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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Grand Army of the Republic

Department of Washington and Alaska.

CONVENED AT

SPOKANE FALLS, W. T., APRIL 24, 1889.

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PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

F. W. SPARLING.....	Seattle
GEO. D. HILL.....	Seattle
A. M. BROOKES.....	Seattle
CHARLES M. HOLTON.....	North Yakima
A. P. CURRY.....	Spokane Falls

OFFICERS OF ENCAMPMENT.

*John W. Sprague.....	Department Commander
S. G. Cosgrove.....	S. V. D. C.
Wm. McMicken.....	J. V. D. C.
H. C. Bostwick.....	Medical Director
T. Broulette.....	Chaplain
H. F. Garretson.....	Asst. Adj. General
*J. A. C. McCoy.....	Asst. Q. M. General
F. S. Sahn.....	Inspector General
*Richard Osborn.....	Judge Advocate
P. P. Carroll.....	Chief Mustering Officer
James R. Hayden.....	Senior A. D. C.

Absent officers marked *

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Seventh Annual Encampment,

Department of Washington and Alaska.

FIRST DAY.

APRIL 24, 1889.

Encampment called to order at 2 p. m. by S. G. Cosgrove, Senior Vice Department Commander, and opened in due form.

Prayer by Comrade Rev. J. H. McComber.

The Senior Vice Department Commander appointed as committee on credentials Comrades P. P. Carroll, W. C. Ellsworth and F. M. Ellsworth.

On motion, the Encampment took a recess until 3:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3:30 the Encampment again convened, and the committee on credentials reported the following comrades entitled to seats as delegates and alternates:

STEVENS POST, No. 1.—Past and present Commanders: Geo. W. Tibbits, W. H. White, H. A. Bigelow, I. H. Griswold, A. P. Spaulding, O. B. Johnson, M. M. Holmes, James Alexander, W. E. Wilson. Delegates: J. P. Hoyt, C. C. Wilson, L. A. Treen, Seth Tennant, Lyman Wood, D. Warner, W. H. Pinckney, Robt. Risk, J. C. O'Connor.

ELLSWORTH POST No. 2.—Post Commander, John D. Geoghegan. Delegates: Edwin Sparks, Thomas M. Anderson.

A. SULLY POST, No. 3.—Post Commander, Wm. O. Brooks. Delegates: C. C. Garrett, Henry Hunter.

A. LINCOLN POST, No. 4.—Past Post Commanders: W. C. Ellsworth, John Pieper, W. H. Carnes, F. T. Gilbert, Wm. Lind. Post Commander, John R. McLean. Delegates: John Braden, A. S. York, S. R. Smith.

GEO. H. THOMAS POST, No. 5.—Past Post Commanders: J. R.

Hayden, Wm. McMicken, R. G. O'Brien. Post Commander, A. B. Cowles. Delegates: Philip Hiltz, E. A. Stevens.

CUSTER POST, No. 6.—Past Post Commander, S. F. Sahn. Post Commander, D. G. Lovell. Delegates: L. E. Sampson, James J. Junette, John N. Conna, George Haskin, Jacob S. Lord, C. M. Barton, J. Q. Mason.

PHIL KEARNEY POST, No. 7.—Delegates: Cyrus J. Alred, J. H. Adams.

SEDGWICK POST, No. 8.—Past Post Commanders: M. D. Smith, E. R. Childs, R. W. Forrest, L. H. Prather, A. P. Curry Senior Vice Commander, J. E. Gandy. Delegates: E. A. Routh, Fred Saling, W. A. Cannon, C. B. Downing, S. R. Knight.

MEADE POST, No. 9.—Past Post Commander, J. K. Ward. Post Commander, Robt. Dunn. Delegates: H. L. Tucker, E. R. Leaming.

MORTON POST, No. 10.—Post Commander, D. F. Sexton. Delegate, John Ford.

JAMES PARSONS POST, No. 11.—Past Post Commander, J. L. Brown. Post Commander, David Kincade. Delegates: L. W. Nestelle, R. G. McKay.

MCPHERSON POST, No. 12.—Post Commander, W. D. Close. Delegate, Henry Allen. Alternate, John Seibert.

GARFIELD POST, No. 13.—Post Commander, Chas. Sheasby. Delegates: T. D. Scofield, O. D. Ayer.

PHILO BUCKMAN POST, No. 14.—Post Commander, W. W. Hollingsworth. Delegates: George Murphy, E. G. Pendleton.

FARRAGUT POST, No. 15.—Post Commander, D. P. Trimble. Delegate, D. P. Quinn.

JOHN A. LOGAN POST, No. 16.—Post Commander, John A. Dix. Delegates: J. N. Dicus, Wm. Dallas.

