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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

SIXTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Grand Army of the Republic

Department of Washington and Alaska.

CONVENED AT SEATTLE, W. T., APRIL 18, 1888.

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OFFICERS OF ENCAMPMENT.

F. W. Sparling.....	P. D. C., Provisional
Geo. D. Hill.....	P. D. C., do
A. M. Brooks.....	P. D. C., do
Charles M. Holton.....	P. D. C., do
A. P. Curry.....	Department Commander
O. B. Johnson.....	S. V. C.
James T. Berry.....	J. V. C.
H. C. Bostwick.....	Medical Director
D. P. Quinn.....	Chaplain
M. D. Smith.....	A. A. G.
W. O. Fowler.....	A. Q. M. G.
S. F. Sahn.....	Inspector General
Richard Osborn.....	Judge Advocate General
M. M. Holmes.....	C. M. O.
A. J. Smith.....	Senior A. D. C.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Sixth Annual Encampment,
Department of Washington and Alaska.

FIRST DAY.

April 18, 1888.

Encampment called to order at 10:30 a. m. by Department Commander A. P. Curry, and opened in due form.

Comrade A. M. Brooks reported that numerous visitors were in waiting in the ante-room who wished to be admitted to the Encampment.

Moved by Comrade Hail that a committee of five be appointed to examine the visiting comrades. Carried.

Committee on examination—Comrades E. L. Hall, J. W. Sprague, G. O. Bump, Wm. Hipkins and N. L. Oakley.

Committee instructed to examine the comrades and report immediately.

Committee reported the following comrades as members in good standing in the G. A. R.: W. G. Shaw, H. W. Fenton, Chas. Smith, Jacob Davis, J. Tapping, C. Hollinsworth, H. H. Grant, A. D. Hubbel, C. L. Fay and N. N. Tyner, and the comrades were admitted as visitors.

Moved by Comrade J. E. Gandy that a committee of five be appointed on credentials. Carried.

Committee appointed as follows: J. E. Gandy, J. W. Sprague, R. G. O'Brien, R. Osborn and H. C. Bostwick.

Moved by Comrade E. Wilson that the Encampment take a recess until 2 p. m. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 2 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Committee on credentials made their report, and the following named comrades were reported as present and entitled to seats as delegates and alternates:

STEVENS POST, No. 1.—Past and present Post Commanders: G. W. Tibbetts, H. A. Bigelow, I. H. Griswold, A. P. Spaulding, O. B. Johnson, M. M. Holmes. Delegates: L. A. Treen, James Alexander, P. P. Carroll, N. L. Oakley, W. E. Wilson, H. F. Phillips, C. D'Oyley.

ELLSWORTH POST, No. 2.—Past Post Commander, David Stump. Delegates: Wm. Baker, W. G. Stafford, alternate, E. Sparks.

A. SULLY, No. 3.—Delegates: D. B. Kimball, A. J. Dexter, alternate, I. H. Cribbs, and H. Hunter.

GEO. H. THOMAS, No. 5.—Past Commanders: J. R. Hayden, Wm. McMicken, R. G. O'Brien. Delegates: R. H. Milroy, W. H. Roberts.

CUSTER, No. 6.—Past Commanders: J. W. Sprague, Fred Taylor, Thomas Carroll, S. F. Sahn, James Barlow, C. T. Patterson. Delegates: J. A. C. McCoy, F. W. Bashford, D. G. Lovell, Wm. Hipkins, H. F. Garretson.

PHIL KEARNEY, No. 7.—Past commanders: J. F. Berry, R. L. Calvin. Delegates: D. W. Macdonald, T. Broullaitte.

SEDGWICK, No. 8.—Past Commander, E. R. Childs. Delegates: J. E. Gandy, G. O. Bump.

MEADE, No. 9.—Past Commander: Robert Dunn. Delegate: J. O. Clark.

MORTON, No. 10.—Past Commander: D. F. Sexton. Delegates: J. W. Knapp, H. W. Light, alternate.

JAMES PARSONS, No. 11.—Delegates: L. C. Seaton, S. T. Sterling, alternate.

MCPHERSON, No. 12.—Delegate, George S. Foster.

FARRAGUT, No. 15.—Delegates: D. P. Trimble, Oliver Wood.

L. C. LADD, No. 17.—Delegates: John Beverly, W. E. Polan.

LARRABEE, No. 18.—Delegates: J. F. Dwelle, John Goghan.

NAT LYON, No. 19.—Past Commander: F. M. Ellsworth.

BAKER, No. 20.—Delegate: John Keats.

MCDOWELL No. 22.—Past Commanders: S. G. Cosgrove, H. E. Farnsworth, D. K. Hull. Delegate: H. C. Thompson.

GENERAL GEORGE WRIGHT, No. 23.—Delegate: E. L. Hall.

STEDMAN, No. 24.—Delegates: M. Yunken, L. D. Halsted, alternate.

JOE HOOKER, No. 25.—Past Commander: R. N. Ashmore.

U. S. GRANT, No. 26.—Past Commander: A. Slorah. Delegates: M. V. Mills, George Probst.

J. F. MILLER, No. 31.—Past Commanders: R. Osborn, W. G. Lattimer, George W. Bullene, George D. Hill. Delegates: D. C. Kenyon, Fred Gash.

