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DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

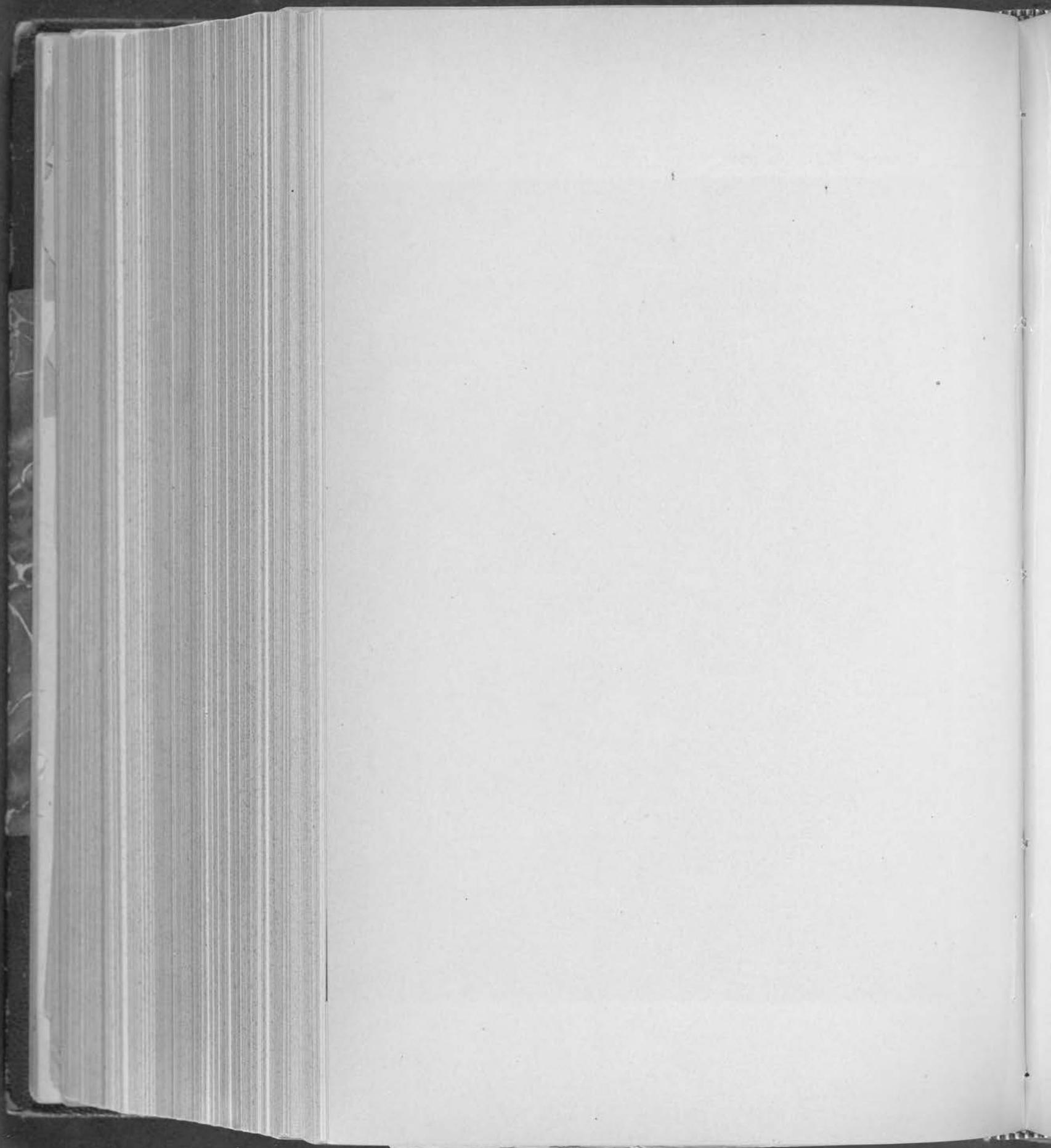
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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, Tuesday, June 20, 1899.

The Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in Ranke's Hall, Seattle, on the 20th day of June, 1899, and was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. by Geo. W. Tibbetts, Department Commander.

The Encampment was opened in due form, prayer being offered by the Department Chaplain, Comrade C. D. Spencer, after which regular business was taken up as follows:

Comrade Thomas H. Bradley, of Pacific Post 48, was detailed as J. V. Commander in the absence of that officer.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 1.

Comrade Geo. H. Boardman, of Custer Post No. 6, is hereby detailed as A. A. A. General.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Rules and Order of Business—

Boardman, of Custer No. 6.
Bradley, of Pacific No. 48.
Wiscombe, of Reno No. 47.

Special Committee on Pensions—

Kinnear, of Stevens No. 1.
Freeman, of Reno No. 47.
Goss, of Ellsworth No. 2.

Committee on Credentials—

The Assistant Adjutant General.
Sumner, of D. A. Russell No. 35.
Blair, of Casey No. 74.
Hannah, of _____
York, of Morton No. 10.

Committee on Resolutions—

Mock, of Pacific No. 48.
Domrees, of H. A. Miles No. 45.
Woodworth, of Custer No. 6.
Wolfe, of Sully No. 3.
Knapp, of Miller No. 31.

On Report of Council of Administration—

J. J. See, of Gen. Emory No. 68.
A. Garl, of W. T. Sherman No. 97.
S. Baxter, of Gen. Ewing No. 96.

Moved by A. S. Cole, of Steadman No. 24, that all resolutions be read and referred to committee without debate, and that all resolutions be reported on. Carried.

Council of Administration made the following report, and its recommendations referred to the committee already appointed:

To the Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.:

We, your Council of Administration, respectfully report that we have examined the accounts of the A. Q. M. General, and, finding the books and accounts correct, have approved them.

We recommend that a warrant be drawn in favor of the outgoing A. Q. M. General for \$3.44 for postage purchased after his reports were made.

We find that the \$150 allowed by last Encampment for expenses of the Department Commander in visiting the Posts of the Department was properly expended, and recommend that the same amount be set apart for the expenses of the incoming Department Commander in visiting the Posts of the Department during his administration, and that \$400 be set apart for salary of the A. A. General.

We recommend that the A. Q. M. General have two sets of the Journals of the Annual Encampments bound, each set in two volumes, such to be kept as part of the records of the Department.

The attention of the Encampment is called to the order of the Encampment of 1897, directing that thereafter two members of the Council should be re-elected, thus insuring members from year to year who are familiar with the action of the preceding years, which order has not been carried out.

We recommend that a meeting of the Council of Administration be called the third Wednesday in January to transact such business as may come before it.

We recommend that the incoming A. A. General be directed to examine and segregate all papers and articles of value to the Department which have been accumulating during the life of the Department and destroy or sell the balance, thus eliminating a great mass of useless property which is expensive to handle and store.

M. C. COLE.

J. T. GOSS.

W. H. WISCOMBE.

GEO. B. LANE.

T. M. YOUNG, Secretary.

Moved by Boardman, of Custer No. 6, that where delegations are not full, that they be filled by Comrades of such Posts present and in good standing. Carried.

Announcement was here made as to the formation of the parade and the arrangements for camp fire, excursion and ball.

Bradley, of Miller Post 31, moved a special committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions on the death of National Commander-in-Chief Sexton, and being adopted, Comrades J. W. Langley, Richard Bradley of Post 31, and Grover of Post No. 8 were appointed such committee.

A. S. Cole, of Steadman No. 24, moved that the A. A. G. telegraph Comrade McKinley the congratulations of this Department. Carried.

Street, of No. 1, moved a committee of three be appointed to visit the Sons of Veterans. Carried; and Comrades Street of No. 1, Smith of 41, and Perrigo of 31 were appointed.

Moved by Langley, of No. 31, that a committee of three be appointed to visit the W. R. C. Amended to five, and carried as amended; when Comrades Martin of Post 93, Brunk of 96, Cole of 24, Lilligar of 54, and Langley of 31 were appointed.

Lane, of No. 5, moved an adjournment to 1:30 p. m. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION, JUNE 20, 1899.

Encampment met according to adjournment.

Committee on Rules and Order of Business presented the following report:

We, your Committee on Rules and Order of Business, recommend the following order of business:

1. Report of Committee on Credentials.
2. Reports of Officers.
3. Miscellaneous business.
4. Invitations received from places to hold the Eighteenth Annual Encampment.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Selection of place for Encampment.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Unfinished business
9. New business.
10. Installation of officers.

We further recommend that the hour set apart by the En-

campment for the good of the order, be the hour on assembly Thursday noon; that all speeches, including nominating speeches, be limited to three minutes.

GEO. H. BOARDMAN, Post No. 6.

W. H. WISCOMBE, Post No. 47.

THOS. H. BRADLEY, Post. No. 48.

The report was adopted.

The Department Commander made a verbal report, saying that during the noon recess he had invited the captain and officers of the battleship Iowa to attend the camp fire tonight, and such action was heartily approved by the Encampment.

The Committee on Credentials reported, and recommended that the roll of the Encampment made by the Assistant Adjutant General be adopted, and delegations not full be filled as directed by action of the Encampment at the morning session.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

The Commander called the Senior Vice Commander, D. C. Ely, to the chair, and submitted the following report:

Comrades of the G. A. R.:

Once more we are permitted to assemble in our annual Encampment for the seventeenth time in this Department.

The Department of Washington Territory was organized May 2nd, 1878, and Comrade Major Fred. W. Sparling was appointed Provisional Commander. Comrade Sparling held that office until March, 1883, when he resigned, and Capt. Geo. D. Hill was appointed as his successor on March 23d, 1883, and served under that appointment until he was re-elected at the Olympia Encampment, June 30th of the same year. At that time the Department consisted of seven Posts and 312 members. In 1887 Alaska was added, and the Department has since that time been known as "Washington and Alaska." On the 27th day of June, 1878, D. P. Jenkins, Geo. D. Hill, Geo. W. Tibbetts, A. Slorah, R. Scott, G. K. Peaslee, E. Johnson, A. A. Manning, Jacob Beer, M. V. Mills, L. H. Tenny, G. A. Tyler, H. A. Bigelow and H. A. C. Thompson met in Seattle and were mustered into the G. A. R. by Major Sparling, Provisional Commander. The name selected was Stevens, in honor of Gen. I. I. Stevens, the first Governor and first delegate to Congress from this Territory.

Another year's record is made in the book of time. Let us hope that it has been a successful one for us individually and for our organization. Most devoutly should we thank that Grand Commander of the Universe for the many blessings he has granted us in the past year. Accept my hearty congratulations that so many of you whose friendship and brotherly love were welded amidst the strife and scenes of death of the battle field are able to be with us today. I wish also to congratulate you on the condition of our country. No North, no South; and that, thanks to those brave boys, those sons of noble sires, both North and South, the representatives of a united country, that grand heaven-born banner of ours has been carried across the ocean and planted where it shall wave in the smiles of the everlasting sunshine, forever a beautiful reminder to all the world of the bravery and loyalty of the American soldier. With malice toward none, cherishing only that grand and inspiring thought—our God and our country—let us all stand shoulder to shoulder, elbow to elbow, and all work in the future, as in the past, for the upbuilding of mankind.

