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Marine Band to Play Concert Tomorrow—Employees Provide Gay Attire of Building.

The Pension Office Building has been placed in gala attire for the G. A. R. encampment and will be open every day of this week, commencing tomorrow from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. A concert will be given in the great interior court at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon by the United States Marine Band. The concert will last two hours. The entire band will be present and will be under the personal direction of Lieut. Santelmann.

The building has been elaborately decorated with flags, bunting and evergreens, and arrangements have been made to have clerks in attendance in the lower court during each day to answer inquiries of claimants in regard to their pension claims. Every effort will be made to provide for the comfort of all visitors who may call, and especially for the veterans and their friends. It is the desire of the officials at the bureau that the veterans be made to feel that they are welcome at the building during the entire week of the encampment.

The decorations of the building have been prepared entirely as the result of the liberal contributions of the employees and officials of the Pension Bureau and Bureau of Indian Affairs and the active assistance of many in putting the decorations in place.

The main court of the building between the eight large columns surrounding the fountain is a representation of each of the different army corps badges.

The different arms of the service, infantry, cavalry, and artillery are represented in the scheme of decoration. The United States flag is prominently displayed and the navy is represented by four beautiful Union Jacks and two seventy-five foot pennants.

Five geraniums, thirty-nine by ninety feet, are arranged from the top of the large pillars. Around the tents in the lower court, and between the large pillars, evergreens are tastefully arranged, and in the basin of the fountain are ferns, plants and water-lilies.

The corridors leading to the commissioner's and deputy commissioner's rooms are decorated with emblems bearing the words "Welcome G. A. R." and around both sides of the court are belts of red, white and blue.

West Virginians to Have Big Reunion With Veterans From Mountain State

The West Virginia Society of the District of Columbia lays claim to be the first State society in the Capital to originate and take action on a plan to keep "open house" to the old soldiers and their wives, sons and daughters who will be here from that State in attendance at the forty-ninth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Several other State societies have followed suit, but the West Virginia organization claims it took the lead and set the pace.

The special committee on entertainment has been at work for many weeks raising the fund required and planning its entertainment in a manner fitting the occasion and doing ample justice to the valiant and venerable guests.

Everything is now arranged, and there is every satisfactory guarantee of the special program for the visiting West Virginians being carried out without a hitch. It is estimated that the society will have as its guests 300 veterans from the Mountain State.

The headquarters of the West Virginians will be at the Bowman Hotel, Washington, as well as the headquarters of the society, will be maintained throughout the week. Beginning this morning when the vanguard will arrive, there will be committees at the Union Station to take the visitors from West Virginia to the hotel, and to the headquarters where they will be registered, special souvenir badges and credentials furnished them, and conducted to the rooms either in the hotel or in the city that have been reserved for them.

Big Event Tuesday Night.

The big event on the West Virginians' program is scheduled for Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. It will be staged in the large second floor hall of the old Masonic Temple and will be in the nature of a reception and banquet, followed by a musical, literary and "camp-fire" entertainment, with former Senator Nathan Bay Scott presiding. Judge George W. Atkinson, of the Court of Claims, will deliver an address of welcome, which will be responded to by Department Commander Reed. Former Senator Scott will then be introduced to preside. There will be music through the feast by the West Virginia orchestra, songs by a quartet of native sons, patriotic solos by Miss Madge North, with Mrs. Charles Brooks Smith at the piano. State poem recited by Miss De Grange, and addresses by Senator Nathan Goff, Henry G. Davis, Solicitor General John W. Davis, Leyden White, former Senator Charles Faulkner, and short remarks by the veterans.

On succeeding days there will be sightseeing tours of the city and various other entertainments provided for the mountaineers.

The committee on entertainment is composed of Judge George W. Atkinson, chairman; W. W. Scott, vice chairman; Edwin Frey, Capt. James M. Pipes, Capt. James A. Macaulay, Capt. Joseph P. Hart, Capt. Henry C. Duncan, Col. Colin H. Livingston, treasurer; Charles Brooks Smith, secretary; Dr. J. William G. Davis, assistant secretary; Henry S. Baker and A. B. Wells.

The reception committee is composed of Nathan Bay Scott, "Entertainers," Capt. James M. Pipes, William E. Chilton; Representatives Howard Sutherland, Mansfield M. Neely, William G. Brown, Adam Littlepage, Hunter H. Powell, Charles M. G. Switzer, J. William Mann, Solicitor General John W. Davis, Charles James Faulkner and Oscar A. Price.

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A grand reception, concert and banquet for the colored veterans of the civil war will be held Wednesday night at Convention Hall under the direction of the colored citizens committee. Invitations have been extended to Commander-in-Chief Palmer, the president of the Woman's Relief Corps, members of their respective staffs, and hundreds of prominent colored residents of Washington of both sexes.

