THE GRAND ARMY.

What Veterans Are Doing for the Good of the Order.

Project for a Home at Castle Pinckney Receiving Support—A Fraternal Policy—Michigan Department Affairs—Doings of the Posts—Preparations for the National Encampment.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 26.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Grand Army Encampment Headquarters on the second floor of Ellicott Square, facing the spacious court, presents a scene of bustling activity from day to day. Work, it can be said, has only now begun in real earnest. The numerous committees and sub-committees having in charge the various undertakings in connection with the prodigious affair are getting down to solid work. Whenever they hold a meeting they come to decisions before adjournment. Important actions are now being taken by every committee, and the work of preparing the small but important details of the Encampment is being pushed with energy.

It had been thought by some that the Terrace would be too small for the assembling of the grand parade. Gen. Peter C. Doyle, who will be the Grand Marshal of the parade, said to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE correspondent yesterday:

"The Terrace was selected after a consultation with experienced men, and the Commander-in-Chief has indorsed the selection. The Terrace is paved with asphalt, and will be found roomy enough."

New York's Department Commander, Shaw, personally and officially invited Gov. Black, of New York State, to honor the Encampment with his presence. The Governor has accepted. The details for the Governor's reception have not yet been decided upon, but it has been announced that he will deliver the address Thursday night of Encampment week on behalf of the veterans of New York State. He will assist in the review with President McKinley and the Governors of other States.

Camp Jewett, which will be established at the Front, overlooking Niagara River and Lake Erie, is completely filled. Capt. Guthrie, assigned by the Government to take charge of Camp Jewett, has made arrangements for the accommodation of 10,200 men at the Camp. Fifty men are now at work laying the water mains in Camp Jewett, and every convenience possible will be afforded the veterans who will stack arms there.

The following Posts from the larger cities have been assigned to Camp Jewett: A. Smith Post, 435, of Brooklyn, 60 men, assigned to McPherson avenue; Lincoln, 11, 125 men; Bell and C. R. Lowell, all of Boston, to McPherson avenue; Greble Post, 125 men, Schuyler Post, 200 men, and Birney Post, 60 men, Philadelphia, to Schofield avenue; Department of Iowa to Hancock avenue; Farquhar Post, of Detroit, 50 men, to Hancock avenue; Harter Post, Canton, O., 200 men, to Stanley avenue; Baker Post, Philadelphia, 200 men, to Hancock avenue; Stephenson Post, Springfield, Ill., 50 men, to Hooker avenue; J. C. Hull and Patterson Posts of Pittsburg, 145 men, together, McPherson avenue. Some of the Posts secured headquarters in the big hotels.

The Camp is laid out in avenues named, as will be seen, after the famous Generals of the civil war.

Secretary Turner has assigned more than 15,000 veterans to private and other quarters. Commander C. H. McConnell, of Columbia Post of Chicago, with Mr. S. M. Sutherland, also of the Post, has been in town perfecting arrangemenas for the accommodation of the "silk stocking" aggregation from Chicago. They will have quarters at the Genesee, two entire floors, with drawing-rooms, an orchestra, and other good things.

George W. Vaughn, who is a candidate for Pension Agent for the Buffalo office, has charge of assigning the veterans to private quarters. He, with his staff of clerks, is kept busy from early morn until late in the evening writing the assignments and certificates of introduction.

W. E. Thorp, of Hart, Mich., representing Joseph Hooker Post, 26, was a guest of Secretary Turner last week. He was assigned to private quarters. H. F. Beardsley, Commander of the Veterans' Grand Army Organization of Susquehanna County, Pa., made arrangements for his veterans with Secretary Turner. They will be quartered in the Parade House at Fillmore avenue and Best street. Comrade Beardsley said 2,000 would attend.

The Ladies' Reception Committee are busy making provisions for the proper entertainment of those of the fair sex who will attend the Encampment. Preparations on an elaborate scale are being perfected for the entertainment of the women's organizations

Fifty thousand Encampment souvenir books were issued last week. Aug. 5 the work of constructing the reviewing stand will be begun. It will be an immense affair. The design for the delegates' badges has been adopted by W. S. Allen, Chairman of the Badge Committee.

The Sons of Veterans Organization is doing good work in the clerical line. They have been formed into companies and drill once a week. They evince great enthusiasm and will no doubt make an efficient corps of guides for the veterans when they arrive. They will be detailed to receive the veterans, comrades and their familes, and conduct them to their quarters.

George Chappell, Vanderbilt Post, 136, and Jas. A. Colvin, Alexander Hamilton Post, 182, both of New York, have popped up as opponents to the candidacy of Alfred Lyth, of Buffalo, for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the G.A.R. It is believed by Buffalo veterans that Lyth will be elected. K. H.