REYNOLDS, No. 32.—Past Commander: J. N. Lindsay.

EUGENE M. BAKER, No. 33.—Past Commander: A. J. Smith.

D. A. RUSSELL, No. 35.—Past Commander: W. Y. Deere, Jasper Gates.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. GONBY,	} Committee.
R. G. O'BRIEN,	
R. OSBORNE,	
J. W. SPRAGUE,	
H. C. BOSTWICK.	

On motion of comrade R. Osborn, the roll was called to ascertain who of those entitled to seats were present in the Encampment.

Comrade A. J. Smith, representing the National Encampment, being present, was invited by the Commander to a seat on the platform.

On motion the Assistant Adjutant-General was instructed to enter on the roll the names of delegates, past and present Post Commanders at any time during the session, when satisfied that they are entitled to seats in the Encampment.

A communication presenting greeting from the Woman's Relief Corps, now in session in this city, was read, and on motion, was ordered placed on the minutes.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
SEATTLE, W. T., April 18, 1888.

The Third Annual Convention of the Department of Washington Territory Woman's Relief Corps send greeting to the Sixth Annual

Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and wishing you a successful and harmonious Encampment, renew our obligations to aid the Grand Army whenever called upon to do so.

By order of convention.

Viola A. KENYON, Dept. President.

The Commander then issued a countersign to be used during the Encampment, after which motion was made and carried that the Encampment take a recess until 9 a. m., April 19, in order that the Encampment might participate in the grand parade to take place this p. m.

SECOND DAY.

Encampment opened at 9 a. m.; Commander Curry presiding. Roll of Encampment called. The following rules for the guidance of the Encampment was on motion adopted:

Report of Committee on Credentials.
 Calling Roll of Members.
 Department Commanders Report.
 Report of Adjutant-General.
 Report of Quartermaster-General.
 Report of Department Inspector.
 Report of Medical Director.
 Report of Judge-Advocate.
 Report of Chief Mustering Officer.
 Report of Committees.
 Selection of place for next Encampment.
 Election of Officers.
 Good of the Order.
 New Business.
 Installation.

The Department Commander then read his annual report as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA }
 SPOKANE FALLS, W. T., April 15, 1888. }

Comrades: This Annual Encampment of this Department having met in the beautiful city on this grand Sound, gladly do I greet you as the representatives of and part of that army of patriots that responded to the call of our country when the dark cloud of rebellion was hovering near. At your Fifth Annual Encampment, held at Tacoma, you placed upon me the high honor and distinction of representing you as your Department Commander for the ensuing year. Then, as now, I considered it as one of the most exalted positions comrades can bestow upon a comrade, and as I esteem it in that light, I am exceedingly grateful for the honor bestowed upon me. How well I have honored the position I leave to your better judgement. I regret to say that my time has been limited, and that our Department being so large in extent, and in many cases so inaccessible, that I have not visited as many posts nor given it that attention that I should have been pleased to have given, were it otherwise. However, I congratulate you that the order has not lost its interest for good results among those who were our comrades, nor has the love of the grand organization lessened among the old guard, but has increased each day as the year has rolled by, and I am glad to report that our ranks are filling up steadily, as is evidenced by the representation of this Encampment. Since our last Encampment the ever moving hand of time has erased another year from the calendar of our lives, and very many of our

comrades have answered the last roll-call and have passed over the beautiful river to be mustered into the Grand Army above, where our God is the Supreme Commander. While this is true, I congratulate you that so few of our Department have left us on this uncertain voyage. For this let us be truly thankful, while we are permitted through a kind Providence to assemble once more in the midst of our much loved order to review the labors of the past, to deliberate upon such measures and to make such laws as to us shall seem best calculated to promote a firm establishment of fraternity, charity and loyalty. While the stern duty of our organization calls us together annually, seriously and thoughtfully, to legislate for the good of our institution, there are friendships gathered here and pleasures experienced upon which the mind will dwell with fondness long after this occasion shall have passed away. Then standing, as we are to-day, upon the threshold of another year in Grand Army work, let us show our gratitude for the favors and blessings which we have received at the hands of Him whose kindness and care has protected us all our days, and ask from Him for the future his guidance through the labors of this encampment so that our deliberation may be conducted in harmony and love and our warmest discussions be tempered with charity, mildness, courtesy and good feeling, which our beloved order so well and plainly teaches.

