge Advocate-General; A. H. Brown, Hastings, Strickland Post, 13, Chief Mustering Officer; George H. Jewett, Arlington, Corrigan Post, 46, Senior Aid-de-Camp.

Drury Post, 278, Pender—Com., Abel S. Fennell; S. V. C., J. G. Down; J. V. C., J. T. Donalson; Adj't, A. C. Abbott; Surg., James Allen; Chap., K. T. Reynolds; Q. M., F. W. Ault; O. D., W. S. Garret; O. G., G. W. Greanough; S. M., S. A. Hamblin; Q. M. S., E. N. Hammond.

W. A. Easley Post, 64, Valparaiso—Com., B. F. Noll; S. V. C., John Ort; J. V. C., D. F. Riley; Q. M., J. L. Cheaver; O. D., I. F. Hunt; O. G., J. Blair; Surg., G. Marshel; Chap., D. McDurby; Adj't, B. M. Giffen.

Worden Post, 12, Pembina—Com., G.W. Perkins; S. V. C., N. Hoffman; J. V. C., Geo. W. Doty; Surg., Moses Heller; Chap., F. A. Wardwell; Q. M., H. C. Feldman; Adj't, J. G. Sonderman; O. D., Ed. Johnson; O. G., Robert Johnson.

NEW YORK.—

Some time in the early part of May Lyon Post, Cohoes, and the Woman's Relief Corps will give an entertainment, the proceeds to be devoted to defraying the expenses of Memorial Day.

A reception will be given Department Commander John C. Shotts and staff on April 6 by Lafayette Post, 140, New York.

E. S. Gilbert Post, 382, Livonia—Com., Chas. H. Richmond; S. V. C., Cornelius Runyan; J. V. C., Wm. Compton; Q. M., Wm. H. Earle; Surg., J. T. Bettis; Chap., Wm. E. Dubois; Adj't, M.W. Lindsley; O. D., George Burdick; O. G., Truman Bishop; S. M., H. B. Stedman; Q. M. S., J. C. Smith.

A. H. Terry Post, 300, Amsterdam—Com., Abraham Cass; S. V. C., Harvey Deal; J. V. C., Henry P. Searles; O. D., J. C. Smith; Chap., James Inglis; Q. M., F. C. Beebe; O. G., Jesse Bennett; Adj't, C. R. Gordon; O. S., W. F. Blanchard; I. S., John La May; S. M., James Brown; Q. M. S., R. Quillett.

John B. Murray Post, 597, Phelps—Com., John T. Watkins; S. V. C., Charles T. Severance; J. V. C., George White, jr.; Chap., McKendree Shaw; Surg., Charles Mudge; Q. M., E. N. Brown; O. D., Thomas J. Reed; O. G., Charles Frank; Adj't, A. B. Ruberts.

OHIO.—

W. A. Wintermute, Mount Liberty: We understand that the City Council of Atlanta, Ga., will ask for the National Encampment in 1895. There are about 40,000 who will second that motion, who were there in 1864 under different circumstances. We have long looked for this opportunity to see once more the place and country where we endured so many hardships and fought so many battles. It will soon be too late for many of us, as we are fast passing over the dead-line. By all means have the next Encampment at Atlanta.

Elias J. Beers Post, 575, Columbus—Com., Frederick Kieser; S. V. C., George Whipe; J. V. C., George Seely; Adj't, O. Lovegrove; Q. M., Hiram Outcalt; Surg., S. A. Corbin; Chap., John Humel; O. D., Enoch Lickliter; O. G., John Conrad; S. M., V. B. Little; Q. M. S., Marion Thompson.

Manville Moore Post, 525, Fremont—Com., John G. Nuhfer; S. V. C., Dan Stultz; J. V. C., Wm. Maurer; Adj't, Jay Holcomb; Q. M., Wash Deffenbaugh; Surg., Geo. O. Harlan; Chap., J. L. Albritton; O. D., Clint Scoville; O. D., H. Van Buskirk; S. M., David Davies; Q. M. S., J. Rimelspeecher.