THE CASTLE PINCKNEY PLAN.

Maj. Robert Anderson Post, 7, Department of Georgia, located at Charleston, S. C., has issued an appeal to the Grand Army of the Republic in behalf the project to construct a Government Sanitarium on Castle Pinckney Island, Charleston Harbor, as a monument to the memory of Maj. Anderson. The sanitarium would be for the disabled officers and men of the Regular and Volunteer Army and Navy of the United States. The plan has received the hearty indorsement of every South Carolina official, and the petition to Congress asking the construction of the Home is headed by Gov. W. H. Ellerbe.

What Anderson Post wants is the indorsement of the Grand Army of the Republic, and its influence in securing the necessary National legislation. It is purposed to send two citizens of Charleston to Buffalo to lay their plans before the Encampment. Rev. H. W. Bays, D. D., of Charleston, will likely be one of the committee.

Regarding the project, the circular letter says: "It will cement patriotic hearts that are now pulsating apart, banding them together in the interest of a broad and National patriotism that will become a power in our brotherhood of American citizenship."

Mr. A. C. Kaufman is the principal projector in the effort that is now being made to secure the sanitarium. The appeal is signed by Stephen W. Rhodes, Commander, Anderson Post; James O. Ladd, H. Brown, R. E. Mansfield, James Ackerman, Past Commanders, and John J. Driscoll, Adjutant.

In a letter to Maj. R. E. Mansfield, Charleston, S. C., Commander-in-Chief Clarkson says: "I am most heartily in sympathy with the efforts of your citizens to secure the establishment by the Government of a sanitarium for ex-United States soldiers and sailors on Castle Pinckney Island. I will gladly do all I can to aid in securing the indorsement of the National Encampment for this very worthy project."

RESTORING SUSPENDED COMRADES.

Commander Albert D. Shaw, in last General Orders, issued from Headquarters New York Department, Albany, calls attention to the fraternal policy of reinstating suspended and dropped comrades. In a great majority of such cases it is believed that the causes are such that by a spirit of comradeship they may be restored to active and useful membership without injury to the Order.

As an illustration Commander Shaw points to Post 51, which, according to the semi-annual report, reinstated from the suspended list 19 comrades and from the dropped list 12. The Commander asks: "Cannot a large number of Posts inaugurate a similar policy of winning back good comrades who, from a variety of reasons, have fallen out of active membership?"

Regarding the Buffalo Encampment, Gen. Shaw says: "I am greatly gratified with the zeal displayed in forming County battalions, as recommended in General Orders No. 3. Such prompt and wise action is convincing evidence of the loyalty and willingness of comrades to act in concert and follow proved lines of organization, to the end that the grand parade at Buffalo may be alike worthy of our noble veterans and our great State. It is hoped that the comrades of every County will be largely represented in the line on the 25th of August.

The following comrades have been appointed Acting Assistant Adjutant-Generals for the various battalions: A. E. Curtis, Chautauqua County battalion; G. W. Stanley, Genessee County battalion; Rufus Daggett, Oneida County battalion; Wm. Q. Huggins, Niagara County battalion; De Witt Crumb, Chenango County battalion; John Raines, Ontario County, battalion; J. E. Middugh, Alleghany County battalion; C. O. Shepherd, "Bath S. S. Home" battalion.

Post 9, Buffalo, having tendered its services to the Department Commander during the Encampment, Gen. Shaw announces his acceptance of the offer. This Post will meet the Headquarters-train on its arrival at Buffalo and escort the Commander and his staff to Ellicott Square.

GREAT INTEREST IN MICHIGAN.

Col. C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General of the Department of Michigan, has submitted his semi-annual report, showing the Order to be in good condition in that State.

No delinquent Posts are shown in the Department. This result is to be credited to the earnest manner in which Col. Pond has urged the various Posts to promptness. There were in good standing in the Department Jan. 1, 382 Posts, with a membership of 16,096. The gains during the term ending June 30 last have been: Posts, 4; muster-in of new members, 340; from transfer from other Posts, 171; from reinstatement of delinquents, 492; making a total of 903 members.

The losses have been for the same period: By death, 177; by honorable discharge, 36; by transfer to other Posts, 133; by suspension, 572; by surrender of charter, 3 Posts and 43 members; making a total loss of 961 members. This leaves the showing for the Department at the present time, 383 Posts, a gain of 1; 16,038 members; a decrease of 58 from the last Winter report.

This shows a marked increase in the interest shown by the veterans in Michigan in G.A.R. matters, for the death loss was greater by 119 then the entire net loss, and the gains by muster and reinstatement almost equaled the loss by death and suspension.

Col. Pond reports the inquiries being made as to the Buffalo Encampment in August next as a very good reason for anticipating the largest turnout of Michigan veterans since the Detroit gathering in 1891.

