

FLORIDA PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT, W. R. C.

National President Harris Organizes Four Corps and Appoints Officers.

Mrs. Belle C. Harris, National President, Woman's Relief Corps, is certainly making every effort to live up to the obligation to work for the best interests of the greatest organization of patriotic women in the world. Her latest splendid effort was the organization of a Provisional Department of Florida.

This took place at Kissimmee, where the Department Encampment of Florida was held in February. The National President has called for a meeting of the members of the various Corps of Florida at the same time and place that the G. A. R. met, with the intent to form a Provisional Department. This formation was completed, and the following officers were appointed: Provisional Department President, Mrs. Mary De Gray, St. Cloud; Secretary, Mrs. Elmira C. Westcott, St. Cloud; S. V. P., Mrs. Miller, of Tampa; J. V. P., Mrs. Fanny Hoyt, of St. Petersburg; Treasurer, Mrs. G. B. G. of Orlando; Chaplain, Mrs. Dennis, of Tall. The officers were publicly installed by Mrs. Belle C. Harris, National President, assisted by Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, National Secretary. After the exercises at Kissimmee all were invited over to St. Cloud, where a campfire was held, with a very fine program, at which the National President and National Secretary were the guests of honor. Refreshments were served to all, and the hours there were most delightfully spent. The campfires were real campfires, built in the open park, and especially constructed platforms held the speakers and distin-

THE FLORIDA ENCAMPMENT.

The 1911 Encampment of Florida Was a Great Success.

The greatest day in the existence of Kissimmee City was on Tuesday, Feb. 14, when about 1,000 old soldiers marched thru the city in parade of the Florida Encampment. G. A. R. The day was lovely, and Florida climate seemed to feel that it was on exhibition. The town had been beautifully decorated, and there were over 2,000 strangers in town. The arrival of the delegation from St. Cloud was a great event and added much to the throng. The parade was led by the Kissimmee Brass Band, and following it, at the head of a troop of ladies on horseback, was Grand Marshal Parker, riders and horses being decorated in the National colors. The escort was maneuvered well under the marshal of Mrs. Blanchard. Next in line came the famous St. Cloud Drum Corps, which, it is believed, has no equal in the South. Many Confederate veterans joined in the parade in their gray uniforms, and the procession ended with



COMMANDER N. GRAY AND THE GUNS.

The two cannons were presented to the G. A. R. Post at St. Cloud by A. R. Sisson, a comrade lighthouse keeper, station near Hilton Head, S. C. These guns now stand in front of the G. A. R. Post at St. Cloud. They were named "Grant" and "Sherman."

gushed guests. The moon shone bright and the air was heavy with the fragrant orange blossoms and masses of tropical plants and foliage with flags formed the decorations. It was really a romantic scene. The refreshments were served by Mitchell Corps, St. Cloud. Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore aroused their audiences to great pitches of enthusiasm with their splendid oratory. Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Moore were the recipients of many souvenirs, among them being silver spoons, and each of them received a bunch of pink carnations. Among the other guests of honor were Capt. Wm. James, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R., and Mrs. James, both of Jacksonville. Mrs. James is a member of the W. R. C., and the retiring Department President, the Ladies of the G. A. R. of Florida. Other distinguished guests were Commander W. H. Mock, Past Commander of the Department of Washington, Washington, and Mrs. Mock, Past Department President, W. R. C. of the same Department.

One of the most beautiful features of the Encampment at Kissimmee was the big parade, in which members of the W. R. C. were mounted on horseback and several hundred school children in line, each waving an American flag. Probably this is the first time in the history of the country that Southern children marched with the flag, and it presented a profoundly interesting scene in the harmony existing between the North and South in that section of the country.

The Provisional Department of Florida starts off under fine auspices, and there is no doubt that it is to be a great success. It is understood that two or three other Corps are already organizing, and it may not be long before Florida will be a permanent Department.

National President, W. R. C. Honored. At a recent visit to the Department of Illinois, National President Belle C. Harris and National Secretary Ida Wilson Moore, National Press Correspondent Ida M. Trenary and a number of National Aids were specially entertained by a reception at the Grand Pacific Hotel in Chicago. The National President and National Secretary were the special guests of honor. In the receiving line, besides the National officers named, there were a number of Past Department officers, including Department President, Mrs. Anna Peterson, and Wm. G. Dustin, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans. The banquet table and hall were most beautifully decorated with flags and flowers and speaking followed the banquet. Mrs. Frank L. Hubbard was toastmistress, and presided with both dignity and eloquence. The National President responded to the toast "Our Order."