OKLAHOMA.—

Clamore Post, 6, Pawhuska—Com., J. M. Ferguson; S. V. C., W. H. Lewis; J. V. C., W. W. Conner; Surg., G. W. Sutton; Chap., J. F. Palmer; O. D., James Bigheart; Adj't, W. H. Hart; Q. M., B. S. Kiegley; O. G., John Mosier.

OREGON.—

Meade Post, 2, Oregon City—Com., W. H. Burghardt; S. V. C., M. E. Willoughby; J. V. C., J. Doremus; Adj't, C. A. Williams; Q. M., H. J. Harding; Surg., L. M. Andrews; Chap., Wm. Russell; O. D., C. H. Dauchey; O. G., P. G. Wells; S. M., S. B. Califf.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

W. C. Carr Post, 328, Bear Lake, is in a flourishing condition. The Post has recently purchased a fine hall, worth $1,000, and is nearly out of debt. It has now 40 members, an increase of eight since last July.

RHODE ISLAND.—

The comrades of this Department were highly honored last week by receiving a visit from Past Commander-in-Chief Weissert, of Milwaukee. He arrived on Monday, March 19. Monday evening, accompanied by a large number of his former staff, Department Commander C. H. Baker and his official staff, he visited Toner Post, 17, Pawtucket. His reception by the comrades was hearty. He made an eloquent and instructive address, touching upon the great question, pensions, and many matters of interest to the comrades. Tuesday he honored Ballou Post, 3, Central Falls, by his presence. The Post held an open meeting that evening. A Grand Army memorial volume was presented by a citizen of that town. The presentation address was made by Rev. E. H. Perry, and the speech of acceptance by Junior Vice Department Commander Hon. Daniel R. Ballou. Comrade Weissert's address was most patriotic, and all who heard him were pleased. Wednesday evening he was the guest of Slocum Post, 10, Providence. A large number were present. He was accompanied by a number of his staff and Department officers. He made a graceful and eloquent address. Referring to his visit to Kansas, Texas and the South, he said that he traveled 48,000 miles, and visited nearly every Department in this country, some two, three and four times. He spoke of the great work done by the Grand Army in teaching the children of our public schools patriotism and a love for the flag. Thursday he was entertained by the former members of his staff and several of the Past Department Commanders, when a pleasant and instructive evening was passed. Friday he started for Boston and Lynn to pay his respects to Commander-in-Chief J. G. B. Adams and James F. Meech, Adjutant-General of the Grand Army. Past Commander-in-Chief Weissert has made five visits to the Department of Rhode Island, and has many warm friends among the comrades of that Department.

TEXAS.—

E. O. C. Ord Post, 3, San Antonio—Com., Wm. H. Robinson; S. V. C., H. H. Alvord; J. V. C., A. K. Melton; Adj't, Henry Minnette; Q. M., Fred C. Loring; Chap., M. H. Redwood; O. D., Mourice J. Keating; O. G., Chas. J. Le Stourgeon; S. M., T. J. Barnes; Q. M. S., Edward Myers.

VERMONT.—

Jewett Post, 73, Swanton—Com., E. J. Ranslow; S. V. C., C. H. Butterfield; J. V. C., W. W. Munsell; Q. M., Col. E. W. Jewett; Chap., Capt. G. G. Blake; O. D., Capt. C. H. Reynolds; O. G., Ed. Deso; Surg., Aaron A. Burdick.

WEST VIRGINIA.—

Bailey Post, 4, Huntington—Com., A. Brandley; S. V. C., G. R. McIntosh; J. V. C., J. C. Smith; Chap., G. A. Floding; O. D., La Valley; O. G., J. W. Foster; Q. M., J. A. Decker; Surg., A. J. Beardsley.

To cure scrofula, salt rheum, dyspepsia, catarrh and rheumatism, take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

NAVAL VETERANS.

Recognition in the G.A.R.—Naval Cadets.

B. S. Osbon, Rear-Admiral National Naval Veterans' Association, announces the appointment of James Wilkins, of New Orleans, La., as National Aid.

Capt. Charles Cowley has been appointed Acting Judge-Advocate-General. Capt. Cowley for many years occupied the responsible position of Judge-Advocate of the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron, and is thoroughly conversant with the duties of the office. He will have the rank of Captain.

