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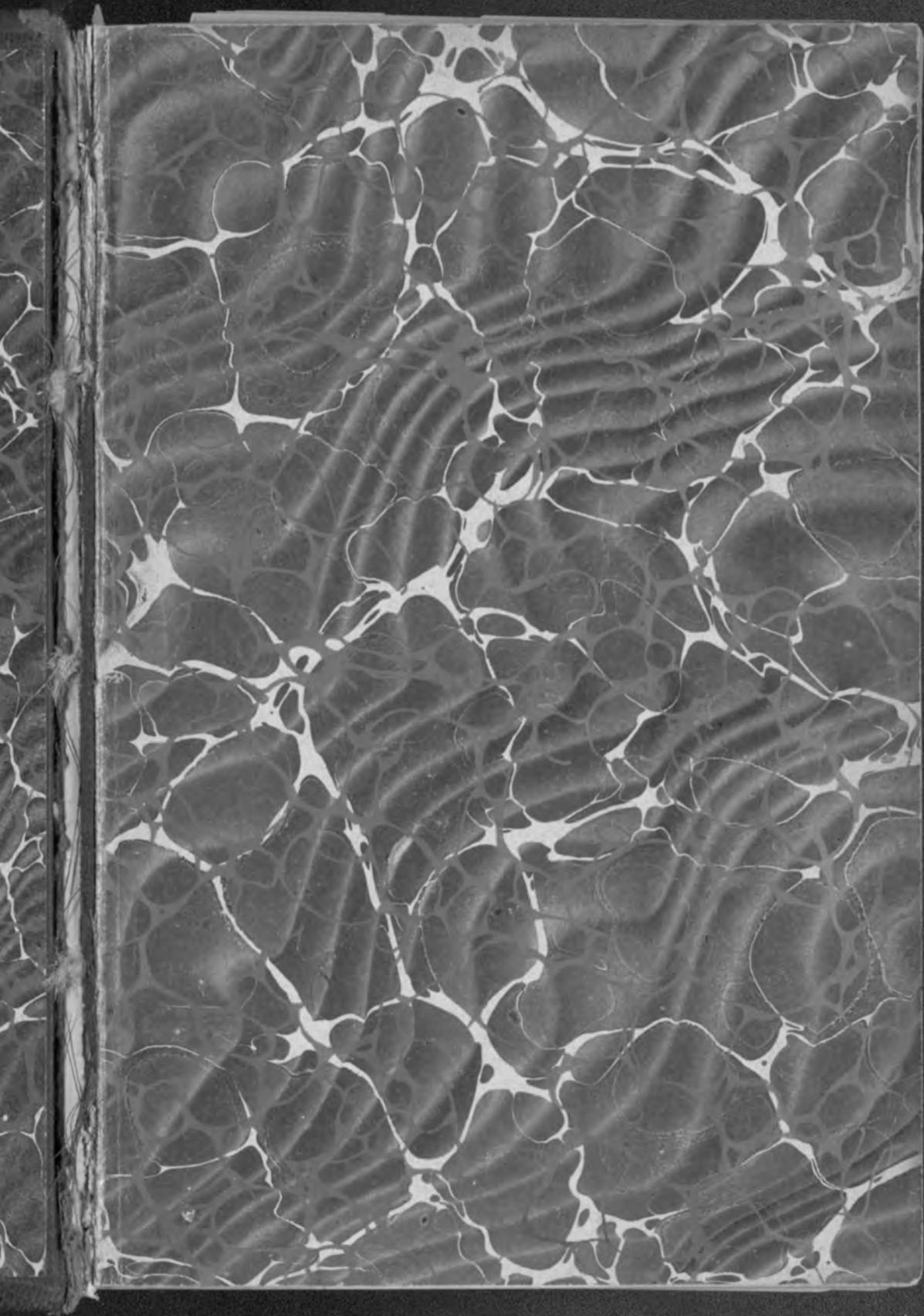
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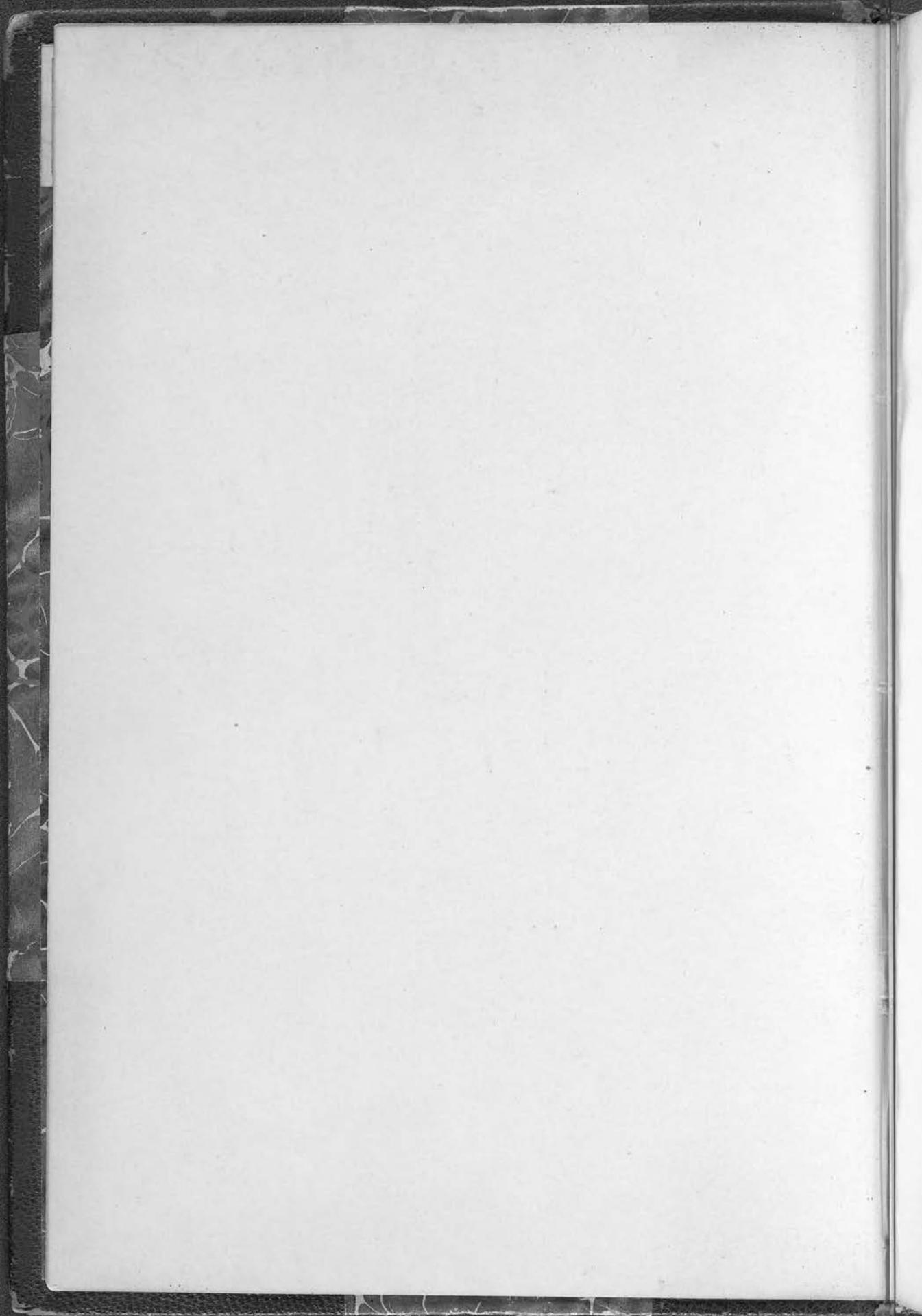