I now submit a report of my official acts for your consideration, and if merited, your approval. On April 18, 1887, the total number of posts in this Department was thirty-three; of this number one was dropped. Charters surrendered, one. Total thirty-one. During the present administration to date there have been nine new posts organized. This makes a total membership of about 1,100 in good standing. This does not include Alaska which has not reported. The books, papers and department property did not reach me for two months after my election, owing, as I am informed, to the absence of the late A. A. G. from home. This did not allow my Quartermaster-General to start his books in proper shape, and while he has been faithful and untiring in his efforts to do his whole duty, the books are not in such a condition as I would wish. From the statement of my predecessor, comrade C. M. Holton, and also from the report of the last A. A. G. and Quartermaster-General, there should have been turned over to the Quartermaster-General \$263.10, of this amount my Quartermaster-General has received only \$108.38. I have used all my power to collect the balance, but to no avail. I am informed by comrade Holton that part of this amount is in the hands of comrade Kingsberry, late A. A. G., and part in the hands of comrade J. W. Wheelock, also late A. A. G. I have written many letters begging a settlement, but can report no success. I received from comrade Holton a short time since charges and specifications preferred by him against comrade Wheelock, who was for a time his A. A. G., but as comrade Holton was in Washington city and as it was so near our Annual Encampment, I thought best to refer this whole matter to this Encampment for such action as thought best, and herewith submit the papers in the case. It will be remembered that the Encampment one year ago by resolution concluded together and exhibited at the National Encampment at St. Louis such products as this department was proud of, and to this end a committee of five were elected by the Encampment in order to carry out these instructions. I was elected chairman of said committee and before leaving Tacoma the committee met and laid the work out for it to do. The committee consisted of the following comrades: Thomas Carroll, A. S. Farquharson, D. W. Close, F. W. Becker and myself. I entered upon my duties in earnest, giving it almost my entire time. Comrade Carroll was called away from the Department and we lost the most of his valuable assistance, Comrades Farquharson and Close did the best they could in the matter but did not succeed in doing as much as I had hoped. However, I was very much pleased to receive such aid from them as I did. In the meantime, I

was very active and had incurred a large expense, and had gone so far in the matter that I could not abandon the enterprise. I, of course, looked for assistance from each post in our Department as well as the boards of trade and kindred assistance.

Comrade R. G. O'Brien offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved: That Posts of the G. A. R., in this department, be requested to solicit such aid from local board of trade and associations as will enable the committee to carry out the objects of these resolutions.

Comrade O'Brien moved that a committee of five be appointed, of whom Department Commander A. P. Curry be the chairman and whose duty should be to solicit supplies for an exhibit of the resources of this Territory, to be made at St. Louis during the National Encampment, and such aid as may be needed to effect the same. The motion prevailed. The department commander appointed the delegates and alternates elect to the National Encampment members of such committee.

How well I succeed the sequel will show. As the day of leaving drew near I found myself in possession of a carload of samples, the finest I have seen in this or any other country and not a dollar from any post or board of trade. I was determined to succeed, and begged from my personal friends and business men of Spokane Falls and raised \$228, and on the appointed day left for St. Louis. It is true that we had to travel more miles to reach St. Louis than any other department in our grand country, and it is also true that we reached our destination before any other department. We procured two large tents, not having sufficient funds to get a hall, and opened to the world a display that every citizen and Grand Army man should be proud of. How well this matter was managed while in St. Louis, I will leave to some of our comrades, who were there, to say. At the close of the Grand Army week many of the most substantial men of St. Louis, both Grand Army and others, insisted that we should continue the exhibit, and as the St. Louis fair had just opened we procured space and removed our samples to the fair ground. We remained on the fair grounds ten days, and Adjutant General Smith and myself spent our entire time showing our samples and assuring our visitors that what we had was in fact the product of our great, fast growing and glorious Territory. At the close of the fair we took our samples back to St. Louis and left them where they could be seen by all comers, and as a monument to our Territory. Since our return home I have had the satisfaction of seeing and knowing that our exhibition has been the cause of bringing many an old soldier and citizen to our Territory, and all are thankful for our efforts in showing them what this land of ours can produce and of its glorious future.

In conclusion, in regard to this exhibition, allow me here to thank each of the Grand Army who were with us from this Department for their kindness and assistance while in St. Louis, and especially Mrs. John T. Newland, wife of Comrade John T. Newland, who was at our camp nearly all of the time and who never tired in telling in her winning way the beauties of Washington Territory. I earnestly recommend a vote of thanks from this department to this lady for her untiring efforts. I expended on account of this exhibition, \$690. I received from the good people of Spokane Falls, \$228. I received after my return from St. Louis from Sedgwick Post, No. 8, Spokane Falls, \$15; from Post Commander R. G. O'Brien, Olympia, \$25; total, \$268. Total amount expended by me for this exhibit, more than I received, \$422. This matter I leave entirely in the hands of this Encampment for such action as they deem proper.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

I have attended some six National Encampments, and must say that the encampment at St. Louis was in many respects the grandest, joy-

ful gathering that I ever witnessed. It is true that the weather was not favorable for us, but yet can you imagine nearly one hundred thousand true, loyal men in that city, each glad to see his comrades, each determined to stand by our National Commander, Gen. Lucian Fairchild, each determined to make each other happy, and all were glad. You will also imagine that for three long hours during a heavy Missouri rain fifteen thousand of the grand old boys marching in the rain on the occasion of our grand parade.

Shoulder to shoulder was the march, despite of the rain and mud.
 Their eyes were bright, their hearts were light,
 And steady was their tread.
 Wet to the skin, a halt was called, and all seemed dry within.

