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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY,

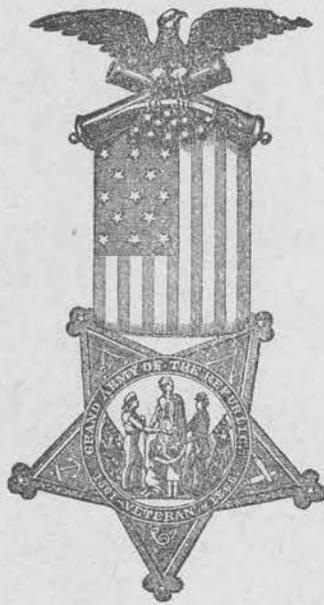
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GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

HELD AT VANCOUVER, APRIL 15TH AND 16TH, 1885.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Vancouver, April 15th, 1885.

Pursuant to General Order No. 5, the Council of Administration met in the hall of Ellsworth Post No. 2, at 10 A. M.

Present, Senior Vice Department Commander, Comrade John H. Smith, Commanding Department. Comrades A. O. Marsh, W. A. Roberts and T. F. Mahan. Absent, Comrades E. O. Ruger, J. S. Brown.

The records and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General were audited and approved.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment met at one o'clock, Senior Vice Department Commander John H. Smith in the chair.

Past Post Commander Geo. W. Tibbetts, of Stevens Post, was called to the chair of the Senior Vice Department Commander.

MINNESOTA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The following department officers were present and in their places :

Junior V. D. C., C. H. Stone.

Chaplain, N. H. Bolton.

A. A. G., Thos. C. Bell.

A. Q. M. G., James Conner.

C. M. O., Fred T. Taylor.

Inspector, W. G. Latimer.

Judge Advocate, A. O. Marsh.

Council of Administration, A. O. Marsh, W. H. Roberts, T. F. Mahan.

Past Department Commander Geo. D. Hill was invited to sit with Commander Smith.

Comrade Fred T. Taylor was detailed as officer of the day, and Comrade John Powers as officer of the guard, and sentinels were posted.

Comrade Smith explained the reasons which made it necessary for him to preside over the deliberations of the Encampment—the unavoidable absence of the Department Commander, Henry A. Morrow—and expressed regret at the absence of one whom all delight to honor.

The following communication was read.

HEAD-QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF OREGON,
PORTLAND, OREGON, April 2, 1885.

MAJOR T. C. BELL,
Assistant Adjutant General,
Vancouver.

COMRADE :

Feeling a desire to exchange fraternal greetings with our comrades of Washington Territory, the posts in this vicinity have united to hold a camp-fire on Thursday night, 16th inst., at Grand Army Hall, 105 First street, this city, and desire, through me, to extend a most cordial invitation to the officers and members of the Department Encampment of Washington Territory, and to all comrades in good standing, to be present upon that occasion.

It affords me great pleasure to be the medium through which this invitation is tendered and I can assure the comrades who may honor us by accepting, that their presence will give us sincere pleasure, and that they may feel assured of a hearty welcome.

Fraternally Yours,

F. H. LAMB,

Department Commander.

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On motion the invitation was unanimously accepted and the Assistant Adjutant General was intrusted to telegraph Comrade Lamb notice of such acceptance.

Comrade Hill offered the following :

Department of Washington Territory in Encampment assembled.
Vancouver, W. T., April 15th, 1885.

TO GENERAL U. S. GRANT,
New York City :

We deeply sympathize with you in your affliction. May the clouds roll by and may you long be spared to receive the gratitude of a grateful nation, and the esteem and affection of all old soldiers.

Resolved, that the Assistant Adjutant General be directed to telegraph the above to General Grant immediately.

Adopted unanimously.

The following comrades were appointed a Committee on Credentials : Richard Osborn, Stevens Post ; W. O. Robb, Custer Post ; W. C. Ellsworth, Abraham Lincoln Post.

A recess of one hour was taken to enable them to prepare their report.

After the recess and call to order the Committee submitted the following list of comrades entitled to seats in the Encampment—the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to call the names on the list, and to mark with a star the officers and delegates present :

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Commander, Henry A Morrow, Post No. 2.
Senior V. D. C., John H Smith, Post No 4.*
Junior V. D. C., C. H. Stone, Post No. 6.*
Medical Director, T. T. Minor, Post No. 1.
Chaplain, N. F. Bolton, Post No. 2.*
Asst. Adjt. Genl., Thos. C. Bell, Post No. 2.*
Inspector, W. G. Latimer, Post No. 1.*
Judge Advocate, A. O. Marsh, Post No. 2.*
Chief Mustering Officer, Fred T. Taylor, Post No. 6.*
A. Q. M. Genl., James Conner, Post No. 2.*

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

A. O. Marsh, Post No. 2.*
 J. S. Brown, Post No. 8.
 W. H. Roberts, Post No. 5.*
 T. F. Mahan, Post No. 12.*
 E. O. Ruger, Post No. 10.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Geo. D. Hill, Post No 1.*

REPRESENTATIVES.

Stevens Post No 1., Seattle.

Post Commander, A. M. Brookes.*

REPRESENTATIVES.

G. N. Alexander,	H. F. Phillips,
A. P. Spaulding,	G. G. Lyon,
R. Osborn,*	W. E. Wilson.*
J. M. Kollock,	

ALTERNATES.

J. R. Kinear,*	Frank Seidel,*
Edwin Herrick,	A. J. Beach,
Geo. Delfel,*	H. Sheahan.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

A. Slorah,	Geo. D. Hill,*
G. W. Ballene	W. H. White,
G. W. Tibbetts,*	D. C. McCowan.
I. H. Griswold,	

Ellsworth Post No. 2, Vancouver.

Post Commander, D. B. Baker.*

REPRESENTATIVES.

C. F. West,*	James Conner.*
J. A. Snodgrass,*	

ALTERNATES.

John B. Mack,* John Powers.*
Augustus Wagoner,*

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

Robert Downing,* John D. Geoghegan.*
R. W. Davis,*

Sully Post No. 3, Dayton.

Post Commander, J. T. Burns.

REPRESENTATIVES.

A. T. Pintler.

ALTERNATES.

H. H. Wolf.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

H. H. Wolf, D. C. Guernsey.
J. H. Holman,

Abraham Lincoln Post No. 4, Walla Walla.

Post Commander, T. R. Tannatt.*

REPRESENTATIVES.

W. C. Ellsworth,* Robert Crane.*

ALTERNATES.

J. P. Howe, Alfred Nouck.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

John H. Smith,* William Leslie,
H. O. Simonds.*

George H. Thomas Post No. 5, Olympia.

Post Commander, A. D. Rogers.

REPRESENTATIVE.

Wm. McMicken.

ALTERNATE.