DEPARTMENT DOINGS.

Francis Downs, Commander of the Department of New Mexico, has appointed James H. Purdy, Santa Fe, Judge-Advocate; E. S. Stover, Albuquerque, Chief Mustering Officer, and John P. Victory, Santa Fe, Inspector. Orlando Smith, S. C. Rathbon, J. R. Hudson, A. M. Whitcomb, E. W. Easton, Lee H. Rudisille, Mathew Clements and Silas T. Maupin are Assistant Inspectors.

L. B. Harris, Post 106, Lyndonville; W. H. Gilmore, Post 17, Fairlee; R. J. Coffey, Post 112, Bennington; M. J. Leach, Post 55, Walcott, and A. D. Beckwith, Post 34, Bellows Falls, compose the Vermont Council of Administration. The Department will be represented at Buffalo by Frank Kenfield, Post 4, Morrisville; A. M. Downs, Post 42, Bennington; T. B. Kelley, Post 14, Rutland; D. W. Davis, Post 27, Chelsea; and H. E. Foster, Post 115.

Commander Jewett has established Headquarters at Swanton, Vt., and appointed E. J. Ranslow Assistant Adjutant-General; C. C. Johnson, Post 46, Springfield, Inspector; Harvey S. Powers, Post 4, Wells River, Chief Mustering Officer, and Samuel H. Kelly, Senior Aid-de-Camp.

RENEWING OLD TIES.

Reunions of Veterans Who Stood Shoulder to Shoulder in the Dark Days.

Secretaries of regimental and other associations holding Reunions are requested to send to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE the latest and most complete rosters. Announcement of meetings will be made in this column, free.

Association of Survivors of the Regular Brigade, Fourteenth Corps, Army of the Cumberland, at Columbus, O., Sept. 22, 23 and 24. Headquarters will be at 285 and 287 North High street. David Laken, President, Columbus.

22d Ohio, at Gen. Melick's Grove, Roseville, O. Sept. 16 and 17. Warner Mills, Secretary, 260 East Rich street, Columbus, O.

113th Ill., at Iroquois, Ill., Sept. 15 and 16. F. J. Filbert, Secretary, Palatine, Ill.

117th N. Y., at Rome, N. Y., Aug. 10 and 11. H. G. Estes, Secretary, 108 Blandina street, Utica, N. Y.

Ingham County Soldiers and Sailors' Association, at Mason, Mich., Sept. 16 and 17. John C. Squires, Secretary, Mason.

1st W. Va., at Columbus, O., Sept. 9, during the meeting of the Army of West Virginia. Regimental Headquarters will be at the Neil House, and business sessions will be held in the Senate Chamber of the State House. George B. Crawford, Secretary, Wellsburg, W. Va.

The annual Reunion of the Mississippi River Ram Fleet and Marine Brigade will be held in the Supervisors' Chamber, City Hall, Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 24, at 3 p. m. Capt. George Q. White Commander of the Society, died at St. Paul, March 29. W. D. Crandall, Superintendent Federal Soldiers' Home, St. James, Mo., is Historian-Treasurer.

28th N. Y., on Grand Island, Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 26. Headquarters during the Encampment week will be at 20 Swan street, near the corner of Pearl street. C. W. Boyce, Secretary, Buffalo.

12th Pa. Cav., at Corry, Pa., Aug. 10. J. M. Boyd, Secretary, Centerville, Pa.

112th Ill., at Cambridge, Ill., Aug. 25. Widows, sons, and daughters of deceased comrades are invited. B. F. Thompson, Secretary, Toulon, Ill.

1st Me. H. A., at Buckport, Me., Aug. 24. Half fare has been granted by several railroads. Henry E. Sellers, Secretary, Bangor, Me.

Old Settlers and Soldiers' Reunion at Quincy, Ind., Aug. 19. J. H. Devore, President.

Co. D, 47th Ohio, at the home of Comrade J. A. Msgaw, Morning Sun, Ohio, Aug. 12. J. S. Ramsey, Secretary, Morning Sun.

140th Ill., at Serling, Ill., Aug. 18 and 19. The purpose of the meeting is to form a permanent organization. Moses Dillon, Secretary, Sterling, Ill.

24th Ohio, at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Sept. 16. R. S. Grimm, Secretary, Mt. Vernon.

The 27th annual Reunion of the Engineer Brigade, Army of the Potomac, will be held in the High School, Niagara Square, Buffalo, Thursday, Aug. 26, at 1 o'clock. Samuel B. Williams, Rochester, N. Y., is Secretary.

Survivors of Co. E, 9th Vt., met at Newport Center, Vt., July 7, with 22 members present. The old officers were re-elected by acclamation: Pres., R. F. Parker; First V. P., O. J. Adams; Second V. P., S. O. Whipple; Treas., A. C. Sleeper; Sec., Geo. M. Lane, Springfield, Mass; Ass't Sec., Hiram Drown.

