MORE THAN TWO SCORE REUNIONS TAKE PLACE IN A DAY

FIRST MINNESOTA'S GLORY RECALLED

Loving Tribute Paid Heroes Living and Dead at Last Night's Meeting.

Tribute upon tribute was paid to the famous First Minnesota at an entertainment given at the Printers' Exchange on Fourth street N last evening. The hall was crowded with veterans of the famous regiment, their wives, children and friends, who listened to an exceptionally interesting program of patriotic music, saw rare stereopticon views, illustrating the early history of the regiment, and heard speeches that lauded the glory of the battle-scarred regiment.

The evening was one of pleasure, and yet there was present an indefinable air of sadness, for it was felt that it was probably one of the last times that so many members of the First Minnesota would meet. George A. Brackett who, from the time the First met at Fort Snelling, has ever been an ardent supporter and liberal entertainer of the regiment, showed his continued interest in the organization by planning the affair and carrying it to a successful conclusion.

Maginnis' Tribute to Colville.

The meeting was presided over by Major Martin Maginnis, who with deep emotion paid tribute to Colonel William Colville as "that old lion of the regiment who had faced death so often that death was afraid of him, and not daring to make an open attack, took him away by stealth at night."

Senator W. D. Washburn spoke of the regiment as having the strongest hold of all on the hearts of the people of the state, not because the men of the other regiments were not as brave or as true, but because it was the first born of the state, and therefore the dearest. Then in a reminiscent mood he spoke of the scenes at the departure from Fort Snelling in '61; of the cheers and tears that followed them.

"But how glad, how glad I am to look in the faces, the same old faces that marched away that day. And I know that we are moving on—on to the great encampment of eternity; what there is in store is unknown. I rest assured, however, that when the great and good God makes His accounting the heroes and patriots will occupy front seats."

Pivotal Charge at Gettysburg.

John B. Gillfillan described graphically scenes at the opening of the war; how at a moment's notice two cordons of citizen soldiery, one clad in blue the other in gray were stretched from the Atlantic to the Missouri. Then turning to the regiment of all regiments—the dearest in Minnesota, he said that as the stand of the Spartan band at Thermopolae glorified the history of Greece, so the charge of the First Minnesota at Gettysburg glorified the name of Minnesota.

That charge was the pivot of the battle of Gettysburg upon which the issue of success turned. And Gettysburg determined the result of the war."

Cadet Band Warmly Greeted.

Patriotic music, which was greeted with sparkling eye and quickened pulse by the veterans was interspersed thruout the program. Mrs. Maud Ulmer-Jones sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" in an impressive manner. Gustav Holmgren of Chicago gave Schubert's "Grenadier." "The G. A. R." was rendered by Miss Alice Getchell. A pretty incident of the meeting was when the boys of the Journal Cadet band entered the hall playing a patriotic air. They were given an enthusiastic ovation by the veterans.

Another interesting feature of the occasion was a collection of stereopticon views, compiled from rare old photographs collected by Mr. Brackett, showing early scenes about Minneapolis, pictures of the First Minnesota in camp and portraits of many of its officers.

One of the photographs taken in '55 showed Minneapolis as an Indian village at the foot of Nicollet avenue. A portrait of Old Bess, an Indian squaw known to early settlers, was recognized by many of the veterans.

12TH AND 16TH WISCONSIN INF.

The Twelfth and Sixteenth Wisconsin infantry held their annual reunion in the courthouse. H. W. Rood of Madison presided informally and called for speakers. Rev. J. B. Starkey of Pittsburg, once a well-known Minneapolis pastor, gave a stirring talk with a strong temperance trend. The audience sang "Marching Thru Georgia" and David James of the Sixteenth, who is interested in the movement to erect monuments in the south for Wisconsin soldiers who died in the service, spoke of the work.

A telegram of good will and love was sent to General George E. Bryant of Madison, Wis., who commanded the Twelfth three years. Rev. George R. Holt of Company D, Jackson, Mich., made a few remarks after the reading of the roll call of the dead which numbered thirty-one names.

The following registered:

