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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Fourth Annual Encampment

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

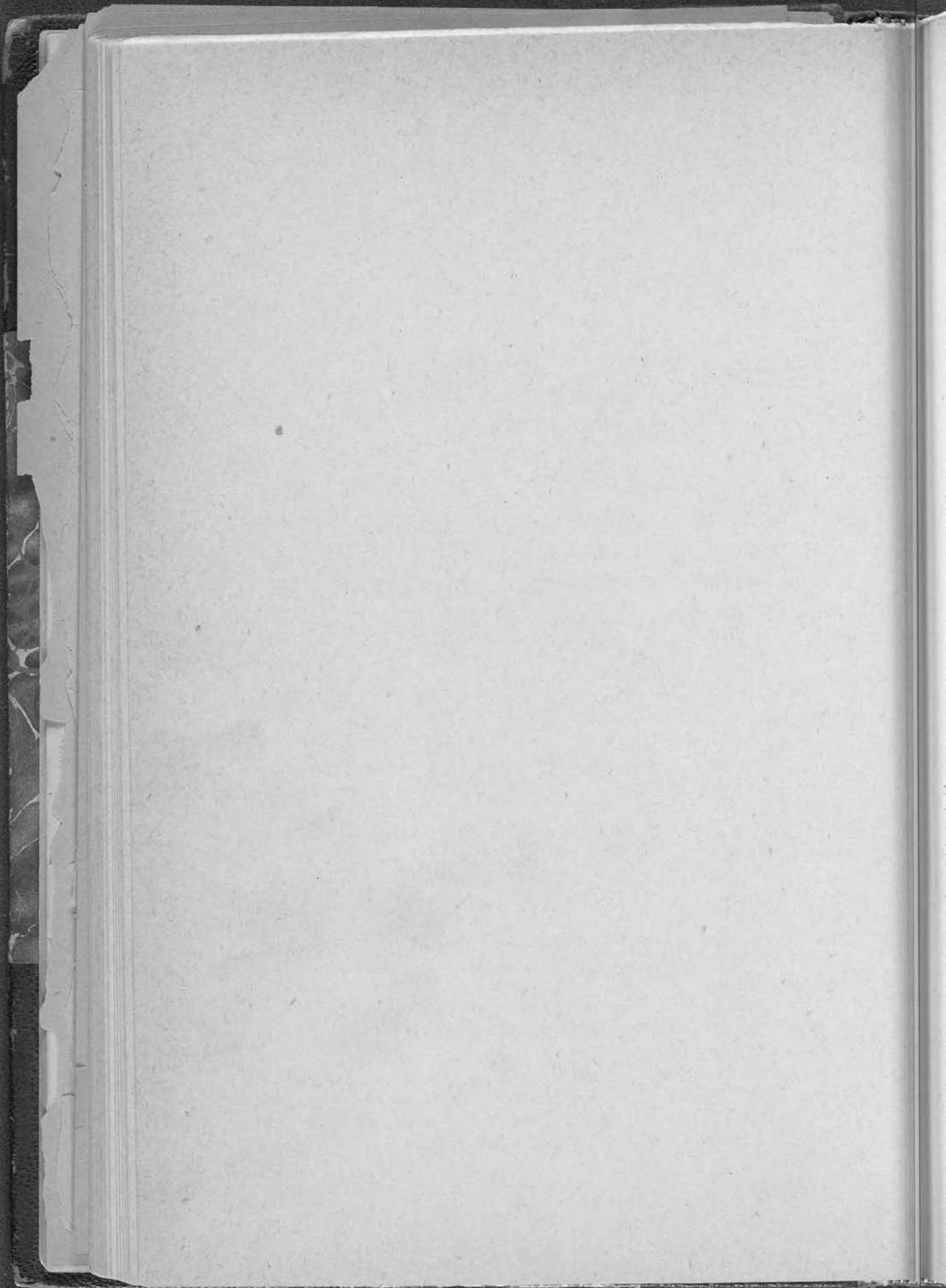
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HELD AT WALLA WALLA, APRIL 21ST, 1886.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
Walla Walla, April 21, 1886. }

In pursuance with General Order No. 6, the Council of Administration met at headquarters of Abraham Lincoln Post, No. 4, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Department Commander A. M. Brookes, Comrades W. C. Ellsworth and R. N. Holton.

Absent—Comrades Richard Osborn, William Peet and J. D. Geoghegan.

After a thorough examination of the accounts, books and records of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and an approval of the same, the Council adjourned.

The Encampment met at the hall of A. Lincoln Post, No. 4, and was opened in due form by Department Commander A. M. Brookes.

Comrade A. P. Curry, Sedgwick Post No. 8, was called to the chair of Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade J. T. Burns, Sully Post, No. 3, was called to the chair of Junior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade M. M. Bane, Sedgwick Post, No. 8, was called to the chair of Chaplain.

The following General Order was then read:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF W. T., G. A. R., }
WALLA WALLA; April 21, 1886. }

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 7. }

I. Comrade J. Randolph Smith is hereby appointed Acting Assistant Adjutant General, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

II. Comrade C. M. Holton is hereby appointed Acting Assistant Quartermaster General, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order A. M. BROOKES,
J. RANDOLPH SMITH, Commanding Department.
Assistant Acting Adjutant General.

A Committee on Credentials consisting of Comrades A. P. Curry, A. J. Smith and M. D. Smith was appointed to examine and report upon the credentials of the various delegates.

A recess was then declared for half an hour to enable the committee to make their report.

The encampment being called to order the Committee on Credentials presented their report, showing the following named comrades entitled to seats in the encampment:

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

[Names with * present.]

Department Commander A. M. Brookes, Stevens Post No. 1.*
Senior V. D. C., C. H. Stone, Custer Post, No. 6.
Junior V. D. C., G. A. Miller, Lyon Post No. 19.
Medical Director, J. R. Smith, Ellsworth Post, No. 2*.
Chaplain, N. F. Bolton, Ellsworth Post, No. 2.
A. A. G., A. E. Alden, Custer Post No. 6.
A. Q. M. G., G. G. Lyon, Stevens Post No. 1.
A. I. G., R. G. O'Brien, Thomas Post No. 5.
Chief Mustering Officer, P. G. Tefft, Lincoln Post No. 4.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

R. Osborn, Stevens Post No. 1.
Wm. Peel, Garfield Post No. 13.
C. M. Holton, Meade Post, No. 9*.
J. D. Geoghegan, Ellsworth Post No. 2.
W. C. Ellsworth, A. Lincoln Post No. 4.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Geo. D. Hill, Stevens Post No. 1.
H. A. Morrow, Ellsworth Post No. 2.