J. W. Bonner.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

T. I. McKenney,	N. H. Owings,
J. R. Hayden,	Wm. McMicken.
W. H. Roberts, C. of A.,*	

Custer Post No. 6, Tacoma.

Post Commander, Fred T. Taylor.*

REPRESENTATIVES.

G. F. Davis,	L. D. Rogers.
F. W. Bachford,	W. O. Robb,*
S. Rhodes,*	W. Lounsberry.

ALTERNATES.

Matthew Steward,	A. M. Chesney,
B. W. Garlough,	E. R. Marcum.*

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

Job Carr,	H. A. Bigelow,
James Barlow,*	Wm. Hipkins.
S. F. Sahn,	

Phil. Kearney Post No. 7, Toledo.

Post Commander, E. P. McClure.

REPRESENTATIVES.

T. B. Mitchell,*	L. P. Johnson.*
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ALTERNATES.

J. T. Berry,	Frank Willoughby.
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PAST POST COMMANDERS.

T. B. Mitchell,*

Sedgwick Post No. 8, Spokane Falls.

Post Commander, A. P. Curry.

REPRESENTATIVE.

L. D. Pangborn.

ALTERNATE.

L. H. Prather.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

E. J. Webster, R. W. Forrest.

Meade Post No. 9, Yakima.

Post Commander, J. T. Kingsbury.

REPRESENTATIVE.

J. O. Clark.

ALTERNATE.

R. Dunn.

PAST POST COMMANDER.

C. M. Holton.*

Morton Post No. 10, Snohomish.

Post Commander, H. G. York.

REPRESENTATIVE.

George D. Smith.

ALTERNATE.

H. W. Light.

James Parsons Post No. 11, Ellensburg.

Post Commander, J. L. Brown.

REPRESENTATIVE.

John A. Shoudy.

ALTERNATE.

E. H. Love.

McPherson Post No 12, Kalama.

Post Commander, Joseph Smith.

REPRESENTATIVE.

S. H. Stewart.

ALTERNATES.

E. Wingard,* T. F. Mahan, C. of A.*

Garfield Post No. 13, Montesano.

Post Commander, A. K. Bush.

REPRESENTATIVE.

Wm. Peel.*

ALTERNATE.

J. P. West.

PAST POST COMMANDER.

Wm. Peel.*

John H. Henslee Post No. 16, La Center.

Post Commander, John K. Gaither.*

REPRESENTATIVE.

A. Q. Church.*

ALTERNATE.

J. K. Gaither.*

L. C. Ladd Post No. 17, Puyallup.

Post Commander, W. A. Harris.

REPRESENTATIVE.

A. S. Farquharson.

ALTERNATE.

Hiram Daggett.

PAST POST COMMANDER.

A. S. Farquharson.

Larrabee Post No. 18, La Conner.

Post Commander, Joseph Dwelley.

Nathan Lyon Post No. 19, Colfax.

Post Commander, Wm. A. Inman.

REPRESENTATIVE.

F. W. Hanna.

PAST POST COMMANDER.

G. A. Miller.*

Baker Post No. 20, Goldendale.

Post Commander, John Keats.

REPRESENTATIVE.

Sol. Smith.

ALTERNATE.

W. R. Dunbar.

Thomas Drury Post No. 21, Fort Spokane.

Post Commander, Wm. L. Boyd.

REPRESENTATIVE.

M. C. Blaine.

ALTERNATE.

David Elsner.

PAST POST COMMANDER.

H. C. Merriam.

The address of Henry A. Morrow, Department Commander, was then read by comrade A. O. Marsh.

FORT SIDNEY, Neb., April 10, 1885.

Comrades of the Grand Army of Washington Territory:—Custom has prescribed that the Department Commander, at the opening of the annual encampment, shall deliver a formal communication with such recommendations for the good of the order as he may deem proper. This duty I had hoped and intended to perform in person, but circumstances beyond my control compel me to communicate with you through a comrade. When I was elected Department Commander, in April of last year, I fully expected to remain within the limits of the department during my term of office, but the June following the requirements of my profession transferred me to the State of Nebraska. This transfer to a station beyond the limits of my department did not, under the rules and regulations of the order, vacate the office of Department Commander, and after consultation with comrades I determined to continue in the position. Circumstances might be imagined where this would be attended with some inconvenience, if not disadvantage, but in this day of telegraphic and rapid mail communication, it would hardly seem possible that the absence of the Department Commander from the immediate geographical limits of his department, could be attended with any serious impediment to the proper transaction of business. In the present instance it was not attended with any, even the slightest inconvenience. This was owing largely to the fact that the office of Assistant Adjutant General was filled by a gentleman of great intelligence and varied accomplishments, with large experience, not only in Grand

Army affairs, but in the service with troops in actual war. Major Bell has been faithful in the performance of the duties of his office, courteous and kind in his intercourse with comrades, and most zealous and enthusiastic in the discharge of every obligation pertaining to a member of the Grand Army. I believe no complaint has come from any quarter of the manner in which Comrade Bell has performed the duties of Assistant Adjutant General. I think this is equally true of all the other gentlemen of the general and personal staff, but I have emphasized the case of the Adjutant General because it has seemed to me to be deserving of special commendation on account of the extent of his work and the very able manner in which he has performed it.

I deem this a proper occasion to say that I believe it would be a wise measure, and in the interest of reform, to make the Assistant Adjutant General a permanent officer, removable for cause only, and attach to the position a remuneration sufficient to compensate for the labor to be performed.

The office of Department Commander being one of much honor and distinction, it is highly improbable that it will be conferred on the same person more than once. However intelligent and energetic may be the Department Commander, on the Adjutant General will almost necessarily devolve the greater share of the labor and responsibility of making and preserving records, and keeping alive the customs and traditions of the order. Where the officer is changed annually there will be more or less want of care and accuracy in preserving records and documents of value. In short the records will be imperfectly kept and carelessly preserved where the officer is constantly changed and the office a migratory one. Indeed, the labors of this office are so great and so multifarious that few men will be found who have qualifications or adaptability for filling it. I am aware that to change the tenure of office of the Adjutant General will require an amendment to the rules and regulations. It is left to the wisdom of the Encampment to take such action as it may think the subject entitled to. In relation to compensation for the services of the Adjutant General, the matter is wholly in the discretion of each Department acting through its Encampment, and I submit this question without further remark than this, that no man ought to be asked to perform, without compensation, duties which require time and labor. In the departments of the several states the office is, I believe, without exception a salaried one. At present the membership of the Department of Washington Territory is about 900. Within two years it will be very nearly 2000, and the number of posts may be forty or more. To maintain a correspondence with so many organizations will entail a labor which will keep one person busy many hours in each day. The question of compensation will then force itself on the attention of the Department. I think it would be well to meet it now by fixing a salary, however small, to the office.

