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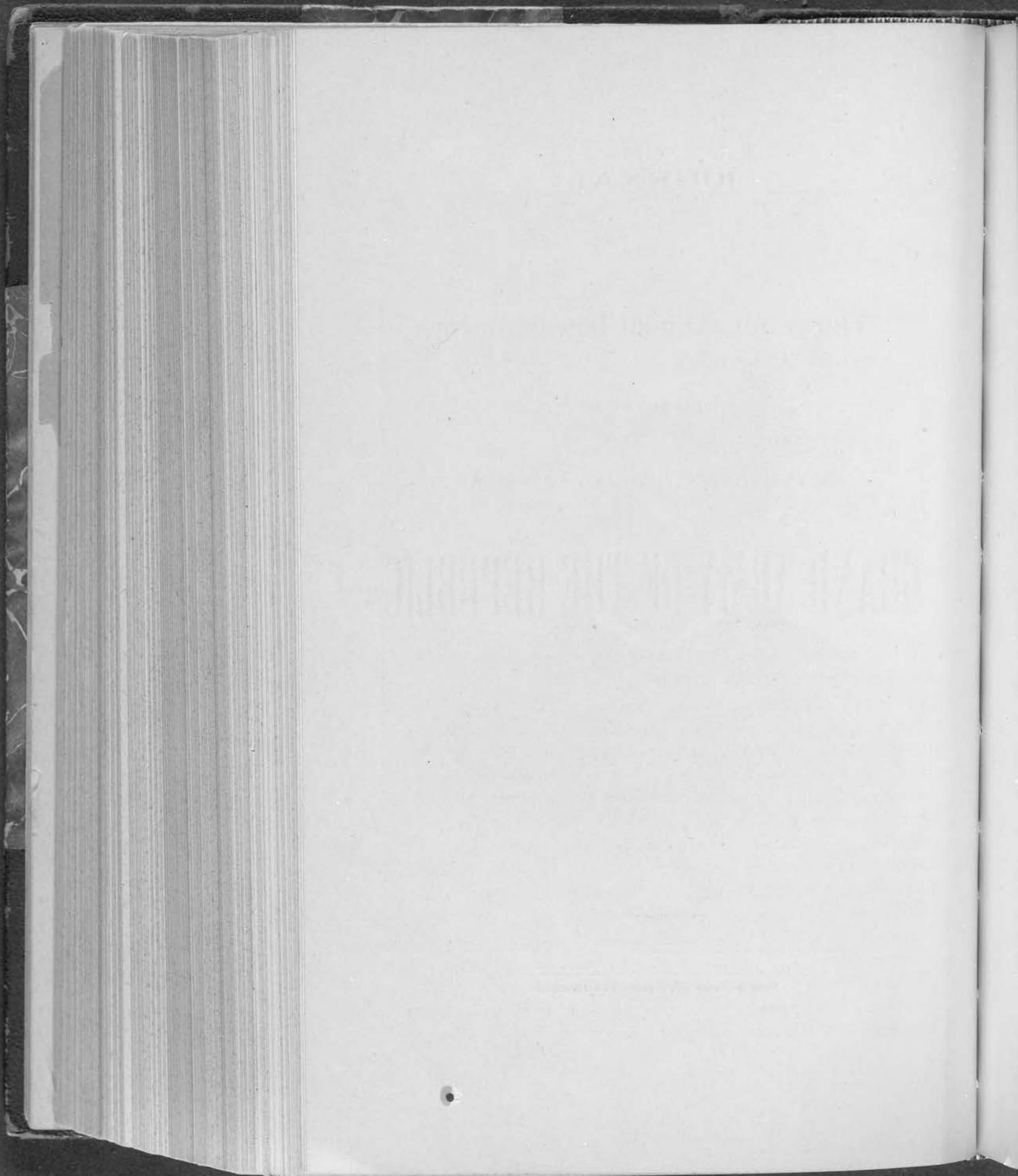
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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
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GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

JUNE 12TH, 1895, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.
FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

Preliminary to the formal opening of the Encampment, the following proceedings were had:

The membership of the Encampment and visiting comrades having proceeded from Department Headquarters at Hotel Spokane to Music Hall, in column, were there met by the local posts, local auxiliary corps and citizens and welcomed to the city in cordial and eloquent addresses by Miss Bertha France of Mary A. Logan Tent, No. 1, Daughters of Veterans, of Spokane, on behalf of the local organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Hon. H. N. Belt, mayor of the city of Spokane, on behalf of the city and citizens, which were appropriately responded to by Department Commander John N. Scott on behalf of the Encampment. Comrade Norman Buck, of Post No. 8, of Spokane, then, on behalf of the local committee of arrangements, formally turned over the hall to the Encampment in a stirring address reminiscent of the origin and descriptive of the mission of the Grand Army of

the Republic and its Encampments. After which, by special request, Master Ernest Bryant of Port Angeles, ten years of age and a son of a veteran, delivered a short original address appropriate to the occasion.

These exercises were interspersed with patriotic vocal music by the "Kidd Quartette" of Spokane, composed of Comrades M. M. Corey, C. B. Ide, L. H. Prather and C. E. Childs, which was frequently encored.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

At 11:15 o'clock A. M. the hall was cleared of all but members of the order and the Encampment was opened in due form, Department Commander John N. Scott presiding and Chaplain A. H. Lackey invoking the Divine blessing. Comrade James M. Comstock of Post No. 8 by assignment of the Department Commander, acted as officer of the day, Comrade R. B. Scott of Post No. 47, as officer of the guard and Comrade A. J. Smith of Post No. 47, as assistant to the Assistant Adjutant General.

On call of the roll of Department Officers by the Assistant Adjutant General, the following were found present:

COMMANDER JOHN N. SCOTT,
 SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER ELISHA W. ELIOT,
 MEDICAL DIRECTOR B. R. FREEMAN,
 JUDGE ADVOCATE NORMAN BUCK,
 CHAPLAIN A. H. LACKEY, D. D.,
 ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL THAD. S. SMITH,
 ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL JAMES H. WILSON.

Council of Administration.

GEORGE H. BOARDMAN. S. S. KING.
 WILLIAM J. ALEXANDER.

The commander detailed Comrade A. W. Hastie of Post No. 1 to act as Junior Vice-Commander.

The following committee on credentials was then announced by the Commander:

THAD. S. SMITH, A. A. G.,
 JAMES M. COMSTOCK, Post No. 8,
 L. H. COON, Post No. 10,

F. P. WEYMOUTH, Post No. 57,
W. P. SARGEANT, Post No. 71,

which on motion was instructed to report at 2 o'clock P. M.

On motion, the Encampment took a recess until two o'clock P. M.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.

Encampment reassembled at 2 o'clock P. M.

The committee on credentials made the following report:

Your committee on credentials would respectfully report that it has carefully examined the list of those entitled to seats in the Encampment, as prepared by the Assistant Adjutant General, and find the same to be correct and would recommend that the same be adopted as the roll of the Encampment, subject to future action as to filling vacancies occasioned by absenteeism.

The whole number of those entitled to membership as shown by this list is as follows:

Department Officers	10
Past Department Commanders	9
Council of Administration.....	5
Representatives and Past Post Commanders	484
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Total	508

A few Posts have reported neither representatives or Post officers, past or present, and have, therefore, not been credited with either.

(Signed) THAD. S. SMITH,
J. M. COMSTOCK,
W. P. SARGEANT,
L. H. COON,
F. P. WEYMOUTH,
Committee.

On motion of Comrade John F. McLean of Post No. 4, the report of the committee was adopted.

The roll of the Encampment as corrected by it by filling vacancies is as follows, those marked with an * being present, those with a † being deceased and those with a ‡ being accounted for elsewhere on the roll. The figures in parenthesis following the number and name of each Post indicate its membership at last report:

ROLL.

Department Officers.

- *COMMANDER, JOHN N. SCOTT, Post No. 15 Port Townsend, Wash.
 *SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER, ELISHA W. ELIOT, Post No. 4 Walla
 Walla, Wash.
 JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER, M. W. FORREST, Post No. 25 Chehalis,
 Wash.
 *MEDICAL DIRECTOR, B. R. FREEMAN, Post No. 47 Spokane, Wash.
 *CHAPLAIN, A. H. LACKEY D. D., Post No. 63 Aberdeen, Wash.

Official Staff.

- *ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL, THAD. S. SMITH, Post No 15 Port
 Townsend, Wash.
 *ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, JAMES H. WILSON, Post No.
 31 Seattle, Wash.
 *JUDGE ADVOCATE, NORMAN BUCK, Post No. 8 Spokane, Wash.
 INSPECTOR, WALLACE H. JENNINGS, Post No. 6 Tacoma, Wash.
 CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER, JOSEPH L. BROWN, Post No. 11 Ellensburg,
 Wash.

Council of Administration.

- *GEORGE H. BOARDMAN, Post No. 6.
 ACHILLES CLARK, Post No. 17.
 HIRAM G. YORK, Post No. 10.
 *W. J. ALEXANDER, Post No. 85.
 *S. S. KING, Post No. 89.

Past Department Commanders.

- F. W. SPARLING, 1878-83, Post No. 31 Seattle. (Provisional.)
 †GEORGE D. HILL, 1783-4, Post No. 31 Seattle.
 †H. A. MORROW, 1884-5, Post No. 2 Vancouver.
 A. M. BROOKES, 1885-6, Post No 31 Seattle.
 C. M. HOLTON, 1886-7, Post No. 9 North Yakima.
 *A. P. CURRY, 1887-8, Post No. 8 Spokane.
 †J. W. SPRAGUE, 1888-9, Post No. 6 Tacoma.
 *S. G. COSGROVE, 1889-90, Post No. 22 Pomeroy.
 *M. M. HOLMES, 1890-1, Post No. 1 Seattle.
 *D. G. LOVELL, 1891-2, Post No. 6 Tacoma.
 *J. S. BROWN, 1892-3, Post No. 47 Spokane.
 *JOSEPH F. SINCLAIR, 1893-4, Post No. 56 Ballard.

Posts.

STEVENS NO. 1 SEATTLE. (217)

*Commander, F. H. HURD.

Past Commanders.

G. W. Tibbetts,
H. A. Bigelow,
O. B. Johnson,
James Alexander,
*Samuel F. Street,
L. A. Treen,
A. O. Benjamin,
J. E. Risedorf,

Representatives.

S. G. Benedict,
*A. W. Hastie,
J. R. Bell,
H. F. Keene,
E. C. Kilbourne,
W. B. Haines,
S. F. Berry,
A. N. Kent,
*I. J. Lichtenberg,
James Price,
D. D. Proper
John Convery,
John Taylor,
*J. H. Gagle,
W. C. Hawthorne,
C. F. Dibert,
T. P. Herman.

W. H. White,
A. P. Spaulding,
*M. M. Holmes,
W. E. Wilson,
John R. Kinnear,
T. M. Young,
C. C. Wilson,
S. W. Clark.

Alternates.

R. A. Morris,
F. Ryan,
W. G. Hubbard,
A. Barney,
A. H. Carr,
E. K. Bushnell,
J. P. Crawford,
Michael Brunson,
D. Warner,
David Coiner,
J. W. Demott,
G. W. Lincoln,
Charles Edwards,
William Fox,
J. R. Elcork,
A. E. Ripley.

By authority of Encampment,

*J. C. O'Connor and *J. W. Range,

named to fill vacancies in Representation.

ELLSWORTH, NO. 2, VANCOUVER. (27)

Commander, DAVID F. REID.

Past Commanders.

R. W. Downing,
D. B. Baker,
David Stamp,
W. H. Brewster,

William H. Nash.

Representatives.

J. A. Snodgrass,
A. P. Healy.

John D. Geoghegan,
N. F. Bolton,
O. F. Johnson,
William Smiley,

Alternates.

Edgar Bundy,
H. C. Funk.

ALFRED SULLY, NO. 3, DAYTON. (45)

Commander, J. W. Sayers.

Past Commanders.

D. C. Guernsey,	J. W. Holman,
William C. Bishop,	A. J. Dexter,
*H. H. Wolfe,	D. H. Hardin,
A. H. Knibbs,	J. H. Goff,
Homer Hayden,	D. B. Kimbal,
<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
G. J. Baird.	T. H. Gobhart.
George Wick.	Louden McGee.

A. LINCOLN NO. 4, WALLA WALLA. (65)

‡Commander, ELISHA W. ELIOT.

Past Commanders.

W. C. Ellsworth,	W. H. Carnes,
William Lind,	*J. F. McLean,
J. H. Paul,	S. M. White,
	F. T. Gilbert.
<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
*A. S. Gear,	Edward McGann,
R. F. Powell,	W. H. Embree.
*B. C. Bedell.	

By authority of Encampment

*L. M. Lambert

named to fill vacancy in Representation.

GEORGE H. THOMAS, NO. 5, OLYMPIA. (101)

*Commander, F. H. Van Eaton.

Past Commanders.

T. J. McKenney,	N. H. Owings,
William McMicken,	J. R. Hayden,
A. D. Rogers,	R. G. O'Brien,
A. B. Cowells,	W. H. Roberts,
R. B. Crandall,	A. H. Adams.
<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
W. W. Work,	Diland Meyers,
J. S. Dobbins,	George E. Higgins,
R. A. McNair,	James H. Levee,
Frank Taylor.	B. B. Brower.

CUSTER NO. 6, TACOMA. (158)

*Commander, George Thornton.

Past Commanders.

Thomas Carroll,	James Barlow,
L. B. Strayer,	P. Foster,
Thomas Mattison,	S. F. Sahn,
Wallace H. Jennings	Fred. T. Taylor,
*C. H. Holmes,	‡J. W. Sprague,
	‡Don. G. Lovell.

Representatives.

*A Woodworth,
J. Q. Mason,
G. A. Leavitt,
*A. H. Cowger,
W. W. Likens,
George Taylor,
C. H. Blanchard,
C. H. Wilson.

Alternates.

A. P. Smith,
R. G. Hoge,
S. H. Emerson,
C. M. Cook,
S. E. Guthrie,
J. M. Croman,
B. G. Bradfield,
P. H. Carney.

By authority of Encampment

*J. H. Saunders and *Samuel Hice,
named to fill vacancies in Representation.

PHIL KEARNEY, NO. 7, TOLEDO. (22)

Commander, W. H. Dorland.

Past Commanders.

T. B. Mitchell,
John Duncan,
Representative.
J. H. Spangler.

E. P. McClure,
Chauncy Wilcox.
Alternate.
T. A. Grey.

SEDGWICK, NO. 8, SPOKANE. (60)

*Commander, W. H. Maloney.

Past Commanders.

*L. H. Prather,
‡Amos P. Curry,
*E. P. Galbraith,
‡Norman Buck,

C. R. Conner.

*E. J. Webster,
*W. A. Cannon,
*James M. Comstock,
*E. R. Childs,

Representatives.

*Frederick Saling,
*C. F. Seigler,
*Walter France.

Alternates.

Peter T. Weeks,
George W. Nease,
Joseph A. Bailey.

MEADE, NO. 9, NORTH YAKIMA. (39)

Commander William M. Badger.

Past Commanders.

*J. K. Ward,
J. O. Clark,

B. B. Coombs.

John G. Boyle,
C. M. Holton,

Representatives.

L. C. Lovell,
Moses T. Ward.

Alternates.

J. E. Schwartz,
E. Parmeter.

By authority of Encampment

*R. S. Morgan
named to fill one vacancy in Representation.

MORTON, NO. 10, SNOHOMISH. (34)

Commander, W. H. Andrus.

Past Commanders.

H. G. York,	D. F. Sexton,
G. C. Ruff,	M. W. Packard,
Fernando Turner,	*L. H. Coon.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
W. C. Merrit.	D. G. Lesourd.

JAMES PARSON, NO. 11, ELLENSBURG. (34)

Commander, Joseph L. Brown.

Past Commanders.

John A. Shoudy,	T. G. McDowell,
David Kinkade,	S. T. Sterling,
	J. E. McDowell.
<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
*George F. Davis,	J. C. Clymer,
Edward Russell.	T. G. McDowell.

MCPHERSON, NO. 12, KALAMA. (13)

Commander, Christopher Kalahan.

Past Commanders.

Joseph Smith,	M. E. Billings,
	Jesse Hocket.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
M. E. Billings.	W. B. Chapman.

GARFIELD, NO. 13, MONTESANO. (20)

(Reorganized March 29th, 1895.)

Commander, T. M. Bryan.

No representation reported.

PHILO BUCKMAN, NO. 14, SPRAGUE. (27)

*Commander, W. W. Hollingsworth.

Past Commander.

*John Moore.	<i>Alternates.</i>
<i>Representatives.</i>	W. E. Frink,
*George Murphy,	William Pea.
‡John Moore.	

FARRAGUT, NO. 15, PORT TOWNSEND. (61)

Commander, Thomas M. Fisher.

Past Commanders.

†Oliver Wood,	D. P. Trimble,
D. M. Littlefield,	Edward Rose,
Moses M. Smith,	‡John N. Scott,
‡Thad. S. Smith,	Edward Dunning.
<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
James McMillan,	Orin B. Grant,
Peter Mutty,	Charles P. Wakeman,
John Q. Adams.	Elbert G. Perkins.

JOHN A. LOGAN, NO. 16, GARFIELD. (19)

Commander, *A. P. Hall.

Past Commanders.

*J. M. Dicus,
J. A. Dix,

*J. L. Dutton,
*William Dallas,

*A. C. Case.

Representative.

*E. M. Giles.

Alternate.

S. B. Shoemaker.

L. C. LADD, NO. 17, PUYALLUP. (21)

Commander, C. S. Green.

Past Commanders.

E. N. Little,

A. Clark,

J. W. Soles,

C. C. Field.

Representative.

Robert Lyman.

Alternate.

F. M. Stinnett.

LARRABEE, NO. 18, LA CONNER. (24)

Commander, Asher W. Parker.

Past Commanders.

J. F. Dwelley,

R. H. Ball,

J. Lyle Wallace,

Robert Moore,

Ed. Bristoe.

Representative.

John Gaghan.

Alternate.

Charles Moore.

NATHANIEL LYON, NO. 19, COLFAX. (31)

Commander, *J. S. Buck.

Past Commanders.

*C. B. Anderson,

*F. M. Ellsworth,

C. Colvin,

*Thomas E. Ross,

James Ewart,

*William A. Inman.

Representatives.

E. D. Lake,

*M. S. Heltzel,

*J. H. Leiter,

L. Slate.

BAKER, NO. 20, GOLDENDALE. (25)

Commander, W. R. Dunbar.

Past Commanders.

Sol Smith,

E. B. Wise,

F. B. Stinson,

D. W. Pierce.

Representative.

E. W. Pike.

Alternate.

F. B. Stinson.

M'DOWELL, NO. 22, POMEROY. (37)

(No report.)

GENERAL GEORGE WRIGHT, NO. 23, CHENEY. (11)

Commander, *J. C. Taylor.

Past Commanders.

*O V. Davis,

S. Grubb,

*W. K. Griffith,

*J. A. Harris.

Representative.

C. R. Culver.

Alternate.

G. W. Cook.

By authority of Encampment

*Levi Buckman

named to fill vacancy in representation.

JAMES B. STEADMAN, NO. 24, NEW WHATCOM. (79)

Commander, A. A. Rogers.

Past Commanders.

Albert S. Cole,

John Broyles,

Representatives.

*J. N. Warren,

J. J. Edens,

J. P. Lewis,

J. C. Musgrove.

H. B. Williams,

E. Sturgeon,

Alternates.

J. B. Phinney,

W. H. Penfield,

J. W. Rayburn,

W. W. Darward.

JOE HOOKER, NO. 25, CHEHALIS. (15)

Commander, W. H. Mossman.

Past Commanders.

R. N. Ashmore,

A. H. Brown,

Representative.

E. G. Wagley.

H. P. Hurn,

M. W. Forrest,

H. C. Stinson.

Alternate.

C. E. Ball.

CANBY, NO. 27, ILWACO. (17)

Commander, George W. Esterbrook.

Past Commanders.

Daniel Markham.

Representative.

A. T. Harris.

G. W. Esterbrook.

Alternate.

(None reported.)

MAJOR ANDERSON, NO. 29, PALOUSE. (10)

Commander, Jasper H. Wylie.

Representative.

John C. Poe.

Alternate.

(None reported.)

O. M. MITCHELL, NO. 30, CAMAS. (14)

(Reorganized June 1st, 1895.)

Commander, J. H. Thomas.

(No representation reported.)

JOHN F. MILLER, NO. 31, SEATTLE. (208)

Commander, E. M. Schrack.

Past Commanders.

G. W. Bulline,

D. L. McCowen,

J. W. Langley,

Byron Phelps,

George N. Alexander,

W. G. Latimer,

Richard Osborne,

George Kinnear,

William S. Harlan.

Representatives.

*S. W. Scott,
L. W. Carpenter,
A. H. Foote,
*Joseph Dickerson,
James Leddy,
Lyman E. Knapp,
H. Middaugh,
W. V. Rinehart,
R. J. Morgan,
E. A. Gardner.

Alternates.

*F. M. Davis,
Fred Gasch,
Lyman Banks,
W. W. Perrigo,
B. J. Keith,
Edward Wheeler,
E. A. Andrus,
A. C. Nelson,
Richard Bradley,
J. L. Cresson.

By authority of Encampment

*S. R. Nettleton

named to fill vacancy in Representation.

REYNOLDS, NO. 32, BLAINE. (15)

Commander, O. D. McDonald.

Past Commanders.

S. P. Hughes, J. M. Linsey,
I. M. Scott, A. J. Lumas,
Lewis Schaffner.

Representative.

Joseph F. Ward.

Alternate.

C. C. Paul.

LINDSAY, NO. 34, PINE CITY. (9)

Commander, Leonard Seeker.

Past Commander.

*John Stwan.

Representative.

*D. F. Anderson

Alternate.

(None reported.)

D. A. RUSSELL, NO. 35, MOUNT VERNON. (47)

Commander, Abraham Garl.

Past Commanders.

Jaspar Gates, C. D. Kimball,
D. F. Decatur, S. C. Washburn,
R. W. Williams, J. W. Newman,
Wiltse Brown.

Representatives.

B. Hufty,
A. H. Davis.

Alternatives.

W. M. Miller,
W. H. H. Cressey.

W. H. SEWARD, NO. 36, JUNEAU, ALASKA. (21)

Commander, Alvis Meier.

Past Commanders.

J. C. Howard, David Flannery,
L. B. Grainer, J. W. Thompson.
Representative.
John Avery, Arthur Grant.

Alternate.