REPRESENTATIVES.*Stevens Post No. 1.*

POST COMMANDER.—O. B. Johnson.

DELEGATES.—George Kinnear, J. R. Kinnear, H. A. Fredericks, J. S. Jones, W. G. Latimer, M. M. Holmes.

ALTERNATES.—B. F. Bogardus, James Bogart, D. Franklin, W. L. Ames, T. T. Minor, Charles Cowden.

Ellsworth Post No. 2.

POST COMMANDER.—J. R. Smith.*

DELEGATES.—James Connor, J. C. Armer.

ALTERNATES.—T. C. Bell, Augustus Wagner.

Sully Post No. 3.

POST COMMANDER.—D. Hardin.*

PAST POST COMMANDERS.—J. T. Burns.*

DELEGATES.—A. T. Pinter, D. B. Kimball.

ALTERNATES.—C. C. Garrett,* F. G. Frary.*

Lincoln Post No. 4.

POST COMMANDER.—W. H. Carnes*

PAST POST COMMANDERS.—W. C. Ellsworth,* W. O. Symonds.*

DELEGATES.—A. J. Smith*, J. P. Stokes,* A. S. York.*

G. H. Thomas Post No. 5.

POST COMMANDER.—J. W. Bomer.

Custer Post No. 6.

POST COMMANDER.—Thomas Carroll.

DELEGATES.—I. W. Sprague, A. E. Lawrence, W. O. Robb, W. B. Blackwell.

ALTERNATES.—H. A. Warner, W. Lonsberry, T. E. Wicks, William Hipkins.*

Kearney Post No. 7.

None reported.

Sedgwick Post No. 8.

PAST POST COMMANDER.—A. P. Curry.*

DELEGATES.—M. M. Bane*, L. H. Prather.*

Meade Post No. 9.

POST COMMANDER.—C. M. Holton.*

DELEGATES.—A. J. Lewis, J. F. Sinclair.

ALTERNATES.—James Gleed, F. B. Woodcock.

Morton Post No. 10.

POST COMMANDER.—I. N. Mudgett.

DELEGATE.—H. G. York.

ALTERNATE.—E. B. Ruger.

James Parsons Post No. 11.

POST COMMANDER.—J. A. Shoudy.

DELEGATES.—T. G. McDowell,* J. W. Dixon.*

ALTERNATES.—B. F. Lewis, Edson Sturgor.

McPherson Post No. 12.

POST COMMANDER.—E. Wingert.

DELEGATE.—G. S. Fister.

ALTERNATE.—John Seibert.

Garfield Post, No. 13.

DELEGATE.—A. B. Ayer.

ALTERNATE.—O. A. Meyer.

Buckman Post No. 14.

No report.

Farragut Post No. 15.

POST COMMANDER.—Oliver Wood.

No delegates reported.

J. H. Hensley Post No. 16.

POST COMMANDER.—R. F. Renn.

DELEGATE.—D. B. Ottwell.

ALTERNATE.—J. H. Peterson.

L. C. Ladd Post No. 17.

None reported.

Larrabee Post No. 18.

None reported.

Lyon Post No. 19.

None reported.

Baker Post No. 20.

POST COMMANDER.—Sol. Smith.

PAST POST COMMANDER.—J. Keatis.*

DELEGATES.—A. R. Dunbar, E. W. Pike.

ALTERNATES.—J. B. Stimpson, W. Van Hoy.

Thos. Drury, Post No. 21.

POST COMMANDER.—W. L. Boyd.

DELEGATE.—M. C. Blaine.

ALTERNATE.—J. W. Oxley.

McDowell Post No. 22.

POST COMMANDER.—D. C. Gardner.

PAST POST COMMANDER.—I. G. Cosgrove.*

No delegates reported.

Geo. Wright Post No 23.

POST COMMANDER.—M. D. Smith.*

DELEGATES.—M. D. Smith,* J. A. Harris.

ALTERNATES.—L. B. Jewell, H. A. Mason.

Steadman Post No. 24.

No report.

Hooker Post No. 25.

POST COMMANDER.—R. N. Ashmore.

No delegates reported.

U. S. Grant Post No. 26.

POST COMMANDER.—A. Slorah.

DELEGATE.—G. W. Morgan.

ALTERNATE.—William Burke.

Department Commander A. M. Brookes delivered the following address:

COMRADES:—Another period in the existence of this Department has passed. Another of the mile-stones that mark the short march of the Grand Army of the Republic has been reached; and in accordance with custom and the call of the Department we meet once more in this fair and hospitable city to consider what we may do to strengthen and enlarge our order, to review the past, and prepare for the year upon which we are about to enter.

In view of the great depression that for the past year has swept our land, we could not with reason expect to increase our ranks to any great extent by recruits; for we all know that the old soldier feels as quickly as anyone the effect of hard times. Improvident and generous to a fault, when prosperity fills the land he fails to prepare for reverses. The result is that the reports show large losses under the head of dropped and suspended, particularly the second and third quarters of 1885. And while they show an actual loss during the last year, I believe that a large proportion of this number should have been so reported previous to those dates. The natural desire of various posts to make a good showing in regard to numbers induced them to carry on their rolls many who should in reality have been dropped, hoping they would put themselves in good standing. But the times were too stringent, the per capita was too great a burden, and consequently they were compelled to enforce the rules strictly. In view of the fact that these quarters show a loss of 418 against a gain of 207, I feel that my conclusions are correct.

Posts have the right to remit the dues of comrades in cases of sickness or misfortune, and I think in times like these it would be well for them to investigate each case before dropping a comrade from the rolls. There is no doubt that many a worthy comrade, too proud to make his condition known to his comrades, has been dropped and lost to the order, simply because the post was ignorant of his situation.

