THE CAMPFIRE

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND.

It Holds Its 33d Annual Encampment at Baltimore.

The 35th Annual Encampment of the Department of Maryland, G. A. R., was held in Odd Fellows' Hall, Baltimore, April 10 and 11. Comrade William J. Vannort, Department Commander, presided. His annual address shows the Department to be in a flourishing condition, and notwithstanding the large death loss the membership shows a slight net increase.

Comrade John E. Gilman, Commander-in-Chief, was present, and delivered a spirited address.

The first day of the Encampment was taken up with routine business, receiving reports of Department officers and referring the same to appropriate committees.

The second day the Encampment got down to real hard work. Reports of committees were received and acted upon. The following resolutions were received:

Resolutions.

The 35th Annual Encampment of the Department of Maryland, G. A. R., again goes on record as favoring Comrade John McElroy for Commander-in-Chief, if he is again a candidate. This action is taken as a slight token of our esteem and gratitude for the great services rendered the survivors of the civil war by Comrade McElroy in leading the fight for increased pensions, especially for his efforts to promote the passage of the Sulloway bill at the last session of Congress.

We further record indignant protest against the action of Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, whose objection defeated the passage of the Sulloway bill. His solicitude for the revenues of the Government hardly square with his action in promoting the passage of a bill granting a life pension of $7,500 per year for the very brief services of a member of the Supreme Court.

This resolution was unanimously passed without reference by a standing vote.

The following resolution was also passed unanimously:

"Bitter and mendacious opposition to pension legislation is always a fruitful subject for pension-hating newspapers and muckraking magazines. No charge, however false, no assertion, however scandalous, is too base for the use of these publications in their efforts to prejudice the public mind against any patriotic effort to improve the living conditions of the survivors of those great armies which saved the Union. The fact that these survivors are answering the last roll call at the rate of more than 100 a day does not prompt those vile detractors to cease for a time at least their unjust characterization of these defenders of the Republic as 'frauds' and 'bummers.'"

Vindicating the Pension Roll.

Recently, by order of the honorable Commissioner of Pensions, every pensioner, male and female, residing in the State of Maryland has been personally visited by experienced Special Examiners of the Pension Bureau, detailed for that purpose, and it is a matter of congratulation that of the more than 12,000 thus visited not a single case was found involving the least suspicion of fraud, thus vindicating in the highest degree the integrity of the Pension Bureau and the honesty of the pensioner. This splendid record justifies the Department of Maryland, G. A. R., in branding the enemies of the pensioners of the United States as base slanderers, utterly wanting in patriotism and destitute of gratitude toward those who stood for the Flag and a united country in the fateful days of 1861-65.

The following letter was read from Comrade James L. Davenport:

"Department of the Interior, Pension Bureau, April 10, 1911.

"John R. King, Past Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R., Baltimore, Md.

"Dear Sir and Comrade: I have great pleasure in informing you that a complete 'checking up' of the pensioners residing in the State of Maryland, by experienced Special Examiners, fails to disclose in the more than 12,000 pensioners a single case of doubtful legality. Respectfully yours—J. L. Davenport, Commissioner."

A committee from the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, accompanied by National President Belle C. Harris, of Kansas, was received with appropriate honors. A return visit was made by Commander-in-Chief Gilman and Past Commander-in-Chief John R. King.

Election of Officers.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed by Commander-in-Chief Gilman:

Commander, John T. Holmes.

Senior Vice Commander, Charles F. Leitz.

Junior Vice Commander, John B. Black.

Medical Director, C. Marion Dodson.

Chaplain, B. F. Clarkson, D. D.

Assistant Adjutant-General, Robert C. Sunstrom.

Assistant Quartermaster-General, John C. Erdman.

Delegate-at-Large to the National Encampment, J. Wynne Jones, D. D.

Delegates, Thomas M. Magnes, W. I. Drach, George W. Fisher, Reuben N. Conway.