Through the well-directed labors of National Aid George C. Irelan, of the Maryland Naval Veteran Association, the Department of Maryland, G.A.R., has recommended that all Posts in its jurisdiction provide themselves with a Union Jack as recognition of the naval veterans of the war. The Department of Maryland has bought one, which will hereafter be carried with its Headquarters flag.

The Rear-Admiral notes with pleasure that the Naval Veterans are at last finding recognition in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Department of Rhode Island, G.A.R., has honored Shipmate Charles H. Baker, a member of Farragut Association of Providence, R. I., by electing him as the Department Commander, and the Department of Delaware in like manner has honored Shipmate Joseph E. Vantine, of the Farragut Association of Philadelphia, by electing him Department Commander, while the Department of Washington and Alaska has for its Commander Shipmate J. F. Sinclair, of Ballard, Wash.

One of the finest junior auxiliaries to the veterans of the late war is the corps of Naval Cadets of the Port of New York, composed of over 100 young men ranging from 15 to 21 years of age. The uniform is the blue mustering suit as worn in the United States Navy. The officers wear the service coat as worn by naval officers, except that all the trimmings are silver braid. These cadets are attached to Farragut Naval Veteran Association, who are very proud of the boys. They have an excellent drum corps, and always parade with the Association at funerals and on Memorial Days. Any information respecting the Naval Cadets may be addressed to Capt. J. Wells Naughton, commanding, Essex Market, corner Grand and Ludlow streets, New York City, who will cheerfully aid in the organization of like corps in other cities.

LADIES OF THE G.A.R.

Anniversary Celebration—What is Being Done by the Massachusetts Circles.

Sylvia H. Delano Circle, 1, New Bedford, tendered a grand reception to Mrs. Alice M. Mosher, the new Department President, the other evening. Mrs. May Brown, of Circle 3, Malden, was also present.

Helen L. Gilson Circle, 3, Malden, received a visit from Mrs. Alice M. Mosher, Department President, and Mrs. T. H. Lawton, Department Secretary, on the 27th of last month.

Caroline Scott Harrison Circle, 6, Haverhill, are to hold a sale sometime in April.

Gen. George H. Pierson Circle, 7, Salem, celebrated its first anniversay on March 26. Department officers were present, and also visitors from Malden, Lynn, Haverhill, and Lowell. Comrade Lee, of Haverhill, presented the Circle with a gavel and gavel block. All agreed they had passed a most enjoyable evening.

Ladd and Whitney Circle, 8, Lowell, have formed a Sewing Circle, and are now preparing for a sale to be held at some future time. They will celebrate their first anniversary in May.—Mrs. Nellie I. La Vigne, Corresponding Secretary, Lowell, Mass.

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THE RELIEF CORPS.

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

TWELFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Department Convention of Pennsylvania will Assist in the Entertainment of Delegates—Annie Wittenmyer Re-elected Department President and Abbie Lynch Secretary—Conventions of Michigan, Maryland, and New Hampshire.

NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The Department Convention of Pennsylvania have again chosen Annie Wittenmyer for the office of Department President. This seems the more fitting in the year that National Convention goes to the Keystone State, since she it was who placed the Department upon a solid footing, and who inaugurated the Pennsylvania Memorial Home.

NATIONAL RELIEF CORPS HOME.

A large number of applications are pending for admission to the National Relief Corps Home.

Pluma L. Cowles, Secretary of the National Relief Corps Home, Geneva, O., favors us with a long list of touching testimonials from Army Nurses outside the Home who received a small remittance from the Home fund last quarter to relieve the necessities of a long, hard Winter. Some of these, unsigned, of course, will be given from time to time.

Secretary Cowles is sure that anyone reading these letters would hasten to make some contribution to replenish this fund, as not enough has been received to issue another remittance this quarter.

She is quite right; the letters show destitution that is pitiable in the extreme. These women deserve the best we can offer, and there should be no delay in forwarding contributions to the Nurses' fund.

Referring to the 12th National Convention she says there will be no failure on the part of the local committee or the Department of Pennsylvania in entertaining National Convention.

In addition to the arrangements of the Citizens' Committee at Pittsburg, which numbers among its members a large number of the wealthy and influential women of that city, the Department Convention, by unanimous vote, pledged financial aid in support of the efforts of the local Corps that nothing may be lacking.

