THE GRAND ARMY.

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

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

Arrangement for the National Encampment. Additional Aids—Observance of Memorial Day.

HEADQ'RS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, ROCKFORD, ILL., March 26, 1895.

General Orders, No. 8.

Reports for the last term of 1894 have not reached these Headquarters as promptly as is desirable. While no serious inconvenience is occasioned by the delay in this report, the Commander-in-Chief desires, however, that Department Commanders urge upon all Post Adjutants and Quartermasters the necessity of prompt reports for the first term of 1895. The Adjutant-General will need all possible time in the preparation of his report and publication of the roster for the 29th National Encampment.

Prompt reports must be made for this term. Urge the importance upon Post Adjutants and Quartermasters, and this term let us all work together to the end not only that prompt reports be made, but also a large number of suspended members, now numbering not far from 50,000, be restored to the rolls in good standing.

All communications concerning arrangements for

THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

to be held at Louisville, Ky., on the 11th of September next, should be addressed to Thos. H. Sherley, President, G.A.R. Citizens' Committee, at Louisville, Ky. The communications so addressed will be referred to the proper subcommittees.

Newly-elected Department Commanders will forward to these Headquarters their signature for certification, that the same may be forwarded to the Secretary of War. This is made necessary by a ruling of the War Department, that no information will be given relative to records of comrades except upon order of the Department or National officers.

Gen. A. W. Greely, of the War Department Library, Washington, D. C., is making vigorous efforts to complete the files of National Encampment Journals in that library. Through many personal efforts he has succeeded in completing said files with the exception of the following years: 1876, 1877 and 1880. Any comrade or Department having duplicates of these Journals, and being willing to part with them, should correspond with Comrade Greely.

The following-named comrades are hereby appointed

ADDITIONAL AIDS-DE-CAMP

on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Delaware—Casper Miller, Box 405, Dover; John W. Messick, Georgetown; Clement N. Dodd, Middletown.

Florida—T. C. Keys, Eustis.

Illinois—William Keeler, Chicago; John S. Phelps, 1541 West Adams street, Chicago; E. C. Lott, Dekalb.

Kentucky—J. George Ruckstuhl, Louisville.

Ohio—John A. Myers, East Liverpool; G. W. Myers, Bryan; Josiah P. Dry, Upper Sandusky; D. C. Moon, Wilmington.

Potomac—J. B. Royce, Washington, D. C.

Rhode Island—William Gardiner, Henry S. Olney, Providence.

Vermont—A. D. Florence, 1057 St. Lawrence street, Montreal, Can.; Cyrus D. Gibson, Bennington; M. L. Dyer, Island Pond; Daniel W. Davis, Chester; A. D. Beckwith, Bellows Falls; Thomas C. Gale, Newport; Charles H. Cota, Burlington; William Crouan, Rutland.

Virginia and North Carolina—Jas. Williams, Norfolk, Va., 12 Mariner street.

Wisconsin—C. C. Townsend, Merrill.

Comrade John A. Thompson, of Baltimore, Md., has in his possession a very large number of

DISCHARGES FROM THE SERVICE

which he is very desirous of returning to their rightful owners if living and if dead to the heirs. Comrade Thompson will make no charge. The discharges are of Maryland volunteers, as follows: 1st, 2d, 3d, 5th, 8th, 10th, 11th, and 13th Md.; 1st Md. L. A.; 1st P. H. B. (Cole's Cav.); Purnell Cav.; 3d P. H. B. and 1st Md. Cav. Comrades interested in the foregoing will correspond direct with Comrade Thompson.

Comrade Stephen A. Cannon, New Brunswick, N. J., while at the Washington, D. C., National Encampment lost a bronze medal given to the State Battalion of New Jersey, then known as the Yorktown Battalion, it being given to him as a prize. It has a vase on one side and the coat-of-arms on the other. On the outside edge engraved Stephen A. Cannon suspended by a brass bar with six links. Anyone having this badge in their possession or knowing of it, will please correspond with the above-named comrade.

Comrades are warned against a party representing himself to be Wm. H. Sullivan, formerly of Co. K, 11th Ill. Cav., and claiming to have at one time belonged to McClanahan Post, 330, Department of Illinois, G.A.R., at Monmouth, Ill. There is a comrade by the name of Wm. H. Sullivan who did belong to this Post, but took a discharge, and is still living in Monmouth. The right name of the man representing himself as Sullivan is John M. Williams, and comrades are hereby warned against John M. Williams, alias Wm. H. Sullivan, as he is without doubt a fraud, having enlisted as above described, but deserted about 40 days after enlistment. At times he is accompanied by two young children.

General Orders, No. 9.