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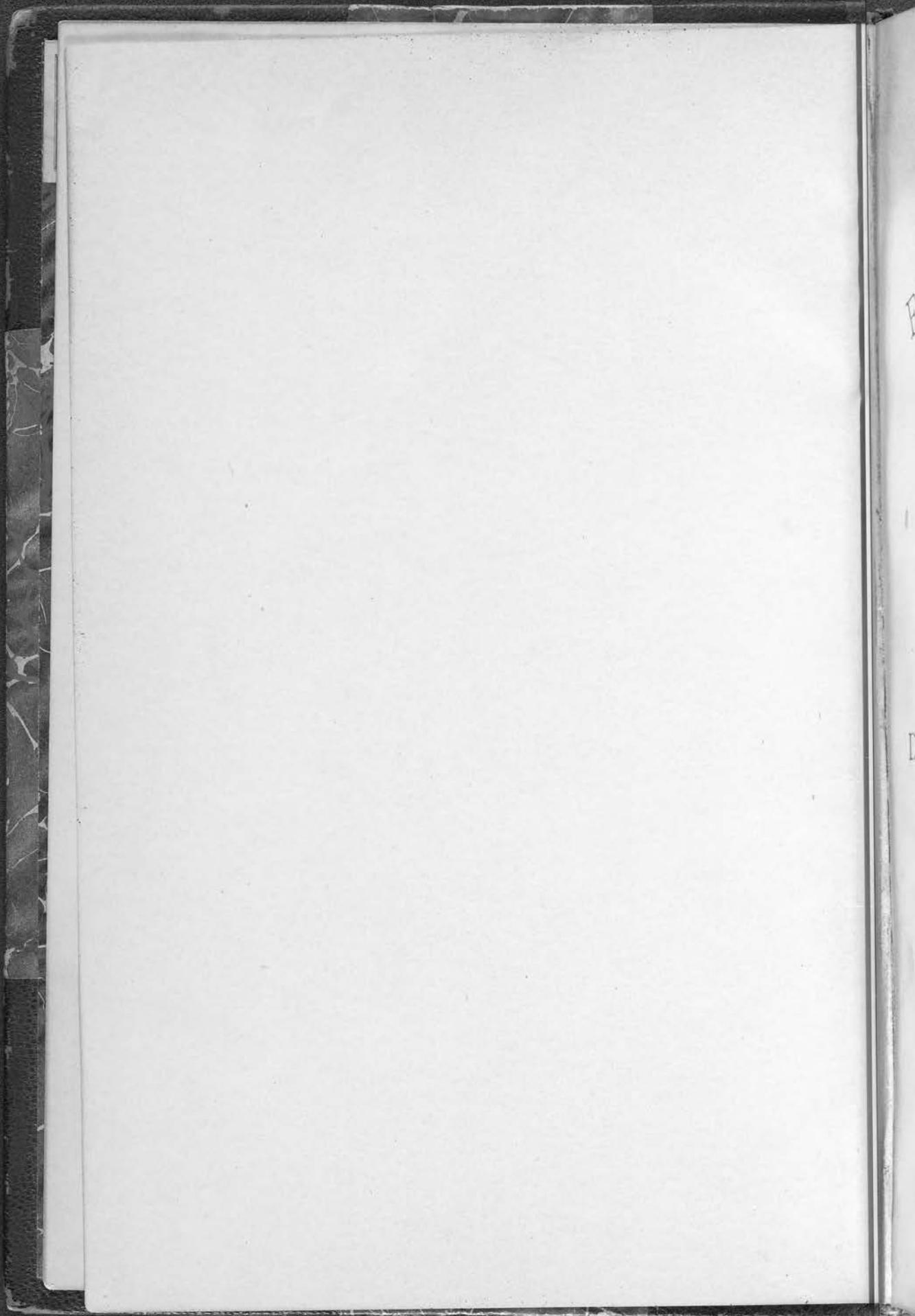
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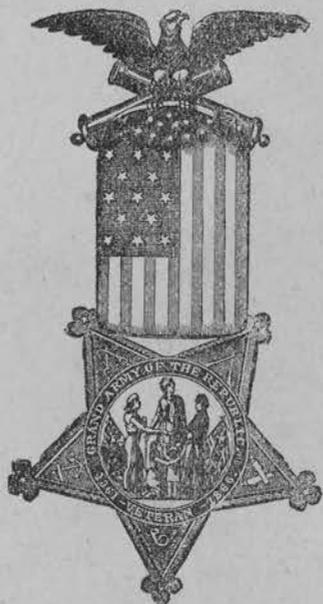