A pleasing feature of Comrade Gilman's sojourn in Baltimore was a visit to His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, arranged by Comrade John R. King. Comrade Gilman was accompanied by Comrades John G. Taylor and King, who made the introduction. The Cardinal was very gracious and cordial, and spoke of his experience as a Chaplain for four years without pay at Fort McHenry and Fort Marshall, Baltimore. He also referred to his visit to Salt Lake City during the Encampment.

Home for Confederates.

W. S. Cain, Atchison, Kan., says that he thinks that it is the time to do something more than talk nice about the unfortunate men who were too loyal to their States in 1861-65. They were grand fighters, men any Nation might be proud to have as citizens. They have suffered many things harder to bear than defeat on the battlefield. They are now old and suffering. Would it not be a noble thing for the Grand Army to recommend that the Government erect and maintain in each of the States which were defeated Homes of the same nature that we now have for our men in the North, to be used by the aged and infirm men of the Southern armies?

Does Anyone Know?

Mrs. D. D. Dunlop, Essex Junction, Vt., was interested in the account of Lieut. Joseph G. Walkinshaw, who died in Kansas last year, as she thinks he was a relative. She wants to know if any comrade can get her more particulars in regard to him.

COMMANDER FOR INDIANA.

The Comrades of Logansport Indorse Frank Swigart for Department Commander.

The survivors of the 46th Ind. and the Post at Logansport, Ind., are earnestly urging the election of Comrade Frank Swigart for Commander of the Department of Indiana. Comrade Swigart was a boy in school when the call for troops came, and he enlisted at once in Co. B, 46th Ind. This was Oct. 5, 1861. He was soon promoted to a non-commissioned officer, and by good conduct in camp and field was advanced thru all the grades to that of Captain. He became Second Lieutenant April 20, 1862, and Captain Oct. 16, 1862. He took active part in more than two years of hard service, which included Island No. 10, Riddle's Point, Fort Pillow, the White River campaign, Yazoo Pass and Fort Pemberton; Port Gibson, Champion's Hill, the siege of Vicksburg, the second siege of

FRANK SWIGART.

Jackson, the Teche campaign, Opelousas, Carrion Crow Bayou and the Red River campaign. He was so severely wounded at Sabine Crossroads as to necessitate his discharge. On his return home he took an active interest in political action to conserve what the war had gained. He was a charter member of Logansport Post, has been three times its Commander and three times elected Delegate to the National Encampment of the G. A. R. He entered warmly into politics, was a Presidential Elector in 1888, and helped much to secure the election of President Harrison. He was Referee in Bankruptcy for eight years, and helpful in developing the practice under that new law. He served four years in the Law and Miscellaneous Division of the Treasury Department at Washington. All the time he has been constant and indefatigable in work for his comrades. He and Col. T. H. Bringhurst wrote a very excellent history of the 46th Ind. without compensation, and he is now engaged under the auspices of the Cass County Historical Society in writing the military history of Cass County, Ind. When Grand Army affairs do not have a call on him he is engaged in the active practice of the law.

COMRADE CHURCH HOWE.

He Makes an Eloquent Speech in England.

Maj. Church Howe, Past Commander of Nebraska, G. A. R., has been for many years Consul at Manchester, England. There was recently a great meeting in that city in support of the proposal of a treaty of arbitration between Great Britain and the United States. The meeting was called by the Lord Mayor and the church dignitaries and heads of the university were among the guests. The papers say that the most interesting speech was that of Maj. Church Howe, who recalled how much the friendship of the Lancashire and Yorkshire people meant to the Union during the civil war, in which he fought as an enlisted man and an officer. Comrade Howe said that every Administration of our Nation had been for peace, but Theodore Roosevelt had made a great stride forward in that direction. He wanted the agreement between the two countries to take the place of an honest pledge between honest men; no treaty of alliance, but simply straightforward men agreeing to what they would do. A tribunal composed of such men as those who sit on the Supreme Bench of the United States and similar distinguished men in England would arrive at an agreement which would be eminently advantageous to both countries. The agreement taken up by the two great English-speaking Nations would be speedily followed up by those of the other great powers of the world.

A Naval Veteran.