The Quartermaster General, Major J. R. Hayden; the Judge Advocate of the Department, Major A. O. Marsh; the Inspector, W. G. Latimer; and the Mustering Officer, Fred T. Taylor, have, as might be expected from their intelligence and their devotion to the Grand Army, performed the duties of their positions with fidelity and are entitled to favorable commendation.

The reports of these officers and that of the Adjutant General will be submitted to the Encampment, and I ask that they may be thoroughly examined.

Another subject to which I invite the attention of the Encampment is the propriety of inaugurating an annual reunion of the soldiers and sailors of Washington Territory. In the states east of us the annual reunions are occasions of great ceremony, and have been attended with pleasure and profit to comrades. In Kansas and Nebraska the number of old soldiers attending these reunions has, in some instances been as great as 60,000. Although under the auspices of the Grand Army, the attendance on these occasions is by no means confined to members of that organization, all ex-soldiers and sailors are welcome, and many, who for reasons satisfactory to themselves will not unite with the Grand Army, find great pleasure in attending the reunions. Beyond doubt the inauguration of annual reunions will be attended with some discouragements, but if persevered in they will eventually become a success. It might be well for Oregon and Washington Territory to unite in this.

The question as to the place where the National Encampment for 1886 is to be held is one which is already engaging the attention of comrades throughout the country, and must be determined by the Encampment which assembles at Portland, Maine, in June next. The subject is one of considerable interest to the Grand Army of Washington Territory. Heretofore the National Encampments have been held at points so remote from our Department that we have never been fully represented in them. Where a National Encampment is held in a city east of Omaha it amounts to a virtual prohibition of representation from Oregon and Washington. It may not be known to all the members of this Encampment that the State of California has appropriated the sum of \$25,000 to defray the expenses of hall, reception, etc., in case the Encampment of 1886 shall be held in San Francisco. That city is almost at our very door; the expense attending a visit to that locality would be so small that not only would the departments of Oregon and Washington be fully represented by delegates, but thousands of our comrades would avail themselves of the opportunity and privilege of seeing a vast assemblage of ex-soldiers from almost every part of the Union. No National Encampment has ever been held on the Pacific Coast, and I submit to the consideration of the Encampment whether it would not be advisable to pass a resolution in favor of holding the National Encampment of 1886 at San Francisco, and instructing delegates to Portland to use all honorable means to bring this about.

There is a subject which lies very near to the hearts of thousands of old comrades to which I wish to invite your earnest consideration. It is this: Shall the Grand Army of the Republic die with the present generation? For myself I wish to utter an earnest protest against this. The purposes of the Grand Army are all elevating and ennobling. It had its birth in the patriotic fervor which followed a great civil war, and it is composed of men who fought in that war for the preservation of the United States. What is the government for which they fought? It is a free government. The only absolutely free republican government in the world. The blessings conferred on the American people and on mankind by this government have

been so many, and are so valuable, that to enumerate them would be to write a volume. This is unnecessary before an assemblage of Americans, and especially an assemblage of members of the Grand Army, who gave so many of the best years of their lives to the service of this Government.

The Grand Army was not organized in the interest of any man or set of men, or of any party, or as a menace to any section of the Republic. Its foundations are all laid in a patriotic love of country and in the sweetest and tenderest charities of life. To foster and cherish kind and brotherly feelings between comrades; to give succor and aid to companions in affliction and distress; to assist the widows and orphans of brethren who have already folded up their tents and answered to their last roll-call—these are the duties and charities enjoined by our constitution and regulations. To stand firmly by the government established by our fathers; to discountenance disloyalty to our free institutions; to advocate the spread of human liberty; to maintain equal rights before the law to all men, and to demand exact and equal justice to all citizens of the United States—these are the principles in which we have laid our foundations and upon which we have builded our edifice. Shall an organization like this, without one selfish or one mercenary object or purpose in its constitution, and incapable of being directed to or used for selfish or unpatriotic purposes, and all of whose principles and charities are such as to make noble men and noble women in society, be permitted to die with the men who founded it, and whose patriotic and heroic services made its establishment possible? I for one say No.

The Grand Army of the Republic ought to be perpetuated "To the last syllable of recorded time," or so long as men love liberty and free government, or so long as men prize the memory of noble deeds, or so long as a descendant of a Grand Army man survives to take pride in the heroic services of his ancestor. The richest legacy which one generation can bequeath to another is a record of noble deeds, and the best inheritance a nation can receive is a brilliant antiquity. To permit the Grand Army of the Republic to die would be to despoil the American Nation of its most precious memory. Let us keep covenant with our heroic dead. Let us keep burning in our hearts the fire of affection and reverence for them, even as the children of Israel kept in perpetual flame the fire on their sacred altar. The perpetuation of the Grand Army of the Republic is one means, and a most efficacious means of doing this. A people who are unbelievers in disinterested heroism, and who drag down to the level of a common mediocrity the most heroic actions, will not preserve if they possess it, and will certainly not win for themselves an exalted place among nations.

We are not without light and precedent to guide us in the case we are now considering. At the close of the Revolutionary war in 1783, the "Order of the Cincinnati" was founded by the officers of the Revolutionary army, for the purpose, among other things, of perpetuating their friendship. In this order membership was made hereditary, and the descendants, now in the third generation from the men who founded the organization, still keep the order alive, and make it their proudest boast that they are descended from men who fought in the war for Independence.

George Washington was the first commander of the Cincinnati. When time has lent its mellowing influence, the memories of the great Civil struggle, with its patriotic deeds of sacrifice and valor, will be cherished even more than they are to-day, and our descendants will then take pride in keeping alive the Grand Army of the Republic, which is the embodiment in visible and palpable form of the patriotism of this generation of Americans.

The Loyal Legion of the United States is another organization in which membership is hereditary, composed of commissioned officers in the late war. It seems that the Grand Army of the Republic alone is doomed to die with the men who founded it. I repeat, this should not be permitted. At our last Encampment Comrade Marsh of Ellsworth Post proposed a resolution which was supported by him in a speech of great eloquence and pathos, to the effect that delegates from the Department of Washington Territory to the National Encampment of 1884 be instructed to use their best efforts to secure such an amendment to the constitution as shall make the oldest sons of all soldiers, living or dead, who are, or who would be living, eligible to membership herein, and the oldest sons of oldest sons, so as to secure the perpetuity of this order. For some reason a copy of this resolution was not brought to the notice of the Encampment at St. Paul.

I earnestly recommend that this or a resolution of similar import be passed again, and that a copy be forwarded at once to the Adjutant General of the order at Toledo, Ohio, so that it may be laid before the National Encampment which meets at Portland, Maine, in June next.

It is possible the objection may be urged against the perpetuation of the Grand Army, that it will keep alive the memories of a fratricidal struggle which it should be the desire of every patriot to have forgotten. In this view I do not at all concur. The war of "Secession" is one of those great facts in history, the memory of which can never die. It can no more be obliterated from the memory of mankind than the light of the sun can be shut out from the earth. Whatever it was, whether for good or for evil, it must stand an everlasting landmark in human history.

