THE RELIEF CORPS

Doings of Fifteenth National Convention.

Opening Session One of Exchange of Cordial Greetings—Lively Contests Among Candidates for Office—Sarah J. Martin Chosen National President—Susan E. Atkins Senior Vice-President.

The opening hour of the 15th National Convention, W.R.C., was most interesting. The doors were opened and there were many visitors in attendance.

When National President Agnes Hitt took up the gavel, a beautiful scene presented itself. The hall is a semi-circle, with a gallery, and on the platform a pipe organ. On one side of the platform, set among clustering palms, were two beautiful school banners, gilt-trimmed and fringed.

The banner in red bore the words, "Teach Patriotism in the Schools"; the other, in blue, the words, "One Country, One Language, One Flag." Flowers were on the several tables and vases of flowers set along the footlights.

After the prayer by National Chaplain Alice Pickler, and singing of the Relief Corps hymn, "Bright O'er Our Country," the usual announcements were made, and when the officers and Aids were all in their places a Delegation from the Women's Citizens' Committee was announced and escorted to the platform by the Reception Committee.

These officers, headed by Mrs. Linda de K. Fulton, Chairman, were introduced, when Mrs. Fulton, in her welcome address, gave an interpretation of the Grand Army and Relief Corps motto, "Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty."

Mrs. Fulton was followed by Mrs. Jewett, Chairman of the Reception Committee and wife of the Mayor, who extended to all the freedom of the city; also, by Mrs. Benjamin Williams, Vice-President of the Committee and President of the Woman's Educational Union.

Mrs. Fulton presented a bouquet of Jacqueminot roses to the National President, on behalf of the Women's Citizens' Committee. Mrs. Atkins, Chairman of the Committee on Accommodations and member of the W.R.C., presented a huge bunch of roses from the two Relief Corps of Buffalo, preceded by an eloquent little speech. The visitors retired to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia," while members, standing, gave the flag salute. Then all the National officers were introduced.

Past National Presidents in attendance were introduced in order of seniority of service.

The National President then read her address, which was referred to a committee. The principal reports submitted to Convention were given in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE of last week.

PATRIOTIC TEACHING.

National Chaplain Alice M. A. Pickler, Franklin, S. D., presented a tabulated report showing the number of Corps and members, W.R.C., participating in the services of Memorial Day, 1897, to have been 2,288 Corps; membership of 93,219; of children taking part in Memorial services, 307,388; number of soldiers' gravel decorated, 508,096; total amount expended for Memorial Day purposes, $13,958.75.

National Counselor Lizabeth A. Turner reported 10 cases presented to her for her decision by National President Agnes Hitt, all pertaining to the techical work of the Order.

National Inspector Julia G. Sine made a voluminous and tabulated report of the inspection work of the Woman's Relief Corps in the several Departments and in detached Corps. Her principal recommendation was that the sum allowed the National President for the personal expenses of her office be increased from $200 to $500, in order that she may visit Departments and Corps to the West and South for the purpose of imparting instructions, from which, because of their location, they have been largely debarred.

National Instituting and Installing Officer Sarah D. Winans, Toledo, O., gave the following estimates, gleaned from consolidated reports: Department Corps instituted, 139, with a combined charter membership of 2,804; detached Corps organized, 2; charter membership, 36; total number of Corps instituted, 141; total charter membership, 2,840.

Departments showing the greatest gains are as follows: New York leads with 18 Corps and 340 charter members; Michigan, 14 Corps and 282 charter members; Pennsylvania, 13 Corps and 266 charter members; Ohio, 9 Corps and 205 charter members. Alaska now has a Corps auxiliary to Wm. H. Seward Post.

National Senior Aid Melissa Caylor upon entering her office wrote her Assistant Aids urging them to a united recruiting service in their respective jurisdictions on behalf of the W.R.C., and reported a ready response from many.

From this report it was learned that the flag salute had been introduced into the Reform School, Whittier, Cal., and into the schools of 131 towns of New Hampshire, where also the flag floats over every schoolhouse.