But, notwithstanding all the adverse circumstances of the past year, a careful review of the Assistant Adjutant General and Quartermaster General's reports will show that our organization is far from lifeless, that the fire through which we have been compelled to pass has simply purified and not killed; that the faithful workers have been still more faithful; and when in many cases success seemed impossible, it has, nevertheless, crowned their labors—and the Department stands to-day on a firmer foundation, although numerically weaker, than a year ago. But it has no fictitious strength, either in posts or membership.

Of the financial condition of the Department I can do no better than to refer you to the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General, and I am sure it cannot fail to be satisfactory, and will show a great deal of care and attention on the part of that officer. The records of that office will, I am sure, be a perfect guide for the comrade who may be called to that position.

In considering the good of the order, I am going to urge upon you all the claims of the "Woman's Auxiliary," and the great benefit the Grand Army will derive from its prosperity and increase. An association of loyal woman banded together for the express purpose of aiding and assisting by all the means in their power those who wore the "blue" at the call of country, is a power that the Grand Army must not fail to foster and encourage. What was done by them during the war of the Rebellion need not be recited by me. History has done that, and their deeds will live while memory lasts. It is these loyal hearts that to-day are striving to organize that they may help you, comrades, as only they can.

It is your duty, then, to afford them all the assistance you can in affecting their organization. Each post should have its auxiliary, and when that time comes, you will be able fully to realize the benefit the Grand Army derives from its auxiliary. At present it is but a provisional department, but they hope before our next encampment to be a department proper, and hold their meetings at the same time and place.

During the year I have personally attended the muster of two posts, and the re-organization of the third—Steadman Post No. 24, at Whatcom; Grant Post No. 26, at Seattle; and Farragut Post No. 15, at Port Townsend, all of which are in good condition.

But owing to circumstances over which I had no control, it has been impossible for me to do as I had hoped, namely, to visit a large number of posts during the year. Much good could be done were it possible for the Department Commander to make such visits; but at present it is so difficult and expensive that it is rendered almost impossible for him to do so in person. The time is not far distant, I hope, when the Eastern and Western portions of our Department will be bound firmly together with iron bands, and the barrier that Nature has placed between us will give way to human perseverance.

The present year is one of particular interest to the Grand Army on the Pacific Coast. The National Encampment is to meet at San Francisco; and from every quarter of our land the comrades that stood side by side with us twenty years ago will take up their line of march towards the Golden Gate, to meet their comrades on the shores of the Pacific. Great preparations are being made by the comrades in California to receive them and us as California always receives her guests with a hearty welcome and most generous entertainment.

It will be a portion of the work of this encampment to make some arrangement looking toward a full delegation from this Department. We are all interested comrades, and each and every one of us should do his share towards making this meeting of old comrades a grand success.

During the year that has passed large numbers of our comrades have answered to their last roll call. Grant—that great leader, vanquished by no human power—passed silent and without a murmur to the Grand Army above. Hancock, McClellan, and many others of our brave and honored leaders, together with thousands of our hero comrades—none the less heroes because unknown to the world—have fallen by the way. Their fight ended, they have gone to take their place in the ranks of the Army of Immortals.

At our last encampment Comrade J. A. Smith, late S. V. Dept. Commander, presided at our encampment; to-day we miss him from our midst. A little mound in the cemetery, to be decorated by his comrades at each returning Memorial Day, and the memory of his untiring service for the Grand Army he loved so well, are the only links remaining between us and that faithful comrade. May his memory ever be held in remembrance by this Department. And so it will continue, comrades, until in the course of a few years the last of the old soldiers of the late war will be carried by loving hands to the silent grave, and our Grand Army of the Republic be no more. Knowing that this will surely be the case, let us, while we are blessed with life and health, labor faithfully for our order, and live in perfect accord with its three grand principles—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty—kind and considerate of the feelings of our comrades, ready always to help those in need, and loyal to the last to the land we love and the starry emblem that we followed through the long night of carnage to the blessed morn of victory and peace.

I desire to return to the various posts and their officers my thanks for

the courteous and kind treatment I have received at their hands. The difficulties that many of them have labored under I have fully appreciated, and if at times they have thought I have not, I can only say that my desire to promote the good of the order and place the Department in its proper position has been my sole aim. I have endeavored in all things to practice the virtue of Charity, and to right all matters to the best of my ability. How far I have succeeded, comrades, you are the best judges.

To my staff, and particularly to the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, I desire for myself and the Department to return my sincere thanks for the very efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices; always willing and ready, at the expense in many cases of their own private affairs, they have ever been at their posts. The work in the Assistant Adjutant General's office is rapidly increasing, and the prosperity of the Department depends largely upon the prompt and systematic performance of its duties. To enable him to do so, the various posts must be prompt with their quarterly reports, and it is earnestly requested that the post commanders give this matter their personal attention. It has been the endeavor of this administration to systematize as far as possible the work in the offices of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

A full set of books have been opened, and an accurate account of all funds kept. A copy of all correspondence is on file, and the records put in shape for easy reference.

In closing, I desire to express my regret that more of the comrades from the Sound were denied the privilege of meeting with us, and to assure the comrades who are present that the fault was not theirs. All desired to come, but the lack of means prevented them; and in their behalf, comrades, I ask of you not to misjudge them.

If it had not been for the desire of all to attend the National Encampment the attendance would have been larger; but they could not attend both, and you cannot blame them for choosing to go to San Francisco when they were compelled to make a choice. In retiring, I can assure you all that my interest in the Grand Army shall not wane, and it shall be my pleasure in whatever sphere I may be called to do to the best of my ability, anything for the good of the order.

I am in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
A. M. BROOKES,
Commanding Department.

On motion it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to examine and report upon the address of the Department Commander.

On motion it was ordered that Louis Myer be admitted to a seat in the encampment as a delegate from Ellsworth Post No. 2, without credentials.

The report of the Council of Administration was then read.

SEATTLE, W. T., April 19, 1886.

*To the Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic,
Washington Territory.*

COMRADES:—Being unable to devote the time necessary to comply with the order of the Department Commander, calling a meeting of the Coun-

cil of Administration at Walla Walla on the 21st inst., I, as Chairman of said Council of Administration deem it my duty to perform as much of the services required as possible, and herewith submit a report, subject however to such alterations, additions or modifications as a majority of said Council may deem proper.