Charles Boudream, Ocean avenue, San Francisco, Cal., says that in April, 1861, he came in from Buenos Ayres on the bark Fanny Hamilton. The Captain wanted him to go back as Second Mate at $40 a month, but before concluding he went ashore for a few days. April 13 the war broke out, and April 20 he enlisted in the Navy at $14 a month and as an ordinary seaman. He was sent on board the Dawn on the York River, and from there to Fernandino, Fla. He served out his three years, and again enlisted Aug. 11, 1864, and was at the taking of Fort Fisher. He was one of the landing party and one of the 23 that remained under the fort until 7 o'clock in the evening. Lieut.-Commander Charles Couchman, of the Wabash, and Fieldburg, of the Iosco, were the only ones that he remembers that stayed with them. All the names are in the report of the Secretary of the Navy. He fell and broke his shoulder, and was sent back to the hospital at Brooklyn. When he returned to duty he was drafted to the Pensacola, and went to San Francisco. He was promoted to carpenter and Captain of the after guard.

Needs the Sulloway Bill.

Mrs. Thomas H. Bell, London, O., writes that her husband first received a stroke of paralysis that deprived him of the use of his left arm and then another one that made him speechless, which he remains. These were due to a wound in the head received at Kenesaw Mountain, which has troubled him ever since, but all he can get is $12 a month. The Sulloway bill would have brought the family much help.

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR BILL.

Representative P. P. Campbell, of Kansas, has introduced the following important bills, which have been referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions:

A BILL granting pensions to ex-prisoners of war.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each soldier, sailor and marine now living who served in the Union army during the war of the rebellion and was captured and held as a prisoner of war shall receive, in addition to any pension he now receives under general or special act, the sum of $1 per month for each month that he was so held as such prisoner of war.

Sec. 2. That in computing the time of imprisonment as provided in Sec. 1 of this act time shall be computed from the time of capture until such soldier, sailor or marine reported to his command for duty, and in the event that he was held as such prisoner beyond the term of his enlistment, his pensionable time shall be from the date of his capture until the date of his discharge.

Sec. 3. That the only evidence necessary to establish the claim for a pension under this act shall be the record of said soldier, sailor or marine now on file in the office of the War Department at Washington, D. C.: Provided, that each applicant filing an application under this act shall be required to furnish the affidavits of two responsible witnesses testifying to his identity.

A BILL to amend the act of June 27, 1890; the act of April 19, 1908, and other acts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who served 90 days or more in the military or naval service of the United States during the late civil war, or 60 days in the War with Mexico, and who has been honorably discharged therefrom, and who has reached the age of 62 years or over, shall, upon making proof of such facts according to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may provide, be placed upon the pension roll and be entitled to receive a pension as follows: In case such person has reached the age of 62 years, $15 per month; 65 years, $20 per month; 70 years, $30 per month; 75 years or over, $36 per month; and such pension shall commence from the date of the filing of the application in the Bureau of Pensions after the passage and approval of this act: Provided, that pensioners who are 62 years of age or over, and who are now receiving pensions under existing laws, or whose claims are pending in the Bureau of Pensions, may, by application to the Commissioner of Pensions, in such form as he may prescribe, receive the benefits of this act; and nothing herein contained shall prevent any pensioner or person entitled to a pension from prosecuting his claim and receiving a pension under any other general or special act: Provided, that no person shall receive a pension under any other law at the same time or for the same period that he is receiving a pension under the provisions of this act: Provided, further, that no person who is now receiving or shall hereafter receive a greater pension under any other general or special law than he would be entitled to receive under the provisions herein shall be pensionable under this act."

Sec. 2. That rank in the service shall not be considered in applications filed hereunder.

Sec. 3. That the clauses in the acts of June 27, 1890; May 9, 1900, and April 19, 1908, denying pensions to widows of soldiers, sailors and marines who married their husbands subsequent to June 27, 1890, are hereby repealed.

"THE GENERAL" AND "THE TEXAS."

Two Historic Locomotives Rusting Away in the Shops.

