PLEDGE LOYALTY TO NEW CHIEF

Mrs. Sparklin Now President of W. R. C.—Dr. Bunce in Second Place.

MRS. CARRIE SPARKLIN,
St. Louis Woman Elected National President of the W. R. C.

The Women's Relief Corps has pledged its loyalty to Mrs. Carrie R. Sparklin of St. Louis, Mo., the new national president. The ceremony was a pretty one and followed the election of Mrs. Sparklin, who was escorted to the platform by Mrs. Geraldine Frisbie of San Francisco, who was a candidate for the national presidency, but who withdrew her name after the second ballot. Rising to their feet the delegates pledged their faith to their new officer.

Mrs. Sparklin was nominated by Mrs. Ada E. May of Stillwater, Minn., and altho Minnesota was unpledged, owing to the fact that she was the hostess state, it is an open secret today that a majority of her votes were given to the Missouri woman. Mrs. Eliza Brown Daggett of Massachusetts placed the name of Mrs. Kate E. Jones of New York before the convention, Mrs. Mary L. Gilman was nominated by Mrs. Sarah Fuller of Boston, and Miss Hannah Maxon of Ohio performed a similar service for Mrs. Frisbie. According to the W. R. C. custom Mmes. Frisbie and Gilman, the lowest candidates, withdrew after the second ballot. Only one more ballot was necessary as Mrs. Sparklin led by sixteen votes. Mrs. Sparklin's friends never left the convention hall, altho the heat was stifling, and their loyalty received its reward.

After the adjournment of the contion there was an informal reception at the Nicollet, where the new president graciously received the congratulations of the men and women who hastened to extend their good wishes.

Mrs. Kate E. Jones will be a candidate again next year. Mrs. Daggett made the formal announcement from the convention platform this morning.

Two women from opposite ends of the country were nominated this morning for national senior vicepresident, Dr. Oppha Bruce of Tampa, Fla., and Mrs. Helen N. Packard of Portland, Ore., and it was not until several ballots had been taken that Dr. Bruce obtained enough votes to secure the election.

This morning was spent in routine business, committees reported favorably on the reports presented yesterday, national officers were again presented, and Captain Wallace Foster of Indianapolis, Ind., gave a talk on patriotic work.

The flag which was presented to Mrs. Sarah D. Winans, past national president, at the Denver convention for the W. R. C., was given to the convention this morning. It is the gift of Colonel Bakewell of New York, and is a very large and handsome banner.

Minnesota had a pleasant surprise for the delegates today when a solid silver souvenir spoon was presented to each of them. Mrs. Ida K. Martin, the department president, and a group of women, distributed the spoons, and Mrs. Abbie Adams, the national president, graciously made the little ceremony an order of business.

The Nebraska delegation is headed by the department president, Mrs. Mary E. Cuddington of Central City, and includes the secretary, Mrs. Mellie C. Hards of Grand Island; the past department presidents, Mrs. Annie E. Askwith and Sarah C. Sweet of Creighton, Miss Etta Brooks of Dunning; the past department treasurer, Mrs. Kate Remington, Omaha, and Mrs. Helen E. Gordon of Weeping Water and Mrs. La Delle Stilson of York.

Miss W. R. C. (Welcome Rose Catherine) Vallandigham, the daughter of the North Dakota candidate for junior vicepresident of the W. R. C., is one of the happiest little misses in the city this week. She is the pet of the entire North Dakota delegations, both G. A. R. and W. R. C., and in the parade yesterday marched at the head of the column beside Uncle Sam. She is 8 years old and was adopted by the department at the age of 3, when her mother, Mrs. Kate G. Vallandigham, was department president. Little Miss W. R. C. is also the daughter of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Ohio infantry, in which her father saw service during the war.

Ohio brought with its W. R. C. delegation its "sweet singer," Mrs. Viola Galbraith of Toledo, who will sing this evening at the semi-official meeting of the W. R. C. Mrs. Galbraith is well known as a concert singer and church singer in Ohio, and for the past few years she has been making a specialty of patriotic songs.

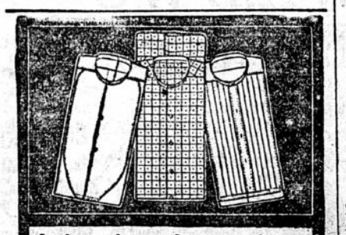
ONE OF THE FOUNDERS

Mrs. Fuller of Boston an Interesting W. R. C. Figure.

Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller of Boston is, perhaps, the most important woman at the W. R. C. convention, for she was largely instrumental in organizing the great order. Mrs. Fuller was the president of the first relief corps in Massachusetts, which then was not known as a relief corps. She was only a bride in those first days of the civil war, but she threw herself heart, soul and hands into the work of the Christian and sanitary commission in Boston. After the war was over and her husband lay in a soldier's grave at Hampton, Mrs. Fuller still carried on her patriotic work and organized seventy-one Soldiers' Aid societies in her state. The work they were doing attracted the attention of the Grand Army officers, and when they called a meeting of the patriotic women's organizations in Denver, Mrs. Fuller represented her state and helped draw up the resolutions in regard to affiliation with the soldier body.

