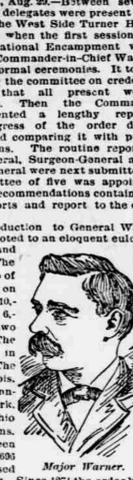


ENCAMPMENT WORK.

Proceedings of the National Encampment G. A. R.

Reports Read and the Condition of the Order Shown—General R. A. Alger Chosen Commander-in-Chief—Boston Next Year.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 23.—Between seven and eight hundred delegates were present on the ground floor of the Wisconsin Hotel yesterday morning, when the first session of the twenty-third National Encampment was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Warner, with the usual formal ceremonies. It took but a little while for the committee on credentials to report that all present were entitled to the honor of membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.



General Russell A. Alger.

The lengthy introduction to General Warner's report was devoted to an eloquent eulogy of the Grand Army of the Republic and its purposes. The present membership of the order, he went on to say, aggregated 410,000, divided among 10,000 posts and 40,000 departments. The greatest gain was in Missouri, of 3,000. The departments of Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, New York, Wisconsin and Ohio also showed gains.

The report argued the departments of the country to imitate the action of the New York department in presenting American flags to the public schools on Washington's Birthday. A resolution was adopted that the Grand Army of the Republic should be represented in the encampment by a large number of delegates from different departments, and referred without debate to appropriate committees.

Before the close of the morning session, something like a session was created when General McMahon, of New York, arose and offered a resolution which had been unanimously adopted by the delegates of that State. It declared that the Grand Army was composed of men who after honorable service in the cause of their country had been honorably discharged from further service in the army and navy of the United States; that they were zealous for its glory and for the good name of the surviving comrades as well as anxious for the honor due to the memory of the dead, and that the encampment therefore protested against any construction of the pension laws which would place on the pension rolls men dishonorably discharged from the service.

The resolution was adopted by acclamation, but under the rules it went to the committee without debate.

When the delegates assembled after lunch, a lengthy report from the committee on resolutions was presented. It opened by expressing regret that, owing to the short session of Congress after the last encampment, and the crowded

condition of business, little in the line of practical results could be accomplished. After the Congressional recess the committee met in Chicago and provided for the homecoming of the President-elect. The interview was a pleasant one. General Harrison gave cordial assurances of his warm interest in the Grand Army and expressed an earnest desire that generous pensions to the defenders of the Union should be provided.

After the last encampment the committee prepared two bills, one a Disability bill, so broadened in its provisions as to include an indorsement of the pension law, and the other a bill to discharge veterans, and another to give every honorably discharged soldier a monthly rate of one cent for each day's service. The bills were given in detail, and the committee expressed regret that it had been unable to secure favorable action upon them. Should, however, the Encampment secure its pension, the same bills were ready for early presentation to both houses of Congress immediately upon the opening of the session.

Interviews with the leading men of both houses, the cordial and friendly attitude of the Administration and the liberal views of the Secretary of War and the Commissioner of Pensions (the latter being appointed after eight years of faithful service on the committee) it was believed that the bills had a good chance of passing. The conclusion of the next session of Congress, legislation would be had which would go far toward the completion of the pension bill of the National indebtedness to the men who defended their flag.

From this report goes on to give in detail the work that has been accomplished by the Grand Army pension committees in eight years. The clerical force in the Pension Office has been increased from 718 to 1,081, and in the Adjutant-General's office to 127. There have been necessitated an expenditure of \$2,000,000 yearly. A law had been passed giving the Commissioner of Pensions power to appoint boards to examine the work. Another appropriation 241 additional special examiners in the field to examine cases in which questions arose. A third authorizing the employment of experts as to special diseases in cases demanding special attention; still another that the acceptance and acceptance as prima facie evidence of his soundness in cases in which questions arose. A fourth increasing the pension rate from \$5 to \$2 per month and increasing the rate for severe disability had been passed.

The Disability bill that was vetoed, as well as the measures providing for pensions to all widows, without reference to the cause of death of their husbands; for the pensioning of death of their husbands; and for the re-employment of the arrears law were also the fruits of the committee's work, while the statement did not cover all that it had done.

The report concludes by recommending that the work be pushed with vigor for the year to come. It is signed by Commodore S. M. Merrill, John S. Koutz, J. F. H. Durst, R. W. Blue and Lucius Fairchild.

Nominations for the locality in which the next encampment was to be held were in order. Saratoga, Indianapolis, Boston and Washington were named. Several speeches were made in behalf of each place. Several hours were consumed. A vote was taken: Indianapolis 23, Saratoga 31, Washington 68. The count was made on Boston until 4:30 was reached, and

THE VIRGINIA NIGHTMARE.