Success in the administration of the affairs of any organization depends almost entirely upon a strict observance of the rules of business. Chaos and disorder will inevitably follow a loose, careless or imperfect management of any of the affairs of life.

The affairs of this Department have grown to no inconsiderable importance, and requires no small degree of ability and energy to manage them successfully.

Without detracting in the least from the honor and praise justly due and accorded to comrades who have heretofore administered the affairs of this Department, I feel in duty bound to point out briefly and call attention to some of the improvements inaugurated during the year past. I deem it unnecessary to give a summary or recapitulation of the reports of the various officers. These reports will show for themselves, and will no doubt inspire confidence and receive the hearty approval of every comrade in the Department.

I have examined the reports, books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General, A. E. Alden, and the Assistant Quartermaster General, Geo. G. Lyon, and find their books, papers and accounts have been kept in a thorough business-like manner and that their accounts are correct.

I would hardly do justice by these very efficient officers without saying more. I find that A. A. G. A. E. Alden has adopted and followed a system by which a complete record of the business of the Department is made and preserved. Copies of all Department orders and official letters and all important correspondence have been taken and preserved, Press copies of these letters covering over three hundred pages in the letter book leave unmistakable evidence of patient care and the vast amount of efficient labor performed. All letters received are properly and systematically arranged and filed.

His report shows that the expense of the Department for the year just closed, including his salary, \$50; to be \$354.15. The Assistant Adjutant General's report for last year, including salary, shows the expenditure of \$440.43. This shows a reduction over last year of over \$86, notwithstanding the fact that the business of the Department has greatly increased.

I find that the Assistant Quartermaster General, Geo. G. Lyon, has kept a full and complete set of books. Upon a careful examination of these books I have no hesitancy in pronouncing them models of neatness and accuracy. No such books have ever been kept before in the Department. His books show that the total or gross receipts from all sources to be \$883.30, and that the balance of cash on hand is \$255.55. I have seen the cash counted and the amount actually on hand corresponds with the balance shown.

A supply account has been kept showing the amounts expended and received for supplies. The profit made on these supplies has gone to increase the funds of the Department, where it rightfully belongs.

I believe that no salary is allowed to this officer. I would recommend that some suitable recognition of the eminent and faithful services performed by Comrade Geo. G. Lyon, in the way of compensation, be made.

In closing this part of my report I am constrained, as being pertinent, to say that gratuity is not the kind of compensation that will secure efficiency, and that if the affairs of this Department are properly managed in the future, the officers performing responsible and laborious services should be properly compensated.

I believe that ten per cent. of the gross receipts would not be too much to pay the Assistant Quartermaster General to keep full and complete account of the financial affairs of the Department. The amount of work necessary to fill efficiently the office of Assistant Adjutant General demands a greater compensation than is now paid.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.
 RICHARD OSBORN,
 Chairman Council of Administration.

WALLA WALLA, W. T., April 21, 1881.

To the Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of Washington Territory:

COMRADES:—We, the undersigned, members of the Council of Administration have carefully examined the books of account of the Assistant Adjutant General and of the Assistant Quartermaster General, also their reports and the reports of the Department Inspector and Chief Mustering Officer. We have also read the foregoing report of the Chairman of the Council of Administration which was submitted because of his inability to be present at the meeting of the Council.

Our examination of the books and accounts justified us in saying that the same have been kept with great care and that they are entirely correct—the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General agreeing.

We therefore hereby endorse the report hereto attached, of the Chairman of the Council.

CHAS. M. HOLTON,
 WM. C. ELLSWORTH,
 Members of Council of Administration.

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted and placed on file. Carried.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General was then read.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON, }
 SEATTLE, April 21, 1886. }

To A. M. Brookes, Department Commander:

COMRADES:—In conformity with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have the honor to submit, herewith, my annual report for the year 1885-6:

The following tables taken from the consolidated reports of the Assistant Adjutant General, show the increase, loss and present membership of the Department from March 31, 1885, to March 31, 1886. The report of membership is complete up to and including the fourth quarter, 1885. For the reason that some of the delinquent posts for the first quarter of 1886 will undoubtedly send in their reports, I have left this quarter incomplete in order that it may be included in the proceedings of the annual encampment:

MEMBERSHIP.

In good standing March 31, 1885—21 posts reporting.....822

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Second Quarter, 1885—16 Posts Reporting.

GAINS.

Muster and organization.....	123	
Transfer	9	
Reinstatement.....	10	142
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		964

LOSSES.

Death.....	2	
Honorable discharge.....	1	
Transfer	12	
Suspension	182	197
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In good standing, June 30, 1885.....		767

Third Quarter, 1885—12 Posts Reporting.

GAINS.

Muster and organization.....	25	
Transfer	4	
Reinstatement.....	36	65
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		832

LOSSES.

Honorable discharge.....	11	
Transfer	12	
Suspension.....	198	221
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In good standing, Sept. 30, 1885.....		611

Fourth Quarter, 1885—19 Posts Reporting.

GAINS.

Muster and organization.....	66	
Transfer	8	
Reinstatement.....	201	275
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		886

LOSSES.

Death.....	1	
Honorable discharge.....	7	
Transfer	13	
Suspension.....	95	116
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In good standing, Dec. 31, 1885.....		770

First Quarter 1886—17 Posts Reporting.

GAINS.

Muster and organization.....	39	
Transfer	7	
Reinstatement.....	65	111
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		881

LOSSES.