Twenty-seven years ago the beautiful and impressive custom of strewing flowers on the last resting place of fallen comrades was first publicly observed, and each year since has witnessed a more general observance of the day. "Memorial Day" is now, indeed, a time when a grateful people of a great Nation vie with each other in honoring the memory of its soldier and sailor dead, who died that the Nation might live, and also showing to the survivors of that great struggle that

OUR REPUBLIC IS GRATEFUL,

and does honor the men who dared death in its defense, and whose sacrifices and brave deeds shall be told in song and story to the rising generation, that they too may learn to love our country and its flag; learn what it has cost to preserve our free institutions; learn that we have the best and most liberal form of Government on the face of the earth to-day; learn that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty"; learn that its Constitution guarantees to all its citizens free speech, free thought, political and religious, a free ballot, which is the patriot's weapon in time of peace; learn that safety of the Nation lies in having every citizen protected in his rights; learn that education and patriotism go hand-in-hand; that we are one Nation, and that our motto is "One Country and one Flag," and that flag Old Glory, the Stars and Stripes, the flag which on this Memorial Day waves over every Union soldier and sailor's grave in this broad land.

Now, comrades, let us all enter earnestly into this patriotic work. "Fall in" with your Post in all its efforts to

FITTINGLY OBSERVE THE DAY

with flowers and tears for the dead, cheers and smiles for the living. Since last Memorial Day a full division of our Grand Army has been mustered out by death. Let us close up our ranks and stand shoulder to shoulder as we journey down the western slope of time.

Department Commanders will suggest to Post Commanders that they ask the different schools in their various localities to hold patriotic services Friday afternoon preceding Memorial Day, and that a detail be made from each Post to co-operate with the teachers in this work.

Post Commanders should also be reminded of the fact that their Memorial Day exercises should include attendance upon Divine service in a body Sunday evening, May 26. This custom has grown to be considered second only to the services on Memorial Day, and the Commander-in-Chief trusts that every Post will make arrangements for this observance.

The auxiliary organizations of the Grand Army should be invited to participate with the Post on Memorial Day. School children and patriotic citizens generally should also be invited. Let the day be truly a Memorial Day to our soldier and sailor dead.

By command of—

THOS. G. LAWLER, Commander-in-Chief.
C. C. JONES, Adjutant-General.

AT LOUISVILLE.

Preparation for the Grand Reunion Next September.

Comrade T. F. Smith, of Sitka, Alaska, was at Headquarters of the Citizens' Committee last week making arrangements for accommodations for comrades from Alaska.

Commander of the Department of Kansas, John P. Harris, visited Louisville the other day in the interest of Kansas comrades.

Col. C. P. Atmore, Chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Citizens' G.A.R. Committee, has already secured a rate of one cent a mile for the G.A.R. Encampment from lines running out of Pittsburg, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and St. Louis, and expects soon to obtain a favorable rate from all the lines which will bring passengers into Louisville during the Encampment.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

CONNECTICUT.—

Robert O. Tyler Post, 50, Hartford—Com., Henry F. Hart; S. V. C., Frederic W. White; J. V. C., Albert H. Fox; Adj't, E. Howard Geer; Q. M., John A. Dresser; Surg., Henry W. Burrill; Chap., Adrian P. Sloan; O. D., John S. Stannard; O. G., Benjamin W. Kenyon; S. M., William H. Harrington; Q. M. S., William H. Shaffer; Color Sergeants, Henry C. Storrs, Geo. Heizel; Organist, Wm. S. Jarman.

KANSAS.—

The following official roster of this Department is given in General Orders No. 1: Com., J. P. Harris, Ottawa; S. V. C., Jerry Shaw, Dodge City; J. V. C., E. B. Jones, Holton; Chap., J. C. Miller, Winfield; Medical Director, R. W. Wright, Oswego; Ass't Adj't-Gen. and Ass't Q. M. Gen., J. N. Harrison, Ottawa; Judge Advocate, J. V. Beekman, Arkansas City; Chief Mustering Officer, O. H. Coulter, Topeka; Chief of Staff, Clifford Fetters, Ottawa; Ass't Ins.-Gen., George W. Weed, Topeka; Chief of Aids, David Miller, Ottawa. Council of Administration, R. P. McGregor, Baxter Springs; Charles Harris, Emporia; O. L. Moore, Abilene; Ben Fagan, Ellsworth; T. C. Bowie, Jetmore.