INTERESTING REPORTS.

Flo Jamison Miller, Chairman of Committee on Patriotic Teaching, reported that the Departments of California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Potomac, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, and Wisconsin were encouraged by the increased use of the flag salute in the public schools, and of the introduction of the Declaration of Independence Chart and Patriotic Primer into many.

In California the W.R.C. had had marked success in establishing Citizens' Sunday, with special sermons and patriotic exercises in keeping with the day. In Los Angeles the schools observe 25 oratorial holidays, and both teachers and pupils are required to memorize "Red, White and Blue."

The prize patriotic contests inaugurated in Iowa were specially commended. The Department Commander of Michigan, G.A.R., had commended W.R.C. work in General Orders. In Minnesota the State Board of Education employed a lecturer on patriotism, who spoke at teachers' institutes.

In Potomac there was a flag over each of the 123 schools in the District, and the flag salute was given weekly or monthly in half of them. Oregon received special mention for interesting school Superintendents. Massachusetts, Illinois, New York, Ohio, Connecticut, and Indiana have special mention.

A National instructor is recommended, and a united work for the revision of school histories.

GREETINGS TO PAST PRESIDENTS.

On motion of Kate B. Sherwood, seconded by Lizabeth A. Turner, greetings were sent to all Past National Presidents, and a special greeting of love and affection to the first National President, E. Florence Barker, Malden, Mass., very seriously ill at her home. Mrs. Sherwood was Secretary and Mrs. Turner Treasurer at the organizing Convention, Denver, July, 1883, when Mrs. Barker was elected National President.

Souvenir badges from the Citizens' Committee were distributed; these were blue satin, with a pin bearing the word "Buffalo," from which was suspended a star, the center of which was the monogram "W.R.C.," encircled by the words "31st National Encampment, G.A.R."

These were accompanied by the Convention badge, W.R.C., of yellow satin, bearing a portrait of Gen. Lew Wallace and the following quotation from "Ben Hur": "Perfect lives are the treasures of God." Gen. Wallace's autograph was on the badge.

After routine business a delightful lunch was served all Delegates in the dining hall from beautifully-laid tables.

In the afternoon, while the reports were being acted upon, numerous Delegations bearing greetings and flowers were admitted, including representatives from the Army Nurses' Association, Daughters of Veterans and Loyal Home Workers, the latter being represented by the President, Kate B. Sherwood, and Mrs. Alice C. Warrington, Delegate from the Minnesota Circle, L.H.W.

Grand Army delegations were admitted, bearing greetings to Convention, and an Indiana delegation, headed by Department Commander Dodge. After a few brilliant remark highly commendatory of the Relief Corps and of the National President, the Commander presented her a jeweled star set with 144 pearls around a diamond center. Gen. Lew Wallace was a member of the committee selecting it.

A presentation of flowers was made by Mrs. Wm. Scott, the famous negro lecturer of Missouri. There were four colors, red, white, blue, and yellow, and she likened the negro's fidelity to the flag, purity of patriotism, tenacity in loyalty and jealousy of a freeman's rights to these.

The afternoon closed with memorial hour in memory of Past National President Sarah C. Mink and National Senior Vice-President Marie Hasenwinkle, led by the National officers and opening with the singing of "Rock of Ages." There were tributes to Mrs. Mink by Past National President Sherwood and Past Department President Ellen M. Putnam, and to Mrs. Hasenwinkle by National S. V.-P. Nettie M. Norton, her successor.

Maj. Charles E. Mink, Col. Hasenwinkle, the Department Commander of New York, G.A.R., and other comrades occupied seats on the platform. Following this, Delegates who were Daughters of the American Revolution attended a fine reception given by the Buffalo Chapter, D.A.R.