The 20th annual Reunion of the 11th Mass. was held at Nahant, last week, with an attendance of about 50. The following officers were chosen: Pres., Daniel H. Harmond; V. P., Frank W. Thompson; Sec.-Treas., Charles R. Mansfield, Lynn. A report was read showing that the veterans who had died in the past year numbered seven. Letters of regret were received from a number of members who could not attend. At the dinner speeches were made by the newly-elected officers.

The anniversary of the battle of Fort Wagner was observed by 25 survivors of the 54th Mass. (colored), who marched to the Shaw Memorial, Boston, where impressive and interesting services were held.

Gen. Horatio C. King, Recording Secretary, Society of the Army of the Potomac, Brooklyn, N. Y., has issued a circular announcing the Reunion to be held at Troy, N. Y., Aug. 20 and 21. The Governor of the State and the Mayor of Troy will welcome the visitors. Maj. C. A. Woodruff, U. S. A., will deliver the oration. The monuments of Gens. Tibbits, Carr and Willard will be visited. Gen. Sickles has promised to be present.

A. H. Boise, 4th Mich., Hudson, Mich., is anxious that a Reunion of the Second Brigade, First Division, Fifth Corps, be held in Buffalo during the National Encampment. This would include the 14th N. Y., 9th Mass., 4th Mich., 62d Pa., 22d Mass., Griffin's Battery and the 4th R. I. L. A. Comrade Boise asks that some of the New York boys make the arrangements and give notice through THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. He also asks a meeting be called by any member of the 19th V. R. C. Band living in Buffalo.

"Children Teething."

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

THE RELIEF CORPS

News and Gossip of the Great Auxiliary.

Proud Record of Fourteen Years—Nearly a Million and a Half Spent in Relief—Some Department Presidents—Work Among the Corps.

A circular letter issued from National Headquarters, W.R.C., Indianapolis, addressed to the Grand Army, through Post Commanders and comrades, opens with the resolution of the National Encampment of 1881, authorizing the formation of a Woman's Relief Corps, and the resolution of the Encampment of 1883, hailing the organization of such a body and extending them support and encouragement. Then follows the preamble to rules and regulations, setting forth the object of the Woman's Relief Corps, to aid and assist the Union veterans, to inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country, and to encourage the spread of universal liberty and equal rights to all, and then sets forth the following summary of the magnificent work of relief accomplished by the W.R.C. in the 14 years of National organization.

There are now 35 Departments and 56 detached Corps, with a membership of 140,135; number of persons assisted in one year, 40,513. The table follows, a magnificent record of the united efforts of loyal American womanhood, reaching a sum total, in 14 years, for soldier relief, of $1,371,832.63.

	Expended in Relief.	Turned Over to Posts.	Estimated Relief other than Money.
Cal. and Nev.	$52,304.28	$10,272.63	$13,937.07
Colo. and Wyo.	14,174.15	4,315.46	10,271.88
Connecticut	15,205.32	6,706.46	6,154.31
Dakota	1,439.54	1,085.95	.....
Idaho	170.35	337.35	33.35
Illinois	39,005.86	13,689.05	24,906.90
Indiana	29,093.51	10,801.97	17,538.34
Iowa	37,817.78	12,920.80	23,074.43
Kansas	35,264.72	19,516.17	14,632.79
Kentucky	3,918.89	902.49	801.81
La. and Miss.	1,887.11	279.20	669.15
Maine	4,101.04	3,710.62	3,607.28
Maryland	2,373.75	1,806.45	1,761.39
Massachusetts	80,714.73	70,029.81	17,193.20
Michigan	26,805.76	19,104.56	20,675.20
Minnesota	11,095.92	9,845.21	10,916.88
Missouri	15,634.35	2,164.89	8,569.43
Montana	575.81	570.34	371.05
Nebraska	12,426.47	8,932.68	15,134.67
New Hamp're	15,068.13	7,244.65	1,986.94
New Jersey	3,279.32	7,105.03	705.18
New Mexico	306.92	148.07	.....
New York	30,714.52	17,224.54	19,137.59
North Dakota	753.60	413.53	484.40
Ohio	85,557.60	30,925.06	28,228.40
Oregon	4,421.60	2,201.15	3,397.95
Oklahoma	212.63	201.86	389.60
Pennsylvania	27,248.80	34,374.41	14,881.35
Potomac	3,177.94	95.00	3,855.18
Rhode Island	2,188.58	3,707.51	1,993.51
South Dakota	2,499.29	1,484.04	3,926.38
Tennessee	201.59	39.50	6.00
Texas	683.76	199.41	210.55
Vermont	6,548.23	5,235.16	5,490.85
Wash. and Al.	8,001.76	3,452.45	3,510.41
West Virginia	427.25	441.48	249.20
Wisconsin	30,480.02	8,376.21	21,089.74
Prov. Dep't	9,223	386.95	177.90
Detach'd Corps	14,780.14	3,048.02	2,790.94
Total	$621,669.25	$324,496.15	$303,049.21

PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK.