J. P. Harris, Department Commander, Topeka, in Order 1, says: "Attention is called to the fact that owing to the severe drouth of the past year in the western part of this Department many worthy comrades have been reduced to want through no fault of their own. In order to relieve the needy comrades we have and will assign to the more prosperous Posts the duty of looking after their less fortunate comrades in other localities. When a Post is notified from these Headquarters that they have been assigned to look after the needy of another Post or Posts, as the case may be, I hope the response will be immediate, liberal, and generous. Remember they are our comrades, and that they need our help. Let the memory of the past make you ready to stand by those who stood by you."

MINNESOTA.—

In regard to recruiting Eli Torrance, Department Commander, in General Orders, says: "The Department Commander, in conclusion, desires to call attention to the fact that within the State of Minnesota less than one-half of those who served with us during the late war are members of the Grand Army of the Republic. The field for recruiting is large, and the time to muster these good and true men who wore the blue into the Grand Army was never more favorable than at the present. Let every comrade do his utmost to bring these comrades into our Order, that it may be increased numerically and strengthened in true comradeship. The Commander also calls attention to the fact that 900 comrades are now on the suspended-list. This condition of affairs should not be permitted to continue. Post Commanders are requested to examine the list of suspended and dropped members carefully, and appoint committees to visit former comrades and urge upon them to again become members. In cases of misfortune or infirmity, show that charity which is one of our cardinal principles, and remit their dues, and if they have been dropped restore them to the privileges of the Order, so that they may share with you in its blessings and benefits. The Department Commander will, with the other officers, and the help of friends outside the Order, secure a fund to be used for the purpose of restoring to membership those who were formerly with us, but through sickness or misfortune have been unable to keep step and have fallen out of our ranks. Let us stand or fall together."

PENNSYLVANIA.—

Ellis Howe Post, 6, Germantown, Pa., is organizing a society to be known as "Citizens' Corps of Ellis Howe Post." The objects of the Citizens' Corps are in part, as far as possible, identical with those of the Grand Army of the Republic, and also to aid and encourage the Post in maintaining for all time the principles of the Order. Any loyal citizen of the United States, of good moral character, who has never borne arms against the Government, or been convicted of crime, is eligible to membership. Members of this Corps will be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Post and club-room, except at secret meetings of the Post. They will have the privilege of accompanying the Post on all occasions of ceremony and pleasure, when not in conflict with the orders of superior authority, and shall have notice of all Campfires, excursions, etc. They may adopt rules and by-laws for their government, and elect such officers as may be deemed necessary.

RHODE ISLAND.—

Request has been made for the name, date of enlistment, name of vessels served on and date of discharge, also re-enlistments in the navy, with dates of all men who entered the United States navy from this state. The Department Commander requests Post Commanders to forward to Headquarters all such information as appears upon the Descriptive Books of their Posts, or that can be procured from other sources, without delay. If received in time the information will be used by the Adjutant-General of Rhode Island in completing the revised edition of the Adjutant-General's report of Rhode Island for 1865.

Our Comrades in Canada.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: The repeal of the law for non-residents of the United States and the restoration of the Canadian comrades to the pension-rolls has made friends for you, and I hope to be able to send you many new subscribers soon. Kindly accept the thanks of Hancock Post, 105, Department of New York, for advocating and pushing the repeal bill.

It would make your heart happy to see these poor old widows, some of them 80 years old, and broken-down comrades being reinstated on the rolls after being suspended and wrongfully deprived of their pensions for nearly two years. I have just sent to Hon. Wm. W. Grant, M. C. from Vermont, a letter of thanks for his good work in helping to repeal the law. He has done much to help the pensioners in Canada.

We are now doing well here, and have just sent $5 to help decorate the graves in the South on Memorial Day. We are poor, but we are doing our best for the noble Order of the G.A.R.

Many kind wishes for your success.—A. D. FLORENCE, Adjutant, Post 105, and National Aid-de-Camp, Montreal, Canada.

What He Saw.

[*Life.*]

"Been to the theater, eh! What did you see?"

"I saw a large black hat, with five ostrich feathers, a rhinestone buckle and two magenta roses. And once, (here the strong man's voice trembled,) once, for one moment, I thought I saw half of a sofa at the extreme left of the stage; but I cannot be sure."

Her Frivolous Pun.

[*Life.*]

Penelope—Well, Bishop, after all, there's only a difference of a single syllable between salvation and perdition.

The Bishop—Why, my dear young lady, how can you say that!

Penelope—It's merely a question of eternal bliss or eternal blisters.

To call the attention of our readers to the superb quality and low prices of the Buggies, Phaetons, and Harness manufactured by the Wilber H. Murray Manufacturing Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, is hardly necessary, as this firm and their wares are known the world over, and, as the poet says, "The name that dwells on every tongue no minstrel needs." We will, however, state that they are making many new styles this season, and their prices, as usual, are marvels of cheapness. They are giving away, free of charge, with all of their top buggies and phaetons, one of their new patent adjustable Storm and Sun Hoods, and their new improved Common Sense Top. Write them for their large illustrated catalog, which is sent free on receipt of eight cents to cover postage; it will pay any person to examine it.