The National Headquarters of the G.A.R. and W.R.C. will be in the same hotel at Pittsburg.

Mrs. Wittenmyer has received a present that has touched her heart as no gift ever did before. It is a handsome quilt, pieced by an Army Nurse 91 years old, Mrs. Lydia W. Holliday, of Wheeling, W. Va. The design is unusual and difficult, and the work, done by her own fingers, is very nice; real old-time sewing. "Mother" Holliday has lived a busy, useful life, and still keeps at work, determined not to rust out, but to keep her armor well burnished.

OHIO'S ORPHANS.

A recent visit to the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, Xenia, O., found the 900 children all healthy and happy, save a little squad of boys who were suffering the penalties of too much maple sugar sap. This is, indeed, the ideal institution, where the work of head and hand go forward together.

Gen. C. L. Young is the model Superintendent, and Cora Day Young, Matron-in-Chief, is in truth mother of every child in the Home.

The Reunion of the Ex-Pupils' Association takes place at the Home in July, by permission of the Board, continuing three days. It is a real home-coming for the graduates, who enjoy the privileges and hospitalities of the Home, and hundreds attend from all parts of the country.

The National flag salute will be at once introduced into the Orphans' Home Schools, in which Professor Edwards, Principal, as well as Gen. and Mrs. Young are much interested.

"Mother" Ransom, the honored Army Nurse, now of Los Angeles, Cal., has been a guest at the Home, and says the gathering of more than 900 children in the great dining-room is the most wonderful sight she has ever seen. On Sunday the children assembled in the chapel to listen to her thrilling army experiences.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA.

The 10th annual Convention Department of California will be held in Pythian Castle, Oakland, April 23, 24, and 25. The institution of Corps 82, Bear Valley, is reported.

Reports for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1893, follow: Total number in good standing Jan. 1, 1894, 2,853; cash expended for relief during the quarter, $1,228.75; estimated value of relief other than money, $526.96; turned over to Posts, $271; number of soldiers assisted during the quarter, 325.

Eight California Corps contribute an aggregate of $90 to the National Relief Corps Home; Lincoln sending $50, and Farragut, San Jacinto, Riverside, Rawlins, Stanton, Lyon, and Heintzelman, $5 each.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY.

Aaron Wilkes Post, Trenton, N. J., celebrated the battle of Hampton Roads March 8, upon which occasion Wilkes Corps presented a fine flag to Camp 5, S. of V., present by invitation of the veterans.

The anniversary was celebrated the morning of March 8 by Joseph Wood School in a patriotic program. Col. Stahl made a patriotic address, and a contribution was taken in aid of Grand Army relief.

The feature of the Washington Birthday celebration of C. K. Hall Post and Corps, Asbury Park, was the procession of little girls dressed in red, white and blue, who sang "Washington, Our Washington," and other patriotic songs. The dresses were alternate stripes of red and white paper muslin, the waists of plain blue dotted with gilt stars. They will be worn on Memorial Day.

MICHIGAN CONVENTION.

From Department Corresponding Secretary Mary A. Keeler comes the report of a successful Michigan Convention. A pretty piece of sentiment, varying the monotony of Convention, was the adoption of the wild rose of Michigan as a State flower.

Tenth annual Convention was held in the Congregational Church, Owosso, beautifully decorated by the ladies of the Encampment Committee for the occasion. Fully 400 W.R.C. members, including delegates, were in attendance. The address of Department President Alaseba Bliss dwelt at length on the Woman's Annex of the Soldiers' Home, what had been accomplished by the W.R.C., and what remained to be done. She reported 239 Corps in the Department and financial affairs in a sound condition. The reports of the Department officers were well presented, showing thorough and conscientious work.

At the afternoon session a delegation bearing greetings from the Grand Army was presented to Convention, embracing Gen. Rutherford, Col. Bond, Capt. Bontecou, Col. Bliss, and Capt. Allen. They had warm words of praise for the W.R.C.

Officers of Department were elected as follows: Pres., Annie M. Barney, Kalamazoo; S. V.-P., Elizabeth S. Humphrey, Adrian; J. V.-P., Sarah M. Wiley, Owosso; Treas., Laura C. Foot, Kalamazoo; Chap., Anna S. J. Grabill, Greenville; Chairman of Executive Board, Mina D. Kinsey.