Mrs. Moore, "The Woman of To-day." Mrs. Trenary, "The Press." Mrs. McGowan, "Our Comrades." Residing Comrades Rosenbaum, Darling, Dustin, Gault, Bennett and others all gave some interesting remarks. Mrs. Patterson presented Mrs. Hubbard with a beautiful hand-painted rose jar, the work and gift of Mrs. Murdoch, Past President of Farragut Corps. Miss Boss presented Mrs. Moore with a six-dollar sterling silver top inkwell. Mrs. Shaw presented Mrs. Trenary with a sterling handle ivory paper knife, all in behalf of the Department. The presentation speeches and responses were all delivered in well-chosen, eloquent language.

The arrangements for the reception were in the hands of Mrs. Hubbard and Mrs. Darling, who were ably assisted by Mrs. Day and Mrs. Seymour, of America Corps.

A Great Lecture. Great in its conception, great in its delivery and great in its reception and effect upon those who were fortunate in listening to the lecture which was given by Comrade W. H. Empson, private, Co. A, 124th Ohio, at G. A. R. Hall, in the city of St. Cloud, Fla., Wednesday, Feb. 8, before a large audience of the veterans of the civil war and many other men who are temporary residents of St. Cloud. The opening services, the songs "In the Prison Cell I Sit" and "Starved in Prison," by Mrs. J. W. Hamilton, by request, were rendered effectively, both of which brought tears of sympathy to the eyes of many.

The subject of the lecture was "From Chickamauga, Tenn. to Jacksonville, Fla., or 588 Days in Southern Prison Pens, from Sept. 26, 1863, to April 23, 1865." The lecturer in his vivid portrayal of the horrors of the prison pens of the South, in which he was held, touched the sympathetic chords of the hearts of all present. A silence prevailed that was almost oppressive in its intensity and broken only by the sobbing in all parts of the hall.

What in the world was the matter with Lodge? Massachusetts was in the column all right, but Lodge was recreant—Augustus Aubec, Gloucester City, N. J.

Peter Eichele, West New York, N. J., sees that Senator Lodge is planning for a voyage to Europe. Let him go and let us alone. He is not wanted in this country any longer.

PENSION LEGISLATION.

Comments From Comrades on the Different Bills and Pension Matters Generally.

Thanks Representative Salloway.

You have our heartfelt sympathy and thanks for the way you stood by the old boys in the Salloway bill. We owe many thanks to Representative Salloway and to our friends in the Senate, Bailey and Lodge do not seem to care whether we all pass away within the next few days. Representative Salloway, father who was Captain of Co. I, 62d Ill. I had a brother who died in the army, but there are yet three of us left in the family. I served in the 16th Ill. four years, three months and ten days, and sometimes I feel that I could handle a musket yet to a good advantage for my country, altho I am almost 70.—A. A. Wyatt, Minden, Neb.

Thanks From Arkansas.

Editor National Tribune: George H. Thomas Post, Rogers, Ark., wishes to express his hearty appreciation of your interest in the Salloway bill, as expressed in your work for the late bill. They wish to thank most heartily Senators Scott and Curtis for their defense of the cause of the old soldiers. They hope that a future return will come to both of these friends. The failure of the Salloway bill was a sad blow to many who are in need. We are passing away rapidly.—P. W. Drummond, Post, Commander; Addison Blanchard, Adjutant.

The Salloway Bill.

Thank God, there are some Senators and Representatives who are true. I blush for those who cannot perceive where their duty lies. I gave my services to my country from the first call until it was no longer needed. I am a poor man with a wife, and am 75 years old.—Rev. James D. Newcomb, Choctaw, Okla.

The Legislative Indorsement.

J. N. P. Lee, Camp, Wagon, Fla., points out forcefully how the Legislatures of 24 States, representing 56,000,000 people and 284 electoral votes, have indorsed the Salloway bill. These Legislatures are of the richest and most progressive States of the Union, and their declaration in favor of the Salloway bill was unmistakable. The failure to pass the Salloway bill, will serve blow to hundreds of thousands of veterans and a disappointment to far more than that number of stockholders, professional men and others, who had hoped to see the bill distributed to the people thru the veterans.