O. E. Higbee, Company B, Minneapolis; C. G. Higbee, Company B, St. Paul; J. B. Starkey, Company D, Pittsburg, Pa.; L. M. Breese, adjutant, Madison, Wis.; L. L. Odell, Galesville, Wis.; James A. Jackson, Company B, Spencer, Iowa; H. W. Rood, Company E, Madison, Wis.; G. R. Holt, Company B, Jackson, Mich.; H. H. Bennett, Company E, Kilbourn, Wis.; F. Bryant, quartermaster, Omaha; C. M. Williams, Company A, Ellsworth, Wis.; A. Stroud, Company B, Beloit, Wis.; N. W. Brooks, Company A, Renville, Minn.; C. W. Gulliford, Reedsburg, Wis.; Knute Johnson, Company C, Lake Mills, Iowa; S. Nicholson, Company C, Eliva, Wis.; F. Tobacco, Company D, Ivesdale, Ill.; J. Y. Crippen, Company A, Ortonville, Minn.; J. McCallum, Company A, Barry, Minn.; Harvey Law, Company A, New Richmond, Wis.; James Adams, Company I, La Crosse, Wis.; G. W. Adams, Company C, Sixteenth regiment, Medford, Wis.; Homer Levings, Company F, River Falls, Wis.; John Solway, Company H, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; A. F. Ottman, Company A, Ellsworth, Wis.; Henry Drake, Company I, Bay City, Wis.; W. H. Leavitt, Company I, Minneapolis; F. M. Barrett, Company A, Rosebud, Mont.; Alonzo Miller, Company A, Prescott, Wis.; Louis Paul, Company C, Milford, Iowa; C. Fenster, Company C, Hampton, Neb.; Cyrus Roberts, Company C, Hampton, Iowa; Thomas Wilson, Company C, Mazomanie, Wis.; Peter Clements, Company C, Mazeppa, Minn.; W. B. Pine, Company C, Arena, Wis.; Eugene Allen, Company I, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; E. Blaisdell, Company A, Spring Valley, Wis.; Peter Krause, Company H, Green Bay, Wis.; E. B. Paul, Company C, Worthington, Minn.; John G. Borner, Company I, Basin, Wyo.; T. L. Roberts, Company C, Somerville, Tenn.; J. B. Elliott, Company G, Towner, N. D.; A. Anderson, Company E, Willmar, Minn.; J. T. Brunemer, Emmetsburg, Iowa; Thomas Slater, Emmetsburg, Iowa; Edgar Eno, Company I, Valley, Wis.; Thomas Tuffley, Company K, Bascobell, Wis.; George T. Hold, Company I, Jackson, Mich.; Captain William Nungeser, Manistee, Mich; J. C. Hemple, Company A; Hinnigsen, Company I; Louis Pitney, Company B, Neligh, Neb.; Frank A. Wood, Company K, Boulder, Colo.; Lewis Townsend, Company B, Waterville, Minn.; T. H. Nelson, Company G, Reville, S. D.; J. E. Greenbolgt, Company K, Crookston, Minn.; W. M. Squire, Company E, Mazeppa, Minn.; J. W. Sutherland, Company I, Reedstown, Wis.; M. L. Hawley, Company A, Audubon, Minn.; L. M. Williams, Company A, Conneaut, Ohio; J. F. Miles, Company A, Prescott, Wis.; L. S. Kellog, Company I, Viola, Wis.; M. Darrow, Company C, Reedsburg, Wis.; John Crook, Meadow Grove, Neb.; W. H. Mitts, Company C, Odebolt, Iowa; John R. Pittsm, Company C, Cherokee, Iowa; John C. Rassbach, Company C, Ridgeland, Wis.; N. S. Harmany, Company C, Cherry Farm, Wis.; F. B. Bryant, quartermaster, Omaha; J. T. Cossentine, Company D, Eagle Bend, Minn.; Selon Darling, Company D, Granton, Wis.; L. C. Neal, Company I, Lewiston, Iowa; J. D. Welker, Company I, Homer, Neb.; W. H. Bowman, Company E, Beardsley, Minn.; Edward Tubman, Company A, Hammond, Wis.; L. C. Stiles, Company A, Britton, S. D.; L. D. Kelly, Company I, Reedstown, Wis.; O. M. Wharry, Company E, Kilbourne, Center Wis.

RED CROSS UP TO DATE

Members of the Minneapolis Red Cross corps employ modern devices in their emergency work for encampment visitors. The illustration shows a helpless veteran brought to medical headquarters in the auto used as an ambulance.

42D WISCONSIN INFANTRY.

A small group of veterans from the Forty-second infantry gathered in the office of Court Stenographer Bowler for the annual reunion. James McBride of Independence, Iowa, and H. E. Francisco of Mason City, Iowa, who served together in Company H of the Forty-second, met for the first time since they were mustered out. McBride was the first to recognize his comrade and as the two shook hands and looked into one another's faces there was a happy stillness in the group of regimental comrades gathered about them.

The following registered:

H. E. Francisco, Company H, Mason City, Iowa; Henry Rusk, Company I, Plymouth, Iowa; E. D. Bowen, Company B, Minneapolis; John H. S. Wanton, Company B, Menno, S. D.; John Robertson, Company F, Austin, Minn.; E. F. Rand, Company G, Chief, Kaufman county, Texas; Lieutenant H. E. Coleman, Company B, Minneapolis; James E. Burnham, Company B, Delevan, Minn.; C. J. Cherrington, Company B, Viroqua, Wis.; Zera T. Baker, Company G, Charles City, Iowa; A. L. Lien, Company K, River Falls, Wis.; James McBride, Company H, Independence, Iowa.

SECOND WISCONSIN CAVALRY.