There was no session of Convention Thursday evening, but a meeting was held outside the hall to exemplify a flag ceremony designed for the use of Corps. After this Delegates attended one or more of numerous receptions or Campfires.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

The second day of the Convention was devoted to routine work, reception of distinguished guests and election of officers. A delegation invited the National Encampment, embracing National Treasurer Isabelle T. Bagley, Department President Jennie Bross, of Illinois, and Superintendent Clare H. Burleigh, of the National Relief Corps Home. After a royal welcome from Commander-in-Chief Clarkson and the Encampment, they returned, escorted by the Encampment Committee on Greetings, to the W.R.C.

This committee included Department Commander Dodge, of Indiana; Past Department Commander I. F. Mack, of Ohio; Past Department Commander Clary, of New York; Past Department Commander Evans, of Massachusetts, and Past Department Commander Moore, of West Virginia. It was a delegation of orators, and every address was a royal tribute to the Relief Corps.

Pleasant incidents of the Convention were the presentation to the National President of a superb diamond ring from the National Aids, and a gold recognition badge, set with diamonds and surrounded by a laurel wreath, from the National officers and Department Presidents, through National Instituting and Installing Officer Sarah D. Winans. Junior Vice-President Amelia F. Colby was presented a beautiful badge from the several Relief Corps of Virginia.

Among the presentations of Convention was a magnificent badge, by U. S. Grant Corps, Brooklyn, to Department President Ada V. Mohr, at their Headquarters, in the old Fillmore homestead, where Vice-President Millard Filmore lived.

The visit to Convention of Commander-in-Chief Gobin, just after his election, accompanied by Past Commander-in-Chief T. S. Clarkson, and his Chief of Staff, Col. J. Cory Winans, Toledo, O., was one of the interesting occurrences of the sessions. Gen. Gobin urged the Relief Corps to see to it that no old soldier lost his membership in the Post because he had not the means to pay his dues.

Col. J. Cory Winans, Chief of Staff, prepared the superb badge presented to Commander-in-Chief Clarkson by the Aids. He was a devoted officer to his Chief throughout the year, and the relations between them are of real soldierly affection.

Past National Instituting and Installing Officer Sarah D. Winans was elected a member of the Andersonville Prison Board and Past National President Agnes Hitt, a member of the Relief Corps Home Board.

The election of officers was marked by lively contests, and resulted as follows: National Pres., Sarah J. Martin, Brookfield, Mo.; National S. V. P., Sarah B. Atkins, Buffalo, N. Y.; National J. V. P., Calista R. Jones, Bradfort, Vt.; National Treas., Isabelle T. Bagley, Zanesville, O.; National Chap., Sarah C. Rothrock, Cedar Rapids. Executive Board—Mary G. Dean, Chairman, Fall River, Mass.; Augusta B. Hammond, Rockville, Conn.; Olive M. Laux, Oklahoma, Okla.; Emma J. Southwick, Trenton, N. J.; Carrie House, California. Appointment Officer, Mary H. Shepherd, Brookfield, Mo.

The discussion over the question whether Potomac Department of the District of Columbia be made a detached Corps was a spirited one. Seven out of the nine Corps in the Department opposed the petition. The vote of the Convention on the question gave a majority in favor of laying the question on the table.

The question of allowing men to join the organization as honorary members was lost by an overwhelming majority.

Receiving and adopting resolutions and installing the newly-elected officers kept the Convention in session until midnight.

The Convention was in session three days before completing its work.

RECEPTIONS OF CONVENTION WEEK.

The custom has sprung up, in connection with National W.R.C. Conventions, of holding receptions by Department delegations at the Department Relief Corps Headquarters. Among the receptions of Encampment week, in addition to that given by National President Agnes Hitt and Staff, in honor of Commander-in-Chief Clarkson and Staff, were the following: Department of Illinois, Jennie Bross, President; Department of Massachusetts, Emilie L. Waterman, President; Department of Potomac, Georgia G. Bain, President. There were joint receptions of the Grand Army and the Relief Corps. They were by the Departments of New York, Departments of Indiana, Departments of Missouri, and Departments of Vermont.