Death.....	5	
Honorable discharge.....	8	
Transfer	11	
Suspension	38	

Dishonorable discharge.....	2	64
In good standing, March 31, 1886.....		817

I herewith submit my report of expenditures:

Stationery and printing.....	\$118	90
Postage and telegrams.....	54	00
Express charges.....	8	25
Traveling expenses.....	30	00
Office rent, lights and fuel.....	65	00
Salary.....	50	00
Miscellaneous.....	28	00
Total	\$354	15

During the year five new posts have been mustered, viz: McDowell Post, Pomeroy; Gen. George Wright Post, Cheney; James B. Steadman Post, Whatcom; Joe Hooker Post, Chehalis; and U. S. Grant Post, Seattle. Notwithstanding the increase in number of posts our gain in membership has not been what we could desire. This is accounted for from the fact of unprecedented depression in all branches of business throughout the Territory. A large majority of the comrades have come to this new country to improve their condition financially, and are generally men of small means. They have therefore been compelled to seek employment at points distant from their homes, and in consequence, many of the posts have become so reduced in numbers as to scarcely leave a quorum to transact business. For the above reasons it has been difficult to collect monthly dues, rendering it almost impossible for several of the posts to make their quarterly reports and send in their per capita tax in accordance with rules and regulations. While the above is true in several instances, there are posts, the officers of which are inexcusably negligent in the discharge of their solemn obligations.

A revival of business and immigration the coming year will, I hope, materially benefit the Grand Army in this Department.

I wish to impress upon all post officers the necessity of promptly rendering their quarterly reports so that the incoming administration may not be annoyed and delayed in making its report.

I would call the attention of officers and comrades of posts to the importance of becoming familiar with rules and regulations, the manual, and also the forms for reports; this would obviate numerous mistakes and relieve the Assistant Adjutant General of much unnecessary work.

The beautiful ceremonies of Memorial Day met with general observance throughout the Department. To perpetuate the memory and history of our heroic dead cannot be too strongly impressed upon us all. The comrade who would neglect the duty of the day, is lacking in the principles and spirit of our organization. Nothing can impart lessons of love and patriotism and love of country more strongly than the beautiful ceremony of scattering flowers, silently and reverently, upon the graves of our martyred dead.

The Woman's Relief Corps, under the efficient management of Mrs. Viola A. Kenyon, Provisional President, has proven itself a valuable auxiliary to the Grand Army. Having always had infinite faith in woman's work, I heartily commend an organization whose only aim is to aid and co-operate with us in the noble work we are daily accomplishing; not assuming any of the prerogatives of our organization, but doing a grand work of charity in the comfort and care of the destitute comrades, their widows

and orphans. Every post in the Department should encourage and assist in organizing a Relief Corps.

In closing, I return my thanks to the officers of the posts and comrades for the courtesy they have shown me in my official relations with them, and to the Department Commander and members of the staff, for the assistance given me in the discharge of my duties. I have the honor to remain

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

A. E. ALDEN,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted and placed on file. Carried.

The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General was then read.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, }
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

SEATTLE, April 19, 1886.

To A. E. Alden, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Washington, Grand Army of the Republic:

COMRADE:—I have the honor to submit the following synopsis of the business of this office during the past year:

I received neither money nor supplies from my predecessor in office.

I received supplies valued at \$8.80 from Thos. C. Bell, late Assistant Adjutant General, for which he was paid afterward from funds of this Department.

Upon accepting the office of Assistant Quartermaster General of this Department I opened a set of books in which accurate accounts of financial transactions of this office have been kept and now appear.

All receipts from whatever sources have been entered thereon and all disbursements have also been charged to the proper accounts.

The books show cash receipts from all sources of.....	\$883 30
Cash disbursements.....	627 65

Cash on hand.....	\$255 65
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The account of supplies purchased and sold shows:

Supplies sold.....	\$316 79
Supplies purchased.....	259 78

Balance to credit of supply account.....	\$ 56 01
Added value of stock on hand as per inventory this day.....	37 30

Net profit on supplies.....	\$ 93 31
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Credits to the Department from other sources than sale of supplies have been.....	\$622 66
Debits to Department.....	386 17

Net credit.....	\$236 49
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A balance sheet taken from books at my office this day shows:

DEBITS.

Cash account.....	\$255 65	
Due from posts.....	45 58	301 23

CREDITS.

Supply account.....	\$ 57 01	
Department of Washington Territory.....	236 49	
Due to posts.....	7 73	301 23

All vouchers upon which payments have been made save those for minor office expenditures at headquarters, have been filed with the Assistant Adjutant General.

This Department owes nothing save the per capita tax due National Headquarters for the first quarter of 1886, the amount of which cannot be ascertained until reports from all posts are received.

All books, papers, supplies and cash, belonging to the Department will be promptly turned over to my successor when duly appointed and qualified.

Permit me to extend to yourself and through you to the Commander of this Department my sincere thanks for kindly courtesies during our association as officers of this Department of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Deeply regretting that duties here absolutely precluded my attendance at the Annual Encampment of our Department, and with continued and earnest hope for the constant progress and unfailing success of our noble order in this Territory and throughout the Nation,

I am yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
GEO. G. LYON,
Assistant Quartermaster General.

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted and placed on file. Carried.

The report of the Inspector General was then read:

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
OLYMPIA, W. T., April 17, 1886.

To A. E. Alden, Assistant Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic:

COMRADE:—I have the honor to submit, herewith, my annual report for 1885:

I am constrained to say, that the showing made for the past year is not as satisfactory as we could wish. This, however, may be justly attributed to the general depression in all branches of business throughout the country. Financial prosperity brings added interest in everything outside of that for which we live and labor, viz: "Home and Fireside." The converse of the proposition is true when corresponding depression meets our every turn.

Within the past few months many things have occurred which are familiar to every reading member of the order, to bring about a lack of activity within our ranks, and which has greatly disturbed the peace and quiet of the communities. Capital will not enter where labor is antagonistic; their interests are identical, and one cannot succeed without the

other; but capital, of the two, is the most sensitive, and, like the snail, when disturbed draws within its shell for safety.

This antagonistic tendency is very much to be deplored, and it is hoped that time will heal all these differences in such manner as will be to the best interests of every element of society. I may add, and regretfully, that many members of the G. A. R. were arrayed in hostility to the laws of our country in the recent disturbances that have taken place near our own doors, forgetting, undoubtedly, that "Loyalty" is one of the corner stones of our noble structure.

POSTS.

Custer Post No. 6, at Tacoma, reports a very great depression within its camp and a falling off in membership. This, however, is due to various causes, laudable in their nature. It has incurred great expense in securing a hall for its meetings, that is not only an ornament, but a pride. It has buried two deceased comrades at its own expense, and is now caring for the families of those comrades. In consequence, the dues of members have been greatly increased and many have been unable to meet the demands. This depression, however, promises only a temporary existence, and with the coming year, hope for a renewal of former interest prevails.