J. J. LEWIS, NO. 37, ASOTIN. (29)

Commander, John W. Green.

Past Commanders.

D. Theon Welch,	Hiram E. Benedict,
J. W. King,	M. B. Mitchell,
	David S. Trescott.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
D. Theon Welch.	Hiram E. Benedict.

R. L. M'COOK, NO. 39, SHERMAN. (38)

Commander, J. L. Stewart.

Past Commanders.

*J. E. Williams,	*W. H. McQuarrie,
*H. F. Warren,	*Herbert Wynkoff.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
H. McGinnis.	*Andrew Steigenwalt.

LYNCH, NO. 42, LYNDEN. (15)

Commander, Charles Vinup.

Past Commander.

	Anson J. Koscoe.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
G. N. Odell.	Joseph Woody.

W. S. HANCOCK, NO. 43, COSMOPOLIS. (17)

Commander, Elijah S. Wade.

Past Commanders.

O. A. Myers,	Silas W. Smith,
F. R. Wright,	M. M. Ruhl,
John O. Wilson,	C. Cooper.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
H. C. McGaffey.	Caleb Tarlton.

SHERIDAN, NO. 44, TACOMA. (43)

Commander, M. D. Wolf.

Past Commanders.

*Thad. Huston,	S. T. Armstrong,
Merrit B. Kelley,	W. F. Taylor,
	Bailey B. Brownson.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
Benjamin R. Everett.	A. S. Johnson.

H. A. MILES, NO. 45, WATERVILLE. (18)

Commander, H. C. Keeler.

Past Commanders.

William Domrese,	H. C. Keeler,
L. J. Silverthorn,	M. I. Young.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
John Broomfield.	(None reported.)

W. B. HAZEN, NO. 46, RITZVILLE. (10)

(No report.)

GENERAL J. L. RENO, NO. 47, SPOKANE. (74)

*Commander, E. Morrison.

Past Commanders.

J. S. Watson,	E. M. Bloomer,
*D. K. Oliver,	*W. H. Wiscombe,
*F. P. Weymouth.	

Representatives.

*Thomas Lavery,
*E. Vose,
*James Coverly,
*W. H. Smith.

Alternates.

E. S. P. Bolton,
W. L. Flemming,
John W. Otis,
M. F. Forney.

PACIFIC, NO. 48, PORT ANGELES. (37)

*Commander, Roderic R. Harding.

Past Commanders.

Lathan D. Stewart,	Filo W. Gallup,
Daniel P. Quinn,	Horace M. Guptill,
Henry W. Doty.	

Representatives.

Edwin Phelps,
Peter B. Chambers.

Alternates.

Bernard W. Johnson,
Herman Culver.

KIT CARSON, NO. 49, KELSO. (10)

Commander, Jacob Stoves.

Past Commanders.

William Davolt,	J. W. Moon,
O. Hinson.	

Representative.

*Samuel Levy,

Alternate.

(No report.)

GENERAL GROVER, NO. 51, AUBURN. (23)

Commander, Ed. Richmond.

Past Commanders.

Daniel Winter,	George Hart,
†V. R. Bissell.	

Representative.

J. Warnick.

Alternate.

W. L. Beach.

WASHINGTON, NO. 52, HOQUIAM. (20)

Commander, A. M. Holman.

Past Commanders.

J. T. Burns,	George W. France,
B. S. Philbrick,	M. H. Tuttle,
W. E. Rockwell.	

Representative.

Hannibal Wilson,

Alternate.

Michael Haley.

WHITMAN, NO. 53, PULLMAN. (23)

*Commander, K. P. Allen.

Past Commanders.

*Ransom Lanning,	*Charles S. Mason,
*B. F. Taylor,	J. P. Farnsworth,
	William H. Lacey.

Representative.

‡Charles S. Mason.

Alternate.

M. F. Taylor.

C. M. REED, NO. 54, ORTING. (24)

Commander, W. F. Neimeyer.

Past Commander.

H. S. Liliager,
L. C. Tillman,
Representative.
George J. Bollis.

T. O. Hanlon,
A. Martin.

Alternate.

George I. McDowell.

T. T. MINOR, NO. 55, WINLOCK. (7)

Commander, David Smith.

Past Commanders.

B. F. Brown,
J. H. Mallory,
Representative.
J. A. Short.

Henry Metz,
William T. Byham.

Alternate.

J. H. Phillips.

LIEUT. CUSHING, NO. 56, BALLARD. (29)

Commander, Samuel E. Pell.

Past Commanders.‡Joseph F. Sinclair,
Charles T. Corner.

Jeremiah Conoway,

Representatives.

David R. Smith,
Isaac H. Sprague.

Alternates.

Jeremiah Ward,
John Draper.

H. G. SICKLES, NO. 57, VASHON. (18)

Commander, M. H. Snow.

Past Commanders.

C. A. Barton,

Isaac Rees.

S. D. Sherman,

Representative.

J. W. Jacobs.

Alternate.

M. E. Waterman.

C. M. KELLOG, NO. 58, WEST FERNDAL. (12)

Commander, James M. Bearse.

Past Commanders.

Z. H. Robbins,

George Chamberlain.

Representatives.

James M. Bearse.

Alternates.

Allen W. Tiffany.

C. R. APPERSON, NO. 59, FAIRHAVEN. (31)

Commander, C. P. Lathrop.

Past Commanders.

D. L. Hopkins,
D. Alverson,
Representatives.
Eli Wilkin,
W. A. Mackay.

T. W. Gillett,
S. P. Tapping.
Alternates.
(None reported.)

C. W. H. BENTLEY, NO. 60, CRESCENT. (16)

*Commander, Samuel Hamilton.

Past Commander.

John Jackson.

Representative.

William N. Webb.

Alternate.

*Jerry Rockhold.

J. J. ANDREWS, NO. 61, OAKESDALE. (17)

*Commander, J. C. Burns.

Past Commanders.

T. Y. Williams,

Representative.

T. Y. Williams.

‡J. C. Burns.

Alternate.

J. C. Burns.

By authority of Encampment,

*Frank Dennis

named to fill vacancies in Representation.

GENERAL MILROY, NO. 62, LATAH. (13)

*Commander, Benjamin F. Coplin.

Past Commanders.

*W. B. Ramsey,

Representative.

*J. P. Cantwell.

*J. M. Nelson.

*G. W. Hendricks,

Alternate.

C. Morgan.

GEORGE CROOK, NO. 63, ABERDEEN. (16)

Commander, Max Sanford.

(No Past Commanders or Representatives reported.)

WALLACE, NO. 64, SPRINGDALE. (15)

Commander, James Ferguson.

Past Commanders.

*Mark P. Shaffer,

Representative.

*Clark Whitbeck.

Carroll Morgan.

R. D. McEver,

Alternate.

L. E. Birch.

ADMIRAL PORTER, NO. 66, MOSSY ROCK. (8)

Commander, Arthur Bridges.

Representative.

William Young.

Alternate.

John R. Sherman.

B. F. STEPENSON, NO. 67, SUMAS CITY. (10)

Commander, Alexander Harper.

Past Commanders.

G. D. Smith, E. R. Hopkins,

A. H. Wright.

Representative.

R. F. McCullough.

Alternate.

Albert G. Hopkins.

GENERAL EMORY, NO. 68, ANACORTES. (7)

Commander, John J. See.

Representative.

John J. See.

Alternate.

John Ayres.

JOHN C. FREMONT, NO. 69, SOUTH BEND. (19)

Commander, R. K. Van Tuyl.

Past Commanders.

G. W. Olney,

William F. Wallace,

J. H. Robb.

Representative.

J. M. Kelly.

Alternate.

James H. Robb.

UNION, NO. 70,, CHEWELAH. (17)

*Commander, E. A. Kyes.

Past Commanders.

Fred. Kieling,

*D. F. Lucas,

*C. T. Rigg.

Representative.

*D. C. Ely.

Alternate.

C. S. Boudurant.

JOHN A. REYNOLDS, NO. 71, BUCKLEY. (17)

Commander, F. E. McDougal.

Past Commander.

W. L. Bartholomew.

Representative.

*W. P. Sergeant.

Alternate.

John Glenn.

A. J. SMITH, NO. 72, WAYSIDE. (22)

*Commander, Jesse Howell.

Past Commanders.

H. G. Stratton,

S. H. McNaught,

P. L. Lebo.

Representative.

*W. H. Ellsworth.

Alternate.

A. Allen.

EVERETT, NO. 73, SUMNER. (13)

Commander, William A. Horner.

Past Commanders.

F. McFarland,

R. A. Guffey,

H. A. Marble.

Representative.

J. B. Kraus.

Alternate.

L. B. Hill.

SILAS CASEY, NO. 74, FRIDAY HARBOR. (7)

Commander, William H. Thacker.

Past Commander.

J. E. Tucker.

(No representative reported.)

E. J. HOUGHTON, NO. 75, HARVEY. (13)

*Commander, William H. Spencer.

Past Commanders.

G. W. Sykes,	W. H. Overman.	Joseph Goakey,
<i>Representative.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
E. W. Weston.		J. O. Gifford.

COLONEL HIRAM BURNHAM, NO. 76, KENT. (9)

Commander, H. H. Joy.

Past Commanders.

John Yates.	O. A. Jones.
<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
George R. Seese.	S. C. Nicholson.

GENERAL HOVEY, NO. 79, SNOQUALMIE. (12)

Commander, M. Smith.

Past Commanders.

G. W. Bard,	R. E. Pickerell.
(No representatives reported.)	

H. R. LOOMIS, NO. 80, GIG HARBOR. (16)

Commander, Miles B. Hunt.

Past Commander.

A. H. Brown.

<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
Joseph Allen.	John Atkinson.

WORTHINGTON, NO. 81, ELMA. (14)

*Commander, Herbert Kramer.

Past Commanders.

*M. A. Holcomb,	Alexander Jolly.	I. N. Hardin,
<i>Representative.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>
‡M. A. Holcomb.		I. N. Hardin,

T. P. PRICE, NO. 82, CENTRALIA. (46)

Commander, Richard A. Cress.

Past Commanders.

J. D. Jackson,	H. Shields,
C. M. Pierce,	I. N. Arnold,
H. H. Hamer,	A. P. Clayton,
W. M. King,	M. D. Wood,
	C. H. Manning.
<i>Representatives.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
A. P. Clayton,	N. B. Kelsey,
E. Troth,	J. M. Benedict.
J. B. McDonald.	

GENERAL SAUNDERS, NO. 83, KILSO. (17)

Commander P. J. Knapp.

	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
William Tefft,		P. J. Knapp,
	Henry Allen.	
	<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
W. B. Shanklin.		C. Inman.

COMMODORE FOOTE, NO. 84, SIDNEY. (22)

Commander, H. J. Sloan.

	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*J. B. Clark,		‡W. J. Alexander,
	<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
D. C. Blean.		T. J. Holcomb.

E. M. STANTON, NO. 86, HALLER CITY. (18)

Commander, Joseph F. Smith.

	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
A. L. Blair,		Thomas Moran.
	(No representatives reported.)	

J. A. WINSLOW, NO. 87, EXCELSIOR. (30)

*Commander, Jacob Emory.

	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Jesse Tobias,		R. S. Alexander,
C. T. Patterson,		John Keats,
	H. H. Warner.	
	<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
S. D. Brear.		H. A. McKinney.

GENERAL FRED LANDER, NO. 88, FARMINGTON. (19)

Commander, T. R. Tannett.

*Senior Vice-Commander, Richard Truax.

	<i>Past Commander.</i>	
	T. R. Tannett.	
	<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*A. J. Bancroft.		J. Blinkenderfer.

JOHN BUFORD, NO. 89, EVERETT. (16)

Commander, Joseph Bucher.

	<i>Past Commander.</i>	
	‡S. S. King,	
	<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
H. H. Beacham.		S. M. Kennedy.

COLONEL E. E. CROSS, NO. 90, SHELTON. (22)

Commander, George Cyphert.

	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Eliab Dunbar,		H. L. Alden.
	<i>Representative.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
J. B. Rittner.		Samuel Caldwell.

U. S. GRANT, NO. 91, ORTING. (SOLDIER'S HOME.) (44)

Commander, Randolph Hessey.

Past Commander.
Randolph Hessey.

Representatives.
William Druesike,
J. N. Saunders.

Alternates.
Patrick Casey,
Charles R. Cross.

D. CHAPLAIN, NO. 92, COUPEVILLE. (12)

Commander, F. A. Le Sourd.

Representative.
Charles Eaton.

Alternate.
(None reported.)

GENERAL RUSK, NO. 93, HARRINGTON. (16)
(Organized May 4th, 1895.)

*Commander, Daniel J. Zent.

Representative.
*J. J. Blocksedge.

Alternate.
(None reported.)

On motion the following order of business for the Encampment was decided upon:

- 1st. Reports of Officers.
- 2nd. Miscellaneous business.
- 3rd. Election of Officers.
- 4th. Reports of Committees.

5th. Unfinished business, including visit to Encampment of Department of Idaho and the reception of a return visit from that Department.

The Senior Vice Commander, Elisha W. Eliot, having been called to the chair, Department Commander Scott then delivered the annual address to the Encampment as follows:

ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,
JOHN N. SCOTT.

COMRADES:

Another year of our existence as a Department has passed into history, and now, at the close of the term for which, in the partiality of your suffrages, I was placed in command, I come to render an account of my stewardship and to surrender to my successor my trust.

I would, at the outset, congratulate the Department upon the numerical strength it still continues to maintain, notwithstanding the work of the great reaper, the advancing age and decrepitude of its surviving membership and the unparalleled stringency of the times. The report of our membership by the last Department administration at its close was materially misleading, made up, as it was, from unofficial data, clearly demonstrating the unreliability of a resort to methods unauthorized and outside of those provided by the regulations for ascertaining statistical information pertaining to the organization. This report shows a membership on June 1st, 1894, of 2,816, while the official reports for the term ending a few days later show a total membership of but 2,701. The aggregate membership of the Department for the subsequent term, ending with December 31st, of the same year, was still further reduced to 2,490, a falling off in six months of 211. This decrease was the result, in the main, of suspensions for non-payment of dues, one Post alone reporting the suspension of 127 members. It is seriously to be regretted that the opportunity should exist for the increase of our suspension list at this rapid rate. In General Order No. 7, National Headquarters, current series, the Commander-in-Chief recommends the appointment in each Post of a "Delinquent committee" whose duty it shall be to see in person or to communicate with every worthy comrade who is in arrears, or who has been suspended or dropped from the rolls, and urge his re-instatement under the provisions of the recent amendment to our Rules and Regulations, authorizing the re-instatement of members previously suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, upon the payment of one year's dues. This matter is seriously brought to the attention of the Encampment and it is earnestly recommended that such action shall be taken as will best awaken an interest in the individual Posts in an effort not only to keep up their existing membership but, further, to promote, by every available means the re-instatement of dropped or suspended members. This is a matter of vital importance to our organization. Our numbers are diminishing too rapidly from natural and inevitable causes and the lease of life of the survivors is growing too short, to admit of any reductions in our ranks that might by a little care and diligence be prevented. I would cordially recommend, therefore, the appointment of a committee to take into consideration and report upon the best means for preserving

our ranks intact against the carelessness or indifference of comrades in maintaining their membership and for promoting the re-instatement of those who have already forfeited their good standing.

This administration entered upon its duties on the 22nd day of June last, encountering unexpected difficulties and obstacles from the very start. It was without records of any kind or even memoranda of the proceedings of the Department Encampment preceding or, in fact, of any other Department Encampment save their printed proceedings, and no information at all as to the former except such as was carried in individual memories. It has to this day none of the original records or minutes of said Encampments and only received the printed proceedings of the last one at the hands of the last past administration, which was entrusted with their publication, on the 27th day of December last, more than six months after its adjournment. It, with great difficulty after many and persistent futile efforts, effected a final settlement of accounts with the late administration, but not until the 25th day of February last, more than eight months after entering upon its duties. Not in the spirit of complaint but solely in justice to itself and in explanation of more than one-half of the term of the Department Commander having been practically frittered away, when it should and otherwise would have been employed in visiting Posts and in other regular ways serving the interests of the Department, is this statement made. Notwithstanding these difficulties, supplemented by the unprecedented stringency of the times, we feel that we may rightfully and intelligently congratulate the Department upon the excellent business basis upon which its affairs are found to-day. With the reduction of the per capita tax from that of the immediately preceding years thirty-three per cent. and the suspension ^{of} nearly ten per centum of its membership, the extraordinary expenses incident to the unfortunate domestic troubles of the Department and the outlay for the purchase of a banner, national flag and other necessary property, the treasury still has a balance to its credit of \$247.10 without a single item of indebtedness. A better showing could hardly be made we submit. ob

I sincerely regret that I have been unable during my term of office to visit more of the Posts of the Department and indeed each and every one, from the strongest to the weakest. The year has, however, been practically spent in the work of the Department, which I found most urgent and exacting, and I hope with a result not without substantial profit to it. The Posts I have visited, I have found in the main in a prosperous and healthy condition and thoroughly imbued with the Grand Army spirit of "fraternity, charity and loyalty." In this connection I would strongly urge that Posts shall pay more attention to the prompt return of their semi-annual reports. One of the principal sources of embarrassment and trouble during the now closing year has been the delinquency of many Posts in this particular. In a number of cases we have had

to write and rewrite, time and again, for these reports, in one case sending a special messenger and in another receiving the reports due for the term ending with December last only within the last two weeks. The result of this has been that the Department has been necessarily thrown into delinquency as to its consolidated reports to National Headquarters for each term, thereby detrimentally affecting its standing and calling out admonitions from the national authorities, citing the penalty provided by the regulations for such delinquencies. It can take but a few minutes of time and little labor, fewer and less indeed than it does later, for Post officers to make and forward their reports promptly; and certainly the reward resulting from the satisfaction derived from maintaining the good name of their Posts and that of the Department will more than compensate for the time and labor so expended. In view of the inconvenience, trouble and expense we have suffered in the past in this matter, it is recommended that the Department Commander be authorized in the future, in cases of protracted tardiness of Posts in making and forwarding these reports, to dispatch a Staff Officer or specially detailed messenger to such delinquent Posts in the premises, at his discretion, at the expense of the posts to whom such officer or messenger shall be sent.

It was with great satisfaction and no little pleasure that I paid a visit to the Washington Soldiers' Home at Orting last December. To say that I was gratified at the splendid condition in which I found the Home in all its several departments, but feebly expresses the sentiments with which I was inspired on the occasion. The completeness of its appointments, the business system and situation of its affairs, the discipline of its management and the morale of its whole command were such that it would have been hard to say wherein improvement could have been made, with the resources at its command. Every citizen of the State of Washington and especially every soldier citizen, should be proud that of the twenty State Soldier's Homes in the Nation, that of our own State stands preeminent and received the commendation of the United States Inspector of Soldier's Homes, upon his last inspection visit, as being second to none other. It is sincerely to be regretted that, since my visit there, differences among the management have developed, resulting in the withdrawal of Comrade S. F. Street as Commandant and his estimable wife as Matron. It is not, however, for us to pass judgment in the matter. Neither as an organization or as individuals have we any legal authority over the institution. As representing the soldier interests of the State, however, our intelligent counsel has been and no doubt ever will be respectfully heard in its affairs and, where meritorious, heeded. If wrong has been done in effecting the change referred to, our voice should not fail in earnest, solemn protest; if, on the contrary, the interests and efficiency of the Home demanded the change, we should not hesitate to bow to the demand. If any expression should be made

or any action taken here, it should be with the good of the Home and its beneficiaries solely in view, stripped of all personal preferences or prejudices, calmly, impartially and intelligently.

During the past year, a widespread organized interference with the freedom of individual action and resistance to lawful authority appeared in many localities of the nation and seriously threatened the safety of, and in some cases sacrificed, both life and property, the supremacy of law and order and the interests of the commerce and business of the nation. The Grand Army of the Republic is the uncompromising enemy of lawlessness, whether it finds expression in the warlike demonstrations of armed rebellion or the still more reckless anarchism of the tumultuous mob. True to its impulses and true to its history, it quickly ranged itself as one man upon the side of law and order. Grievances there may have been, but the unrestrained violence of the irresponsible mob was a still greater evil and the potent influence of the Grand Army of the Republic in the emergency made itself felt with no uncertain effect in the restoration of the peaceful operation of law in the land. The thanks of the Department Commander ~~is~~ ^{are} due the several Posts of the Department for the promptness and unanimity of their response to the call made upon them by him to unequivocally take their stand as the enemies of lawlessness in the developments of the day and as the friends and supporters of those whose duty it was to suppress it.

The 28th National Encampment held in Pittsburg, Penn., in September last year was a red letter occasion in our history. The voluntary gathering together of a body of twenty-five thousand men, at least, widely scattered in their residences between the two oceans and between the great lakes and the gulf, thirty years after the close of a great war for the preservation of their nation, in which they each took his allotted part, and, advanced in age as they were, their participation in a three mile march over bouldered pavements and under a hot noon-day September sun, attests a vitality and hardihood and, above all, an interest in the cause in which they were assembled of which no other nation in the world can boast. It was my great pleasure, in the discharge of my duty as your commander, to be present and number one of the remarkable assembly and parade. Of the Delegates and Alternates elected to represent this Department but one Delegate and one Alternate was in attendance. The delegation was, however, filled from talesmen present as visiting comrades, and we were fortunately enabled to cast our full vote in the Encampment. In the grand parade, this Department was represented by eleven comrades and no Department was received with heartier welcome or louder cheers along the line than was ours, the remotest Department in the nation. We received during our stay in this loyal city a most royal welcome at the hands of its hospitable people and we separated, each bearing with him the happiest recollections of the great reunion. The absence of so large a proportion of our

regular delegation should admonish us that, in the selection of our elective representatives to future Encampments, only such should be chosen as can give the most satisfactory assurances of their ability and intention to be present.

I have the great pleasure to announce to this Encampment the reorganization of two of our previously disbanded Posts—Garfield Post No. 13 at Montesano, Wash., with a membership of twenty, and O. M. Mitchell Post No. 30 of La Camas, Wash., with a membership of fourteen, both of which are now re-established on a good, healthful basis. It is still further my pleasure to announce the organization of two new Posts in the Department during the year,—D. Chaplain Post No. 92, located at Coupeville, Island County, Wash., with a membership of thirteen, and General Rusk Post No. 93, located at Harrington, Lincoln County, Wash., with a membership of sixteen. I have still further to announce that a new Post located at Mission, Kittitas County, Wash., with a membership of fourteen, has made application for a charter and paid its charter fee and is now in process of organization. Its organization will be completed so soon as a mustering officer can be got there after the adjournment of this Encampment to formally organize it, making then eighty-one live, active Posts in this Department. And so the work goes bravely on.