But the perpetuation of the Grand Army can have no evil effect on posterity. It was not founded in personal malice or in bitterness of feeling, in sectional pride, or party hate, and if perpetuated will carry to our children, and our children's children, to the latest posterity, nothing except the memory of great services rendered, and great sacrifices made in behalf of liberty and free government. I say without fear of successful contradiction, that there are no men in America who are more anxious than are the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, that every vestige of bitterness engendered by the glow of civil strife, shall be utterly and entirely obliterated; and there are no men who will more cheerfully second every effort, wheresoever and by whomsoever made, which has for its object the knitting together in closer bonds of affection the people, as individuals and as political communities, of every section of this broad, free Republic.

I have so recently presented to the comrades of this Department my views of the purposes and objects of the Grand Army, and of the means proper to be taken to bring a knowledge of these objects and

purposes to all ex-soldiers and sailors within the limits of Washington Territory, that to dwell at length on this subject at this time would be to perform work of supererogation. In my opinion there is but one thing we have to fear, and that is the supposition on the part of many that the Grand Army is in some way connected, directly or indirectly, with partisan politics. Nothing could be wider of the truth than such a supposition. Our membership embraces nearly half a million voters. If the Grand Army could be induced to act as a unit there is not a state or territory north of the latitude of Cincinnati in which they do not hold the "balance of power," in which its voters could not determine every election. In politics, as in religion, it is divided—but a unit in love and devotion to the American Union, and a unit in nothing else. On the subject of the Union, one and indivisible, the Grand Army may be counted upon as acting and voting as one man; in everything else it may be counted upon as acting and voting as individual views and preferences dictate. The principles of the organization are as broad and deep as the country that was saved by the valor of its members. No section of the nation is beyond the scope of our sympathy. Our patriotism embraces every foot of soil over which floats the flag of the Republic. We fought to preserve the unity of the nation, and when that was achieved we laid down our arms more cheerfully than we had taken them up, and now, twenty years after the sound of the last hostile gun rolled away over field of Appomattox, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, we can say in heart and in truth, that as we have one hope, one faith, one constitution, we desire but one destiny for the American people.

And now, comrades, as a last recommendation, I invite your attention to the sad physical condition of the great hero who led our armies so often to victory. General Grant is passing from among us. The well-springs of his life are slowly drying up. He who did so much for his country is beyond aid from any human power. It will cheer the gloom of his sick chamber to know that he has the love and sympathy of his comrades of the Grand Army in this far-off section of the country. I recommend that you express by resolution the feelings of the members of the Grand Army of Washington Territory on the affliction of General Grant, which must be viewed as a matter of national interest, and that a copy of such resolution be forwarded at once to the grand old hero.

Comrades, this is the last time I shall have the honor and pleasure of addressing you as Department Commander. The honor of being your Department Commander is one which is highly appreciated. During my term of office the membership of the organization has increased from about 450 to nearly 900, and our posts from eleven to twenty-one. As already stated in this communication, within the next two years our membership may be 2000, and the number of our posts near half a hundred. To accomplish this we must keep the standard of our order full high advanced. All the duties enjoined by the rules and regulations must be promptly and faithfully performed. Memorial day must be made a sacred day with us. A day when by speeches, processions, decorations, display of flags, songs and music, honor shall be done the men who died that our nation might live! There should be frequent social gatherings in our halls, frequent interchange of courtesies between posts, friendly visits

between comrades, and, more important than all else, the obsequies of our dead should be performed in the most honorable and impressive manner. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works," thereby increasing the respect of our countrymen for this noble order, which embodies so much of the patriotism of the nation, and which ought to be dear to every American heart.

The watchwords of the Grand Army are Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Fraternity with comrades who stood shoulder to shoulder with us in the iron hail of battle, or breathed with us the pestilence that walketh in darkness. Charity, which is love, for those, whether comrades or of the household of comrades, who need our assistance and support. Loyalty, which is devotion to the Constitution of the United States. In the full import and meaning of these words, I subscribe myself your comrade,
HENRY A. MORROW,
Department Commander.

On motion of Comrade James Barlow it was ordered that the address of the Department Commander be spread upon the minutes and printed with the proceedings of this Encampment.

A telegram was received from Department Commander Lamb, of Oregon, announcing his intention of visiting the Encampment accompanied by some of the Department officers and his official staff. On motion Comrade W. G. Latimer was detailed to meet the visiting comrades on the arrival of the boat, and to conduct them to the hall.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General was then read.

On motion of Comrade James Barlow, the report was accepted and a vote of thanks tendered Comrade Bell for the able and efficient manner in which he has performed the duties of his office.

The following reports were then read, placed on file and ordered printed: Assistant Quartermaster General, Inspector, Chief Mustering Officer, and Council of Administration.

Comrade John D. Geoghegan moved that the per capita tax be fixed at one dollar per member; amended on motion of Comrade J. R. Kinear and fixed at eighty cents.

On motion of Comrade George D. Hill it was ordered that 500 copies of the proceedings be printed.

The Commander announced that the election of officers for the ensuing year was now in order and appointed Comrades Augustus Waggoner and James Barlow as tellers.

Comrade W. E. Wilson nominated Comrade A. M. Brookes, of Stevens Post, as candidate for the office of Department Commander. Comrade T. R. Tannatt, of Abraham Lincoln Post, was nominated by Comrade C. M. Holton, of Meade. The nomination of Comrade Tannatt was seconded by Comrade Ellsworth, of Walla Walla.

Comrade West of Vancouver nominated Comrade John H. Smith, Senior Vice Department Commander. Smith declined.

The tellers announced the result of the ballot as follows :

Brookes 22, Tannatt 15, scattering 2. Comrade Brookes was declared duly elected Department Commander.

Comrade Marsh nominated Comrade C. H. Stone for Senior Vice Department Commander, and on motion the rules were suspended and Comrade Stone was elected by acclamation. Comrade G. A. Miller was nominated for Junior Vice Department Commander by W. G. Latimer. There being no other nomination he was, on motion, declared elected by acclamation.

Comrade J. Randolph Smith of Ellsworth Post was nominated for Medical Director and declared elected by acclamation.

Comrade N. F. Bolton was nominated for Chaplain, and declared elected by acclamation.

The following comrades were elected members of the Council of Administration: Richard Osborn, Wm. Peel, G. A. Miller, Charles M. Holton and John D. Geoghegan.

The following comrades were elected as representatives to the National Encampment, to be held at Portland, Maine, in June.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Thos. C. Bell, of Ellsworth ;
C. B. Johnson, of Stevens ;

ALTERNATES.