Convention indorsed the action of National Convention in becoming a part of the National Woman's Council, United States of America, and many members made voluntary contributions to form a Council fund to be held by the National Treasurer for incidental expenses.

A beautiful gold badge was presented the retiring Department President, Alaseba L. Bliss, the gift of Owosso Corps, Department Aids and personal friends. Past Department President Plummer presented the badge in an eloquent speech.

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND.

The Department of Maryland held its seventh annual Convention Feb. 22 in Baltimore, delegates from all parts of the State in attendance. The business sessions were relieved by a social hour at noon and a bountiful lunch, prepared by the Baltimore Corps. Decorations and all arrangements were complete.

At 6 o'clock all business had been disposed of and officers installed. The President is represented as a fine executive officer. The entire staff is as follows: Dep't Pres., Ruth A. Graham; S. V.-P., Anna E. Daly; J. V.-P., Barbara Schilling; Treas., Clara A. Alford; Sec., Florence Leasure; Chap., Mrs. Busby; Ins., Sallie A. Moore; I. and I. Officer, Katie Bowers; Counselor, Mary E. Frey; Instructor, Margaret Clements; Ass't Instructor, Cornelia Snyder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONVENTION.

The 14th annual Convention, Department of New Hampshire, under the guidance of Department President Fanny J. Minot, greatly beloved in the Order, was a crowning success; sessions held in Odd Fellows Hall, Concord. National President Sarah C. Mink was a distinguished guest, and is highly commendatory of the Convention, as a whole, and its presiding officer.

The annual address of the President was an admirable summary of an important year's work. Affairs of the Department were reported highly satisfactory. The Soldiers' Home needs were presented, and a strong plea made on behalf of the National Relief Corps Home.

Officers of Department are as follows: Pres., Addie S. Hughes, Ashland; S.V.-P., Parthenia W. Baker, Lebanon; J. V.-P., Addie E. Dix, Hinsdale; Sec., Emma B. Hull, Plymouth; Treas., Dora A. Miller, Ashland; Chap., Eva M. Heath, Newport; Ins., Mattie A. Mason, Portsmouth; Counselor, Fanny E. Minot, Concord; I. and I. Officer, Millie A. Worcester, Rochester; Chairman Executive Board, Fannie B. Tripp, Dover.

HISTORIC BASKET.

How the Ohio Boys Sent Home Their Pay from Bolivar.

The death, at Seattle, Wash., of Past Department Treasurer Lizzie S. Harlan, Department of Ohio, W.R.C., and wife of W. S. Harlan, revives an interesting war story in which she was the heroine.

When the war broke out Comrade Harlan enlisted with a regiment recruited at his home, Zanesville, O., and while serving as Captain of a company in the command of Gen. U. S. Grant, with Headquarters at Bolivar, Tenn., was taken ill.

Upon hearing the news, Mrs. Harlan started to the front, but was detained at Columbus, Ky., because of an order issued by Gen. Grant, prohibiting civilians from crossing the lines.

Mrs. Harlan pleaded with the officers, but in vain. She could not find a place to stay in the town, and, in fact, everything was against her. Many women would have given up the battle under such circumstances, but with Mrs. Harlan it was different. She passed a week in Columbus before she managed to get a message through to Gen. Grant, stating her reasons for wanting to reach Headquarters. In the meantime she had found food and shelter by boarding a steamer as it came in and appealing for protection until the time of departure. In this way she got along, passing from steamer to steamer, and all the time working to get a message to Gen. Grant. At last she received a message over the wires, signed by Grant himself, granting permission to come on the first train.

When she left Columbus she had no idea of the ordeal through which she was to pass. The train was attacked at Union City by the Confederates, and all one night an irregular battle was kept up. The guard, however, held the fort, and the train passed through with only a small loss of life, being the last for some time. Had she waited a day longer, it is probable that she would have fallen into the hands of the Confederates, for they checked communication for some time.