These annual gatherings of men who rendered loyal, devoted, patriotic service to their country in the dark hour of peril, if they serve no other purpose, will impress upon the minds of the rising generation a profound and deeper sense of the perils through which we passed to preserve our country and our flag. It gives new strength to patriotism. We meet with no desire to boast of our services in the past; we cherish no feeling of animosity or revenge towards those who fought against us. I know that I speak the sentiment of every true soldier when I say whatever pride we have in the past, whatever pride we brought with us back from the battle fields, we laid it aside upon one altar and gladly merged the title of "soldier" into the greater one—that of "American citizens." We were citizens before we became soldiers and volunteered at the call of an imperiled nation that we might fulfill the highest duties of citizenship, and the lessons we learned amidst the storms of shot and shell and the shock of battle have made us more mindful of our duties as citizens.

It is a laudable pride, therefore, and not vanity which impels us to meet year after year to commemorate the incidents of our country's salvation, and we can never recall the results of all the trials and dangers through which we passed and not feel the ties which bound us together as we trudged along on many a weary march, on the lonely pickets, in the midnight bivouac,

amidst the rush and thunder of battle, and in all the horrors of the prison pen and hospital. To perpetuate these ties, to cherish love of country, to keep undying the memories of the loved and lost who perished in the defense of "Old Glory," we meet today in a spirit of fraternity, charity and loyalty, invoking heaven's choicest blessings on every portion of the country wherein our dear old flag floats in the breeze.

The precepts of our grand order appeal to the patriotism of every man who wore the blue. Every Union veteran should give it his influence and hearty support, and should at all times wear that noble badge of loyalty, that badge that the Czar of Russia, with all his mighty power and wealth, can never wear—the little bronze G. A. R. button. This noble emblem is a silent protest at all times against the sneers at the old veterans; it is the honor mark of this grand republic; it calls attention to the fact that men who wear it deserve to be remembered with whatever belongs to the prosperity, liberty and renown of our country.

It is with feelings of profound sorrow that I announce to this Encampment the death of our beloved Commander-in-Chief, who died in the City of Washington the 5th day of February last. I first met him at the National Encampment in Cincinnati last September. At that time he seemed a robust man, just in the prime of life. In the death of Col. James A. Sexton the G. A. R. has suffered irreparable loss and each comrade has been bereft of a true and faithful friend.

That silent mustering officer, Death, has been very active for the past year, and many of our noble comrades have answered the last roll call and have reported for duty to the Grand Commander of the Universe, to await the final mustering out of the last comrade and that grandest of all grand reunions around the throne of our Father in heaven.

MEMORIAL DAY.

I am happy to be able to state that never in the history of this Department has Memorial Day been so generally observed as this year. The love for the day is growing in the hearts of the loyal people, and interest in its observance increases year by year. If there is anything that softens the hearts and intensifies patriotism, it is to stand at the graves of those noble, loyal men who laid down their lives that the nation might live. Although time has, in a measure, mellowed the grief of the country for the dead heroes of the civil war, yet, the wound has been opened anew, the grief

rendered more poignant, and the day made doubly sacred by the loss of many of our brave boys in the present war. Well may we be proud of our soldier boys in brown, who, like the boys in blue, have so willingly responded to the call of their country, borne aloft the old flag we love so well, added new numbers to the long list of American heroes, and kept to the same high standard of F., C. and L. which has been the glory of the American soldier. And as time rolls on and each succeeding year brings this sacred day again, comrades, let us not forget these new heroes, these brave sons of noble sires, who have so nobly filled up the ranks, but keep the day in commemoration of them as well as of the old veterans, scattering flowers alike on the graves of those who died that the Union might live, and those who responded to the appeal of suffering humanity. Peace to our dead heroes, both the boys in blue and the boys in brown.

As far as I have been able to learn, there was not a town in the state but which gave the day a proper observance. Garlands of flowers and flags were lovingly placed by patriotic citizens over the graves of those who in the bloom of youth fought so nobly and so well in defense of our country. The most beautiful feature of the day was the part taken by our school children, who gathered flowers and entered into the spirit of this work with all the fervor and enthusiasm of which their young hearts are capable. I would most earnestly recommend that throughout the state comrades endeavor to enlist the children and the teachers of our public schools in these patriotic services of love and duty. I feel that it is my duty, in the name of the comrades of this Department, to tender to the teachers (that band of noble, loyal men and women in our public schools) our heartfelt thanks for their noble work of instilling in the minds of our youth love of country and respect for its defenders. We are also much indebted to the clergymen of this state, and desire to thank them for the kindly interest they all took in Memorial Day. It is to be regretted that the last Legislature of this state enacted a law that eliminated Memorial Day from the state holidays and compelled the schools to keep in session on that, to all G. A. R. men, sacred day; and it thus happened that for the first time in many years the old soldiers were not allowed to visit with the schools on the Friday preceding that occasion, and I hope that a proper resolution will be submitted for the action of this Encampment during the session that will fully express the feeling of the comrades of

this Department, so that the next Legislature, if they wish to do so, can act in accordance with our wishes.

SONS OF VETERANS.

I wish to call the attention of the Encampment to a subject that has been near my heart for many years. The Sons of Veterans as an order stand nearest the Grand Army of the Republic of all. They are our national allies and successors; upon them must soon fall the duties that today are ours. When the last comrade is laid away, "Under the clover or under the snow," it will be the Sons of Veterans who will lead the way in scattering the memorial flowers over the grass-grown mounds which mark the resting places of the Grand Army. Then why do we neglect today those upon whom we must lean tomorrow? It is the duty of every old comrade to encourage and assist the growth and influence of the camps of Sons of Veterans near him, and it is largely to this neglect that is due the waning fortunes of the allied organization. They feel that they have been neglected; that they have been the recipients of promises of visits, talks, reminiscent or otherwise, that were only made to be broken; that the comrades feel that they can get along without the sons, so let them do so. Comrades of this Department, can we blame them? Have we done our duty by these sons of ours, whose blood has reddened every field or skirmish line of the late Spanish or present Philippine wars, and who stand by thousands in the ranks of our army, both volunteer and regular? Capron at Santiago, or Adams at Malalos, were not more ready than are Moss and Weigel, of our own Washingtons, wherever fate may find them. Let us here and now resolve that we will do all we consistently can to encourage and strengthen this order, so near to us, and then keep the resolution both in spirit and letter.

THE W. R. C. AND L. OF G. A. R.

In all my duties and labors of the year the W. R. C. and the L. of G. A. R., composed of the noble, loyal women of this state, have been our constant friends and helpmates, and I desire to add my testimony to that which has been frequently given by others in this position, to the loyal service of those noble bands of women always doing their special work of charity, helpful in every field of labor, full of patriotic enthusiasm, and happy at all times to share with us the labor and glory of our Grand Army

life. I wish to say that in all my visits over the Department, wherever I have found a W. R. C. or a Circle of the L. of G. A. R. there I have found a good live Post of the G. A. R. and where I have found a Post that was about to surrender its charter, there I found neither of these organizations. I tell you, comrades, that a Post without a helpmeet is very likely to be akin to an old bachelor, cross and surly and at outs with themselves and everybody else. In all my visits I have suggested to the comrades to have an open meeting and invite the W. R. C., L. of G. A. R., S. of V. and D. of V., and I am glad that I can say that all meetings of that kind were a grand success, and it could not have been otherwise when it was under the care and guidance of such noble, loyal organizations. God bless them in their grand unselfish work. I wish to extend my thanks to Mrs. Clara Taylor, the worthy and most efficient Department President of the W. R. C., for courtesies extended, also to Mrs. Lou J. Boyles, Past President, and Mrs. R. A. Brooks, President of the L. of G. A. R.

PICKET POST.

In the sparsely settled districts of this Department I found many of our comrades who are, on account of distance, deprived of the pleasure of meeting with the G. A. R. Post. I have advised all such comrades to connect themselves with and hold membership in the Post nearest to them and then meet together at some comrade's home, and thus keep alive that spirit of F., C. and L., and I am glad to be able to state that at the town of Snoqualmie, in this county, we have Picket Post No. 1, consisting of thirteen members, and I am happy to say some of those comrades are with us today.

PENSIONS.

The infirmities of age, which are now pressing on us, are bringing many of our comrades to that point in life where they are compelled to seek a place on the pension roll. I know there is much fault found with the Pension Bureau for its treatment of our old comrades in its adjustment of their claims, and I believe that much of it is just, for the long delays in many cases that have come under my personal notice, years even passing without any progress whatever in the claim. This seems unjust, uncalled for, and our comrades are dying with claims pending and no progress made in them for years, and I hope that a resolution

will be adopted during this session of Encampment setting forth the facts and that the same will be forwarded to our comrade, Major McKinley, urging him to right the needless wrong.

The movement to pension the Confederate soldiers, while it may and will strike a sympathetic chord in the hearts of all true veterans, can never be done. Our government can never put a premium on treason, and while not one of the old veterans but what would divide his pension with them if they are in need, I say, if it is necessary, vote millions in charity, but not one dollar as a pension.

I am glad to announce that without a single exception the utmost harmony prevails in our ranks throughout the state, and that during the year there has been nothing to mar the grand, glorious duties that bind us in one noble band of brethren.

To the officers of this Department and my official staff I wish to extend my most cordial, heartfelt thanks, and especially to my most worthy and efficient A. A. G., Major S. W. Clark, upon whom the heavy burden has been thrown of looking after the business of the Department. To say that he has done his duty, and done it well, is but a mild expression of my feelings toward him for the many services performed; and to the representatives of the Department who one year ago at Walla Walla conferred upon me the greatest honor that could be given me, I wish to thank them for the kindness and courtesies shown me by all the comrades throughout the Department, has made all my visits a labor of love; and, comrades, while I have been in the work of the G. A. R. since 1867, when Comrade Robinson, of Com. Foote No. 84, Sidney, whom I am glad to say is now with us, were mustered in together in August, 1867, at Butler, Mo., the past year has been the most pleasant that it has been my lot to pass, and now, in surrendering the gavel of authority to my successor in office, I hope for him the same pleasure that has been given me; and, comrades, as I again take my place in the ranks with you I pledge my life to the help of the boys in the future as it has been in the past, and as our steps grow more feeble in the march of life and our forms a little more bent by the weight of increasing years, let us line up and touch elbows closer and closer and rally around the colors and feel that the services we rendered the country and our flag were not in vain.

Acting Department Commander Ely appointed the following Committee on the Commander's Report:

E. T. Curtis, Post No. 17.
 B. F. Decatur, Post No. 35.
 W. J. Goode, Post No. 42.
 Wm. Badger, Post No. 9.
 S. F. Street, Post No. 1.

We, the Committee on Department Commander's Report, fully indorse and approve all the recommendations and suggestions embodied in that report, and recommend its adoption.

S. F. STREET.
 W. J. GOODE.
 WM. BADGER.

The Special Committee on Pensions submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Washington and Alaska; in Convention Assembled:

Your Committee on Pensions appointed by this convention respectfully reports the following resolution, and recommends its adoption.

J. R. KINNEAR, Chairman.
 J. T. GOSS.
 B. R. FREEMAN.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Department that the administration of the Pension Department by H. Clay Evans meets with the emphatic disapproval of this Department and of every veteran who is entitled to a pension under the law, and we ask that he be removed and the office filled by a man who will administer the pension law according to the intent of the framers of the law, the Congress that passed it, and the President who signed it; and be it further

Resolved, That our delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to work for the adoption of this, or some other resolution more direct to the point if possible, at that gathering.

The Senior Vice Commander submitted the following report which was referred to Comrades M. T. Young, Post No. 45; Jasper Gates, Post No. 35; C. W. Snyder, Post No. 6:

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

SEATTLE, WASH., June 21, 1899.

