

HONORED GUESTS.

Citizens of Pittsburg and Allegheny Outvie Each Other in Hospitality to the Visitors.

IT, THERE IS NOTHING regarding about the citizens and men and women of Greater Pittsburg, a prominent Grand Army man was heard to remark. "They have shown the world that not only deep down in their hearts is a cordial love of the veterans, but that by nature they know well how to welcome the coming visitor and speed the parting guest." Indeed, their efforts last week to show the boys a good time were marked everywhere as evident and successful, and cannot be too highly praised. Concerts, re-



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ceptions and other entertainments followed each other in rapid succession in the latter part of the week, and the visitors had all they could do to attend to the numerous invitations they received. It was almost a surfeit of pleasure.

A GREAT EVENT.

Citizens' Executive Board Receives the Officers and Delegates.

One of the social events of the National Encampment was the reception given by the Citizens' Executive Board to the Encampment officers and delegates on Wednesday. This great and brilliant gathering was in the building of the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company, in East Pittsburg. The galleries and halls were magnificently brilliant with electric lights and decorations of flags, shields and palms. Many prominent and famous people were there brought together. The whole event was a series of receptions. Gov. Pattison held a levee in one part of the vast reception gallery. Gov. McKinley stood for an hour while a line of people thronged past to greet him. Ex-Gov. Alger and Fairchild and Commander Adams were shaking hands everywhere. Gen. Hastings' form was the center of a constant throng of friends. Gen. Sickles was surrounded by his former comrades, and Mrs. John A. Logan had a perfect oration from the old soldiers who had served under her husband. A snapper was served, and 1,300 persons were seated in the big hall at one time. The music was excellent and many enjoyed the dancing, and the whole event was in every way the most brilliantly successful ever held in the city of Pittsburg.

NATIONAL RECEPTION.

Ladies' Citizens' Committee Do Themselves Proud in Entertaining.

A notable function was the reception of the Ladies' Citizens' Committee at Old City Hall Thursday night. The historic Hall was crowded by a constant stream of guests, among whom were some of the most distinguished of the Encampment visitors. At least 3,000 persons were in attendance. The Hall was beautifully decorated. The event was denominated a "National Reception," and the name was appropriate. Veterans from half the States in the Union mingled with men and women whose names are among the best known in every walk of life. The reception committee was stationed at the foot of the stage, to welcome the arriving guests, included Mrs. John A. Logan, Gen. and Mrs. Lucius S. Fairchild, Mrs. and Mrs. George Westinghouse, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Magee, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Wylie, Mrs. Charles E. Sheriff, Mrs. W. P. Linhart, Mrs. Andrew Easton, Dr. Millie Chapman, Mrs. Gale French, Mrs. Joseph F. Demissio, Mrs. Sarah C. Mink, Mrs. Charlotte J. Cummings, Mrs. W. H. Keech, Mrs. E. H. Dexter, Mrs. Samuel Heppenstall, Mrs. Mary E. Reimann, Mrs. Theodore Slicker, Mrs. E. H. Soead, and Mrs. James H. Aiken.

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But they were not alone. The old men wanted to show the young officers that if they preferred to look on it was not because of age or feebleness, and the girls would get rid of their escorts to dance with the old heroes. The stage was filled with tiers of chairs for the comfort of the guests. One of the pretty things which pleased the spectators was the arrival in a body of the Daughters of Veterans, escorted by the Sons of Veterans in uniform. A grand march was one of the features of the evening.

OVATION TO SICKLES.

The Man of the Third Corps Warmly Received by the Veterans.