The object of these receptions was to give an opportunity to delegations, Grand Army and Relief Corps of the same State to meet and mingle in social intercourse, for the sake of greater fraternal interest. Also, to permit those who had migrated to other States and had come to the great Encampment to have an opportunity of meeting those who have been former friends, classmates or comrades. These receptions were largely attended.

CONVENTION NOTES.

A beautiful flag drill was executed by a company of little girls, dressed in white, with red, white and blue sashes and the same colors in their hair. This was preceded by "The Star Spangled Banner" and followed by "America" by the children. The drill was conducted by Miss Pascal, of New York; Capt. Wallace Foster, of Indianapolis, and Mr. Heller, of Easton, Pa., all of whom were introduced to Convention as prominent in the work of patriotic teaching.

Noon lunches were served during Convention by the ladies of Buffalo, who were assiduous in their attentions first and last.

In the afternoon a public meeting was held. The Delegates were welcomed by Mrs. Ellen M. Putnam, Past Department President of the W.R.C. Mrs. Sherwood, the President, made a grateful response, expressing the pleasure it gave them to visit this city. A cordial welcome to Buffalo was extended by Mrs. Linda DeK. Fulton, Chairman of the Woman's Citizens' Committee. Addresses and discussion on patriotic subjects, interspersed with musical selections, rounded out a pleasant afternoon. In the evening a special program was carried out, to the great pleasure of a large audience.

The latest enrolled members of the Loyal Home Workers are: Mrs. Emma C. Briggs, Miss Edith E. Briggs, and J. C. Briggs, Elyria, O., and Jennie Foster and Anna Bristol, Minneapolis, Minn.

Capt. Wallace Foster read an admirable paper in the discussion under good of the Order, urging a united and determined effort to push the work of patriotic teaching through the L.H.W.

Junior Vice-President Henry J. Buchen, Sheboygan, Wis., was one of the most active members of the Reunion. He is an L.H.W. stand-by, whose interest never flags.

The Loyal Home Workers paid their respects to the Army Nurses Association in a body. Mrs. Georgia Woodley, President, is a member of Lincoln Circle, L.H.W., Philadelphia, Pa.

Upon recommendation of Secretary Seaman, President Kate B. Sherwood will prepare an open ritual for use by L.H.W. Circles.

LOYAL HOME WORKERS.

Eighth Annual Reunion Held—Meeting at Buffalo Was a Success from All Points of View.

The Loyal Home Workers held their eighth annual Reunion at Buffalo amid auspicious circumstances. The program as outlined in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE was carried out, and the features arranged for entertainment were successful.

When the Loyal Home Workers got together Tuesday morning, Mrs. Kate Brownlee Sherwood, the President, delivered her annual address, commenting upon the fact that the membership, scattered throughout the Union, represents vital patriotism, realizing that to be good citizens one must love his country next to his God, and be willing to serve both joyfully.

MRS. SARA L. ROTHROCK. MRS. ISABELLE T. BAGLEY.

M. Warner Hargrove, of New Jersey, acted as Sergeant-at-Arms, and distributed souvenir programs and badges to all arrivals.

Senior Vice-President Mary A. Silloway, of Minneapolis, Minn., sent an excellent report, showing the progress of the L.H.W. in her State, and telling of a Methodist minister who believes a niche should be built in church for the Stars and Stripes. She also told of the finding of her brother through correspondence as a member of the L.H.W.

Secretary Amos L. Seaman, of St. Louis, Mo., reported an enrollment of over 15,000 Loyal Home Workers, with a voting membership of 458.

Junior Vice Commander Henry J. Buchen, of Sheboygan, Wis., reported increased interest in the West.

Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, the celebrated Army Nurse and present President of the Non-Partisan W. C. T. U., was presented and gave an address.