L. C. LADD POST, No. 17.—Post Commander, John R. Moore. Delegate, Alvin Barnard.

LARRABEE POST, No. 18.—Post Commander, J. F. Dwelley. Delegate, B. L. Martin.

NATHANIEL LYON POST, No. 19.—Past Post Commanders: W. A. Inman, F. M. Ellsworth, F. W. Becker. Delegates: A. L. Slate, Wm. A. Ladd.

BAKER POST, No. 20.—Past Post Commander, John Keates. Delegate, C. R. VanAlstyn.

MCDOWELL POST, No. 22.—Past Post Commanders: S. K. Hull, H. E. Farnsworth. Post Commander, H. C. Thompson. Delegates: J. F. Carlton, Chas. Lakin.

GENERAL GEORGE WRIGHT POST, No. 23.—Post Commander, J. W. Range. Delegates: G. W. Cooke, Samuel G. Grubb.

STEADMAN POST, No. 24.—Post Commander, C. M. Kellogg. Delegates: Albert S. Cole, George Curtis.

JOE HOOKER POST, No. 25.—Past Post Commander, James F. Berry. Post Commander, R. N. Ashmore.

U. S. GRANT POST, No. 26.—Post Commander, A. Slorah.

MAJOR ANDERSON POST, No. 29.—Post Commander, John C. Poe. Delegate, M. F. Merrill.

JOHN F. MILLER POST, No. 31.—Past Post Commanders: G. W. Bullene, W. G. Latimer, Richard Osborn. Post Commander, Wm. M. Moore. Past Department Commanders: A. M. Brookes, G. D. Hill. Delegates: S. V. Vrooman, W. V. Reinhart. Alternates: Richard Bradley, G. N. Alexander.

EUGENE M. BAKER POST, No. 33.—Post Commander, A. J. Smith. Delegate, Hugo B. Barth.

LINDSEY POST, No. 34.—Post Commander, J. W. Richardson. Delegate, John Bates.

J. J. LEWIS POST, No. 37.—Post Commander, H. E. Benedict. Delegate, I. S. Waldrip.

FRANK P. BLAIR POST, No. 38.—Past Post Commander, Wm. Spangle. Post Commander, O. W. Ames. Delegates: Joseph Lucas, James Carroll, E. M. Downing.

R. L. MCCOOK POST, No. 39.—Post Commander, J. E. Williams. Delegates: W. J. Smart, W. H. McQuarie.

BURNSIDE POST, No. 40.—Past Post Commander, D. G. Ingraham. Post Commander, H. G. Shuhan. Delegate, D. N. Smith.

J. B. WYMAN POST, No. 41.—Post Commander, A. E. Tozier.

LYNCH POST, No. 42.—Post Commander, W. J. Baker. Delegate, L. D. Pangborn.

W. S. HANCOCK POST, No. 43.—Post Commander, O. A. Myers.

W. B. HAZEN POST, No. 46.—Post Commander, W. O. Hatch. Delegate, G. S. Griffith.

GENERAL J. L. RENO POST, No. 47.—Post Commander, E. B. Dean. Delegates: Wm. Ridpath, Frank Johnson, J. S. Watson.

PACIFIC POST, No. 48.—Post Commander, L. D. Stewart,

KIT CARSON POST, No. 49.—Post Commander, Peter J. Knapp.

The report of the Committee was hereupon adopted.

The Department Commander, Gen. J. W. Sprague, absent by

reason of ill health, his address was read by Comrade J. R. Hayden, Senior Aide-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
TACOMA, W. T., April 24, 1889.

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic:

I am grieved to be unable physically to meet and greet you at this your Seventh Annual Encampment for this year held at the very prosperous city of Spokane Falls.

I congratulate you and rejoice that so many of our organization are yet spared to greet each other in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty in this new but wonderfully growing and prosperous portion of the Union. The star of Washington will soon be added to and adorn our national ensign; your influence and that of all comrades will be felt in the incipient stages of our Statehood, and I doubt not will greatly aid in the formation of good government and secure under the blessings of the "God of Nations" a glorious future.

By way of apology, permit me to say, that my health has been such during the year that I have held the position of Department Commander, to which honorable office I was promoted so flatteringly by your suffrages, that I have been physically unable to give to its duties that time and attention which you had a right to expect of me and which my heart prompted me to give. If I have been able to serve you at all, it has been in the selection of a staff that has, I believe, faithfully and conscientiously served you. Their labors and trials have been immensely increased by some, yes, many of the Posts neglecting to make promptly and correctly the stated reports which it was their duty to make; from these delinquencies the well being of the Department has suffered and the delinquent Posts themselves have suffered more. Neglected or carelessly discharged duties of this kind every man who has the spirit of a soldier *knows* is destructive of efficiency in all organizations, whether military or civil; I beg therefore that every comrade who has any love for our organization will take with him to the Post to which he belongs, a *determination* to have the few minutes required to fill out reports, given promptly at the time which duty and good comradeship demand. Some progress has been made during the past year which may be summarized as follows:

On the 31st of March last, the comrades in good standing in the Department were.....	1112
For quarter ending June 30th, were.....	1060
For quarter ending September 30th, were.....	1132
For quarter ending December 31st, were.....	1358
For quarter ending March 31st, 1889, were.....	1526
Making at present time as above, in good standing.....	1526
Showing a gain for the year of.....	414

The net loss June 30th, as above stated, was caused by *delinquent reports*.