Defense of the Salloway Bill.

Bird C. Guffey, 42d Mo., Galena, Mo., writes a strong letter to the James River, Va., and to the National Tribune, in defense of the Salloway bill and giving the reasons why it should be passed.

Widows' Pensions.

Mrs. George Hardy, Perryville, Ky., wishes to join with Mrs. Christian in expressing indignation against what has been said about women marrying veterans for their pension. She married Jan. 19, 1892, knowing that her husband drew no pension at that time and not knowing that he ever would get a pension. She will be 59 July 12, and her husband will be 68. She is a sample of the kind of young girls that marry old men for their pensions.

His Eyes Filled.

As I read the short speeches upon the Salloway bill my throat gets in trouble, my eyes fill with tears; and I feel that I am not alone in the cause of the gratitude of our honored friends who supported the bill.—G. Monroe Locke, 7th Ill., Homer, Ill.

Did What He Could.

James Anthony, Plattsmouth, Neb., did all he could to influence those around him in favor of the Salloway bill, and is deeply discouraged at its failure to succeed. He joins with the veterans in their regret that the bill was not passed. He has had a few minutes of actual soldier life their hearts would have been moved in a different way.

The Senate's Foot.

I. G. Walker, M. D., Pound, Wis., can hardly realize that the United States Senate has put its foot on the necks of the old veterans.

Copperhead Venom.

H. P. Manly 111th Va., Coslar d'Alene, Idaho, sees the old Copperhead venom in the articles in Collier's Weekly against the veterans and the Salloway bill.

Speaker Cannon.

P. Andrews, 14th Pa., Rogers, Pa., says thanks to Speaker Cannon for his noble effort in behalf of the Salloway bill.

Petitioning Lodge and Crane.

At a meeting of Richard Crane Post, Fall River, Mass., resolutions were adopted asking Senators Lodge and Crane to favor by word and vote the immediate passage of the Salloway bill. Past Commander A. M. Jackson, and John Gilbert formed the committee, which formulated the resolution. David H. Dyer is Commander of the Post.

Should Hang Up Fiddle.

R. W. Hartman, Napoleon, O., says that while he does not carry a fiddle, he sees all around him comrades to whom it is vitally necessary, and if the Republican Party will pass another bill equally far-reaching it may as well hang up its fiddle.

His Case.

William Dobson, 50th Ind., Clinton, Ind., served for four years and is now 68 years old and totally disabled from doing any labor of any kind. He is propped up in a bed of affliction while he writes. His wife is compelled to labor to help support the family and get whatever they have in addition to his \$12 a month. They also have to make a home for her mother, who is 78 years old. Their son, a bright, helpful boy, was killed last year in a railroad accident. He is one to whom the passage of the Salloway bill would have been a Godsend.

A Good Point.

J. E. Buckbee, Jr., Flagstaff, Ariz., makes a good point against the pension howlers that it is incredible that the Government, with all the machinery at its command, should permit frauds like those alleged. No one is more interested nor more desirous of having the frauds punished than the old soldier, and he is willing to aid the Government in this, as he has been in everything.

Answering the World's Work.

W. H. Johnson, Girard, O., made an address before Tod Post, of Youngstown, in answer to an editorial in the Youngstown Telegram and the slanders of the World's Work Magazine, in which he points out that for the four years of our war the Government has done nothing for England's constant fighting. When the men at Gettysburg were getting only \$13 a month in currency worth only 29 cents on the dollar the men who stayed at home were getting from \$4 to \$6 a day working at their occupations.

Remember Our Friends and Enemies.

James F. Hobson, 121 Dock street, Philadelphia, regrets that the Salloway bill failed, and he has no words strong enough to condemn those who blocked its passage. He is sure that God had gone far enough, however, to show who

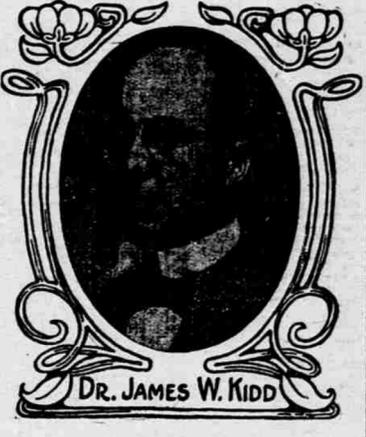
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PRODUCES POSITIVE PROOF

The writer was astonished at the enormous number of these letters that were shown him by Dr. Kidd in support of his claim. Drawer after drawer piled full, more letters than one could read in a week, were silent but positive and undisputable evidence which Dr. Kidd produced.