The following life patrons were unanimously elected: Mrs. Lizabeth A. Turner, Boston, Mass.; Past Commander-in-Chief Gen. G. B. Adams, Boston; Commander-in-Chief T. S. Clarkson, Omaha, Neb; National President (W.R.C.) Agnes Hitt, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, Sanatoga, Pa.; Mrs. Mary A. Silloway, Minneapolis, Minn.; Capt. Wallace Foster, Indianapolis, Ind.

Officers for 1897-98 L.H.W. are as follows: Pres., Kate Brownlee Sherwood; S. V. P., Alice M. Putnam, Fredonia, N. Y.; J. V. P., Ed. C. Close, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Chap., Frank McMurray, Canton, O.; Sec., Elsie Pomeroy McElroy, Washington, D. C.; Ass't Sec., Leonora Rivers, Bristol, Vt.; Treas., Byron Andrews, Washington, D. C.; Serg't-at-Arms, A. J. Streetor, Mingo, Iowa. Member L.H.W. Council, M. Warner Hargrove, Brown's Mills, N. J.

All meetings L.H.W. were opened by the singing of "America" and the flag salute, "We give our heads and our hearts to God and our country; one country, one language, one flag."

The Reunion voted to abolish all standing committees, and provide a new one, to be known as the Committee on Patriotic Education. The President announced the committee as follows: Amos L. Seaman, Chairman; St. Louis, Mo.; Alice C. Warrington, Minneapolis, Minn.; Henry J. Buchen, Sheboygan, Wis.; M. Ettie Fuller, Spring Lake, N. Y.; Zoe E. Owen, Cleveland, O.; Fin L. Morrow, Tusculum, Tenn.; Ola Belle Hotham, Pittsburg, Pa.

The Committee on Patriotic Education is one of the strongest that could be made. A Sub-committee on Flags will be formed for the purchase and presentation of flags to Southern schools.

A committee embracing Henry J. Buchen, Sheboygan, Wis.; Carolyn E. Arnold, Rondout, N. Y., and W. F. Volz, of Kansas, served as Committee on Thanks to the Citizens of Buffalo.

The beautiful blue silk banner with its letters "Loyal Home Workers" in gilt was the principal decoration of Reunion Hall, although flags and flowers were there in abundance.

Those who heard Miss Zoe E. Owen, of Cleveland, sing at the Louisville Reunion were surprised at the development, through study, of her rich contralto voice.

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE complimented the L.H.W. with white satin badges, on which was printed the emblem of the society, the forget-me-not wreath around the name "Loyal Home Workers."

M. M. Perry, Elizabeth, N. J., sent cordial greetings as a veteran, Son of a Veteran, and officer, L.H.W.

Angie M. Conklin, Mulberry, O., forwarded regrets that she could not be present "to clasp the hands of those known through the medium of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE correspondence only."

Louie M. Stockton, Philadelphia, Pa., sent best wishes for "a good time and a revival of patriotic interest."

Carrie Hallowell, Cameron, Mo., forwarded a request for another flag to be sent to "Dixie Land," and said: "May success crown all your efforts."

Mattie Elliott, Greensburg, Ind., detained by injuries sustained in a fall from her carriage, forwarded greetings coupled with the hope that the L.H.W. would not forget one of their faithful members.

J. R. Winn, Little Bay, Ark., sent best wishes, congratulating Minnesota on the largest increase in membership, and urged the formation of local Circles, that more readers of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE may be secured, thus extending patriotic work.

Mrs. Eugenie Cleophas, Cottonwood Ranch, Cleo, Wyo., sent greetings from her far-away home, and says as soon as the Summer vacation is over she will begin a vigorous recruiting service for THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE and the Loyal Home Workers.

M. Dell Adams, Chairman of the Committee on Progress, sent in an enthusiastic report, commending the "Topics for Discussion" introduced into the L.H.W. columns.

Le Nora Langley, Esmond, S. D., pledged a renewal of interest and hopes to waken his friends to the importance of an L.H.W. Circle.