Our last Encampment, it will be remembered, adopted, with no little enthusiasm, a resolution calling for a demonstrative recognition of the music of the Star Spangled Banner whenever played or sung in a public gathering. This was well so far as it went. It however certainly significantly emphasized the surprising fact of the total absence of the Star Spangled Banner itself from among our possessions. It was also a fact that our only Department banner was one received as a legacy from the old Department of Washington Territory, faded, worn and with an inscription changed to suit the change of situation and name. Among the first acts, therefore, of this administration, was upon the authority of the Council, to procure an appropriate flag and banner, both of which were christened in the great parade at Pittsburg, where they received universal attention, admiration and cheers.

No claim whatever has yet been made for reward for the discovery of fraudulent pensioners in this Department under the liberal offer of our last Encampment. No more practical or complete refutation than this could be made of the foul libel perpetrated upon the pension list of the nation by the chief Executive of the land in the face of the fullest and amplest opportunities for knowing better, stigmatizing it as not only tinctured but absolutely permeated with fraud.

It is more than gratifying to know that our State Legislature at its late session, upon the suggestion of the last Department Encampment, established as a legal holiday, in this State, the annually recurring anni-

versary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, a tardy but most appropriate recognition of the memory of our martyred President, the greatest man of his time.

Our last Past Department Commander, at our last Encampment, properly directed attention to the fact that our charter was not now descriptive of the Department in its nomenclature, since the addition of Alaska to the Department and the admission of Washington to Statehood. Acting upon the suggestion, the matter was referred to National Headquarters, when a supplementary charter was issued and supplied us, with the proper nomenclature and crediting us with our proper rank upon the Roster of Departments.

Our necrology list during the year 1894 was far below what might reasonably have been expected, numbering only forty-three. *five* Out of a membership of 2,580 at the beginning of the year, composed of men but few of whom were under the age of half a century and the vast majority of whom had less than ten years of the traditionally allotted life of man yet before them, the loss by death in the course of a year of less than two per centum speaks well for the longevity and steady habits of the race. It certainly goes far towards vindicating the old soldier from the charge sometimes made of being a brawler and a reveller. Conspicuous among those who passed from among us during the year were the Commanders of Lynch Post No. 42 and General Grover Post No. 51, Comrades Hiram W. Smith and Virgil R. Bissel. We shall sadly miss them in our councils and reunions but let us strive all the more to emulate them in their faithful example. Later and not yet officially reported, our well known and well beloved Past Department Chaplain, Rev. J. J. Moss passed to his final account in the ripeness of old age and leaving behind him a memory fragrant of good works. It will be eminently proper and becoming for the Encampment to take special action with reference to his death.

Memorial day just past, so far as has been ascertained, was more generally observed and with more interesting ceremonies than ever before. As the years go on, it seems to grow in popular favor as it certainly does in interest to the surviving comrades and it is hoped that the day is at hand when it shall be universally observed with appropriate exercises, unmixed with demonstrations of inharmonious jollity or of honors to unpatriotic memories.

Our Woman's Relief Corps, day by day, is advancing in numerical strength and in usefulness and efficiency, until now it is no longer simply our auxiliary but has assumed place alongside of us, our loyal, helpful sister and equal co-worker. It would be invidious to discriminate among the several Corps of this Department, but attention may be properly directed to the splendid service of Farragut Corps, No. 38, of Port Townsend, in erecting during the past year and presenting to its

companion Post on Memorial day an appropriate and substantial monument to our soldier dead, the first soldier monument erected in our Department. Let the noble example be speedily followed until an appropriate memorial shall mark the last resting place of our country's defenders throughout the Department.

Let us never omit to recognize the importance of our young and growing auxiliary, the Sons of Veterans. Its mission is an all important one, to take our place when we shall have passed away and to perpetuate the noble principles of "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty" in the time to come. Let the increase of its membership and efficiency and the spread of the order throughout the land never fail to meet all the encouragement and help at our command.

I desire to direct the especial attention of the Encampment to a matter of vital importance, as I deem it, to the Department and one which, in the late past at any rate, we have, I think, signally failed to appreciate. Our organization, in its very nature is not self perpetuating and in the absence of recruiting material, must die with the generation of soldiers of the late war for the suppression of the great rebellion, of which it is exclusively composed. As that generation passes away, one by one, the burden of department work upon the survivors becomes all the greater and the expense entailed necessarily the heavier, while at the same time, our income through our only source of revenue, the per capita tax, as a consequence, inevitably grows smaller and smaller. The reduction of this per capita tax by the last Encampment was, therefore, I am clear, a serious mistake. I would further urge upon the attention of the Encampment the fact that the general visitation of the Posts by the Department Commander and the laborious devotion of his Assistant Adjutant General to the office details are potent and indeed indispensable factors in the successful administration of our departmental affairs. It is a well known fact, too, that the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic is made up largely of those whose store of this world's goods is, to say the least, limited, while, perhaps, its best and most available material for official position is to be found among those least affluent. While others were accumulating bonds and stocks and landed property, they were spending the best years of their life in accumulating only patriotic experiences and in securing to future generations the blessings of free government. It is not to be expected, therefore, that the traveling expenses of the Department Commander should be defrayed either in whole or in part by him. The donation of his time and services is all that can reasonably be asked of him. Approximate compensation too should certainly be made the Assistant Adjutant General for his work and services, occupying as they necessarily do, no inconsiderable portion of valuable time. The allowance in the recent past for such traveling expenses has been notably inadequate and the reduction of the salary of the Assistant Adjutant General by the last Encampment, a great in-

justice not only to him but also to the Department itself. I, therefore, earnestly recommend, for the immediate future, the restoration of the per capita tax to that of previous years, a more liberal allowance to the Department Commander for traveling expenses and the advance of the salary of the Assistant Adjutant General to at least the amount from which it was last reduced. I make this recommendation earnestly and strenuously, solely in the interest of the Department and the efficiency of its work.

For details concerning the affairs of the several departments reference is made to the accompanying departmental reports. The incompleteness of the Chaplain's report may be readily accounted for by the shortness of the time elapsing since Memorial Day and the remoteness of many Posts from headquarters, together with their imperfect mail facilities.

To the several Department and Staff officers I am largely indebted for their loyal counsel and assistance in the administration of departmental affairs during the past year and I hereby tender them each and all my sincere thanks.

And now, Comrades, if I have accomplished anything in the high and responsible position now about to be surrendered, for the good of the Order and the promotion of the cause of the great trinity, "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty," my ambition is satisfied and I shall be happy in the conviction that I have not lived wholly in vain. To you, Comrades, one and all, I now tender my heartfelt benediction, and to my successor, whoever he may be, my co-operation and assistance, so far as in me lies, as well as a cordial all-hail and God-speed in the important work confronting him.

On motion the Department Commander's address was referred to a special committee of three appointed by the Senior Vice-Commander in the chair, consisting of Past Department Commander S. G. Cosgrove and Comrades W. J. Alexander, Post No. 84, and William A. Inman, Post No. 19.

Department Commander Scott then resuming the chair, the report of the Assistant Adjutant General was submitted as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA }
 ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
 PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., JUNE 10th, 1895. }

TO JOHN N. SCOTT, COMMANDER.

COMRADE:

In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of our order, I have the honor to submit the following report of the business of my office:

Number in good standing Dec. 31st, 1893 2580

FIRST TERM 1894.

Gains.

By muster 125
 By transfer 99
 By reinstatement 176

Total gains 400

Aggregate 2980

Loss.

By death 17
 By honorable discharge 8
 By transfer 46
 By suspension 171
 By delinquent reports 37

Total loss 279

Balance 2701

SECOND TERM 1894.

Gains.

By muster 75
 By transfer 31
 By reinstatement 65

Total gains 171

Aggregate 2872

Loss.

By death 25
 By honorable discharge 29
 By transfer 32
 By suspension 206

Total loss 382

In good standing 2490

RECAPITULATION.

In good standing Dec. 31st, 1893 2580

Total gains for year 571

Aggregate 3151

Total loss for the year 661

In good standing at present report 2490

Two new Posts have been organized and chartered during the year as follows:

NAME	NO.	LOCATION	DATE	MEM.	MUSTERING OFFICER
D. Chaplain	92	Coupeville	July 19th, 1894	13	Thad. S. Smith, A. A. G.
Gen'l Rusk	93	Harrington	May 4th, 1895	16	D. J. Zent, S. M. O.

One application pending.

Two Posts have been re-organized and chartered as follows:

NAME	NO.	LOCATION	DATE	MEM.	MUSTERING OFFICER
Garfield	13	Montesano	March 23d, 1895	20	George W. Boyington.
O.M. Mitchell	30	Camas	June 1st, 1895	14	John D. Geoghegan.

New charters have been issued in lieu of the original charters destroyed by fire, to General Milroy Post, No. 62, Latah, and Commodore Foote Post, No. 84, Sidney.

W. T. Sherman Post, No. 65, of Medical Lake, surrendered its charter Sept. 10th, 1894, its membership (seven in number) receiving transfers from Department Headquarters.

The losses of the various Posts of the Department in membership during the past year from suspensions (467) have been three times greater than their losses from all other causes combined, in one instance 127 members of a single Post being suspended. Doubtless the financial stringency which has existed during the past year and the "hard times" which are now prevalent, have much to do with the large number of suspensions.

During the past year forty-five Comrades have passed to their reward. Thirty-seven have been honorably discharged and 186 have been dropped from the rolls, having been previously suspended.

RELIEF.

The Posts of our Department have expended during the year in the cause of relief \$4,108.42, as shown by the Post Adjutants' reports. But this, doubtless, is only a small portion of the amount actually expended as only a few posts have reported anything under this head.

The number of Comrades relieved during the year 347; others not Comrades 96.

The loss by delinquent reports is caused by the negligence of Post officers in not making their reports, for which there seems to be no excuse. The report of William H. Seward Post, No. 36, of this Department, located at Juneau, Alaska, for the term ending Dec. 31st, 1894, was received at Headquarters Jan. 12th, while a number of home Posts did not forward their reports until March and then only after repeated calls had been made for them.

There has been a discrepancy between the Post Quartermasters' and Adjutants' reports in a large number of cases and it has taken much time

and trouble to secure its adjustment. It would obviate this trouble if the Quartermasters and Adjutants would compare their reports and reconcile any differences before forwarding them to Headquarters. Care in filling out and promptness in forwarding reports will be a saving of two-thirds in postage and stationery and will greatly lighten the labor of this office.

The work of this office has been heavy during the year, the correspondence being very large. Eleven General Orders, two circulars and twenty-six Special Orders have been issued. These together with twenty National Orders and circulars, and Journals of Department and National Encampments have been promptly mailed to the various Posts and Department officers, as also all the necessary blanks for reports of Posts to Department Headquarters due June 30th, 1895. Many letters of inquiry are received which would indicate that General Orders are not as generally read as they should be and the Rules and Regulations but seldom consulted.

Commander, in surrendering the office with which you have by your appointment honored me, I desire to express my sincere thanks for your personal kindness and appreciation of my efforts. For any success that may attach to the work of this office during the year I am indebted to you.

In laying aside my insignia of Assistant Adjutant General, and saying my official good-bye, it is my sincere hope that the official relations of my successor with other officers and all Comrades may be as pleasant as have been mine.

I have the honor to be,
Yours in F. C. and L.,
THAD. S. SMITH,
Assistant Adjutant General.

On motion, the Adjutant General's report was referred to a committee of three which was appointed to consist of the following members: Comrades A. Woodworth, Post No. 6, and Past Post Commanders L. H. Coon, of Post No. 10, and Norman Buck, of Post No. 8.

On motion, the regular order was suspended for the appointment of a committee of ten to receive the Commander-in-Chief on his arrival at the depot at 6 o'clock P. M. and to escort him to his hotel. The following committee was appointed: Past Department Commanders A. P. Curry, S. G. Cosgrove, Don G. Lovell, J. S. Brown, and Comrade J. W. Feigham, Past Commander Department of Kansas, Post No. 47; Past

Commanders J. F. McLean, Post No. 4, C. H. Holmes, Post No. 6; W. J. Alexander, Post No. 84; S. S. King, Post No. 89 and Comrade S. R. Nettleton, Post No. 31.

The regular order of business being resumed, the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General was submitted as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R. }
 OFFICE OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, }
 SEATTLE, JUNE 12TH, 1895. }

TO JOHN N. SCOTT, COMMANDER,

COMRADE:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the business of this office and the various Posts in this Department from June 20th, 1894, to this date, inclusive:

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT WITH PAST A. Q. M. G., J. CONAWAY.

1894			
June 20	To cash on hand.....		\$ 579 29
	<i>Cr.</i>		
Aug. 7	By expense voucher.....	\$ 12 25	
"	Amount retained for printing Dep. proceedings..	200 00	
"	By cash turned over to A. Q. M. G. Wilson.....	367 04	
			\$ 579 29

REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 11TH, 1895.

Receipts.

Aug. 7	From Past Administration.....	\$ 367 04	
	For per capita tax for year 1894.....	1317 22	
	For charter fees.....	20 00	
	Sales supplies.....	152 10	
	Amt. ret. unused of hd.-qr. fund at Nat'l Enc'm't.	18 25	
			\$1874 61

Disbursements.

Dept. of Washington and Alaska for Sundries.			
	Traveling expenses Dept. Commander.....	\$ 150 00	
	For office rent, Head-quarters.....	100 00	
	For Head-quarters, National Encampment.....	85 00	
	For salary, A. A. G.....	200 00	
	For salary, A. Q. M. G.....	100 00	
	For flag and banner for Department.....	133 75	
	For per capita tax, National Head-quarters.....	62 07	
	For permanent supplies, Head-quarters.....	42 95	
	For supplies from Q. M. G.....	117 65	
	For expense ordered by Council of Administration	143 05	
	For postage, expense and incidentals.....	171 00	
	For printing stationery, use of Department.....	322 04	
			\$1627 51
	By cash balance on hand.....		247 10
			\$1874 61
	To cash balance on hand.....	\$ 247 10	

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

Resources:

1895			
June 12	To Cash Balance on hand.....	\$ 247 10	
	Supplies per Inventory.....	138 92	
	1 Desk.....	25 00	
	Drawers and Pigeon Holes.....	11 00	
	Blank Case and Packing Box.....	34 50	
	Department Seal.....	5 00	
	Letter Press and Brush.....	10 25	
	One Headquarters Flag and Banner.....	125 00	
			\$ 596 77

Liabilities:

	Due various Posts overpaid Per Capita.....	\$ 33 90	
	Net Assets.....	562 87	\$ 596 77
	By Net Balance on hand.....		\$ 562 87

Supply Account:

	Sales including amt. furnished with Charters....	\$ 162 00	
	Inventory June 12, 1895.....	138 92	
			\$ 300 92
	Inventory June 20, 1894.....	\$ 127 80	
	Purchased from Q. M. G.....	117 65	\$ 245 45
	By Nett Gain on Supplies.....		55 47
			\$ 300 92

CONSOLIDATED REPORTS OF POST QUARTERMASTERS.

	To balance on hand Dec. 31, 1894.....	\$1669 62	
	To receipts from all sources.....	2830 96	
			\$4500 58

Disbursements:

	For Department per capita tax.....	\$ 488 80	
	For relief from Post funds.....	86 19	
	For all other disbursements.....	2157 93	
	Amount transferred to relief fund.....	9 35	
			\$2742 27
	By cash on hand.....		1233 38
	By cash invested in collaterals.....		524 93
			\$4500 58

Relief Fund:

	On hand last report.....	\$ 240 24	
	Received from all sources.....	242 17	
			\$ 482 41
	Amount expended.....	214 18	
	Balance on hand.....	268 23	
			\$ 482 41
	To balance relief.....	\$ 268 23	

VALUE OF POST PROPERTY.

	Cash balance, Post fund.....	\$1233 38	
	Cash balance, Relief fund.....	268 23	
	Market value of Post property.....	4097 00	
	Cash inv. in furniture, flags, etc.....	9436 42	
	Total.....		\$15035 03

The foregoing report shows a gain over the previous report of \$2609.53
A net gain of 18 per cent.

To the Department Commander I tender my sincere thanks for his uniform kindness to me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES H. WILSON,
A. Q. M. G.

On motion, this report was referred to the Council of Administration for auditing.

The officer of the guard here announced a committee from the Encampment of the Washington Division of the Sons of Veterans awaiting admission at the outpost, when, by direction of the Department Commander, it was admitted. Upon appearing upon the platform, Col. E. Weldon Young on behalf of the committee, in a cordial address, presented the Encampment the greetings and congratulations of the Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, and was in like cordial terms responded to by the Department Commander. The committee having retired, upon motion, a committee of five consisting of Comrades D. C. Ely, Post No. 70; R. R. Harding, Post No. 48; I. J. Litchenberg, Post No. 1; Thomas Lavery, Post No. 47, and Chaplain A. H. Lackey was appointed to wait upon the Encampment of the Sons of Veterans and to convey to it the best wishes of our Encampment.

The reading of the reports of Departmental officers was then resumed.

The report of the Senior Vice Department Commander was submitted, which was as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R. }
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S OFFICE, }
WALLA WALLA, MAY 22ND, 1895. }

COL. THAD. S. SMITH, A. A. G.,
DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:

For the information of the Department Commander I desire to make the following report for the year soon to close.

The interests of the Department having been confided to such a capable Commander, as Col. Scott has proven himself to be, there has been

but little for the Junior Officers of the Department to do, consequently my report will be brief.

I have visited a few Posts during the year and have written letters to several others, mostly in the Eastern side of the Department, urging them to put forth greater efforts for the building up of our order, and whenever the opportunity offered I have tried to impress upon officers and members the need for more zeal in the work. I believe these efforts have borne some fruit.

On March 29th last, in response to an invitation received from A. Sully Post No. 3, of Dayton, Wash., in company with ten comrades of A. Lincoln Post No. 4, and twenty-two members of J. J. Stevens Camp, Sons of Veterans, I visited Dayton and was present at the organization of James A. Garfield Camp, Sons of Veterans, with 49 charter members. I was greatly impressed with the zeal manifested by the members of A. Sully Post in working up and organizing such a fine Camp and would suggest that the Department Commander in his forthcoming report urge upon the various Posts in the Department, that they profit by the example set by these Comrades.

My thanks are due the Comrades of Dayton for the very cordial reception I received at their hands during my visit.

I would respectfully suggest that the Department Commander bring before the next Encampment the situation of our Comrades who have belonged to disbanded Posts. Can we afford to lose them from the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic? I think not. We need them and some way should be provided whereby they can maintain their standing in the Order. Among them are some, yea many, of our best and bravest Comrades whom we respect and love; men wise in council and fearless in the discharge of duty.

In conclusion, I desire to return my thanks to Commander Scott and the various members of his staff, for the very courteous treatment I have received from them. I shall ever remember with pleasure our official connection.

Hoping to meet all at Spokane shortly, I have the honor to subscribe myself,

Yours in F., C. and L.,
E. W. ELIOT,
S. V. C.

On motion, it was referred to a committee of three and all succeeding reports were ordered to be referred to a like committee. The committee on the Senior Vice-Commander's report was appointed as follows: Past Commanders John F. Sinclair, Don G. Lovell, and Comrade S. R. Nettleton.

The report of Medical Director B. R. Freeman was then submitted as follows, to-wit:

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R. }
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, }
SPOKANE, MAY 23RD, 1895. }

TO J. N. SCOTT, COMMANDER,

SIR:

I have the honor to submit to you the following report, which is measurably short and incomplete for the reason that out of the ninety Posts in the Department of Washington and Alaska, I have received the reports from but twenty-five Post Surgeons. Now this is all wrong. The Post Surgeon is a necessary officer; his duty is imperative and he should make his report as promptly as any other officer. Our noble fraternity, with its members scattered throughout the State of Washington and the Territory of Alaska, and the public at large who have so kindly manifested an interest in our order on various occasions, have a right to these reports, and they ought to be made promptly and faithfully.

The great feature of our charity is that every dollar that is raised is properly placed where it will do the most good without any expenses of distribution.

Reports should be submitted to the Medical Director in time for the Annual Encampment. I regret the necessity which compels me to come before this thirteenth Annual Encampment with a report so incomplete of the amounts expended for relief, when we know that in every Post the Comrades and their noble coadjutors, the Woman's Relief Corps, have been untiring in their efforts to mitigate the distress that has been inevitable during the hard times which still continue, and will require further effort on the part of both organizations.

There are approximately twenty-seven hundred names on the roll of this Department, with only fourteen deaths reported which, if correct, would indicate that the death rate among the members was decreasing. But we know that there have been deaths in this Department not reported. In this connection, I desire to call Post Commanders' attention to the fact, that we have a law in the State of Washington requiring County Commissioners to levy a tax to raise a fund, known as the "Old Soldiers' Indigent Fund." This levy shall be made upon notice being given by Commanders of Posts in the different counties that they will disburse such fund according to the provisions of the law. I urge upon all Post Commanders in the different counties to take advantage of this law, as it places a fund at their disposal that will materially relieve the burdens of the Posts.

The amount expended in charity for Comrades and their families in distress, caused by sickness, death and misfortune incident to the hard times, a condition to which the bravest and best may become liable, is as follows, as shown by the incomplete reports:

From Jan. 1st, 1894 to June 30th, 1894, No reports.
 From July 1st, 1894 to Dec. 31st, 1894, \$2997 00
 From Jan. 1st, 1895 to date, No reports.

This sum does not by any means represent the amount of charity bestowed. But it does show that the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations have not lost sight of the fraternity that cherishes and nourishes loyalty to each other—a loyalty that has built up and sustained the best fraternal organization the world has ever known.

In F. C. and L.,

BENJAMIN R. FREEMAN, M. D.,

Medical Director.

Referred to Comrades L. M. Lambert, Post No. 4, and Past Commanders F. H. Van Eaton of Post No. 5, and George Thornton of Post No. 6.

The report of the Department Chaplain was then submitted which was in words and figures following, to-wit:

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA }
 OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN, }
 ABERDEEN, JUNE 12TH 1895. }

To JOHN N. SCOTT, COMMANDER.

DEAR COMRADE:

I have the honor to submit the following report as Department Chaplain :

Number of Posts reporting, 36. Viz: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 15, 16, 17, 22, 24, 25, 31, 36, 39, 44, 45, 47, 48, 51, 57, 58, 60, 62, 63, 70, 71, 73, 76, 80, 81, 82, 84, 89, 90.