Mrs. Kate Brownlee Sherwood of Ohio, the second national president and the first living executive officer, was also there, representing the 200 aid societies she had organized in Ohio. The Massachusetts women used a ritual in their meetings and when the plan of work of the different states, Ohio, Delaware and New Jersey, was compared with that of the old Puritan commonwealth, they all decided in favor of the ritual, so that Mrs. Fuller had a very important part in the organization of the Women's Relief Corps and was the first to sign the national roll.

She was elected the third national president, and later was made a life member of the national executive board, an honor she has shared with only three women. Her work as secretary of the committee to secure pensions for the army nurses brought her into public prominence in Washington, and she was indefatigable in her efforts, so much so that her general health was affected. Mrs. Fuller has been in charge of the campaign of Mrs. Mary Gilman, Massachusetts' candidate for the office of national president.



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WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

WOMEN AT WAR WITH RIVALS IN CONVENTION OF L. OF G. A. R.

Division of Delegates More Marked as Meeting Draws to Close—Visitors Bring Home Troubles to National Gathering—Exciting Election Held Today.

Feminine feuds and fusses continue to mar the sessions of the Ladies of the G. A. R. There has never been held in Minneapolis a convention marked by more bitter partizanship.

The battle of the "sets" in which certain members of the organization have been divided was at its height today. Personalities have been conspicuous thruout the week, and the spirit of animosity that has been engendered threatens to form a continuing breach of uncertain seriousness unless somebody acts quickly and authoritatively.

Ambition for office and a desire to rule are obviously the elements that created the division.

Three States Divided.

Members of the Illinois, Pennsylvania and Minnesota delegations have been openely belligerent. The delegation of each of these states has been disorganized by partizanship and differences of opinion as to certain candidacies.

In Minnesota it has been the divided sentiment about the candidacy of Mrs. Lobdell for national president. This campaign has also caused divisions in other delegations.

The Illinois Row.

Illinois women frankly declare that there are two distinct "sets" in the delegation from that state. They say that strife and bitterness date back to the time when Mrs. Mary T. Hager was running for the office of national president. Friends of Mrs. Louis Owens wanted the office for her at that time. Both Mrs. Hager and Mrs. Owens are past department presidents of Illinois. Three years ago both were boomed for national president. The partizans were equally unwilling to compromise. The campaign was strenuous and created much ill-feeling, so Illinois delegates explained today. Mrs. Hager was elected. The Owens followers, it was declared, could not be consoled, and have since clung together.

The friends of Mrs. Hager, eager to contribute more to her honor, organized what was called the Mary T. Hager Staff association. This association held a meeting early this week. One member who attended, telling a newspaper reported about the work of the staff, mentioned that a lot had been purchased in Elmwood cemetery, near Chicago, and a monument erected to the memory of the soldier dead. The member of the staff did not say how the money was obtained; it was represented merely as a work of the association. The accompanying letter shows that this has stirred up feeling in the so-called "anti-Hager set."

To the Editor of The Journal.

I would like to correct an article in the Tuesday evening Journal. The burial lot given to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic of Chicago was given by Mrs. Charlotte M. Wilson personally, who was then the president of the Mary T. Hager staff association. Mrs. Elmina Springer gave the monument personally; neither the lot nor the monument was given in the name of the staff, altho both donors were members of the staff. —Mrs. Clyde A. Henry.

(Secretary of the Mary T. Hager staff, at the time of the above gift.)

Pennsylvania Split.

Pennsylvania has made no effort to disguise the fact that she is at war at home. This is the situation: Mrs. Ada Shannon's friends put her up as a candidate for national president. This was considered a breach of tradition. Mrs. Ella S. Jones, the national treasurer, is due for another term in office—that has been the custom of the order. The national president always appoints the national secretary from her own state, so they may work together. If Mrs. Shannon were elected, then Mrs. Jones could not be returned as treasurer because that would give Pennsylvania three national officers—president, secretary and treasurer. This is declared to be impossible, so the nomination of Mrs. Shannon is considered an attack upon Mrs. Jones, the treasurer.

Pennsylvania is openly accused of having put up Mrs. Irene Jones of Milwaukee as a candidate for treasurer against Mrs. Ella Jones. Conservative delegates, who think the latter should be returned according to custom, are indignant because of this situation.

The trouble down in Pennsylvania is described by a delegate from a neighboring state as the outcome of a political row that has continued for several years.

Rival Committees.

To complicate matters there are three press committees at work. The convention of the order is held behind closed doors. The press committees are named by the president to give to the newspapers such reports of the deliberations as the public should receive. The committees represent different factions. Some reports sent to the newspapers for publication by one committee this week have been branded as "lies" by another press committee, and the first informer has retaliated in kind.