Comrade Daniel W. Van Wie, Past Junior Vice Commander, Department of New York, G.A.R., visited the Reunion with his wife and friends, bore greetings from his daughter, a member of the L.H.W., and asked a number of membership applications for friends.

Amos L. Seaman, retiring Secretary, was voted a testimonial for long and faithful service, to be presented by a committee embracing M. Warner Hargrove.

Helen Pettit's recitation was "The Drummer-boy of Mission Ridge," beautifully rendered.

The Southern school asking a flag from the Loyal Home Workers is Meridian Academy, Meridian, Miss. Reunion voted to send the flag, which will go to Prof. J. L. Wilson, through the Committee on Patriotic Education.

Mrs. Sherwood, surrounded by the Loyal Home Workers, was assisted at the Thursday night reception by Mrs. Linda de K. Fulton, Chairman Woman's Citizens' Committee; Mrs. Benjamin Williams, Vice-President, and Mrs. Gen. Jewett, Chairman Reception Committee; also, Commander-in-Chief T. S. Clarkson, Past Commander-in-Chief John S. Kountz, the "Drummer-boy of Mission Ridge," Col. John John McElroy of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, and Miss Elsie Pomeroy McElroy, Gen. Charles L. Young, Past Junior Vice Commander, G.A.R., and Mrs. Cora Day Young, Past National Senior Vice-President, W.R.C.; Mrs. Louise Barnum Robbins, Corresponding Secretary, National Council of Women of the United States; Past National President Emma Stark Hampton, and National Treasurer Isabelle T. Bagley. The National President was detained by official duties.

"The Scribblers," Buffalo's brilliant club of women writers, members of the Buffalo Chapter, D.A.R., and of the Woman's Citizens' Committee, and members of the Army Nurses' Association, were present throughout the evening.

The Buffalo Encampment hymn, "O, Fatherland," by Mrs. Linda de K. Fulton, and other delightful vocal music enlivened the evening, and Commander-in-Chief Clarkson, Past Commander-in-Chief Kountz and Gen. Young made eloquent remarks in a patriotic vein.

Mrs. Sherwood presented Mrs. Fulton a C.C. badge, in gold, in token of many delightful courtesies extended THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE contingent and to herself, personally, individually and through her efficient committee.

NEW NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

Mrs. Sara L. Rothrock a Woman of Distinguished Family and Good Works.

Mrs. Sara L. Rothrock, one of the distinguished women of Iowa, was born in Tunkhannock, Pa., and is a member of the Avery family, so well and favorably known in the eastern portion of the State. At the age of 12 years she removed to Binghamton, N. Y., where she received her education at the Riverside Female Seminary, and four years later settled in Cedar Rapids, her present home.

Her husband is a loyal Grand Army man, and was an officer during the war. In the Spring of 1892 Mrs. Rothrock was elected Department President, Iowa W.R.C., and her executive ability, coupled with her untiring energy and enthusiastic platform work, gave an impetus to the work that was soon felt throughout the State, and lifted Iowa to an enviable position among the Departments. Mrs. Rothrock was serving her second term as Corps President when elected to this office.

Mrs. Rothrock is widely known as an eloquent and enthusiastic speaker, and her services are in frequent demand.

She has been the recipient of many honors in her own State, and is held in high esteem by the Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps. Her devotion to the Christian faith and her philanthropic tendency have characterized her life from a child, and for many years she has given freely of her time, talents and labor for the uplifting of humanity.

Her power of concentration, added to her energy and Christian faith, have proven potential factors in bringing the success that attends whatever she undertakes. Mrs. Rothrock is a woman who only engages in lines of work that are worthy of her highest and ablest endeavors, and these are given with a heart and will that are characteristic of the woman.

NATIONAL TREASURER.

Mrs. Isabelle T. Bagley's Past Efficient Service Won Another Re-election.