C. H. Stone, of Custer ;
George W. Tibbetts, of Stevens.

A motion was made and carried that when the Encampment adjourn, it be until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

On motion of Comrade H. O. Simonds Walla Walla was nominated as the place of the next Annual Encampment. The nomination was seconded by Comrades T. C. Bell and T. R. Tannatt, who each urged the advantages to the order of the selection of that place.

Tacoma was nominated by Comrade W. E. Wilson.

A ballot being taken, the tellers announced the result as follows :

Walla Walla 30, Tacoma 8, Ellensburg 1. The Commander declared that Walla Walla was selected as the place of next Annual Encampment.

The following resolution, offered by Comrade A. O. Marsh, was adopted :

Resolved—That in the published report of the proceedings of this Encampment, a roster of all Past Department and Provisional Department officers shall be published, with the date of election, or appointment and term of service.

At this point Department Commander Lamb and visiting comrades of Portland were announced at the outpost by the Officer of the Day. They were received with the customary honors. A recess was taken to greet our guests, and after the call to order the Encampment adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF W. T., G. A. R.
Hall of Ellsworth Post No. 2.
Vancouver, April 16th.

Encampment met pursuant to adjournment, Senior Vice Commander John H. Smith presiding.

The session was opened in form. The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Comrade G. A. Miller tendered his resignation as a member of the Council of Administration. Accepted.

On motion Comrade W. C. Ellsworth was elected to fill the vacancy.

Commander Smith asked that action be taken on the recommendations of Department Commander Morrow.

Comrade A. O. Marsh submitted the following.

Resolved—That the Delegates of this Department to the next National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic be instructed to use their best efforts to secure such amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations as shall make the sons of all soldiers, living or dead, or who would be, if living, eligible to membership in this organization, also eligible to membership herein; and the sons of the sons, so as to secure the perpetuity of this order, and providing that no person shall become a member hereof until he shall have attained the age of eighteen years.

Past Department Commander Hill inquired what difference exists between the Order of the Sons of Veterans and the Order proposed to be established by the foregoing resolution.

The matter was discussed at some length by Comrades Simonds, Marsh and Holton, and the resolution was adopted.

Comrade W. H. Roberts introduced the following resolutions:

WHEREAS—This Encampment learns with deep satisfaction that efforts are being made to have the National Encampment, G. A. R., hold its session for 1886 in the city of San Francisco, California, and believing that it would be for the benefit of this Department, as well as for the G. A. R. in general on this coast, therefore:

Resolved—That we most respectfully urge that San Francisco, Cal., be selected as the place of meeting of the National Encampment for 1886.

Resolved—That we hereby request our Delegates to the next National Encampment to favor the above selection.

Carried unanimously.

Comrade Roberts then offered the following :

Resolved—That the thanks of this Encampment are hereby tendered to the O. R. & N. Co., the N. P. R. R. Co., and the O. & C. V. R. R. Co., for reduced rates of transportation to the members of this Encampment traveling over their respective lines; also to Comrade James R. Hayden, for the arrangements made by him with the above companies previous to the Encampment.

Adopted.

The officers elect for the ensuing year were then installed by Commander Smith.

Department Commander A. M. Brooks addressed the Encampment in a few well chosen words—thanked the comrades for the honor conferred on him and announced the following names of members of his staff:

A. A. G., A. S. Alden of Custer Post.
 Inspector, R. G. O'Brien, Geo. H. Thomas Post.
 C. M. O., F. B. Moore, Abraham Lincoln Post.
 A. Q. M. G., G. G. Lyon, Stevens Post.
 Judge Advocate, A. O. Marsh, Ellsworth Post.

AIDS.

W. C. Ellsworth, Abraham Lincoln Post.
 J. R. Kinear, Stevens Post.
 James Barlow, Custer Post.
 W. H. Roberts, Geo. H. Thomas Post.

INSPECTORS.

Robert Crane, Abraham Lincoln Post.
 Frank Seidel, Stevens Post.
 W. O. Robb, Custer Post.
 L. W. Ostrander, Geo. H. Thomas Post.

Comrade W. E. Wilson submitted the following :

Resolved—That this Encampment tender their thanks to the past officers of this Department for the faithful manner in which they have performed their several duties during the past year.

Adopted.

Resolved—that we tender to Ellsworth Post No. 2, and to the citizens of Vancouver, our heartfelt thanks for the noble and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during the sessions of this Encampment.

Adopted.

Comrade Ellsworth invited all the members present to come to the next Annual Encampment at Walla Walla, assuring them of a cordial welcome and hospitable treatment.

On motion of Comrade Hill a committee of three was appointed to confer with a like committee of the Department of Oregon in reference to transportation to the National Encampment at Portland, Maine.

Committed appointed as follows: Geo. D. Hill, A. O. Marsh and T. C. Bell.

Comrade C. M. Holton addressed the Encampment on the subject of Reunions, informing the comrades that Meade Post intended to go into camp June 15th, at Soda Springs, and invited all to come and see them.

Comrade W. H. Roberts announced that Commander-in-Chief John S. Kountz was en route to the Pacific Coast, and urged that some arrangements be made to receive him with suitable honors.

Comrade Thos. C. Bell advocated a reduction in the prices of supplies owing to the reduction made at the late session of the National Encampment.

Encampment closed in form.

THOMAS C. BELL,
Assistant Adjutant General.

REPORTS.

Report of Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 Vancouver, April 15th, 1885.

To HENRY A. MORROW,
 Department Commander.

COMRADE :

I have the honor to submit herewith the report of the affairs of my office for the past year.

During the year ten new posts have been organized, as per report of the Chief Mustering Officer, to which I respectfully call your attention. The charter of James Parsons Post No. 11 was issued by your predecessor, George D. Hill, but the post was not mustered until April 25th, eight days after the beginning of your official term; hence I include it in the reports for the present year, giving due credit to the late Department Commander. Comrade Hill's administration is to be credited, also, with McPherson Post No. 12, organized in April, 1884, a few days before the last annual Encampment.

My statistical report begins with the 2nd quarter of 1884, i. e., the quarter ending June 30, 1884. The details of gains and losses appear in the following table:

GAINS.					
	2nd Qr.	3d Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr., 1885.	Totals
By organization,	101	69	48		218
By muster,	89	158	44	58	349
By transfer,	9	2	26	4	41
By reinstatement,	2	2	4	8	16
Totals,	211	221	122	70	624
LOSSES.					
By death,	2		2	1	5
By hon. discharge,	15	4	2	1	22
By transfer,	1	2	4	11	18
By suspension,	5	47	35	16	103
By dishon. discharge,	1				1
Totals	24	53	43	29	149

NUMBER IN GOOD STANDING.

March 31, 1884,	448
June 30, "	627
Sept. 30, "	764
Dec. 31, "	824
March 31, 1885,	883

NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING.