I was proud of our Department in this grand parade, for considering our membership, and the distance we had to travel, our showing on this occasion was good. Each year the National Encampment is more interesting than the last, and this is also the case with the Department Encampment, and in fact all gatherings where the loyal, brave, dear old defenders of our old flag come together. This is as it should be, for as we grow less in numbers our hearts should go out to each other in all its fulness. Our next annual encampment will be held in Columbus, Ohio, and all who go will say on his return, "These were the happiest days of my life." The committee are at work in earnest and all will be done that willing hands and loving hearts can do to make it pleasant for their guests. I am informed that a very low rate of fare will be given.

REPORTS.

I invite careful consideration of the various reports from my staff officers, trusting this Encampment will be as proud of them as I am, believing all have done their best to forward this good work.

ALASKA.

Having received an application from comrades at Juneau, Alaska, asking for authority to form a post in that territory, I forwarded this request to General Fairchild, the National commander, and received in return an order attaching Alaska to our department. I, therefore, have adopted the name of Washington and Alaska. One post has been organized in that territory and we may look for more very soon.

REBEL FLAGS.

When the news flashed over the wire that the President of the United States had ordered the rebel flags to be returned to their respective states I, like all good soldiers with whom I conversed, was astonished; and when our National Commander took the bold stand he did in this matter I telegraphed to him, as Department Commander, as follows:

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 SPOKANE FALLS, W. T. }

Our Department fully indorses your sentiment regarding the rebel flags and thank you for your bold and determined stand in this matter. You can depend upon Washington Territory.

(Signed) A. P. CURRY, Department Commander.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I recommend that a committee be appointed or the Council of Administration be instructed to look into the matter of funds due from past officers. A court martial may be convened for this purpose but this is both harsh and expensive and, perhaps, can be avoided. I also recommend that the date of our next Encampment be the 1st of May.

This will give posts time to get their reports to the department headquarters in time, and to allow department officers to make their final report. I also recommend that a live committee be appointed or elected on transportation and instructed to strike often and hard for a low rate to our National Encampment, for it always has occurred to me that railroads should transport the old soldiers to national and departmental encampments once a year at a very low rate, and were they compelled to furnish such transportation free it would be nothing but just to the savers of this country.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

This very valuable auxiliary to our noble order, the Woman's Relief Corps, is truly worthy of our encouragement. It has done noble work in the past year under the official management of Mrs. Viola A. Kenyon, Department President, and I hope and trust that the comrades will continue to recognize the very valuable services of this auxiliary. Their work is the work of love and duty, for who can smooth the pillow in the sick room or take their place in times of adversity and trouble equal to *gentle, loving, loyal woman*.

SONS OF VETERANS.

I also take pleasure in reporting to you that the sons of our veteran soldiers are stepping to the music of fraternity, charity and loyalty, and that they have organized in this Department three camps for the purpose of carrying forward the peace for which their sires so nobly fought and died. I esteem the cause worthy of your consideration and hope the comrades of this Department will see to it that a camp is formed in every place where enough of this material can be found, who will follow the foot-steps of their noble sires and will teach true allegiance to the government of the United States of America and respect for and fidelity to the constitution and laws. I know no better way by which our national unity can be preserved intact than to encourage the sons of veterans of the war of the rebellion to organize and carry forward the stary banner, the emblem of liberty and equal rights, and maintain it in its present high and exalted position. To them the duty falls to follow the last one of us to our final resting place and then to see that our *cause*, our *record*, and our *flag* is never insulted.

CONCLUSION.

And now, my comrades, permit me, in a few hours at most, to return to you the duties and responsibilities with which you invested me at your last Department Encampment. I thank you for your confidence and the high honor conferred upon me. I have served the interests of this Department with an honest purpose and with such ability as I possess. For my official errors I ask only that charity which should be extended to the faithful intent. My only desire is that this official mantle may descend upon shoulders who shall conduct this great comradeship to the greater success, forgetting not that "*Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty*." I am, with much respect, yours in fraternity, charity and loyalty."

A. P. CURRY, Department Commander.

Which, on motion, was referred to the following committee: A. Slorah, of Grant post No. 26, C. T. Patterson, of Custer post No. 6, and Oliver Wood, of Farragut post No. 15.

The A. A. G. stated that his report was nearly ready and, on his suggestion, a committee was appointed to examine the same, as follows: Comrades Sampson, McMicken and Tibbetts.

On motion Comrades Treen, Cosgrove and Taylor were appointed a committee to examine the report of Assistant-Quartermaster General.

Inspector-General S. F. Sahm was granted further time in which to make report, the returns from posts being late in arriving, he was unable to make full report at this time.

By request, Comrades O'Brien, Hayden and Cowles of George H. Thomas Post, No. 5, entertained the Encampment with the song, "We'll Rally Again," which was rendered in an excellent manner, and elicited prolonged applause from the comrades present.

Moved that an informal ballot be taken to determine the place of holding the next Encampment; carried. The Commander appointed as tellers, R. G. O'Brien, of No. 7 and W. E. Wilson, of No. 1. Vote taken with the following result: Spokane Falls, 71; Ellensburg, 2; Olympia, 5; blank, 2.

Motion then made that Spokane Falls be the unanimous choice of this Encampment as the place for holding the next annual Encampment. Carried.