SONS OF VETERANS.

News from Various Divisions—Election of Officers, etc.

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

National Encampment at Knoxville—Rituals—Eligibility to Membership—Memorial Day—Gains Throughout the Divisions.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, ROOMS 211-212 LINCOLN INN COURT, CINCINNATI, O., March 20, 1895.

General Orders, No. 2. Series of 1895.

In compliance with the vote of the Council-in-Chief the 14th annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held in the city of Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 16-19, inclusive, 1895.

Division Commanders have been elected and installed as follows: Connecticut, W. J. Bissell, Litchfield; Kansas, W. H. Russell, Rush Center; Massachusetts, Fred. E. Bolton, Boston; Missouri, Walter J. Zimmerschied, Sedalia; New Jersey, James E. Pierson, Hopewell; Nebraska, F. E. Way, Wahoo; Rhode Island, Arthur B. Spink, Providence.

Division Encampments will be held as follows: Indiana, July 1, 2, 3, at Anderson; Illinois, May 14, 15, 16, at Bloomington; Minnesota, June 19, at Glencoe; California, April 23 or 30, at Sacramento; Ohio, June 25, 26, 27, 28, at Xenia; Pennsylvania, between June 1 and 15, at Allentown; Wisconsin, May 22, 23, 24, at Green Bay; West Virginia, April 3, 4, at Charleston.

Commanders of other Divisions are requested to advise the Adjutant-General of the time and place for holding the Encampments of their respective Divisions.

Immediately upon the receipt of this order Division Commanders will send the names and addresses of their Chaplains and Surgeons to Chaplain-in-Chief Patton and Surg.-Gen. Young, respectively. Division Adjutants are requested to place the names of all Commandery-in-Chief officers on their mailing-lists.

Division Commanders are requested to destroy all old Rituals received by them from the several Camps of their respective Divisions.

The question has been frequently asked as to whether Division Commanders may furnish Camps with more than four copies of the Ritual. Article 20, page 77, of the C., R. and R., is very plain and explicit upon this point. It provides that "the general use of the Ritual for Camp services is prohibited; no Camp shall be allowed over four Rituals, and the Camp Captain shall make it his special duty to see that each and all of his subordinates are fully instructed as to their duties and parts."

The resignation of James W. Freeman as Commander of the Division of Montana has been received and accepted. Montana is in arrears with reports and per capita tax for the third and fourth quarters of 1894, and in pursuance of a vote of the Council-in-Chief the Camps of this Division have been attached to the Division of Washington.

The following questions have been frequently asked:

Are grandsons of honorably-discharged Union soldiers, sailors or marines eligible to membership in the Order of Sons of Veterans? Answer: Yes. See Section 1, Article 5, page 5, of the Camp Rules and Rituals, which reads as follows: "All male descendants, not less than 18 years of age, of deceased or honorably-discharged soldiers, sailors or marines who served in the Union army or navy during the civil war of 1861-1865, shall be eligible to membership," etc.

Are Camps permitted to confer upon a candidate all three degrees at one meeting? Answer: The Constitution, Ritual and Proceedings of the Davenport Encampment are silent upon this question. Each Camp is privileged to use its own discretion in the matter, though generally it would be advisable to confer but one degree at a meeting.

Past Capt. A. E. B. Stephens, of Camp 294, Division of Ohio, has been appointed Assistant Adjutant-General.

Soon again the Sons of Veterans will be called upon to exercise the highest privilege, and to perform the most sacred duty by joining with the Union veterans in paying a tribute of love, honor and respect to the memories of the heroic dead. Memorial Day will soon be here. Division Commanders and Camp Captains should begin early, and make every preparation for the proper observance of this day, which, by National legislation, has been dedicated to our soldier dead. We owe it to the sacrifices and services of our fathers and our fathers' comrades, to join with the living veterans in paying homage to those who have answered the call of the reveille for the last time; who have joined the silent majority, and whose tents are spread on fame's eternal camping-ground. Camps are urged to attend in a body, and in uniform, the Memorial services held in the various churches on the Sabbath preceding Memorial Day. Camp Chaplains are requested to make full and complete reports to Division Chaplains, in order that the latter may be able to make good reports to the Chaplain-in-Chief. Brothers, let us lay garlands of love and wreaths of affection at the tomb of every Union soldier. Let us honor ourselves by honoring the men who fought for the maintenance of the Union and the preservation of the institutions of our Government.

