

REST FOR VETERANS.

Annual Report of the Directors of the State Soldiers' Home.

The Cottage System and Everybody-Work Plan is Found Best.

Statistics Showing the Revenues and Expenses of the Home.

The Relief Fund and the Condition of the Veterans Housed.

The fourth annual report of the board of trustees of the Minnesota Soldiers' home, just out of press, will prove of interest to the general public and of special interest to the old soldiers and their friends.

The increase in the labor of administration during the year has necessitated the creation of the new positions of sergeant major and quartermaster's sergeant, which have been respectively filled by the details of the house, William H. Allen and E. H. Heller.

The annual inspection, under the auspices of the national board of managers of soldiers homes, was made in May, 1891, by Gen. W. W. Averell, U. S. A., retired, assistant inspector general. His scrutiny was thorough and exhaustive, and his verbal expressions of satisfaction with all he saw have no doubt found record in his official report.

The Financial Condition of the home, aside from the relief fund, is given:

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES, listing various financial items and their amounts.

Salaries of officers are: Commandant, \$1,000 per annum; surgeon, \$1,000; adjutant and quartermaster, \$750; chaplain, \$500; hospital steward, \$300; consulting surgeons, for actual services when called for consultation or examination, the members of the home detailed with pay are: Sergeant major, 1; quartermaster, 1; sergeant, 2; orderlies, 2; stablesman, 2; gardeners, 3; cook's helper, 1; tailor, 1; hostler, 1; hospital nurse, 1; water carrier, 1; assistant engineers, 2; shoemaker, 1; laundryman, 1; hospital clerk, 1; carpenter, 1; miscellaneous, 4. The pay averages about \$8 per month for each detailed man. The outside or "citizens" employes are: Engineer, 1; cooks, 3; hospital nurses, 3; handmaids, 1. The commandant's report to the board shows in detail the produce of the home garden and dairy. Estimated at market prices at the time of consumption, the food and products, including vegetables, milk, poultry, eggs and pork, amounted to \$1,631.25.

Of the 156 inmates, 52 are receiving pensions varying from \$3 to \$24 a month. Each pensioner is required to turn over all in excess of \$4, and during the fiscal year \$102.87 was realized from this source. There has been an increase of 18 during the year, and the changes in population were: Number of members Aug. 1, 1890, 128; Admitted during the year, 11; Deceased, 11; Total, 128.

A larger number of members than usual were encouraged to accept furloughs during the summer, and earn a livelihood. The average age of the members is 69.4, and their average term of army service is thirty-one months. The oldest is eighty and the youngest forty-five years.

In pursuance of the policy which requires this institution to conform as nearly as possible to the conditions of the "home," says the report, the inmates, as members of a family, are required to do their part.

In carrying on the household, in addition, this is a money-making concern suggested by the necessities, as well as the manifest proprieties of the case. All who are able to work do their share in the way or another.

The inmates of a cottage care for the cottage; those occupying a room care for their room; each man "makes up" his own bed. The "police work" of the house and grounds, the duties of table waiters, and all the diversified general labors of the home are done in detail, but services requiring special training or continuous employment, cannot be successfully secured by this process. Nurses for the sick, engineers and firemen for the heating plant, laundry helpers, carpenters, tailors, shoemakers, gardeners, stablesmen, cooks, etc., require a special skill. The necessities, and a steady routine of employment that cannot be obtained from daily details. Consequently, the details, when competent men can be found among the members, are made permanent during good behavior, and a small monthly allowance of extra pay is made in each case, by authority of the board of trustees. When no members can be found competent for the special duties demanded, outside or "citizen" experts are necessarily employed. The work is not, perhaps, in all cases, so efficiently done as it would be by able-bodied men whose wages depend on how much they do, and who are much more cheery, than it is still an economical investment. The home gives to all its members, without partiality or discrimination, every honest opportunity to earn their money. The sick and feeble ask for no more and are content; but the more vigorous crave some occupation—and it is human nature to expect pay for steady work. As a sanitary measure, without reference to the other features, experience has convinced the managers of all soldiers' homes, that it is wise to furnish employment at small wages, to as many as possible of the members who are able to work even a little. They are more healthy, more content, more amenable to discipline, and less open to temptation.