The nominations for department officers was then declared in order, when Comrade H. E. Garretson, of Custer Post, No. 6, placed in nomination Comrade General John W. Sprague, of Custer Post, No. 6, of Tacoma, as Department Commander, prefacing the nomination with a very appropriate speech. Nomination was appropriately seconded by Comrades Taylor, of Custer, No. 6; R. G. O'Brien, of G. H. Thomas, No. 5; R. Osborn, of J. F. Miller, No. 31; O. B. Johnson, G. W. Tibbetts and M. M. Holmes, of Stevens, No. 1.

On motion of Comrade Holmes, the A. A. G., was instructed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Sprague for Department Commander. Motion carried by a rising vote, whereupon the A. G. cast the vote, and comrade Sprague was declared unanimously elected.

Comrade Sprague was called forward and responded with a very feeling speech of acceptance, which was received by the comrades with rounds of applause.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

Comrade S. G. Cosgrove, of McDowell Post, No. 22, of Pomeroy, was placed in nomination and elected in the same manner.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

Comrade Wm. McMicken, of Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 5, being placed in nomination, was unanimously elected.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Comrade H. C. Bostwick was placed in nomination, and was unanimously re-elected to the office.

CHAPLAIN.

Comrade Rev. T. Brouillette, of Phil Kearney, No. 7, was unanimously elected.

On motion a committee of three, consisting of Comrades Ellsworth, Hayden and Wood, was appointed to submit to the Encampment a list of names from which to select a council of administration.

DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The following comrades were then elected representatives from this Department to the National Encampment: D. B. Kimball, of Sully,

No. 3, delegate at large; J. R. Hayden, Geo. H. Thomas, No. 5; T. T. Minor, J. F. Miller, No. 31, delegates. R. N. Ashmore, Joe Hooker, No. 25, at large; Oliver Wood, Faragaut, No. 15; W. H. Harris, Stevens, No. 1, alternates.

On motion, a committee was appointed consisting of Comrades H. F. Garretson, J. E. Gandy and R. G. O'Brien, to draft resolutions of thanks to the people of Seattle for the reception given by them to this Department encampment.

On motion, the same committee was appointed on general resolutions.

On motion, the Adjutant-General was instructed to prepare and forward a suitable reply to the communication received yesterday from the Woman's Relief Corps.

Moved by Comrade Holmes, of Stevens Post, No. 1, that the installation of department officers be public, and that the Woman's Relief Corps be invited to take part in a joint installation of the officers at 7:30 p. m. at Pythian hall. Carried.

Moved that the present Judge-Advocate-General be instructed to draft articles of incorporation for the use of this Department. After much discussion, the matter was by consent postponed until the afternoon session.

On motion, the council of administration was instructed to make a report at the afternoon session on the matter of raising funds for the payment of a portion of the necessary expenses incurred by the Department Commander in taking the exhibit from this Territory to St. Louis, Mo., during the National Encampment in September, 1887, which expenses were met from his personal funds.

On motion, the Encampment took a recess until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Encampment resumed business at 2 p. m.

The following communication was received from the President of the Woman's Relief Corps accepting the invitation of this Encampment to meet in joint installation this evening, was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
SEATTLE, W. T., April 19, 1888.

Mr A. P. Curry, Department Commander G. A. R.

DEAR SIR:—I am instructed by the Convention W. R. C. to inform you that we accept your kind invitation to attend and participate in the join installation this evening. By command of convention.

LIZZIE R. HERRICK, Dept. Secy.

Following report of the Chief Mustering Officer read:

SEATTLE, W. T., April 18, 1888.

M. D Smith. A. A. G., Department of Washington and Alaska,

COMRADE: I have the honor to report the organization and muster

of ten Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic since the last encampment:

NAME POST.	NO.	DATE.	LOCATION.	COMMANDER.	CH M'BRS	MUSTR'NG OFFICER.
E M Baker...	33		Ft Walla Wl.	A J Smith.....	18	
Lindsay.....	34		Pine City....	J W Richardson	12	J B Pangborn, SMO
D A Russell..	35	June 6, '87	Mt. Vernon..	Jasper Gates...	21	M M Holmes, CMO
J J Lewis....	37	Oct. 7, '87	Asotin.....	D T Welch.....	14	J L Waldrip, SMO
F P Blair....	38	Dec. 15, '87	Spangle.....	O W Ames.....	10A P Curry, DC
R L McCook..	39	Dec. 23, '87	Sherman....	J E Williams...	14	J E Williams, SMO
Burnside....	40	Mch. 23, '88	Waitsburg...	D G Ingraham	11	I N Arnold, SMO
Jno BWyman	41	Mch. 24, '88	Rockford....	H Drought.....	16A P Curry, DC
Lynch.....	42	Mch. 23, '88	Lynden.....	Wm I Baker...	13	M M Holmes, CMO
G M Dodge...	43	Mch. 29, '88	Cosmopolis..	O A Myers.....	11	W H Blair, SMO

A charter for a post at Juneau, Alaska, has been granted No. 36, and J. F. Martin detailed as S. M. O., but no report has yet been received.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

M. M. HOLMES, C. M. O.

The report referred to a special committee consisting of Comrades Childs, Carroll and Storah. The committee having reported thereon favorably, on motion the report was adopted.