One instance will illustrate the complication. Yesterday one press correspondent called up The Journal by telephone and reported, for publication, that the Ladies of the G. A. R. in convention, had indorsed the project for the preservation of the Lee Surrender House association. Because this came from one of the committees which Mrs. Foote, the national president, had authorized to make reports, the news was printed in yesterday's Journal. Immediately after its publication another press correspondent, similarly authorized by the national president, declared that it was untrue that the project had been indorsed. It had been before the meeting, but would not be considered and acted upon until later, she said.

One Member Quits.

As a result of the disagreements one Minnesota woman has openly declared that she will not serve on the committee longer. Two members of the national press committee were in attendance at today's meeting. Each claimed that the national president had assigned her to take the place of the absent chairman, Mrs. Katie C. Patrick.

In an interview last night Mrs. Foote said that she would not state her preference.

"One committee is as good as another," she said.

MRS. ELMA DALTON ELECTED PRESIDENT

Mrs. Elma B. Dalton of Winfield, Kan., was elected national president of the Ladies of the G. A. R. today.

On the fourth ballot she received 105 votes, and Mrs. Ada L. Shannon of Philadelphia, 64.

It was the most exciting election ever held by the organization.

On the first ballot the vote was: Shannon, 53; Dalton, 44; Lobdell, 44; Jameson, 6; Pierce, 21; Chamberlain, 45.

Second—Shannon, 58; Dalton, 56; Lobdell, 54; Chamberlain, 7; Jameson, 2; Pierce, 10. The last two withdrew.

Third—Shannon, 72; Dalton, 60; Lobdell, 37. Mrs. Lobdell then withdrew and Minnesota gave the Kansas candidate her undivided vote.

Dr. Flora M. Dais of Minneapolis conducted the campaign for the victorious candidate.

W. R. C. Notes.

Altho there are not more than 486 accredited delegates at the W. R. C. convention, there are over 1,800 W. R. C. women in the city for every delegation was accompanied by large groups of corps friends.

Mrs. Alice Warrington will entertain the Pennsylvania delegation at luncheon at Minnehaha tomorrow.

Mrs. Anna H. Harleu, hostess for the New Jersey delegates, entertained the New Jersey women at a trolley ride this afternoon. After the ride luncheon was served at the home of the hostess, 816 Second avenue S.

There are two pairs of twins in the group of color bearers for the W. R. C., the Misses Hattie and Hazel Swanson of Royalton, Minn., and Mrs. Emily Lobdell Lloyd and Mrs. Emma Lobdell Viall of Spring Valley, Minn., and the visitors are finding their appointment most appropriate to the twin cities.

NURSES ELECT

Minneapolis Woman Chosen Junior Vice President Today.

The Association of Army Nurses met at the Commercial club today and completed its work of the convention. The greater part of the session was devoted to receiving greetings of welcome from the representatives of the Daughters of Veterans and the W. R. C. The election of officers took only a few minutes. The new president is Mrs. Clarissa F. Dye of Philadelphia, who was the former senior vice president.

Mrs. Rebecca Smith of Minneapolis was elected junior vice president. Mrs. Smith is president of the Outing association of Minneapolis, and is well known for her philanthropic work among the poor and needy of the city.

Mrs. G. Frederica J. Coles of Nebraska was elected senior vice president; Mrs. Salome M. Stewart of Gettysburg, treasurer, and Miss Kate Scott of Brookville, Pa., was re-elected secretary.

The other officers are as follows: Emily Alden, Iowa, conductor; Mary F. Gardiner, Pittsburg, Pa., guard, and Fanny T. Hazen, Cambridge, Mass. councillor.

A reception at the home of Dr. Marion Mead closed the formal social affairs for the nurses. Many of the nurses will leave this evening for their homes.

REBUKE FOR CLUB WOMEN

W. R. C. Asks National Federation to Observe Memorial Day.

The National Federation of Women's clubs is not in favor with the Woman's Relief corps. The convention has passed a very caustic resolution asking the club women not to hold any more national gatherings on Memorial day and if it was impossible to chose another time to at least have one session in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic. The national federation opened its biennial convention in St. Paul on May 30 and altho the W. R. C. protested at the time and asked for a patriotic program to show that the club women recognized the day, their request was not granted. The W. R. C. hopes, thru its resolution, to avoid another meeting on the day set apart for the honor of the soldier dead.

Sings Minnie's Praises.

The hospitality of Minneapolis has touched a poetic chord and when it was mentioned yesterday in the W. R. C. convention, Mrs. Kate Brownlee Sherwood of Toledo, Ohio, who was the first national president of the order, rose and gave voice to an impromptu verse.

"Here's to Minneapolis, the girl that takes the cake,
From West Point to Annapolis, we follow in her wake.
With Uncle Sam beside her, to call three cheers for her,
Whatever may betide her, she's bound to make a stir.
So, Minnie, here's our greeting, and well you understand
That where the drums are beating your praises fill the land."

Three Honored Women.

Mrs. Addie L. Ballou, who was one of the three women to be elected to honorary membership in the American Women's Press association Wednesday afternoon, is a former Minneapolis woman who is now residing in San Francisco. Mrs. Ballou was an army nurse and was detailed with the Thirty-second Wisconsin, which affectionately named her "The Little Mother." A practicing lawyer, an artist and writer, Mrs. Ballou is a very versatile woman.