Number of living Posts in Department, 80.

Number of soldiers' and sailors' graves in cemeteries decorated by the Posts, 420.

Number of soldiers and sailors buried during the year, 39.

Number of Posts owning lots in cemeteries, 17. Viz: Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 15, 24, 31, 36, 44, 47, 48, 60, 63, 70, 81, 82, 84.

Number of soldiers and sailors buried in the potter's field, 3.

Number of soldiers' and sailors' graves unmarked by proper headstones, 105.

Number of Posts holding Sunday Memorial services, 35.

Number of Comrades participating, 1,456.

Number of other organizations assisting: greatest number with any one Post, 7. Six Posts had none.

With Post No. 1: S. of V., W. N. G., High School Cadets, I. O. O. F. A. O. U. W.; No. 2: U. S. Troops, W. N. G., I. O. O. F., S. of V., Sons

of Hermon, three bands; No 3: W. N. G., S. of V., two Sunday schools; No. 4: W. R. C., S. of V., U. S. A. & N. U., W. N. G., 4th U. S. Cavalry band; No. 6: Walhalla Military band, 3 companies W. N. G., W. R. C., S. of V., Indian band, Indian Reservation cadets, Harmony band, Destiny lodge A. O. U. W., Junior O. U. A. M., 48 flower girls, pupils from all the schools with teachers; No. 7: 100 children of the schools with their two teachers; No. 8: Reno Post No. 47, S. of V., D. of V., W. R. C., W. N. G., City officials, Fire Department, Police Department; No. 15: W. R. C., S. of V., W. N. G.; No. 16: the Sunday schools; No. 17: S. of V.; No. 22: W. N. G., Fire Department; No. 24: Apperson Post No. 59, W. R. C.; No. 25: Citizens generally; No. 31: Stevens Post No. 1, two Camps S. of V., two Corps W. R. C., W. N. G., I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., High School Cadets; No. 39: S. of V.; No. 44: Custer Post No. 6, Winslow Post No. 87, S. of V., three bands, City and County officials, W. N. G., A. O. U. W., 48 flower girls, Indian cadets, pupils of all the schools, other benevolent and patriotic orders; No. 47: Sedgwick Post No. 8, Sedgwick R. C., Reno R. C., S. of V., D. of V., City officials, Fire Department, Police Department; No. 48: W. R. C., pupils of the schools; No. 51: W. R. C. 28 strong, band 16 strong, 114 pupils and their teachers; No. 57: W. R. C., S. of V., band; No. 58: S. of V., J. B. Steadman Post No. 24, W. R. C.; No. 60: S. of V.; No. 63: W. R. C., S. of V., W. N. G., pupils, citizens; No. 71: Sunday schools, public schools, cadets, band, citizens; No. 73: L. C. Ladd Post No. 17, W. R. C., band; No. 76: Sunday schools, town council, Fire Department, citizens generally; No. 81: W. C. T. U., W. R. C.; No. 82: K. of P.; No. 84: K. of P., pupils of the schools, headed by their teachers; No. 90: I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W.

Number in attendance taking part in the exercises, 15,280.

Character of the exercises—Marching, ritual exercises, decorating the graves, dedication of soldier' monument, orations, recitations, original poems, music, prayer, firing salutes.

Orators—Citizens, 24; Comrades, 31; Clergyman, 37; Lady, 1, viz: Mrs. Dr. Osborn of Tacoma.

Poets—Mrs. Lewis Gilbert read an original poem before Gen. Grover Post No. 51. Mrs. Nettie Labalister read an original poem before H. G. Sickles Post No. 57. Mrs. Addie Naylor read an original poem before T. P. Price Post No. 82. Miss Grace Perry of Tacoma recited a poem on "The Gettysburg Monument," which elicited much applause, and Miss Edith Applegate a poem "On the War," before Custer, Phil Sheridan and Winslow Posts.

REMARKS.

1. Farragut Post No. 15, Port Townsend, on Memorial day dedicated a beautiful monument on a block of land owned by the Post to the memory of their soldier dead. The monument was erected and presented by Farragut Relief Corps No. 38. The presentation took

place on the morning of Memorial day, and was a scene of great and tender interest. Mrs. J. A. Doyle, as president of the Farragut Relief Corps, in a neat and appropriate speech presented the monument to the Post. At the close of the presentation speech the massive stone monument, which was shrouded in the national colors, was dexterously unveiled by the little Misses Ruth Wylie and Emily Lyall, revealing to the assembled throng a beautiful and substantial memorial to the nation's dead in the shape of a heavy, rough cut, sandstone shaft, 12 feet in height, surmounted by a smooth turned stone cannon, mounted on trunnions of the same material. On the northern side was the only smooth face on the stone, on which was engraved the following inscription:

1861.

1865.

OUR COUNTRY'S DEFENDERS.

ERECTED BY FARRAGUT CORPS, NO. 38, W. R. C.,

1895.

This is a grand and noble example for the excellent women of the Department Relief Corps to emulate and imitate.

2. The General Order of our Commander urging the observance of Memorial day by the teachers and pupils of all our schools was very cordially complied with in some places, but not in all. In a few places the turnout was remarkably fine. Custer Post No 6, Phil Sheridan Post No. 44, and Winslow Post No. 87, decorated the graves of their dead by the agency of 48 flower girls chosen from the schools. The services at the graves were according to the ritual. Then the 48 flower girls dressed in white, with red, white and blue sashes, representing the States of the Union, were divided into four squads, and each escorted by a squad of the Sons of Veterans, acting as a guard of honor, and a firing squad, marched through the cemetery decorating the graves of the dead soldiers. Having finished decorating the graves, the flower girls marched to the foot of the hill and halting, turned back toward the cemetery and said:

"If we have forgotten some mound on the hills—
Some miniature grave that a drummer-boy fills—
God above it will hang, when the evening lowers,
A star-spangled banner far grander than ours."

The evening exercises were held at the First Presbyterian church which was tastefully and lavishly decorated with flowers, bunting and flags, the work of the pupils of Central school. Prof. Barstow presided, and delivered a most eloquent and touching address. With such teachers as these at the head of our public schools we need not fear for the loyalty of the coming generation. But in other places, it is to be feared, from

the entire absence in the reports of any evidence that the teachers and the schools, or the youth in any way, had any part in the services of Memorial Day, that the boys and girls of today are growing up without any adequate conception of the price paid for the liberty they enjoy, or of the duty of loyalty.

3. In only two places, Sherman and Tacoma, do the Posts report business closed on Memorial day as long as from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M.

4. A few Posts—not as many as we could wish—report a larger and more enthusiastic interest on the part of the community in Memorial day than ever before.

5. Geo. Crook Post, No. 63, Aberdeen, has during the year bought and paid for the undivided one-fifth of twelve acres in which to bury their comrade dead. Pacific Post, No. 48, Port Angeles, has two acres set aside from the general cemetery for the exclusive use of veterans. J. L. Reno Post, No. 47, Spokane, has a cemetery of its own, no soldiers in the potter's field, no unmarked graves.

6. One Post has as many as thirteen soldiers' graves unmarked by any proper headstones. The provision for obtaining government headstones is so easy and cheap that there can be no excuse for such neglect of the last resting places of our gallant Comrades.

7. One Post, which shall be nameless here, had no public Memorial Day exercises; no flags flying, no band, no music, no procession, no address, no marching of children, no gathering of any kind; only, twenty old veterans walked alone to the cemetery and decorated the graves, and then scattered to their homes. I am sorry twenty old soldiers have to live and die in a community so unpatriotic as that.

8. A. Lincoln Post, No. 4, Walla Walla, reports the citizens of their city as not only decorating the graves of the dead soldiers elaborately, elegantly, and expensively, but their own city as well, with flowers, evergreens and bunting on Memorial day, and manifesting far more than usual interest in the rightful observance of the day.

9. John F. Miller Post, No. 31, Seattle; A. Lincoln Post, No. 4, Walla Walla; Col. E. E. Cross Post, No. 90, Shelton; report having decorated the grave of the Confederate dead the same as their own.

10. A number of Posts, notably among them G. A. Reynolds Post, No. 71, Buckley, though only having ten members, yet published a handsome program for Memorial day, and thus rallied the children, the other societies, and the citizens generally, and filled up the day. This is part of our business on Memorial day, to rally and rouse the slumbering patriotism of all classes by every legitimate means in our power.

11. The Department Chaplain cannot close his report without expressing his regret and mortification that so large a number of Posts

have not cared to forward their reports. It would seem as though the Chaplains of our Posts are the most inefficient and negligent of all our officers. The respect and affection we ought to cherish for each other; the shortness of the time when there will be any need for reports, as well as the presence of official honor, should have induced the Chaplain of every Post to forward his report promptly after Memorial day. Even our Comrades of William H. Seward Post, No. 36, in far away Alaska, have their report in in good time, whereas reports from some of our largest and most convenient Posts were obtained only after repeated solicitation. Let us see to it that next year we have in all respects a better showing.

12. I desire in closing to express my sincere thanks to the Commander of the Department, John N. Scott, and the Assistant Adjutant General, Thad. S. Smith, for great and uniform courtesies and kindness in our official relations.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
ALEX. H. LACKEY,
Department Chaplain.

Referred to following committee: Comrade Thomas Lavery, Post No. 47, and Past Commanders M. A. Holcomb, Post No. 81, and C. H. Holmes, Post No. 6.

The report of Judge Advocate Norman Buck was submitted as follows, to-wit:

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R. }
OFFICE OF JUDGE ADVOCATE, }
SPOKANE, MAY 27TH, 1895. }

TO THAD. S. SMITH, A. A. G.

SIR:

I have the honor to submit as my report as Judge Advocate of the Department of Washington and Alaska, that during the year 1894-5 I have, upon the request of the Department Commander, examined and given an official opinion upon the proceedings of two courts martial and also upon the validity of a certain by-law of one of the Posts of the Department, both of which have heretofore been submitted to you.

I have the honor to be,

Respectfully your obedient servant,
NORMAN BUCK,
Judge Advocate.

On motion the rule was suspended and the foregoing report was approved and ordered spread of record and placed on file.

The report of the Chief Mustering Officer was now submitted, which was in words and figures following, to-wit:

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R. }
 CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICE, }
 ELLENSBURG, JUNE 10TH, 1895. }

TO JOHN N. SCOTT, COMMANDER,
 COMRADE:

I have the honor to report that, since assuming the duties of the office of Chief Mustering Officer of this Department, there have been organized and duly mustered in two new Posts, as follows:

1. D. Chaplain Post, No. 92, on July 19th, 1894, with fourteen charter members, at Coupeville, Island county, Washington, by Thad. S. Smith, A. A. G., Special Mustering Officer.

2. General Rusk Post, No. 93, on May 4th, 1895, with sixteen charter members, at Harrington, Lincoln county, Washington, by Comrade D. J. Zent, of Post No. 92, Special Mustering Officer.

I have further to report that two Posts previously disbanded have been reorganized, as follows:

1. Garfield Post, No. 13, at Montesano, Wash., on March 29th, 1895, with a charter membership of twenty, by Comrade George W. Boyington, of Post No. 63, Special Mustering Officer.

2. O. M. Mitchell Post, No. 30, at Camas, Clark county, Wash., on June 1st, 1895, with a charter membership of fourteen, by Past Commander John D. Geoghegan, of Post No. 2, A. D. C. and Special Mustering Officer.

I have the honor still further to report that a new Post, to be numbered 94, with a charter membership of fourteen, and headquarters at Mission, Kittitas county, Wash., is now in process of organization, and will be ready for muster upon the organization of the incoming administration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH L. BROWN,
 Chief Mustering Officer.

On motion the rule was suspended and the report approved and ordered spread of record and placed on file without reference.

On motion, all Comrades in the city were invited to act as an escort, under the charge of the Marshal of the Day, to the Commander-in-Chief, on his arrival, to the hotel, and the Encampment of the Sons of Veterans was invited to join in the escort.

On motion, the election of Department officers for the ensuing year was made the special order for 2 o'clock P. M. of to-morrow, the 13th.

The Encampment then adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M., to-morrow, June 13th inst.

JUNE 13TH, 1895, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Encampment was opened in due form pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M., Department Commander John N. Scott in the chair, and the Department Chaplain invoking the Divine blessing. On motion, the calling of the roll and the reading of the minutes of the first day's sessions were dispensed with.

The report of Department Inspector Wallace H. Jennings was submitted as follows, to-wit:

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R. }
INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, }
TACOMA, JUNE 1ST 1895. }

TO JOHN N. SCOTT, COMMANDER.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:

In addition to my report of January 1st, a copy of which I herewith enclose, I have to say that I very cordially thank the administration for honors bestowed and courtesy shown in answering communications and information rendered for the benefit of the Department Inspector. As stated my report was not as complete as I could have desired. The deputy inspectors not having all reported up to the time limited for my returns, necessitated an imperfect statement. But through the efficiency and hard work of the A. A. G. Thad. S. Smith, reports have since been obtained, making a better showing than expected. The tabulated statement with the summary will show the full situation and condition of the Department.

It was my intention in the beginning of the term to have visited many of the Posts in the Department, but on account of the financial stringency there were no funds to be had either from the Department or my own exchequer to defray expenses. I therefore had to forego both the benefit and pleasure. However, I think the inspection department has fully kept up to the standard set by its predecessors. As I have stated in my former report, inspections are absolutely necessary and some provision should be made to enforce them.

I find that the Comrades are growing old and it is not so easy for them to turn out to Post meetings or G. A. R. demonstrations as it once was, but their hearts are young and warm to the cause of liberty and the old flag as in years gone by, and when the rebel shouts come from Houston, Texas, glorifying Jeff Davis and his followers and condemning history for not giving them the preference, instead of glorifying liberty and the old flag, it makes old soldiers hang their heads with sorrow and weep that our work was not more effectually done in the reconstruction.

Respectfully yours in F., C. and L.,
W. H. JENNINGS, Inspector.

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R. }
INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, }
TACOMA, JAN. 2ND, 1895. }

TO J. N. SCOTT, COMMANDER,
DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:

I herewith enclose inspection report of the Department. Am disappointed that all the assistant inspectors have not reported. Nos. 22, 23, 29, 32, 46, 58, 61, 72, 79 and 81, total 10, have not been heard from. Fourteen having surrendered their charters, it leaves only 68 Posts having been reported. The number of members reported in good standing are 2,242. Twenty-four Posts have the ritual committed and properly performed, the balance poor. Ten Post officers are reported uniformed and equipped and four Posts uniforming. Seventy-nine guns are the total owned by Posts.

Officers are usually regular in their attendance and members are practically so.

The Posts largely exhibit an interest; when they do not it is when they are scattered over a large territory and have many miles to go in order to attend Post meetings.

The records are mostly well kept; a few are reported poor.

Orders are read by all the Posts and practically observed, except by a very limited number.

Six Posts report not having forwarded their dues. Twenty-three report a Post relief fund and balance report none. From those Posts who have reported a relief fund the total amount is \$1,255.50 they have now on hand. Total expenditures for relief during the year amounts to \$2,050.23.

The number of school districts reported are 118 and 18 of that number are not supplied with flags.

Total amount of money and securities in Quartermaster's hands foots up at \$4,171.15, and value of property owned \$8,914.10.

These two reports are more or less imperfect as in many instances they are merged into one and it is impossible to separate them or get at the facts, therefore it would be as well to make a lump sum of the whole if practicable.

Number of Posts not having W. R. C.....	36
Number of Posts reporting W. R. C.....	32
Number of Posts having S. of V.....	29
Number of Posts not having S. of V.....	39
Prospects of Posts reported good.....	46
Prospects of Posts reported fair.....	11
Prospects of Posts reported better.....	1
Prospects of Posts reported poor.....	7
Prospects of Posts reported discouraged.....	2
Prospects of Posts surrendering charter.....	1

Why so many of the Posts have failed to report inspection I cannot understand, though I can readily see why some of them have not complied with the order, as these Posts meet only once a month or on call of the Commander and live so scattered throughout the county that I suppose it is impossible for the members to get together at all times when called, but there is no excuse for Commanders not seeing that some report is made of their Posts over which they have charge and are responsible.

The ten Posts which have not sent their reports are doing an injustice to their fellow Comrades and Posts who have taken pains and are interested in rendering good reports of their standing; also that all other Posts will do the same and that the Department can make a respectable showing at the annual encampment, and also that we may have a fair standing in the National Encampment.

Every Comrade, if he is not, should be interested in the welfare and good standing of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is for his individual interest that the G. A. R. should be appreciated by the general public, for when we depreciate ourselves the general public will not appreciate us. Therefore I can see the importance of our general orders being made emphatic on the question of inspection. I am inclined to think that our Department Encampment should pass some resolution or by-law attaching a penalty to Posts or Post Commanders where no inspection is made.

Since making up my report as Inspector of the Department of the various posts and their deficiencies I can more readily see the great importance of thorough inspection.

I forward this report with reluctance before all the Post reports are in but the time is up, therefore I must forego the pleasure of making a full statement. If any delinquent Posts should send in a report before forwarding to the National Department you will be permitted to fill them in places vacant for that purpose. All the reports received show that the assistant inspectors have endeavored to do their duty and have shown an interest in their work.

Respectfully yours in F., C. and L.,
W. H. JENNINGS, Inspector.

The committee to whom the foregoing report was referred was designated as follows: Past Department Commander Joseph L. Brown, Post Commander D. J. Zent of Post No. 93, and Comrade Joseph Dickerson of Post No. 31.

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The following supplemental report was submitted by the Assistant Quartermaster General:

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R. }
 OFFICE OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, }
 SPOKANE, JUNE 13TH, 1895. }

TO JOHN N. SCOTT, COMMANDER:

I have the honor to submit the following supplemental report of the business of this office transacted since the completion of my report in chief.

Receipts:

For Charter Fees.....\$15.00

Expenditures:

For Printing General Orders No. 10 and 11.....\$15.20

Balance due me.....\$.20

Respectfully submitted,
 JAMES H. WILSON,
 A. Q. M. G.

Referred to the committee previously appointed on the Assistant Quartermaster General's report.

The report of the Council of Administration was submitted which was in words and figures following, to-wit:

SPOKANE, JUNE 12TH, 1895.

TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R.

We, your Council of Administration, respectfully report that we have made an examination of the books, vouchers and accounts of the A. Q. M. G., and find the same correct as per his report rendered, showing a balance of cash on hand of \$247.10, for which we hold Portland, Oregon, draft hereto attached. All cash has been received and paid out by the A. Q. M. G.

We also hold \$10 cash turned over to us by the A. Q. M. G., the same being charter fees of Post to be mustered 94, at Mission, Wash., which Post has not yet been fully organized, and which amount was paid to the A. Q. M. G. after his books were balanced and is not included in his report.

We respectfully recommend that the A. Q. M. G. be instructed to charge off from the books of this department the item of \$63.90, carried on the same for several years, and being known as the expense incurred for the so-called "fish" badge.

We respectfully recommend in the matter of Post No. 41, located at Rockford, Wash., that the action of Past Department Commander Sin-

clair, during his term of office, in taking up the charter of said Post, be approved by this Department, with the recommendation that if said Post shall pay up all the per capita tax due and delinquent at the time said charter was taken up on or before the 1st day of July, 1895, then the charter and other property be returned, but if not so paid the charter shall be declared forfeited and the Post disbanded.

We desire to commend the neat and careful maner in which the books of the Department have been kept and thank the A. Q. M. G. and A. A. G. for their courtesy in assisting us in settling the accounts of the Department.

We recommend that the attached bill of \$3.35 be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. BOARDMAN,

S. S. KING,

W. J. ALEXANDER.

On motion the report was approved, its recommendations adopted and the committee discharged.

The following telegram from Governor McGraw in response to an invitation from the Department Commander to visit the Encampment was read.

OLYMPIA, WASH., }
JUNE 12TH, 1895. }

To JOHN N. SCOTT,
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, G. A. R.,
SPOKANE, WASH.

I most deeply regret that public business will absolutely preclude me from attending the Encampment. Please present my compliments and best wishes to the veterans.

JOHN H. MCGRAW.

Governor.

The following telegram from the Encampment of the Department of Idaho, G. A. R., was read:

COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO, }
JUNE 13TH, 1895. }

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL,
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R.,
SPOKANE, WASH.

Idaho Encampment extends fraternal greeting to Washington and Alaska Encampment and invites it to participate in our festivities tomorrow, 14th.

W. G. MAXEY, A. A. G.

On motion the foregoing invitation was accepted and the

Assistant Adjutant General directed to wire the Encampment of the Department of Idaho of such acceptance together with the sympathy of this Encampment for them in their affliction in the severe illness of their Department Commander. In compliance therewith the Assistant Adjutant General forwarded the following despatch:

SPOKANE, WASH.,
JUNE 13TH, 1895.)

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL,
DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO, G. A. R.,
COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO.

Department of Washington and Alaska to Department of Idaho. Greeting. Invitation received. Will be with you to-morrow. Our sympathies are with you in your affliction in the illness of your Department Commander Groome.

THAD. S. SMITH, A. A. G.

The reception of the Commander-in-Chief by the Encampment was, on motion, made the special order for 11 o'clock A. M., and a committee of three consisting of Comrades S. W. Scott of Post No. 31, George H. Boardman of Post No. 6, and Post Commander H. F. Hurd of Post No. 1, were appointed to wait upon the Commander and to escort him to the Encampment.

On motion, a committee of three, consisting of Past Commanders Don G. Lovell and S. G. Cosgrove, and Post Commander H. F. Hurd of Post No. 1, was appointed to wait upon the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Washington and Alaska in convention assembled and to convey to it the cordial greetings of this Encampment.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed on resolutions, consisting of Comrade S. R. Nettleton of Post No. 31, and Commander H. F. Hurd of Post No. 1, and Comrade George H. Boardman of Post No. 6, all resolutions to be referred to it without debate.

The committee on the address of the Department Commander submitted the following report, to-wit:

SPOKANE, WASH., }
JUNE 13TH, 1895. }

TO THE 13TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

We your committee appointed on the address of the Department Commander beg leave to submit the following report:

We have carefully examined the address and would heartily endorse the recommendation of the Department Commander for the appointment of a committee to take into consideration and report upon the best means for preserving our ranks intact, and for promoting the reinstatement of dropped members.

We would further endorse his recommendation in regard to the election of delegates to the National Encampment and believe it to be the duty of this Encampment to elect such comrades as delegates who at least expect to attend the National Encampment, and that much more interest should be taken in this matter of inquiry than has been done heretofore, as from former reports it appears that but few of the regularly elected delegates have only taken such interest as would secure their election to the position, leaving the Department unrepresented in the National Encampment by their conspicuous absence.