The Judge Advocate General presented the following report.

To A. P. Curry, Department Commander, Department of Washington,

COMRADE: I have the honor to report that during the year just closed there has been but few matters brought to my attention or requiring my services as Judge Advocate. This fact alone is worthy of mention. While the rules and regulations and the general laws governing the G. A. R. are complied with, and fraternity and charity constitute the ruling motive in the actions of all comrades, very few complications can arise which would require the services of the judge advocate.

The following question, in substance, was submitted to me; arising in Custer Post No. 6, of Tacoma: An application was made to said post for membership by an old soldier who, by his past services was entitled to membership in the G. A. R., but who had been, years ago, a member of the old organization in another department of the G. A. R. and whose post had become extinct, and he had no discharge or transfer from said post. Query: How shall the post proceed—require the comrade to hunt up, if possible, the records of the department to which he formerly belonged and get a certificate of former membership from A. A. G. and made application under that, or should the applicant be treated as a recruit? I decided in this case that the applicant should be treated as a new recruit and be mustered accordingly: "Decisions and Opinions," page 109, Opinion LXXIV.

The question was submitted by the Department Commander as to the proper course to pursue in case of charges and specifications presented to him against a Past Department staff officer for violation of the laws of the order relating to the duties of a Department Officer. I advised that, as the offense charged was for a violation of duty as a Department Officer and against this Department, the charges and specifications should be referred to and the accused be tried by a general court martial convened by order of the Department Commander; Rules and Regulations, Section 3, Article VI, Chapter V, Opinion CX (Jan. 17, 1880), page 140, "Decisions and Opinions;" also, Opinion XVIII on page 94 of Journal of the National Encampment, held at St. Louis September 28-30, 1887.

I further decided that as there was no mode of procedure prescribed

for a Department Court Martial that procedure, so far as applicable for Post Courts Martial should be followed. See Manual, beginning, at page 31.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
RICHARD OSBORN, Judge Advocate.

The report was referred to comrades Griswold, Gash and Kribs, and on their recommendation the report was adopted.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant-General was presented as follows:

To A. P. Curry, Department Commander, and Comrades:

In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report for the years 1887-88.

The following tables taken from the consolidated reports of the Assistant Adjutant-General's office, show the increase, loss and present membership of the department from March 31, 1887, to March 31, 1888. The report of membership is necessarily incomplete, as some posts have been careless in making returns to this office, so much so that each quarter for the past year is not as complete as it should be. The reports from Posts for first quarter of 1888 had not all arrived up to the time of making this report, but will undoubtedly be received within a short time, therefore I have left this quarter open for correction when reports are all in, and in order that same may be included in the report of proceedings of this encampment.

MEMBERSHIP,

In good standing March 31, 1887..... 846

SECOND QUARTER, 1887.

Thirteen Posts reporting gains.

Muster and organization.....	92	
By transfer	16	
Re-installments suspended.....	11	
By re-installments from delinquent reports.....	1	
		120
Total.....		966

LOSSES.

By death.....	2	
By honorable discharge.....	4	
By transfer.....	11	
By suspension.....	48	
By dropped.....	34	
By delinquent.....	24	
		123
In good standing June 30, 1887,		849

THIRD QUARTER, 1887.

In good standing.....	843	
Nineteen posts reporting gains.		
Muster and organization.....	53	
By transfer.....	15	
Re-installment.....	54	
		122
Total.....		965

LOSSES.	
Death.....	4
Honorable discharge.....	1
Transfer.....	7
Suspension.....	32
	44
In good standing September 30, 1887,.....	921

FOURTH QUARTER, 1887.

Muster and organization.....	81
Transfer.....	19
Reinstallment.....	43
	143
Total.....	1064

LOSSES.	
Death.....	1
Honorable discharge.....	6
Transfer.....	5
Dishonorable discharge.....	10
	22
Total.....	1046

The reports for first quarter of 1888 not having been received up to this time from only a portion of the posts. I can only give the figures as shown by the reports received.

Total number in good standing.....	836
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The expenditures of the Department are as follows:

Stationery and printing.....	\$254 95
Postage and telegrams.....	70 15
Express charges, forwarding.....	135 68
Office rent, lights and fuel.....	165 00
Salary.....	225 00
Miscellaneous, furniture, etc.....	69 95
	\$920 73

The above figures do not include the supply accounts.

I have no recommendations to make, feeling that those comrades who will be elected and appointed to fill the various offices will be those whose hearts are in the right place and will do their duty.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

M. D. SMITH, A. A. G.

The special committee appointed to examine the books and reports of the Adjutant-General submitted the following report:

We, the committee appointed for the examination of the Assistant Adjutant-General's report, do hereby report as follows: That we have examined said report and find the same to be correct.

W. McMICKEN,
H. HUNTER,
GEO. W. TIBBETTS.

Report adopted.

On motion the per capita tax was increased to 25 cents per quarter and the increase was directed to commence from the first day of the present quarter.