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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FIRST ANNUAL SESSION,
DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT,
GRAND ARMY REPUBLIC,
WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

OLYMPIA, W. T., June 20, 1883.

The Department Encampment met in the Good Templars' Hall at 2:30 p. m., and was called to order by the Provisional Department Commander, Geo. D. Hill.

The Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders being absent, Comrade Wm. McMicken, of Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5, Grand Army of the Republic, of Olympia, W. T., was appointed temporarily Senior Vice Department Commander and Comrade H. A. Bigelow, of Custer Post No. 6, G. A. R., of New Tacoma, W. T., Junior Vice Department Commander.

Prayer was offered by Department Chaplain, Comrade D. G. Le Sourd.

The following address was then delivered by Department Commander, Geo. D. Hill.

COMRADES OF THE GRAND ARMY:—

Less than three months ago it was the pleasure of the Commander-in-Chief to place in my hands the Commandership of the Provisional Department of Washington Territory. In accepting this, to me the highest honor and trust that could be conferred, I did so with many misgivings

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and I now resign into your hands that trust; that has been confided to my keeping, that it may be moulded by you into a full Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, at this our first Annual Encampment of Washington Territory.

The Grand Army of the Republic is comparatively in its infancy in this jurisdiction. Five years ago Stevens Post No. 1, was organized at Seattle, with a membership of but thirteen, the pioneer outpost of the Northwest, appropriately named in honor of General I. I. Stevens, the first Governor of Washington Territory, who fell at the battle of Chancellorville. At this time a Provisional Department was organized embracing within its limits all of Washington Territory, with Comrade F. W. Sparling as Commander, to whose energy and zeal in the work, we owe much of what we are to-day. Since that time six other Posts have been organized, making a total of seven and representing nearly every section of our Territory, as follows: Stevens, No. 1, Seattle; Ellworth, No. 2, Vancouver; Sully No. 3, Dayton; Lincoln No. 4, Walla Walla; Thomas No. 5, Olympia; Custer No. 6, New Tacoma and Kearney No. 7, Chehalis, with a total membership of nearly four hundred.

Comrades, much remains to be done, for as yet we have taken but the initial step. Let us go forward, remembering that "Eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty." Let us recruit all along the line, for no honorably discharged soldier can afford to remain outside the ranks of the Grand Army.

I have at this time but few recommendations to make. I would suggest that a per capita tax of not less than 25 cents be levied on the several Posts of the Department. This amount, at least I think, will be required to meet necessary expenses for the ensuing year. I would recommend that as far as possible the uniform adopted by the Grand Army be worn by members of the several Posts; it is neat and simple; is comparatively inexpensive, and can be easily procured. I would also call attention to the necessity of greater conformity in the work.

I desire to personally thank the members of my personal staff for the zealous, and intelligent discharge of their several duties, the details of which will be properly and circumstantially presented by them, and I trust will receive your approval.

And now, my Comrades, thanking you all for your kindness and courtesy, I consign to you the trust that has been confided to my keeping, and when next we meet in encampment assembled, may it be as a full fledged Department of the Grand Army, second to none in the sisterhood of states.