ALFRED SULLY POST, NO. 3

Reports the manifestation of considerable interest by its members, and the probable purchase in the near future, of uniforms. It has already invested about \$80 in the purchase of a banner and flags.

STEVENS POST, NO. 1, OF SEATTLE,

Reports that the arms belonging to the Territory in possession of the post during the recent riot in that city, were called in by the Governor, and the Post Inspector takes occasion to pass his strictures upon His Excellency for so doing. It is only necessary to say here, that the Governor has the power, and the right, to call in these guns whenever he deems it necessary for the public good, and, while it is true that the Legislature by an act gave them nominal possession of said arms, yet such disposition was entirely without its province, as the guns are the property of the Government of the United States, held *in trust* by the Territory for certain purposes.

ELLSWORTH POST, NO. 2, VANCOUVER,

Asks for a sufficient number of guns to arm the guards. It is much to be regretted that posts do not provide themselves with at least a sufficient number of guns to muster recruits. This could be done at a very low figure. Wm. Reid & Sons, Boston, will furnish rifles at the following figures: 45-calibre breech-loading rifles, new regulation, for \$10; 50 calibre breech-loading rifles, refinished, each, \$6; 58-calibre muzzle-loading rifles, at from \$2 to \$3. This is a matter that should claim the earliest attention of posts, as they cannot expect to procure them even temporarily from the Territory, which has not sufficient for its own needs.

REPORTS.

Much delay is occasioned in the reports of Assistant Inspectors. The regulations upon that point should be strictly adhered to, and the Department Inspector will then be enabled to make prompt and full returns whenever called upon, apart from his regular report. I regret to say that

out of 24 posts in this department, one-third of that number have failed to make any return during the past year, though requested to do so.

This should not be, and it should be strictly enjoined upon post commanders to recommend some reliable comrade, who will, with pride, attend to and fulfill the duties of the office of Assistant Inspector.

So far as Assistant Inspectors report the condition of posts the aspect is somewhat gloomy, but it is satisfactory to state that each post seems determined to build up the order, and increase the membership, during the coming year, so that by the next session of the Department Encampment, a large accession may be reported. I have the honor to be

Yours in Fraternity, Charity und Loyalty,
R. G. O'BRIEN,
Department Inspector.

Moved and seconded that the report of the Inspector General be accepted and placed on file. Carried.

The report of the Chief Mustering Officer was then read.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 21, 1886.

To the Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Washington Territory:

COMRADES:—During the present administration of the Department of Washington Territory, which commenced one year ago the 16th of the present month, the Department has increased in the number of posts from twenty-one to twenty-six. The first post mustered under the administration of Department Commander A. M. Brookes, was McDowell Post No. 22, located at Pomeroy, with seventeen charter members, on April 28, 1885, mustered by S. M. O. John H. Smith, who also installed the following officers: P. C., S. G. Cosgrove; S. V. C., B. B. Day; J. V. C., John W. Hardin; Adjutant, J. M. Sawyer; Q. M., D. C. Gardner; Surgeon, J. S. Waldrip; Chaplain, H. C. Thompson; O. D., Jas. Palmer; O. G., Charles Larkin; Sergeant Major, Frank Elliott; Quartermaster's Sergeant, W. C. Potter.

On the 27th of May, S. M. O.; J. S. Brown, accompanied by Comrade J. A. McGinty, of Sedgwick Post No. 8, proceeded to Cheney, where they mustered Gen. Geo. Wright Post No. 23, with thirteen charter members. The following officers were elected and installed: P. C., M. D. Smith; S. V. C., D. F. Anderson; J. V. C., D. R. French; Adjutant, J. A. Harris; Q. M., L. B. Jewell; Surgeon, J. W. Johnson; Chaplain, J. C. Tyler; O. D., J. Hofflebower; O. G., J. W. Still; Sergeant Major, H. B. Mason; Quartermaster Sergeant, B. F. Martin.

On the 29th of May, Department Commander A. M. Brookes and aids proceeded to Whatcom, where they were royally received by citizens and old soldiers. In the evening, Department Commander Brookes mustered Steadman Post No. 24, with thirteen charter members, and installed the following comrades as officers: P. C., Joseph Wolfe; S. V. C., W. R. Eaton; J. V. C., W. H. Penfield; Adjutant, O. S. Goodnow; Q. M., Jonas Geer; O. D., David L. Halstead; O. G., Moses Yankin.

On the 8th of August, Joe Hooker Post No. 25, of Chehalis, was mustered by S. M. O., T. B. Mitchell, assisted by Comrade James T. Berry, aid on the Department Commander's staff, with twelve charter members. The following officers were then elected and installed: P. C., R. N. Ashmore; S. V. C., M. T. Curry; J. V. C., T. P. Price; Adjutant, John A.

Taylor; Q. M., B. F. Clubine; O. D., M. Madden; Chaplain, Wm. Hazard; Surgeon, W. J. Saulsberry; O. G., G. F. Richards; Sergeant Major, John Lucas; Quartermaster's Sergeant, D. Pereguin.

On September 15th, U. S. Grant Post No. 26, at Seattle, was mustered by Department Commander A. M. Brookes, with sixteen charter members. The following comrades were then elected and duly installed as officers of the post: P. C., A. Slorah; S. V. C., W. H. DeWolf; J. V. C., D. E. Clough; Adjutant, J. M. Hoyt; Q. M., George Probst; Surgeon, M. V. Mills. Chaplain, G. A. Morgan; O. D., D. Warner; O. G., B. G. Fuller.

Respectfully submitted in Friendship, Charity and Loyalty,
PERRY G. TEFFT,

Chief Mustering Officer, Dep't. of W. T., G. A. R.

Moved and seconded that the report of the Chief Mustering Officer be accepted and placed on file. Carried.

Communication read from Comrade F. B. Morse in relation to the decision of the Department Commander in the matter of court martial of said comrade, requesting the matter be laid before the encampment.

Commander Brookes stated that Comrade Morse had no grievance that the encampment had power to rectify and declared it out of order.