For details as to the workings of our organization in relation to Membership, Condition of Finances, Condition of Posts, Charities and all inter-

ests which bind us together in one common brotherhood, I beg to refer you to the reports of:

Assistant Adjutant-General Comrade H. F. Garretson,
 Medical Director—H. C. Bostwick,
 Chaplain—F. Broulette,
 Assistant Quartermaster General—J. A. C. McCoy,
 Inspector General—S. F. Sahm,
 Judge Advocate—Richard Osborne,
 Chief Mustering Officer—P. P. Carroll.

To all these officers my hearty thanks are tendered and are due from this Encampment.

PENSIONS.

Earnest and persistent effort is being made by the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to secure pensions for all our helpless and dependent comrades, in relation to the bill lately before Congress for that purpose, our late Commander-in-Chief, John P. Rhea, in his report to the National Encampment says:

“Notwithstanding the ceaseless, earnest efforts of our most efficient Pension Committee in its behalf, it has failed to pass Congress; and by this failure, wholly inexplicable and indefensible, thousands of our helpless comrades, helpless because of their devotion to their country in its extremity, are subsisting upon the charity of their comrades, or are paupers in the mighty, wealthy republic their unselfish valor saved.”

As intelligent men, we recognize the fact that the question of granting pensions to all the needy soldiers of the late war is surrounded with difficulties that embarrass our national legislators, but if they were as wise as they would have us believe they are, all these difficulties would have been surmounted long ago, and the nation would have been spared the disgrace of having even a single soldier of the army that saved the union, dependent upon public or private charity.

I hope this Encampment will pass a preamble and resolution in language that will echo from the Pacific to the Atlantic, the *demand* of the survivors of the war for the preservation of the union; that our helpless and indigent comrades shall have that support from the national treasury which a just nation should cheerfully and promptly grant.

Comrades—when, twenty-eight years ago, we were aroused to the startling fact that a tremendous effort was to be made to destroy our beloved Union, the plans we formed for our life work and in the execution of which we were engaged, were at once abandoned, and from civilians we became soldiers. No thought of political preferment entered our minds; our only thought and prayer was to save the Union. We do not now claim that our military service gives us any claim to political office any more than service rendered the nation by others in any other walk in life, but we do claim before Almighty God and all good citizens, that all our comrades who are disabled or impoverished by the results directly or indirectly of their military service for the preservation of this union, shall not be compelled to beg their bread from door to door.

In this connection it is proper for us to hold in grateful remembrance

the beautiful charities dispensed by the Auxiliary Woman's Relief Corps; the homes of many of our comrades have been cheered and the suffering of their families relieved by the quiet, unostentatious visits and charities of these good women.

The number of our comrades in active membership in the Posts of this Department, is less than one-half the number who reside in the limits of the Department and that were in the Union Army. This at first glance seems strange to those who love the organization, but it should be remembered that nearly all of those not active members of the Grand Army, live at points in the Territory where there are no Posts established. They are engaged in establishing homes and supporting their families in a part of the country which their loyalty and valor helped to preserve. We know their sympathies are with us, and we can and do extend to them our cordial and heart-felt greetings.

With sincere wishes that this Seventh Encampment may bind us all together in closer bonds of Fraternity, Loyalty and Charity, I am,

Faithfully Your Obedient Servant,

J. W. SPRAGUE,

Commander.

The Senior Vice Department Commander appointed the following as a committee to report upon the address of the Department Commander: Comrades E. A. Routh, Post No. 8; C. M. Barton, Post No. 6; A. J. Smith, Post No. 33, who submitted the following report, which was read by the Assistant Adjutant General, and adopted by vote of the Encampment:

TACOMA, W. T., April 25, 1889.

To the Comrades of the Seventh Annual Encampment, Department of Washington and Alaska G. A. R., Spokane Falls, W. T.:

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the report of Department Commander, Comrade John W. Sprague, respectfully recommend that his recommendations and suggestions relative to pensions for Union Soldiers be adopted, and a copy of his Annual Address on that subject be forwarded to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, to be read before each of the Houses of Congress.

Your Committee also recommend the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Department of Washington and Alaska be tendered to retiring Department Commander J. W. Sprague, and it is the hope of the Department that the brave old veteran may be shortly restored to good health, and be able to mingle again with his Comrades.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. ROUTH,

A. J. SMITH,

C. M. BARTON,

Committee.