On roll call the following officers were found present :

Geo. D. Hill, Provisional Department Commander.
 A. Slorah, Assistant Adjutant General.
 J. R. Hayden, Assistant Quartermaster General.
 W. F. Prosser, Inspector.
 P. P. Carroll, Judge Advocate.
 H. C. Bostwick, Medical Director.
 D. G. LeSourd, Chaplain.

Absent—William Leslie, Mustering Officer.

The following committee on Credentials was appointed :

Assistant Quartermaster General J. R. Hayden.
 Assistant Adjutant General A. Slorah.
 Medical Director H. C. Bostwick.

Committee on Credentials made the following report of officers and delegates entitled to seats in this Encampment, viz:

Geo. D. Hill, Department Commander.
 A. Slorah, Assistant Adjutant General.
 J. R. Hayden, Assistant Quartermaster General.
 W. F. Prosser, Inspector.
 H. C. Bostwick, Medical Director.
 P. P. Carroll, Judge Advocate.
 William Leslie, Mustering Officer.
 D. G. LeSourd, Chaplain.

STEVENS POST, No. 1, G. A. R.—SEATTLE, W. T.

D. L. McCowan	Post Commander
A. M. Brooks	Delegate
A. G. Latimer	"
I. H. Griswold	"
L. M. Robbins	"
*G. W. Tibbetts	Past Post Commander
*W. H. White	" "
*Geo. W. Bullene	" "

ELLSWORTH POST, No. 2, G. A. R.—VANCOUVER, W. T.

*John D. Geoghegan Post Commander
 *Henry A. Morrow Delegate
 W. F. Bolton “
 *R. W. Downing Past Post Commander
 *T. C. Bell “ “
 *John W. Cochran “ “

ALFRED SULLY POST, No. 3, G. A. R.—DAYTON, W. T.

*H. H. Wolfe Post Commander
 *D. C. Guernsey Past Post Commander

ABRAHAM LINCOLN POST, No. 4, G. A. R.—WALLA
WALLA, W. T.

H. O. Simonds Post Commander
 John Pieper Delegate
 *Chas. M. Holton “
 *John H. Smith Past Post Commander
 *William Leslie “ “

GEO. H. THOMAS POST, No. 5, G. A. R.—OLYMPIA, W. T.

James R. Hayden Post Commander
 Wm. McMicken Delegate
 *T. I. McKinney Past Post Commander
 N. H. Owings “ “

CUSTER POST, No. 6, G. A. R.—NEW TACOMA, W. T.

*James Barlow Post Commander
 *J. W. Sprague Delegate
 *S. F. Sahm “
 H. A. Bigelow Past Post Commander

PHIL. KEARNEY POST, No. 7, G. A. R.—CHEHALIS, W. T.

*J. T. Berry Past Commander
 R. M. Berry Delegate
 *Thomas Dobson Past Post Commander

*Absent.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL, PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

SEATTLE, Washington Territory, June 19, 1883.

GEO. D. HILL, Department Commander—

Comrade:—In compliance with Rules and Regulations of G. A. R., I herewith submit my report for the year ending March 31, 1883:

Total number of representatives, entitled to seats in this encampment are as follows:

Post Department Commander	1
Department Officers.....	8
Post Commanders	7
Past Post Commanders	14
Delegates.....	13
Total	43

The Department is entitled to one (1) delegate to the National Encampment, which meets at Denver, Colorado, on July 24, 1883.

I have the honor to report that there are seven (7) Posts in this Department. Reports have been received from all for the first quarter of 1883, and show a membership of 312 Comrades, in good standing.

They report again by muster in	83
“ “ “ “ transfer	4
“ “ “ “ reinstatement	3
Total gain for the year past of.....	90
Against a loss by death.....	1
“ “ honorable discharge.....	2
“ “ transfer	6
“ “ dishonorable discharge.....	1
Total loss for year past of	10
Showing a net gain of.....	80

There has been expended for charity, \$37; relieving families of Comrades and others who are not Comrades.

The sale of Badges during the past two months is one of the evidences of the increase of interest among the members of our order in this Department. I congratulate the Department upon its prosperity in membership (being yet in its infancy) and hope to see a larger increase by its next annual Encampment.

In conclusion I beg to say that my thanks are due and are hereby extended to the Past Department Commander, F. W. Sparling and to our present Department Commander, Geo. D. Hill, for their uniform courtesy and kindness and to the Department officers, official staff and the officers and Comrades of the various Posts for their hearty and efficient co-operation. All of which is respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty.

A. SLORAH,

Assistant Adjutant General.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S,
OFFICE, PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT, GRAND ARMY RE-
PUBLIC.

OLYMPIA, W. T., June 20, 1883.

Sir:—I have the honor to report that returns have been received by me from the following Posts for the quarter ending March 31, 1883, and the per capita tax received and forwarded to the Quartermaster General, viz.:

Stevens Post No. 1, at Seattle—

Balance on hand previous report.....	\$34 32
Received muster, in fees, dues, etc.....	53 75
Total general fund.....	\$88 07

Incidental Expenses.....	\$48 50
Charity Expenses.....	4 55
Per capita tax on 95 Members at 1 cent.....	95
Balance on hand April 1, 1883.....	34 07

Total.....	\$88 07
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CHARITY FUND.