The Coming Struggle Between Mahoneism and Common Decency. The unanimous nomination of Mahone for Governor of Virginia makes a sharply defined issue between Mahoneism and decency, and the campaign will be a hot one. The nomination removes all doubts of Democratic solidarity. The Democrats who, being engaged in the tobacco business, think the first reduction of Federal taxes should be on tobacco, will forget their differences with those who advocate immediate reduction of tariff taxes. No man alive can bring more straight Democratic votes to the polls in Virginia than Mr. Mahone. His nomination of himself under such circumstances is characteristic of the man. He is as pugnacious as he is dictatorial. By nominating himself he humiliates his enemies in his own party and infuriates the Democrats. It is not probable that he expects election, but the fight will give him the keenest enjoyment.

The platform on which he was nominated is such a studied and elaborate jumble of incompatible ideas that it is more suggestive of nightmare than of any thing else. It glorifies Virginia for Federal interference in its politics; it indorses the Confederacy and supports the Union; it denounced the Democrats for giving office to "ex-cavalry brigadiers and the like" rather than to farmers, while General Mahone and his brigadiers were waiting to be nominated on it; it is in favor of every thing every body wants, from the free coinage of silver to exemption from working the roads; it is bitterly opposed to every thing every body does not like to do, from paying inconceivable debts to getting the worst of a bargain; for high taxes and low taxes. It wants Federal tariff taxes kept up and Virginia State taxes kept down, and if there is any thing else it has failed to favor or oppose, whether it is free school books and "fostering care" for the oyster beds on the one hand, or bad roads and immorality on the other, it must have been omitted only because the platform committee was too drunk to think of it.

Or, if we reject this charitable view, we must accept the platform as a piece of pure Mahoneism; an attempt to appeal at the same time to ex-Confederates and negroes. This makes it ludicrous—a very "Snark" of a platform, to unravel which is an attempt attended by the same difficulties described by the doggerel bard in writing of his encounter with that inconsequential creature of indigestion:

Every night after dark I engage with the Snark; In a dreamy delirium; And I serve him with greens; In those shadowy scenes, And I use him for some time before he falls off, and they attributed the cause of this depression to hard times and cut-throat competition. The chief aim of the union is to establish a uniform rate of charges. His to the opening of a new laundry in the neighborhood of another has caused no end of trouble, for a new-comer tries to draw the business away from his competitor by putting his charges lower than theirs. Such disputes have frequently resulted in open hostilities. The union proposes to settle all such difficulties. It is also the object of the union to help needy members. There are about 1,000 Chinese laundries in the city.

APT SCHOLARS. The Chinese Laundrymen in New York Propose to Have a Union Like Same Melian Man, and Do Away with Cut-throat Competition.

New York, Aug. 23.—The Chinese laundrymen of this city propose to let an American custom slip through their fingers. They are about to organize a Chinese laundry union. They say their business has been ruined by the falling off, and they attributed the cause of this depression to hard times and cut-throat competition. The chief aim of the union is to establish a uniform rate of charges. His to the opening of a new laundry in the neighborhood of another has caused no end of trouble, for a new-comer tries to draw the business away from his competitor by putting his charges lower than theirs. Such disputes have frequently resulted in open hostilities. The union proposes to settle all such difficulties. It is also the object of the union to help needy members. There are about 1,000 Chinese laundries in the city.

PENSION RE-RATING. Some of the Cases for Which Fault is Found with Pension Commissions—Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars Paid Out in Seventeen Cases.

New York, Aug. 23.—A special to the World from Washington says: Some figures came to light yesterday in the matter of increased and re-rated pensions. It appears that during the month of August, the Pension Commissioner, Tanner, has paid out \$75,000 in seventeen re-rated cases. Richard Whiting, of St. Louis, received the largest amount, \$12,251.53. Hiram Smith, deputy Commissioner of Pensions, has himself been re-rated, and gets \$6,035.75. Cardenio Bruce, of Kansas, gets \$611.72. John Jay receives \$6,311.85; Henry Funking receives \$3,231.94. Commissioner Tanner bases his awards on account of a decision of Assistant Secretary Chandler in the case of Henry Schmidt, in which the secretary ruled that a man might be pensioned for double disability.

ELUDED THEIR PURSUERS. Escape of J. H. Clark and E. C. Jones from Selma, Ala.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 23.—The two colored editors, J. H. Clark and E. C. Jones of the Selma (Ala.) Independent, who were published the anti-imperialist edict of the Republican party, that dishonorable discharge from the Union armies shall not prejudice the cause of an applicant for pension.

This detestable ruling was overthrown with the entry of an honest administration under General Black. It does not seem possible that anybody save a thief, and he the thief in direct interest, should believe that a soldier dishonorably discharged, an enemy of his country, a man whose abilities were directed against the service—that such a man could under any conceivable circumstances be entitled to the gratitude of his country and the comforts of its liberal hand. Yet such is the decision of Bussey, upholding Tanner, who, after the recent whitewash, gleams white as an archangel.