The reception given to Gen. Daniel E. Sickles on Wednesday caused the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, on Wood street, to be crowded to overflowing. The general was introduced by Col. Levi Bird Duff, and his comrades gave forth a mighty shout as he came forward on his crutches. He said that the Pension Office did not know enough about the Union soldier or his deeds. It took six years to find out whether a man was in the war, another six to ascertain whether a man had been hurt, and another six to make sure that it was a bullet of the enemy and not the kick of a mule which hurt him. Then it sent inspectors out to

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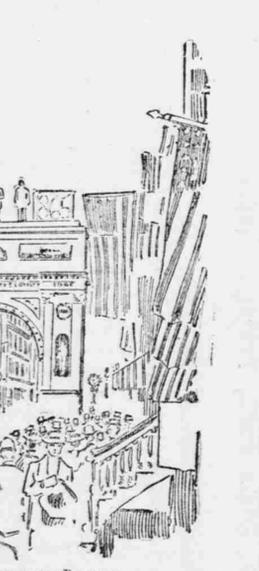
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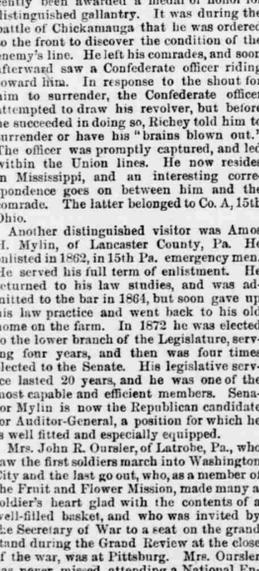
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The famous Corp'l James Tanner, of the 1st Reg't of the Potomac, was also in the Pittsburg. He came with Kit Carson Post, of Washington, D. C. The Corporal has just recovered from a serious and painful operation, a second amputation of his legs, and though he was compelled to keep very quiet during his convalescence, he could not think of breaking his record of never missing an Encampment.

Among the prominent Posts was Detroit Post, 354, of Detroit, the swell Post of that city, being composed almost entirely of the leading professional and business men. It includes among its membership such men as Mayor Hazen S. Pingree, Col. Henry M. Duffield, Maj. George H. Hopkins, ex-Collector of Customs; Levi T. Griffin, member of Congress; C. C. Starkweather, Superintendent of Police, and Julian G. Dickinson, ex-Governor of Michigan. The membership of the Post is limited to 150, and it is very exacting in its requirements for membership.

Henry Ward Beecher Post, 620, is one of the most active colored Posts of Brooklyn, N. Y. Although small in numbers, it is noted for its charitable activities, especially in behalf of the widows and orphans of veterans. A fine delegation represented the Post at the Encampment. It was organized seven years ago, and has the distinction of being the only one named in honor of the present Commander. He has held the rank for the past five years. Commander Tappen was a delegate to the National Encampments at Boston, Indianapolis, and Detroit, and was on the staff of John Palmer in 1892.

Few Posts in Philadelphia are so well organized as do better work than John W. Jackson Post, 27. One of its members, especially, was Walter T. Morris, the first colored man in Pennsylvania who enlisted in the Union army. That was in 1863. Robert Bryan was also a member, and it was he who fired the first shot in Burmside's expedition against Lee's army at Gettysburg. His son, Robert Bryan Post, 80, was named.

"Well, we traveled a good many miles, but we don't regret it," was the expression used by the Department Commander of Washington and Alaska. "The streets both here and the display and hospitality are magnificent. It is a grand affair. In a few other remarks he said that Alaska had five Posts of the G. A. R., and that few people understood the difficulties to contend with in the organization of Posts in such a far-distant territory without surroundings to entice them, though there was a great number of soldiers in the Territory.

"Never equalled," was the expression used by the New Jersey men at the hotel Duquesne. "Pittsburg has gone beyond all previous records in the way of display, but her streets are confusing," said one.

Department Commander D. E. Way said Pittsburg's display and enthusiasm outdid his expectations. Though Florida was not represented numerically by a large force, he felt sure that if Louisville secured the next Encampment they would surprise their comrades in the North by the turnout they would make.

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William Moore, of Rock Island, Ill., had an interesting story to tell. He was born in Salem, Westmoreland County, and had not seen his native town since, an 11-year-old boy he ran away from home to the West. He is now 56. He enlisted at the beginning of the war, and served to the end. He came to visit the Encampment and to revisit his old home. His parents are long since dead.

Two brothers had lost track of each other for many years. Their name is Hill. One lives in Minnesota, and the other is a member of Giddings Post, 7, Jefferson, O. They happened to get on the same train into Pittsburg from the West. A comrade who knew both told the Western brother his brother was there. "My brother is dead," said he. The friend succeeded in convincing him it was worth while walking the length of the car on the chance, and the brothers knew each other at first glance. There was never a happier couple rolled into the Union station than the brothers.