Balance on hand previous report.....	\$46 75
Expended during quarter.....	\$15 45
Balance on hand April 1.....	31 30
Total.....	\$46 75

Ellsworth Post No. 2, at Vancouver—

No returns made to me, but I am informed it was made to my predecessor.

Alfred Sully Post No. 3, at Dayton—

Balance cash on hand per previous return.....	\$65 00
Incidental expenses.....	\$42 58
Per capita tax $3\frac{1}{2}$ years on 26 members.....	2 60
Balance on hand April 1, 1883.....	19 82
Total.....	\$65 00

Abrabam Lincoln Post No. 4, at Walla Walla—

Balance per previous report.....	\$16 25
To muster in fees, etc.....	98 00
Incidental expenses.....	57 70
Per capita tax on 49 members.....	75
Balance on hand April 1.....	\$56 70

George H. Thomas Post No. 5, at Olympia—

Balance on hand per previous report.....	\$10 62
To muster in fees, etc.....	31 50
Total.....	\$42 12
Incidental expenses.....	\$17 76
Per capita tax on 19 members.....	1 14
Balance on hand April 1.....	23 22
Total.....	\$42 12

Custer Post No. 6, at New Tacoma—

Balance per previous report	\$20 80
Received muster in fees, etc.....	26 35
Total	\$47 15
Incidental expenses.....	\$15 75
Per capita on 40 members.....	96
Balance on hand April 1	30 44
Total	\$47 15

Phil. Kearney Post No. 7, at Chehalis—

Balance per previous report	\$2 75
Muster in fees, etc	6 75
Total.....	\$9 50
Per capita tax on 25 members.....	\$1 54
Balance on hand April 1	7 96
Total	\$9 50

Very respectfully your obedient servant

JAS. R. HAYDEN,
Assistant Quartermaster General.

A. SLORAH,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Verbal reports were made by Inspector Comrade W. F. Prosser, Medical Director H. C. Bostwick, and Judge Advocate P. P. Carroll.

The following committees were then appointed:

ON REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Comrade I. H. Griswold, Stevens No. 1.

“ N. F. Bolton, Ellsworth No. 2.

“ H. O. Simonds, Lincoln No. 4.

ON REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Comrade H. A. Bigelow, Custer No. 6.

“ N. H. Owings, Geo. H. Thomas No. 5.

“ W. H. Roberts, “ “

Committee on report of Assistant Adjutant General respectfully recommend that same be received and spread upon the records.

Committee on report of Assistant Quartermaster General: Your committee have examined the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General and find the same to be correct and recommend that it be spread upon the records.

On motion the report of committees be received and placed on file and committees discharged.

On motion it was ordered that when we adjourn it be till 8 o'clock, this P. M., when the first order of business will be the election of officers.

On motion a committee was appointed of one Comrade from each Post on recommendations to the Department Encampment, as follows.

Comrade I. H. Griswold, Stevens No. 1.

“ N. F. Bolton, Ellsworth No. 2.

“ J. Pieper, Lincoln No. 4.

“ N. H. Owings, Thomas No. 5.

“ H. C. Bostwick, Custer No. 6.

“ R. M. Berry, Kearney No. 7.

Said committee to report immediately after election of officers.

On motion it was ordered that the matter of Per Capita Tax be referred to committee with recommendation that the per capita tax be not less than 25 cents per annum.

On motion it was ordered that hereafter all resolutions brought before this Encampment be reduced to writing.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Encampment re-assembled at 8 o'clock P. M. in Good Templar Hall.

Pursuant to the general order of business the Encampment proceeded to the nomination and election of Department officers.

Comrade Geo. D. Hill was placed in nomination for Department Commander; there being no further nominations the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the ballot for Comrade Geo. D. Hill.

Comrade F. F. Adams, of Lincoln Post No. 4, of Walla

Walla, W. T., was placed in nomination for Senior Vice Department Commander; there being no further nomination the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the ballot for Comrade F. F. Adams.

For the office of Junior Vice Department Commander the following named Comrades were placed in nomination.

J. T. Newland, Phil. Kearney Post No. 7.

N. F. Bolton, Ellsworth Post No. 2.

J. R. Hayden, Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5.

The Encampment after balloting several times, resulting in no choice.

On motion it was then ordered that the Comrade receiving the lowest vote be declared dropped; the name of N. F. Bolton was accordingly dropped.

The Encampment again proceeded to ballot, which resulting in no choice, it was, on motion, ordered that nominations be again opened for Junior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade H. A. Bigelow, Custer Post No. 6, was placed in nomination.

The Encampment again proceeded to ballot, when Comrade Bigelow having received a majority of all votes cast was declared duly elected.

Comrade H. C. Bostwick, of Custer Post No. 6, New Tacoma, was placed in nomination for Medical Director; there being no further nominations the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the ballot for Comrade H. C. Bostwick.

Comrade D. G. LeSourd, of Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5 Olympia, W. T. was then placed in nomination for Chaplain; there being no further nominations the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the ballot for Comrade D. G. LeSourd.

The Encampment then proceeded to place in nomination Comrades as members of Council of Administration, five to be selected.