More than one hundred survivors of the Second Wisconsin cavalry were present at the tenth reunion. The regimental association was organized at LaCrosse, Wis., in 1888 with Captain D. L. Riley of Lakefield, Minn., as president and O. S. Sisson of LaCrosse as secretary. They have been reelected at each successive reunion and were retained at the election held yesterday. The regiment was mustered in at Milwaukee in January, 1862, and had for its first colonel C. C. Washburn, who was afterward governor of Wisconsin and who founded the Washburn home in Minneapolis. The second and last colonel was Thomas Stevens. The regiment was with General Curtiss in Missouri and Arkansas; was with Grant at Vicksburg and afterward was detailed largely for scouting duty, being mustered out in Texas in 1865 after having been veteranized.

Those who registered yesterday was as follows:

D. L. Riley, Lakefield, Minn.; O. S. Sisson, La Crosse; S. A. Cook, Neenah; M. Sivert, La Crosse; E. Doelle, Doelle; L. D. Porter, Camp Douglas; W. T. Nottingham, Stoddard; S. E. Heathman, Plover, Iowa; G. W. Albee, Harris, Iowa; W. T. Kinney, La Valle; J. F. Taylor, Lancaster; Joseph Furstenberg, Adair, Iowa; E. R. Ellis, Windsor; H. Worden, Worden; C. H. Shield, Necedah; Joseph Radyor, Beloit; John Juch, Bloomington; Nicholas Faust, Kaukauna; J. W. Young, La Crosse; Sasper Wohlwend, Barnesville, Minn.; O. Healy, Clark county; G. W. Gibson, Minneapolis; John S. Monat, Chippewa Falls; L. L. Shumway, Northfield, Minn.; George E. Budd, Lancaster; R. B. Showalter, Lancaster; John H. Cameron, Herman, Neb.; George G. Cox, Mineral Point; H. W. Wadsworth, Madella, Minn.; H. D. Fitch, Hudson, S. D.; William Lourie, Centerville, S. D.; Andrew Lowrie, Centerville, S. D.; John Hartung, Stanley, Minn.; G. W. Ellis, Winnebago, Minn.; I. Gamble, Leon; Lorenzo Furstenberg, Albany, Minn.; G. C. Wescott, Toledo, Iowa; N. H. Nelson, Minneapolis; E. Ladd, Bruce, S. D.; G. D. Ellsworth, River Falls; A. Herrick, A. Gilmore, Union Grove; W. Hisk, Troskey, Minn.; P. E. Meiers, Osceola; D. A. Noble, Windom, Minn.; H. C. Grover, Tower City, N. D.; Walter Palmer, Baraboo; S. S. Beatley, Chicago; Melmore Hosby, Garner, Iowa; William C. Owens, Centerville, Iowa; Martin Luther, Colfax, Iowa; Michael McGowan, Milwaukee; J. T. Arnott, Mansfield, S. D.; Olen G. Sisson, Sherburne, Minn.; P. H. Morris, Webster City, Iowa; Sylvester Sykes, Milwaukee; Hans Suchstorf, Sedan, Minn.; John A. Brown, Windom, Minn.; G. A. Sisson, Redfield, S. D.; S. R. Owen, Meriliun; Steven Subra, Waltham, Minn.; M. L. Coon, Chippewa Falls; W. S. Brown, Hanley Falls, Minn.; A. L. Mason, Osceola; W. A. Moshier, Worthington, Minn.; F. Bannister, Eau Claire; J. C. Williams, Minneapolis; Len Lancaster, Eau Claire; F. D. Smith, Glencoe, N. D.; H. R. Crowell, Spencer; Oliver Gibbs, Prescott; George H. Nichols, Prescott; J. E. Brown, Emerson, Neb.; P. H. Morris, Webster City, Iowa; L. D. Poorman, West Lima; J. J. Landon, New Ulm, Minn.; A. M. Parker, Granite, Iowa; W. S. Jones, Manchester, Iowa; M. F. Stevens, Downsville; Emmet C. West, Pardeeville; James Price, Poynette; Albert Albert Brewer, Richland Center; John Atkinson, Pacwaukee; John O. Brien, Milwaukee; L. P. Blanchard, Brandon; E. Enos, Racine; J. E. Davenport, Red Bluff, Cal.; S. H. Monroe, Rosendale; Ed Tremper, Rice Lake; S. B. Clark, Rush City, Minn.; N. T. Vorhees, Sumner, Iowa; William Lee, Madison, S. D.; Ira Titus, Deweese, Neb.; John A. McCann, Lux; John Bullamore, Glen Ullen, N. D.; Owen Arron, Minneapolis; J. M. Cook, Baker City, Ore.; J. W. Snow, La Crosse; Robert C. Barrows, Lebanon, Mo.; John McKinney, Winnebago; F. D. Fay, Witoka, Minn.; W. H. Church, Mondovi; Robert Downend, Osceola; P. Paulson, Spring Grove, Minn.; Charles Eastman, Chicago; Stephen Woodard, Pardeeville; W. Hutcheraft, Glen Haven.