*To John W. Sprague, Department Commander of Washington and Alaska
G. A. R.:*

I have the honor to submit a report of the operations of this department through the office of the Assistant Adjutant General:

The membership of this department at date of last Encampment was... 1112
The membership in good standing, as shown by last report, March
31st, 1889..... 1526
A net gain in membership during last year of..... 414

A tabulated report of membership, showing loss, causes and gains, is herewith submitted:

In good standing 41 Posts March 31, 1888..... 1112

SECOND QUARTER GAIN.

By muster.....	89	
By transfer.....	24	
By re-instatement.....	13	
By delinquent reports.....	138	264
Aggregate.....		1376

LOSS.

By death.....	3	
By transfer.....	15	
By suspension.....	58	
By delinquent reports.....	240	316
		1060

THIRD QUARTER GAIN.

By muster.....	45	
By transfer.....	21	
By re-instatement.....	12	
By delinquent reports.....	239	317
Aggregate.....		1377

LOSS.

By honorable discharge.....	1	
By transfer.....	7	
By suspension.....	29	
By delinquent reports.....	205	245
		1132

FOURTH QUARTER, GAIN.

By muster.....	74	
By transfer.....	28	
By re-instatement.....	23	
By delinquent reports.....	220	345
Aggregate.....		1477

LOSS.

By death.....	4	
By honorable discharge.....	29	
By transfer.....	17	
By suspension.....	69	119
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		1358

FIRST QUARTER, 1889.

By muster.....	148	
By transfer.....	75	
By re-instatement.....	28	251
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Aggregate.....		1609

LOSS.

By death.....	1	
By honorable discharge.....	25	
By transfer.....	19	
By suspension.....	23	
By delinquent reports.....	15	83
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In good standing.....		1526

A gain of 414 for the year ending March 31, 1889.

POSTS LOST DURING THE YEAR.

Canby No. 27, Ilwaco, by delinquent reports 25 members.

Warren No. 28, Walla Walla, surrenders charter; 22 members.

The members of Warren Post have mostly been transferred to A. Lincoln Post No. 4.

The per capita tax collected during year amounts to.....	\$1340 87
The amount received for sale of supplies is.....	445 00
Amount now due from posts.....	41 13
Received from J. J. Lewis Post, No. 43, first quarter of 1888	3 00
Supplies sold to Post No. 43 first quarter of 1888.....	16 00
Received from Past Department Commander, A. P. Curry, as per his settlement with officers of last year.....	72 00

Making the total amount received.....	\$1918 00
This office has disbursed during the last year the sum of...	\$1909 43

Leaving a balance on hand in the sum of..... \$ 8 57

All of which will more fully appear in an itemized statement of receipts and expenditures of this office, submitted to the Council of Administration, and also a statement of supplies now on hand. This Department now has forty-three (43) Posts, and I take pleasure in reporting the fact that every Post in the Department, except Canby Post No. 27, has reported for the last quarter, ending March 31, 1889.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. GARRETSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

We, the Council of Administration, having carefully examined the re-

ports, books, accounts and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General, beg leave to report that we find the same correct, and that the Council especially recognize and appreciate the efficient and effective assistance rendered the Assistant Adjutant General by Comrade George Haskin, Assistant Inspector General, Staff of National Commander, in the admirable business-like form in which the accounts have been prepared and presented.

A. P. CURRY,
R. G. O'BRIEN,
WM. A. INMAN,
Council of Administration.

The Chief Mustering Officer made the following report:

OFFICE CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER,
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
SEATTLE, W. T., April 20, 1889.

To the Officers and Members of the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Washington and Alaska:

COMRADES: Under "Article 12" of the general order, No. 6, of the Department Commander, dated at Headquarters, March 20th, 1889, I assumed the duties of Chief Mustering Officer of the Department.

The annexed schedule, marked "Exhibit A," shows the gain in the new Posts mustered since 31st of March, 1889.

The schedule shows the name and the number of the Post, its postoffice or place of location, the number of members at the time of muster, and the name of the Special Mustering Officer.

On January 1st, 1889, the following named officers of John F. Miller Post No. 31, were duly installed by the Chief Mustering Officer, viz.:

W. W. Morse, P. C.; S. B. Vrooman, S. V. C.; G. W. Ferry, J. V. C.; Fred Gasch, G. M.; F. W. Sparling, Surgeon; F. C. Tubbs, Adjutant; R. H. Moss, Chaplain; W. G. Latimer, O. G.; R. Bradley, O. G.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Yours Respectfully,

P. P. CARROLL,
Chief Mustering Officer.

The Medical Director submitted the following report:

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

COMRADES: Soon after the Annual Encampment of 1888, I received a circular from the Surgeon-General of the G. A. R., the contents of which will be found in my circular enclosed herewith.