Comrade B. F. Nathan, 4th Iowa and 3d Iowa Cav., Fitzgerald, Ga., sends us clippings from the Atlanta papers relating to the old "General" and "Texas." The "General" was the engine which Andrews's party took away from its crew and upon which they tried to make their escape. The "Texas" was the engine upon which William Fuller and his party pursued Andrews. The "General" was a Rogers locomotive, built at Paterson, N. J., in 1856. When the Confederates evacuated Atlanta the engineer was ordered to destroy the engine, but he had too much affection for it, and later the "General" was made to collide with the "Missouri" in the shops, and the shops then set afire. After the war the engine was rebuilt, and did duty until 1891, when it was condemned to the junk pile. Some lover of war relics got action taken by which the engine was overhauled and partially restored to the condition it was in 1862, and was exhibited at several cities. It is now in the shops of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad at Chattanooga. The "Texas" was an engine of about the same character as the "General," and in 1907 was sent to the scrap heap, but a resolution was passed by the Georgia Legislature to preserve both the "General" and the "Texas." Nothing was done, however, to carry out this resolution, and both engines are rapidly rusting away. The only man now alive who was with Fuller when the "General" was recaptured is Henry P. Haney, retired as Assistant General of the Fire Department of Atlanta.

Reunion Schenck's Brigade, Three-Months Service.

Schenck's Brigade in the first battle of Bull Run was composed of the 1st and 2d Ohio three-months men and the 2d N. Y., a three-year regiment. These Ohio regiments have been holding Reunions for 24 years past on July 21 each year. Their 25th Reunion will be held at the Phillips House, in Dayton, O., July 21 next. The local members of the Society have charge of the arrangements, and Capt. Weidner, President of the Association, says that no expense will be spared to make this 50th anniversary of Bull Run battle the most enjoyable celebration they have ever held. It is desired by the committee that all comrades who served in either of these Ohio regiments be present either in person or by letter. Send all communications to the local Secretary, Isaac S. Moore, 214 N. Harker street, Dayton, O.

"More Blood Thru the Brain."

A. R. Carhart, Bartow, Fla., has written a little pamphlet in which he addresses the American soil owners and others upon the question of liberal price, in which it is shown to be the source of prosperity, of mental and material development and of National strength and greatness. The price of the pamphlet is $1.

MRS. BELLE C. HARRIS.

National President Woman's Relief Corps Issues Her Memorial Day Order.

The National President of the Woman's Relief Corps has issued her Memorial Day order, and it will ever rank high as a literary production. It opens with Walt Mason's exquisite tribute to the Nation's dead, and is as follows:

Headquarters Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Emporia, Kan., April 12, 1911.

General Orders, No. 5.

Memorial Day.

"The little green tents, where the soldiers sleep,
And the sunbeams play and the women weep,
Are covered with flowers to-day;
And between the tents walk the weary few
Who were young and stalwart in '62,
When they went to the war away.

"The little green tents are built of sod,
They are not long and they are not broad,
But the soldiers have lots of room;
And the sod is part of the land they saved,
When the flag of the enemy darkly waved,
The symbol of dole and doom.

"The little green tent is a thing divine;
The little green tent is a country's shrine,
Where patriots kneel and pray;
And the brave men left, so old, so few,
Were young and stalwart in '62,
When they went to the war away."

I. Another year has, with its varied events, mingled its flight over the ocean of time, and has brought us again to another milestone in our Nation's history; to another Memorial Day, the annual patriotic Sabbath of a united Nation; the day first instituted by the Grand Army of the Republic to be held sacred to the memories of those who gave their lives that the Nation might live, and since then adopted by every class of citizens as the most appropriate occasion on which to make their annual pilgrimage to the last resting places of loved ones.

II. If any day in all the year should be held sacred, it should be this one. As we stand by the graves of our dead heroes on this Memorial Day let us not forget that they were the men of peace; men that loved peace so well that they were willing to give all they had, their lives, fighting for peace; that the American Nation never goes to war excepting for liberty and peace; that the American Nation is the only one in the history of Nations that has ever gone to war with another Nation for purely humanitarian causes.