We heartily approve the acts of the Department Commander in securing a new charter to correspond with the name of our Department, and also a proper flag and banner to hereafter more fittingly represent us.

We also approve of that part of the Commander's address which emphasizes the fact that this Department has never been called upon for the reward offered for the discovery of fraudulent pensioners and would respectfully recommend that this reward be continued in force for the present and future administrations of our government.

Under the continued stringency in the circulation of money, and owing to the fact that a large proportion of our comrades are laborers without employment, we believe that the interests of the Department would be better conserved by compelling the incoming administration to practice the strictest economy by conducting the affairs of the Department according to and within the revenue now derived from the per capita tax as it now stands and we, therefore, respectfully recommend that the per capita tax remain as it is until changed by future action of the Department, and with this revenue we believe that the Department can be conducted without serious disadvantage to its efficiency and an additional allowance of one hundred dollars be made in favor of the Assistant Adjutant General, and we, therefore, recommend that the allow-

ance to the A. A. G. be made three hundred dollars for the following year.

We further recommend that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be set apart for the Department Commander to be used by him in visiting and organizing Posts, to be audited and allowed by the Council of Administration only so far as the Department Commander furnishes vouchers for such expenses.

These recommendations are made in harmony with what we believe to be the demand of the individual members of the Department, taking into consideration our present business depression, and not as a precedent for the future when times grow better.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

S. G. COSGROVE,

W. J. ALEXANDER,

W. A. INMAN,

Committee.

On motion, the report was approved and ordered to be placed on file.

Past Department Commander A. P. Curry, sent up to the platform and requested to have read for the information of the Encampment, resolutions passed by the representatives of the several organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic of Spokane, condemnatory of Puck's recent Grand Army cartoon. The resolutions having been read, at the conclusion of the reading, Past Department Commander Curry moved the appointment of a special committee of three to take into consideration the subject matter of the resolutions and report to the Encampment such action in the premises as may seem to it most fitting, which motion was duly seconded. Pending its consideration, the hour having arrived for the reception of the Commander-in-Chief and the officer of the guard having announced his arrival under the escort of the committee at the outpost, further proceedings in the business in hand was suspended and the Encampment prepared for the reception. Upon the appearance of the Commander-in-Chief he was received by the Encampment standing and was escorted to the platform. Upon being presented by the escort committee, he was cordially and appropriately welcomed by the Department

Commander in a brief and cordial address and by the Encampment with hearty cheers. The Commander in Chief then responded to the welcome most felicitously, in an address replete with information gathered in his attendance, since his installation, upon 33 different Department Encampments, and instinct with patriotic sentiment and love for the old flag and was followed by the song "Old Glory," rendered by the "Kid Quartette."

The officer of the guard here announced the arrival at the outpost of a committee from the convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Washington and Alaska, desiring admission. The Department Commander directed their admission and appointed Past Commanders Joseph S. Brown, A. P. Curry and Comrade S. R. Nettleton of Post 31, to escort them in. They were received by the Encampment standing, and upon their arrival on the platform, they, through their chairman, Mrs. Mattison, in a short address, presented the greetings of their corps to the Encampment, which address was appropriately responded to by the Department Commander. Through Mrs. Comstock of the committee, an invitation was extended the Encampment to attend a reception by the corps at Hotel Spokane to be held that evening, which was promptly accepted by the Encampment. The ladies' committee then retiring, the proceedings of the Encampment were resumed.

Department Commander R. E. Fiske of the Department of Montana, of the party of the commander in chief was then introduced and responded in a short address. Adjutant General C. C. Jones was next introduced and in response gave a summary of the work of the National Administration since the last National Encampment and a most encouraging report of the present status of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade Seeley, of the National staff, being then introduced, declined to speak at length, but expressed his gratification at being privileged to meet the vigorous Department of the Northwest and his congratulations upon its healthful condition.

The Commander-in-Chief and party remaining upon the platform, the business of the Encampment was then resumed. The matter in hand being the motion for the appointment of a committee to consider and report action upon the Puck cartoon, after a general expression of indignation in the matter upon the part of the comrades, the motion was unanimously adopted. The Department Commander appointed the following committee: Past Department Commander A. P. Curry, Past Post Commander Thad. Huston, of Post No. 44, and Department Chaplain A. H. Lackey.

On motion of Past Post Commander W. A. Cannon of Post No. 8, the rule was suspended and the following resolution was unanimously adopted and a copy directed to be forwarded to the Encampment of the Department of Idaho, with a request for its endorsement:

WHEREAS, The great North-west has never in the past been represented in an elective office in the National Department of the G. A. R., and

WHEREAS, The vast territory comprising the above fertile country is thickly settled by the old veterans, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Department respectfully asks that we be tendered by the National Encampment to be held at Louisville, Ky., this year, the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Resolved, That in offering these resolutions it is only doing justice to one who has served the Department faithfully and well, and whose integrity and ability can not be questioned, and be it further

Resolved, That this Department does hereby recommend Past Department Commander S. G. Cosgrove for the above named place.

On motion of Department Chaplain A. H. Lackey, the rule was suspended and the following minutes touching the death of our late Department Chaplain was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, We have officially learned of the death, since our last Encampment, of the Rev. J. J. Moss, our Department Chaplain for the two succeeding terms preceding this, therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death the Department has lost a gallant comrade, a true Christian friend, and a faithful and useful officer, who was

ripe in years and full of good works, and we desire to lay a fragrant wreath on his honored grave in token of our appreciation of his sterling worth.

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon our records and a copy of it be forwarded by the Assistant Adjutant General with our sincere condolence to the family of our late Comrade Moss.

On motion, the incoming Department Commander was instructed to take steps looking towards patriotic instruction in the public schools.

A communication was received and read from Meade Post No. 9, in the matter of the discharge from employment of a comrade for leaving his work to attend memorial services on last Memorial day. Referred to committee on resolutions.

The following communication was received:

ROCKFORD, JUNE 8, 1895.

At a called meeting of J. B. Wyman Post, No. 41, Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R., the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That, the members of this Post being present, we believe that our charter and books were wrongfully and unlawfully and without the consent or knowledge of this Post, surrendered and that they should be returned.

Signed: W. H. CORNELL,
and fourteen others.

Pending the consideration of this communication the Encampment took a recess until 1:30 o'clock P. M.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

The business of the Encampment was resumed at 1:30 o'clock P. M., the matter in hand being the memorial of the membership of the late Wyman Post, No. 41. The report of Council of Administration covering the same matter was, by request, read for the information of the Encampment. It was moved by Comrade S. S. King, Post Commander of Post No. 89, that the memorial be placed on file, which motion was duly seconded. Past Department Commander Joseph S. Brown moved as a substitute that Post No. 41 be reinstated, its charter, books and records returned to it, and all dues remitted up to the date of its reinstatement. On motion, the substitute was

laid on the table. The point being raised that the tabling of the substitute carried with it the original motion, the point of order was sustained by the Department Commander and the whole matter went to the table.

The hour of 2 o'clock having arrived, the special order, the election of Departmental officers was called by the Department Commander.

On motion, it was ordered that each member of the Encampment deposit his individual ballot in the box, and Comrades McLean of Post No. 4, and Boardman of Post No. 6, were appointed tellers.

On motion, nominating speeches were limited to one minute each.

The first in order being the election of Department Commander, Comrades Norman Buck of Post No. 8, and Elisha W. Eliot of Post No. 4, were placed in nomination.

The tellers were then ordered to collect, sort and count the ballots, which resulted as follows:

	Whole number of votes cast.....	132
	Necessary to a choice.....	67
of which		
	Norman Buck received.....	89
	Elisha W. Eliot.....	43

Comrade Buck having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

On motion of Post Commander Elisha W. Eliot, the election of Comrade Buck was made unanimous and Comrade Eliot was appointed a committee of one to escort the commander-elect to the platform. On his appearance upon the platform, Commander-elect Buck briefly returned his thanks to the Encampment for the honor conferred upon him.

The committee appointed to consider the Puck cartoon, through its chairman, asked leave to make its report. On motion, the special order was suspended for the purpose and

the committee reported to the Encampment the following preamble and resolution, and recommended their passage:

WHEREAS, Certain periodical publications in the United States, and notably a scurrilous pictorial called "Puck," published by foreigners in the city of New York, have for some years past published pictorial cartoons and printed matter of an infamously insulting character concerning the Grand Army of the Republic and the observance of our Memorial day, with the evident intention of bringing into disrepute and ridicule the honorably discharged Union volunteer soldiers and sailors of the war of the slave holders rebellion, both living and dead, therefore be it

Resolved, by this Encampment, that while we believe that the glory and honor of the Union volunteer soldier is secure, that it will live as long as patriotism and love of freedom lives, and is safe in the great heart of humanity and not to be hurt by contemptuous sneers or attempted ridicule by its foes, we still feel it to be our duty to condemn in the most positive manner all such periodicals, and to publish to the world that we have for them and their unpatriotic publishers and publications nothing but contempt and abhorrence.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the National Encampment at Louisville, Ky.

On motion, the report was unanimously approved and the resolutions adopted.

The special order being resumed, nominations for Senior Vice Commander were called for. Comrade William J. Alexander of Post No. 84, was placed in nomination. No other nominations being made, on motion, the rule was unanimously suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade William J. Alexander. The ballot ordered was cast, and Comrade Alexander having received the unanimous vote of the Encampment, was declared duly elected Senior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

The next in order being the election of Junior Vice Commander, Comrade L. H. Coon of Post No. 10, was placed in nomination. No other nominations being made, it was, on motion, unanimously ordered that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade L. H. Coon. The ballot so ordered was cast, and Comrade L. H.

Coon having received the unanimous vote of the Encampment was declared duly elected to the office of Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

For Medical Director Comrade B. R. Freeman of Post No. 47, was placed in nomination. No other nominations being made, it was, on motion, unanimously ordered that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade B. R. Freeman, which being done he was declared duly elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Comrade A. H. Lackey of Post No. 63, was then placed in nomination for Chaplain. No other nominations being made, the Assistant Adjutant General was unanimously ordered to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade A. H. Lackey, which being done, he was declared duly elected as Department Chaplain for the ensuing year.

Nominations were then invited for five members of the Council of Administration, when the following comrades were placed in nomination.

- I. J. Lichtenberg, Post No. 1,
- H. H. Wolf, Post No. 3,
- W. A. Inman, Post No. 19,
- B. F. Coplin, Post No. 62,
- Clark Whitbeck, Post No. 64.

No other nominations being made, the Assistant Adjutant General was unanimously ordered to cast the vote of the Encampment, for the above named comrades. The ballot so ordered being cast and reported, these comrades were declared duly elected members of the Council of Administration for the ensuing year.

Nominations for four representatives, one at large, to the next National Encampment being called for, the following comrades were placed in nomination:

- Obadiah B. Hayden, Post No. 6, (at large)
- Joseph Dickerson, Post No. 31.

On motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was unanimously ordered to cast the ballot of the Encampment for the comrades named for the places for which they were respectively named. The ballot being so cast and reported, Comrade Obadiah B. Hayden was declared duly elected representative at large and Joseph Dickerson representative to the next National Encampment.

Further nominations for representatives being called for, the following comrades were placed in nomination:

Roderic R. Harding, Post No. 48;

J. K. Ward, Post No. 9;

William Ellingsworth, Post No. 4;

F. M. Ellsworth, Post No. 19;

W. K. Griffith, Post No. 23.

On motion, it was ordered that a ballot be taken and that the two nominees receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected as representatives and the others alternates. The ballot was then taken with the following result:

	Whole number of votes cast.....	113
of which		
	Roderic R. Harding received.....	79
	J. K. Ward.....	45
	William Ellingsworth.....	27
	F. M. Ellsworth.....	31
	W. K. Griffith.....	29

Comrades Roderic R. Harding, Post No. 48, and J. K. Wood, Post No. 9, being the two receiving the highest number of votes on the ballot, were pursuant to the rule adopted by the Encampment, declared duly elected representatives to the next National Encampment, and Comrades F. M. Ellsworth, Post No. 19; W. K. Griffith, Post No. 23; and William Ellingsworth, Post No. 4, alternates.

Nominations for a fourth alternate being then called for Comrade A. H. Cowger of Post No. 6, was placed in nomina-

tion. No other nominations being made, the Assistant Adjutant General was unanimously ordered to cast the ballot of the Encampment, for said comrade, which being done, he was declared duly elected as an alternate representative to the next National Encampment.

This completing the election of officers, on motion, the Encampment proceeded by ballot to the selection of a place for holding the next Department Encampment. Tacoma, Wash., being the only place named, the Adjutant General was, on motion, unanimously ordered to cast the ballot of the Encampment for it. The ballot being so cast and reported, Tacoma, Wash., was declared the unanimous choice of the Encampment as the place for the next annual Encampment.

On motion of Past Commander Thad. Huston, of Post No. 47, the outgoing administration was directed to make printed publication of 1,000 copies of the journal of this Encampment and turn them over to the incoming administration for distribution and that the incoming administration make payment for the same, upon receipt of the bill certified by the Past Commander.

On motion, the incoming administration was ordered to reimburse the Department Chaplain the expenses incurred by him in his attendance upon the Encampment.

On motion, the outgoing Assistant Adjutant General was allowed the sum of one hundred dollars additional to the allowance made him by the last Department Encampment, for services rendered by him during the past year, to equalize his salary with that allowed the Assistant Adjutant General for the ensuing year.

On motion it was ordered that the Commander in Chief be invited to install the newly elected Department officers publicly in open meeting, to be held in the parlors of Hotel Spokane at 8 o'clock this P. M. and that the Woman's Relief Corps of

this Department, and the Sons of Veterans of the Division of Washington be invited to be present.

Reports of committees being called for the committee on resolutions submitted the following report:

Your committee on resolutions have the honor to report the following resolutions and recommend their adoption:

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the resolution adopted by the recent Encampment of the Department of Illinois hereto appended, deprecating the tendency of the times toward the diversion of Memorial day to purposes inconsistent with those for which it was established and recommend its adoption by this Encampment, as follows:

Resolved, We deprecate the growing tendency of many persons to appropriate our Memorial day and turn it into a day for dissipation and noisy pleasure by means of baseball games, bicycle and horse races, and other kindred demonstrations, and we earnestly request all comrades of the G. A. R., and all posts to use their influence against the desecration of the day by such practices, and to keep it sacred to the object for which it was originally set apart, and we request the Commander-in-Chief, in his memorial orders, to do what he can to carry out these suggestions.

We further recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the reported action of one A. B. Weed of Yakima County, Washington, in discharging from his employment an old soldier for leaving his work on notice given to attend memorial services on last Memorial Day, cannot be too severely reprobated and richly deserves to be conspicuously gibbeted in the pillory of public condemnation.

We further recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of Sedgwick Post, No. 8 and Reno Post, No. 47 of this Department and of George Wright and A. T. McReynolds Posts of the Department of Idaho in favor of the establishment of a Branch National Home for disabled volunteer soldiers at the place and on the premises now occupied by the U. S. Government as a military park at Port Sherman, Idaho, when the same shall be vacated as such a park, is most cordially approved by this Encampment and that the Assistant Adjutant General be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Gen. W. B. Franklin, President of the National Board of Soldiers' Homes, D. V. S.

We further recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, The citizens of Spokane have shown the utmost hospitality and courtesy to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, in their annual Department Encampment, and

WHEREAS, In opening their homes and giving the freedom of their beautiful and enterprising city, the residents of Spokane have shown their love and loyalty to the veterans of the late war, and the cause for which they fought, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Encampment hereby extends its heartfelt and grateful thanks to the residents of Spokane for the many courtesies extended; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Encampment and that copies of the same also be given to the several journals of the city for publication in their columns.

Your committee further recommends that the memorial record relating to the life, service and death of our late Comrade Virgil R. Bissell be spread of record and published in the Encampment journal.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed: S. R. NETTLETON,
GEO. H. BOARDMAN,
F. H. HURD,
Committee.

On motion the report of the committee was approved and its recommendations adopted.

The committee upon the Senior Department Vice Commander's report submitted the following:

Your committee beg leave to report that we have carefully examined and considered the report of the Senior Department Vice Commander and would recommend its approval, except that portion pertaining to disbanded Posts which we recommend to be referred to the National Encampment.

Submitted in F., C. and L.

Signed: J. F. SINCLAIR,
DON G. LOVELL,
S. R. NETTLETON,
Committee.

The report of the committee was, on motion, approved, its recommendations adopted and the committee discharged.

The committee to which was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General submitted the following report:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General have the honor to report that they have had the same

under consideration and find it correct and do recommend that the same be spread of record and placed on file as approved.

We further recommend that the Department do pay to the Assistant Adjutant General Thad. S. Smith the sum of one hundred dollars in addition to the salary fixed by the last Encampment of this Department.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed: A. WOODWORTH,
L. H. COON,
NORMAN BUCK.

Committee.

On motion the report was approved, its recommendations adopted and the committee discharged.

The committee to which was referred the report of the Inspector submitted the following report;

Your committee having duly considered the report of the Inspector of this Department would respectfully recommend that the same be approved and that the thanks of the Department be tendered the inspector for his faithful and efficient work.

Signed: J. S. BROWN,
JOSEPH DICKERSON,
DANIEL J. ZENT.

Committee.

On motion, the report of the committee was approved, its recommendations adopted and the committee discharged.

The committee to which was referred the report of the Medical Director submitted the following report:

Your committee beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the report of the Medical Director of his work during the past year and cordially recommend its approval.

Signed: L. M. LAMBERT,
F. H. VAN EATON,
GEO. THORNTON,

Committee.

On motion, the report of the committee was approved and the committee discharged.

The following report of the work of the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department was received and ordered to be spread of record and placed on file:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
 WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
 SPOKANE, JUNE 12TH, 1895.

TO JOHN N. SCOTT, COMMANDER DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND
 ALASKA G. A. R., AND COMRADES OF THE THIRTEENTH AN-
 NUAL ENCAMPMENT:

I have the honor to extend to you the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps of this Department now assembled in their Tenth Annual Convention, and submit the following report of our relief work for the year ending March 31st, 1895:

Amount expended for relief.....	\$ 624 05
Amount of relief other than money.....	743 95
Total.....	\$1368 00
Amount of money turned over to Posts.....	\$ 244 18
Number of soldiers and families assisted.....	252

There is a balance of \$433.60 in the Relief Fund of the Corps throughout this Department. We stand ready to assist you at all times and pledge you anew our support and active co-operation in your noble work of charity.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

ANNA WATSON.

President Department of Washington W. R. C.

On motion, the grateful thanks of the Encampment were extended the Relief Corps of the Department for its noble and effective work in its co-operation with us in our mission of fraternity, charity and loyalty.

On motion, it was ordered that when the Encampment adjourns this evening after the installation of the officers elect, it shall be to meet at the Northern Pacific depot in this city at 8:30 o'clock A. M. to-morrow, the 14th inst., to visit in a body the Encampment of the Department of Idaho at Cœur d'Alene, Idaho, and to reconvene in business session in this hall at 9 o'clock A. M., June 15th, for closing the work of the Encampment and receiving a return visit from the Encampment of the Department of Idaho.

On motion of Past Department Commander J. S. Brown the incoming Assistant Adjutant General was directed to draw his warrant on the Assistant Quartermaster General in favor of

the outgoing Assistant Adjutant General for one hundred dollars in pursuance of the recommendations of the committee to which was referred his report.

On motion, the Encampment took a recess for the Grand Parade, to reconvene at 8 o'clock P. M. in the parlors of the Hotel Spokane, pursuant to previous order.

HOTEL SPOKANE, 8 O'CLOCK P. M., JUNE 13TH, 1895.

SECOND DAY—Evening Session.

The Encampment reconvened pursuant to previous orders in open session in the presence of the auxiliary organizations of the Department. The Department Commander announced the special order to be the installation of the officers elect. The Commander-in-Chief being present, was invited to assume command and to take charge of the installation ceremonies, which he accordingly did, relieving from duty the outgoing officers and installing the following named officers elect:

Department Commander, Norman Buck;
Senior Vice Commander, William J. Alexander;
Junior Vice Commander, L. H. Coon;
Medical Director, B. R. Freeman;
Chaplain, A. H. Lackey;
Quartermaster General, W. H. Wiscombe.

The newly installed Department Commander, Norman Buck, assumed command, and pursuant to previous orders adjourned the Encampment until 8:30 o'clock A. M. tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY.

Pursuant to previous orders the Encampment proceeded in a body by the Northern Pacific railroad to Cœur d'Alene, Idaho, where it arrived at 10 o'clock A. M. and were cordially received, welcomed and entertained during the day. Upon its return to Spokane in the evening it proceeded to Music hall, when, Department Commander Buck in command, it was adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M., tomorrow, June 15th.

JUNE 15TH, 1895, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

FOURTH DAY.

The Encampment met pursuant to adjournment, Commander Norman Buck in the chair.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the preceding sessions was dispensed with.

The Encampment then formed in column and marched to the railroad depot receiving the Encampment of the Department of Idaho. On arrival at the hall the Department of Idaho was cordially welcomed by Department Commander Norman Buck in a brief address, which was responded to by Past Department Commander R. H. Barton, on behalf of the Department of Idaho. After short addresses by Past Department Sinclair and Chaplain A. H. Lackey of the Department of Washington and Alaska, and a pleasant hour spent in social intercourse, the Encampment resumed its business.

The Department Commander announced the following staff appointments.

Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade James M. Comstock
of Post No. 8;

Judge Advocate, Comrade Thomas Mattison of Post No. 6;
Inspector, Comrade R. B. Scott of Post No. 47;

Chief Mustering Officer, Comrade A. W. Hastie of Post
No. 1.

By request, the newly appointed Assistant Adjutant General was then installed by Past Department Commander S. G. Cosgrove.

On motion, the sum of one hundred dollars was allowed the Assistant Quartermaster General for his services for the ensuing year and one hundred dollars to the Assistant Adjutant General for office rent.

Comrade R. B. Scott, of Post No. 47, then presented the Department with the pictures of Generals Logan and Alger, to be placed and kept in the custody one, of Post No. 8, and the other, of Post No 47.

On motion of Comrade L. H. Fraker of Post No. 8, the following committee on patriotic instruction in the public schools was appointed with instructions to report to the next Encampment:

L. H. Fraker, Post No. 8,
Elisha W. Ejiot, Post No. 4,
H. G. Stratton, Post No. 72,
S. Grubb, Post No. 23, and
J. B. Clark, Post No. 84.