The following Comrades were then placed in nomination:

A. M. Brooks, Stevens No. 1.

John Pieper, Lincoln No. 4.

T. C. Bell, Ellsworth No. 2.

W. H. Roberts, Geo. H. Thomas No. 5.

J. T. Newland, Kearney No. 7.

D. C. Guernsey, Sully No. 3.

N. F. Bolton, Ellsworth No. 2.

The following named Comrades having received the highest number of votes were declared duly elected as members of the Council of Administration for the ensuing term.

A. M. Brooks, Seattle,

John Pieper, Walla Walla.

W. H. Roberts, Olympia.

J. T. Newland, Chehalis.

N. F. Bolton, Vancouver.

On motion the Encampment then proceeded to the nomination of one delegate to the National Encampment, to be held at Denver, Colorado, July 24, 1883.

Comrade J. R. Hayden, of Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5, Olympia, W. T., was placed in nomination. there being no other nominations the Assistant Adjutant General was on motion instructed to cast the ballot for Comrade J. R. Hayden.

Comrade W. B. Blackwell, of Custer Post No. 6, New Tacoma, was placed in nomination as alternate delegate to the National Encampment; there being no other nominations the Assistant Adjutant General on motion was instructed to cast the ballot for Comrade W. B. Blackwell.

The Encampment then proceeded to consider the report of committee on recommendations.

The committee recommended that the per capita tax be placed at 40 cents per annum, payable quarterly.

On motion the amount of per capita tax was placed at 60

cents per annum, in place of 40 cents, payable quarterly; motion carried.

The committee recommend that the uniform of the Comrades in this Department consist of a blue blouse with G. A. R. brass buttons and regulation cap with wreath of gilt with the letters, G. A. R., in the centre of the wreath and white patent leather belt with G. A. R. plate.

Report of committee adopted, substituting black for white.

The committee recommend that the next annual Encampment of this Department be held at Vancouver, W. T., whereupon on motion the Encampment proceeded to ballot on the place of holding said Encampment, Walla Walla and Vancouver being placed in nomination.

Vancouver, W. T., having received the majority of all votes cast, was declared the place of holding the next annual encampment.

On motion it was ordered that the third Wednesday of April, 1884, at 1 o'clock p. m., be fixed as the date for holding the next annual encampment of this department.

At this point the following communication was received from G. E. Caukin, Department Commander of Oregon, G. A. R.:

HEAD-QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF OREGON, GRAND ARMY
OF THE REPUBLIC.

PORTLAND, OREGON, June 19th, 1883.

GEN. GEO. D. HILL, Commander Department Washington Territory
G. A. R., Olympia, W. T.

Comrade:—Please allow me to convey to you, and through you to the Department of Washington Territory in encampment assembled, the good wishes and fraternal regards of the Department of Oregon. May your deliberations be harmonious and guided by hearts devoted to the welfare of our beloved order.

It is my desire and hope that the two Departments be brought into close intimacy, and work in harmony to promote the interests of the Grand Army in the extreme northwest.

Let us join together to perpetuate "One Country and One Flag," remembering that "Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Liberty."

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

G. E. CAUKIN,

Commander Department of Oregon.

To which the following telegram in reply was sent:

ENCAMPMENT OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY, GRAND ARMY
OF THE REPUBLIC.

OLYMPIA, June 20th, 1883.

To G. E. CAUKIN, Commander Department of Oregon, G. A. R., Portland.

Your sister of Washington, in department session, sends thanks for kind wishes and greets her Oregon sister in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

GEO. D. HILL,
Commander.

The Department Commander then announced the names of the following comrades as members of the Department Official Staff:

A. Slorah, Assistant Adjutant-General,
J. R. Hayden, Assistant Quartermaster-General,
W. G. Latimer, Inspector,
P. P. Carroll, Judge Advocate,
H. O. Simonds, Mustering Officer.

All officers present were then duly installed—Comrade Wm. McMicken, of Geo. H. Thomas, No. 5, G. A. R., Olympia, officiating as mustering officer.

The work of the Grand Army was, at the request of the Commander, fully exemplified by Inspector W. G. Latimer.

Comrade A. Slorah, A. A. G., then offered the following resolution:

That the thanks of this encampment be tendered to the Post Commander, Officers and Comrades of Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 5, G. A. R., Olympia, W. T., for courtesies extended.

Comrade H. C. Bostwick, Medical Director, offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Realizing the untiring diligence and faithful services of Assistant Adjutant-General, A. Slorah, in performance of his duties as assistant adjutant-general of this department. *Resolved*—That the thanks of this department be tendered to Assistant Adjutant-General Slorah for the efficient manner in which he has conducted the business of his office.

Comrade J. R. Hayden, Assistant Quartermaster-General, offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved—That the thanks of this encampment are due and are hereby tendered to the O. R. & N. Co., N. P. R. R. Co., and O. & C. N. R. Ro., for reduced rates of transportation.

Comrade W. F. Prosser, Stevens Post, No. 1, G. A. R., Seattle, W. T., offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved—That the Assistant Adjutant-General be instructed to procure the printing of 150 copies of the proceedings of this encampment, ten copies to be sent to each Post Commander for the use of his post; one copy to be sent to each Representative and Officer of this department, and fifty copies to be reserved for binding.