To the Officers and Comrades of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.:

In making my report it is with regret that I cannot say that I have done all that I desired to do. After our last Encampment I started out filled with enthusiasm, resolving to work and do for the strengthening and building up of this Department. After going home I mapped out the field of work I intended to occupy, but howsoever we plan we may often go astray, and this was the way with myself. Circumstances arose that kept me almost entirely at home. I however did what I could in visiting Posts and encouraging the boys. In looking after the needy and doing all in my power to administer to their wants, I have visited during the year Sedgwick Post No. 8 and Reno Post No. 47, both in Spokane city; Wallace Post No. 64, of Springdale; Union Post No. 70, of Chewelah, and assisted to get enough soldiers together to organize Gen. John M. Corse Post No. 98 at Colville, in Stevens county. I also delivered the Memorial address at Springdale. While many of the Posts in sparsely settled districts are being greatly diminished in numbers by death and otherwise, the few who remain are being more closely knit together in the bonds of "friendship, charity and loyalty." And as we see them with tottering steps wending their way to the Post room we know that these few will soon answer to the last call and the last chair will be empty, and encampments, reunions and camp fires of the G. A. R. will be of the past and our places will be filled with other persons, with other names, and the veterans of the civil war will be known only in history. May God bless all of you.

Submitted.

D. C. ELY, S. V. C.

Medical Director's and Chaplain's reports read and referred to J. W. Range, Post No. 1; M. C. Cole, Post No. 24; J. E. Gandy, Post No. 8.

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R.
SPOKANE, WASH., June 16, 1899.

To George W. Tibbetts, Commander:

SIR—I have the honor to submit to you the following report

of the Medical Department of Washington and Alaska for the year ending December 31st, 1898. This report furnishes but meager information of the condition of the Posts in this Department, for the reason that only fourteen Posts reported. Until there is some way to secure the reports from Post Surgeons, the Medical Director's report will amount to very little.

From July 1st to December 31st, 1898.....12 reports
 From January 1st to date..... 2 reports

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 Total number of reports14
 Total number deaths reported 4
 Amount disbursed for charity\$2,100
 Yours in F., C. and L.

B. R. FREEMAN, M. D., Medical Director.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R.
 OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN,
 CENTRALIA, WASH., June 20, 1899.

To Comrade Daniel Lucas, Chaplain-in-Chief G. A. R.:

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

Number of Posts in Department..... 77
 Number of Posts reporting Memorial services..... 48

MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.

Number of Posts attending services..... 50
 Number of sermons preached to Posts..... 58
 Number of sermons preached by Veterans..... 38
 Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans..... 18
 Number of comrades present at such services.....1,258
 Number of Women's Relief Corps participating with Posts
 at such services 46
 Number of members of Women's Relief Corps attending
 such services 250
 Number of Camps of Sons of Veterans attending such
 services 15
 Number of Sons of Veterans attending such services..... 150

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day services.....	48
Number of comrades participating in Memorial Day services	1,710
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	64
Number of graves decorated	959
Number of graves unmarked by headstones.....	175
Number of public schools engaging in Memorial Day services	125
Number of pupils participating	13,046
Number of other organizations participating.....	102
Number of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day..	31
Number of addresses delivered by Veterans.....	16
Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	24
Number of Posts having burial plots	15

I regret so many Posts have not sent me their Chaplain's report. Out of 77 Posts, I have so far received 48 reports, leaving 29 unheard from. Comrades, this ought not so to be.

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

REV. C. D. SPENCER, Department Chaplain.

Your special committee to whom was referred the reports of Rev. C. D. Spencer, Department Chaplain, and Dr. B. R. Freeman, Department Medical Director, beg leave to submit the following preamble and resolution as their report:

WHEREAS, The examination of the reports of the Department Chaplain and Department Medical Director warrant your committee in commending their zeal, faithfulness and intelligence, your committee is fully persuaded that they are not responsible for the meager information regarding the affairs of their respective departments, which they report and lament; and

WHEREAS, It is of vital importance to the Grand Army of the Republic that full information regarding the work of Post Chaplains and Surgeons be furnished duly and promptly; therefore the following resolution is recommended for adoption by this Encampment, viz.:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each Post Commander to see that the Chaplains and Surgeons of their respective Posts are duly furnished with the blank forms supplied by the Department, and that their reports are made and forwarded to the

Department Medical Director and Department Chaplain when the Post Adjutant makes his report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. RANGE.

M. C. COLE.

J. E. GANDY.

Judge Advocate's and Mustering Officer's reports received and referred to Geo. B. Lane, Thomas Post No. 5; A. S. Cole, Steadman Post No. 24; W. J. Alexander, Com. Foote Post No. 84; Fred. Taylor, Custer Post No. 6; J. W. Langley, Miller Post No. 31.

JUDGE ADVOCATE'S REPORT.

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R.
SEATTLE, WASH., June 10, 1899.

Major S. W. Clark, Assistant Adjutant General, Seattle, Wash.:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE—I have the honor to submit herewith my report of the Judge Advocate's office for this Department for the year just passed, as follows, viz.:

No judicial proceedings within the Department have required the attention of this office, and no complaints of wrong-doing suggesting the necessity of courts-martial have been referred to me, and, in fact, I have never been informed of more than very slight irregularities in methods of procedure among the Posts, and of those no complaints have been made to me. I believe, therefore, that there has prevailed a most commendable and satisfactory degree of harmony and good feeling, and so far as I can judge from the limited observation I have been able to exercise, the utmost cordiality and brotherly feeling has existed throughout our limits. This is as it should be. Comrades are nearing the confines of their human existence and will now rapidly pass away. We are already in the front rank in our last conflict, facing an enemy more formidable than those we have heretofore met and conquered. It is well, therefore, that time should have its legitimate influence in mellowing the asperities of human thought and feeling and that we stand together as comrades, as we have always stood, only with a more serene and peaceful

aspect, and more than ever endeavoring to smooth the way of comrades in passing and more alert than ever before in caring for the loved ones left behind.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

LYMAN E. KNAPP, Judge Advocate.

REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA, G. A. R.
SPOKANE, WASH., June 19, 1899.

George W. Tibbetts, Department Commander of Washington and Alaska, and Comrades of the Seventeenth Encampment:

SIR AND COMRADES—I have the honor to submit the following report:

That since receiving the honor of appointment to this office there has not come to my knowledge any applications for charter for new Posts in this Department. I have tried to interest ex-Union soldiers living in the country districts to join the Post nearest to them, in order that they may take advantage of the benefits of the Grand Army.

I have visited several Posts in my official capacity and received all the courtesies due a representative of the Department headquarters.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me by my appointment, I am, very respectfully yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

R. B. SCOTT,

Chief Mustering Officer, Department Washington and Alaska.

Comrade Lyman Banks, Chief of Staff, submitted the following:

SEATTLE, WASH., June 21, 1899.

Commander G. A. R., Department Washington and Alaska:

SIR—I have the honor to report that on receiving my appointment as Chief of Staff for the Department, I sought instruction in my duties from the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department, who did not know what they were; then of the Chief of Staff of the National Commander at Chicago. He did not know what they were. Neither do I.

Respectfully,

LYMAN BANKS,

Chief of Staff, Department of Washington and Alaska.

Comrade Wiestling, of Stevens Post No. 1, submitted resolutions in relation to the law passed by the last Legislature in regard to the schools on Memorial Day, which were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Comrade Ballinger, of Miller Post No. 31, made remarks in regard to allowing soldiers of the present war joining the G. A. R., and presented a resolution in favor of same. Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

The Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General submitted the following reports:

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
SEATTLE, June 20, 1899.

Gen. Geo. W. Tibbetts, Department Commander:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE—Complying with custom, as well as the rules of our organization, I have the honor to present this my report, showing the work done during the past year and the present condition of your Department of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The report of my predecessor for December 31, 1897, gave a membership in good standing of 2,081, which corresponded with that sent me by National Headquarters and was used as the basis for my own work.

Owing to great delays on the part of the officers of the Posts in sending June reports, I was forced to make returns to the Adjutant General in July, 1898, on low tide, with only 2,048, leaving a large number of Posts unrepresented. The outlook was far from being satisfactory, but I was determined to at least lose nothing of what we had, so, on July 20, 1898, I sent to National Headquarters \$26, being the full tax for those found in good standing at the incoming of the present administration.

Having thus committed myself, it required prompt and energetic work to fill the contract. In some cases as many as six

heroic appeals were made before reports could be obtained from the delinquents, but at last—and not until the following December 7—were all reports received from the entire seventy-six Posts, showing a membership in good standing December 31, 1898, of 2,362.

The fact that our Department Encampment meets only a week or ten days before the first semi-annual reports are due—and the further fact that the Adjutant General requires all reports consolidated and in his hands not later than August 1st, to be ready for the National Encampment which meets during the first days of September—shows at a glance that there remains less than one month in which to obtain the returns from the Posts and consolidate them ready for National Headquarters as required, or be reported delinquent.

This situation is further complicated by the fact that a very large proportion of the reports are erroneous, and in many cases absolutely antagonistic as between the Adjutant and the Quartermaster. The one, believing that all members are in good standing until otherwise ordered by the Post, sends a membership accordingly, while the Quartermaster, thinking all are, or should be suspended who owe over six months' dues, makes report in accord with his view of the matter.

Much of this trouble and delay could be avoided if the Post Commander would interpose the authority vested in him by the rules and regulations, and promptly attend to the best welfare of his charge.

Attention is thus called to this matter, believed to be so vital to the future standing of our Department, that the comrades from all the Posts may be kindly led to see the importance of promptness with all reports, and the imperative need of care in their preparation.

One new Post has been established at Colville, in Stevens county, of date April 27, 1899—anniversary of Gen. Grant's birthday—and is known as Gen. John M. Corse Post No. 98 of this Department.

The following table shows the numerical strength of the Department at present date, by gains and losses during the year:

TABLE OF MEMBERSHIP.