Department President Ada G. Mohr, of New York, upon her return from Convention was tendered a reception by W. F. Hancock Corps, of Brooklyn, as an expression of their gratification over her election to this important office, she being the almost unanimous choice of Convention. On this occasion Miss Massie L. Green was installed President of Hancock Corps, from which office President Mohr retired upon her promotion.

GOOD FRIEND OF THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

Letitia Foster Withers, President of the Department of Wisconsin, W.R.C. has been prominent in Relief Corps work for the last 14 years, and has many of the qualities of a successful leader. She has a warm heart and tender sympathies, fortified by good executive ability, and is highly gifted both as a speaker and a writer. In 1855 she became a charter member of Eagle Corps, 20, Eau Claire, present Headquarters of the Department of Wisconsin, W.R.C., and has held many offices, not only in her own Corps but in the Department, besides serving as delegate to National Convention and National Aid.

LETITIA FOSTER WITHERS.

She has served on the Department Council, was Department Inspector two years ago, and Junior Vice President last year. She received her appointment as National Aid from National President Lizabeth A. Turner, for special work done in Florida. She is the wife of an Ohio veteran of the Twenty-third Corps, her husband being George M. Withers, Co. B, 104th Ohio.

President Withers is a true type of the loyal woman. Though having no near relatives in the war, she was always intensely loyal, giving her best service to the soldier cause before her marriage to a veteran. As she truly says, in speaking of herself, "Patriots, like poets, are born, not made." Of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE she says: "It has been a welcome guest for years. I do not see how anyone can do without it."

The Wisconsin Soldiers' Home at Waupaca, and its Woman's Annex have been given special thought and work by President Withers, and now she is stirring up Wisconsin women, through General Orders, to the importance of a good library in connection with that institution. She is something of a poet, too, and her song dedicated to the "Eagle Corps Girls" is known throughout Wisconsin.

The sudden death of National Senior Vice-President Marie Hasenwinkle, at Minneapolis, admonishes us all to keep our lamps trimmed and burning, as no woman in the Order seemed to be in higher health than she when 14th National Convention met last year in St. Paul. Her funeral was attended by National President Agnes Hitt.

The Department of Oklahoma, W.R.C., will present the name of Department Secretary Olive M. Laux, Oklahoma City, for the office of National Junior Vice-President before 15th National Convention. She has been an effective worker in building up the Relief Corps in Oklahoma.

The Relief Corps of Janesville, Wis., have presented William V. Morrison, a naval veteran, with a red-and-white quilt, the names of the donors worked in silk upon the blocks, in recognition of his services in helping on their charitable work.

Past National President E. Florence Barker has been very seriously ill at her home, Malden, Mass., but the anxiety of many friends has been relieved by the news that she is slightly better.

At the funeral of Mrs. Pamelia W. Knights, an octogenarian of 83, who, up to her last illness, had been active in the church, philanthropic and Relief Corps work of East Cambridge, Mass., the Post served as pall-bearers, and the Department, G.A.R., was represented by several officers. The casket was draped with the flag. Mrs. Knights was a worker in the old war days, and represented East Cambridge on the Sanitary Commission.

Adj't H. D. Lindley, of Gen. O. M. Poe Post, Detroit, Mich., writes of a surprise, at which time the Corps presented the Post with a silk flag with embroidered stars and gold lettering, borne to the hall by 24 young girls dressed in red, white and blue. This from the Baby Post and Corps of Michigan is decidedly good. The Post expects to go to the Buffalo Encampment 50 strong.

The Army Nurse from Montisano, who sent interesting notes and asks for information, neglected to give her postoffice address.

Department Senior Vice-President Susie H. Carver, Binghamton, N. Y., unites in urging the claim of Past Department President Ellen M. Putnam for National Senior Vice-President, and says: "With her knowledge of the needs of our Order, her great experience and executive ability, her loyalty to the veterans and years of hard work on their behalf, Convention would make no mistake in placing her next to the head of the W.R.C."

Past Department Senior Vice-President Mary S. Johnston, Youngstown, O., requests information concerning the "Drummer Boy," to be used in an entertainment under the auspices of Todd Post and Corps, which she has in charge.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN WORKERS.