In the South there are 81 National Cemeteries, and on each succeeding 30th of May the beautiful custom of decorating the graves of the Union soldiers who are buried therein is followed. This observation necessitates considerable expense, which heretofore has been borne by the Grand Army of the Republic. It is to be hoped that the members of our Order will be liberal in their contributions to this fund this year. Send all remittances to Comrade J. W. Burst, Quartermaster-General, G.A.R., Rockford, Ill.

It is very gratifying to note the substantial gains being made in the membership of almost every Division for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1894. Many new Camps are being organized, many suspended ones are being reinstated, and every indication goes to show that our Order is on the forward march. There seems to be a good interest in the ranks of our organization, and we hope and believe that such gains will be made during the current year as will bring lasting benefit to our Order. Let "Work" be the watchword, and the best of results are sure to follow.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 30, 1894.

Division.	Number of Camps in good standing at last report.	Number of Members in good standing at last report.	Gain. Camps.	Gain. Members.	Loss. Camps.	Loss. Members.	No. in good standing. Camps.	No. in good standing. Members.
Ala. & Tenn	12	210	3	107	1	44	14	273
California	9	240	5	146	2	62	12	324
Colorado	14	371	1	46	2	51	13	367
Con'ecticut	25	697	3	136	.....	29	28	804
Illinois	78	1746	11	136	16	138	67	1667
Indiana	91	2041	7	566	12	516	86	2091
Iowa	37	925	16	362	1	104	52	1188
Kansas	79	1848	29	624	3	220	105	2252
Kentucky	6	103	2	51	1	14	7	141
Maine	42	1238	4	150	2	123	44	1265
Maryland	28	771	2	84	3	80	27	775
Massachu's	137	4514	3	416	4	441	136	4489
Michigan	28	552	7	154	2	76	33	630
Minnesota	40	1024	4	69	.....	77	44	1017
Missouri	43	1102	16	339	5	167	54	1265
Nebraska	53	742	19	417	.....	.....	68	794
New Ham.	21	742	1	36	.....	35	22	743
New York	115	3068	18	628	5	353	128	3343
New Jers'y	26	833	6	162	.....	62	32	933
Ohio	105	2600	33	751	5	283	133	3068
Oregon	.....	.....	6	117	1	28	5	89
Pennsyl'v'a	147	4741	9	497	9	513	147	4725
R. Island	15	442	.....	19	.....	26	15	435
S. Dakota	8	139	10	175	2	45	16	269
Vermont	38	870	9	275	1	104	46	1014
Washing'n	17	427	3	87	.....	34	20	480
W. Virginia	15	249	2	49	2	57	14	241
Wisconsin	27	563	7	137	2	59	32	641
Totals	1260	32621	226	6727	86	3761	1400	35361

By command of—

WM. E. BUNDY, Commander-in-Chief.
Official: H. V. SPEELMAN, Adjutant-General.

THE DIVISIONS.

CONNECTICUT.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Arrangements have been made for a meeting of the Camps in the southern part of the State at Stamford, April 5, where they will be the guest of John M. Simms Camp, 49. The Camps that are expected to be represented are from Meriden, New Haven, Bridgeport, and Mt. Vernon, of the N. Y. Division. A great benefit must result from these fraternal meetings; they not only stimulate the Camp to greater exertion, but they prove of lasting benefit. If the Sons of the northern part of the Division would do the same thing, they would feel a new impetus. No Commander of the Connecticut Division has had a greater opportunity to make a record than the present incumbent, and judging from General Orders, which have emanated from Headquarters, he is trying to maintain the same high standard which has been such a distinctive feature of the last few administrations. At no time or in any way does the Division Commander get as close to the members of the different Camps as by these General Orders, and for that reason much care should be taken to make them as interesing as possible. A thought came to my mind at this time that I want to put on paper, very plain, for all the brothers of the Connecticut Division.

Memorial Day is almost here, the one day in the whole year when we turn aside from our busy cares to look back over the last 30 years and review the work that was done for our country, the one day that the Government has decided shall be given to the proper observance of our dead heroes, and I ask of you all that you lend every effort toward making it a day as intended by our Government—that is, by giving our thoughts to the memory of our beloved heroes, and doing them honor as far as possible by decorating their final resting-places. Already it is becoming a day for sports, which prevents the true significance of the day being felt. I call upon the brothers, not only of the Connecticut Division, but of our whole Order, to assist in giving to Memorial Day a proper observance. There are certainly enough holidays to give every one an opportunity to indulge his fancies as he sees most fit, but don't make Memorial Day a time for sport. If every brother of our Order would give more attention to this matter and call the attention of the loyal citizens to it, we might hope for a lessening of the evil. But just as long as the Sons of Veterans make no great efforts to prevent the desecration of the day, just so long will it be desecrated. Oh, that all might feel as I feel. It would be the greatest lesson in patriotism that our growing boys and girls could ever care to have. I, as a member of the Sons of Veterans, and representing the Division of Connecticut as I do, enter a most solemn protest for our entire Division against making Memorial Day anything but what was intended of it. Man is so selfish that he cannot permit a single chance to go by without using it for his own selfish purposes; beautiful example for those who come after us. But it will not always be thus. We must work, and keep on working until we have accomplished that we so much desire.—FAYER.