NO.	NAME AND LOCATION.	In good standing for term ending Dec. 31,		
		1896.	1897.	1898.
1.	Stevens, Seattle	206	212	227

2.	Ellsworth, Vancouver	41	45	34
3.	A. Sully, Dayton	72	73	63
4.	A. Lincoln, Walla Walla	68	76	58
5.	Geo. H. Thomas, Olympia	46	45	42
6.	Custer, Tacoma	170	173	160
7.	Phil Kearney, Toledo	19	11	12
8.	Sedgwick, Spokane	81	95	87
9.	Meade, North Yakima	47	47	19
10.	Morton, Snohomish	37	31	29
	James Parson .....	..	..	..
11.	David Ford, Ellensburg	14	14	27
12.	McPherson, Kalama	21	21	21
13.	Garfield, Montesano	35	36	27
14.	Philo Buckman, Sprague .....	..	10	16
15.	Farragut, Port Townsend	41	45	43
16.	John A. Logan, Garfield	16	15	19
17.	L. L. Ladd, Puyallup	24	24	17
18.	Larrabee, La Conner	19	20	16
19.	Nat. Lyon, Colfax	38	39	33
20.	Baker, Goldendale	20	16	16
22.	McDowell, Pomeroy	24	25	31
23.	Geo. Wright, Cheney	21	19	11
24.	J. B. Steadman, New Whatcom	53	44	51
25.	Joe Hooker, Chehalis	22	19	29
27.	Canby, Ilwaco .....	..	..	..
29.	Maj. Anderson, Palouse	18	19	19
30.	O. M. Mitchell, Cames	15	16	20
31.	J. F. Miller, Seattle	139	160	192
32.	Raynolds, Blaine	9	11	11
34.	Lindsay, Rosalia	10	12	12
35.	D. A. Russell, Mt. Vernon	41	53	38
36.	W. H. Seward, Juneau, Alaska	11	9	..
37.	J. J. Lewis, Asotin	26	26	28
39.	R. L. McCook, Wilbur	40	39	41
41.	J. B. Wyman, Rockford	10	34	30
42.	Lynch, Lynden	16	13	13
44.	Phil Sheridan, Tacoma	25	23	23
45.	H. A. Miles, Waterville	13	12	12
46.	W. B. Hazen, Ritzville	16	16	15
49.	Kit Carson, Kelso	19	16	16
47.	J. L. Reno, Spokane	68	70	88
48.	Pacific, Port Angeles	39	50	55
51.	Gen. Grover, Auburn	21	17	16

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52.	Washington, Hoquiam	20	19	17
53.	Whitman, Pullman	15	15	15
54.	C. M. Reed, Orting	16	28	28
55.	T. T. Minor, Winlock .....	..	..	9
56.	Lieut. Cushing, Ballard	16	12	17
57.	H. G. Sickles, Vashon	20	20	18
58.	C. M. Kellogg, West Ferndale.....	10	..	..
59.	C. R. Apperson, Fairhaven	19	19	19
60.	C. W. H. Bentley, Crescent.....	17	18	20
62.	Gen. Milroy, Latah	19	20	16
63.	George Crook, Aberdeen	16	13	13
64.	Wallace, Springdale	13	12	14
66.	Admiral Porter, Mossy Rock	15	14	12
67.	B. F. Stevenson, Sumas City	13	..	..
	(Charter surrendered August 8, 187.)			
68.	Gen. Emory, Anacortes	17	15	17
69.	Fremont, South Bend .....	..	22	32
70.	Union, Chewelah	21	17	14
71.	J. A. Reynolds, Buckley .....	..	..	21
72.	A. J. Smith, Wayside	24	27	32
73.	Everett, Sumner	12	13	13
74.	Silas Casey, Friday Harbor	7	7	7
75.	E. J. Houghton, Harvey	17	18	16
76.	Col. Burnham, Kent	14	16	17
80.	H. R. Loomis, Gig Harbor.....	13	13	12
81.	Worthington, Elma	15	16	10
82.	T. P. Price, Centralia	31	27	26
83.	Gen. Saunders, Kelso	13	14	8
84.	Commodore Foote, Sidney	25	27	24
86.	E. M. Stanton, Haller City .....	..	..	10
87.	J. A. Winslow, South Tacoma.....	19	23	20
88.	Gen. Lander, Farmington	18	15	19
89.	John Buford, Everett	22	31	21
90.	Col. Cross, Shelton	21	21	12
92.	D. Chaplain, Coupeville	13	..	13
93.	Gen. Rusk, Davenport	10	19	18
94.	N. B. Page, Mission	11	14	18
95.	L. P. Plummer, New Whatcom.....	25	33	37
96.	Gen. Ewing, North Bend.....	14	10	22
97.	W. T. Sherman, Burlington.....	..	17	18
98.	J. M. Corse, Colville .....	..	..	10
	Total	2,242	2,356	2,372

RELATIVE STRENGTH OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Dec. 1883.....	427	Dec. 1888.....	1358	June, 1893.....	2793
" 1884.....	824	" 1889.....	1742	Dec., 1893.....	2580
" 1885.....	886	" 1890.....	2512	" 1894.....	2490
" 1886.....	690	" 1891.....	2706	" 1895.....	2314
" 1887.....	1046	" 1892.....	2638	" 1896.....	2242
		December, 1897.....	2356.		
		December, 1898.....	2372.		

TABLE OF GAINS AND LOSSES DETAILED.

	Term Ending June 30, 1898.	Term Ending Dec. 31, 1898.
<i>Gain—</i>		
By muster	106	63
By transfer	50	31
By reinstatement	80	47
Total	236	141—377
<i>Losses—</i>		
By death	21	20
By discharge	7	3
By transfer	39	21
By suspension	91	191
Total	158	235—393
In good standing December 31, 1897.....		2,081
Loss to June 30, 1898.....		33
Good standing June 30, 1898.....		2,048
Gain to December 31, 1898.....		314
Good standing December 31, 1898.....		2,362

The loss to our organization by suspension for non-payment of dues is becoming serious. It is respectfully suggested that some action be taken at this time to check the evil. It is no greater with us than in other Departments—in fact, not so bad as in many—but something should be done now, and take advantage of the patriotic wave now on high tide throughout the land.

The general health and tone of the membership is good, and leads to much encouragement for the future.

It has been my desire and endeavor to bring headquarters—by correspondence—into close touch with every Post and the members of every Post so far as possible, and I think the result justifies the effort.

Four Posts in the Department show a membership under 10 each; forty-five show over 10 and under 25; nineteen show over 25 and under 50; seven show over 50 and under 150; three show over 150 and under 200; one gave 227 on December 31, 1898, and at this date shows 265.

Death has claimed 41 during the year, reports showing a loss of 21 in the first and 20 in the last half.

The following order was found on the books of the Department:

(Copy of Order.)

WALLA WALLA, WASH., April 20, 1898.

To All Unto Whom These Presents Come:

GREETING—I do hereby in conformity with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic and by virtue of the authority in me vested, change the name of J. Parsons Post No. 11 to that of David Ford Post No. 11.

(Signed) JOHN F. McLEAN, Dept. Commander.
Official: E. H. NIXON, Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.

(Seal.)

This action does not appear to have been promulgated in General Orders, and it is suggested that the Encampment take such action as may be deemed proper, to quiet the confusion now existing regarding the correct name of said Post No. 11.

Attention is called to an evil which has grown to large proportions in this Department.

An act of the state Legislature, approved January 27, 1890, makes it a misdemeanor to wear the Grand Army badge or button except by those in good standing in the order, and imposes the usual penalties of such misdemeanor by fine and imprisonment.

This matter was referred to in General Order No. 4, dated October 14, 1898, but inquiries continue to come in, asking if the wrong can't be righted.

The Department of Missouri wrote to learn if we had such a law, and if so, to kindly furnish them a copy, which was done.

You can see the little emblem of honor daily on persons who have not been inside the order for twenty years, and to protect the reputation of all honorable Grand Army men the other class should be taught a lesson by the service of a warrant.

Section 11, article 2, chapter 2 of the Rules and Regulations permits Departments to authorize Posts to have "resident and non-resident" members—commonly known as Picket Posts.

If this authority rests with the Commander or comes from the Encampment, is an open question, but the time has arrived when such action should be had from some source. The outlying country Posts are becoming too weak and feeble to hold together much longer, and in order to keep all the old soldiers who battled for the Union in good standing in the Grand Army, it is urged that proper steps be at once taken to establish such Posts in the charge of some one of their number as a Sergeant. In this connection, I take pleasure in stating that Picket Post No. 1 has been established at Snoqualmie, in King county, under the charge of Gen. Ewing Post No. 96 at Issaquah. This Picket has a membership of thirteen men, who have paid into the home Post the sum of \$4.40.

Eight General Orders have been received from National Headquarters, and nine have been issued from this Department. All have been promptly mailed to every Post under the command, and in case of the latter, they have also been sent in exchange to nearly all Eastern Departments, furnished to the field and staff officers, and have also been sent to many private and public institutions and persons throughout the state and nation.

The neat and carefully arranged Journal of the Sixteenth Annual Encampment was received from my worthy predecessor, Col. E. H. Nixon, in September, 1898, and has been, together with the roster of 1899, sent to every Post in the Department.

All required blanks and forms necessary for the transaction of business among the Posts have been transmitted in proper time.

Comrades, you are a lingering portion of that Grand Army of Freemen which gathered from the Northland to do battle for free institutions and a free people. From mountains and valleys, and from home and fireside, you went forth to duty at your country's call, and now you have once more gathered together at this, our Seventeenth Annual Encampment, to be reminded of the dangers of the battlefield—of the weary marches—of the exposures and hardships—the imprisonment and escape—of the flight with the North star in front and the bloodhound's wild

howl in the rear—of the grand review and muster out. You have left peaceful, happy homes in a reunited country, to keep fresh the remembrance of those eventful days. You meet in a spirit of fraternity to renew old friendships born of the carnage of battle and hardships, and to recall the days when we participated with each other in the dangers and the sacrifices of a patriotic service—to gaze with melancholy interest on our thinning ranks, and our snowy locks and tottering steps.

As we thus come once more together, let us in charity draw more closely heart to heart, and in a spirit of loyalty renew our devotion to country and our country's flag.

In conclusion, Commander Tibbetts, allow me to thank you for the confidence which prompted you to select me for the important, responsible and dual positions under your command, and to express my gratitude for the uniform support and kindly courtesy extended during the campaign now about to close, and to all the comrades from every Post, you, too, have my warmest thanks for the kind words and brotherly greeting received at your hands, and as we depart from this Seventeenth Annual Encampment, may peace and prosperity be ours to the end of life's campaign.

Your brother in the bonds of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
S. W. CLARK, A. A. G.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.
SEATTLE, June 20, 1899.

To Gen. George W. Tibbetts, Department Commander, G. A. R.:

COMRADE—In compliance with the rules and regulations of our organization, I herewith submit a report, showing the business transacted in this office during the term of your administration.

TOTAL OF ALL MONEYS RECEIVED.

From my predecessor	\$ 288.90
Per capita tax, first quarter.....	493.40
Per capita tax, second quarter.....	469.20

Charter fee, Post 98.....	10.00
For supplies, first quarter	48.60
For supplies, second quarter	83.39
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Total, all sources	\$1,393.49

TOTAL MONEYS DISBURSED.

Salary account	\$ 400.00
Appropriated Commander	150.00
Printing Journal	106.60
Postage for the year	71.77
For printing	70.84
For supplies	69.07
Tax National Headquarters	60.02
Expense Department Headquarters	23.10
Miscellaneous—Office, etc.....	52.09
Cash balance	390.00
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Total	\$1,393.49
From predecessor	\$ 288.90
To successor	390.00
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Net gain for year	\$ 101.10

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Received from predecessor	\$ 110.08
Received from purchase	69.07
Profit	31.26
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Total	\$ 210.41
Supplies sold	\$ 131.99
Supplies on hand	78.42
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Total	\$ 210.41

CONSOLIDATED REPORTS OF POST QUARTERMASTERS FOR TERM ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1898.*Receipts--*

Balance last report	\$ 966.60
Receipts, all sources	2,441.68
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	\$3,408.28

Disbursed—

For per capita tax	\$ 444.40
For all other sources	1,800.92
	\$2,245.32
Cash on hand	\$1,162.96

RELIEF FUND.

On hand last report	\$ 318.47
Received	78.48
	Total
	\$ 396.95

VALUE OF POST PROPERTY.

Cash balance	\$ 1,162.96
Relief fund	396.95
Real estate	5,740.00
Furniture, flags, etc.....	4,868.65
	Total value Post property
	\$12,168.56

Attention is called to the furniture and records belonging to the Department, and now stored in the hands of the A. Q. M. G. Soon after the incoming of the present administration there was sent to me from Tacoma, by Comrade Embry, a quantity of records, amounting to 1,530 pounds. These records are still in my possession. The Council of Administration were asked for permission to overhaul the same, with a view of caring for the valuables in some condensed form, and destroying the worthless, if any such were found. Some members of the Council objected to any destruction whatever, so they have remained, but the time has come when some action is imperative. The value of these records has come down to us from a former generation as \$62.52. Aside from the valuable portion of the papers for future reference, they are not believed to be worth more than a nominal sum. In this connection, I would do violence to my convictions should I fail to suggest that the time is near at hand, if indeed not already here, when the records of this Department should have a permanent resting place. The Commander, from whatever section selected, could have "headquarters in the saddle," as is now the case, but the records, now bulky and cumbersome, expensive to transport and expensive to house, should be in some place, in charge of a comrade, who could examine on proper request, and furnish information to any inquiry made.