On motion the encampment adjourned *sine die*.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDERS OF PROVISIONAL
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

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HEAD-QUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
VANCOUVER, W. T., January 25th, 1883.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 36.

The following named comrades shall constitute the Council of Administration for the Provisional Department of the Grand Army of the Republic of Washington Territory, and shall be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Comrade Fred. W. Sparling, Department Commander,
Comrade George D. Hill, Senior vice Department Commander,
Comrade John H. Smith, Junior vice Department Commander,
Comrade A. Slorah, Assistant Adjutant-General.
Comrade John D. Geoghegan, Assistant Quartermaster-General,
Comrade N. H. Owings, A. D. C.,
Comrade Harry Bigelow, A. D. C.,
Comrade Thad. H. DePuy, A. D. C.,
Comrade H. D. Hunt, Acting Assistant Adjutant-General and A. D. C.,
Comrade Dr. John M. Kollock, Medical Director.

The members of the Council of Administration will meet in the city of Vancouver, on Wednesday, the 14th of February next, for the transaction of important business.

BY COMMAND OF

FRED. W. SPARLING,
Provisional Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

H. D. HUNT,
Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT, GRAND
ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, WASHINGTON TERRITORY,
SEATTLE, April 17, 1883.

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 1.

I. The Commander in Chief of Grand Army of the Republic, in General Orders No. 9, Par. 7, dated at Omaha, Nebraska, March 28th, 1883, having appointed me Provisional Department Commander for Washington Territory, vice F. W. Sparling, resigned, I hereby assume command of the Department.

II. Comrade A. Slorah, of Stevens Post No. 1, Grand Army of the Republic, Seattle, Washington Territory, has been appointed Assistant Adjutant-General. Additional appointments will be announced in future Orders.

III. Headquarters will be in Seattle, Washington Territory.

GEO. D. HILL,

Commander Provisional Department Washington Territory, Grand
Army of the Republic.

OFFICIAL,

A. SLORAH,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT, GRAND
ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, WASHINGTON TERRITORY,

SEATTLE, April 17, 1883.

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 2.

Comrade A. Slorah, of Stevens Post No. 1, Grand Army of the Republic, Seattle, W. T., is hereby appointed Assistant Adjutant-General, with headquarters at Seattle, W. T., and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

BY COMMAND,

GEO. D. HILL,
Provisional Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

A. SLORAH,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE
REPUBLIC, WASHINGTON TERRITORY,

SEATTLE, April 23, 1883.

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 3.

The following named Comrades are hereby announced as the official staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

James R. Hayden, Geo. H. Thomas, Post No. 5, Olympia, W. T., Assistant Quartermaster-General.

William F. Prosser, Stevens Post, No. 1, Seattle, W. T., Inspector.

William Leslie, Lincoln Post, No. 4, Walla Walla, W. T., Chief Mustering Officer.

P. P. Carroll, Geo. H. Thomas, Post No. 5, Olympia, W. T., Judge Advocate.

Geo. M. Erwin, Lincoln Post, No. 4, Walla Walla, W. T., Chaplain.

H. C. Bostwick, Custer Post, No. 6, New Tacoma, W. T., Medical Director.

ASSISTANT INSPECTORS.

W. G. Latimer, Stevens Post, No. 1,
H. D. Hunt, Ellsworth Post, No. 2,
D. C. Guernsey, Alfred Sully Post, No. 3,
F. F. Adams, Lincoln Post, No. 4,
N. H. Owings, Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 5,
H. A. Bigelow, Custer Post, No. 6,
James T. Berry, Phil. Kearney Post, No. 7.

AIDES-DE-CAMP.

John D. Geoghegan, Ellsworth Post, No. 2,
T. H. DuPuy, Alfred Sully Post, No. 3,
John H. Smith, Lincoln Post, No. 4,
A. E. Alden, Custer Post, No. 6.

BY COMMAND,

GEO. D. HILL,
Commander Provisional Department, Washington Territory, Grand
Army of the Republic.

OFFICIAL:

A. SLORAH,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE RE-
PUBLIC, WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

SEATTLE, April 30, 1883.

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 4. }

The Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic have designated May 30, annually as

MEMORIAL DAY,

and in accordance therewith the Post Commanders are directed to make preparations for the proper observance of the day.

This is a national act. This shows the thousands of widows and orphans of the land that their loved ones are not forgotten by their living comrades. We cannot visit and decorate the unknown graves of heroes who were buried on battlefield. We honor the graves of all, from the highest in rank to the humblest private. It is enough for the Grand Army of the Republic to know that they fell in defence of the Union.

It is suggested that all the ex-Union soldiers and sailors be invited to co-operate in a proper observance of the day which is sacred to the memory of those heroes "who died that the nation might live," are not forgotten. That when we are mustered out of the Grand Army below and into the Grand Army above, the good seed thus sown may bring forth its harvest and the generations coming after us may contribute with pleasure and pride the work of their hearts and hands in perpetuating the deeds of their patriotic ancestors.