The A. Q. M. G. then submitted his report, as follows :

OFFICE OF THE A. Q. M. GENERAL,
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

April 18, 1888.

*To M. A. Smith, A. A. General, Department of Washington and Alaska,
Grand Army of the Republic.*

COMRADE: I have the honor to submit the following report of the business of this office the past year :

Received from J. O. Clark, late A. Q. M. General,	
Supplies valued at.....	\$108 44
Cash.....	108 38
From sale of supplies.....	472 29
From all other sources.....	616 34
Total.....	\$1305 45

DISBURSED.

Supplies purchased.....	\$192 28
All other sources.....	838 17
Amounts due from posts.....	146 28
Amount supplies on hand.....	56 44
Total.....	\$1233 17
Balance cash on hand.....	\$72 28

I would respectfully submit to the encampment that the amount of \$25 paid to the A. Q. M. General as an annual salary is entirely inadequate to pay for actual services rendered, and that no comrade can assume the responsibility of the office and perform the work as it should be done (thrown into his business as it necessarily is) and not lose money in the performance of the same. I would, therefore, respectfully submit to this Encampment the propriety and the justice of allowing the A. Q. M. General an increase of \$50 on annual salary. Owing to the rapid increase of the posts in this department and increase of membership, the labor of the A. Q. M. General is each year increasing, and the Department is now much more able to pay \$75 per annum than it has been in recent years the sum of \$25.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

W. O. FOWLER, A. Q. M. G., Dept. of W. and A., G. A. R.

The special committee on the report of A. Q. M. G. stated that they did not have time, at this session, to investigate said report properly and submit their report to the present session, and requested that they be discharged, and that the commander appoint a new committee, with instructions to submit their report to the present commander.

Request granted and committee discharged.

The special committee on annual address of department commander submitted their report, as follows :

SEATTLE, W. T, April 19, 1888.

To the Commander and Comrades of the Department Encampment.

We, your comrades, appointed to act upon the address of the retir-

ing Department Commander, A. P. Curry, respectfully report that we indorse the sentiments contained therein and believe the address worthy of publication.

The following recommendations made are respectfully referred to the encampment for such action as they may deem proper:

That the amount of shortage during the administration of his predecessor be referred to the council of administration, also the giving of the necessary bonds by the A. Q. M. General, designated in Section 4, Article 6, Chapter III of Rules and Regulations, and do recommend that the same be enforced.

We recommend that Department Commander A. P. Curry be reimbursed in the sum of \$422 for expenses incurred at the National Encampment of the G. A. R., held at St. Louis in September, 1887, and that the council of administration be instructed to devise ways and means to raise the necessary funds to reimburse Commander Curry.

We also indorse the action of the Department Commander in regard to his action in reference to the President's order directing the return of the rebel flags to their respective states.

We suggest that his recommendation in regard to a live committee on transportation to both National and Departmental Encampments be complied with.

We also heartily endorse his reference to the Woman's Relief Corps, realizing that it is indispensable to the successful work of our organization; and also indorse his remarks in reference to the Sons of Veterans and would suggest that the matter of organizing Sons of Veterans' Camp be brought before the Posts of this Department.

We are in Friendship, Charity and Loyalty,

A. SLORAH.
C. T. PATTERSON. } Committee.
OLIVER WARD.

On motion report adopted as read.

The Council of Administration submitted the following report:

To the Department of Washington Territory in Encampment,

COMRADES: The Council of Administration having had under consideration means for meeting the expenses of the Territorial exhibit made by this Department at the National Encampment at St. Louis find that the Department Commander has advanced the sum of \$422, from his individual funds, to meet the excess of expenses over and above the amount available for that purpose. To reimburse the Commander we recommend that this Department assume an indebtedness of \$422, and that the per capita tax be increased from sixty cents to one dollar per year to enable the Department to pay such assumed indebtedness. Further, that an order be drawn on the A. Q. M. G. for the sum of \$422, bearing legal rate of interest, in favor of A. P. Curry.

A. M. BROOKS.
S. G. CASYROM. } Council of Administration.
L. E. SAMPSON.

On motion the report was adopted.

The special committee appointed to submit the names of five comrades to act as a Council of Administration for the ensuing year, presented the following report:

To the Commander and Comrades of the G. A. R. of Washington Territory:

We, the undersigned committee appointed to nominate suitable comrades as Council of Administration for the ensuing year, report the

following names: Comrades A. P. Curry, Sedgwick Post, No. 8; W. A. Inman, Nath'l Lyon Post, No. 19; M. M. Holmes, Stevens Post, No. 1; A. Slorah, U. S. Grant Post, No. 26; R. G. O'Brien, George H. Thomas Post, No. 5; all of which is most respectfully submitted.

F. M. ELLSWORTH, }
 OLIVER WOOD, } Committee.
 J. B. HAYDEN. }

Report adopted and the comrades named were declared elected Council of Administration.

The question of incorporating the Department was taken up and discussed, and on motion of Comrade Brooks the matter was referred to the Council of Administration to report at next session of the Department Encampment.

On motion it was decided that the next session of the Department Encampment shall be held on the fourth Wednesday in April, 1889.