The address of welcome on the part of the citizens of Washington will be delivered by Rev. Walter H. Brooks, pastor of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. Speeches also will be made by J. C. Dancy, Prof. N. E. Weatherless, grand master of the colored Grand Lodge of Masons of the District, Rev. M. E. Clair, pastor of Asbury A. M. E. Church, and Judge Robert H. Terrell. Responses will be made by Commander-in-Chief David J. Palmer and by Mrs. Isabel Worsell Ball, past national senior vice president of the Woman's Relief Corps. The musical program has been arranged under the direction of Prof. E. Friedman, the Knights of Pythias and the Commonwealth of Baltimore. Prof. Joseph H. Douglas, violinist, will render selections.

A sight-seeing tour of the city will be taken by the veterans on Thursday night, automobiles having been donated for the occasion. The public comfort committee has found sufficient homes to accommodate all veterans who may apply for lodging.

An exhibition drill will be one of the features of the celebration at Convention Hall on Wednesday night. The following organizations will participate: Uniform Rank of Knights of Pythias, Knights of St. John, and the Uniform Fraternal of Odd Fellows of Washington, Georgetown and the District of Columbia. This part of the program will be under the direction of the National Guards.

Officers of the colored citizens committee are Ferdinand D. Lee, chairman; William Fortune, vice chairman; Rev. N. H. Jerison, second vice chairman; J. M. H. Young, secretary; J. R. Hawkins, treasurer, and S. M. Dudley, financial secretary.

GEN. SCRIVEN HEADS CARABAO'S OFFICERS

Army and Navy Officers Who Served in Philippines Will Hold Banquet in December.

At a meeting of the Washington Corral, Military Order of the Carabao, held at the Army and Navy Club last night, the following officers were elected:

Paramount carabao, Brig. Gen. George P. Scriven, U. S. A., chief signal officer; patriarch of the herd, Commodore James C. Gilmore, U. S. N.; bell carabao, Maj. J. R. M. Taylor, U. S. A.; lead and wheel carabao, Maj. Joseph M. Heller, U. S. V.; main guide, Maj. Henry N. Roosevelt, U. S. M. C.; winder of the horn, Lieut. Col. William M. Wright, U. S. A.; caretakers, Paymaster Victor J. U. S. N.; zamboling carabao, Maj. Melvin W. Rowell, U. S. A.; veterinarian, Surgeon Edgar Thompson, U. S. N.; main guard, Capt. Charles M. G. Switzer, U. S. V.; committee on membership, Capt. Josiah S. McKean, U. S. N.; Lieut. Col. Champe C. McCulloch, Jr., U. S. A.; and Maj. Harold C. Reisinger, U. S. A.

The coronal voted in favor of holding an annual dinner in December and of limiting the total number of diners to 25.

Maj. Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, editor of the Los Angeles Times, and Lieut. John N. Greely, U. S. A., were elected veteran carabao.

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Negro shot at Rifle Range When He Isn't Careful.

Bruce Underwood, colored, 35, was shot with an army rifle yesterday while marking scores at the District National Guard rifle range near Congress Heights. The bullet grazed the top of his head, fracturing his skull slightly. He will recover, declare physicians at Casualty Hospital.

A detail of colored troops from the First Battalion, District Militia, was practicing on the range. Underwood was a marker in the pit under the

JUDICIAL DOG MISSING.

Chief Justice White Wants to Know What's Become of His Pet.

A dog of the "small, red, shaggy" variety, with "long ears," was put down on the "missing" column of police records last night. The dog was a pet of Chief Justice White, of the Supreme Court.

It had been visiting Spain's friends at the Nebraska and Massachusetts avenue home of Charles C. Glover, president of the Riggs National Bank, and while browsing along Rhode Island avenue extended lost its bearings. Its home bunk was still vacant at a late hour last night.

THINK PEACE, SAYS VARDAMAN.

Agitators for Larger Army Characterized as Crazy.

"I am opposed to the discussion of the question of increased defenses for the nation at this time; if ever the men or the women of this country should think peace, talk peace, pray for peace and act peace, it is now," declared Senator Vardaman, of Mississippi, yesterday.

He said that the United States need not fear an invasion following the cessation of European hostilities, since the combatant nations would be exhausted. He characterized as crazy the agitators for a larger army.

Speaking of the necessity of having a special session of the Senate in October and November, he said: "I do not sympathize with those who say that it would be inadvisable to have the Senate in session, in view of the acute foreign situation, and that the President should not be compelled to have Congress on his hands" at such a time. There is just as much patriotism in the Senate as there is in the White House, and I believe, just as much intelligence and just as much experience in statesmanship. I think that it is not fair to the Senate to presume that things will be done or said to embarrass the President in his handling of the European situation if the Senate were in session. I rather think that such a presumption is a reflection on the patriotism of the Senate."

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