Mrs. Kate Brownlee Sherwood, another woman honored by the W. R. C. women of the press, is the first living president of the W. R. C., and she is one of the best known of the patriotic writers in the country. Mrs. Macginnis of Boston, the third of the trio, was formerly on the staff of the Youth's Companion.

Old Salts Meet.

"Avast there, my hearty." "Well, shiver my timbers if it ain't Tom Smith of the old Paw Paw." This is the way Thomas G. Smith of Hamilton, Ohio, and H. J. Rhodes of Stoughton, Wis., greeted each other on the street today. They had not met in forty-three years, but Mr. Smith noticed the words "Paw Paw" on Mr. Rhodes' cap and the reunion followed. Both served on the Paw Paw before Vicksburg and in other trying scenes of the naval war on the Mississippi. After a hearty exchange of greetings mingled with a lot of deep sea language modified for bayou service the two veterans lashed their crafts together and steamed off to continue the reunion.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS FOR G. A. R. WOMEN

THIS EVENING

Dinner for the Iron Brigade, Seventh Wisconsin, given by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hughes, Kenwood.

8 to 10 p.m.—Reception for the German G. A. R., W. R. C., Ladies of the G. A. R. and Daughters of Veterans, given by Jacob Schaeffer post and corps, post hall. Fourth street and Twentieth avenue N.

8 to 10 p.m.—I. O. G. T. reception for visiting members, Richmond hall.

TOMOROW'S PROGRAM.

Morning—Ladies of the G. A. R. go to Minnetonka to spend the day.

WANT LINCOLN'S OLD HOME SAVED

"Daughters" to Aid Movement for Preservation — Sessions End with Election.

The popular candidate for national president of the Daughters of Veterans is Mrs. Myrtle Goodyear Cramer of Chicago, and her election late this afternoon is practically assured. She will bring to her office a record of long service in the order, as she was for two years national treasurer and for one served as national junior vice president. In her own department of Illinois she has twice been president, and has held every other office in the gift of her department.

Other nominees to be acted upon at the convention this afternoon are Miss Millie Leighton of Massachusetts, for senior vice president, and Miss Rose Kirch of New York for junior vice. Miss Carrie B. Kilgore of Pennsylvania has been nominated to succeed herself as treasurer; Mrs. Minnie Guittard of Ohio for chaplain; Miss Katherine Flood of Massachusetts for inspector, and Miss Baum of New York for patriotic instructor. Minneapolis will probably have one office—Mrs. Agnes Davis as instituting and installing officer. Five members of the council are to be elected.

The resolutions committee was the first to report this morning and the chief recommendations adopted were those providing that the Daughters as a body become members of the associations, working for the preservation of Lincoln's birthplace and for the buying of the McLean house at Appomattox.

The tent at San Jose, Cal., was exempted from the dues for a year because of the severe losses sustained by its members in the earthquake.

The reports from departments and detached tents are all in and the election tonight will close the session.

Yesterday the daughters visited the old soldiers' home and were entertained at dinner.

The luncheon in the K. of P. banquet hall yesterday was attended by several members of the Sons of Veterans as guests of honor. Dr. W. J. Patton of Mason City, Iowa, Messrs. Cassler and Hyland of St. Paul and S. S. Wyand, acting president of the Memorial university at Mason City, addressed the guests after lunch.

MUSTERED BY LINCOLN

Youngest Soldier Got on Rolls by Act of President Himself.

"Sir, as president of these United States I am commander-in-chief of their armies, and as your superior officer I order you to muster in this young soldier." With these words President Lincoln passed W. A. O'Meara of Washington, D. C., into the federal service as drummer of one of the District of Columbia companies on April 10, 1861. Mr. O'Meara was then barely over 10 years of age, tho his discharge certificate gives his age as 12.

It was Mr. O'Meara's good fortune to direct President Lincoln, who had lost his way in the streets of Washington shortly after his inauguration, and when the mustering officer who was enrolling the militia company to which he belonged refused him he appealed to the president, who chanced to be near by. A trial with the drum proved that he was competent, but the mustering officer, Major Mansfield, still refused him and ventured to speak peremptorily to the president. This called forth a burst of that commanding spirit which lurked under the good-natured exterior of the great president.

This is how Mr. O'Meara, who is now in Minneapolis as commander of Potomac post, No. 1, became the youngest soldier enlisted. Prior to this Mr. O'Meara served with the loyal militia which was armed and stationed in commanding positions about Washington at President Lincoln's inauguration.

REUNION DAYS FOR OLD COMRADES

Cushman's Brigade and the Men Who Tunneled from Libby Prison.

The survivors of Cushman's brigade held a reunion in a room in the city hall yesterday. What the meeting lacked in numbers it more than made up in enthusiasm and in interchange of enthusiastic greetings. Many of the veterans had not met in the forty-five years since they were discharged.