On motion of Past Assistant Adjutant General Thad. S. Smith, the old Department banner was ordered to be placed in the care and custody of U. S. Grant Post, No. 91, of the Soldier's Home, until further orders.

The proceedings of the Encampment throughout were interspersed with the most inspiring patriotic music by the "Kid Quartette," composed of the comrades named in the minutes of the introductory exercises of the Encampment and, upon motion, the cordial thanks of the Encampment were extended to it.

The business of the Encampment being concluded, the Encampment was closed in due form by the Department Commander *sine die*.

ERRATA.

The figures 7 and 8 transposed in the year designating the service of Past Department Commander Hill on p. 6.

The preposition "of" omitted after the word "suspension" in line 28 of p. 23.

The singular number "is" employed instead of the plural "are" after the phrase "Department Commander" in line 18 of p. 25.

The number of deaths during 1894 shown to have been 43 instead of 45 in line 13 of p. 27.

The name "Wood" instead of "Ward" appears in the announcement of the election of representatives to the National Encampment on p. 58, line 26.

Mustered Out.

FIRST TERM, ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1894.

Post No. 1, SELBY WILLIAMS,	Post No. 18, LEMUEL B. MOORE,
Post No. 5, HENRY N. SHAW,	Post No. 19, PETER SHORES,
Post No. 6, W. H. CALKINS,	Post No. 29, Name unreported.
Post No. 6, G. COFFMAN,	Post No. 29, Name unreported,
Post No. 6, F. H. THOMPSON,	Post No. 44, PATRICK KEEFE,
Post No. 10 Z. FOXALL,	Post No. 52, G. E. SLOCUM,
Post No. 10, C. K. RANDOLPH,	Post No. 53, DAVID GARRET,
Post No. 10, SILAS H. STAHL,	Post No. 54, SAMUEL FITZGERALD,
Post No. 15, JOSEPH GRAUTTI,	Post No. 56, W. H. MIDDLEHAM,
	Post No. 59, P. WALSH.

SECOND TERM, ENDING DEC. 30th, 1894.

Post No. 1, J. S. HOUGHTON,	Post No. 31, JOSEPH Z. SEXTON,
Post No. 1, W. I. KENYON,	Post No. 31, W. H. DEWOLF,
Post No. 1, MICHAEL DOYLE,	Post No. 34, J. W. RICHARDSON,
Post No. 1, WILLIAM MURPHY,	Post No. 34, JOSEPH VANDYKE,
Post No. 6, W. H. LAYTON,	Post No. 34, HENRY W. SMITH,
Post No. 6, CHS. McLAUGHLAN,	Post No. 47, JESSE CROSBY,
Post No. 11, JOHN SCHEHAN,	Post No. 47, J. W. HUNTVON,
Post No. 17, J. CHASE,	Post No. 49, JOHN CASEDA,
Post No. 19, PETER GEIGER,	Post No. 51, VERGIL R. BISSELL.
Post No. 19, J. H. BILLUPS,	Post No. 54, A. A. BABCOCK,
Post No. 31, N. S. DRAKE,	Post No. 76, DAVID SEAMAN.
Post No. 31, JULIUS H. WALKER,	Post No. 88, JOHN HARRIS,
Post No. 31, CHAS. P. COWDEN,	Post No. 89, GEORGE H. BROWN.

Total deaths from Dec. 31st, 1893, to Dec. 31st, 1894, 45.

In Memoriam.

VIRGIL R. BISSEL

Comrade Bissel was the son of Roderick B. and Fanny Bissel and was born at Torrington, Conn., on the 30th of December, 1841.

When the war of the rebellion broke out he mustered in on the 11th of August, 1862, to Co. C, 19th Reg't Conn. Vol. Inf'y, afterwards the 2nd Conn. Heavy Artillery. He was in service almost three years and was discharged July 7th, 1865. In his first engagement at Cold Harbor his regiment came out with 351 of his comrades missing.

In the records of the history of the 2nd Conn. Vol. Heavy Artillery the following appears: "The roster of original Captains might have been divided into two classes, 1st, *Bissel*, Good, Williams, Sperry and Peck, who excelled in drill, discipline and soldierly qualities."

Comrade Bissel was originally a member of Orman Post (G. A. R.) of Albia, Iowa, where he resided after the war for sixteen years and conducted successfully a drug business.

In September, 1877 he married Miss Netty Owens who only lived three years, for his dearly beloved wife died in 1880. Only a few days before his death (fifteen years later), he made a substantial remittance for the improvement of her grave.

In 1889 he removed to the town of Auburn (then Slaughter) in King County, State of Washington and engaged in his business as druggist. His ability and true worth was soon discovered and two years later when the town was incorporated he was elected the first mayor.

He was elected president of the Mountain View Cemetery Association and remained so to the time of his death. He was an active Mason, a member of King Solomon Lodge, No. 60, at Auburn. He was also an Odd Fellow, and was one of the leaders of the Republican party in King County. He was the Commander of General Grover Post, No. 51, G. A. R., at Auburn at the time of his decease, which took place rather suddenly on the 26th of December, 1894, aged fifty-three years within three days.

At his funeral the entire neighborhood turned out and regret was deep and universal. The resolutions of regret that were unanimously passed by the Town Council of Auburn, the G. A. R., and W. R. C., and the beautiful memorial services observed in his behalf by them; the memorials of the Masons, Odd Fellows, Daughters of Rebekah, and the Cemetery Association all spoke in such terms of tender sympathy to his friends (for children he had none) that it was evident his loss was deeply deplored and lamented, and at the Memorial Day exercises on the 30th of May, 1895, at Auburn, his decease was referred to in the most touching terms.

His memory is cherished in the entire community and will ever remain green in the memory of his host of friends.

GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., JUNE 25, 1894. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
NO. I. }

I. At the Twelfth Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Olympia, Wash., June 20-23, 1894, the following named comrades were duly elected to the offices designated:

COMMANDER:

John N. Scott, Farragut Post, No. 15, Port Townsend.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:

E. W. Elliott, A. Lincoln Post, No. 4, Walla Walla.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER:

M. W. Forrest, Joe Hooker Post, No. 25, Chehalis.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR:

B. R. Freeman, J. L. Reno Post, No. 47, Spokane.

CHAPLAIN:

A. H. Lackey, Geo. Crook Post, No. 63, Aberdeen.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:

Geo. H. Boardman, Custer Post, No. 6, Tacoma;
H. G. York, Morton Post, No. 10, Snohomish;
A. Clark, L. C. Ladd Post, No. 17, Puyallup;
W. J. Alexander, Com. Foote Post, No. 84, Sydney;
S. S. King, John Burford Post, No. 89, Everett.

DELEGATES TO 28TH NATIONAL CONVENTION:

J. T. Newland (at large), Phil. Kearney Post, No. 7, Toledo;
T. M. Young, Stevens Post, No. 1, Seattle;
R. A. McNair, Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 5, Olympia;
J. S. Watson, J. L. Reno Post, No. 47, Spokane.

ALTERNATES:

B. N. Bradfield, Custer Post, No. 6, Tacoma;
 E. L. Wade, W. S. Hancock Post, No. 43, Cosmopolis;
 D. K. Oliver, J. L. Reno Post, No. 47, Spokane;
 W. T. Byham, T. T. Minor Post, No. 55, Winlock.

II. The following staff appointments are hereby announced:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL:

Thad. S. Smith, Farragut Post, No. 15, Port Townsend.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

James H. Wilson, John F. Miller Post, No. 31, Seattle.

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Norman Buck, Sedgwick Post, No. 8, Spokane.

INSPECTOR:

Wallace H. Jennings, Custer Post, No. 6, Tacoma.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER:

J. L. Brown, James Parsons Post, No. 11, Ellensburg.

CHIEF OF STAFF:

Henry Landes, Farragut Post, No. 15, Port Townsend.

SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP:

C. M. Pierce, T. F. Price Post, No. 82, Centralia.

III. Each Post Commander will, at an early date, nominate to Department Headquarters a comrade from his Post for appointment as Aide-de-Camp.

IV. Department Headquarters are hereby established at Port Townsend, Wash., and all communications will be addressed there to the Assistant Adjutant General.

V. The per capita tax for the coming year was, by the late encampment, reduced to forty cents per annum. It will be observed, however, that this reduction will not apply to the semi-annual installment falling due on the 1st prox., which will be the same in amount as the last installment, namely, 30 cents. All remittances should be by draft or postal order payable to the Assistant Quartermaster General at Seattle.

By order of

J. N. SCOTT,

Department Commander.

Official:

THAD. S. SMITH,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., JULY 28, 1894. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 2. }

I. A number of Posts have failed to forward their reports for the term ending with June 30th just past, and are now seriously delinquent. Post Commanders will see to it that these reports, with the per capita tax of 30 cents for each comrade reported, are forwarded AT ONCE. The consolidated report to National Headquarters is now delinquent by reason of this failure of Posts in their duty and unless this report shall be speedily forwarded the Department will be deprived of representation in the approaching National Encampment. To avoid this disgrace it is hoped the delinquent Post reports will be forwarded IMMEDIATELY.

II. The Twenty-eighth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will meet in the Grand Opera house, Pittsburg, Pa., at 10 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, September 12th next. The annual parade will take place on the day preceding—the movement of column and details to be announced hereafter.

III. The Department Headquarters will be in room 51, St. Charles Hotel, where delegates, Department Vice Commanders, Past Department Commanders and attending comrades will report on their arrival and make themselves at home during the Encampment.

IV. As many Comrades as can do so, whether entitled to seats in the Encampment or not, are earnestly urged to attend for the credit of the Department. It is urged that all who intend to go shall at once notify these Headquarters that arrangements may be made accordingly.

V. Arrangements have been made with the several railroad companies for transportation there at one fare for the round trip, amounting to Sixty-six dollars and fifty cents (\$66.50) for Western Washington and sixty-one dollars and fifty cents (\$61.50) for Eastern Washington, first class.

VI. The following additional appointments on the staff of the Department Commander are announced. To be

AIDES-DE-CAMP.

- Joshua M. Weistling, Stevens Post, No. 1.
- L. M. Lambert, A. Lincoln Post, No. 4.
- Philip Hiltz, Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 5.
- H. D. Gifford, Phil Kearny Post, No. 7.
- F. M. Stinnett, L. C. Ladd Post, No. 17.
- Robert Moore, Larrabee Post, No. 18.
- James Leddy, John F. Miller Post, No. 31.

Anson J. Roscoe, Lynch Post No. 42.
 R. R. Harding, Pacific Post, No. 48.
 A. Elliott, C. M. Reed Post, No. 54.
 D. Alverson, C. R. Apperson Post, No. 59.
 Luther Haard, Admiral Porter Post, No. 66.
 Eugene Fadden, B. F. Stephenson Post, No. 67.
 S. C. Nicholson, H. Burnham Post, No. 76.
 A. E. Dearborn, T. P. Price Post, No. 82.
 D. C. Bleam, Commodore Foote Post, No. 84.
 William Drensike, U. S. Grant Post, No. 91.

VII. Post Commanders who have not recommended to these Headquarters a Comrade for appointment as aide-de-camp on the Department staff, will do so at the earliest practicable day, that the list may be complete and the staff properly organized.

By order of

J. N. SCOTT,

Department Commander.

Official:

THAD. S. SMITH,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., AUG. 31, 1894. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 3. }

I. The management of the Inter-State Fair, now in progress at Tacoma, has designated October 1st to 4th, inclusive, as Grand Army days. It is to be hoped that the Comrades of this Department will do the occasion and themselves honor by a general attendance and a cordial participation in the services and festivities. It is especially requested that the several Department officers, including the staff, shall endeavor to be present to meet the Department Commander there on his return from the National Encampment and to contribute of their countenance and aid toward making the occasion a conspicuous success.

In this connection, attention is called to the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by our late Department Encampment in response to the invitation extended:

“RESOLVED, That we accept the courtesy extended and will do all in our power to aid in that great enterprise and be present upon that occasion.”

Comrade C. H. Holmes, of Tacoma and of the Department Staff, has been designated to represent the Department and these Headquar-

ters in all matters pertaining to the arrangements for the occasion and will be glad to communicate to the Comrades and to the public any information desired concerning it.

II. The following Posts are in arrears with their semi-annual reports and payment of the per capita tax and, under the regulations, will, therefore, hereafter be excluded from representation in Department Encampments until the same shall be forwarded:

Meade Post, No. 9;
 Philo Buckman Post, No. 14;
 Major Anderson Post, No. 29;
 Reynolds Post, No. 32;
 J. J. Lewis Post, No. 37;
 W. B. Hazen Post, No. 46;
 John A Reynolds Post, No. 71;
 General Hovey Post, No. 79.

III. The following additional appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced. To be

ACTING ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL,

John T. Newland, Phil Kearney Post, No. 7;

AIDES-DE-CAMP,

C. H. Holmes, Custer Post No. 6;
 C. F. Siegler, Sedgwick Post, No. 8;
 H. G. York, Morton Post, No. 10;
 Christopher Kalahan, McPherson Post, No. 12;
 James McMillan, Farragut Post, No. 15;
 H. W. Kimbrough, McDowell Post, No. 22;
 John A. Harris, George Wright Post, No. 23;
 G. Schuffert, P. H. Sheridan Post, No. 44;
 James Conley, General Grover Post, No. 51;
 K. P. Allen, Whitman Post, No. 53;
 J. A. Short, T. T. Minor Post, No. 55;
 E. A. Kyes, Union Post, No. 70;
 Phillip Kellerman Worthington Post, No. 81;
 Joseph Bucher, John Buford Post, No. 89;
 Samuel Caldwell, E. E. Cross Post, No. 90;
 A. B. Coates, D. Chaplain Post, No. 92.

The Comrades above named will notify these Headquarters of their acceptance or otherwise of their appointment, giving their correct names and addresses.

IV. Post Commanders who have not yet complied with Par. IV. of General Order No. 1, by nominating a Comrade for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, will do so *at once* that the organization of the Staff may be made complete.

V. The following rejection has been reported: N. I. Edgill, Private, F. Co., 1st Regt. Delaware Vol. Inf., by Farragut Post, No. 15, Department of Washington and Alaska.

VI. The organization of D. Chaplain Post, No. 92, of this Department, Headquarters at Coupeville in Island County, State of Washington, with Comrade D. J. Zent as Commander, Comrade J. M. Babcock as Adjutant and Comrade Lawrence Boyer as Quartermaster, and a charter membership of fourteen, is hereby announced. The fraternal greetings of the older Posts to this last born of the Department family is earnestly invoked.

By order of

J. N. SCOTT,

Department Commander.

Official:

THAD. S. SMITH,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., Oct. 15, 1894. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 4. }

I. The 28th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic has come and gone, marking another notable era in the honorable history of our noble organization. While the membership of our order shows a material, though not to have been unexpected, diminution since the last annual reunion, the loyal zeal and sturdy resolution of the survivors would seem to have grown in strength as our ranks have decreased in numbers, so that the last Encampment was one of the most successful in our history. We still have a National membership of 369,083 good, true, earnest Comrades in good standing, whose loyalty and patriotism have been tried and tested in the white heat of war. Of these our Departmental reports show a membership of 2,521, our Department being one of the exceptional three showing an increase of membership in the past year.

II. The Encampment took a new departure in the selection of the place for holding the next annual meeting. At the very cordial solicitation of its citizens, Louisville, Kentucky, was selected as the place. It is hoped and believed that this selection may bear rich fruit not only for the good of our Order but for the promotion of peace and good will, on a basis of unswerving loyalty, between the two sections of our common country and between those who were once enemies.

III. The Department Commander sincerely regrets the delinquency

of a number of the Posts of the Department, having an aggregate membership of about 187, in the matter of the June semi-annual reports. Had this not been, our Department membership would have appeared in the records as numbering about 2,708 instead of 2,521. He is, however, glad to be able to announce that two of the delinquents, Major Anderson Post, No. 29, and W. B. Hazen Post, No. 46, have made report, though too late to appear in the records of the past year, and are therefore restored to good standing. The remaining delinquents are earnestly urged to promptly follow this example.

The Department Commander takes this opportunity to kindly, but most strenuously, impress upon the several Posts of the Department the necessity of a prompt return to these Headquarters of their semi-annual reports as they shall fall due. The success of our cause and the good name of the order, as well as of the Posts individually, urgently demand the strict observance of our rules in this particular. It is to be earnestly hoped that in the future there may be no call for the repetition of this admonition.

IV. The time is at hand for the annual inspection of the several Posts. This inspection must be had under our amended rules before December 20th, inclusive. Post Commanders should carefully prepare themselves and their Posts for this inspection. Each Post Commander will immediately forward to these Headquarters the name of a Comrade of his Post to act as an Assistant Inspector. The utmost care will be employed in the selection of these officers. Let none be named but such as are adapted to and will take an interest in the work they shall have to do; such as are familiar or can familiarize themselves with its duties and their routine. Post Commanders are urged to forward these names by return mail, if practicable, as the time is short for notifying the appointees and assigning them to their field of duty.

V. Comrades are earnestly invited to renewed diligence in recruiting our fast diminishing ranks from among those eligible to membership who have never yet allied themselves with our organization, and Post Officers are urged to increased effort in arousing suspended delinquents to prompt action toward securing reinstatement. Let all our Comrades alike join in honorable effort to add to our active membership, both of recruits and delinquents, that our ranks may be kept closed, as death claims its victims, and our noble work may uninterruptedly go on in the absence of those upon whose aid we were wont to rely but who shall have gone

“Where the foeman cannot come;
Where the summons never sounded
Of the trumpet or the drum.”

The Department Commander hopefully invokes a healthful rivalry among the Posts of the Department in earnest effort to increase our

active membership and will be glad to mention in General Orders, at the close of his term and in his annual address, the Post whose per centage of increase shall be the highest.

VI. The following additional appointments on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced. To be

AIDES-DE-CAMP:

John D. Geohegan, Ellsworth Post, No. 2;
 Alonzo Jack, James Parsons Post, No. 11;
 Jasper N. Warren, Steadman Post, No. 24;
 G. W. France, Washington Post, No. 52;
 C. A. Barton, H. G. Sickles Post, No. 57;
 Joseph Allen, H. R. Loomis Post, No. 80.

VII. A number of Post Commanders have as yet failed to respond to the call of General Order No. 1 of this series, repeated in General Order No. 2, calling for the nomination of a comrade as Aide-de-Camp to the Department Commander. This failure has occasioned a delay in issuing the annual roster of the Department. Such delinquent Commanders will each *promptly* nominate a comrade of his Post for such appointment that our roster may be made complete and speedily issued.

By order of

J. N. SCOTT,

Department Commander.

Official:

THAD. S. SMITH,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., NOV. 9, 1894. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
 NO. 5. }

I. The annual election of Post officers, with the exception of Adjutant, Sergeant Major, and Quartermaster Sergeant, and of Representatives to the next Department Encampment and their alternates will, under the rules and regulations, be held at the first stated meeting of each Post in December now close at hand, the officers so elected to be installed in their respective offices at the first stated meeting in January or, if the installation is to be public, at a special meeting to be called for the purpose.

II. Each Post is entitled to elect one Representative and one Alternate for every twenty of its membership or majority fraction thereof, as shown by the reports of June 30th, last past, as follows:

No.	Post.	Mem'ship.	Rep.	No.	Post.	Mem'ship.	Rep.
1.	Stevens.....	347	17	49.	Kit Carson.....	18	I
2.	Ellsworth.....	40	2	51.	Gen'l Grover....	23	I
3.	Alfred Sully....	44	2	52.	Washington....	20	I
4.	A. Lincoln.....	64	3	53.	Whitman.....	23	I
5.	Geo. H. Thomas	90	4	54.	C. M. Reed....	30	I
6.	Custer.....	163	8	55.	T. T. Minor....	18	I
7.	Phil Kearney...	22	I	56.	Lieut. Cushing..	32	I
8.	Sedgwick.....	65	3	57.	H. J. Sickles....	21	I
9.	Meade.....	39	2	58.	C. M. Kellogg..	12	I
10.	Morton.....	25	I	59.	C. R. Apperson.	32	2
11.	James Parsons..	35	2	60.	C. W. H. Bentley	17	I
12.	McPherson.....	15	I	61.	J. J. Andrews...	20	I
14.	Philo Buckman	Suspended		62.	Gen'l Milroy...	12	I
15.	Farragut.....	57	3	63.	George Cook....	21	I
16.	John A. Logan..	21	I	64.	Wallace.....	15	I
17.	L. C. Ladd.....	26	I	66.	Admiral Porter .	11	I
18.	Larrabee.....	24	I	67.	B. F. Stephenson	10	I
19.	Nathaniel Lyons,	46	2	68.	Gen'l Emory....	7	I
20.	Baker.....	28	I	69.	John C. Fremont	23	I
22.	McDowell.....	42	2	70.	Union.....	17	I
23.	George Wright..	11	I	71.	John A. Reynolds	S'pended	
24.	Jas. B. Steadman	79	4	72.	A. J. Smith.....	22	I
25.	Joe Hooker.	15	I	73.	Everett.....	16	I
27.	Canby.....	15	I	74.	Silas Casey.....	10	I
29.	Maj. Anderson..	10	I	75.	E. J. Houghton	13	I
31.	John F. Miller..	200	10	76.	Hiram Burnham	9	I
32.	Reynolds.....	Suspended		79.	Gen'l Hovey....	Suspended	
34.	Lindsay.....	10	I	80.	H. R. Loomis...	17	I
35.	D. A. Russell... 45	3		81.	Worthington....	16	I
36.	W. H. Seward.. 21	I		82.	T. P. Price.....	51	3
37.	J. J. Lewis.....	Suspended		83.	Gen'l Sanders... 16	I	
39.	R. L. McCook . 34	2		84.	Com're Foote... 22	I	
42.	Lynch.....	26	I	86.	E. M. Stanton... 18	I	
43.	W. S. Hancock . 17	I		87.	Winslow.....	31	I
44.	Phil H. Sheridan	30	I	88.	Fred Lander....	21	I
45.	H. A. Miles.....	22	I	89.	John Buford....	14	I
46.	W. B. Hazen....	10	I	90.	E. E. Cross.....	21	I
47.	J. L. Reno.....	76	4	91.	U. S. Grant.....	42	I
48.	Pacific.....	40	2	92.	D. Chaplain....	14	I

III. The attention of delinquent Posts is directed to the fact that, under the Rules and Regulations, they are not only disqualified to install their newly elected officers, pending the Post's delinquency, but are also debarred from representation in the Department Encampments.