38TH WISCONSIN INFANTRY.

The Thirty-eighth Wisconsin, the first division of the first brigade of the Ninth army corps which suffered a loss of 51,000 men in one year of fighting, re-elected Captain A. A. Kelly president, and Sergeant Erickson secretary. This regiment was in the brigade that led in the storming of the enemy's strongholds in the battles thru the wilderness, around Petersburg, and the capture of Fort Mahone under Colonel James Bintliff. The following registered at the reunion:

D. W. Compton, Company F, Grand Rapids, Wis.; P. A. Cooney, Company I, Fort Ramson, N. D.; George Hammer, Company F, Stevens Point, Wis.; J. Bottcher, Company C, Minneapolis; Charles H. Seymour, Company B, Reshtigo, Wis.; Edmund George, Company E, Henry Kolk, Company A, New Lisbon, Wis.; F. B. Manden, Company K, New London, Wis.; T. W. Trogner, Company H, Neillsville, Wis.; T. B. Manden, Company K, Ontario, Wis.; Fred Arnot, Company D, Courtland, Wis.; Ernest de Jarden, Company F, Shell Lake, Wis.; Henry Sawyer, Company F, Fond du Lac, Wis.; Franklin Wilcox, Company D, Manston, Wis.; Andrew Addin, Company I, Arlington, Iowa; Lewis R. Stone, Company I, St. Paul; Rufus D. Sawyer, Company D, Wausau, Wis.; S. H. Chapman, Company C, St. Paul; A. R. Porter, Company K, Berlin, Wis.; Daniel Clark, Company K, Seattle, Wash.; M. D. Flut, Commanding sergeant, Watertown, S. D.; I. H. Walters, Company I, Star Prairie, Wis.; Peter Mitchell, Company E, Buswell, Wis.; Burre Olson, Company I, River Falls, Wis.; T. W. Parkin, Company K, Colfax Station, Wis.; H. C. Curry, Company C, Lake Park, Wis.; William H. Wase, Company I, Austin, Minn.; Captain A. A. Kelley, Company F, Minneapolis; Eric Erickson, Company E, Olivia, Minn.; W. T. Riley, Company F, Sparta, Wis.; George C. Wright, Company C, Minneapolis; Samuel Stewart, Company B, River Falls, Wis.; Andrew Eddy, Clinton, Iowa; Homer L. Crocker, Company H, Tacoma, Wash.; Andrew Eddy.

REGULAR BRIGADE, 14TH CORPS.

The regular brigade, First division, Fourteenth army corps, consisting of the Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth regiments, held its annual reunion, and its annual campfire. Last year's officers were David Laken, Westerville, Ohio, president for the last twenty-five years; D. S. Wilder, Columbus, Ohio, vice-president and president for the ensuing year; T. E. Hite, secretary and treasurer, re-elected. H. K. Young was elected vice-president.

The organization is a permanent one, having been organized in 1872. The various regiments of the brigade served all thru the war, but the brigade itself was not organized until 1863, when it engaged in the battle of Shiloh. It took part in the operations about Chickamauga and went thru the campaign against Atlanta with Sherman. The last regiments of the brigade were mustered out in 1867.

Among the famous men in the brigade were S. R. Honey, later governor of Rhode Island, and Captain Hills, who rose to the rank of general.

The members of the brigade present were:

Fred Kuagl, Toronto, Ohio; B. F. Cloverdale, Ohio; C. H. Smith, Pipestone, Minn.; E. Little, Minneapolis; J. M. Singer, Dubuque, Iowa; C. Hunt, Conumagh, Pa.; A. Rippon, Esterville, Iowa; J. Costello, Grass Creek, Ind.; Le Roy Gout, Emmetsburg, Iowa; C. A. Curtis, Wilton Junction, Iowa; C. Emperor, Waukesha, Wis.; John Gray, Ashton, Iowa; J. R. Prentice, Hebron, Neb.; D. W. Douglass, Waukon, Iowa; T. S. Dunning, Austin, Minn.; J. Johnsone, Albert Lea, Minn.; John Winterhaller, Soldiers' Home, Minneapolis; W. M. Harris, Springfield, Ohio; J. Fostenson, Cannon Falls, Minn.

Meeting with the brigade were five members of the Thirteenth regiment, regulars: George Kant, Burlington, Iowa; F. Yaworsky, Iowa City, Iowa; E. Smith, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; James White, Rush City, Minn.; F. A. Krch, St. Paul.

FIRST MISSOURI ENGINEERS.

The First Missouri volunteer regiment of engineers held its first reunion in five years last night at the Brunswick hotel. At the time the regiment was mustered into service it contained 1,200 men. Only 100 now survive. The regiment was employed under Sherman and Grant in the western campaign. The first commander was Colonel J. W. Bissell. Those present at the reunion were:

Captain Adomiram Merritt, Minnesota Soldiers' Home, Company K; William Cross, Memphis, Tenn., Companys A and E; Edward Wilkie, Cape Girardeau, Mo., Companys A and E; Henry Fairback, St. Louis, Mo., Companys A and E; Donnelly B. Smith, Spirit Lake, Iowa, Company F; David Stallkop, Osakis, Minn., Companies C and B.