KENTUCKY.

Lieut. John Fowler Camp, 1, was mustered at Louisville March 14, by Adj't-Gen. H. V. Speelman, with 64 charter members. This Camp will be a valuable acquisition to the Order in the matter of looking after the interest of the Order in making arrangements for the National Encampment of the G.A.R.

Past Col. Geo. H. Capito has been appointed Chief-of-Staff.

The Division Encampment will be held at Augusta June 5 and 6.

MAINE.

Applications for Camp charters have been received at Headquarters and approved for new Camps at Rumford Falls and Skowhegan. More are expected before the close of the quarter. Many Camps are gaining steadily, and the outlook is pleasing to all interested in our Order's welfare.

A. C. Pray Camp, of Auburn, has on two occasions helped an ex-member of the Order. That Camp has called attention of Headquarters to the matter, and after careful thought and investigation it has been decided that the brother, though now out of the Order on account of circumstances for which he cannot be blamed, is worthy of assistance, and as the Division funds cannot be used for such a purpose, it is mentioned in General Orders, to give each Camp which desires a chance to help. The Division Commander will undertake to receive and forward any amount that Camps or brothers desire to donate, and will render an account of the same in next orders. The brother referred to is Edwin I. Dearborn, South Monmouth, Me. A donation of money has already been received from Judge-Advocate E. K. Gould, and forwarded to the brother.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Past Col. Frank C. Smith and Past Capts. Daniel McLinn and Wm. J. Fountain have been appointed to secure railroad rates to Weirs for the 13th Encampment June 4 and 5.

This Division shows a net gain of one member during the last quarter.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Sam Glegg Camp, 9, Roxborough—Capt., G. W. Wright; First Lieut., Stephen C. Miller; Second Lieut., H. Luckenbill; Council, C. Reininger, William Aldinger, Albert Scott; First Serg't, John McGee; Chap., C. Reininger; S. of G., Wm. Sutch; C. of G., S. H. Aman; C. S., H. Mower; Musician, C. Blum; P. G., Fred. Breyer. A few offices are vacant at present, but will be filled in a few weeks. The present membership is 40.

RHODE ISLAND.

The following is the official roster of the officers elected at the seventh annual Encampment: Com., Arthur B. Spink; S. V. C., Herbert S. Thompson; J. V. C., George H. Wightman; Council, William M. P. Bowen, Thomas M. Sweetland, Theodore A. Barton. The following Representatives and Alternates were duly elected to the 14th annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief: Representatives, Rev. Frederick B. Cole (at-large), Herbert S. Thompson; Alternates, Frederick C. Hoffman (at-large), Michael P. O'Flaherty.

The following staff has been appointed: Surg., A. Watson A. Traver; Chap., Rev. Frederick B. Cole; Adj't, Ernest L. Hackett; Q. M., Wm. R. Congdon; Inspector, Michael P. O'Flaherty; Mustering Officer, Henry D. Gifford; Judge-Advocate, Frederic E. Carpenter; Q. M. S., Wm. H. Addison, jr.; Principal Musician, Stephen A. Aldrich; Color Bearer, Henry Frazier.

Gen. George B. McClellan Camp, 2, Riverside, has surrendered its charter.

Past Colonel Thomas Sweetland has been elected Chairman of the Division Council.

Have you done your duty in getting one more subscriber for THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE? You should do this, for it is the best way to help your comrades.

THE QUESTION SQUAD.

Veterans Anxious to Find Their Comrades—Who Can Aid Them?

[Inquiries for the whereabouts of persons will be published in this column once, free. Notices sent now cannot appear for some time, as we have on file several hundred inquiries. By watching our Reunion columns during Reunion season the whereabouts of Secretaries having regimental rosters may be ascertained.]

HOSPITAL.—Of Alfred A. Woodman; last heard of in hospital at Annapolis, Md.; by George W. Cole, Parole, Md.