Cushman's brigade consisted originally of a regiment of infantry, the Fifty-third Illinois, Cogswell's battery of light artillery, and one battalion of cavalry, known as Ford's cavalry, which later became part of Company L, Fifteenth Illinois cavalry. Little was left of the gallant Fifty-third following the battle at Jackson. Of the several hundred men who entered the fight, but thirty-eight stacked guns after it.

Two Libbey Tunnel Veterans.

Of the old brigade veterans who were at yesterday's reunion, there were two of that historic and desperate band of men who escaped from Libbey prison by a tunnel. M. M. Bassett, captain of Company E, Fifty-third Illinois, and J. D. Hatfield, captain of Company H, Fifty-third Illinois, and for twenty-two years past a resident of Neligh, Neb.

"Hatfield," said Bassett, "you were the first man of us to make a break for freedom from the end of the tunnel. You got away, but the bloodhounds got me, tore one of my legs almost to pieces, and the 'Johnnies' took me back."

Of the 109 who escaped that Feb. 9, '64, sixty were recaptured thru pursuit by ferocious dogs. Bassett escaped to the union lines the following spring from Columbia, joining the union troops fifty-two days later at Knoxville.

A Youthful Veteran.

A veteran with an interesting history who was present was Peter P. Laughlin of 2425 First avenue S, Minneapolis, who has the distinction of being the youngest man in Illinois to enlist in the civil war. He enlisted first in company A, Fifty-third Illinois. He was detailed to clerical duty. He did not get to his regiment. Because of his youth and immaturity he was ordered discharged when the time came for the other clerks to go to the front. He was not the kind of a boy to stay in the rear, and the day after his discharge, his fifteenth birthday, he reenlisted, this time in the One Hundred and Thirty-third Illinois volunteer infantry.

"Among Those Present."

Those present at the Cushman brigade reunion were Roland H. Allison, major Fifty-third Illinois, Decatur, Ala.; Frank E. Miller, bugler, Duluth; Peter Stine, Thorndown, Ind.; Charles H. Brush of Fergus Falls, who entered the Fifty-third Illinois as a private and was lieutenant colonel when he received his honorable discharge; R. A. Baxter, Ironwood, Mich.; Professor George C. Nettleton, Odell, Iowa; A. Loghry, Geneva, Neb.; A. Reinerson, Watertown, S. D.; J. D. Hatfield, Neligh, Neb.; M. M. Bassett, judge of probate of Peoria, Ill.; Pat Neary, Buffalo, N. D., and C. W. G. Hyde of Robbinsdale.

THIRTIETH WISCONSIN MEETS

George Rhodes, Drummer Boy, Recalls Old Memories.

Upwards of a hundred former members of the Thirtieth Wisconsin infantry were in Minneapolis this week, but hardly more than sixty showed up at the reunion yesterday at the courthouse. Among those in attendance was Lieutenant Colonel Bartlett, who was frequently in command while Colonel Daniel J. Dill was in command of brigades. Colonel Dill is still alive, but the nearest he could get to the encampment was to send his regrets.

A popular man in the gathering was George Rhodes, the drummer boy, who had the drum and drumsticks he carried thru the war. With them he beat many a stirring measure.

The Thirtieth Wisconsin did frontier, scouting and guerilla service, and while it was not in any great engagements, it was constantly in the most trying places. It followed General Sully after the Sioux Indians and took an important part in putting down the guerillas. Sue Monday, the notorious outlaw, was hung by the Thirtieth Wisconsin and his gang broken up in Kentucky.

The next reunion will be at Oshkosh., Wis., in connection with the Wisconsin department encampment. The following were present:

T. D. Wilcox, Trempeleau; A. P. Noyes, Forest Lake; E. F. Mable, Minneapolis; Amund Tilland, Fergus Falls; N. N. Fuller, Larimore, N. D.; A. A. Kelly, Minneapolis; C. H. Cummins, Greenwood; H. F. Dinsmore; John W. Close, Chippewa Falls; John L. Garlock, W. C. Bachelor; Andrew Larson, Willmar, Minn.; N. N. Fuller, Larimore, N. D.; J. W. Cornelleson, Trimbelle; Peter Kircher, I. D. Kinne, J. A. Smith, M. H. Gardner, Independence, Iowa; Edward Loomis, West Allis; J. R. Penny, Fremont, Mich.; Collins Bishop, Andrew Kinney, D. H. Baker, J. A. Faulds, Spokane, Wash.; James Lewis, Winfield, S. D.; N. L. Buck, Tacoma, Wash.; T. O. Kent, Galva, Iowa; David A. Garlack, Clear Lake; Philip Baxter, Cobb.; Peter Volmer, Kittle Kittleson, Hantontown, Iowa; George Rhodes, Ed H. Coleman, James Johnston, A. Phillips, Lucca, N. D.; H. W. Huntington, Harry Fowler, Charles E. Burnett, A. J. Goodwin, James Parkin, Caloonin; E. D. Bacon, E. H. Fearne, Colvina; George Rood, Milton, Wis.; Ben Howe, E. S. Feesenden, Alden; A. R. Ladd, Clarion, Iowa; John Craney, Eau Claire; W. G. Servias, Ezra Shipman, Miletus Knight, C. L. Beardslee, Fred A. Cross, Duke Porter, William Mars, Galesville; L. M. Brewster, Plainfield; J. H. Blakely, Independence, Iowa; A. D. Daniels, Minneapolis; B. M. Bartlett, lieutenant colonel; B. R. Eaton, Moses Goodnoe, River Falls; Asa Daily, Alex A. Arnold, Duluth; Jacob Iverson, Loren A. Brooks, Renville, Minn.; H. A. Towner, Whitehall.