There were letters from rich and poor, from people in every walk of life, from women and from men, from bankers, farmers, preachers; from everyone and everywhere, all describing the wonderful cures that had been effected, and all thanking Dr. Kidd in deepest gratitude for the health and happiness he had given them. And more remarkable still, is the fact that most of these letters told of years of suffering and of the failure of other doctors to cure them. One man, Mr. James W. Burt, Route 2, Oakland, Ill., said his trouble began in 1876 and that he kept growing worse and worse until his home physician, said nothing would cure him but an operation. He said further that "Dr. Kidd's treatment increased my weight in six months from 130 to 180 pounds," and ended the letter by saying, "If anyone doubts this, let him write me." Another letter picked from the heap that lay in front of me was from Mr. John Gallman, Route 21, Rock Stream, N. Y. This man said: "I doctored with 20 skillful physicians. Both said there was no help for me. I know I would be in my grave to-day were it not for Dr. Kidd's medicine."

Lack of space prevents quoting more of these interesting letters, but for the benefit of readers let it be said, there remains no doubt in the writer's mind that Dr. Kidd is justly entitled to his claim of more cured patients than any living doctor.

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We strongly urge any suffering reader who seeks health to write Dr. Kidd and take advantage of his offer, for it costs nothing and will be the means of giving health and happiness to thousands.

Keyes Post, to which he belongs, worked hard to urge Senator Gallinger to support the bill. He also wrote two open letters to Senator Gallinger, which were signed by every bank and business man in Meridith and Ashland, asking his support.

The Last Congress. In reviewing the case of the last Congress, J. C. Davis, 25th Pa., attorney-at-law, Cottonwood Falls, Kan., finds that the first item was \$20,000,000 for irrigation. Why was this? Because there was a good raffle-off for somebody. The next was \$25,000,000 appropriated for public buildings. Why? Because there were a number of choice plums in this. There were millions of dollars appropriated for conservation, in which there has been a gigantic steal heretofore to the detriment of the people. The next was \$2,000,000 appropriated for fortifying the canal. The best fortifications are brave men, and what good will these fortifications be until every old soldier is dead? The Administration came in with a great blare of trumpets as to economy, and these things are some of the results. He heard the rebel yell during the whole Salloway debate. If the Republican leaders could not manage this better, it would seem as if they were too weak to be trusted again. Senators Scott and Curtis stood loyally and courageously until all but they surrendered, for which God bless them.

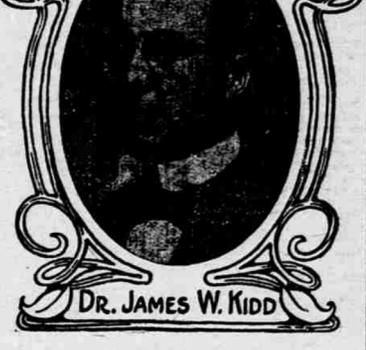
All Praise to the 212. Joseph W. Kelley, 16th and 53d Pa., Guhrle, Okla., says: "All praise to the noble 212 of the House of Representatives who voted for the Salloway bill, and all praise to the eight good soldiers of the Senate-Pension Committee who voted to report it to the Senate. They deserve all the good things that can be said of them. As for Tom Gore, the Senator from Oklahoma, he is full of flowery talk, but at heart he is against the veterans, and cares a great deal for those who wore the gray."

The Income Amendment. J. F. Ross, 1st Mich. Cav., Rogers, Ark., thinks that there should be an amendment to the Salloway bill giving a pension according to age to all whose income does not exceed \$1,000 a year. The Senate will pass such a bill without debate, but it will never pass a bill to make the wealthy soldier more wealthy.