On receipt of said circular I had circulars printed including the order of the Surgeon-General, and mailed one to the Surgeon of each Post in this Department, requesting them to forward quarterly reports to the Medical Director's office at Tacoma. The first quarter three or four Surgeons were heard from, stating that they had nothing to report. During the second, third and fourth quarters no reports received.

I was in hopes that I would be able at this Annual Encampment to

present something of interest in the way of a report, but I find so little interest taken by the Post Surgeons that I am unable to do so.

Very Respectfully,

H. C. BOSTWICK,
Medical Director for Washington and Alaska.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
TACOMA, W. T., 1888.

A circular issued by the Surgeon-General of the Grand Army of the Republic, Washington, D. C., April 30, 1888, contains the following order:

Medical Directors will direct their Post Surgeons to see and prescribe for all *destitute* sick and disabled comrades of their Posts and to secure if possible from Post or Relief Funds the money necessary to purchase medicines.

Statements will be made by Post Surgeons to the Medical Director at the end of each quarter, *in an informal manner*, showing the number of destitute sick soldiers treated by them during the quarter and the sources from which the funds to purchase the medicines or appliances were obtained. Names of soldiers treated will not be given but an informal statement setting forth the number.

You are directed to comply with the above order promptly and forward statement to this office that I may be able to report to the Surgeon-General.

You will also keep a record of the names of all comrades of your Post who have died during the year, and forward the report of the same to this office thirty days prior to the meeting of the next Department Encampment.

H. C. BOSTWICK,
Medical Director Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Washington and Alaska.

The report of the Judge-Advocate General was presented as follows:

SEATTLE, W. T., April 22, 1889.

Gen. J. W. Sprague, Commander Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic:

MY DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: In accordance with established custom if not in compliance with positive law, I enter upon the laborious duty of making a full and complete report of all my acts and doings as Judge-Advocate of this Department, for the year just closed.

It will be apparent to all that my duties have been very laborious and somewhat exhausting when the full extent of such labors are brought to the knowledge of this Department. I ask and hope to receive the kind sympathy as well as a generous approval not only from the Commander but from all the comrades of this Department on account of the great sacrifice of time and strength I have expended in this great work. Lest you, also, should become exhausted and be entitled to the same sympathy I am asking for myself, I will briefly state that the labors of my office as Judge-Advocate has

consisted wholly of carrying for one whole year the great honors of the office of Judge-Advocate and in writing this report.

In conclusion allow me to congratulate the Commander and the Department generally upon the successful management and harmonious action and feeling throughout the Department during the year.

The fact that nothing has arisen in the Department requiring the attention of the Judge-Advocate, is the highest compliment that can be paid to the efficiency of the office and the fraternal spirit pervading the comrades of this Department.

Regretting that a pressure of private business and public duties prevent my attendance at the Department Encampment, and wishing you all a joyful meeting and successful labor at this Encampment, I remain,

Sincerely Yours in F., C. and L.,

RICHARD OSBORN,
Judge-Advocate.

TACOMA, W. T., April 24, 1889.

General John W. Sprague, Commander Department of Washington and Alaska:

COMMANDER: I have the honor to herewith submit my report as Department Inspector. I have exerted my best endeavors to efficiently perform the duties of my office; and though a number of Posts were slow to respond to the several appeals made, I have, nevertheless, succeeded measurably well, so that my report will be a true showing of the present condition of the Grand Army of the Republic in this department.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. SAHM,
Department Inspector.

The correspondence in reference to the establishment of a Post at Waterville, Douglas county, was read, and upon motion referred to Comrade Cosgrove.

The following communications were read by the Assistant Adjutant General:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF OREGON G. A. R.,
SALEM, OREGON, April 24, 1889.

To Department Commander G. A. R. of Washington and Alaska:

Happy greeting in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

E. B. McELROY,
Department Commander Department of Oregon G. A. R.

KALAMA, W. T., April 20, 1889.

Department Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army, Spokane Falls, W. T.:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADES: It is with regret that I say I shall be unable to meet with you. Our district court convenes Monday, the 22d, and it will be impossible for any of my Post to be present, but you have our best wishes. Our hearts are with you. May your deliberations be pleasant, wise, and of

benefit to the Order. Remember those who are unable to be with you, and may your hearts unite as one in sustaining the great objects of our Order.

Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.,

W. D. CLOSE,
Post Commander McPherson Post No. 12.

On motion, the following-named Comrades were appointed by the Commander a committee to draft resolutions necessary for submission to the Encampment: A. M. Brooks, F. T. Gilbert and James J. Junette.