Two hundred delegates attended 13th annual Convention, Department of Colorado and Wyoming, W.R.C., held in Colorado Springs, that picturesque town in the heart of the Rockies. The women participating were wide-awake and energetic, and successful business sessions were varied by delightful outings.

The official reports showed that $5,636 had been raised and expended for relief the past year, and that, notwithstanding the stress of the times, there has been no decrease in the number of Corps, as two were instituted to take place of two disbanded.

The citizens of Colorado Springs were lavish in their hospitalities. A Campfire by the Post on the opening evening was followed the next by a reception, under direction of the Corps, at which time the music by the orchestra of the School for the Mute and Blind was a feature.

A carriage drive to Cheyenne Canyon, one of the many natural beauties with which Colorado Springs is surrounded, will long be remembered by those participating. There was a joint installation of the Grand Army and Relief Corps, when the following were installed by Mary L. Carr, acting for the W.R.C.: Pres., Fannie D. Marden, Denver; S. V.-P., Alice M. Seeds, Cripple Creek; J. V.-P., Ella B. Ackerman, Grand Junction; Sec., Edna E. Hamilton, Denver; Treas., Clara Rapp, Denver; Chap., Adelia Macauley, Denver; Ins., Hester W. Hartsell, Denver; Instituting and Installing Officer, Mary A. Eldridge, Golden. Colorado will have three delegates in National Convention. Cripple Creek was chosen as the next place of holding the Colorado Encampment and Convention in 1898.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Trescott Corps, 10, Salem, O., one of the oldest and most efficient Corps in the Buckeye State, has erected a monument in that old Quaker town, thus completing a commendable project for which it has for some years been working. The monument is of Quincy granite, surmounted by a life-size figure of a private soldier with musket at rest, and is carved from a single block of Barre granite. Upon the face of the monument are inscribed: "In memory of our soldiers of Salem, 1861-'65," and in a scroll the words, "W.R.C. No. 10." A part of the unvailing services was the singing of 45 little girls, dressed in white, to represent the States. One hundred and eighty-two soldiers are interred in the cemeteries of Salem and vicinity, including two soldiers of 1776 and several who were in the war of 1812 and the Mexican war.

Margaret Gary Wright, of Corps 16, Colorado, writes a touching account of Memorial Day exercises in midocean on the Kensington, a steamer of the Belgium line. She was one of four Relief Corps women gathered from the East and West who participated, the others being Florence Richards, Leipsic, O.; F. Crown, Louis Belle Corps, New Hampshire; Mrs. M. Duffy, Franklin, N. H.; Mrs. E. Romney, Gettysburg Corps, Massachusetts, and Margaret G. Wright, Stanton Corps, Los Angeles, Cal. There were eight members of the Grand Army also, including Gen. Payne, Fostoria, O.; Col. B. F. Carter, Milwaukee, Wis.; Capt. J. F. Cleghan, Clinton, Wis.; M. Duffy, Franklin, N. H.; L. Fwot, Cornhill, Mass.; E. Romney, Boston, Mass.; Jule Wert, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and last, but not least, Col. George Rownnett, Minister to Belgium. Nearly all were representatives to the International Convention of Good Templars, held in Switzerland.

SONS OF VETERANS.

Loyal Young Men and Their Great Order.

Commander-in-Chief J. L. Rake has issued General Orders, 3, from National Headquarters, Reading, Pa., and the brethren may find much encouragement in the reports of the various officers, particularly that of Adj't-Gen. H. H. Hammer, which, while showing slight losses in small Divisions, give others credit for substantial gains during the quarter ending March 31, 1897.

Since last Orders were issued the following Division Commanders have been elected and installed: Alabama and Tennessee, L. A. Freedman, Birmingham, Ala.; California and Hawaiian Islands, Charles L. Pierce, 13 Pine St., San Francisco, Cal.; Colorado, Harlin Thomas, McPhee Building, Denver; Gulf, H. W. Robinson, 316 Hennen Building, New Orleans, La.; Illinois, C. R. Clarke, Rockford; Indiana, R. S. Thompson, Rising Sun; Iowa, A. T. Wilson, Cedar Rapids; Kansas, W. P. Feler, Great Bend; Kentucky, T. C. Morrow, jr., Sumerset; Maine, Arthur M. Soule, Portland; Maryland, Edward K. De Puy, Washington, D. C.; Michigan, H. E. Cowdin, Rockford; Minnesota, Henry Strodeick, Minneapolis; Missouri, E. E. Schoening, St. Louis; New Hampshire, Walter S. Willey, Somersworth; New York, John M. Diven, Elmira; Ohio, A. W. Jones, Youngstown; Oregon, L. W. Oren, Corvallis; Pennsylvania, Wildun Scott, Milton; South Dakota, R. A. Courtney, Okobojo; Vermont, William W. Lapoint, Barre; West Virginia, H. W. Thurber, Wheeling; Wisconsin, Charles C. Townsend, Benton.