EIGHTH VERMONT INFANTRY.

Veterans of the Eighth Vermont infantry made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers when they met in the council committee room in the courthouse. Only eleven members of the organization responded to roll call, but the men who were present spent two hours recalling experiences and the meeting was one of the most successful of the latter gatherings of the Vermont regiment.

Organized under Colonel Steven Thomas in 1861 the Eighth Vermont participated in the campaign at Bayou Lefourche and the siege of Fort Hudson, going from Fort Hudson to New Orleans. The regiment was engaged at Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar creek and other battles. At Cedar Creek the regiment lost 110 out of 160 men engaged.

The veterans in attendance were:

S. C. F. Cobban, Chippewa Falls, Wis.; H. L. Smith, Company A, Morris, Minn.; John W. Avery, Company E, Berry, Vt.; William H. Burkley, Company F, Clear Lake, Iowa; G. I. Beckley, Company A, Herry, Vt.; S. C. Hill, Company A, Johnson, Vt.; George H. Holden, Company A, Minneapolis; Albert A. Corliss, Company E, Caledonia, N. D.; Robert Sturgeon, Company C, Brainerd, Minn.; Samuel N. Blair, Company E, Volga, S. D.; B. F. Bowman, Company E, Randolph, Vt.; Roger Hovey, Company A, Worcester, Vt.

UNION VETERANS' UNION IN SESSION

Body Independent of G. A. R. Is Interested in Politics—Women's Auxiliary.

The Grand Army of the Republic eschews politics in all its forms, and no question of a political nature are ever considered at its encampments, state or national. At the same time, the average Grand Army man is, for obvious reason, interested in politics, and so, that he may divulge his natural propensity and still retain a clear conscience, the Union Veterans' Union has been organized. It is the outlet for the political energies of the veterans and, since its organization in Massachusetts about ten year ago, it has had much to do with congressional and presidential elections and with the distribution of the spoils of office afterwards.

The Union Veterans' Union is quite strong east of the Alleghanies, more especially in Massachusetts and in the District of Columbia. In the latter place, from the time of its organization down to the present moment, it has exerted influence with republican presidents, secured appointments for worthy members and tried in a general way to uphold republican principles.

Preliminary Business Transacted.

The national convention of this organization is now being held in Minneapolis at A. O. U. W. hall, 17 Seventh street S. About one hundred delegates were in attendance yesterday forenoon and afternoon. The principal business yesterday was of a preliminary and routine character—the appointment of a committee on credentials being the first order of business after the formal call to order. This committee, composed of John S. Varley of Chicago, General Butterfield of Iowa, and General W. B. Stetson of Massachusetts, made a partial report at yesterday's afternoon session, and a quorum having been disclosed, some of the routine business matters were taken up.

There will be no session of the convention today, owing to the Grand Army parade, but the sessions will begin again on Thursday morning and may continue until Friday evening.

One of the Order's Troubles.

Altho the Union Veterans' Union, of which there is a branch in this city, has been quite successful during its short career, it has, like all human organizations, had its success tempered with opposition. So popular did the order become in the east, especially in Washington, under the leadership of General R. St. George Dryenforth of that city, long its national president, that there was a strong pressure from veterans generally to be admitted to membership, that they might share in the rewards.

Now there was no objection to this so long as the veterans applying for membership could qualify. The strictest qualification was this, that all members of the organization must have participated in battle—have been under actual fire. As a large percentage of veterans were not in battle, the Union Veterans' Union was compelled to reject a great many applicants for membership. So numerous did these rejections become, and so bitter was the feeling that was stirred up on account of them, that the rejected comrades flocked together and formed an organization very similar to the Union Veterans' Union, and actually took its name.

Then the fur began to fly. The courts were appealed to by the original body, and it is said the matter has not yet been settled satisfactorily and permanently.

Schism Will Be Considered.

All this history is given in order to pave the way to the statement that this schism is one of the principal matters coming before the convention this year. It was considered yesterday at some length, but no action will be taken until further discussion at the sessions of Thursday and Friday. The body now meeting in Minneapolis believes that it has a mission, and that it is to achieve such a triumph in its contest with those who have undertaken to appropriate its thunder as will for a long time to come be a lesson for men inclined to engage in such practices.

General H. L. Deam of Washington, D. C., is the president of the organization this year, and is presiding over its deliberations. The other officers present are G. R. Tucker, chief of staff, Chicago; Americus Whedon, Louisville, commissary general; M. R. Risdon, Omaha, inspector general; C. A. Rose, St. Paul, second deputy commander. It was Mr. Rose who arranged for the handsome badges the delegates are wearing. By today it is expected that others of the officers and delegates will arrive, increasing the representation perhaps 50 per cent.