Posts numbered 14, 32, 37, 71 and 79 are omitted from the foregoing

apportionment, being under these disabilities, Post No. 9, heretofore delinquent, having made its report and paid its per capita tax. They may, however, relieve themselves and be reinstated to good standing on forwarding their delinquent reports and dues, when they will be entitled to a representation in the next Department Encampment on the basis of one representative for every twenty of the membership or fractional part thereof as may be shown by the now delinquent June reports when so forwarded.

IV. The several Posts cannot be too careful in the selection of their officers and representatives. It should in no case be made a matter of mere compliment or personal favor. Let capability, faithfulness and, withal, earnestness in the Grand Army work be the controlling considerations in these approaching elections, not only for the good of the individual Posts but for the promotion of the general cause.

V. Upon the election, the Adjutant of each Post will immediately report to these Headquarters the names and addresses of the Representatives and Alternates elected by his Post and, upon the installation of the Post officers, the installing officer will forthwith make report to these Headquarters on the blanks to be furnished the Commander of each Post, giving the full first christian name of each officer installed.

VI. The following additional appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are announced. To be

AIDES-DE-CAMP:

- J. H. Gough, Alfred Sully Post, No. 3;
- John G. Boyle, Meade Post, No. 9;
- James Ewark, Nathaniel Lyon Post, No. 19;
- E. B. Wise, Baker Post, No. 20;
- E. G. Wagley, Joe Hooker Post, No. 25;
- John Stwan, Lindsay Post, No. 34;
- Joseph R. Chaplain, D. A. Russel Post, No. 35;
- John McKinnon, W. H. Seward Post, No. 36;
- J. E. Johnson, H. A. Miles Post, No. 45;
- D. K. Oliver, J. L. Reno Post, No. 47;
- Samuel Liney, Kit Carson Post, No. 49;
- B. Steinauer, Lieut. Cushing Post, No. 56;
- A. W. Tiffany, C. M. Kellogg Post, No. 58;
- N. S. Arnold, Geo. Crook Post, No. 63;
- James Ferguson, Wallace Post, No. 64;
- A. M. Connor, J. C. Fremont Post, No. 69;
- W. L. Bartholomew, John A. Reynolds Post, No. 71;
- W. A. Horner, Everett Post, No. 73;
- J. L. Blair, Silas Casey Post, No. 74;
- H. G. W. Crond, Gen'l Saunders Post, No. 83;
- S. D. Brear, J. A. Winslow Post, No. 87;
- A. T. Holmes, Gen'l Fred Lander Post, No. 88.

VII. Blanks upon which to make their semi-annual reports for the term ending with Dec. 31, next ensuing, will soon be forwarded each Post. The number of comrades in good standing as shown by the last previous report will be inserted in red ink at these Headquarters before sending and should in no instance be changed, as the figures are taken from the report now on file here. The name, number and location, including the county, of the Post reporting should be inserted in the proper places and the blanks for the recapitulation carefully filled by the Post officer making the report. Post officers are urged to the most diligent promptness in making and forwarding these reports and the per capita tax to accompany them. A little care and a few minutes of time will be sufficient to do the work necessary. By the exercise of this diligence much trouble and no little postage will be saved, while the Post will be enabled to maintain its proper standing in the Department. The per capita tax due with the forthcoming reports will be TWENTY cents for each comrade in good standing. The reports, both Adjutant's and Quartermaster's, as well as the per capita tax should be forwarded to these Headquarters, but the draft or money order representing the latter should be made payable at Seattle to Comrade Jas. H. Wilson, Assistant Quartermaster General. The attention of Post officers is particularly directed to this matter.

VIII. The special attention of the several Posts is called to the enclosed address of the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, which will be read in each Post in connection with this Order. The suggestions of the address have already received the approval of the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and are hereby most cordially commended to the favorable consideration of every Post and every comrade of the Department.

By order of

J. N. SCOTT,

Department Commander.

Official:

THAD. S. SMITH,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., NOV. 15, 1894. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 6. }

I. The annual inspection of the several Posts of this Department, required by the Rules and Regulations, will be had at the time and by

the comrades, who are hereby detailed as Assistant Inspectors for the purpose, as follows:

No.	Posts to be Inspected.	Name of Inspector.	Date of Inspection.
No. 1,	Seattle	J. B. Clark, A. I., No. 84	Dec. 18
" 2,	Vancouver	George D. Geoghegan, A. I., No. 2	" 14
" 3,	Dayton	William Lind, A. I., No. 4	" 12
" 4,	Walla Walla	A. H. Kribbs, A. I., No. 3	" 15
" 5,	Olympia	Gus. Shuffert, A. D. C., No. 44	" 15
" 6,	Tacoma	Phil. S. Killman, A. I., No. 5	" 15
" 7,	Toledo	David Smith, A. I., No. 55	" 15
" 8,	Spokane	George Murphy, A. I., No. 14	" 18
" 9,	N'th Yakima	H. L. Freeby, A. I., No. 11	" 13
" 10,	Snohomish	S. S. King, P. C., No. 89	Nov. 24
" 11,	Ellensburg	J. K. Ward, A. I., No. 9	Dec. 18
" 12,	Kalama	O. Hinson, A. I., No. 49	" 15
" 14,	Sprague	W. H. Wiscomb, A. I., No. 47	" 15
" 15,	Pt Townsend	W. R. Hoole, A. I., No. 48	" 17
" 16,	Garfield	Richard Truax, A. I. No. 88	" 8
" 17,	Puyallup	George Hart, A. I., No. 51	" 15
" 18,	La Conner	D. J. Zent, P. C., No. 92	" 8
" 19,	Colfax	James Ewark, A. D. C., No. 19	" 15
" 20,	Goldendale	Sol. Smith, A. I., No. 20	" 18
" 22,	Pomeroy	H. E. Benedict, A. I., No. 37	" 15
" 23,	Cheney	J. M. Comstock, A. I., No. 8	" 15
" 24,	N. Whatcom	V. J. Knapp, A. I., No. 68	" 19
" 25,	Chehalis	N. W. Henderson, A. I., No. 82	" 15
" 27,	Ilwaco	James Robb, A. I., No. 69	" 6
" 29,	Palouse	Thomas E. Ross, A. I., No. 19	" 8
" 31,	Seattle	S. C. Nickolson, A. D. C., No. 76	" 18
" 32,	Blaine	W. W. Darward, A. I., No. 24	" 8
" 34,	Pine City	James Ewark, A. D. C., No. 19	" 8
" 35,	Mt. Vernon	Robert Moore, A. D. C., No. 18	" 15
" 36,	Juneau, Alas.	John McKinnon, A. D. C., No. 36	" 11
" 37,	Asotin	H. W. Kimbrough, A. D. C., No. 22	" 5
" 39,	Sherman	Lucius Sabin, S. V. C., No. 39	" 8
" 42,	Lynden	Anson J. Roscoe, A. I., No. 42	" 8
" 43,	Cosmopolis	I. N. Harding, A. I., No. 81	" 1
" 44,	Tacoma	G. A. Leavitt, A. I., No. 6	" 18
" 45,	Waterville	H. C. Keeler, A. I., No. 45	" 8
" 46,	Ritzville	C. F. Seigler, A. D. C., No. 8	" 1
" 47,	Spokane	W. J. Noran, Adj't, No. 46	" 17
" 48,	Port Angeles	Thad S. Smith, A. A. G.	" 7
" 49,	Kelso	W. B. Shanklin, A. I., No. 83	" 15
" 51,	Auburn	James H. Wilson, A. Q. M. G.	" 8

" 52, Hoquiam, Fred Nye, A. I., No. 63	" 12
" 53, Pullman J. L. Dutton, A. I., No. 16	" 8
" 54, Orting William Drensike, Adj't, No. 91	" 19
" 55, Winlock H. D. Gifford, A. D. C., No. 7	Nov. 24
" 56, Ballard F. S. Berry, A. I., No. 1	Dec. 14
" 57, Vashon Caleb A. Barton, A. I., No. 57	" 17
" 58, Ferndale E. R. Hopkins, A. I., No. 67	" 15
" 59, Fairhaven . . . D. F. Decatur, A. I., No. 35	" 10
" 60, Crescent Jerry Rockhold, S. V. C., No. 60	" 15
" 61, Oakesdale . . . G. W. Woodward, A. I., No. 34	" 8
" 62, Latah C. M. Reynolds, A. I., No. 62	" 15
" 63, Aberdeen . . . P. S. Philbrick, A. I., No. 52	" 18
" 64, Springdale . . A. E. Bidgood, A. I., No. 64	" 15
" 66, Ferry Luther Haard, A. D. C., No. 66	" 8
" 67, Sumas J. B. Carpenter, A. I., No. 58	" 14
" 68, Anacortes . . . Eli Wilkin, A. I., No. 59	" 17
" 69, South Bend . . H. T. Cary, Adj't, No. 27	" 8
" 70, Chewelah . . . M. Fitzgerald, A. I., No. 70	" 15
" 71, Buckley S. V. Isenberg, A. I., No. 87	" 14
" 72, Wayside D. K. Oliver, A. D. C., No. 47	" 6
" 73, Sumner William F. Taylor, Adj't, No. 44	" 14
" 74, Frid'y Harbor, T. M. Fisher, P. C., No. 15	" 3
" 75, Harvey G. W. Scykes, S. V. C., No. 75, 1st meeting in Dec.	
" 76, Kent F. McFarland, A. I., No. 73	Dec. 15
" 79, Snoqualmie . . J. M. Weistling, A. D. C., No. 1	" 12
" 80, Gig Harbor . . H. H. Rust, A. I., No. 80	" 8
" 81, Elma E. S. Wade, J. V. C., No. 43	" 7
" 82, Centralia . . . M. M. Mossman, A. I., No. 35	" 18
" 83, Kelso Christopher Kallahan, A. D. C., No. 12	" 8
" 84, Sidney A. J. Pond, A. I., No. 56	" 19
" 86, Haller City . . Joseph Bucher, A. D. C., No. 89	" 8
" 87, Excelsior . . . W. E. Gove, A. I., No. 71	" 7
" 88, Farmington . . David Gifford, A. I., No. 53	" 15
" 89, Everett L. H. Coon, A. I., No. 10	" 6
" 90, Shelton J. B. Rittner, A. I., No. 90	" 15
" 91, Sol'rs Home . . A. Elliot, A. D. C., No. 54	" 18
" 92, Coupeville . . Thad. S. Smith, A. A. G.	Nov. 23

II. The annual inspection of Posts is a matter of vital importance and should not be made a merely formal ceremonial. Like that of the army, it develops the working condition of the force inspected and, if the Inspector does his duty, educates it in that wherein it is deficient, preparing it for more effective work in the future. The Post officers are, therefore, urged to make careful preparation for the inspection of their respective Posts and to bring out on the occasion as full an attendance of the membership as is possible. Comrades, in turn, are especially

requested to let nothing, subject to their control, interfere with their presence and earnest co-operation in this important service.

The inspecting officers are also admonished that their office is not merely perfunctory. It is a most important one and, if properly executed, will be of great service to the several Posts and to the Department and Order. Each should, therefore, familiarize himself not only with the Rules and Regulations but, also with the ritual and secret work, that he may be enabled to make the proper inspection and to instruct the Post inspected wherein it may need instruction. He will promptly report to these Headquarters, upon the proper blanks to be furnished for the purpose, the result of his inspection, making such suggestions as he may deem for the good of the service. He will further report separately the amount of money drawn and disbursed from the County Soldiers' Relief Fund between October 1st, 1893, and October 1st, 1894.

The form of inspection as provided in the service book, commencing with page 65, Edition of 1894, and published for information in General Orders No. 6, series of 1893, should be strictly adhered to.

III. The Comrades hereinbefore detailed as Assistant Inspectors will at once notify these Headquarters where they are unable to serve and will, in that case, name and, in writing, notify a substitute who will proceed to perform the duties assigned to his principal without further authority or notification. In case any Assistant Inspector or properly named substitute should fail to appear at the time appointed, the Post Commander or senior officer present will detail a comrade to perform his duties. In no case will the inspection be dispensed with at the time named, as, under the Rules and Regulations, the newly elected or to be elected Post officers cannot be installed until the inspection has been made and it is required to be made prior to December 20th.

IV. Let each Post extend its inspecting officer the most courteous attention and, when from another locality, he should be properly entertained and his necessary expenses paid by the Post inspected.

V. These Headquarters are being frequently inquired of for the published proceedings of the late Department Encampment of June last. For the information of the several Posts, the Department Commander would state that they have not yet been received for distribution. The late past administration was charged by the Encampment with the duty of making the publication and retained in its hands funds for the purpose. Though often sought, no satisfactory explanation has yet been made for its long continued non-appearance. The present administration has neither the authority or the data for supplying it and is therefore compelled to await the action of its predecessor. So soon as the publication shall be issued its distribution will be promptly made.

By order of

J. N. SCOTT,

Department Commander.

Official:

THAD. S. SMITH,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., JAN. 1, 1895. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
NO. 7. }

I. Tendering the compliments of the season, the Department Commander congratulates the Department and the several Posts on the successful work of the past year and the healthful situation of departmental affairs now at its close, earnestly invoking the active aid of every Post and each individual Comrade in carrying on the good work, so that the year now opening upon us may be one of marked progress in the interests and influence of our noble cause. On this timely occasion, let the pledge of fidelity to the principles of our Order and of increased zeal and activity in its noble mission be here renewed in the hearts of each and all.

II. While we interchange joyful congratulations on this holiday occasion, our joys are necessarily tempered with the reflection that, among others of our Comrades, Commanders Hiram W. Smith, of Lynch Post, No. 42, and Virgil R. Bissel of General Grover Post, No. 51, have answered their last roll-call here on earth and are now enrolled on the register of eternal life. They have gone from among us but have left behind them memories fragrant with the sweetest perfume. We shall miss them here but, if patriotic devotion to country and faithful fidelity in comradeship gives earnest of future reward, we are justified in the belief that what is our loss is their gain. Let us emulate their example while we are still here that we may meet them when our turn shall come, crowned with good works, on the other shore. Peaceful be their slumbers, green grow the laurels over their honored graves!

III. The time is now here for the transmittal of the Post reports and per capita tax for the term ending with December 31, 1894. The Department Commander would urge upon the Post officers prompt compliance with the Rules and Regulations in this particular. He would also urge the prompt return, on the part of the installing officers, of the names of the officers installed, giving their christian names in full and post-office address. *It is important that all these reports may be promptly made that these Headquarters may be enabled to issue the roster of 1895 at the earliest practicable day.* It is to be hoped that this injunction will receive the special attention of Post officers.

IV. From the frequent inquiries received for information already furnished in late General Orders and inaccuracies both in mode and matter of making returns upon which specific instructions are to be found in these orders, the Department Commander is pained to notice on the Part of Post officers a seeming inattention to these General Orders. He, therefore, calls special attention to the rule requiring each

Order to be read at the first Post meeting after its receipt and then placed on file for future reference. Let this file be consulted in the discharge of every duty and much trouble and valuable time may be thereby saved. In this connection attention is specially directed to paragraph VII. of General Orders No. 5, current series, in the matter of making semi-annual reports.

V. The long delayed printed proceedings of the late Department Encampment have at last been received from the hands of the late administration and distributed through the mails to the several Posts. It is to be regretted that they are somewhat incomplete and, in a number of particulars, inaccurate in their details. The Comrades of each Post who were in attendance upon the Encampment will, however, be able to supply omissions and to correct mistakes.

VI. By way of information, the Department Commander announces that he has just returned from a visit to the Washington Soldiers' Home at Orting and is pleased to state that he found everything connected with the Home, considering the limited funds available, in the most admirable situation. He was furnished by the officers in charge, including two of the Board of Trustees whom he had the pleasure of meeting there, every facility for making a thorough investigation of the affairs of the Home and, as a result of his investigation, he feels justified in congratulating all who are connected with it and all who are interested in it with the very satisfactory condition in which he found them. During the past two years the average attendance upon the Home has been ninety-two. During the Department Commander's visit, there were in attendance one hundred and nineteen. Of these, all seemed contented and happy and to all appearances felt veritably "at home." Take it all in all, the State of Washington, being one of the youngest of the sisterhood of states, and one of the twenty-one who have established institutions of this kind, has every reason to be proud of her "Soldiers' Home."

The legislature will be called upon for legislation to supply some seriously felt wants there, notably an appropriation for establishing an artificial light plant and for enlarging the hospital accommodations. If any influence is needed to secure a prompt response to this call, let every honorable effort be made upon the part of this Department and its membership in this direction and for the promotion of a grand and noble cause.

VII. A number of inspection reports are still wanting. The attention of Inspecting officers and Post Commanders is called to this with the hope that the missing ones may be promptly supplied.

In this connection the Department Commander regrets to have to state that of those received, too many show quite an imperfect ritual

work by reason of the failure of the Post officers to memorize their parts. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of performing the ritualistic work of the order from memory and without the aid of the books. It is a notable fact, as shown by the inspection reports, that the Posts that have attained the highest degree of efficiency and made the greatest progress are those whose ritualistic work is done from memory and the least successful are those whose officers are delinquent in this particular. The memorizing of their work materially develops an interest in the cause, not only on the part of the officers themselves but also on the part of the comrades, and thus materially promotes the efficiency of the Post itself to a degree that will be surprising to those who have failed to give it attention. May we not hope that hereafter more attention may be paid to this all important matter and that our next reports may show a marked improvement in it?

VIII. Posts 14 and 37, heretofore delinquent, have, since the issuance of the last order, made their reports and are therefore restored to good standing in the Department. Posts numbered 32, 71 and 79 are still delinquent in their reports and per capita tax for the term ending June 30 last past, but it is to be hoped their delinquent reports and dues will be forwarded with those for the term ending with the year just closed.

IX. The following additional appointments on the staff of the Department Commander are now announced. To be

AIDES-DE-CAMP:

W. E. Frink, Philo Buckman Post, No. 14;
William McVay, J. J. Lewis Post, No. 37;
L. F. Root, W. B. Hazen Post, No. 46;
William N. Webb, C. W. H. Bentley Post, No. 60;
Joseph Goakey, E. J. Houghton Post, No. 75.

Posts numbered 16, 29, 32, 37, 39, 43, 61, 62, 68, 72, 79 and 86 have not yet recommended an aide-de-camp. It is to be hoped they may do so immediately that the staff may appear complete in the forthcoming roster.

X. The Department Commander would call the attention of the Posts of this Department to the near approach of two notable anniversaries, that of the birth of that grand and patriotic character, Abraham Lincoln, to occur on the 12th prox. to be closely followed on the 22nd by that of the birth of the "Father of his country." Not alone as a tribute to the memory of noble worth, but more as a lesson of patriotism to the American people and especially to the youth of the land, it is meet and proper that the Grand Army of the Republic should take the lead in the celebration of these sacred anniversaries. It is, therefore, recommended that the several Posts of this Department, each in its own local-

ity, shall fittingly observe these occasions with appropriate ceremonies, inviting the public generally and especially the schools and educational institutions of the neighborhood to co-operate and take part with them in the celebration. Where there is more than one Post in any locality, the joint celebration of all is cordially encouraged.

XI. Post officers are reminded that Posts should pay per capita tax, not only on all members in good standing at the time of the return of the semi-annual reports, but also on members reinstated from the dropped or suspended lists for the term or terms for which payment of Post dues has been made on reinstatement. In other words, Posts should pay the Department per capita tax on reinstated suspended members for each term for which it receives payment of delinquent Post dues for such members. This can be done either in a report supplemental to the previous report or in an addition to the report in which the reinstatements are noted. Reference is made to opinion 45 on pages 174 and 175, Blue Book.

By order of

J. N. SCOTT,

Department Commander.

Official:

THAD. S. SMITH,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., APRIL, 10, 1895. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 8. }

I. The Thirteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, to be held in the city of Spokane, will, by order of the Council of Administration of this Department, convene on Wednesday, the 12th day of June coming at 10 o'clock A. M. Commander-in-Chief Lawler has promised to be present on the occasion and will doubtless be accompanied by at least a portion of his official staff. The Department of Idaho is to hold its annual Encampment at the same time at Cœur d'Alene, Idaho, about thirty-five miles distant from Spokane, and an interchange of visits between the two Encampments is in contemplation. As this will be the first experience of the kind in the history of the Grand Army, it is to be hoped that the occasion may be made a memorably joyous one.

II. Extensive arrangements are being made by the people of Spokane for the accommodation of those in attendance at the Encampment at reasonable special rates which will be announced so soon as they shall be perfected. The transportation companies have fixed the rates of transportation at one and one-fifth single fare for the round trip, good for three days prior to the commencement and one day after the adjournment of the Encampment. Further particulars will be hereafter announced.

III. For the information of Western Washington Posts it may be stated that special arrangements can be made for tourist sleeping coaches from either Seattle or Tacoma, whichever may be deemed the more convenient rendezvous, to accommodate twenty-six persons, each with a separate berth, for fifteen dollars per day for each coach. These coaches are comfortably supplied, each with a cooking range, table for each section and furnishings and fittings complete. They will be conveniently placed at Spokane and can be utilized during the Encampment for sleeping and, if desired, hotel purposes. It is requested that each Post which can conveniently rendezvous at either of the places named, will report to these Headquarters the numbers who desire to go this way, including the families of comrades and the women of the Relief Corps and of the Ladies' Circles, that cars may be chartered in time for their accommodation. It is suggested that this arrangement for traveling and hotel service can be made very pleasant as a sort of picnic excursion. The trains leave Seattle on the Northern Pacific line at 2:10 o'clock P. M. of each day and on the Great Northern at 11 o'clock P. M. By taking the Northern Pacific line on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 11th, Spokane will be reached early Wednesday morning in ample time for the opening of the Encampment. If the Great Northern line is taken, the train of Monday night, June 10th, is the latest available one.

IV. The following named Posts are in arrears with their semi-annual reports and in payment of their per capita tax, the last mentioned for two terms, and will therefore, be excluded from representation in the approaching Department Encampment unless their delinquency shall be previously made good:

W. B. Hazen Post, No. 46;
A. J. Smith " " 72;
Gen'l Hovey " " 79;

V. The Department Roster for 1895 has been issued and distributed among the several Posts. Any inaccuracies that may be discovered, it is requested may be promptly reported to these Headquarters and each Post will, on the receipt of its quota, acknowledge the same, indicating in the acknowledgment the number of copies received.

VI. The special attention of Posts is directed to Par. IV of General

Order No. 6 of National Headquarters, current series, soliciting contributions for aid in the proper observance of "Memorial Day" in the National cemeteries of the South. As very few responses have yet been received from Posts of this Department, it is urged that such as may be able shall promptly contribute to this worthy cause. To that end, the clause of the General Order referred to will be re-read to the several Posts in connection with this Order.