The Herald, in denouncing this decision, rests its faith on the honor and patriotism of the soldiers who put down the rebellion. For the characters who deserted, who accepted bounties at one rendezvous only to seek another place of enlistment, who carried news to the enemy, who betrayed their comrades, or who, in any other unquestioned way reaped the disgrace of dishonorable discharge, there should be enduring hostility rather than dishonest subvention. Because thieves have votes, Bussey and Tanner would not only keep them out of jail, but furnish them a gratuitous Federal support. Because the men crippled by the war are already on the pension rolls, the surplus-revenue, now in the interest of war tariff and war expenses, send word for all the deserters to swear to a chronic disease and come a-running. So long as Tanner and Bussey may be in the Treasury, and the organized "soldier element" can be kept in the Republican fold, laziness will stand the deserter for a dire and pensionable disease.

The Government spent \$31,000,000 in July, the greater part for pensions. The proportion of bogus pensions, under the rule of Bussey and Tanner, encouraged by a disloyal Congress and irresponsible Republican conventions, grows at a rate that would be incredible if we did not have the debt and the surplus-revenue, now in the interest of war tariff and war expenses, send word for all the deserters to swear to a chronic disease and come a-running. So long as Tanner and Bussey may be in the Treasury, and the organized "soldier element" can be kept in the Republican fold, laziness will stand the deserter for a dire and pensionable disease.

The American Bar Association. Chicago, Aug. 23.—The twentieth annual meeting of the American Bar Association was opened at ten o'clock this morning in the First Methodist Church block by Judge Lyman Trumbull, of Chicago, in an address of welcome. About three hundred members from all parts of the country were present. Judge Trumbull was followed by Francis Lockner, of Illinois, and E. Callahan, of Louisiana, in short speeches.

David Dudley Field delivered his annual address.

PITH AND POINT.

—It is generally the man who can't walk who declares that dancing is sinful.—N. Y. Journal.

—Some persons of weak understanding are so sensible of that weakness as to be able to make a good use of it.

—If there has been no temptation, there can be no merit; if there has been no struggle, there can be no victory.

—There is no first search after truth which does not, fit after fit, begin to live the truth which it knows.—H. Bushnell.

—The man who never takes exercise is often called upon to mourn an athletic friend who took too much.—Jamestown Journal.

—Do not deceive yourself in trying to deceive others. Every man and woman of sense knows what muddy eyes and tallow face means.

—If you would be a clear speaker, aim at clearness of thinking. If you would be a clear thinker, aim at clearness of speaking.

—The most unfair thing that happens to women is that engagements are so short and marriages so long.—Binghamton Republican.

—Some men are called sagacious, merely on account of their avarice; whereas, a child can clench its fist the moment it is born.—Shenstone.

—It isn't always the man who really catches the most fish who is the hero in the eyes of his friends.—Merchant Traveler.

—Whenever accident or ability sends a man to the front it is popular to say he has the big-head—that is, he had better say it if you are a fool and have the small one.

—The covetous man heaps up riches, not to enjoy them, but to have to leave and starve himself in the midst of plenty; and most unaccountably cheats and robs himself of that which is his own; and makes a hard shift to be as poor and miserable with a great estate as any man can be without it.—Tillotson.

—Don't suppose that people are hostile to you in the world. You will rarely find any body designedly doing you ill. You may feel as if the world is obstructing you, more or less; but you will find that to be because the world is traveling in a different way from you, and rushing on in its own path.

—A good name is a valuable possession; but, like all valuable possessions, a good name is not so easy to get as it is to lose. It costs something to acquire a good name; and unless a good name is guarded jealously, it will be lost to him who acquired it. He who wants to keep his good name must be faithful in guarding it.—Sunday-School Times.

PROTECTION AND TRUSTS.

Monopolistic Combinations Made Possible. We have often stated the argument against industrial trusts, and one of the arguments against a high tariff is that it favors their establishment. Trusts are more numerous and powerful than ever, and protection has recently achieved a signal victory. During the campaign the large dependence of trusts upon protection was plainly demonstrated, and it will hardly be contended that if the protective policy had been defeated at the polls, trusts would have continued to multiply, except upon the belief that there would be no serious disturbance of the tariff. The relation of a high tariff to trusts is evident and simple. A high tariff discourages importations of protected manufactures. Such discouragement is supposed to secure the home market. If, then, the existing domestic producers of protected manufactures can agree to combine instead of compete, they can destroy domestic competition, and command the market at their own prices. In a period of tendency to the aggregation of capital this result is quite sure, as experience proves, to follow a high tariff. Such a tariff is expressly designed to secure a domestic monopoly. But that monopoly, once established, will by its own law tend to its own aggrandizement. Defended from foreign competition, it will strike at the domestic competition which remains.

This is the actual situation, and it has naturally alarmed some of the warmest friends of a high tariff, who see plainly the dangers of trusts. They see that they destroy the fundamental argument for a high protective policy, which is that it favors diversely diversified industries, and that diversified domestic industries are indispensable to a great nation. Consequently, even if a high tariff inevitably enhances the price of articles which it excludes from importation, the increase should be patriotically borne for a time, because the increase of production and the free and fair competition of domestic industries for the domestic market will presently diversify industries and lessen prices. This is the great argument of a high protective policy, which is that it favors diversely diversified industries, and that diversified domestic industries are indispensable to a great nation. 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