Woman's Veteran Relief Union.

While the Union Veterans' union was holding its sessions in one lodgeroom at 17 Seventh street S, its ladies' auxiliary, known as the Women's Veteran Relief union, was meeting in another lodgeroom. Its sessions also will be carried over today, and will run during Thursday and perhaps Friday. About fifty delegates were present yesterday.

The principal business of yesterday was the work of the committee on credentials. Many delegates from Omaha and Chicago and other points in Nebraska and Illinois, respectively, arrived late yesterday afternoon and were therefore unable to participate in yesterday's proceedings. The election of officers will occur on Thursday forenoon.

Question of Widows' Pensions.

This auxiliary body has for several years taken a deep interest in all the questions with which the Union Veterans' union is concerned. One of the principal matters to come before the session this year is the report on the question of widows' pensions. The ladies are earnestly at work preparing to bring such pressure to bear upon congress as will result in giving the widows of veterans an uniform pension of $12 per month. At present the amount varies under conditions which are purely arbitrary and in many cases unjust.

Mrs. Ida Bogia Roe of Washington, D. C., is president of this auxiliary body, and is presiding over its deliberations. The other officers are:

Mary Bears of Chicago, senior vice-president; Nannie Gross of Louisville, junior vicepresident; Dora Bale of Springfield, Ill., chaplain; Hattie Dunn of Jersey city, conductress; Mrs. Eubanks of St. Paul, assistant conductress; Carrie Inzer of Jeffersonville, Ind., first flag-bearer; Emma Hannah of Springfield, Ill., second flag-bearer; Geraldine Purlingame of Waupaca, Wis., inside guard; Mary Whitley of Washington, D. C., outside guard; Edith Ray of Brockton, Mass., musician.

No Connection with Grand Army.

The sessions of both the bodies here referred to were held last year at Springfield, Ill., in October. This year they came to Minneapolis, at the same time with the Grand Army of the Republic, and in this respect they are public so as to take advantage of the reduced railroad rates. They have no connection whatever with the Grand Army of the Republic and in this respect they are unique among the various organizations auxiliary to that body which are meeting in the city at this time. The fact that the Union Veterans' union dabbles in politics prevents it from fraternizing, officially or otherwise, with the Grand Army encampment as such, altho it so happens this year that several men have been chosen delegates to both bodies.

BERDAN SHARPSHOOTERS.

Forty veterans, all members of the Berden sharpshooters, met in the courthouse. The Berdan regiments were drawn from several different states. The first regiment was made up of four companies from New York, three from Michigan and one each from New Hampshire, Vermont and Wisconsin. The Second regiment was organized of two companies, each from Vermont and New Hampshire, and one each from Minnesota, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Maine. The First regiment was under command of Colonel Berdan, after whom the association was named. The second was under the command of Colonel H. A. V. Post.

The Berdan sharpshooters were in service during the entire war in the army of the Potomac and were at the front in about eighty battles. The most important of the battles were: Siege of Yorktown, Antietam, Kelly's Ford, Chancellorsville, Fredricksburg, Gettysburg, Hanover Courthouse, Old Harbor and Petersburg.

The Berdan regiments were picked bodies and the requirements for enlistments were strict. The applicant had to be able to shoot ten successive shots at 200 yards and have them all within a circle of eight inches.

Some of the most unique things about this regiment was that they wore green uniforms with black buttons, instead of the regular blue. This made them famous, and they were always recognized by them. They were the first men in the civil war to use the breach-loading rifle.

The meeting brought out that the numbers of the veterans are fast falling away. Of about 800 letters sent out to the members of the association, almost 200 were returned unopened. This show that there are many who have died, altho only about twenty deaths were recorded.

The following responded to roll-call of reunion:

H. R. Wilder, Company F; C. D. Moore, Company G; James A. Kerr, Company A; Ira Lunt, Company D; A. Farnsworth, Company D; W. W. Sweet, Company G; Eugene Paine, Company F, L. G. Davis, Company D; Eugene Moriarity, Company A; J. M. Powers, Company A; W. E. Morrison, Company L; S. C. James, Company B; William T. Kerr, Company A; A. Wright, captain Company A, Second regiment; Francis Peteler, lieutenant Company A; also Eighth U. S. S. Mexico; Cas Laubank, Company G; W. M. Babcack, Company G, Lushton, Neb.; Rives Carpenter, Company A; H. H. Crowell, Company E; John Horton, Company A; G. W. Sanders, Company C; I. H. Mosher, Company A, Second regiment; James Bender, Company G; S. C. James, Company B; I. A. Dunsmoor, Company A; D. R. Swartwort, Company D; J. E. Chase, Company F; E. Joshlin, Company I; Eli Cook, Company F; Godfrey Tubah, Company J; J. T. Walker, Company A; Daniel W. Jones, Company A; James A. Whittemore, Company A; William Denny, Company B; E. K. Fassett, Company B; J. H. Pierce, Company A; W. H. Humphrey, Company E.