III. As we strew beautiful flowers over the resting places of our sacred dead and sorrow at their loss, let us not forget to thank God for giving them to us and to our country, and let us rejoice in the glories of their deeds and the fact that they gave their lives to make men free.

"They died for liberty—they died for us. They are at rest. They sleep in the land they made free, under the Flag they rendered stainless, under the solemn pines, the sad hemlocks, the tearful willows and the embracing vines."

IV. In the strewing of flowers let us not forget those who lost their lives 'neath the ocean's wave.

V. The Sons of Veterans and Daughters of Veterans should also participate with the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps in observance of the day. See that the children are given prominence in the exercises, thus impressing on their youthful minds early lessons of patriotism.

VI. Memorial Sunday will fall on May 28 this year. Corps should, where possible, accompany their Posts in the public observance of the day by attending religious services.

VII. Circular Letter No. 1 of the National Chaplain will accompany these General Orders, three copies of which should be sent each Corps President.

Department Chaplains will forward their Memorial Day reports to the National Chaplain, Mary A. Gardner, 4110 Linden avenue, Seattle, Wash., not later than June 20.

By command of Belle C. Harris, National President; Ida Wilson Moore, National Secretary.

A UNIQUE ORGANIZATION.

The Union Veterans' Association of Maryland.

One of the most unique and doubtless the oldest organization growing out of the civil war is the Union Veterans' Association of Maryland.

An informal organization was formed April 9, 1865, at Appomattox, when the banquet menu was hardtack, coffee and commissary. The formal and permanent organization was effected May 25, 1865, at Arlington Hights, Va. That evening a number of officers of the Maryland Brigade, Second Division, Fifth Corps, were gathered at headquarters to witness a torchlight procession. Gen. R. N. Bowerman (4th Md.) suggested that a permanent association be formed, to hold annually a meeting and banquet on the 9th day of April to keep in remembrance the comraderie formed during the civil war, as well as to celebrate the surrender of Lee's army. The proposition met with instant approval, and on motion of Gen. D. L. Stanton (1st Md.), Gen. Andrew W. Denison, brigade commander, was elected President. Since then 46 years have passed, and each recurring year has found the survivors and other comrades assembled around the festive board to greet each other and with speech and song recall to memory the time when they stood shoulder to shoulder in the greatest war of modern times.

Among the guests at these annual banquets have been Gen. H. G. Wright, Gen. R. B. Ayers, Gen. John C. Robinson, Miles, Breckenridge, Van Vliet, Hunt, Hawley (22 years in succession), Keifer, Black, Wilson, Henderson, Bates, Admirals Melville, Sigsby and Stewart, Baron Von Koenig and many others.

To one man, more than any other is due the success of these banquets. That man is Capt. George W. ("Minnie") Johnson, who has been the Secretary for 44 years.

The 46th annual banquet was held April 10 at the Hotel Belvidere, Baltimore, and was a most enjoyable and successful affair. The speakers were Commander-in-Chief John E. Gilman, Gen. J. R. Sherwood and Hon. Wm. E. Andrews. Among the out-of-town guests were Comrade John McElroy, a great favorite in the Department of Maryland; Gen. John C. Black and a number of comrades from Washington. The banquet ended, as is their custom, with all hands around singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Comrade John R. King was toastmaster.

From April, 1865, to the present 3[illegible] comrades have served as President of the organization. Lieut. Joseph J. Janney, Purnell (Md.) Legion, is the President this year.

MEMORIAL HALL AT ST. CLOUD.

An Appeal From Quartermaster Penn, of L. L. Mitchell Post.

I wish to say to the comrades of the G. A. R. Posts I am sending printed circulars to each Post, asking for assistance in the erection of a Memorial Hall and monument at St. Cloud, Fla., to remain standing in the Southland in memory of the comrades. It will be the first one put up by all the comrades of the United States, assisted by the Sons of Veterans Camps and W. R. C. Only a small amount from each would erect it. They never would miss so small an amount, and it is so badly needed here in the South. It will be something for many to enjoy when they come to spend a Winter with us. Commander-in-Chief John E. Gilman says:

"You have in contemplation a most commendable undertaking, and I trust the Posts thruout the country will spare something to help you to accomplish your worthy mission."