ILLINOIS.—Of R. M. Buchner and A. G. Brandenburg, both of Co. E, 1st Ill. L. A.; by Frances M. Myers, Guthrie, Okla. Ter.——Of Albert F. Stephenson, John C. Foster, and John M. Henderson, all of Co. B, 139th Ill.; by James R. Phillips, Rankin, Ill.

INDIANA.—Of the Colonel of the 49th Ill. who was in command at Vicksburg, Miss.; by William Jones, Bloomingsburg, O.——Of Co. D, 16th Ind.; by John P. Neu, Seward, Neb.——Of the 29th Ind.; by J. E. Hampton, Secretary of the 29th Indiana Association, Plymouth, Ind.

IOWA.—Of E. Mathews, 12th Iowa; by R. A. De Witt, 3136 Twenty-third street, South Minneapolis, Minn.——Of Capt. O'Brien and James Wilson, Co. B, 7th Iowa; by Ed Cox, Leonard, Mo.

KANSAS.—Of Levi Morris, Co. F, 12th Kan., formerly a member of Hazen Post, 3, Department of Indian Territory; by J. H. Bowman, Oak Lodge, I. T.

KENTUCKY.—Of Cyrus Mobley, whose home before the war was in Moscow, O., and who was Surgeon in a Kentucky regiment; by Charles N. Moyer, National Military Home, Leavenworth, Kan.

MARYLAND.—Of Co. E, 3d Md., Potomac Home Brigade; by Everett G. Hayes, Nobelsville, Ind.

MICHIGAN.—Of J. R. Philips, William Brant, Fred Wolf, William Bird, or any member of 27th Mich.; by U. O. Chase, Box 412, Reed City, Mich.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Of Henry G. Simpson, who left home in Hyde County, N. C., about 10 years prior to the rebellion and went to Boston; by A. W. Simpson, Braxton, N. C.

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THE RELIEF CORPS.

Gleanings from National Headquarters—Notes from Departments.

WOMEN WHO WORK

For Patriotism and Relief and All Things Pure and Good—Tributes from Grand Army and Sons of Veterans.

A SUMMARY OF GOOD THINGS.

There is an astonishing revival of activities in the ranks of the Woman's Relief Corps since to their never failing round of fraternal charities they have added the stirring work of placing Old Glory in the schools of the land.

To-day we will take a bird's-eye view of what is going on in conventions and meetings, Campfires great and small, the Stars and Stripes leading in the van.

THE FLAG SALUTE IN MISSOURI.

A committee from O. P. Morton Corps, Joplin, Mo., waited upon Superintendent Brown, of the public schools, and asked him to use his influence in having the flag salute introduced into the morning exercises.

They found him deeply interested, and steps will be taken to inaugurate this patriotic work in the public schools of Joplin. In an article bearing upon this subject, Past President Adah Goss Briggs, of O. P. Morton Corps, says:

"It seems to me there could be nothing more inspiring than to open school in the morning by singing those patriotic songs, and afterward giving the salute to the starry emblem of our country's glory.

"Every teacher finds it necessary to supplement the mental training of her pupils by a certain amount of moral training. The teacher who can keep hands too busy for idle mischief and fill youthful minds with noble thoughts has found the key to her individual success and made divine her chosen occupation.

"In using the flag salute as an inspiration to patriotic sentiments and patriotism as a factor in building up the moral character of the young, the teacher must find a help of inestimable value.

OHIO ADVANCES THE FLAG.

Ohio women of the W.R.C. have been foremost in availing themselves of the privileges of school suffrage, for the first time granted the women of the Buckeye State. They have been making an active canvass, as they would use every means of putting the Stars and Stripes in the schools and to introduce elementary training in American citizenship.

At Troy, that splendid woman, Hannah M. Gahagan, Department Secretary, who has been exerting every influence to teach patriotism, is a candidate for the School Board.

At Akron Past Department President Sarah M. E. Battels has been in the front ranks, working with the Local Council of Women, as a representative of Buckley Corps.

At Norwalk Past Department Chaplain Gertrude B. Williams has thrown all her enthusiasm of voice and pen into the cause.

At Canton Past National President addressed a woman's mass meeting; also one at Salem, where Past Corps President Edwards is a candidate for the School Board.

Department President Sarah D. Winans, who attended the National Council of Women at Washington, has instructed the Department Committee on Patriotic Teaching to prepare the flag salute and drill to be presented at the coming Department Convention.

The Department of Ohio, W.R.C., through its regular committee, S. Allie Shuler, President, has placed books to the value of $100.29, by direct purchase, in the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors' Home, besides books contributed by Corps, sent with hospital supplies.

Department President Sarah D. Winans attended the Indiana Convention at Muncie.