This is a matter, however, not in the scope of this office to discuss, except calling attention thereto.

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

S. W. CLARK, A. Q. M. General.

The special committee on report of Council of Administration made the following report:

To the Commander and Comrades Department of Washington and Alaska:

Your special committee to whom was referred the report of the Council of Administration beg leave to report: That your committee believe that the laws of the Grand Army of the Republic creating the Council of Administration makes it the duty of that body to thoroughly investigate all records and accounts of the A. A. General and the A. Q. M. General, and to become thoroughly acquainted with the resources of the Department, and the relation of its disbursements to its revenue; and as that Council is composed of comrades selected because of their integrity and experience, by the votes of delegates of the G. A. R. in convention assembled, it would be presumptuous, to say the least, for a hastily appointed committee to attempt to go through the work of said Council. So far as this Department is concerned, the report of the Council of Administration is a finality unless changed by the Department delegates in convention assembled. Your committee on report of Council of Administration therefore ask that they be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. SEE.

A. GARL.

The recommendation in the A. A. G.'s report regarding the name of Post No. 11 received action by a vote of the Encampment to the effect that J. Parsons Post No. 11 shall hereafter be known as David B. Ford Post of same number.

At 4 p. m. Comrade Gandy, of Post No. 8, moved the Encampment adjourn to 9 a. m. Thursday, which motion prevailed.

MORNING SESSION, THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1899.

Encampment opened with prayer by Department Chaplain.

Records of Wednesday, the 21st, read and approved.

The Assistant Adjutant General reported that E. M. Stanton Post No. 86, Haller City, had submitted their report and paid the dues and had been reinstated since commencement of this Encampment, and on motion Comrade A. L. Blair was seated as a delegate from said Post.

Holmes, of Stevens No. 1, moved that the election of officers be made special order for 2 p. m. Laid on table.

Street, of No. 1, was appointed to act as Junior Vice Commander during the absence of Comrade Bradley, of Pacific Post No. 48.

The following resolutions were submitted by the committee on the death of Commander-in-Chief Gen. James A. Sexton:

Your special committee appointed to draft resolutions upon the death of our Commander-in-Chief, Comrade James A. Sexton, report as follows:

WHEREAS, It is with deep sorrow that we are compelled to announce to this Encampment the death of our Commander-in-Chief, James A. Sexton, who died at Washington, D. C., February 5th, 1899; therefore be it

Resolved, By the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R., that in the death of our departed comrade the Grand Army of the Republic has lost not only its honored chief, but a gallant soldier, a true and patriotic citizen and a faithful comrade.

Resolved, That we especially deplore his untimely death, coming as it did in the discharge of the important duty to which he had been assigned by the President of the United States as a member of the commission to investigate the conduct of our late war with Spain, to which he devoted himself with such marked fidelity. Like a faithful soldier, he died at his post in the service of his country.

Resolved, That the sympathy of this Encampment is extended to his bereaved wife and family in that affliction, which time alone can soothe.

Resolved, That an engrossed copy of these resolutions be for-

warded to the widow of our deceased Commander, and that they also be spread upon the Journal of this Encampment.

J. W. LANGLEY,

J. K. GROVER,

RICHARD BRADLEY,

Special Committee.

These resolutions being before the Encampment for action, appropriate remarks were made by Comrades Young, of Stevens No. 1; Smith, of Farragut No. 15, and J. W. Langley, of Miller No. 31, said:

Commander and Comrades:

Comrade James A. Sexton was well and favorably known in Grand Army circles before I had the honor to know him personally. I think I first met him at the Illinois Encampment in 1883—the first meeting of that body I attended after the reorganization of the order on its present lines, in the state of its origin. He was a member of the Chicago delegation, and through his wise counsel, fraternal spirit and practical common sense became a potent factor in determining the future policies of the order.

Then a moderate sized court room was ample to accommodate the Encampment, that for more than fifteen years since has crowded the largest halls in the larger cities of the states with its annual meetings, and still represents a constituency of more than 50,000 veteran soldiers.

I met him afterwards at every Department Encampment until I came to Washington in 1890. For a number of years we chanced to be thrown together on the same committees, where I always found him an earnest and efficient worker. For three years I was chairman of what we there called the Visiting Board of the Soldiers' Home located at Quincy, consisting of twenty-five members well distributed throughout the state, of which Comrade Sexton was always one, and although a man of large business affairs, he cheerfully responded to every call of the board, traveling by night from his home in Chicago to Quincy, devoting himself the next day to a thorough inspection of the affairs of the Home and conferring with the management as to methods of enlarging its utilities, that it might become in fact as well as in name an asylum where the weary veteran could find rest, comfort and support in his march towards the

sunset of life. It would be no disparagement of the work of other zealous champions of that institution to say that to Comrade Sexton is largely due the fact that Illinois has today the largest and most delightfully located State Home in the Union, and no visitor at its threshold was more cordially welcome.

Under President Lincoln's first call for troops Comrade Sexton, at the age of seventeen years, enlisted as a private in the 19th Illinois infantry for three months, at the end of which time he re-enlisted in the 67th infantry, an emergency regiment, for a like period of three months, and was commissioned and mustered first lieutenant of Company E. In August, 1862, he was commissioned and mustered captain of Company D of the 72d infantry for a period of three years or during the war. It was in this regiment that the boy captain consecrated his young manhood to a faithful service of his imperiled country, and the history of his command from the time it struck hostile territory until the last gun of the rebellion was silenced at the siege and capture of Mobile, including in its scope operations in all the Southern states whose shores are washed by the Father of Waters, memorable among which were the battles of Yazoo Pass, Milliken's Bend, Vicksburg, Champion Hills, Natchez, back again to Tennessee fighting Hood at Franklin, then at Nashville, where under the lead of the unconquerable Thomas the regiment, then in command of the gallant Sexton, helped to eliminate from the problem of war as brave and, next to Lee's, the strongest army of the rebellion, in all recording an estimated march of over 9,000 miles, and incurring a loss in killed, wounded and death from disease of 346 men and officers, gave evidence of the fidelity with which its brave members fulfilled their oaths of enlistment.

Surely the 72d was one of the fighting and suffering regiments of the war, and to be linked in history with its perils and achievements is a richer legacy, and more honorable, with which to endow the family of our deceased comrade than the perishable accumulations of his long years of business success.

Comrade Sexton had barely entered upon the duties of his high office of Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. when President McKinley appointed him, with other veterans of the civil war, North and South, to inquire into the truth or falsity of the many serious charges of official delinquencies touching the war with Spain, so vehemently emphasized through the press, from the rostrum and the hustings. It is not probable that any competent commission the President could have chosen, for a duty so deli-

cate and responsible, would have stopped the clamor of those whose desire to embarrass the administration was paramount to the demands of patriotism, or respect for truth, but as the charges largely affected the interests and welfare of our brave young volunteers, what action of the President could have been more appropriate than to make his selections from those older volunteers who had learned the art of war, its dangers and its necessities, in the dear school of experience? I believe the country generally thought the commission was wisely chosen and wholly free from any just suspicion of bias or favoritism towards those charged with official misconduct, and when we reflect that its members represented all shades of political belief, that their deliberations were harmonious and their report unanimous, we must conclude that, as men, they were intellectually large enough and morally brave enough to subordinate every suggestion of partisan advantage to the higher considerations of public duty, and judging from the abridgment of their report as published, it is obvious the commission conscientiously observed the injunction of President McKinley to spare no one, high or low. It is to be regretted that a document of such historic interest lacks the signature of our deceased comrade, who so diligently aided to gather the facts it recites and the conclusions it formulates, but he passed over just before the paper was entirely completed; yet who can doubt that he would have signed with his colleagues, even in the chamber of death, conscious that the last eventful act of his life was in the line of duty to his country and to his God?

Comrade Sexton was a most manly man; tall and erect, with large head well poised above his broad shoulders, he presented an ideal military form, and his strong physique gave promise of great endurance and long life. His social qualities were equally pronounced. He was a fountain of humor and the soul of good fellowship. His mind was a rich storehouse of reminiscence and story, while his heart was as tender as that of a woman and his sympathies quite as responsive. In that vast concourse of humanity assembled to witness his obsequies at Chicago were many widows and orphans of deceased soldiers who had felt the ministering hand of Comrade Sexton in their hours of grief and want, and their silent tears before his open grave bore mute testimony of love for their noble friend and generous benefactor. Yet with all his great qualities of head and heart our comrade carried his civic and military honors with such gracious manliness before his friends and countrymen that his recurring promotions ex-

cited in him no spasm of vanity or served to remove him one step from the plane of our common brotherhood.

The death of our late chief at the meridian of life will be deplored not alone by his stricken family and troops of friends, but by the fast receding survivors of the mighty hosts that bore the standards of the republic through four years of relentless war to preserve the unity and strength of the nation, a blessing to mankind for the generations and ages to come.

“There is a tear for all that die,
A mourner o'er the humblest grave,
But nations swell the funeral cry
And Triumph weeps above the brave.”

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Encampment.

The members of the Encampment here listened with interest to remarks from Comrade O. B. Johnson, of Seattle, who has long been an invalid.

Comrade Martin, chairman of the committee to visit the W. R. C., made his report, and Comrade A. S. Cole made a minority report, but the latter was referred to a committee on obituary.

A delegation from the Sons of Veterans was here admitted and welcomed by Commander Tibbetts in a short, well-timed address, and was responded to by E. W. Young for the Sons, with forceful words of patriotic eloquence and loyal support for the Grand Army.

Loyal words of greeting also came from each member of the delegation, after which Comrade S. F. Street, as chairman for the Encampment committee, responded and returned thanks for the loyal support promised.

Proceedings were here interrupted by the receipt of the following request:

Commander:

You have in your guard house five Sons of Veterans under command of Col. Young. Will you please discharge them immediately, that they may return to their wives and sweethearts, the W. R. C., who are waiting to receive the Sons of Veterans at their hall, Masonic Temple.

Attest: W. T. CAVENAUGH, Commander.

The young men were promptly released and escorted to the outpost under a guard of honor.

Moved by Comrade Scott, of Sedgwick Post No. 8, that a committee of three be appointed to invite the National President of the W. R. C. to visit us, and the Commander appointed Scott of No. 8, Taylor of No. 6, and Wiestling of No. 1 as such committee.

The hour of 11 a. m. having arrived, the "regular order" was taken up, and the recommendations made in the report of the Council of Administration were debated and amended to the effect that all the old property of the Department be assorted and filed, and that nothing be destroyed. As thus amended the report was adopted.

At 12 noon a delegation from the W. R. C., accompanied by Mrs. Miller, the National President, was admitted and welcomed by Commander Tibbetts.

Response for the visiting delegation was made by Mrs. Frankie Bedell, Past President of the Department W. R. C., and by Comrade Mock, of Post 48, for the G. A. R.

