

WEATHER FACTS.
Light showers, April 25. Slightly warmer, stationary temperatures.
SPRINGFIELD, O.,
April 26, 1887.

DOWN TO BUSINESS.

The G. A. R. Department Encampment at Work—The City in a Blaze of Handsome Decorations.



Work Accomplished This Evening—Officers of the Department—The Women's Relief Corps.

Yesterday was devoted to final preparations, but today (Wednesday) the twenty-first annual encampment of the G. A. R., department of Ohio, commenced in earnest. Last night's and this morning's trains brought large accessions to the ranks of the G. A. R. and Women's Relief Corps, and the streets are today filled with the blue-robed comrades. The hotels are crowded, and sleeping and eating room are in requisition.

Notwithstanding the unsettled condition of the weather, Springfield sent out a brilliant welcome in banner and flag to our gallant boys in blue. The streets are a blaze of decorations, flags are flying, banners waving, and the gleaming tricolor proudly sending out its triplex note of welcome on all sides.

The Arcade is department headquarters and the promenade presents a most animated spectacle. During the forenoon the "Cadet band" of the Grand Army, from the Arcade balcony, rendering a regular concert programme, which was much enjoyed by the vets. Thus, with flags and music, the city is in a blaze of welcome to its midst, the brave boys in blue.

About 400 delegates to the department encampment are present, and a large number of G. A. R. men are in attendance, who have come just out of love for such affairs. Among the prominent Grand Army men who have arrived in this city are: Gen. J. H. Seymour, treasurer-elect of Summit county; Judge O. Neal, State; Gen. H. A. Axline, adjutant general, O. N. G., Capt. Ed. Wilson, Asst. Adjutant General, and the following members of his staff are here: Adjutant General E. T. Fagart, Akron; Asst. Adjutant General J. W. T. Brown, Akron; Quartermaster General A. P. Baldwin, Akron; Inspector David P. Hunt, Elmira; Inspector Advocate Judge N. D. Tibbals, Akron; Chief of Camp Capt. S. D. McClelleny, Columbus.

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Comrades: I need not say to open the twenty-first session of our annual encampment. When the war of the rebellion closed, the Grand Army of the Republic was organized as a body of men, and for those who had risked their lives in their country's defense.

The organization is now in the twenty-first year of its national existence, and in the twenty-first year of its organization in our department. It has reached the age of manhood and we trust has arrived at the years of discretion, and while it has not yet attained the zenith of its power and influence, yet it has become strong enough to wield a state and national influence that has already done much towards bringing to the survivors of the late war a partial fulfillment of the promise made to them during the dark and trying hours from '61 to '65.

The architectural appearance of the buildings will suggest the solid strength of the Buckeye soldiers in the war of the rebellion. The material to be employed (limestone) will teach all future generations the undying loyalty of our people.

Under this head Col. Conger gave an interesting report of the last national encampment, held at San Francisco, the particulars of which are already fully known. He also pleasantly and graphically described the semi-annual encampment held in Portsmouth, Sept. 8, 1886. The report on the latter would up with the following statement: "The procession of the 9th was decidedly lengthy, both as to numbers and distance traveled, and the department commander takes this occasion to say that while the old comrades enjoy 'falling in' more and more 'touching elbows,' yet we believe the day for long marches for the comrades of the G. A. R. has gone by, and upon such occasions the march should be made short as possible to properly carry out the views of the procession."

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As shown in general order No. 7, and in accordance with previous custom, the state was divided into twelve districts, and each district assigned in charge of department officers, members of the council of administration and members of the department staff. Reports from these officers show that the work during the year has been of a most successful character, and that the order throughout the state is in prosperous condition.

It is proper, that as department commander, I should state that at several points in the state, women's relief societies have been organized, acting in conjunction with posts of the G. A. R., in which the loyal ladies are engaged in disseminating the charities and doing good assistance to the comrades upon all occasions. They are deserving the highest commendation for their patriotic labors.

Under this head Colonel Conger spoke of the strong ties which had been formed between himself and his staff and personally thanked the ladies and gentlemen who had assisted him in his duties. He also mentioned the names of several of the ladies who had assisted him in his duties.

Under this head Colonel Conger paid a glowing and handsome tribute to the W. E. C. auxiliary, stating that their work was progressing handsomely and that they were fully carrying out the charitable and noble purposes for which they were organized.

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After the reading of the commander's report which was greeted with thundering and prolonged applause, Past Commander R. B. Brown, chairman of the committee appointed to wait upon the ladies, arose and reported that the committee had performed its duty and he had the extreme pleasure to announce that he had been extended their earnest congratulations upon the good and efficient work done by the G. A. R. and the women's relief corps.

The council of administration, at its meeting in May last, appropriated the sum of \$300 as a special relief fund, to be placed at the disposal of the department commander, and to be used in cases of special emergency where the funds of the Relief Corps are exhausted. Of this sum \$140 has been expended in sums of from \$15 to \$25. Many applications for assistance have been received by the department commander, and the worthy sources and deserving comrades, but generally the amount required was so large as to place it beyond the power of the Relief Corps to afford the relief.

Under this head, Colonel Conger gave an interesting history of the founding of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan's Home in 1826. In 1826 the state of Ohio had 115 of these orphans and began to care for them, but were relieved of their care by the state in 1828. The home is directed by the state, and is under the influence of the state. The institution became entirely inadequate to the demand upon it. Accordingly an appeal was made to the legislature.

At the last session of the legislature provided further in their appropriations for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan's Home for the care of these children, and amended the "green bill" by increasing the levy for outside support from 1-10 to 3-10 of a mill, which will raise this year for the relief of the unfortunate comrades and their families about \$200,000.

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