Lyon Corps, 52, London, got out one edition of the *Daily Nickel Plate*, by courtesy of the editor, clearing $170. Julia A. Reese, Chairman of the Executive Committee, is given great credit for her excellent management of the scheme.

THEY NEVER SAY FAIL.

The Department Convention of Montana, W.R.C., will be held at Butte April 9. The women of the Rockies are wide awake, and despite the financial stress there will be a representative gathering. Past Department President Isabella Kirkendall, writing to the National Council of Women, says:

"It is with pleasure I notice the advancement of our representatives along this line. I am not surprised to see our color-bearers in the first ranks of the Woman's Council, for they never say fail, especially if the barriers seem impregnable. Their motto is to be right, then forward, march. With such leaders as our women have proved to be in the Council the forces of barbarism must flee before us, and palms of victory wave above all the peoples of the world."

JOHN B. HENDERSON DRUM CORPS.

The services of John B. Henderson Drum Corps, Washington, D. C., have been tendered, through John T. Rudy, Captain, Commander-in-Chief Lawler as an escort for National Encampment. These are the Zouave boys who played for the National Council of Women when the girls in red, white, and blue gave the flag salute.

They would make a sensation, and it is hoped that arrangements can be made to take the little fellows down to Dixie land. We understand the Commander-in-Chief would be glad to have the boys go could their expenses be met in some way.

A COMRADE'S THANKS.

Comrade C. A. Hendrickson, Calvert, Kan., desires to thank all who contributed to a box of seeds, sent him by the G.A.R., W.R.C., S. of V., and D. of V., of Bremen, Ind., for his own use and that of soldier neighbors in need in Belle Plain and adjoining Townships in Norton County, Kan.

He reserved a portion for himself and two daughters who married two farmers who lost their crops, and then began his delivery by visiting two other families near by; this the day the seeds arrived.

Comrade Hendrickson says that while he and his neighbors, with few exceptions, have not been asking aid, yet they are in need of seed and feed. Many have a team and a cow or two, but cannot borrow a dollar for any interest, and they must have the means for putting in Spring crops.

Corn, oats, grain, beans, and potatoes are needed by many who have no way of getting them unless kind friends provide. Dried beef and any kind of imperishable food would be gratefully received.

Comrade Hendrickson will receive and distribute anything sent by mail, freight, or express, or answer inquiries from any source.

PENNSLYVANIA DOINGS.

Trilby Corps, Department of Pennsylvania, presented a silk quilt to Department President Wittenmyer at Department Convention.

Barrows Corps, 61, has received first honors in the Department of Pennsylvania for efficiency in work.

Corps 102, Pen Yan, and their friends are still talking of the merry sleigh-ride they enjoyed to the residence of Aunt Phœbe Mariner, whose regular old-fashioned spread was enjoyed and piping hot hospitality dispensed.

THE MYSTIC LETTERS "W.R.C."

Lizzie M. Powers, Chairman Department Relief, Department of Nebraska, in her report before 12th annual Convention tells the story that comes from many sad hearts and homes, as they recount the fraternal kindness of the W.R.C. Her comments upon the lovely spirit manifested follow:

"These generous donations of money, food and clothing, which have been carefully distributed, show that the work has been carried on with good results. Yet this is not all, nor can we ever know the gladness which has entered the homes of our needy wards, the hundreds to whom the mystic letters 'W.R.C.' have been the synonym of joy and hope. Many of our comrades and their families have learned to appreciate the Woman's Relief Corps. The haste to do good which followed the appeal of our Department President, and the kindly and sympathetic spirit which has been evinced in all letters received, gives us a new meaning for the word Charity, and we can faintly comprehend the possibilities yet before the women of our Order."

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.

DEAR TRIBUNE: The ladies of Saginaw cleared $2,000 through the St. Cecilia edition of the *Evening News*.

The women of Ann Arbor issued a red, white and blue edition of the *Courier* on Washington's Birthday, in which the W.R.C. had favorable mention.

The woman's edition at Lansing gave the W.R.C. a good send off, and devoted considerable space to the flag.

The Department of Michigan has just closed a prosperous year, having distributed $7,856 in cash and its equivalent.

The perfect work of our W.R.C. representatives in the Triennial Council of Women is a source of pride with us all.

Past Department President Hattie A. Thompson is a member of the Daughters of the Revolution, holding her membership at Washington. She has served Michigan two terms as Department Counselor.

Michigan women have formed a State Federation of Clubs. A State Council, in affiliation with the National Council of Women, will follow, with Mrs. ex-Gov. Bagley, of Detroit; Past Department President Alaseba M. Bliss, of Saginaw, and Louise Barnum Robbins, of Adrian, all National life members, as leaders.

The great