Comrade Curry read the following communication from the Superintendent of Seattle, L. S. & E. R. R., which was referred to the Committee on Resolutions by the Encampment:

Spokane Falls, April 24, 1889.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to present my compliments to yourself and Comrades, and take pleasure in extending to you a Special Excursion Train to Medical Lake to-morrow, April 25th, to leave Spokane 9 A. M., returning 3 P. M.

Yours Very Truly,

J. R. ALLEN,
Superintendent.

GEN'L. A. P. CURRY,
President.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, 9:30 A. M., APRIL 25.

The Encampment was opened in due form by the S. V. Commander, and prayer by Comrade Rev. J. H. McComber of Post No. 8.

The following resolution was offered by Comrade Holmes and adopted by the Encampment, and Adjutant-General instructed to deliver copy to Department President of Woman's Relief Corps:

Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic of Washington and Alaska, assembled in Seventh Annual Encampment, tender fraternal greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps, convened in Fourth Annual Convention, and remembering with gratitude the faithful and efficient services rendered in the past, wish them God speed in their noble work.

Upon motion, Comrade Curry introduced Captain Allen and a committee from John A. Logan Camp of Sons of Veterans, who were received with applause by the Encampment. The Captain made a very feeling address, explaining the objects of the Sons of Veterans, and asking assistance of all comrades of the G. A. R. in forming camps, which was well received by the Encampment, the

thanks of which were tendered to him for the able manner in which he had explained the workings of the order.

Comrade Feighan, Commander Department of Kansas, and Comrade Peer, Past Commander of Oregon, being among the comrades, were called to the rostrum by the Commander, introduced to the Encampment and kindly received.

Comrade Holmes presented a resolution from Stevens Post No. 1, in reference to Soldiers' Home, which was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Comrade Watson made a motion, which was adopted, instructing the Assistant Adjutant-General to send fraternal greeting to the Department Encampment of Ohio, now in session, by telegram. The following was sent and reply received:

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R.,
IN ENCAMPMENT AT SPOKANE FALLS, W. T., April 25, 1889.

To the Commander of Department Ohio:

The Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R., in session at Spokane Falls, representing over fifteen hundred veterans of the war of the rebellion, in the new and magnificent State of the extreme northwest, extends fraternal greeting in F., C. and L.

H. F. GARRETSON,
A. A. General.

G. A. R. HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF OHIO,
DAYTON, O., April 25, 1889.

H. F. Garretson, A. A. G., Department Washington and Alaska, Spokane Falls, W. T.:

The Department of Ohio, the old northwest, with her forty-four thousand comrades, heartily reciprocates the fraternal greetings extended by the Department of Washington and Alaska.

JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
Department Commander.
JOSIAH HOLBROOK,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

Comrade Geohegan presented the following resolution, submitted by Comrade T. M. Anderson, Post No. 2, which was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Army Posts of this Department and all comrades individually are urged to use all their influence with our legislators, state and national, to adopt immediate and efficient measures to augment our means of national defense, that the republic may be secure at home and honored and respected abroad.

A motion to fix the next place of the Encampment was then made and adopted.

Comrade Barton, Post No. 6, proposed Olympia, and Comrade

McLean, Post No. 4, proposed Ellensburg as the next place for the Encampment.

The following telegrams were received and read from the Mayor and Board of Trade of Ellensburg:

ELLENSBURG, W. T., April 25, 1889.

T. G. McDowell, care J. L. Brown, G. A. R. Encampment:

Ellensburg Board of Trade sends greetings and extends a cordial invitation to G. A. R. to hold their next Annual Encampment at Ellensburg.

S. W. BARNES,
Secretary.

ELLENSBURG, W. T., April 24, 1889.

T. G. McDowell, care J. L. Brown, Grand Encampment G. A. R.:

Ellensburg sends greetings and a cordial invitation to hold your next Grand Encampment at Ellensburg.

W. R. ABRAMS,
Mayor.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was taken, and Ellensburg declared the choice by the following vote: Olympia, 42; Ellensburg, 46; and the last Wednesday in April, 1890, fixed for the next Department Encampment.

After which a motion to adjourn to 1:30 p. m., was carried.

1:30 p. m., April 25.

The Encampment was opened in due form by the Senior Vice Commander, after which the Committee on Resolutions submitted the following report:

The annexed resolutions are respectfully submitted to the Encampment *without* recommendations.

A. M. BROOKES.
J. M. JUNETTE.
F. T. GILBERT.

Which resolutions the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to read to the Encampment, as follows:

Resolved, That on behalf of this Encampment and visiting Comrades, we return to the citizens and Comrades of Spokane Falls our sincere thanks for their hearty welcome and generous entertainment and untiring efforts to make our stay in their beautiful city one of unalloyed pleasure, and assure them that we will one and all carry with us to our homes the most happy recollections of the Queen City of Eastern Washington.