FIFTEENTH WISCONSIN.

Fifty-six survivors of the gallant Fifteenth Wisconsin gathered at the courthouse. This regiment was composed exclusively of Norwegians and was commanded by Colonel Hans C. Heg, a born soldier and an able commander whose life was cut short by the bullets of the enemy.

More than a third of the Fifteenth were killed in battle or died in hospitals. Its first serious battle was at Stone River, one of the crucial battles of the war.

At Chickamauga eight companies of the Fifteenth distinguished themselves by daring and stubborn fighting. Colonel Heg lost his life; also Captains John M. Johnson, Henry Hauff and Hansen. Lieutenant Colonel Ole C. Johnson was captured and sent to Libby prison, where he remained eight months, but escaped and joined his regiment.

Later the regiment fought in the battle of Chattanooga, marched with Sherman to Knoxville, Tenn., a distance of 110 miles, took part in the battles of New Hope Church and Dallas and in the operations of the army of the Cumberland, ending at Atlanta.

At the reunion the veterans were welcomed by A. A. Kelly and Charles A. Dalby, representing the Viking league. Addresses were made by A. E. Rice, former lieutenant governor of Minnesota, N. I. Gilbert and others. Officers were elected as follows:

A. E. Rice, Company K, Willmar, president; C. M. Johnson, Company A, Dwight, N. D., first vice-president; Claus Lokken, Company K, Duluth, Minn., second vice-president; N. I. Gilbert, Company A, Eleva, Wis., secretary; Ellend Eriksen, Albert Lea, treasurer.

FIFTY-FIFTH OHIO INFANTRY.

The Fifty-fifth Ohio infantry held its reunion in the city hall. Captain Gould, chairman of the meeting, read letters from two absentees, Captain J. H. Gallup, Denver, and J. H. Kellogg, Courtland, N. Y.

The regiment was under the command of Colonel John C. Lee until 1863, when Charles Gambee took his place. The men participated in the second battle of Bull Run and in the engagements of Winchester, Shenandoah Valley, Fredericksburg, Chancellorville, Gettysburg, and Resacca, Ga., where a great number were killed. They also fought with Sherman on his famous march to the sea.

The following attended:

Captain and Color Sergeant C. M. Smith, Bellevue, Ohio; Major Hartwell Osborn, Chicago; Captain O. B. Gould, Minneapolis; S. Canning, Danville, Ind.; R. M. Stewart, Kansas City; S. Masters, Virden, Ill.; H. D. Parmenter, Cridersville, Ohio; J. W. Lowe, Centralia, Wis.; Baxter Trevor, Lima, Ohio; W. H. Gittinger, Green Springs, Ohio; W. W. Lawton, St. Johns, Mich.

HE'S THE TALLEST VET

W. P. BANE OF PHILADELPHIA,

Seven feet one inch in height, could have looked down on the tall war president of sainted memory. He is 63 years old today, and glad of it, for if he had been much younger in 1861, he couldn't have belonged to the G. A. R. now. He is a bachelor and confides to those whom he trusts that he is looking for a wife. His sailor companion is H. J. Rhodes of Stoughton, Wis., who has met Mr. Bane at every G. A. R. national encampment for twenty years.

NAVAL VETERANS GET SHORE LEAVE

Men Who Manned the Union Warships and Gunboats Hold Lively Reunion.

A perceptible odor of salt and bilge water hung about the waterworks committee room during the reunion of the naval veterans. In spite of the fact that the National Association of Naval Veterans has its own meeting at Providence, R. I., this year, 125 veterans appeared at the reunion, reporting from all parts of the Union.

Many were the affecting scenes as former shipmates found one another after years of separation. Often they did not recognize each other, but the sight of names once familiar on the register called back the old days. By inquiring they found one another and retired to some quiet corner to compare tales. There were men of every rank, but all met in common yesterday.

There was no program or business session. The visitors merely met and discussed questions of interest. One veteran called the attention of a knot of veteran tars to the fact that some people in Minneapolis do not know the proper manner of hanging a flag. "It's a long ways from salt water and cuttle fish out here and perhaps we can't blame 'em," said he in his remarks. "I remember my training, tho, and I can't forget the old flag signals. Every time I see a flag hung in a peculiar manner I at once translate it by the signal code. This morning I was walking downtown and saw a flag hung 'union in.' That means distress by the signal code. When the field, as the landsmen say, is out, it's all right, but in toward the house means distress. I walks up to the house and rang the bell and asked if I could do anything. They didn't know what I meant, but I stuck to it and made them see if they were not in distress that the flag should be turned about, and I stayed till it was. There's a lot more, too, in the town that are wrong."