POSTS.	March 31, 1884.	March 31, 1885.	Gain.
1. Stevens, - - -	133	169	36
2. Ellsworth, - - -	64	67	3
3. Sully, - - -	15	29	14
4. Abraham Lincoln, -	58	64	6
5. George H. Thomas, -	27	33	6
6. Custer, - - -	78	141	63
7. Phil. Kearney, - - -	21	42	21
8. Sedgwick, - - -	22	40	18
9. Meade, - - -	13	28	15
10. Morton, - - -	17	23	6
11. James Parsons, - - -	-	36	36
12. McPherson, - - -	-	17	17
13. Garfield, - - -	-	21	21
14. Philo Buckman,* - - -	-	23	23
15. Farragut,* - - -	-	20	20
16. John H. Henslee, - - -	-	14	14
17. Luther C. Ladd, - - -	-	21	21
18. Larrabee, - - -	-	23	23
19. Nathan Lyon,* - - -	-	17	17
20. Baker, - - -	-	32	32
21. Thos. Drury, - - -	-	23	23
Totals,	448	883	435

* No report for 1st quarter, 1885—estimated.

With the increase of the number of posts and membership the work and expenses of this office have proportionately increased. The outlay for printing, stationery and postage has been very large, but I hope it will be found that the gains to the Department will justify the apparently heavy expenditure.

Memorial Day was observed, I believe, by every Post in the Department, and reports of the proceedings had and ceremonies observed were very generally forwarded to Department Headquarters, in observance to the requirements of General Order No. 2.

Many of the reports are peculiarly touching. At the new posts this was the first observance of the beautiful and impressive Memorial Service.

Reports of flag presentations with appropriate ceremonies have come to Department Headquarters from Chehalis and from Walla Walla. On November 1st the ladies of Lewis County presented an elegant flag to Phil Kearney Post No. 7, and on the 14th of November a like favor was conferred on Abraham Lincoln Post by the ladies of Walla Walla. I record the facts with very great pleasure, and express the hope that every post will be similarly remembered during the coming year.

Many reports also have reached these Headquarters of fraternal visits between posts, of camp-fires, entertainments, etc. These meetings strengthen the bonds of brotherhood among us, and keep bright the fires of patriotism on our altars. I cannot commend them too highly. I think I may lay it down as an axiom that no post can attain a high degree of prosperity that simply holds its stated meetings and attends to routine duties alone, no matter how well these meetings are attended, or how well these duties are performed.

Through the courtesy of C. H. Prescott, of the O. R. & N. Co., J. M. Buckley, of the N. P. R. R. Co., and the C. V. R. R. Co., I was enabled last summer, to visit the posts on the Sound, and recently, Baker Post at Goldendale. These visits afforded me very great pleasure, and, I have reason to believe, were not without good results to the posts. I wish specially to thank the comrades of Baker Post for their cordial reception of me as a representative of the Grand Army of Washington Territory, and for the generous hospitality with which I was entertained.

To the officers of the various posts I wish to extend my thanks for their uniform kindness and courtesy, and for the care and accuracy with which they have rendered the reports of their posts. I regret that I cannot thank all for their promptness. The report of the Assistant Adjutant General is due at National Headquarters within twenty days after the close of the quarter. In no case have I been able to make it on time, owing to the delinquency of a few posts. This delay in making post returns is wholly inexcusable. The reports should be completed at the last meeting in the quarter and forwarded at once to Department Headquarters. This is the easiest as well as the best way, and I trust that hereafter this will be done.

To the members of your staff I am under special obligations for the readiness with which they have given me their valuable services whenever called upon. These several reports are herewith submitted.

To you, my commander and comrade, I would express, as far as feeble words may, my deepest sense of gratitude for your valuable suggestions in conducting the affairs of my office, for your able assistance in the work, and your most kind words of appreciation and praise for what I have done. I deeply regretted, as did every other comrade in the Department, your necessary removal from Vancouver to a distant post of duty, but my very frequent communications with you by letter have made me feel as though I had a wise counselor at my elbow. I have felt, as we all have, that very much of the success of the past year is due to the prestige of your name, and to your known zeal in behalf of our beloved order. May length of days attend you and may honors continue to crown you.

I submit my account of receipts and expenditures.

RECEIPTS.				
Per Capita Tax, 1st Quarter, 1884,	-	-	-	\$7.65
" " 2nd " " "	-	-	-	49.50
" " 3d " " "	-	-	-	114.30
" " 4th " " "	-	-	-	122.45
" " 1st " 1885,	-	-	-	115.50
Total				<u>\$454.40</u>

EXPENDITURES.		
Printing	- - - - -	\$128.25
Postage	- - - - -	50.55
Traveling expenses	- - - - -	68.10
Express charges	- - - - -	9.65
Telegraphing	- - - - -	3.35
Office desk	- - - - -	16.50
“ rent	- - - - -	25.00
“ fuel	- - - - -	4.00
Stationery	- - - - -	13.40
Per capita tax National Headquarters	- - - - -	21.43
Charter and frame	- - - - -	22.85
Miscellaneous	- - - - -	3.30
Annual Encampment	- - - - -	24.05
Total		390.43
Balance in hands of Assistant Adjutant General		63.97
Total		\$454.40

I have the honor to be very respectfully yours in Fraternity, Charity and loyalty,
 THOMAS C. BELL.
 Assistant Adjutant General.

Assistant Quartermaster General's Report.

OFFICE OF A. Q. M. G., DEPT. OF WASH. TER., G. A. R.
 Olympia, W. T., April 9, 1885.

T. C. BELL.

A. A. G., Dept. of Wash. Ter., G. A. R.

COMRADE:

I have the honor to report that the books of my office show the receipts by the A. A. G. on account of per capita tax for the year 1884, as per reports form B, to be as follows:

FIRST QUARTER, 1884.

Per capita tax on 463 members @ 15 cents	\$69 45	
By per capita tax to National Encampment		\$4 63
By balance in hands of A. Shorah, late A. A. G.		64 82
Total		69 45

SECOND QUARTER.

Per capita tax on 574 members	\$86 10	
By per capita tax to National Encampment		\$5 74
By balance in hands of T. C. Bell, A. A. G.		80 36
Total		86 10

THIRD QUARTER.

Per capita tax on 716 members	\$107 40	
By per capita tax to National Encampment		\$7 16
Balance in hands of T. C. Bell, A. A. G.		100 24
Total		107 40

FOURTH QUARTER.

Per capita tax on 795 members	\$125 70	
By per capita tax to National Encampment		\$7 95
Balance in hands of T. C. Bell, A. A. G.		117 75
Total		125 70

RECAPITULATION.

Total cash received as above	\$388 65	
Per capita tax paid National Encampment		\$25 48
Cash to be accounted for by A. Slorah, late A. A. G.		64 82
Cash to be accounted for by T. C. Bell, A. A. G.		289 35
Grand total		388 65

No reports have been received from posts for the first quarter in 1885, and as no moneys have been paid to me no bills have been paid by me. I have no vouchers to file or further to report.