RAM FLEET SURVIVORS

Boys Who Saw Service as Infantry, Artillery and Marines.

How to classify the survivors of General Alfred W. Ellett's command has puzzled the authorities. They were not quite sure whether they belong to navy, infantry, artillery or marines. They did all kinds of service and more different kinds than any other body in the civil war. Part of the time they were under the command of a general of the army, as for instance General Ellett, and then again under an admiral of the navy, as with Admiral Porter before Vicksburg. They finally formed an organization known as the Society of the Survivors of the Mississippi River Ram Fleet and Marine Brigade.

They had an all-day meeting at the courthouse yesterday, holding their twentieth annual reunion. The organization numbers about 500 members. The fleet or brigade conducted the work on the upper Mississippi river above Vicksburg. It was in many spirited engagements besides Vicksburg, including the Yazoo river expedition, the engagements at Duck River, Tenn., Columbia and numerous river points.

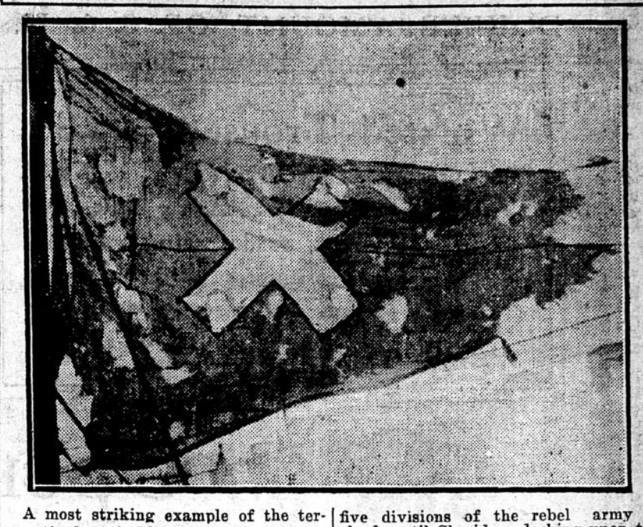
The following officers were elected yesterday:

George H. Barker, commander; R. P. Kirk, senior vice commander; Joel McClintock, junior vice commander; Captain W. D. Crandall, historian; Henry N. Coudon, chaplain; Theodore Jacobs, surgeon; Charles F. Terwilliger, officer of the day.

The following attended yesterday's reunion and business meeting:

J. H. Stevens, Mann City, Iowa; B. J. Lagrange, Grinnell, Iowa; E. E. Ballard, Emsworth, Pa.; R. W. McCamey, McComb, Ohio; Theodore Jacobs, Kenosha, Wis.; George R. Barker, Holton, Kan.; John D. Moriarty, Maurice Luby, Minneapolis, Minn.; Lewis H. Miller, Rochester, Minn.; C. F. Terwilleger, Grand Island, Neb.; John W. Price, Mountain Lake, Minn.; J. H. Lippy, Swan Creek, Ill.; D. B. Mason, Riverside, Cal.; J. M. Doudna, Minneapolis; George Van Epps, Sheldon, Iowa; L. M. Collins, Hicksville, Ohio; F. C. Mallory, St. Paul; R. P. Kirk, Des Moines, Iowa; Henry Harper, Soldiers' home, Minneapolis; Levi D. Roach, F. V. D. Coster, Washington, D. C.; W. H. Beach, Lincoln, Neb.; I. E. Babcock, Farnhamville, Iowa; J. A. Warner, Hudson, S. D.; J. M. McClintock, Devalls Bluff, Ark.; J. M. Fulkerson, St. Louis, Mo.; W. D. Crandall, St. Louis, Mo.; James W. Whittlesey, St. Louis.

FAMOUS OLD FLAG



A most striking example of the terrors the boys in blue went thru and the heroism of the soldiers is exemplified by a flag exhibited at the encampment. The flag was literally shot to pieces. It is the brigade flag of the Second brigade, Second division, Sixth army corps, and was in the front of that fighting brigade of New England troops during four years of war. Among the great battles in which it participated were those of Lee's Mills, Williamsburg, seven days' battle before Richmond, and the great battles of Antietam, Gettysburg and the Wilderness. Under this banner at the Wilderness about one-third of the command was lost, as the brigade held the crucial point and prevented Lee's breaking the army in two.