After Mr. Harlan was in such condition that Mrs. Harlan could return to Zanesville, the soldiers from that section decided to place all their savings and pay in her hands to take back to their families. Mrs. Harlan objected to the responsibility, but after being persistently urged agreed to take the money if it was put in envelopes and addressed to the parties for whom it was intended. This was agreed to, and in a short time a large basket, such as would pass for a lunch basket, was prepared, and in the bottom was placed the money, amounting to several thousand dollars. As chance had it, the train made the trip without accident, although it was afterwards discovered that the Confederate cavalry had planned to capture it. Their plans miscarried and they got the next train instead.

ANOTHER ARMY NURSE AT REST.

DEAR TRIBUNE: C. Brainard Corps, 167, auxiliary to Post 503, Ashtabula, Trumbull County, mourn the loss of Chaplain Martha J. Spencer, who was loved and respected not only as a worthy member of the Corps, but for her loyal service as hospital nurse in the war.

When the call came for "300,000 more," and her husband said, "Now I must go," she replied, "If you think it is your duty to go I'll not oppose it, and if you enlist I shall enter a hospital."

Her husband urged her to stay at home, but she was firm in her resolve, and in May, 1863, at the age of 27, she entered the U. S. General Hospital at Camp Chase, Ohio.

July 4, 1864, she was transferred to Seminary Hospital, and commissioned by Dorothea L. Dix. At the closing of Seminary Hospital she was transferred to Tripler Hopital, Camp Todd, where she remained until August, 1865, when, at her request, she was discharged and returned to her home, whither her husband had preceded her.

During her service she ministered to sick and wounded soldiers of both Potomac and Cumberland Armies and many starving ones returning from Southern prisons. She was a woman of culture and refinement, and an earnest Christian; quiet and unassuming in manner, she shunned all notoriety.

A short time previous to her death, when making a final arrangement of her affairs, she requested that there should be no military display at her funeral, but desired that veterans should bear her remains to the grave, and chose members of C. Brainard Post for the sad duty. Her wishes were minutely regarded, and Feb. 3, 1894, mid beautiful flowers furnished by the W.R.C. and other friends, her loved form was laid to rest in the rural cemetery near her home in Trumbull, O.

The following joint resolutions of respect were unanimously adopted by C. Brainard Post and Corps:

Whereas it has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from our midst by death our beloved sister and Chaplain of our Corps, Mrs. Martha J. Spencer, an efficient hospital nurse, who rendered cheerful service to our country in the late war: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Post and Corps sustains an irreparable loss and her family a devoted wife and mother, the Church a faithful and consistent member, the community a kind neighbor, and every soldier and patriot a true and loyal friend;

Resolved, That while we deplore our loss we will ever cherish her memory and strive to emulate her virtues and loyalty; that we sympathize with her family in their bereavement, and for comfort can only commend them to Him who has promised, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee;"

Resolved, That the rooms of Post and Corps be draped in mourning as a token of respect to our departed sister; that these resolutions be placed upon the records of Post and Corps, a copy presented to the husband of the deceased, and copies furnished for publication.

Helen Rick,
H. C. Hoffman,
A. E. Graham,
Committee.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Past National President Emma Stark Hampton has been making an extended sojourn for health and recreation in New York and New Jersey.

Past National Treasurer Lizabeth A. Turner has returned to Boston from a season of rest in Florida, not as fully recovered as her friends would like.

Past National President Margaret Ray Wickins has entered upon her duties as Superintendent of the State Home for Juvenile Offenders, Geneva, Ill., an extensive institution; Department President Emma R. Wallace, of Illinois, President Board of Trustees.

IT GIVES WARNING that there's trouble ahead—if you're getting thin. It shows that your blood is impoverished, and your organs deranged, so that whatever you eat fails to properly nourish you. And just as long as you remain in this condition, Consumption, Pneumonia, and other Scrofulous and dangerous diseases are likely to fasten upon you.

You should build yourself up with Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Purify and enrich the blood, rouse every organ into natural action, and build up healthy, wholesome, necessary flesh.

Ocean Port, N. J.

DR. R. V. PIERCE: *Dear Sir*—We have used your "G.M.D." in our family and find nothing else to equal it. One of our children had the pneumonia, and one lung become consolidated, but by the use of the "Discovery" she has entirely