Maj. Charles T. Yoder, of Washington, was also visiting Pittsburg. He was the youngest Paymaster in the war, being appointed at the age of 21 by President Lincoln. The Major is a member of the Loyal Legion, and is the Senior Vice-Commander of Burmside Post, 8, Department of the Potomac. He is an attorney, and has an extensive law practice.

Collector E. P. Kearns had as his guest Capt. J. M. Tobin, of the fighting "Bloody Ninth" Mass. He was with Gen. J. B. Hood's Senior Brigade at the famous 62d regiment, commanded by the late Col. Samuel W. Black. He was probably the last person who talked with Col. Black before he fell during the battle of Gettysburg.

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PITTSBURG'S WELCOME.

Rochester, along with the Past Commanders of Connecticut.

Among the Connecticut veterans were members of Admiral Foote Post, of New Haven, and D. P. Corbin Post, 74, of New Haven. Many other Posts were represented, the entire delegation from the Connecticut numbering about 127 men. They made a fine-looking body of men and deserved all the words of praise showered upon them.

When the men of Massachusetts came in sight of the reviewing stand a great cheer went up. Joseph Thayer, Department Commander, attended by 12 mounted comrades, came immediately after the Department standard. The Pittsburg Union League Band marched in front of John A. Andrew Post, of Boston. Gladys A. Graves, the daughter of the Post, bore a small American flag between two comrades, who carried the National and State colors. An armed cavalry battalion accompanied the Post.

Needham Post, of Lawrence, was named after one of the Massachusetts 6th who was killed by the Baltimore mob. It numbered 40 men, and at its head marched Albert F. Kent, who was a drummer from the 6th and lost his drum on Pratt street, Baltimore, during the attack. It was subsequently recovered, and yesterday Kent beat it lustily for the boys of Needham Post to march by.

Comrade James O. Stone, who was on the Keatinge when he sank the rebel cruiser Alabama, marched with Post 5, of Lynn, Mass., carrying a beautiful new Union Jack, presented to the Post by Woman's Relief Corps 29, of Lynn.

The Department of New Jersey had 313 men in line. T. M. Lee Post, 5, of Camden, attracted the greatest attention with its five torn battle-flags. Marching with the Jersey men was Gen. Earl Grubb, ex-Republican candidate for Governor of their State, and who also holds the position of Captain of the Philadelphia City Troop. The veterans from New Jersey received a warm greeting everywhere, which their fine appearance and soldierly bearing amply justified.

The men representing the Department of Maine were next in line, each of the marchers wearing a sprig of pine as a distinctive mark of their loyalty to the Pine Tree State. Rhode Island was represented by comparatively few men, but with neat uniforms and good marching they made up in quality what they lacked in quantity.

New Hampshire also had a small showing, but the Veterans' Association was heartily cheered. With them were 10 ex-Department Commanders.

The Department of the Potomac made a great showing. The Mount Pleasant Drum Corps, Washington, 57 boys in zone uniform, mostly sons of veterans, piped and sounded on patriotic airs. The Old Guard in a gorgeous uniform, including shakos, preceded Sumner Post of colored veterans. O. P. Morton Post, colored, also turned out in considerable numbers.

Wearing the penant badge came the veterans from Virginia and North Carolina. Only a few of them left. John G. Fulton was in command, and had 50 men with him. One of Virginia's beauties, Miss Kagan, of Hampton, marched with this delegation.

Maryland had with them two bands, one of them that of Thatcher's Minstrels, the other a quartet, being a comrade of a Maryland Post, Lincoln Post, of Baltimore, colored, carried battle-flags borne by the 4th and 7th U. S. C. T. There were 340 men in this Department. The Baltimore men were rendered conspicuous by a yellow ribbon worn by each man bearing the figures "1867" indicative of their desire to have the National Encampment at Baltimore.

Dan O'Leary, Department Commander, rode in front of the Kentucky delegation. There was a Drum Corps of 30 pieces, a composite delegation of 25 comrades, the Louisville Drum Corps of 1