This G. A. R. hall will be needed here more each season, as the comrades are centering on St. Cloud as headquarters in the South in which to spend the Winters. Many meet here the first time since the close of the war. I want the name of every Post in the United States on the wall of this hall. Any small pittance will place it there. Address Geo. W. Penn, Post Quartermaster, St. Cloud, Fla.

Reunion 6th U. S. Cav.

The 27th Annual Reunion of the 6th U. S. Cav. will be held at Fairfield, Pa., July 3. This is in pursuance of the action taken by the Association in 1909 to hold a Reunion there and dedicate the marker which has been erected at the Marshall House on the Cash Town road. This was used as one of the temporary field hospitals at the Fairfield fight. The marker erected by the Government is located on the Emmitsburg road, about six miles from where the regiment fought one of the most sanguinary battles of the war, losing about 240 officers and men out of the 400 who went into action. It is earnestly desired that all the survivors of the regiment will be present who can possibly attend. A. S. Miller, Adjutant, 932 Fern street, Camden, N. J.

Reunion of the 2d N. Y.

The Annual Meeting of our Association for the election of officers for the coming year was held Tuesday evening, April 18, at the Court House, and the following officers were elected: President, Capt. Jos. J. Hagen; Vice President, Thomas Doyle; Treasurer, Lieut. Geo. H. Hitchcock, and Secretary, Arthur W. Bradley. Arrangements were made to hold our 50th anniversary on May 18, and all comrades of the old 2d regiment are cordially invited to attend and are asked to notify the Secretary, Arthur W. Bradley, 7 State street, Troy, N. Y.

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Department of California and Nevada.

Mrs. Lizzie H. Condy, Press Correspondent, Department of California and Nevada, W. R. C., writes that the work of the Woman's Relief Corps in California is in line with all the progressive movements of the day, and under the efficient guidance of Department President Carrie W. Dibble.

Halleck Post, of Chico, Cal., has erected an imposing monument 15 feet high, with granite base and a bronze figure, sacred to the memory of their dead comrades. Judge Buckles delivered the principal dedicatory address, and Department Commaner Hawk gave a short talk along patriotic lines.

Lincoln Corps, 3.

San Francisco, Cal., has installed the following officers for 1911: President, Millie A. Rainsbury; S. V. P., Pearl M. Baum; J. V. P., Mary A. Smith; Secretary, Ray J. Loventhal; Treasurer, Mary E. Ferguson; Chaplain, Cora L. Green; Patriotic Instructor, Edith M. Johnson; Press Correspondent, Lillie G. Daggett; Conductor, Margrat Miles; Assistant Conductor, Mary Masison; Guard, Phoebe Prindel; Assistant Guard, Edith Comly; Color Bearers, Frances Francis, Minnie McDermot, Johanna Clark, Eliza Jesson; Musician, Ruth B. Austin.

Oyster Dinner.

The ladies of the W. R. C. of Boon, Mich., gave an oyster dinner at Schwartz's Hall, which was largely attended. After dinner a public joint installation of W. R. C. 264 and G. A. R. 461 was held. Mrs. Rachel Stansell, of Tustin, acted as Installing Officer of the W. R. C. and Comrade R. C. Norris of the G. A. R.

Washington's Birthday Celebrated.

The W. R. C. auxiliary to Wadhams Post, 49, Waterbury, Conn., gave a banquet and entertainment Feb. 22 for the members of the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans and the Spanish War Veterans in honor of Washington's Birthday. The program was attractive and well rendered. The Relief Corps presented $10 in gold to the Post, and light refreshments were served at the conclusion of the entertainment, and the evening closed with all hands singing "America."

P. G. Bier Corps.

Mrs. May Oneacre, Press Correspondent, P. G. Bier Corps, New Martinsville, W. Va., writes that the ladies of the Corps celebrated Washington's and Lincoln's Birthdays Feb. 18. A short program was rendered and a delicious luncheon was served. Members of the G. A. R. attended the meeting.