Regretting that my official duties will prevent my attendance at the Annual Encampment, and hoping to be relieved from the office of A. Q. M. G., I have the honor to transmit all blanks, books and papers per N. P. express, to be turned over to my successor by you, and I trust he will be appointed on the first day of the session of the Encampment.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

JAMES R. HAYDEN.
A. Q. M. G.

Department Inspector's Report.

VANCOUVER, W. T., April 15, 1885.

Thomas C. Bell, A. A. G.

Comrade:

I have the honor to herewith submit my annual report. I feel that I am fully warranted in saying that our organization is in a prosperous condition. Recruiting goes on briskly. Officers manifest, as you will see by the report, considerable zeal in the interest, success and welfare of our order, while comrades vie with them in their endeavors to work out the prosperity of our posts. To their solicitations and untiring efforts is greatly due the splendid growth of the Department during the past year. Our Department is yet young. Within our

Territory are thousands of old veterans of that grand old army and navy, who so nobly battled for the right in the dark days of the history of our country, from 1861 to 1865.

Let us hope that the new year will be as prosperous as the one just passed. Let us build anew our "Camp Fires," sing our old war songs, live over our old battles and marches in story, and cease not in our untiring efforts until every old soldier and sailor has been gathered under the banner of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty.

RECAPITULATION.

Total number of posts in the Department	21
Number reporting inspections	14
Number not reporting inspections	7
Total number of members so far as reported	668
Average amount charged for muster	\$2.65
Average amount charged for annual dues	2.66
Amount expended for charity during the year	488.00
Number of posts reporting prospects good	12
“ “ “ “ improving	1
“ “ “ “ not good (Larrabee 18)	1

Respectfully Subscribed in F. C. and L.

W. G. LATIMER,
Deputy Inspector.

Report of Chief Mustering Officer.

Annual report of the Chief Mustering Officer, Department of Washington Territory, Grand Army of the Republic, for the year ending April 15, 1885.

To the commander, officers and comrades, Dept. W. T., G. A. R.
COMRADES:

During the present administration of the Department of Washington Territory, which commenced one year ago to-day, the Department has increased in the number of posts from eleven to twenty-one. The first post organized by Department Commander, H. A. Morrow, was James Parsons Post No. 11, located at Ellensburg, with 22 charter members, on April 20, 1884, mustered by S. M. O., C. M. Holton, who also installed the following officers: P. C., J. L. Brown; S. V. C., H. D. Merwin; J. V. C., S. T. Packwood; Surg., A. T. Mason; Chap., A. D. Dammond; Q. M., D. Ford; O. D., Wm. Tillman; O. G., B. Lewis; I. S., J. J. Sweet; O. M. S., J. W. Carver; S. M., H. H. Swarsey; Adj. J. C. Goodwin.

McPherson Post No. 12, Kalama, having been mustered by order of Commander Hill of the previous administration, the next consecutive number was James A. Garfield Post No. 13, located at Montezano, mustered by S. M. O., A. Slorah, with 20 charter members, on May 9th, with the following officers: P. C., Wm. Peel; S. V. C., A.

R. Bush; J. V. C., J. L. Spencer; Q. M., O. A. Meyers; Adj., O. D. Ayer; O. D., W. H. Blair; O. G., R. G. Carlisle; S. M., W. T. Zenor; Q. M. S., R. Crinklaw.

On May 23d Comrade J. H. Smith, S. V. Department Commander, by special order, mustered Philo Buckman Post No. 14, at Sprague, with 21 charter members, and installed the following officers: (Not reported).

Farragut Post No. 15, at Port Townsend, was mustered on June 23d by Comrade James R. Hayden, A. Q. M. G., per Special Order No. 8. Number of charter members and names of officers not reported.

Comrade Thos. C. Bell, A. A. G., on July 19th mustered John H. Henslee Post No. 16, located at La Center, with the assistance of Comrades Downing, Bolton and Conner, all comrades of Ellsworth Post No. 2. Number of charter members not reported, but the following officers were duly installed: P. C., John K. Gaither; S. V. C., Benj. F. Reem; J. V. C., D. W. Wampler; Q. M., A. Q. Church; Surg., Francis Worthington; O. D., John H. Peterson; O. G., Danl. Boyer; Adj. T. P. Otwell; S. M., John P. Taylor; Q. M. S., Meinrad Wendel.

On August 4th, Comrade Fred. T. Taylor, accompanied by a number of comrades of Custer Post No. 6, proceeded to Puyallup and mustered Luther C. Ladd Post No. 17 with 17 charter members, and installed the following officers: P. C., A. S. Farquharson; S. V. C., John Beverly; J. V. C., J. D. Robinson; Chap., C. C. Field; Surg., Tom Twamlay; O. D., Hiram Daggett; Q. M., F. M. Slythe; Adj. W. A. Harris; S. M., Edward Nolan; Q. M. S., P. Hardefeld.

Larrabee Post No. 18 with 24 charter members was mustered on August 5th, by Thos. C. Bell, A. A. G., at La Conner, and the following officers installed: P. C., Jos. Dwelley; S. V. C., Franklin Gilkey; J. V. C., O. C. Curran; Adj., J. L. Wallace; Q. M., B. L. Martin; Surg., John J. Edens; O. D., John Seigfred; O. G., Thos. Cooper; Chap., Isaac Chilberg; Sergt. Maj., Robert Moore; Q. M. S., Richard H. Ball.

Nathaniel Lyons Post No. 19, Colfax, was mustered on August 16th by Comrade M. D. Smith, S. M. O., with 16 charter members and the following officers installed: P. C., George A. Miller, S. V. C., L. D. Woodard; J. V. C., Robert Bruce; Adjutant, Wm. A. Inman; Q. M., A. J. Bickford; Surg., P. D. Bunnell; Chaplain, F. W. Beeker; O. D., Wm. H. Doolittle; O. G., George Rudy; S. M., J. C. Eichelberger; Q. M. S., Martin L. Heltzel.

Baker Post No. 20, at Goldendale, was mustered on October 28th, by A. O. Marsh, Judge Advocate and S. M. O. Number of charter members not reported. The following officers were duly installed: P. C., John Keats; S. V. C., E. W. Pike; J. V. C., W. A. Crawford; Adj., E. B. Wise; Q. M., C. W. Cooley; Surg., J. C. Scroomover; Chap., C. Spaulding; O. D., J. A. Stout; O. G., Oliver A. Vanhoy; S. M., Frank Stimpson; Q. M. S., W. A. Vanhoy.