Resolved, That this Encampment, while not able to attend in a body, desires, on behalf of our visiting Comrades, to return thanks to J. R. Allen, Superintendent of Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern R. R., for his kindness in placing at our disposal, free of charge, an excursion train to Medical Lake.

In the matter of Pensions, your committee would say, that we recognize the difficulties that have beset the Pension Committee of

the National Encampment, but we believe the present administration of the Pension Bureau insures justice to the old soldier.

Resolved, That the delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to favor a service pension.

Resolved, That the officers of this department be instructed to take such steps as may seem to them necessary to secure a Soldiers Home, by State aid or otherwise.

Resolved, That the Soldiers Relief Act passed by the last legislature is one of simple justice, and its continuance is asked for by this Encampment.

There being no further business before the Encampment, on motion, the election of Department officers was declared to be in order, and that the nominations be made without speeches.

Comrade Gilbert nominated Comrade S. G. Cosgrove for Department Commander, and there being no other nominations, upon motion the Encampment instructed the Assistant Adjutant General to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Cosgrove, who was thereupon declared elected Department Commander.

Comrade Cosgrove being called upon, thanked the Encampment for the honor conferred upon him by a few appropriate remarks.

Nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander being next in order, the names of Comrade Wm. McMicken, Post No. 5, and Comrade M. D. Smith, Post No. 8, were presented and a ballot ordered, by which Comrade McMicken received 65 votes and Comrade Smith received 18 votes.

Comrade Smith asked the election of Comrade McMicken be made unanimous, which was done by a rising vote.

Comrade Holton presented the name of Comrade W. A. Inman, Post No. 19, for Junior Vice Commander. Comrade M. D. Smith and Comrade E. M. Bloomer, both of Post No. 8, were also placed in nomination. The Commander ordered a ballot to be cast, with the following result:

FIRST BALLOT.

W. A. Inman.....	39
M. D. Smith.....	30
E. M. Bloomer.....	14
Blank.....	2

SECOND BALLOT.

There being no choice, a second ballot resulted as follows:

W. A. Inman.....	48
M. D. Smith.....	26
E. M. Bloomer.....	5

Comrade Inman was therefore declared elected.

The following communication was received from the Woman's

Relief Corps in response to the communication from the Encampment, which was read by the A. A. G.:

SPokane Falls, Wash. Ter., April 25, 1889.

The Seventh Annual Encampment of the G. A. R. will please accept the thanks of the ladies in convention assembled, for their kindly remembrance and good wishes, and beg leave to remind them that as the Rear Guard of the Grand Army we pledge ourselves anew to stand ready with our aid, whenever needed.

In behalf of the convention.

LIZZIE R. HERRICK,
Department Secretary.

On motion, it was moved and carried that the Woman's Relief Corps be invited to join in the installation ceremonies, and Comrade J. R. Hayden appointed to extend the invitation to them and escort the ladies to the Encampment.

For Medical Director the name of Comrade Dr. H. C. Bostwick, Post No. 6, and for Chaplain the name of Comrade J. H. McComber were the only ones offered, and the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for them, which resulted in their election.

For delegates to the National Encampment nominations were made as follows:

For Delegate at Large—Comrade H. F. Garretson, Comrade Frank T. Gilbert.

For Delegates—Comrades Ridpath, Sampson, M. D. Smith, O. W. Ames, P. P. Carroll.

On motion made by Comrade Holmes, and adopted, it was declared that the Comrade receiving the highest vote should be declared the delegate at large, and the next two highest the delegates. A ballot was ordered by the Commander, which resulted as follows:

Comrade Garretson.....	65
Comrade Gilbert.....	47
Comrade Sampson.....	37
Comrade Ridpath.....	25
Comrade Carroll.....	23
Comrade M. D. Smith.....	13
Comrade O. W. Ames.....	12

Comrade Garretson was declared the delegate at large, and Comrades Gilbert and Sampson declared delegates, and Comrades Ridpath, Carroll and Smith alternates.

Comrade Routh read the following letter from Comrade Gen.

W. P. Carlin, commanding U. S. forces at Fort Sherman, Idaho:

FORT SHERMAN, Idaho, April 23, 1889.

Major E. A. Routh, Grand Marshal, Department Commander G. A. R.,
Spokane Falls, W. T.:

MY DEAR SIR: I had hoped definitely to answer in person your kind invitation to myself and staff to the Encampment of the G. A. R. at Spokane Falls this week, but I find that my lameness renders it imprudent for me to take any exercise that is not really necessary. I must, therefore, definitely decide that I cannot attend the Encampment. It would afford me great pleasure to meet the brave men who contributed so much toward saving their country from division a quarter of a century ago. It is fortunate for this great northwest, now the land of promise, that so many of the heroes and patriots of the Union Armies have made their homes here in Idaho and Washington. While they live, American patriotism cannot die. Their descendants will perpetuate it.