National Treasurer Isabelle T. Bagley will enter upon her third term as National Treasurer of the Woman's Relief Corps by the suffrages of 15th National Convention. By common consent there are few changes in the office of National Treasurer, Mrs. Bagley being the third to hold the position she now occupies since the Relief Corps was organized, in 1883. Mrs. Bagley began her work in the Woman's Relief Corps as President of Hazlett Corps, Zanesville, O., where she resides.

She was the second President of the Department of Ohio, and one of the chief organizers in that State. She has been continuously in the work of the W.R.C., local, State and National, for the past 14 years. To the administration of the office of National Treasurer she has brought ripe experience, rare business sagacity and executive ability of the highest order, and the affairs of her high office are in the hands of one of the ablest woman financiers of the land.

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While Serving in the War Hewitt H. Williams Contracts a Disease in Its Most Aggravated Form. His Hopeless Condition.

From the Press, Utica, N. Y.

Mr. Hewitt H. Williams, a well-to-do farmer, of Oneida County, New York, sends us the following certificate. Inquiry develops the fact that Mr. Williams is a citizen in good standing and repute, and enjoys the respect of the community in which he resides. His testimony may be read with benefit by those persons unfortunate enough to have chronic catarrhal trouble:

"To all whom it may concern. I, Hewitt H. Williams, farmer, of Bridgewater, Oneida County, New York, do make the following statement, declaring it to be true in every particular:

"I am fifty-nine years of age, a native of Denbighshire, North Wales, but long a resident of this County, and a citizen of the United States. During the war of the Rebellion I was serving with the army, though not an enlisted man, my business being to look after the graves of the dead. For a period I served in the military hospitals as assistant nurse. While at the front I contracted catarrh in its most aggravated form, extending to the stomach and bladder. My eyes, ears and air passages were all affected, my digestion was so impaired that I could not assimilate food, and this distressing condition assumed the chronic form, and continued until nearly three years ago. Of course, I had medical advice, and plenty of it, from several different physicians, but they did me no good to speak of, and year by year my condition became more hopeless. It was then that through the newspapers I learned of the cures effected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and as I was tired of paying doctors' bills for nothing, I determined to give them a trial, and laid in a good supply, meaning to give them a thorough test. I was a little discouraged at first, as the pills made me more miserable, but I kept on, and after I had taken nearly one whole box I began to improve. My stomach regained its tone, the bladder trouble subsided, and the urinal discharge was no longer loaded with mucus. My hearing grew better, the air passages, even in damp weather, gave me little inconvenience, and in three months I was comfortable, and able to eat, drink and sleep well.

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THE COMMISSARY'S QUARTERS IN WINTER CAMP.