Corps Installation.

Woman's Relief Corps, 257, Knox, Ind., has installed the following officers for 1911: President, Mrs. O. A. Hays; S. V. P., Mrs. Gould Utter; J. V. P., Mrs. John Collins; Secretary, Mrs. John Lohse; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. James G. Hellman; Treasurer, Mrs. John B. Barnum; Chaplain, Mrs. Catherine Horner; Conductor, Mrs. Mary J. Deen; First Guard, Mrs. John Thomas; Second Guard, Mrs. Sarah Reed.

Henry Hiller Corps, 298.

Forreston, Ill., has installed the following officers for 1911: President, Mrs. Harriet M. Riley; S. V. P., Mrs. Dorothea Korf; J. V. P., Mrs. Emma Mullen; Treasurer, Florence Myers; Secretary, Ethel Eakle; Chaplain, Mrs. Delilah Vogelgesang; Conductor, Mollie Harrington; Assistant Conductor, Mayme Balsbaugh; Guard, Mary Fry; Assistant Guard, Henrietta Kerlin; Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Elizabeth Eakle; Press Correspondent, Mrs. Etta Colvin; Musician, Jennie Meyers; Color Bearers, Anna Dick, Nannie Bockholder, Mary Colvin, Henrietta Swank.

A Dutch Supper.

Mrs. Lucy J. Hewey, Press Correspondent, Department of Wisconsin, W. R. C., Fond du Lac, Wis., writes that Edwin A. Brown Relief Corps celebrated Lincoln's Birthday by a Dutch supper held in G. A. R. Hall in the evening of Feb. 11. The supper was served by young ladies attired in Dutch costumes, and the table decorations were in keeping. The hall was beautifully decorated with patriotic colors. Following the supper a short program was rendered.

Department of Missouri.

On Feb. 11, in St. Louis, the Department of Missouri, W. R. C., and the Division of Missouri, Sons of Veterans, held a reception and dance to raise funds to carry on the good work each organization is accomplishing. It was a grand success both socially and financially. Many beautiful toilets were displayed. Mrs. Mary M. Stark, the Department President of the W. R. C., and John N. Hutchinson, Division Commander of the Sons of Veterans, are both very popular, having each proved themselves to be a wise choice for these positions.

Corps Installation.

Woman's Relief Corps, 60, Pittsburg, Pa., has installed the following officers for 1911: President, Mrs. A. Seifred; S. V. P., Mrs. S. Morris; J. V. P., Mrs. E. D. Brown; Treasurer, Mrs. N. Lewis; Secretary, Mrs. A. S. Parker; Chaplain, Miss M. Flemming; Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. F. K. Lewis; Press Correspondent, Mrs. E. D. Brown; Conductor, Mrs. E. J. Murdock; Assistant Conductor, Mrs. E. Bell; Guard, Mrs. W. N. Whitehill; Assistant Guard, Mrs. E. Burns; Color Bearers, Mrs. L. B. Graves, Mrs. S. P. Krebs, Mrs. M. Sutmeyer, Mrs. A. Mathews.

A Faithful Member.

Lew Bowker Relief Corps, 182, Ney, O., are a band of 32 loyal women organized 20 years ago thru the efforts of Laura V. Mangel, our first President, and who served as Secretary for 15 years. Our charter numbered 51 members, 12 of whom are still living. Anna E. Allen is our most faithful member. She has missed but few meetings and none in the past 10 years. We meet every two weeks, and our members are from one to four miles apart. Mrs. Allen was our guest of honor at our 20th anniversary dinner Jan. 11, 1911. She lives on a farm one mile from Farmer, O. She gives each year to the Southern Memorial Fund, that the unknown graves may be decorated. In one of those faraway graves lies her brother. She contributes generously fruit, jellies, etc., to the box sent by our Corps each year to the O. S. & S. Home at Sandusky for the sick soldiers. Alice B. Wilder, President, Lew Bowker, W. R. C., Ney, O.

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