Thanking you for your invitation, and regretting that I cannot accept it, and wishing all the members of the G. A. R. a joyful time,

Yours Very Truly,

WILLIAM P. CARLIN.

A motion was made and adopted to reduce the per capita tax from 25 cents to 15 cents per quarter for the ensuing year.

Comrade A. M. Brooks made a motion that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to prepare rules for installation of Department officers next year. Motion agreed to, and the Commander appointed Comrades Brooks, O'Brien and O. B. Johnson.

Comrade Ellsworth made a motion that a committee of four be appointed by the Commander to name to the Encampment, for its approval, five comrades for the Council of Administration for the ensuing year. Motion sustained. The Commander appointed Comrades Ellsworth, Becker, McMicken and Hiltz, who reported to the Encampment the names of the following comrades, who were elected as the Council of Administration:

Comrade O. B. Johnson, Seattle.

Comrade J. D. Geoghegan, Vancouver.

Comrade J. R. Hayden, Olympia.

Comrade Wm. Lind, Walla Walla.

Comrade J. L. Brown, Ellensburg.

The Commander then surrendered the gavel to Past Commander A. M. Brooks, who welcomed the Woman's Relief Corps to seats in the Encampment to participate in the installation ceremonies, and insisted that as they were the guests of the Grand Army, that their officers should be installed first. Mrs. Helen Burke, President of the Woman's Relief Corps, called them to

order. The ceremonies were commenced by the Chaplain offering prayer, after which the following officers were installed:

President—Mrs. Lucy A. Ide.

S. V. President—Mrs. S. M. Tomlinson.

J. V. President—Mrs. Lizzie R. Herrick.

After which the following officers-elect were installed by Comrade Brooks:

Wm. McMicken, Olympia, S. V. Department Commander.

Wm. A. Inman, Colfax, J. V. Department Commander.

H. C. Bostwick, Tacoma, Medical Director.

J. H. McComber, Spokane Falls, Chaplain.

Delegates to the National Encampment:

Comrade H. F. Garretson, Tacoma, at large.

Comrade Ridpath, Spokane Falls, alternate.

Comrade F. T. Gilbert, Walla Walla, delegate.

Comrade P. P. Carroll, Seattle, alternate.

Comrade L. E. Sampson, Tacoma, delegate.

Comrade M. D. Smith, Spokane Falls, alternate.

Comrades Johnson, Geoghegan, Hayden, Lind and Brown, the Council of Administration.

Comrade S. G. Cosgrove, Pomeroy, Department Commander.

Comrade S. K. Hull, Pomeroy, Assistant Adjutant-General.

Comrade H. C. Thompson, Pomeroy, Assistant Quartermaster General.

Upon the Department Commander, Comrade Cosgrove, again taking the chair, a motion to adjourn until 8 A. M., April 26, was agreed upon, and the hall of Sedgwick Post, No. 8, the place in which to finish the Encampment business.

APRIL 26, 8:30 A. M.

Encampment met in the hall of Sedgwick Post, No. 8, and were called to order by Department Commander Cosgrove.

Comrade Carroll referred to the recommendation of Past Department Commander Curry in his address to the Sixth Department Encampment and published on page 8, Proceedings of the Sixth Department Encampment, in reference to appointment of a committee of investigation concerning delinquencies of past officers, and also made motion "that the new Council of Administration be ordered by the Encampment to investigate the matters referred to."

Comrade Brooks made motion that the Commander appoint

instead a committee of three comrades whose places of residence were not so far apart as those of the Council of Administration, which amendment was agreed to by Comrade Carroll, and adopted by the Encampment. The Department Commander appointed the following comrades: Holmes, Osborn and Carroll, of Seattle, as the committee.

Comrade J. W. Range, Gen. George Wright Post, No. 23, Cheney, stated that a fire had lately consumed the building where the meetings of that Post were held, and that the entire property of the post had been destroyed, and asked that a duplicate charter be furnished the Post free of charge.

A motion was made and adopted authorizing the Assistant Adjutant-General to furnish free of charge the Post with charter, rituals and other necessary supplies to keep them in working order.

On motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, There is in this Territory a member of our Order, whose name and deeds of valor are indissolably connected and interwoven in the brightest pages of the history of the war; who was many times wounded, and whose name is now upon the pension roll, but who, having given the best years of his life and health to the effort for the preservation of the Union, and whose deeds and services entitle him to the highest recognition from our preserved country; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States are placing upon the retired list, for meritorious service, distinguished citizens; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we ask our Delegate in Congress, and make the request to the Senators and members of Congress, to prepare a bill to put upon the retired list of the United States Army Major-General R. H. Milroy, the "Grey Eagle of the Shenandoah," as brave and loyal a soldier as ever drew a sword or gave a command to move upon the enemy's works.

After which the Encampment was declared closed for this session.