Mrs. Miller then entertained the Encampment with a most powerful address, being often interrupted with long continued applause from the comrades, who were enthusiastic in praise of the beautiful language and masterful eloquence of the speaker.

This was followed by an equally eloquent and brilliant speech from Comrade Bailey, of John F. Miller Post 31, on the relations of the W. R. C. to the G. A. R.

Major A. S. Cole asked the Commander to request President Miller to take the stand and shake hands with each of the comrades present, which she kindly consented to do. This pleasant ceremony being over, the Encampment adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1899.

Encampment called to order at 1:30.

The Commander announced that a camp fire for those who did not want to attend the ball would be held this evening at the Masonic Temple in addition to the one at the Armory.

The Committee on Resolutions presented their report as follows:

Your committee submit their report and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a fit recognition of the 14th day of December, 1899, which marks the completion of one hundred years since the death of George Washington, calls for the legal cessation of all avoidable labor for that day, in order that the people of this country may be left free to do honor to the memory of him who was "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Resolved, That we disapprove the action of the last Legislature of the state of Washington abolishing the school holiday upon Memorial Day, and ask that the law be at least so far modified as to require the omission of ordinary school work and either attendance upon memorial services or memorial exercises by the schools.

Resolved, That while we recognize to its fullest extent the right of American citizens to free speech, and a free discussion of all questions of public policy, we deprecate and condemn all utterances or public speech from any source whatever, which have a tendency to create dissatisfaction or discontent among our soldiers or sailors, or to invite insurrection or rebellion among the natives or inhabitants of our recently acquired possessions. We therefore regard it as our highest duty to yield respectful obedience to constituted authority, and to stand unhesitatingly by the flag of our country wherever it floats. We and the men for whom we speak have faith in the wisdom, patriotism and fidelity of Comrade McKinley, and we have no fear that from any act of his imperialism or militarism will ever be imposed upon the American people. We feel the same pride in the righteous and glorious deeds of our army and navy in the recent war with Spain, and the present war with the insurgents in the Philippine Islands, as we felt in the splendid achievements

of the immortal Farragut and the dauntless bravery of the boys in blue, as we beheld our flag triumphant at Vicksburg, at Gettysburg, on Mission Ridge and Appomattox. We look upon the resistless march of our heroic army in our Philippine possessions as the vanguard of that civilization which has made us free men. The triumph of our flag in those islands means the reign of human liberty. It is the sure guarantee of freedom of the individual in place of the enforced servility to irresponsible and heartless rulers. It also means free self-government for those people at the earliest moment they are fit for its exercise.

Resolved, That we desire to express our high appreciation of the cordial reception given to the Encampment by the people and city government of Seattle and their generous gifts and cooperation in making it a success, and we desire especially to call attention to the free use of Hotel Diller as headquarters during the past year, as well as many other courtesies by the proprietor and manager, and our heartfelt thanks are due and tendered to the committees and their co-workers for their faithful and patriotic efforts which have accomplished so much for the comfort and enjoyment of the occasion.

Your committee feel constrained to report adversely the resolution offered by Comrade Ballinger urging the enlargement of Grand Army rules to admit to membership soldiers of the recent war with Spain, and also upon the resolution looking to the reduction of per capita dues in this Department.

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

W. H. MOCK,

A. WOODWORTH,

WM. DOMRESE,

LYMAN E. KNAPP,

H. H. WOLFE,

Committee.

The following report was received from the W. R. C. Department and was ordered printed in the journal of regular proceedings:

Mr. George W. Tibbetts, Department Commander, G. A. R.:

DEAR SIR—The Department of Washington and Alaska, Woman's Relief Corps, now assembled in Fourteenth Annual Convention, extend to the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic greetings, and submit to you

the following report of our membership, financial standing and amount of relief extended during the year ending June 20, 1899.

Number Corps in Department	45
Number members in good standing	1,177
Number members gained by charter.....	80
Lost by death	7
Comrades and their families assisted.....	293
Number of members of W. R. C. assisted.....	48
Cash expended by Corps for relief.....\$	449.13
Value, other than money, expended for relief.....	553.25
Cash turned over to Posts	304.41
Emergency fund for Spanish-American—	
Cash for hospital supplies, nurses, etc.....	151.80
Value, other than money	207.45
Memorial Day South—Cash sent	24.50
National Council Women's Fund—Cash sent.....	16.16
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Totals	\$1,706.70
Balance in Relief Fund of Corps.....\$	352.32
Balance in General Fund of Corps.....	1,459.01
Balance in Emergency Fund of Corps.....	193.18
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Balance in all funds of Corps.....	\$1,905.51

Knowing the efforts of the Woman's Relief Corps are appreciated, we again renew our pledges to you who rank as the noblest soldier organization on earth, realizing that the mission of our order will enlarge and the demands for our work become more imperative as the veterans of the war of '61-'65 advance in years. We declare ourselves enlisted in this cause of holy charity so long as a veteran of the Union army, his widow or orphan shall need the helping hand of woman.

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

CLARA S. TAYLOR,
Department President, W. R. C.

The Encampment then proceeded to the election of officers, and the following comrades were placed in nomination for the office of Department Commander: Geo. B. Lane, G. H. Thomas Post No. 5; A. S. Cole, J. B. Steadman Post No. 24; W. J. Alexander, Com. Foote Post No. 84; F. T. Taylor, Custer Post No. 6; J. W. Langley, J. F. Miller Post No. 31.

Comrades Foote of No. 31, See of No. 68, Kinnear of No. 1, McNeal of No. 11, were appointed tellers.

First ballot—257 votes were cast; necessary for a choice, 130, of which W. J. Alexander received 12, Taylor received 19, Lane received 70, Langley received 74, Cole received 81, blank 1.

No choice and second ballot ordered. Comrades Taylor and Alexander withdrew their names.

Second ballot—249 votes cast; necessary to choice, 125, of which Comrade Lane received 50, Langley received 99, Cole received 100.

No choice and third ballot ordered, when Comrade Lane thanked the comrades and withdrew from the contest.

Third ballot—Number of votes cast, 245; necessary for a choice, 123, of which Comrade Lane received 1 vote, Cole received 122, Langley received 123.

Commander Tibbetts declared J. W. Langley elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

On motion of Comrade Cole, and seconded by Lane, Comrade Langley was declared the unanimous choice of this Encampment and he was escorted to the platform by said Cole and Lane.

Nominations for Senior Vice Commander were called for, when Comrade Wm. A. Inman, of Post No. 19, and Comrade J. H. Coffman, of Post No. 17, were nominated. The latter declined, and on motion of Snyder, of Custer No. 6, the rules were suspended and the A. A. G. directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade W. A. Inman, which being done, the Commander announced his election for the office of Senior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Similar action being ordered for the remaining positions to be filled the following comrades were duly declared elected to fill the respective stations named:

Junior Vice Commander—R. B. Scott, of Sedgwick Post No. 8.

Medical Director—Dr. B. R. Freeman, of J. L. Reno Post No. 47.

Chaplain—Rev. C. D. Spencer, Washington Post No. 52.

Council of Administration—T. M. Young, Stevens Post No. 1; Geo. B. Lane, G. H. Thomas Post No. 5; J. J. See, Gen. Emory

Post No. 68; M. C. Cole, J. B. Steadman Post No. 24; W. H. Wiscombe, J. L. Reno Post No. 47.

Delegates to National Encampment—At Large: J. R. Grover, Sedgwick Post No. 8.

Byron Phelps, J. F. Miller Post No. 31; D. F. Decatur, D. A. Russell Post No. 35.

Alternates—At Large: J. Keller, Wallace Post No. 64.

J. H. Leiter, N. Lyon Post No. 19; M. C. Cole, J. B. Steadman Post No. 24.

The Encampment then proceeded to select a place for holding the next Encampment, and invitations were received from the following places: From Whatcom, through the Mayor; from Pullman, through the Mayor and Clerk; from Ellensburg, by Comrade McNeal; from Vancouver, by Comrade Goss; from Tacoma, by Comrade Boardman; from Seattle, by Comrade Street; from Centralia, by Department Chaplain.

The first ballot resulted in 207 votes being cast; necessary for a choice, 104, of which Tacoma received 63, Ellensburg 51, Pullman 23, Seattle 14, Whatcom 43, and Centralia 13. No choice; and on motion of Comrade Boardman, of Custer No. 6, Ellensburg was selected as the place for holding the Eighteenth Encampment.

Mock, of No. 48, was detailed to notify the W. R. C. of such selection, and Dr. Young, of No. 1, to perform a similar duty to the S. of V.

Invitation was sent the W. R. C. to unite in joint installation at Masonic Temple at 7:30, and adjourned to that place and hour.

EVENING SESSION.

Comrade Watkins, of Pacific Post No. 48, announced that the Iowa delegation would meet at the Diller hotel at 8 o'clock.

Kincade, of No. 11, moved that a book be procured, so arranged that comrades can register on separate pages. Motion lost.

Young, of No. 1, moved the Department send greetings to the Washington regiment in the Philippines.

Young, McNeal and Snyder were appointed such committee, and they submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the soldierly greetings of the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R., be sent to our soldiers, many of whom are our sons—the soldiers of 1861-65 to the soldiers of 1898-99—in recognition of the gallant services they have rendered and in memory of the brave ones who have fallen.

T. M. YOUNG.
C. S. McNEAL.
C. W. SNYDER.

Brown, of No. 31, moved a vote of thanks be extended to the citizens' committee of Seattle, who helped to make this Encampment a success. Carried.

Lane, of committee on Judge Advocate's and Medical Director's reports, presented a minority report.

Moved by Wiscombe, of No. 47, that the Department pay the expenses of the Chaplain to the Encampment. Carried.

Comrade Thad. Smith, of Farragut Post No. 15, moved that the Department drape its charter in memory of Comrade A. J. Smith, of Reno Post 47, and former Assistant Adjutant General of this Department, and that the same be promulgated in Order No. 1 by Department Commander Langley. Carried.

By vote of the Encampment the A. A. G. was instructed to have a typewritten copy of the proceedings made at the expense of the Department.

The outgoing administration was directed to have 500 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of this Encampment printed.

By vote of the Encampment the minutes of these proceedings were approved.

The Encampment of the G. A. R. and Convention of the W. R. C. then proceeded to the installation of officers, when Department Commander Geo. W. Tibbetts for the former, and Mrs. Flo. Jamison Miller, National President of the W. R. C., for the latter, installed the following officers:

For the Grand Army—

J. W. Langley, Seattle, Commander.
W. A. Inman, Pomeroy, Senior Vice Commander.
R. B. Scott, Spokane, Junior Vice Commander.
B. R. Freeman, Spokane, Medical Director.
C. D. Spencer, Centralia, Chaplain.

For the W. R. C.—

Mrs. Anna Webster, President, Seattle.
Emily Chambers, Senior Vice President, North Yakima.
Mary Koontz, Junior Vice President, Toledo.
Mary B. Gardner, Treasurer, Seattle.
Jerusha P. Blackburn, Chaplain, Vashon.

Executive Board—Anna June, Tacoma; Julia W. Leavitt, Tacoma; E. M. Houser, Mount Vernon; Delia Chamberlain, Ballard; Lida McKercher, Seattle.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, and the work performed and perfected in fraternal good fellowship, the Seventeenth Annual Encampment, Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, adjourned without date.

S. W. CLARK,
Assistant Adjutant General.

APPENDIX NO I.

IN MEMORIAM.

Deaths reported June 30, 1898.