Post Commanders will forward after Decoration Day to Comrade Geo. M. Irwin, chaplain of the Provincial Department of Washington Territory, G. A. R., Walla Walla, W. T., full reports of the observance of the day in their localities, that the same may be reported at the next meeting of the Encampment.

By command, GEO. D. HILL,
Commander Provisional Department, Washington Territory, Grand
Army of the Republic.

OFFICIAL:

A. SLORAH, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE RE-
PUBLIC, WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

SEATTLE, April 30, 1883.

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 5. }

I. To carry out the operations of a council of administration which assembled at Vancouver, W. T., February, 14th, 1883 pursuant to General Orders No. 36, dated Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic, Vancouver, W. T., January 25, 1883, it is hereby ordered that for the purpose of organizing the Department of Washington Territory, a department Encampment will assemble at Olympia, W. T., Wednesday, 20th day of June, 1883, at 1 o'clock P. M.

II. The Encampment shall consist of: The Department Commander, Past Department Commanders, Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders, Assistant Adjutant General, Assistant Quartermaster General, Department Inspector, Judge Advocate, Chief Mustering Officer, Medical Director and Chaplain.

All post commanders for the time being throughout the jurisdiction (for whom no proxy or substitute can act.)

Members elected by ballots by the several posts in the ratio of one for every twenty-five members in good standing, and of one additional member for a final fraction of more than half that number, with an equal number of alternates. Each Post, whatever its number, will be entitled to at least one delegate. They shall be furnished with credentials signed by the Post Commander and Adjutant, a copy of which shall be forwarded immediately after election, to the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department.

The number of representatives to which each Post is entitled shall be determined by the quarterly report last preceding the election.

III. It is expected that every Post in this department will be represented in this, our first Encampment, and to this end it is enjoined on the several Posts to provide each for the payment of the expenses of at least one delegate, and Post Commanders who desire a reduction on behalf of their representatives, will correspond with Comrade J. R. Hayden, Assistant Quartermaster General, Olympia, W. T., in relation thereto.

BY COMMAND,

GEO. D. HILL,

Commander Provisional Department, Washington Territory, Grand Army of the Republic.

OFFICIAL:

A. SLORAH, Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, WASHINGTON TERRITORY

SEATTLE, April, 30, 1883.

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 6. }

I. In Order that this Department may comply with orders from National Headquarters it will be necessary that all requisitions from Posts for supplies, be accompanied by P. O. Orders or Registered Money Letter for amount of same, be sent to Asst. Adjt. Gen'l at Seattle, W. T.

II. Post commanders' attention is called to the necessity of forwarding quarterly reports to these headquarters as promptly as possible. Reports should be made out on last regular meeting night of each quarter in March, June, September and December and should be done before Post closes.

III. All Department and Staff Officers, as well as officers of Posts, are requested to procure and wear proper rank badge as prescribed by rules and regulations.

IV. All orders emanating from National Department Headquarters are for the information of comrades of the G. A. R., and Post Commanders will have all such orders read at regular meetings of their Posts and placed on file.

V. Assistant Inspectors will receive instructions from Department Inspector, Comrade W. F. Prosser, Seattle, W. T.

VI. Assistant Inspectors will provide themselves with R. and R., and Manual at once, and make themselves familiar with the law, and be able to correct any errors in business in their respective Post.

VII. Post Commanders are requested to allow the Assistant Inspectors the use of the Ritual for their information.

VIII. Aids-de-Camp will be expected to perform promptly all duties assigned them.

IX. Every reasonable effort should be made by members of G. A. R. to prevent comrades from becoming suspended.

X. It is also requested that all Post Quartermaster Returns with the per capita tax, be sent to Assistant Adjutant General, Seattle, W. T.

BY COMMAND.

GEO. D. HILL,

Commander Provisional Department, Washington Territory, Grand Army of the Republic.

OFFICIAL:

A. SLORAH, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE RE-
PUBLIC, WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

SEATTLE, May 3, 1883.

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 7. }

The Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade Paul Vandervoort, is about to visit this Territory, official information having been received by a telegram dated San Francisco, May 2, 1883, that he would arrive in Seattle, May 10, 1883.

As it is probable that during his stay the Commander-in-Chief may visit the several Posts of this Department, the attention of Post Commanders is called to the desirability of receiving him in a manner becoming his rank and station.

BY COMMAND.

GEO. D. HILL,

Commander Provisional Department, Washington Territory, Grand Army of the Republic.

OFFICIAL:

A. SLORAH, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE RE-
PUBLIC, WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

SEATTLE, June 9, 1883.

CIRCULAR.

All Past Post Commanders in good standing are entitled to seats in the Department Encampment.

BY COMMAND,

GEO. D. HILL,

Commander Provincial Department, Washington Territory, Grand Army of the Republic.

OFFICIAL:

A. SLORAH, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE RE-
PUBLIC, WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

SEATTLE, June 19, 1883.

SPECIAL ORDER }
No. 1. }

Comrade D. G. LeSourd of Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5, G. A. R., Olympia, W. T., is hereby appointed Chaplain of this Department, vice G. M. Irwin, resigned, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

BY COMMAND,

GEO. D. HILL,

Commander Provisional Department, Washington Territory, Grand Army of the Republic.

OFFICIAL:

A. SLORAH, Assistant Adjutant General.