A communication from J. W. Cochran, a suspended member of Ellsworth Post, No. 2, Vancouver, was read regarding the action of the post in refusing to reinstate him, etc.; ruled out of order, it being a matter entirely within the control of the post.

Comrade Hipkins asked if any settlement in the case of the apparent deficiency in the accounts of Comrade Slorah had been made. None having been made the matter was referred to the Council of Administration with instruction to make a report to the encampment before its adjournment. Said deficiency being reported in the proceedings of the encampment held at Vancouver in 1885.

Moved and seconded that the per capita tax for the ensuing year be fifteen cents. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Assistant Quartermaster General be allowed as compensation 10 per cent. of the receipts of his office. Amended to read the same compensation as to the Assistant Adjutant General. Further amended to read \$25 per annum. Vote being taken on the second amendment it was carried.

Encampment adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, Thursday, April 22d.

Annual Report of the Inspector of the Department of Washington Territory, Grand Army of the Republic, for the year ending March 31, 1886.

Name of Post.	Number of post.	Number of members in good standing.	Is the work in Ritual committed to memory and performed?	Are the officers and the guards properly armed & equipped?	Are the members uniformed & equipped?	How many muskets are owned by the post?	Are the officers regular in attendance?	Are members regular in attendance?	Do they exhibit an interest in the post?	Are all the records complete and well kept?	Are orders received regularly and read to the post?	Are they duly observed?	Have all reports and taxes been forwarded?	Amount charged for muster in?	Amount charged for per capita taxes?	Are benefits paid in case of sickness?	If so, how much per week?	Is there a relief fund for charitable purposes?	How much money in the relief fund?	Total amount expended for charity?	What are the prospects for the future?	
Stevens	1	141	yes	yes	pa'tly	65 T'y	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	\$3 00	75ct	no	.....	yes	\$100	\$248 00	good
Ellsworth.....	2	60	no	no	no	none	yes	fair	fair	yes	yes	yes	yes	2 00	20ct	no	.....	no	none	\$2 40	good
Sully.....	3	34	yes	no	no	none	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	2 00	.....	no	.....	no	none	\$2 40	good
A. Lincoln.....	4	70	yes	pa'tly	pa'tly	30 T'y	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	4 00	20ct	no	.....	yes	16 70	10 00	good
G. H. Thomas.....	5	37	no	yes	yes	none	yes	pa'tly	.....	yes	yes	yes	yes	3 00	20ct	no	.....	no	no r'd	not enc'	
Custer.....	6	85	yes	pa'tly	pa'tly	83 T'y	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	5 00	20ct	no	.....	yes	none	153 65	fair
Phil. Kearny*.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sedgwick.....	8	30	no	no	no	none	no	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	3 00	15ct	no	.....	.....	.....	63 85	good
Meade*.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morton.....	10	22	yes	pa'tly	.....	.....	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	3 00	20ct	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	good
I. M. Parsons.....	11	45	pa'tly	pa'tly	pa'tly	none	yes	yes	yes	pa'tly	yes	yes	yes	2 50	.....	no	.....	no	5 00	good	
McPherson.....	12	12	pa'tly	pa'tly	pa'tly	none	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	3 00	20ct	no	n'n'	ex'hd	5 00	nt good		
Garfield.....	13	30	yes	no	no	none	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	2 50	10ct	no	.....	none	.....	good	
Philo Buckman*.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Farragut*.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. H. Hensley*.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
L. C. Ladd.....	17	20	no	no	pa'tly	none	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no	2 00	.....	no	.....	.....	.....	.....	good
Larrabee.....	18	27	yes	no	no	none	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	3 00	75ct	yes	.....	no	.....	25 00	fair
Nathaniel Lyon*.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baker.....	20	34	no	pa'tly	no	none	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	.....	.....	1 00	45ct	no	.....	no	.....	.....	good
Thomas Drury.....	21	18	yes	no	no	none	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	3 50	50ct	yes	.....	yes	13 72	.....	good
McDowell.....	22	30	no	no	no	no	no	pa'tly	yes	yes	yes	yes	3 00	no	yes	un'k	75 00	good	
George Wright*.....	23	
Steadman*.....	24	
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*No report received.

R. G. O'BRIEN,
Inspector, Department of Washington Territory, G. A. R.

SECOND DAY.

Encampment met pursuant to adjournment and was opened in due form, Department Commander A. M. Brookes in the chair.

Report of Council of Administration in the matter of apparent deficiency of Comrade Slorah (see proceedings of encampment, 1885) was read as follows:

WALLA WALLA, April 21, 1886.

*To the Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic,
Washington Territory.*

COMRADES:—Your Council of Administration to whom was specially referred the matter of the apparent deficiency in the financial statement of the late Assistant Adjutant General, A. Slorah, referred to in the report of the Council of Administration to the Third Annual Encampment, 1885, and found on page 32 of the printed proceedings thereof, have had the subject under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report:

We find from examination of the records of this Department and from creditable information otherwise obtained that the reports submitted by Post Commanders during the first years of the existence of the Department were meager, frequently unaccompanied by the per capita tax, and often very tardily made. That in the anxiety of the Department officers to keep the Department organization alive, they advanced to the National Headquarters, private funds for the payment of Department per capita tax. That it was extremely difficult to accurately keep the accounts of the Department during this early period and that the greater wonder is that they have come down to us in as good condition as we find them. That we do not believe that Comrade Slorah has ever improperly appropriated a cent of the funds of this Department. That on the contrary we do believe that he has advanced many dollars of his own private funds to meet emergencies for which he has never been reimbursed. That Comrade Slorah for his unselfish and untiring efforts, in aiding to establish this Department organization and place it upon a firm foundation, merits the profound gratitude of all comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Friendship, Charity and Loyalty.

CHAS. M. HOLTON,
W. C. ELLSWORTH,
Council of Administration.

On motion the report of the Council was adopted and placed on file and included in the printed proceedings of this encampment.

The committee to whom was referred the annual address of the Department Commander reported that they had examined the same and that they heartily endorse and concur in the recommendations therein made, and recommend that it be placed on file. On motion it was so ordered.

The encampment then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The following named comrades were then placed in nomination for Department Commander: Comrade W. C. Ellsworth, Abraham Lincoln Post No. 4; C. M. Holton, Meade Post No. 9; A. P. Curry, Sedgwick Post No. 8.