This flag was in the battles of Cold Harbor, Fisher's Hill, Winchester and Cedar creek, where it floated at the head of the union division which held five divisions of the rebel army in check until Sheridan, dashing upon the field "from Winchester, twenty miles away," came upon the line where this flag was and upon which line Sheridan reformed his army and won that great battle.

It was the flag which led Mead's last attack under Grant at Petersburg. This brigade led the attack and this flag led the brigade. The brigade led the army which broke the lines at Petersburg. This resulted in Lee's evacuation of Petersburg and Richmond.

The brigade was commanded by General L. A. Grant and was known thruout the army as the "Old Vermont brigade."

The old flag has now many a dull red bloodstain upon its faded white edge. It received prolonged applause on the march. The red cross is the sign of the Sixth corps and the arrangement of the colors, red and blue, indicate the division and brigade.

SEVENTY WERE IN LINE

First Wisconsin Cavalry Has a Large Attendance at Its Reunion.

There was a fine turnout of the First Wisconsin cavalry, with members coming from all parts of the country for one more reunion. They met at various times during Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and seventy veterans of the regiment marched in a body in the parade Wednesday. John W. Ganes of Fox Lake, Wis., was elected president of the association; Captain C. A. Pettibone, Waupun, Wis., secretary, and H. C. Putnam of Brodhead, Wis., wac elected treasurer. The following members of the regiment attended:

Adam Ringer, Troop H, Annandale, Minn.; M. Martin, Troop F, Spokane, Wash.; Robert S. Morrill, Troop K, Minneapolis; D. M. Woodin, Troop K, Forda, Iowa; George Nown, Troop B; Robert Wright, Troop F, Rockford, Ill.; Almon Gardner, Troop G, Hancock, Wis.; S. H. Pickett, Troop M, Spencer, Wis.; George W. Clayton, Troop D, Frazee, Minn.; Thomas C. Rutter, Troop L, Ferryville, Wis.; L. L. Blair, Troop B, Waterville, Minn.; G. N. Hillman, Troop D, Winnebago City, Minn.; C. C. Chpubb, Troop A, Algona, Iowa; J. V. Vaulin, Troop H, Green Bay, Wis.; C. A. Binder, Troop H, Grand Rapids, Wis.; Daniel Allen, Troop K, La Crosse, Wis.; C. W. Sanders, Troop B, Burtrum, Minn.; Ludwig G. Weitz, Plainfield, Wis.; John Hart, Troop E, Wild Rose, Wis.; B. Ellis, Troop G, Windsor, Wis.; George Skarratt, Troop B, Marshall, Minn.; H. W. Fisher, Troop F, Farmington, Minn.; B. A. Pront, Troop E, Eau Claire, Wis.; C. H. Landon, Troop K, Watonia, Wis.; D. D. Wyatt, Troop A, Tomah, Wis.; E. F. Barrett, roop F, Le Sueur, Minn.; D. C. Moak, Troop C, Minneapolis; F. D. Seaman, Troop G, Janesville, Wis.; L. G. Blair, Troop M, Boscobel, Wis.; H. T. Webster, Troop I, Stevens Point, Wis.; W. A. Spangler, Troop B, Woolstock, Iowa; J. W. Ganes, Company D, Fox Lake, Wis.; W. C. Horton, Company I, Mellen, Wis.; H. A. Francisco, Company F, Motley, Minn.; A. McGowan, Company I, Mason City, Iowa; George Brown, Company B, Berkeley, Cal.; J. L. Church, Company F, Bowlder, Col.; J. H. Russell, Company F, Snohomish, Wash.; J. N. Knowles, Company F, Park Rapids, Minn.; G. H. Lawrence, Company M, Burnett, Wis.; P. H. Anderson, Company D, Glidden, Minn.; John Gillem, Company F, Baraboo, Wis.; Lieutenant J. L. Ackley, Company L, Palmyre, Wis.; Alfred Ackley, Company A, Wilberhouse, Minn.; James McNulty, Company G, Battle Lake, Minn.; E. H. Hutchinson, Company E, Clares Lakes, Canada; Henry Frantz, Company G, Glenwood, Wis.; Gregg Garmer, Company L, Bangor, Wis.; W. H. Streeter, Company E, Aurora, Neb.; Jahiel Day, Company B, Boscobel, Wis.; H. A. Stowe, Company D, Fort Dodge, Iowa; George Damp, Company B, Faribault, Minn.; S. E. Lathrop, Company M, Ashland, Wis.; G. M. Hoke, Company M, Sandusky, Wis.; A. J. McKelvey, Company M, St. Edwards, Neb.; E. H. Stewart, Company B, Brodhead, Wis.; Lieutenant O. P. Clinton, Company B, Waukesha, Wis.; G. S. Clemons, Company G, Oshkosh, Wis.; J. H. Fox, Company B, Jewell City, Kan.; Louis Erickson, Company B, Cashton, Wis.; D. B. Phelps, Company C, La Crosse, Wis.; Captain C. A. Fettibone, Company I, Waupun, Wis.; H. C. Putnam, Company B, Brodhead, Wis.; P. F. Bean, Company I, Grand Rapids, Wis.; Walter Carpenter, Company L, Iowa Falls, Iowa; J. M. Spencer, Company B, Lawrence, Kan.; J. M. Read, hospital steward, Tecumseh, Kan.; Philip Dolan, Company H, Union Center, Wis.; J. H. Truax, Company F, Murray, Iowa; Chris Beck, Company F, Merrillan Junction, Wis.; Jasper Bowker, Company K, Orange, Wis.; R. W. Hills, Company B, Lodi, Wis.; C. H. Castle, Company C, Staples, Minn.; H. D. Weaver, Company D, St. Paul; Hugh Longstaff, Minneapolis; Thomas Healy, Company M, Milford, Neb.

ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

Fifteenth Wisconsin Taken Care of by Norwegian Clubs Here.

No army command has enjoyed itself more thoroly during the week than the Fifteenth Wisconsin. In addition to its own reunion it took part in a "sexa" arranged by the Viking league, at which it was presented with an oil painting of its first commander, Colonel Hans C. Heg. Moreover, the members of the regiment have been granted the privileges of the Odin club during their stay in this city.

The regimental register showed that the following survivors attended the reunion:

A. E. Rice, Willmar, Minn.; J. L. Johnson, Hillsboro, N. D.; Otto Steen, Wahoo, Neb.; Andrew Peterson, McFarland, Wis.; A. A. N. Nutte, Lindstrom, Minn.; E. P. Barness, Glenwood, Minn.; O. P. Anderson, Granite Falls, Minn.; Louis Severson, Montevideo, Minn.; Michaele Thompson, St. Ansgar, Iowa; Nils Enerson, Hillsboro, N. D.; N. O. Thorson, Larson, Wis.; Charles Block, Dalton, Minn.; Louis Rolfson, Waterford, Wis.; Theodor Hundeby, Northwood, Iowa; J. T. Anderson, Capron, Ill.; C. A. Dahl, Chicago; Andrew Erickson, Elk Point, S. D.; O. P. Olson, New Richland, Minn.; B. Severson, Blanchardsville, Wis.; P. Peterson, Sheffield, N. D.; Ole Fredrickson, Langley, Minn.; Oliver Staal, Jackson, Minn.; S. A. Anderson, Davenport, Minn.; O. Christensen, Chicago; M. S. Johnson, Brandon, Minn.; N. I. Gilbert, Eleva, Wis.; C. M. Johnson, Dwight, N. D.; Ellend Erickson, Albert Lea; T. A. Rossing, Bode, Iowa; Adr. Allickson, Windsor, Wis.; Iver Monsen, De Forest, Wis.; John M. Lundgren, Langtusk, Mich.; John O. Wrolstad, Scandinavia, Wis.; A. Myrce, A. E. Anderson, Stoughton, Wis.; Ole Johnson Rustad, Westby, Wis.; Andrew Johnson, Cambridge, Neb.; C. Joseph Mathisen, Evansville, Minn.; Theodore Knudson, La Crosse; George Richard, Lake Park, Minn.; Halvor O. Halvorson, Stevens Point, Wis.; Ivar A. Brandt, Decorah, Iowa; Carl Tostenson, Minot, N. D.; Nils Nilson, Ashton, S. D.; Ole Bergeson, Story City, Iowa; Nils Arneson, Chicago; M. Jorgensen, Widmar, Minn.; Ole Peterson, Crockett, Tex.; O. H. Lucken, Duluth; O. B. Wengaard, Decorah, Iowa; Gilbert Anderson, Hollandale, Wis.; Iver Solle, Hartland, Minn.; K. Sanderson, Ridgeway, Iowa; Tosten Hendrickson, Zumbrota, Minn.; Halvor A. Lee, Minneapolis; H. J. Henderson, Mountain Iron, Minn.

Birch Coulee Survivors.

Survivors of the battle of Birch Coulee are earnestly invited to meet at the residence of F. C. Griswold, 107 West Island avenue, at 7:30 o'clock tonight, for reunion to perfect a roster and organization. Take any car that crosses Nicollet island.

RECALLS EZRA CHURCH

Captain Stone Tells of Bloody Repulse Given Hood.

Captain Hubbard Stone of Fort Smith, Ark., is one of the veterans of the Atlanta campaign to whom the picture of General Sherman in The Journal brings stirring recollections. It was about the time that picture was taken that Hood attacked the Army of the Tennessee at Ezra church, before Atlanta, and was repulsed with such terrible slaughter.

"Hood hoped by massing his whole army on our left flank to crush it, and so beat Sherman in detail," says Captain Stone, who was captain of Company H, Fifty-seventh Ohio, and in the brunt of that bloody fight. "His attack was a great blunder, because our position overlooked a deep swale, and his men charged across it directly under our fire. They charged five times, and did not drive us back a foot. After each repulse they huddled in confusion below, and the slaughter was heavy. After the battle they lay by thousands along the creek, and the sights I saw make me sad even now to recall them."

Captain Stone partially lost his hearing at Resa