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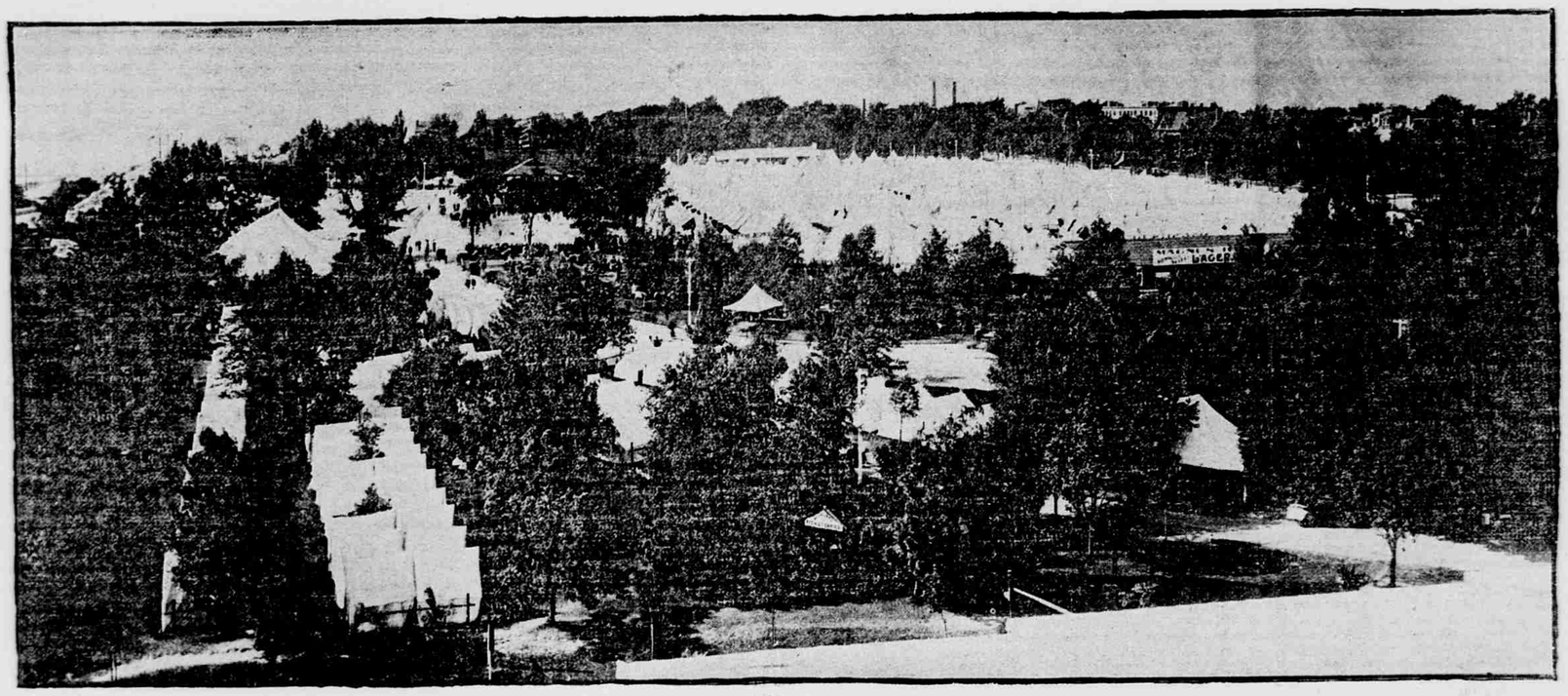

A GLIMPSE OF CAMP JEWETT.

The Living Shield.

Nearly 4,000 children from the Buffalo schools formed the Living Shield on Chippewa street just below Delaware avenue, at the point where the line of march turned from Chippewa street into the avenue and facing the marching column for two blocks. It resembled a large grandstand, the seats graduating upward. The shield had the appearance of resting on an easel. The seating space was square, and the figures were so arranged as to give the appearance of a shield, with the red and white stripes and the blue field with white stars. The children forming the shield were divided into two reliefs of about 2,000 each, the first taking their positions in the morning just before the parade started, and the others taking the stand after half the column had passed.

If you decide to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla, do not be persuaded to take any other. 100 doses, $1.

Indianapolis Encampment.

Division Commander T. Z. Morrow, of Kentucky, urges brethren of that State to attend the Indianapolis Encampment. He is very anxious that the "Blue Grass State" make a good showing, as it did in 1861, when men were required to fight the battles of the country. A special S. V. train will leave Louisville Sept. 8. Camps that go by way of Cincinnati will join the train at Greensburg, Ind.

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WANTED—By J. B. Parsons, Pontiac, Ill., late Sergeant, Co. A, 1st Me. H. A.—The addresses of all Secretaries of Reunion Associations. 837-3t

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WANTED—By Mrs. A. S. Sannler, Box 76, Prentice, Wis., the addresses of Henry Fields, Co. C, Det. 24 Reg't, U. S. V. V., and Capt. D. H. Rosensten. She wishes to communicate in regard to pension matters. 836-3t

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WANTED—The address of members of Co. H, 1st U. S. Veteran Volunteers. Comrades knowing any such will confer a favor on the undersigned by sending them to me, as they are needed to complete my pension claim. I was Sergeant in said company. Daniel S. Clark, Abilene, Kan. 834-9t

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