Ballot was then taken with the following result:

W. C. Ellsworth, 7; C. M. Holton, 11; A. P. Curry, 4. No choice.

Second ballot—W. C. Ellsworth, 5; C. M. Holton, 11; A. P. Curry, 6. No choice.

Third ballot—W. C. Ellsworth withdrawn; C. M. Holton, 14; A. P. Curry, 9.

Comrade Holton having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared duly elected Department Commander.

For Senior Vice Department Commander: Comrades A. P. Curry and W. C. Ellsworth were placed in nomination. Comrade Ellsworth withdrew his name. On motion the Acting Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the ballot of the encampment for Comrade Curry for Senior Vice Department Commander.

For Junior Vice Department Commander, Comrade J. F. Burns was placed in nomination. There being no further nominations the Acting Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the ballot for Comrade Burns for Junior Vice Department Commander. It was so done.

Comrade N. G. Blalock was nominated for Medical Director. The Acting Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the ballot of the encampment for Comrade Blalock for Medical Director. It was so done.

Comrade M. M. Bane was nominated for Chaplain and was duly elected, the Acting Assistant Adjutant General casting the ballot of the encampment for him as instructed.

On motion it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to select five comrades to act as a Council of Administration for the ensuing year, to report immediately.

Recess of fifteen minutes.

Encampment called to order. Committee on Council of

Administration reported the following named comrades to compose the Council of Administration: Comrades John A. Shoudy, Post No. 11; Louis Meyer, Post No. 2; William Hipkins, Post No. 6; L. H. Prather, Post No. 8; A. D. Rodgers, Post No. 5.

Report accepted and the committee discharged. The Acting Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the ballot of the encampment for the comrades named.

Comrade F. J. Parker, Abraham Lincoln Post No. 4, was nominated a delegate to the National Encampment at San Francisco, Cal. There being no other nominations, the encampment ordered the Acting Assistant Adjutant General to cast the ballot for Comrade Parker, which was done.

Comrade H. C. Thompson, Post No. 22, was then elected alternate to National Encampment.

Next in order being the selection for holding the next Department Encampment. Spokane Falls, Ellensburg and Tacoma were named. Ballot being taken, resulting in no choice. Before a second ballot was taken Spokane Falls and Ellensburg were withdrawn and the Acting Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast the ballot for Tacoma as the place selected for the next meeting of the Department Encampment.

On motion it was ordered that encampment convene at Tacoma on the third Wednesday in April, 1887.

Encampment adjourned until 1 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 o'clock P. M. the encampment met pursuant to adjournment, and opened in due form.

The newly elected officers were then duly installed by Department Commander A. M. Brookes.

Department Commander C. M. Holton took his seat and in a few well chosen remarks thanked the encampment for the honor conferred upon him.

Moved and seconded that a committee of five be appointed to interview or communicate with the railroad officials in regard to the matter of transportation for members of the G. A. R. and their families to and from G. A. R. conventions. Amended to three instead of five and so carried. The following committee was appointed: Comrade S. V. C., A. P. Curry, J. W. Sprague and P. B. Johnson.

The following resolution was introduced by Comrade L. N. Prather. Sedgwick Post No. 8.

Resolved:—That we tender to Abraham Lincoln Post No. 4 and to the Mayor and citizens of Walla Walla our heartfelt thanks for their generous and hospitable entertainment of the delegates and visiting members of the G. A. R. at this encampment.

On motion the resolution was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes of the encampment, and published in the local papers of Walla Walla.

The following was offered by Comrade M. D. Smith, of Geo. Wright Post No. 4:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 Walla Walla, April 22, 1886. }

Resolved: That there is due the Department officers of this encampment, from its members, our sincere thanks for their efficiency during the past administration (of 1885) and especially are we under great obligations to our Department Commander for his impartial rulings and his courteous treatment of all its members in his official capacity during its present session and we wish him in his future civil capacity that success which his courteousness demands.

M. D. SMITH,
 Commander Gen. Geo. Wright Post No. 23, Cheney.

Comrade A. P. Curry moved the adoption of the resolution and called for a rising vote. Adopted unanimously, (followed by three cheers and a tiger for the retiring Department Commander).

Comrade John Pieper, Past Post Commander of Abraham Lincoln Post No. 4; in person petitioned the encampment to restore to him the honors of P. P. C., he having lost the same by resigning before the expiration of his term of office, being compelled to be absent and unable to attend to the duties of his office, and thinking the welfare of his post would be promoted by so doing.

A motion to restore was carried unanimously.

Comrade P. G. Tefft, C. M. O., read a circular letter from Department Headquarters to Abraham Lincoln Post No. 4, asking assistance for Comrade Shaw of G. H. Thomas Post No. 5, to enable him to go East to the Soldier's Home at Dayton, Ohio, and asked the encampment to add something to the amount already subscribed by Lincoln Post No. 4, (\$10).

Comrade Cosgrove suggested that a hat be passed, which was done, resulting in the collection of \$18, which was given to Past Department Commander A. M. Brookes for transmission to the proper party.

Past Department Commander A. M. Brookes then introduced the following:

Resolved: That it is the earnest desire of this encampment that all the comrades of this Department (that can) attend the National Encampment at San Francisco next August and with that object in view the Department Commander is authorized to make any and all arrangements that may be necessary to a successful accomplishment of this object and report the plans to the various posts from time to time.

Resolved: That the Department of Washington Territory secure headquarters for that occasion in San Francisco at as early a day as possible.

Resolved: That the Department Commander be instructed to procure suitable badges to be worn by the delegation, and visiting comrades of this Department at the National Encampment.

Resolved: That the Commander issue a circular to the different posts inviting (through them) subscriptions to maintain Department Headquarters at San Francisco and in this manner we will be able to show to our comrades from the East the beauty and productiveness of our Territory.

The resolution was discussed freely it being a matter of importance. A vote being taken, the resolution was carried unanimously.

On motion it was ordered that 500 copies of the proceeding of this encampment be printed for circulation.

There being no further business before the encampment it was closed in due form.

J. RANDOLPH SMITH,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

A. E. ALDEN,
Assistant Adjutant General.