Post	NAME	Co	Reg	State	Date
No. 1	William Leuter.....	C	1	Mo.	June 4, 1898
" 2	J. L. Paulson	G	178	Ohio	April 14, 1898
" 4	W. H. Garden.....	K	87	Indiana	June 18, 1898
" 8	O. E. Tozier	A	9	Neb.	June 11, 1898
" 18	J. A. Glover	H	2	Cal.	Jan. 12, 1898
" 35	John T. Mason.....				March 18, 1898
" 42	Philip Rhoobachee.....	K	47	N. Y.	Jan. 28, 1898
" 45	Chester Woodworth...	K	52	Wis.	Dec. 30, 1897
" 47	Patrick Darcy.....	B	16	N. Y.	March 16, 1898
" 47	Demick Stone.....	A	100	Ohio	.....
" 47	J. W. Fieghan	K	83	Indiana	May 28, 1898
" 54	E. W. Boggs	G	2	Cal. Cav.	April 5, 1898
" 62	G. W. Stewart.....	E	12	Kan.	April
" 68	Daniel Curry.....		19	Indiana	.....
" 70	W. L. Root	K	43	Wis.	Feb. 8, 1898
" 72	Edward Riley.....	A	3	Indiana	Jan. 26, 1898
" 80	Wm. J. Daly.....	B	17	Minn.	March 5, 1898
" 82	Cyrus Sweet	G	112	Ill.	.....
" 84	.....				.....
" 87	J. S. F. Bates				May 4, 1898
" 96	Milton Smith	H	9	Kan.	March 5, 1898

APPENDIX NO. II.

IN MEMORIAM.

Deaths reported December 31, 1898.

Post	NAME	Co	Reg	State	Date
No. 1	Henry S. Keen	B	6	Wis. Bt.	July 12, 1898
" 2	.....				.....
" 6	G. W. Thompson.....	C	8	Ill. Cav.	Aug. 22, 1898
" 8	James Smith.....	D	10	U. S. Inf.	Sept. 7, 1898
" 8	H. L. Gilbert	E	3	Minn.	Dec. 31, 1898
" 10	Henry Herring		7	Mich.	Aug. 17, 1898
" 15	Rutz Gallus, Asst. Surg ...		15	Mo.	Oct. 25, 1898
" 35	S. W. Young.....	B	8	Maine	May 22, 1898
" 41	S. E. Blair.....				Sept. 19, 1898
" 41	Ira Doty				Dec. 3, 1898
" 47	W. J. Flemming	H	6	Mass.	Sept. 23, 1898
" 48	B. W. Johnson.....	A	71	Pa.	Dec. 14, 1898
" 54	Thos McGowen	B	6	Mich. C.	Dec. 2, 1898
" 60	C. W. Travice	B	36	Ill.	Nov. 13, 1898
" 69	M. Moran.....	H	71	N. Y.	Nov. 19, 1898
" 70	C. Whitbeck.	B	16	Mich.	Dec. 19, 1898
" 74	Isaiah Jones .....				.....
" 75	Henry Signer	G	47	Pa.	Dec. 4, 1898
" 82	Henry Sthyl.....	G	156	Onio	Nov. 6, 1898
" 93	J. F. Milliken.....	C	38	Wis.	Oct. 6, 1898

APPENDIX NO. III.

On call of States, showing where comrades were born and the Regimental Organizations in which they served, the following results appeared:

State.	Born.	Organizations.
Maine	13	6
New Hampshire	2	3
Vermont	10	4
Massachusetts	6	5
Connecticut	5	1
Rhode Island .....	..	..
New York	43	16
New Jersey	5	3
Pennsylvania	26	16
Delaware	1	..
Maryland	1	..
Virginia	1	..
West Virginia	1	..
South Carolina	1	..
Alabama	1	..
Texas	1	..
Tennessee	2	..
Kentucky	5	..
Ohio	43	15
Indiana	19	16
Michigan	4	7
Illinois	21	47
Wisconsin	4	32
Iowa	6	29
Minnesota .....	..	21
Missouri	3	18
Arkansas .....	..	..
District of Columbia .....	..	1
Kansas .....	..	5
California .....	..	2
Oregon .....	..	2
Washington .....	..	..
Nebraska .....	..	1
Colorado .....	..	1
Navy .....	..	5

The Register at Headquarters shows the names of "nine hundred and seventy" comrades present, giving the residence and military service of each.

The encampment was the largest ever held in the State, and no doubt none will ever exceed it; and it is gratifying to know that during the entire time nothing but the best of Fraternal harmony prevailed, and no accident occurred at any time to cast a shadow over the reunion of the comrades.

I cannot omit to say that personally for myself, and for the Headquarters, all are indebted to Comrade Geo. H. Boardman, of Custer Post No. 6, for the energetic and painstaking manner in which he performed the duties of Acting Assistant Adjutant General in keeping the record of Proceedings through the entire session of the encampment.

S. W. CLARK,
Late A. A. General.

APPENDIX NO. IV.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

SEATTLE, July 8, 1898.

Owing to errors found in the information furnished these headquarters, regarding the names of comrades elected at the late Encampment, and used in promulgating General Order No. 1, this supplemental order is issued and will be used in lieu thereof.

SUPPLEMENTAL TO GENERAL ORDER NO. 1.

I. At the Sixteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Walla Walla on the 14th, 15th and 16th of June, 1898, the following comrades were elected and duly installed as follows, to-wit:

Commander—George W. Tibbetts, Stevens Post No. 1, Issaquah.

Senior Vice Commander—D. C. Ely, Union Post No. 70, Chewelah.

Junior Vice Commander—D. T. Welch, J. J. Lewis Post No. 37, Asotin.

Medical Director—Dr. B. R. Freeman, Gen. J. L. Reno Post No. 47, Spokane.

Chaplain—C. D. Spencer, Washington Post No. 52, Centralia.

Council of Administration—J. T. Goss, Ellsworth Post No. 2, Vancouver; M. C. Cole, J. B. Steadman Post No. 24, New Whatcom; George B. Lane, G. H. Thomas Post No. 5, Olympia; T. M. Young, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle; W. H. Wiscombe, Gen. J. L. Reno Post No. 47, Spokane.

Delegates to the National Encampment—At Large, H. H. Wolfe, A. Sully Post No. 3, Dayton; A. S. Cole, J. B. Steadman Post No. 24, New Whatcom; J. R. Kinnear, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle.

Alternates—At Large, S. K. Hull, McDowell Post No. 22, Pomeroy; Lyman E. Knapp, John F. Miller Post No. 31, Seattle; Philip Hiltz, G. H. Thomas Post No. 5, Olympia.

II. The following Staff appointments are hereby announced:

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General—S. W. Clark, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle.

Inspector—John H. Leiter, N. Lyon Post No. 19, Colfax.

Judge Advocate—Lyman E. Knapp, John F. Miller Post No. 31, Seattle.

Chief Mustering Officer—R. B. Scott, Sedgwick Post No. 8, Spokane.

Chief of Staff—Lyman Banks, John F. Miller Post No. 31, Seattle.

Senior Aide-de-Camp—J. T. Goss, Ellsworth Post No. 2, Vancouver.

Junior Aide-de-Camp—W. J. Goode, Lynch Post No. 42, Lynden.

III. Headquarters are hereby established in Seattle, Washington, and communications should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, P. O. Box 1096.

IV. Post Commanders will forward the name of a suitable comrade to be designated as Aid to the Department Commander.

V. In assuming charge of the Department, the Commander desires to congratulate the comrades on the splendid condition in which the late officers, by reason of their energy and untiring zeal, have kept this Department where it stands today, as one of

the first in the National Organization for work in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty; and it is especially gratifying to know that in this crisis in national affairs the veterans of both armies stand hand to hand and heart to heart in upholding our glorious old flag and in maintaining the honor of a united people.

By command of

GEORGE W. TIBBETTS, Department Commander.

Official:

S. W. CLARK, Assistant Adjutant General.

APPENDIX NO. V.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

SEATTLE, August 9, 1898.

GENERAL ORDERS—No. 2.

I. The following additional appointments on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected according to rank:

Special Aides in charge of Military Instruction and Patriotic Exercises in Public Schools—Chief, Daniel Calkins, A. Sully Post No. 3; H. C. Thompson, McDowell Post No. 22.

Department Color Bearer—M. V. Mills, Stevens Post No. 1.

Aides-de-Camp on Department Staff—W. C. Hawthorne, Stevens Post No. 1; James A. Snodgrass, Ellsworth Post No. 2; J. H. Gough, Sully Post No. 3; E. W. Elliott, Lincoln Post No. 4; Geo. B. Lane, G. H. Thomas Post No. 5; M. P. Kelley, Custer Post No. 6; T. B. Mitchell, Phil. Kearney Post No. 7; J. M. Comstock, Sedgwick Post No. 8; Anthony Nash, Farragut Post No. 15; William Westcoat, J. A. Logan Post No. 16; C. C. Field, L. C. Ladd Post No. 17; O. C. Currier, Larrabee Post No. 18; D. B. Messenger, McDowell Post No. 22; Capt. Jo. Dickerson, J. F. Miller Post No. 31; James M. Benson, J. J. Lewis Post No. 37; C. M. Maltby, Lynch Post No. 42; James B. Ramsey, Reno Post No. 47; H. S. Liliegar, C. M. Reed Post No. 54; P. Steinauer,

Lieut. Cushing Post No. 56; S. P. Tapping, C. A. Apperson Post No. 59; Saml. Hamilton, C. W. H. Bentley Post No. 60; B. F. Coplin, Gen. Milroy Post No. 62; Clark Whitbeck, Wallace Post No. 64; William Deutsch, Gen. Emory Post No. 68; A. M. Conner, Fremont Post No. 69; M. A. Holcomb, Washington Post No. 81; C. Troth, T. P. Price Post No. 82; W. J. Alexander, Com. Foote Post No. 84; Frank J. Call, John Buford Post No. 89; John Broyles, L. P. Plummer Post No. 95; W. H. Brunk, Gen. Ewing Post No. 96; J. L. Hutchison, W. T. Sherman Post No. 97.

The appointment of these Aids is not a mere formality, but they are expected to be active, not alone in the Post, but outside, in the vicinity where they reside, or where they go, in seeking out all old soldiers outside the organization, and bringing them to the recruiting station, and only cease the work when there shall not be one left outside the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic.

II. Attention is called to the fact that seventeen Posts have failed to send in the semi-annual reports due June 30th last, and all such delinquents are fraternally urged to not delay longer, and if they have no money in hand for the per capita tax, send the report without it, and let the tax follow when it can. The reputation of the Department is involved, and a little effort can save it from such a serious loss in numbers.

III. The Commander realizes that the success, if not the very existence, of many Posts depends upon the prosperity of our auxiliary organizations, the "Woman's Relief Corps" and the "Sons of Veterans." The one ministers most needed consolation to the sick and destitute, and the other must be relied upon to stand in the places soon to be made vacant by the comrades. You are therefore urged to lend all possible help and encouragement to those organizations.

IV. Every comrade in this Department who is entitled to a seat in the National Encampment is requested to write at once to these Headquarters and state whether or not he can be in Cincinnati at the coming meeting next month.

V. Owing to the present low rates for railroad tickets, the

companies will not sell anything but the regular straight through fare, which at this time is about \$40 for first-class and \$30 for tourist or second-class, and the same to return, but they refuse to sell any "round trips."

VI. Department Chaplain, Comrade C. D. Spencer, is found to be a member of T. P. Price Post 82, Centralia, instead of Washington Post 52, as stated in the original order.