Watch Your Friends. Lou E. Beach, 56th Ohio, State Soldiers' Home, Orting, Wash., speaking for the 650 members of the Home and for the 300 members of the Washington Home at Port Orchard and every Grand Army man and every veteran, repeats the old Indian's advice: "If a man says he is your enemy, you do not know him; you know what he is; but if he says, 'I am your friend,' watch him and find out." The outcome of the Salloway bill makes this lesson very impressive.

What He Did. George S. McCallie, Merced, N. H., made an effort to get his Legislature to indorse the Salloway bill, but for some reason it was laid on the table. E. W.

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An Historic Gavel. In 1905, when C. G. Burton was Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, he had a gavel presented to him by a veteran, Dr. T. H. Hagerty, that, for historic interest, may be regarded as unusual. The gavel head was made from a walnut knot secured at Burton's boyhood home. The handle was of oak from the Lincoln dwelling at Springfield, Ill. In one end was an inlaid G. A. R. star, of 10 bits of selected wood; the five points respectively from the ship Star of the West, the Spanish cruiser Reina Christina, the Gettysburg peach orchard, Pemberton's headquarters at Vicksburg, and Look-out Mountain. The central quadrants were from Appomattox, Vicksburg, Grant's log cabin in Missouri, and Sherman's St. Louis residence. A chip from the frame of the Liberty Bell was let into the center of the star.

"Insurgency and Patriotism." Under this head, Comrade Robert L. Drummond, Auburn, N. Y., has written a letter to the insurgents in the New York Legislature. It is an unusually well-written document, and abounds with pathos. Part of it is a vivid account of his capture at Hatcher's Run, his experiences in prison and his release at Wilmington, N. C., while the town was being evacuated. He was a Democrat then, and has been since, and has the right, he thinks, to talk with some degree of authority to the Democratic brethren.

The Semi-Centennial of the Grand Review. Robert Patterson, 1644 Howarth street, Frankfort, Philadelphia, Pa., suggests a Reunion of all the veterans in 1915 at Washington, under the auspices of the G. A. R., to commemorate the Grand Review of 1865. If this could be done it would interest every comrade East, West, North and South who thru the goodness of Him who led and preserved us thru the dark days, would be still alive to clasp hands and join the grand army above.

The Rochester Herald. E. D. Copp, Adjutant, Gordon Granger Post, G. A. R., Clifton Springs, N. Y., wrote a sharp letter to the Rochester Herald, disputing its editorial against the Salloway bill. He reminded the editor that if he had been 10 minutes in front of Pickett's charge at Gettysburg he would have very different views about pensions.

Wants to Boycott Them. Charles F. Anderson, 100th Pa., Webster, Pa., wants the comrades to fight first with fire, and boycott all those magazines and other publications which have been defaming them.

The Soldiers' Home. The Consolidated Post Return for eight days, ending Feb. 2, shows 15,641 members present for duty, 2,176 in hospital, and 2,040 in quarters, making a total of 20,257, and 5,722 absent.

Anniversary of Bull Run. H. A. Vail, Towanda, Pa., heartily agrees with the scheme to have a semi-centennial celebration on the battlefield of Bull Run of the survivors of both armies.

Cure for the Dropsy. Daniel Truman, Route 1, Monroeville, O., wants some of the comrades to send him a cure for the dropsy.

No Blue and Gray. Gen. Henry A. Tyler, Memphis, Tenn., who claims to have been Forrest's "greatest commander," and who is a prominent officer of the United Confederate Veterans, wants no blue and gray in his. When a suggestion was made for such a meeting at Memphis next Fall, he said: "I don't mix with no Yankees, and he has raised up for him a family of nine children, five boys and four girls, all living, and she feels that both her husband and herself have done their duty to the country."

Thanks to Cannon and Salloway. Arthur O. Overton, 11th Kan. Cav., Linn, Okla., sends the thanks of the comrades of his County to Speaker Cannon and Representative Salloway. Comrade Overton would like to hear from any of his old comrades.

Capt. Bayliss's Commission. Fitzner Harrison, Cleveland, Tenn., says that he has in his possession the commission of Capt. Albert S. Bayliss. The commission was signed by Andrew Johnson, and it will be sent to any Capt. Bayliss's heirs who will apply for it.

Feels She Has Done Her Duty. Mrs. Elizabeth J. Smith, Steuben, Wis., is the widow of a veteran of long service, and she has raised up for him a family of nine children, five boys and four girls, all living, and she feels that both her husband and herself have done their duty to the country.