On motion it was decided that the committee on transportation to Department and National Encampments shall consist of the Department Commander, the Assistant Adjutant-General and the Assistant Quartermaster-General.

Comrade N. N. Tyner, of the department of Dakota, by request, briefly addressed the Encampment in a happy manner, after which the committee on resolutions presented their report. After the resolutions had been carefully considered by sections and amended, the report was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Encampment are due, and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Seattle for the cordial welcome extended and the generous treatment accorded to us during this session, and that we carry to our several homes the pleasantest recollection of their hospitality.

Resolved, That we appreciate fully the kindly courtesy and martial bearing of the First Regiment, N. G. W., toward us "soldiers of the days gone by." And we have such confidence in their patriotism that should our country call for defenders, in them it will find a ready response.

Resolved, That to the Comrades of the city of Seattle we owe the most grateful acknowledgement for the personal care and unremitting attention to the comforts and pleasures of their visiting Comrades.

Resolved, That to Commander A. P. Curry this Department is especially indebted for the great interest manifested and untiring efforts put forth in all his relations with the Grand Army of the Republic, and especially for his indefatigable zeal in presenting to the consideration of our comrades and citizens of the East, the advantages of our great Northwestern Empire. That to the Department officers, and the efficient staff of the Commander, we tender our thanks for the faithful manner in which they have discharged the duties incumbent upon them, and the many courtesies extended to us.

Resolved, That as while the sterner duties of life fall to the lot of man, for the softer influences, the tenderer care, the more loving kindness in the hour of adversity, as well as days of prosperity, we turn, with grateful hearts, to the gentle sympathy of woman, and there find that charity which never faileth. So, in the merciful ministrations of the Woman's Relief Corps, we find that comforting assurance, kindly sympathy and never ending affection, which, to every heart in sorrow and affliction, is the sunlight of life.

In the broad field of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, we find our mothers, wives and daughters working shoulder to shoulder with the

Grand Army of the Republic in relieving the sorrow, distresses and trials that surround us in daily life.

May the Great Commander of all give us hearts to realize and understanding to fully appreciate the great work of our noble Auxiliary, and may He ever bless them in their *good work*.

To its officers and members we are ever grateful for their untiring zeal and devotion.

Believing that when, in the great day of battle, the soldiers and saviors of our nation have, by acts of valor on many a hard fought field, won those emblems, which, by their bravery, became trophies of war, and as such, should be held by the Government *in trust* as a perpetual emblem of the carnage, faithfulness and daring of the nation's sons, not to be frittered away at the pleasure of those having no sympathy with the cause that proved the patriotism of countless thousands of heroes.

We recognize in the order of the chief executive of the nation, to return to the states lately in rebellion, those trophies of war, which are the pride of every conquering power, and which cost the loyal heart of this nation hundreds of thousands of lives and millions upon millions of treasure, an effort to destroy the evidence of the valor of our nation's heroes, therefore be it

Resolved, That we look with pride to the grand defense interposed by our late Commander-in-Chief, General Lucius Fairchild, and those who came so nobly to his support in his effort to avoid the disgrace to the Grand Army of the Republic, and save the integrity of the Union soldiers.

Resolved, That we endorse every act and utterance of that grand Commander, and may he long live to enjoy the fruits of his noble effort in that behalf.

WHEREAS, We do not believe that wise and just pension laws "Breed perjurers and mendicants," but that the pension certificates granted to the soldiers of this Union, or their dependent parents, wives, or children, are Patents of Nobility, and that it is the duty of this Government to kindly care for its needy citizen soldiers and their dependents. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the Senators and Representatives in Congress for their able and eloquent defense of the Union soldier, and the Grand Army, against the assault of the enemies of the cause of the Union soldier in the United States Senate and House of Representatives for their advocacy of just pension laws for the aid of the defenders of our country.

Resolved, That we extend our most grateful acknowledgement to Mrs. J. T. Newland, of Joe Hooker Woman's Relief Corps of Chehalis, W. T., for her untiring efforts in the interest of this Department at the National Encampment held at St. Louis in September last, and that we further extend our thanks to those Comrades who labored before the Legislative Assembly in securing legislation in aid of the old soldier.

Resolved, That we acknowledge with deep feeling of gratitude the recognition accorded the Grand Army of the Republic by the late Legislative Assembly of this territory in their enactment of a law providing for the relief of the soldiers and sailors of the Union, their widows, orphans and families. Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

H. F. GARRETSON, }
R. G. O'BRIEN, } Committee.
J. E. GANDY. }

Moved that when the Encampment adjourns it adjourns to meet in

Pythian Hall at 7:30 p. m. this evening for installation of officers.
Carried.

On motion it was ordered that the A. A. G. have five hundred copies of the proceedings of this Encampment printed for distribution.

Moved that the present Department Commander be empowered to investigate the present books of the Department and that he have authority to employ an expert, if necessary, to place the books in a proper condition.

On motion the Encampment took a recess until 7:30 p. m.

Encampment met at 7:30 p. m. in Pythian Hall, where the officers elect were in conjunction with the officers of the Woman's Relief Corps publicly installed in presence of a large audience, after which the Encampment was declared closed for this session.