VII. As the aggregate of the Post returns of membership for the last term of 1894 shows a continued falling off, it is assumed that the amendment to the Rules and Regulations, adopted at the late National Encampment, authorizing the reinstatement of members previously dropped for the nonpayment of dues upon the payment of one year's dues, had not during the last term yet borne its legitimate fruit. The recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief as made in Par. I of his General Order No. 7, current series, for the appointment in each Post of a delinquent committee "whose duty it shall be to see in person or to communicate with every worthy comrade who is in arrears, has been suspended or who has been dropped from the rolls and urge his reinstatement under the provisions of this amendment" is, therefore, earnestly commended to the favorable consideration and action of the several Posts of this Department.

VIII. In accordance with the injunction of Par. I of General Order No. 5, of National Headquarters, current series, the several Posts located at county seats are urgently requested to make prompt report to these Headquarters of the number of Union soldiers and sailors in the aims houses and on the poor farms in their respective counties, if any there are. If there are none, let a report also be made to that effect.

IX. The Department Commander desires to congratulate the Department upon the fact that, at the instance of the late Department Encampment, tardy justice has at last been done to the memory of the late martyred President of the Republic and savior of the Nation, Abraham Lincoln, in the recognition by legislative enactment of the annually recurring anniversary of his birth as a legal holiday in this state and that hereafter, within its borders, this hallowed anniversary will go down the ages hand in hand with its worthy companion, that of the Father of his Country.

X. The reorganization on the 23rd ultimo of Garfield Post, No. 13, at Montesano, heretofore disbanded, with Comrade Thomas M. Bryan as commander, Comrade Charles P. L. Roberts as adjutant and Comrade Robert G. Carlile as quartermaster, and a membership of twenty, is announced. Let the reorganized Post be met with fraternal greetings and a hearty welcome in its new birth into our association of "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty."

XI. Official notification has just been received of the resignation of Comrade S. F. Street as Commandant of the Soldiers Home at Orting. His successor has not yet been appointed and in the meantime the Home is under the immediate management of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. Until a new Commandant shall be selected all communications should be addressed to the "Acting Commandant of Soldiers Home."

XII. Let it be borne in mind that "Memorial Day" is again near at hand and timely preparations be made by the several Posts of the Department for its appropriate observance, in anticipation of General Orders upon the subject to be issued in due time.

By order of

J. N. SCOTT,

Department Commander.

Official:

THAD. S. SMITH,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., APRIL 22, 1895. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 9. }

I. The day set apart by the action of the Grand Army of the Republic twenty-seven years ago and by the patriotic sentiment of the country, sanctioned in many states by legislative recognition, for commemorating the services and sacrifices of our dead comrades and strewing with flowers their hallowed graves comes on again apace. In our Department of the Grand Army, since the last recurrence of this sacred day, there are forty-three new graves to receive the offering, forty-three fewer comrades to make it. As the years go on and as our ranks are thinned, let the survivors be all the more punctual in the discharge of this patriotic duty.

This is no formal ceremonial. It is the heart service of loyal comradeship. It is not to add honors to the memory of the dead. It is rather to teach a lesson of patriotic duty to the living. As we stand by the last resting place of our heroic dead, in the inspired words of him who later took his place among them, the greatest: "It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us; that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of their devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that the Nation

shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

II. Let each Post in the Department, in compliance with General Order No. 9, National Headquarters, appropriately observe the day, inviting our auxiliary organizations and the schools and patriotic citizens generally to participate in the services and discouraging all frivolous amusements.

III. Posts are also reminded that Memorial Sunday preceding Memorial Day, which will occur this year on May 26th, should be appropriately observed by attendance in a body upon Divine services, to be held with special reference to the approaching occasion, and are urged that the schools in their vicinity be formally requested to hold patriotic services on the Friday afternoon preceding.

By order of

J. N. SCOTT,

Department Commander.

Official:

THAD. S. SMITH,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., MAY 17, 1895. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
NO. 10. }

I. As announced in previous orders, the 13th Annual Encampment of this Department will convene at Spokane at 10 o'clock A. M., on the coming 12th day of June. The sessions will be held at Music Hall on Riverside Avenue, between Washington and Stevens Streets. Department Headquarters are established at Hotel Spokane.

The Council of Administration will meet at 8:30 o'clock A. M., of the said 12th day of June at Department Headquarters.

II. The local committee of arrangements, with Headquarters at Hotel Spokane, of which Comrade W. H. Wiscombe of Reno Post, No. 47, is chairman, is making ample preparation for the comfortable accommodation and entertainment of the comrades and their friends. It will be glad to furnish applicants with any and all information desired.

III. Comrade Thad. S. Smith, A. A. G., J. W. Langley, Post No. 31, James M. Comstock, Post No. 8, F. P. Weymouth, Post No. 47 and J. F. McLean, Post No. 4, are hereby appointed a committee on credentials

which will meet at 9 o'clock A. M., of June 12th, at Department Headquarters for duty. Comrades entitled to seats in the Encampment, either as Representatives, Post Officers or ex-officio, will report to this committee and receive badges admitting them to the Encampment. Department Officers and Aides-de-Camp will report to Headquarters so soon as practicable after their arrival at Spokane.

IV. Comrade A. J. Smith of Reno Post, No. 47, is hereby detailed as assistant to the Assistant Adjutant General during the Encampment; Comrade B. R. Freeman of Post No. 47, as Marshal-in-Chief; Comrade J. M. Comstock of Post No. 8, as Officer of the Day; and Comrade R. B. Scott of Post N. 8, as Officer of the Guard.

V. Commander-in-Chief Lawler, accompanied by Adjutant-General Jones, and perhaps other members of his staff, will visit the Encampment on its second day, June 13th, and may possibly be accompanied also by the Encampment of Idaho. The parade will be had during this visit and will be reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief and Staff. Let us give our distinguished Chief and sister Encampment a right royal welcome.

VI. The transportation companies have fixed a one and one-fifth fare for the round trip. Purchasers of tickets will pay full fare going, being careful to take a receipt therefor from the agent from whom the ticket shall be purchased. Such receipt, being countersigned by the proper officer of the Encampment, hereafter to be named, will entitle the holder to a return ticket at one-fifth rate. This arrangement will be good going for three days before the opening of the Encampment and returning for one day after its close.

VII. Hotel rates at Spokane during Encampment will be as follows:—Hotel Spokane, from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per day, a reduction upon regular rates of from 25 to 30 per cent. Pacific and Cosmos Hotels, (European) will furnish good rooms at \$1.00 per day, meals 25 cents each. Good private accommodations and entertainment will be furnished at the rate of \$1.00 per day, rooms alone at from 50 to 75 cents. The local committee will engage accommodations in advance for any who may desire.

VIII. Headquarters will leave for Spokane by the Northern Pacific R. R. on the afternoon train of Tuesday, June 11th, which now leaves Seattle at 2:10 o'clock and Tacoma at 3:15, but may before that date, by a change of time, leave at a later hour, in any event, however, reaching Spokane early Wednesday morning. As many of the Department Officers and staff, as well as of the Comrades, as can do so are urged to join Headquarters.

IX. The Encampment will be formally and publicly welcomed by the local Posts, their auxiliary organizations and the City of Spokane at

10 o'clock A. M., of June 12th, at Music Hall, after which the doors will be closed and the regular business proceeded with.

X. The books of the A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G. will be closed on the 5th prox. All business of the several Posts with these offices should be attended to before that date.

XI. A visit on the part of our Encampment to our younger sister of Idaho, at Cœur d'Alene, is in contemplation, the precise time for which will be agreed upon between the two Encampments when they shall meet.

XII. The Department Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Division Encampment of the Sons of Veterans will each be held at Spokane at the same time as our Encampment.

XIII. A. J. Smith Post, No. 72, having supplied its heretofore delinquent reports, is under the regulations reinstated to good standing and becomes entitled to representation in the approaching Encampment.

XIV. The organization of General Rusk Post, No. 93, located at Harrington, Lincoln County, Washington, on the 4th inst., with a membership of sixteen and Comrade Daniel J. Zent as commander, Comrade Jacob W. Toklas as adjutant, and Comrade John J. Blocksedge as quartermaster, is announced. Let it receive a cordial welcome into the sisterhood of Posts and a hearty all-hail and Godspeed from every comrade. It is not out of place here to congratulate Comrade Zent upon his loyal zeal and successful effort in organizing this his second new Post in this now closing departmental year.

XV. The Post Chaplains' reports, blanks for which have heretofore been distributed, should include Memorial day now close at hand and should be forwarded promptly at the close of memorial services direct to Department Chaplain A. H. Lackey, at Aberdeen, Washington, to enable him to make his report in time for the Department Encampment. Let Post Chaplains give this matter their prompt and special attention.

XVI. Post officers will find herewith blanks for their next semi-annual reports, due June 30th next ensuing. It is to be hoped that these reports will be promptly made to the incoming administration, to avoid the delays and embarrassment to which we have of late been subjected by the neglect of Posts in this particular. Posts will be notified in time of the address of the incoming officers to whom the returns should be made.

By order of
J. N. SCOTT,
Department Commander.

Official:
THAD. S. SMITH,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., JUNE 1, 1895. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
 NO. II. }

I. Before a General Court Martial held in the City of Seattle, Washington, on the 18th day of April, and the 14th and 21st days of May, A. D. 1895, pursuant to Special Orders No. 19, 21, 22 and 24, current series, from these Headquarters, and of which Comrade Lyman E. Knapp, of John F. Miller Post, No. 31, of this Department was President, was arraigned and tried:

Comrade M. M. Holmes, Stevens Post, No. 1.

CHARGE—"Conduct unbecoming a soldier and a gentleman in his relations to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Specifications—"I. In this that the said Comrade was during the period intervening between the 1st day of May, A. D., 1890 and the 22nd day of April, A. D., 1891, the Commander of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, duly elected, installed and acting; that while Department Commander aforesaid the said Comrade did, without authority and wrongfully assume the duties and prerogatives of the Assistant Quarter-master General of said Department by collecting, receiving and retaining in his own custody the funds due and belonging to the said Department to the aggregate amount of Two thousand nine hundred sixty-eight and 62-100th dollars; that on or about the 22nd day of April, A. D., 1891, in the State of Washington in said Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, he wrongfully and fraudulently appropriated to his own use of such funds the sum of Five hundred and thirty-one dollars under the false and fraudulent pretense that an indebtedness against said Department to that aggregate amount in favor of one B. B. Dearborn had been paid and discharged by him and claiming and receiving credit for his said Assistant Quarter-master General for such payment; whereas, in truth and in fact, such payment had not been nor has it ever been made, all to the great scandal of the Department and the order and that the said delinquency and misappropriation of funds was concealed from the knowledge of the Department and its officers and membership and was only discovered on or about the 1st day of March, A. D., 1895.

2. (Same as foregoing, varying only in form.)
3. "In this that the said Comrade was during the period intervening between the 15th day of June, A. D., 1893, and the 22nd day of June, A. D., 1894 the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, duly appointed installed and acting; and while such Assistant Adjutant General aforesaid he did wrongfully and without authority assume the duties and prerogatives of the Assistant Quarter-master General of said Department by receiving, collecting and retaining the custody of the funds due and belonging to the said Department to the aggregate amount of Two thousand two hundred and thirty-one and 19-100ths dollars; that on the 21st day of June, A. D., 1894 the Assistant Quarter-master General of the Department made settlement with the Department for the funds of the Department so collected and in the custody of the said comrade as aforesaid showing a balance in his hands of said funds of Five hundred and seventy-nine 29-100ths dollars to be turned over to his successor in office, when, in truth and in fact, the said balance was and had all the time been in the hands and custody of the said Comrade Holmes, that on the 22nd day of June, A. D., 1894, the successor of the

said Comrade and the successor of the said Quarter-master General were duly appointed and installed and entered upon the duties of their respective offices; that the said Comrade upon the installation of the said newly appointed and installed officers and for a long time thereafter, to-wit; until the 7th day of August succeeding, utterly failed and refused to pay over to the said newly installed Assistant Quarter-master General the said amount so due the Department from him or any part thereof or to account for the same, though often requested to make settlement; that on the the said 7th day of August, 1894, after repeated futile efforts on the part of the said Assistant Quarter-master General and the Department Commander to obtain a settlement with the said Comrade, he, the said Comrade, at last paid over to the said Assistant Quarter-master General the sum of Three hundred sixty-seven 4-100ths dollars in cash and delivered to him a receipted bill for alleged expenditures made by him to the amount of Twelve and 25-100ths dollars, claiming to retain in his own hands the balance of Two hundred dollars due the Department from him for the payment for the printing and binding of the proceedings of the Twelfth Department Encampment, then in preparation under his supervision, which payment he assumed and agreed and promised to make in discharge of his indebtedness to the Department; that the publication of the said proceedings had been and was thereafter unreasonably delayed by the failure of the said Comrade to furnish copy for the same until about the first day of September, 1894, when at last it was completed and the proceedings were ready for delivery; that the said Comrade then failed and refused to pay for the same and, as a result, they were withheld from delivery by the publisher who refused to part with the same until payment should be made; that on the 27th day of December, 1894, by special arrangement, the said proceedings were at last delivered to the Department Commander unpaid for, the said publisher still claiming to hold the Department for the said payment and subsequently making frequent demands for it of the several Department officers; that not until the 25th day of February, A. D., 1895, was any settlement made by the said Comrade with the said publisher for said publication but that on said day he, the said publisher, by special arrangement with the said Comrade, accepted his, the said Comrade's, personal obligation for the same in discharge of the Department from liability therefor; all in the State of Washington in the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic and to the great hindrance and obstruction of the administration of the affairs of this Department and to its great scandal and that of the order.

4. "In that the said Comrade was during the period intervening between the 15th day of June, A. D., 1893, and the 22nd day of June, A. D., 1894, the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic and as such had the care and custody of the books, papers and files properly belonging to that department, among them being the original records of the several Department Encampments, the Endorsement and Memorandum Books of that and previous administrations and the official bonds of the Department Officers giving bond; that on the 23rd day of June, A. D., 1894 his successor in office was duly appointed, installed and entered upon the duties of his office and that the said Comrade did at the time fail and refuse and has ever since utterly failed and refused to turn over to his said successor in office the said records, books and files, though often requested to turn them over; all to the great obstruction of the working of this Department and its efficiency and all being done in the State of Washington in the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic."

PLEAS.

To 1st Specification,
To 2nd Specification,
To 3rd Specification,
To 4th Specification,
To the Charge,

"Not Guilty,"
"Not Guilty,"
"Not Guilty,"
"Not Guilty,"
"Not Guilty."

FINDINGS AND SENTENCE.

The Court after mature deliberation finds the accused, M. M. Holmes of Stevens Post, No. 1, Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic,

Of Specification 1st, under the charge,	"Guilty,"
Of Specification 2nd, under the charge,	"Guilty,"
Of Specification 3rd, under the charge,	"Guilty,"
except as to so much as relates to the unauth-	
orized assumption of the duties and preroga-	
tives of the Assistant Quarter-master General,	
and of that,	"Not Guilty,"
Of Specification 4th, under the charge,	"Guilty,"
Of the Charge,	"Guilty,"

and does, therefore, sentence him, the aforesaid Comrade M. M. Holmes, to be reprimanded.

II. The proceedings and findings of the Court were approved by the Department Commander, on the recommendation of the Department Judge Advocate, but the sentence pronounced was disapproved, as being inadequate to the offenses charged and established, and the proceedings were therefore referred back to the Court for revision of the sentence. The Court, however, upon such revision, adhered to the sentence as originally pronounced. It is to be regretted that no reasons were assigned for such adherence, as the practice in such cases calls for. We are, therefore, left wholly in the dark as to what circumstances were favorably considered by the Court in mitigation of the punishment. The offences set out in the first three specifications of which the accused was found guilty, were certainly of the very gravest character, involving not only serious moral delinquencies, in the wrongful conversion, in each case of departmental funds, the falsification of the records, in one case, to conceal the wrong doing, preceded by the usurpation in the same case, of authority whereby the possession of the funds was secured, but also the repetition of the offense of the wrongful conversion of funds, in practically its identical features, after an interval but at the first available opportunity. The fact that the Department was relieved from legal liability for the indebtedness falsely claimed to have been paid, by reason of the failure of the creditor, in one instance, to assert his claim within the period of statutory limitation and, in each, by the assumption of the indebtedness on the part of the accused, after the commission of the offense, to the acceptance of the creditors, fails to relieve the wrongful acts of their culpability. The fact still remains that, in one case, the accused claimed and received a credit for a disbursement never made and, in the other, he failed and refused to pay over to the proper officer moneys in his hands belonging to the Department assuming, in lieu thereof, to liquidate a Department obligation to a like amount which was never done, his own obligation being, eight months afterwards, substituted for that of the Department after persistent but futile efforts made to secure the payment of the latter. In each case the creditor was the principal pecuniary sufferer, it is true, but to the great reproach of

the order. Clearly the Grand Army of the Republic cannot afford to treat such offenses as trivial. It is true that our discipline is of a moral rather than of a penal character, but this will hardly justify the indiscriminate assessment of penalties for offenses committed, the regulations providing, as they do, for a system of penalties graduated to suit the offense. While the finding of guilt, to a sensitive or appreciative nature, upon charges such as those involved in this case, necessarily carries with it the severest punishment, without the assessment of any penalty at all, yet the infliction of the lightest penalty for offenses of the gravest character seriously tends to reflect severely upon the order, as showing a lack of appreciation of the enormity of such offenses. It was with these views and with no spirit of vindictiveness or uncharitableness but rather in that of profound sorrow, in the discharge of a bounden duty, that the sentence was disapproved and the proceedings were remanded for its revision. But with this action the resources of the reviewing authority for securing a sentence commensurate with the offenses upon which conviction was had were exhausted, and nothing now remains to be done but to approve the sentence or, by its disapproval, to grant complete immunity to the culprit for the wrongs of which he was convicted. The proceedings, finding and sentence of the Court are therefore approved.

III. Nothing can well be added by way of reprimand, to what has already been said and the foregoing estimate of the character of the offenses committed and strictures upon the final action of the Court carry with them their own reprimand and will be accepted as in execution of the sentence imposed.

IV. The General Court Martial appointed by Special Order No. 19 of this Department, current series, for the trial of the hereinbefore mentioned cause, is hereby dissolved.

V. The newspaper publicity given the subject matter of this order is most seriously to be deplored. It was to have been hoped that journalistic intelligence and convictions of right might have appreciated the proprieties of the situation sufficiently to have closed the columns of its publications against the dissemination of information pertaining peculiarly to the domestic economy of a secret organization and in which the general public has no interest and with which no business. But since it has not, we are admonished to be all the more careful in the future to sacredly preserve among ourselves and from those who would betray it to the public, information belonging to us alone.

By order of

J. N. SCOTT,

Department Commander.

Official:

THAD. S. SMITH,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., JUNE 13, 1895. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
NO. 12. }

I. Comrade Norman Buck of Sedgwick Post, No. 8, having been duly elected Commander of this Department, Grand Army of the Republic, for the ensuing year, will immediately, upon his installation this evening, assume the duties of his office, relieving me from the command.

II. In bidding farewell to the Department as its Commander, I desire to extend the Comrades all, and especially those who have been associated with me during the past year in official position, my sincere thanks for their loyal support and co-operation in the work of the Department, bespeaking for my successor a like support and co-operation.

III. The official and personal staff are hereby relieved from further duty.

By order of

J. N. SCOTT,

Department Commander.

Official:

THAD. S. SMITH,

Assistant Adjutant General.

CIRCULARS.

HEADQUARTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., JUNE 29, 1894. }

CIRCULAR }
 NO. 1. }

The attention of Post Commanders is hereby directed to the fact that the semi-annual returns required by Sec. I. of Art. II. of Chap. V. of the Rules and Regulations will be due on the 1st. prox. Prompt compliance with this rule is urged that the Department Commander may be enabled to forward the consolidated returns required of him to National Headquarters on or before the 20th prox. as required. These returns should be complete for the six months ending with the 30th inst., disregarding the partial returns heretofore called for and made up to and including May 30th.

By order of

J. N. SCOTT,

Department Commander.

THAD. S. SMITH,
 Asst. Adjt. Gen.

HEADQUARTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., JULY 10, 1894. }

CIRCULAR }
 NO. 2. }

The situation in the country is serious. Lawlessness is abroad in the land. Both public and private rights are set at defiance. Irresponsible mobs have taken the law into their own hands and obstructed and practically suspended the operations of the commerce and business of the nation. Property has been wantonly destroyed and human life cruelly jeopardized and sacrificed. More serious interference with both public and private rights and safety is imminently threatened. The perpetuity of our free institutions and the very life of the nation are thus imperilled. The time has arrived for all good citizens to come to the rescue of the cause of law, order and good government, and, pre-eminently, for those who took their lives in their hands in the dark days of 1861-5, in the defense of the same cause.

The crowning virtue, for the promotion of which the Grand Army of the Republic was organized and is maintained, is loyalty. Loyalty involves, at all times and under all circumstances, reverence for and obedience to law and order, and respect for and support of the legally constituted authorities in their efforts for the preservation of peace and the discharge of their duties. "For this all place a temple and all season summer." It is unnecessary to call upon the individual comrades of our noble organization to remember and to faithfully observe the sacred obligation they assumed, upon their muster in, to at all times conscientiously obey the laws of the land and protect the flag of our country as the emblem of liberty, equal rights and national unity. The natural promptings of their hearts and their service education in the past will never permit them to forget or disregard it.

In the disorderly conduct of the recent weeks in the country, the absence of the Grand Army button has been conspicuously noted. But this is not enough. Our active and pronounced discouragement and condemnation of like demonstrations, wherever or whenever they may occur or threaten, and our active support of and help to the ministers of the law in their efforts toward the suppression of such demonstrations, is called for and demanded by the obligation we have taken upon ourselves. As the Commander of this Department, I need but to call attention to this to receive from all comrades a prompt and hearty response. I would further call the attention of the Posts of this Department, as organizations, to the alarming conditions of the times and suggest that they, as such organizations, take such action as may place them unequivocally before the public, and especially before law-breakers, as the enemies of lawlessness in the developments of the day and as the friends and supporters of those whose mission it may be to suppress and punish it.

By order of

J. N. SCOTT,

Department Commander.

THAD. S. SMITH,
Asst. Adjt. Gen.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.

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WOMANS RELIEF CORPS, Dept. of Washington & Alaska.

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3.	Ellsworth	Vancouver	Mrs. Tillie Young
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