THE RELIEF FUND.

The state law provides for a six levy interest of one-tenth of a mill on each dollar, personal and real, to constitute a soldiers' relief fund. The disbursements from this fund since the organization of this board have been as follows:

Table showing disbursements for the fiscal year 1887-8, 1888-9, 1889-90, and 1890-1.

Up to the beginning of the fiscal year 1890-91, the total number of separate applications for relief which had been received and acted on was 1,394. Of these applicants 488 were actually receiving relief Aug. 1, 1890. The applicants for relief during the year have been of the following classes:

Table showing the number of applicants in various classes: Ex-soldiers, Soldiers widows, Soldiers dependent children, Guardians of soldiers' orphans.

FOR HABEAS CORPUS.

The Supreme Court lays down the Rule for an Application. Chief Justice Gillilan filed a decision yesterday in the matter of the petition of Joseph Doll. The syllabus is as follows:

Under the provisions of General Statutes of 1878, chapter 89, sections 23 and 24, a person applying for the writ of habeas corpus must show that he is restrained of his liberty, and if there be none in that county, then to the nearest and most accessible court or judge capable and willing to act, and he cannot pass over such near or accessible court or judge and go to any court or judge in the state that he may select either to a district court or judge thereof or to the supreme court or a judge thereof. The writ is denied.

The following rulings were disposed of by the supreme court yesterday: Merchants National Bank of Chicago, appellant, vs. Northwestern Manufacturing and Car Company, et al., defendants; George H. Gillilan et al., respondents. (First director's report.)

Merchants National Bank of Chicago, appellant, vs. Northwestern Manufacturing and Car Company, et al., defendants; George H. Gillilan et al., respondents. (Stockholder's suit.)

David C. Sturges, appellant, vs. Thomas Lowry, respondent. Submitted on briefs.

John H. Ladd, appellant, vs. James S. O'Brien, respondent. Order of circuit court, petition for reargument denied.

WAR OVER A WIRE.

Park Trees Must Not Be Used for Telephone Poles. The meeting of the park board last evening was of short duration, there being very little business to be transacted. The superintendent reported that the excavation of the upper lake at Como park was commenced on Dec. 7, and eighteen men and four teams were engaged in the work, which would be finished by the end of the month.

The flow of water in the artesian well had not diminished, and the superintendent asked for power to put a steam engine at work pumping up the water in place of the rotary pump used during the past month. The board gave the superintendent instructions to place the engine in use. The superintendent reported that the Northwestern Telephone company had attached a guy wire to a large tree in the park, corner of Summit and Portland avenues, and though he had requested it to be taken down, the company had refused to do so. The board instructed the superintendent to notify the company this morning to take down the wire before midnight, and if they refused to do so to cut it down.

A number of small accounts for supplies were audited and passed. The board, before adjourning, decided to drive today, at 2 in the afternoon, to Como park and inspect, with the city engineer and city architect, the sites for the proposed improvements of the lake and Como boulevard, ordered recently by the board under the legislation of 1883.

Turkeys, Geese and Chickens Today. La Grippe and Rheumatism. Radam's Microbe Killer, sure cure. Be sure and use Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for your Children while Teething, &c.

To Be Heard To-Day. The supreme court will today hear arguments to proceedings in the Kettle River Railroad Company and the Federal Investment Company, of Minneapolis. In 1888 the Kettle River road constructed a short piece of road in Pine county, but stopped the work after passing over certain lands. The people of Pine county have asked that the company show cause why its acquired rights should not be forfeited owing to the failure to extend the line.

In the other case it is sought to require the Federal Investment company show that it is carrying out the object of its organization or have its charter revoked.

St. Paul Choral Association! PEOPLE'S CHURCH, Tuesday, Dec. 22. HANDEL'S MESSIAH! Hear Fischer, the greatest of Oratorio Basso. Tickets on sale at Dyar's.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES VIA WISCONSIN CENTRAL LINES. Dec. 24th, 25th, 31st and Jan. 1st. THE Wisconsin Central Lines WILL SELL EXCURSION TICKETS To all points within distances of 200 miles, good to return up to and including Jan. 4, 1892. For tickets and information call upon or address C. E. STONE, Passenger and Ticket Agent, 162 East Third Street.

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