Col. D. W. Dwire, lately serving as Commander of the Oregon Division, having removed from the State without making application for or receiving leave of absence, and having remained absent, the Commander-in-Chief announces that he cannot be accredited as a Past Division Commander.

The following Committee on Transportation for the 16th annual Encampment, at Indianapolis, Sept. 9 to 15, inclusive, has been appointed: Past Grand Division Commander R. M. J. Reed, Chairman, 32 North Fifth street, Philadelphia; Q. M.-Gen. R. Loebenstein, 84 La Salle street, Chicago; Past Division Commander George R. Cox, Hartford, Conn.; Past Division Commander E. R. Carter, Knoxville, Tenn., and Division Commander Harlin Thomas, Denver, Colo. The Trunk Line Association, covering territory from Buffalo, Pittsburg, and east thereof, not including New England, and the New England Passenger Association has made a rate of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan. The Central Passenger Association has made a rate of one fare for the round trip, as have also many of the roads of the Western Passenger Association.

Division Commanders are requested to forward at once to Hon. L. A. Thurston, care of Hawaiian Legation, Washington, D. C., a copy of the roster of the Camps of their respective Divisions.

STATUS OF THE ORDER.

According to the report of Adj't-Gen. Hammer, 1,267 Camps, with a membership of 31,953, were in good standing at the date of previous report. There was a gain by muster of 48 Camps, with a membership of 2,530; transfer, 20 members; reinstatement, 61 Camps and 1,413 members; making a total gain during the quarter of 109 Camps and 4,063 members.

During the same period the loss by disbandment was 23 Camps, with 396 members; death, 42 members; honorable discharge, 109 members; transfer, 128 members; suspension, 95 Camps and 3,232 members; giving a total of 118 Camps and 3,907 members.

According to these figures the report should show a gain of 156 members during the quarter, but instead a loss of 514 is shown. This is caused by the failure of the Washington Division to report to the Adjutant-General. At date of the previous statement this Division had 31 Camps, with a membership of 670.

The report of Col. W. F. Locke, submitted at the recent Encampment at Vancouver, showed that the Washington Division had 32 Camps in good standing, with a membership of about 700—a slight gain during the year. Had these Washington brethren been counted in the report of the Adjutant-General, the Order would have shown a gain during the quarter—something that it has not done for several years.

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE has also received a letter from Past Commander Sparks, of Washington, saying that the Division is in a prosperous condition, and good gains may be expected from the Western Slope before many months. So there need be no fear for the Washington brethren, although they do not show up in the report of the Adjutant-General.

Pennsylvania, which had a membership of only 5,602, March 31, 1897, as shown by the report of the Adjutant-General, has made wonderful gains. In his report to the Towanda Encampment, Col. Tawney stated that early in June the membership of this Division had increased to 6,454, or 852 greater than at the date of the report of Adj't-Gen. Hammer.

Minnesota is given a membership of 874, but Col. Kelly stated at Princeton that two new Camps had been mustered, which ought to give considerable gain. Michigan, under command of Col. Cowdin, shows substantial gains in the report of the Adjutant-General. At the Flint Encampment its Commander stated that 493 recruits had been mustered since the beginning of the year, which brings the membership well above the thousand mark.

Maine suffered loss during the year, but showed up at Waterville with 1,410. Col. Oglesbee, in his report submitted at the Marion Encampment, stated that Indiana had 80 Camps in good standing, a much greater number than is shown by the Adjutant-General. All Camps in this Division that failed to forward dues promptly were suspended, and Col. Oglesbee believed all remaining in the Order were in good condition.

Vermont showed a slight loss, having only 775 members in good standing at the date of the Lyndonville Encampment. Other small Divisions show losses at their Encampments, but altogether a far greater number were reported in good standing than on March 31, 1897; a fact which ought to be encouragement to all loyal members of the Order.

Not in years has there been such a revival of interest; the Order has reached bed rock, and is now building on a solid foundation. Those members who joined in the "boom" days have dropped out, and what are left are truly Sons of Veterans.

The report of R. Loebenstein, Quartermaster-General, shows the finances of the Order to be in good shape, with a cash balance on hand of $531.17, an amount twice as great as at previous report.

DARLING FOR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Great interest is felt by the boys in Massachusetts in the candidacy of Past Col. Charles K. Darling for Commander-in-Chief, and this is equally manifest in New England, as shown by the unanimous indorsement of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont in his favor. The other two Divisions had held their Encampments previous to the announcement of his candidacy, but he has many personal friends in both Connecticut and Rhode Island. Brother Darling is not only popular but has ability for the office, combined with thorough experience gained by service as Adjutant-General.