Thomas Drury Post No. 21 was mustered at Fort Spokane on November 25th, with 18 charter members, by Comrade J. S. Brown, S. M. O., after which Comrade Brown installed the following officers: P. C., H. C. Merriam; S. V. C., D. Elsner; J. V. C., W. Peasner; Adj., J. Stratford; Q. M., J. W. Oxley; Surg., W. O. Fowler; Chap., M. C. Blaine; O. D., W. L. Boyd; O. G., T. Woolley; S. M., G. H. Connor; Q. M. S., G. Farrell.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF NEW POSTS.

NAME OF POST.	NO.	DATE.	LOCATION.	POST COMMANDER.	NO. OF CHART. MEMB.	NAME OF MUSTERING OFFICER.
James Parsons.	11	April 20, 1884	Ellensburg.	J. L. Brown.	22	C. M. Holton S. M. O.
James A. Garfield.	13	May 9, "	Montesano.	Wm. Peel.	20	A. Slorah "
Philo Buckman.	14	" 23, "	Sprague.	J. S. Wilson.	21	J. H. Smith, S.V.C. "
Farragut.	15	June 23, "	Port Townsend.	D. W. Smith.	15	J. R. Hayden, Q.M. "
John H. Henslee.	16	July 19, "	La Center.	John K. Gaither.	12	T. C. Bell, A. A. G. "
Luther C. Ladd.	17	Aug. 4, "	Puyallup.	A. S. Farquharson	17	F. T. Taylor C. M. O.
Larrabee.	18	" 5, "	La Conner.	J. F. Dwelley.	24	T. C. Bell, A. A. G. S. M. O.
Nathanial Lyons.	19	" 16, "	Colfax.	G. A. Miller.	16	M. D. Smith "
Baker Post.	20	Oct. 28, "	Goldendale.	John Keats.	20	A. O. Marsh, J. A. "
Thomas Drury.	21	Nov. 25. "	Fort Spokane.	H. C. Merriam.	18	J. S. Brown "

Appended are short sketches of the comrades after whom some of the posts have been named in honor.

I am, as in '62, yours very respectfully in F. C. and L.

FRED T. TAYLOR.

Chief Mustering Officer, Department of W. T.,
Grand Army of the Republic.

LUTHER C. LADD POST—PUYALLUP.

Post No. 17, Puyallup, was named in honor of a private soldier of the 6th Regt. Mass. Vol. Inf., by the name of Luther C. Ladd. The 6th Massachusetts, while on its way to Washington was attacked in the streets of Baltimore, Md., on April 19, 1861, by a Mob, killing three and wounding fifteen of the 6th Mass., the above named hero spurting forth the first blood of the nation. His remains were taken to Lowell, Mass., and interred with military honors on Monday, May 6, 1861.

THOMAS DRURY POST—FORT SPOKANE.

The post was named after a splendid gentleman and soldier, Thos. Drury, born in Ireland, enlisted as private in Co. "A," 1st U. S. Infantry, January 7, 1842, and served in the various grades until at the end of ten years he was appointed an ordinance sergeant. The War of the Rebellion found him staunch and true at his post of duty, and on the 10th of August, 1862, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the 2nd U. S. Infantry, for gallant and meritorious services. May 5, 1864, in the Battle of the Wilderness, Va., he was brevetted first lieutenant. On the 28th of February, 1866, he was made 1st Lieut. 2nd Inf., declined a captaincy in a colored regiment July 28, 1866, and was promoted captain in the 2nd Infantry, July 27, 1879, which position he held to the time of his death, some three years since.

Report of the Council of Administration.

VANCOUVER, W. T., April 15, 1885.

Pursuant to Department order No. 5 the Council of Administration met at 10 o'clock, with Comrades John H. Smith, S. V. C.; A. O. Marsh, W. H. Roberts and T. F. Mahan present, and proceeded to examine the report of Assistant Adjutant General, T. C. Bell, from which it appears that there has been an increase in the membership, during the past year, of 435 members; showing a total membership in the Department, on March 31, 1885, of 883 comrades. We find the

financial statements of A. A. G. Bell and A. Q. M. G. Hayden to correspond, and to be correct, with a showing of \$63.97 remaining in the treasury, including the expenses of the present Encampment.

We have also examined the annual report of Assistant Inspector General, Comrade W. G. Latimer, and Chief Mustering Officer. The report of the former we find incomplete owing to the inattention of some posts in forwarding their inspection reports to Department Headquarters. This is to be regretted as we consider the inspection of posts a matter of the greatest importance. At the same time we consider that due credit should be given to the Assistant Inspectors who have complied with the general order on this subject, and we highly appreciate the manner in which the duties of Inspector General have been discharged by our Comrade, W. G. Latimer.

The annual report of Chief Mustering Officer, Fred T. Taylor, we consider of great importance, embodying, as it does, a complete history of the posts organized during the year, all of which, we think, should appear in the printed proceedings of this Encampment.

We find from the Quartermaster General's report that a delinquency in the financial statement of the late A. A. G., A. Slorah, in the sum of \$64.82 for which no return seems to have been subsequently made, and as no financial exhibit of the accounts of the late A. A. G. are contained in the printed proceedings of the last session of the Encampment, and having no data upon which to base an investigation, we recommend that the late A. A. G., A. Slorah, be required to make a return of the amount to the Department Encampment at as early a date as possible, so that the amount may revert to the treasury.

We would respectfully recommend, that owing to the large increase in the membership of this Department, and the additional labor thereby imposed upon the A. A. G. that hereafter the A. A. G. shall be paid a salary of fifty dollars per annum.

After examining the books and records of the A. A. G.'s office we have concluded that Comrade T. C. Bell, A. A. G., is fully entitled to the heartfelt thanks of this Encampment for the admirable manner in which he has conducted the affairs of his office during the past year, and for the valuable services rendered by him, without which the business of the Department would have been severely damaged. We would earnestly recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated out of the treasury of this Department as a slight recompense to Comrade Bell for the services performed by him during the past year.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

JOHN H. SMITH,
A. O. MARSH,
W. H. ROBERTS,
T. F. MAHAN.
Council of Administration.

FIRST ENCAMPMENT

And Organization of the Department, Olympia June 20, 1883.

Commander, George D. Hill, Seattle.
 Senior Vice Commander, F. F. Adams, Walla Walla.
 Junior Vice Commander, H. A. Bigelow, Tacoma.
 Medical Director, H. C. Bostwick, Tacoma.
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Vancouver, April 16 and 17, 1884.

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 Medical Director, T. T. Minor, Seattle.
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 Judge Advocate, A. O. Marsh, Vancouver.
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 Robert Crane, Walla Walla.

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Vancouver, April 15 and 16, 1885.

Commander, A. M. Brookes, Seattle.
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 Junior Vice Commander, G. A. Miller, Colfax.
 Medical Director, J. R. Smith, Vancouver.
 Chaplain, N. F. Bolton, Vancouver.

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