The following naval veterans registered in the following order, name, home address, and ship:

Thomas C. Robinson, Denver, Silver Lake; Charles Stewart, Denver, Morse; A. G. Clary, St. Paul, Maine; David E. Weaver, Cincinnati, Tyler and General Price; H. E. Kiser, Alias George, Portland, Ore., Clara Dolson; H. G. Rhodes, Stoughton, Mich., Paw-Paw; M. Sutton, St. Paul, Great Western; W. H. Hanson, Minneapolis, Connecticut; P. H. Thompson, Starbuck, Minn., General Price; A. L. Grow, Tombstone, Ariz., Massachusetts; A. A. Rowe, Hoboken, N. J., Nyack; James Meikle, Sturgeon Bay, Mich., Avenger; Daniel Bougye, Freeport, Ill., Richmond; S. K. May, Charlotte, Mich., Silver Lake; Oliver Jones, Minneapolis, Maltecomb; J. N. Prouty, Humboldt, Iowa, Baltic; N. J. Bruhn, Rolfe, Iowa, Nantucket; E. G. Jordan, Eau Claire, Wis., Pontiac; John Karlson, Creighton, Neb., Kearsarge; Thomas McKirk, Chicago, Wabash; C. W. Salie, Grand Rapids, N. D., Congress; Thomas B. Davis, Minneapolis, Oulchita; J. P. McDonald, Parker, S. D., Lafayette; Frank McSwing, Stanton, Indiana and Pennsylvania; John Shaw Eaton, Schenectady, N. Y., Mercedita; D. D. Salie, St. Croix Falls, Wis., Colorado; Walter Muir, Hunter, N. D., Chillicothe; Thomas Buckley, Racine, Wis., Kearsarge; V. D. Woodruff, Rockford, Ill., Winnebago; C. L. Judd, Ashland, Wis., Tioga; Otto J. Olson, Benson, Minn., Avenger; A. O. Kinger, Marquette, Mich., Shokakon; T. A. Wardwell, Pembina, N. D., Ohio and Tuscarora; James A. Moore, Mataton, Minn., Lancaster; W. D. Stevens, Superior, Wis., Rhode Island; William O'Callaghan, Joliet, Ill., Fah Keo; J. M. Holly, La Crosse, Wis., Vanderbilt; E. W. Ward, Minneapolis, Avenger; A. R. Green, Long Leach, Cal., Hindman; L. G. Pillsbury, Long Island, Kan., Minnesota; H. N. Raines, Rock Island, Ill., Etrella; J. W. Leever, Washington, C. H., Ohio, Winnebago; Charles Anderson, Knife River, Minn., Pembina; A. F. Maradon, Marshalltown, Iowa, Sabine; A. G. Gammons, Minneapolis, King Fisher; L. L. Weston, Wabash; Henry Harper, Minnesota Soldiers' home, Autocrat; John Cooper, Philadelphia, Minnesota; J. H. Grafton, Winona, Sabine; Peter Weikland, Lanesboro, Wabash; S. E. Browne, Columbus, Ohio, Mound City; J. W. Don, Morocco, Ind., Tyler; Alex White, Hillsboro, Wis., Lancester; M. Pickett, Magnolia, Wis., "Silver Lake; H. Beckett, Minneapolis, Ginger; G. G. McNally, Cincinnati, Pausta; W. H. Sexton, Union City, Pa., Sherman; L. C. Oulman, Minneapolis, St. Lawrence; R. J. Legrange, Grinnell, Iowa, Autocrat; Denny Minrow, Winona, Hindman; Richard Baker, Lake City, Neb., Baltic; W. H. Egbert, Newark, N. J., Augusta; M. H. Kiff, Tower City, N. D., Sebago; R. B. R. Cotts, Worthington, Minn., Richmond; Charles H. Howe, Aitkin, Minn., Minnesota; J. A. Baird, Cogswell, N. D., Juliet; M. J. Harris, Ellsworth, Wis., Naiad; J. K. P. Weddell, Mitchell, S. D., Minnesota; Merritt Dutton, Telluride, Col., Pert and Gloucester; John Kidel, Eau Claire, Wis., Wyoming; W. W. Hawes, Minneapolis, Colorado and Benton; John B. Wirt, Indianapolis, Lancaster; John Hayes, Waupaca, Wis., Kearsarge; William Simmons, Philadelphia, Brooklyn; J. F. R. Foss, Minneapolis, Sabine and Niagara; J. C. Gregg, St. Paul, Vandebilt and Brooklyn; John Black, Cincinnati, Great Western; James McCain, Chicago, Chillicathe; William A. Mann, Minneapolis, Baron de Kalk; Thomas Robinson, Minnesota Soldiers' Home, Tallapoosa; Olin Dahlhelm, Evansville, Ind., Ibex; Nelson Larson Jackson, Minn., Seneca; Henry Williams, Atlantic City, N. J.; D. W. Davis, New Albany, Ind., Switzerland; John Seigner, Hepeler, Ont., Stepping Stone; Paul Anderson, Clinton, Wis., Red Rover