Division Commander Orange H. Cook has the sympathy of his associates in the loss of his father, Capt. Cook, who died suddenly from heart failure July 30.

John F. Andrew Camp, 96, and Frederick Hecker Camp, 145, both of Boston, won the first and second prizes at the "Fourth of July" carnival at Jamaica Plain, as the best appearing military bodies in line.

Past Col. Charles F. Sargent, of Camp 21, Lawrence, who has served two terms in the House of Representatives, is to be a candidate for the Senate this Fall.

A number of the Camps are taking a vacation during July and August, and with a renewed vigor will take hold again in September and keep things moving lively.

Past Col. Henry S. Crossman, who is commissioned as Lieutenant in the Naval Brigade Militia, was on duty with his command July 10-17. The Minnesota, Massachusetts, and Ericsson were used for the tour of duty.

John H. Clifford Camp, 130, New Bedford, has reported a net gain of 26 members since Jan. 1. Maj. A. A. Powers Camp, 5, Hudson, gained 19 for the quarter ending June 30.

Clark S. Simonds Camp, 28, Fitchburg, celebrated its 14th anniversary July 14. Fourteen years of active work in the interests of the Order is a good record, and the Camp is one of the best in the Bay State Division, having furnished two Division Commanders—Nathan C. Upham and Charles K. Darling. The latter the boys hope to see made Commander-in-Chief at Indianapolis.

Past Col. Dudley B. Purbeck, Camp 8, Salem was recently unanimously elected a Major in 8th regiment, M. V. M., having served as private, Corporal, Sergeant, Second and First Lieutenant and Captain in Co. H, of that command.

Wm. R. Davis, Past Senior Vice Division Commander, and well known to the regulars at National Encampments as "Davis of Massachusetts," is assured of a re-election to the House of Representatives, his able service in that body this year being conspicuous.

NEW PENNSYLVANIA CAMP.

A Camp with 22 charter members was mustered at Big Run, Pa., recently, by Senior Vice Commander A. S. Moulthrop, of Dubois, assisted by a number of brethren from Camps 142, Dubois; 36, Reynoldsville, and 108, New Bethlehem. The organization will be known as Thomas H. McQuown Camp, 64.

Brother J. M. Thompson writes that Post 588 was the means of getting this Camp started, and he thinks by a little work it can be made the largest and best in Jefferson County. A number of applications for membership are now on file.

Officers of the new Camp are: Capt., H. I. Wilson; First Lieut., E. H. Veil; Second Lieut., J. W. Zufall; Chap., W. O. Depp; First-Serg't, J. M. Thompson; Q. M. S., H. E. Depp; S. of G., L. D. McQuown; C. S., H. T. Palmer; Principal Musician, Isaac Nolf; C. of G., J. W. Rolls; C. G., J. B. Irvin; P. G., John Stumpf. Council, T. C. McQuown, P. C. Depp, and R. W. Blose.

DIVISION SNAP SHOTS.

Regarding the National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans to be held in Indianapolis, the Adjutant of J. C. Fremont Camp, 149, writes: "We are making a business effort through the Commercial Club to have the best Encampment ever held, and think we will succeed. Indianapolis is a great city, has great people, expects great visitors and anticipates a great time in September next.

DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

Eighth Annual Convention of this Organization Will Meet in Buffalo.

National President Alice L. Ingram, in General Orders, announces that the eighth annual Convention of the Daughters of Veterans will be held in Buffalo, Aug. 26 and 27. Sessions will be in the Women's Union Building, Niagara Square.

National Headquarters will be established at the Iroquois Hotel, corner Main and Eagle Sts., where Council meetings will be held Aug. 25 at 9 a. m.

A vacancy on the National Staff having been caused by the death of Sister Dola Stephens, National Chaplain Kate M. Mathews, of Allegheny, Pa., has been appointed to the office.

Sisters Ellen M. Walker and R. Evelyn Monroe, of Worcester, Mass., have been appointed a Committee on Badges, and will have charge of the Delegates' Badges at National Convention.

Sisters Mae C. Edgerton, Chicago, Ill.; Julia Croft, Cleveland, O.; Gladys Foster, Hiawatha, Kan., and Pearl S. Britton, Eau Claire, Wis., have been announced as a Special Committee to look after the interests of the Order.

A committee composed of M. Lizzie Kimball, Fitchburg, Mass., Chairman; Anna M. Clark, Bingham, N. Y.; M. Emma Foote, Cleveland, O.; Nora Searl, Connersville, Ind.; Augusta Clark, Manchester, N. H.; Mrs. Ralph O. Bates and Belle Wray, Chicago, Ill.; Anna Schmid, St. Louis, Mo.; Bertha Schupp, Hiawatha, Kan., and Nellie Baird, Lincoln, Neb., will have charge of all social mat