VII. The Commander desires to congratulate the comrades on the gratifying condition of the organization in this Department. So far as returns have been received our numbers have increased in the Posts reporting, and in this respect our gain is a larger percentage than shown in the Eastern and older Departments, but our loss by Posts is most lamentable, owing almost entirely to carelessness in not taking time to get in reports. Every possible effort is being used to secure such reports from all.

By command of

GEORGE W. TIBBETTS, Department Commander.

Official:

S. W. CLARK, Assistant Adjutant General.

APPENDIX NO. VI.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
SEATTLE, August 15, 1898.

GENERAL ORDERS—No. 3.

I. The Thirty-second National Encampment Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, September 5th to 10th, 1898.

The best rates yet obtained, and the best route will be as follows: Leaving Seattle at 4 p. m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, on the Great Northern Railway on a tourist ticket for \$10 to Minneapolis, with an additional \$5 for sleeper, reaching the latter city in time to join the G. A. R. excursion train, leaving there at 7:30

p. m. on Saturday, September 3, there procuring a round-trip ticket to Cincinnati and return for \$17.50, and an additional expense of \$1.50 for double berth—two persons—on the tourist car, or \$4 for double berth on Pullman car. This excursion train is specially for G. A. R. comrades, goes through without change, and reaches Cincinnati Sunday evening on a run of one day and one night.

Sleeping car accommodations from Minneapolis must be secured at once by sending required cash to J. K. Mertz, A. A. General, No. 1117 Lumber Exchange, Minneapolis, Minn.

Return tickets must be vised in Cincinnati as directed in the railroad circular herewith enclosed.

II. This route makes the expense from Seattle about as follows:

To Minneapolis, including sleeper and meals ..	\$20.00
Returning same way	20.00
Minneapolis to Cincinnati, round trip.....	17.50
Sleeper and meals, both ways	7.50

Total expense	\$65.00
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This does not include expense while in Cincinnati, which, however, with the free accommodations furnished by the citizens may not exceed \$10 more.

III. Comrades from this Department desiring accommodations over this route must make arrangements without delay, and it is hoped that a large number may see their way clear to attend, as this Encampment bids fair to be one of the largest and most enthusiastic ever held by the "boys in blue."

By command of

GEORGE W. TIBBETTS, Department Commander.

Official:

S. W. CLARK, Assistant Adjutant General.

APPENDIX NO. VII.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

SEATTLE, October 14, 1898.

GENERAL ORDERS—No. 4.

I. The following additional appointments on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Special Aides in charge of Military Instruction and Patriotic Exercises in Public Schools—C. C. Loveland, O. M. Mitchell Post No. 30; W. H. Mock, Pacific Post No. 48; J. Conaway, Lieut. Cushing Post No. 56; William Richmond, Union Post No. 70; G. W. Sykes, E. J. Houston Post No. 75; J. B. Lacy, Gen. Rusk Post No. 93.

II. Comrade E. W. Elliott is hereby relieved from further duty at his own request, and George W. Lester, of A. Lincoln Post No. 4, is appointed in his place.

III. Post Commanders are reminded that the time for the annual inspection is at hand, and they will hold their commands prepared for a visit from the Inspector at any time, which must precede the installation of the new officers in January next.

IV. Posts not supplied with the service book of print May 1, 1897, should obtain them at once, as there are important changes in both the inspection and installation services.

V. Post Commanders will forward at once to Department Inspector J. H. Leiter, Colfax, Washington, the name of a suitable comrade to act as Assistant Inspector.

VI. The attention of Post Commanders and Quartermasters is called to the evil of persons wearing the G. A. R. badge and "Little Bronze Button" who are not entitled to that honor. While it may not be wise in these times to adhere too closely to Section 5, Article 9, Chapter 5, Rules and Regulations, yet it must not be forgotten that a law of this state, approved January 27, 1890, makes it a misdemeanor to do so, and imposes a penalty of both fine and imprisonment for such act. Quartermasters are therefore especially cautioned to not sell or otherwise dispose of them

except to well-known comrades, or to others who apply in person and show evidence of good standing in the order.

By command of

GEORGE W. TIBBETTS, Department Commander.

Official:

S. W. CLARK, Assistant Adjutant General.

APPENDIX NO. VIII.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

SEATTLE, November 23, 1898.

GENERAL ORDERS—No. 5.

I. The annual election of officers will occur in every Post in the Department at the first regular meeting in December, and comrades are urged to select active, energetic parties to fill every position in the Post, in order that the work of our organization may continue to go on as satisfactorily as at present.

II. At the same meeting, it is provided by the Rules and Regulations that Delegates and Alternates to the next Encampment shall also be selected. The ratio of representation is one Delegate and one Alternate for every twenty members in the Post, but all Posts, however small, shall have at least one Delegate and one Alternate. In selecting comrades as Delegates, the Department Commander urges that such members be elected as can give a reasonable assurance that they can and will attend the Encampment to be held in Seattle in June next, and care should be taken not to waste strength by selecting such as are already entitled to a seat therein.

III. After such election of officers and delegates, and promptly at the close of the year, December 31, 1898, the officers in every Post are fraternally asked to prepare in a careful manner the reports then due, and with the required per capita tax of twenty cents for every member in good standing, send the same

to these headquarters. If the comrades will remember that such returns must be carefully consolidated and ready to forward to National Headquarters not later than January 20, 1899, they will at once see the necessity for promptness. Make no erasures of the "red ink figures" found on the blanks heretofore sent to every Post.

Information is wanted of the postoffice address of Adam McCarty, formerly of the Sixth Kansas Cavalry.

By command of

GEORGE W. TIBBETTS, Department Commander.

Official:

S. W. CLARK, Assistant Adjutant General.

APPENDIX NO. IX.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

SEATTLE, February 7, 1899.

GENERAL ORDERS—No. 6.

I. It becomes my painful duty to announce to the Department the death of our Chief. Comrade Commander James A. Sexton died in Washington City, at 3 a. m. February 5, 1899.

II. James A. Sexton was born in Chicago January 5, 1844. Enlisted as a private in the Nineteenth Illinois Infantry April 19, 1861. Served with distinction in many commands, and was mustered out as colonel in August, 1865. As a citizen in civil life, Colonel Sexton won the esteem and enjoyed the confidence of all with whom he came in contact. He was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at Cincinnati, in September, 1898.

III. The gates to the unseen world are turning on noiseless hinges, as the lengthening muster-out-roll of the Grand Army shows, and as a mark of respect for the memory of our fallen Chief, flags will be placed at half mast and headquarters and post-

rooms in the Department suitably draped in mourning for the period of thirty days.

By command of

GEORGE W. TIBBETTS, Department Commander.

Official:

S. W. CLARK, Assistant Adjutant General.

APPENDIX NO. X.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

SEATTLE, March 14, 1899.

GENERAL ORDERS—No. 7.

I. The Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in the city of Seattle June 20 to 24, 1899.

II. Department headquarters will be at the Hotel Diller, where comrades are requested to call and obtain all necessary information from the local committees present for that purpose. The Council of Administration will meet at 2 p. m. on Tuesday, the 20th, and the Encampment will be called to order at 10 a. m. of the following day. Every effort will be made to obtain reduced rates on all railroad and steamboat lines, and from hotels, lodging houses and restaurants, in order to keep expenses at the minimum.

III. In order to insure systematic effort in the arrangement of details for the Encampment, Stevens Post No. 1, John F. Miller Post No. 31, the Woman's Relief Corps from said Posts, and the Sons of Veterans, are requested to appoint each a committee of five of their members to form a joint committee, which shall have entire charge of

- (1) The selection of suitable halls for the business sessions and for the usual camp-fire;
- (2) The selection of a suitable souvenir for the delegates;
- (3) Decorations for the streets and halls; and,

(4) Obtaining funds for expenses to be incurred in making the Encampment a credit alike to our organization and to the city of Seattle.

IV. Comrade E. C. Kilbourne, of Stevens Post No. 1, is hereby detailed as Officer of the Day. He will select his own Guards and have entire charge of the duties pertaining to that position.

V. Comrade Amos Brown, of John F. Miller Post No. 31, is hereby detailed as Marshal for the occasion. He will select his own Aides and have entire charge of the parade usual at these gatherings.

VI. Posts not having already done so, will at once send to the A. A. G. the names of all their comrades entitled to a seat and a vote in the Encampment. This will include the present Commander, all Past Department and Past Post Commanders, the Delegates and Alternates.

VII. Present indications point to the belief that the coming Encampment will be the largest held in many years, and time admonishes us it is also likely to be the largest we may ever again behold. Comrades are therefore urged to make special efforts to once more "rally round the flag" and make the occasion one of good cheer by joining in the strains of "Auld Lang Syne."

VIII. With this order is sent the Chaplain blanks for Memorial reports, which will be promptly filled after the exercises are held and forwarded to the Department Chaplain, Comrade C. D. Spencer, Centralia, Wash.

IX. The following additional appointments are announced as Aides on Department Staff:

John Moore, D. A. Russell Post No. 35; Francis Brown, Maj. Anderson Post No. 29; E. B. Reeder, J. A. Logan Post No. 16; K. P. Allen, Whitman Post No. 53.

Special Aides in charge of Military Instruction and Patriotic Exercises in the Public Schools—W. W. Brown, J. A. Reynolds Post No. 71; R. S. Richhart, McDowell Post No. 22; C. V. Bissell, Meade Post No. 9; Allison Allen, A. J. Smith Post N. 72; Van

Allen, Buckman Post No. 14; Thos. Lavery, Reno Post No. 47; C. T. Riggs, Union Post No. 70; J. B. Smith, J. B. Wyman Post No. 41; Rev. Gannaway, Gen. Milroy Post No. 62; W. T. Connor, Gen. Lander Post No. 88; W. W. Muncey, Gen. Logan Post No. 16; J. R. Mays, Whitman Post No. 53. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

By command of

GEORGE W. TIBBETTS, Department Commander.

Official:

S. W. CLARK, Assistant Adjutant General.

APPENDIX NO. XI.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

SEATTLE, April 27, 1899.

GENERAL ORDERS—No. 8.

I. The passing of another year again brings us near the day sacred above all other days in the Grand Army of the Republic. On Tuesday, May 30, will again be heard the muffled drum-beat, as the survivors of the great struggle of 1861-65 wend their way to the silent grounds where rest the forms of those who have gone before.

II. In obedience to orders from the National Headquarters, and in accord with the dictates of our own hearts, your Commander directs that suitable arrangements be made for the sacred duties of the day. Let the Post rooms be draped. Let the flag reverently seek its devout position as it waves at the head of a column marching with "hearts bowed down" to the last resting place of those now mustered out of service.

With each passing year the mounds increase rapidly, and the marching column shortens in like proportion. Let the survivors seize the offerings from Nature's sweet springtime, and place some visible notice at the head of each lowly grave. Let all

worldly games and idle gatherings be frowned upon; let the sacred duties of the day absorb our every thought and guide our every action.

III. Attention is also called to the Sabbath exercises on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day, and all comrades and the noble band of women auxiliary to our order are urged to be present at that time in the house of worship, to give thanks to the "giver of every good and perfect gift" for the many blessings received, both national, state and local, during the year.

By command of

GEORGE W. TIBBETTS, Department Commander.

Official:

S. W. CLARK, Assistant Adjutant General.

APPENDIX NO. XII.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
SEATTLE, May 15, 1899.

GENERAL ORDERS—No. 9.

I. The following additional appointments on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Special Aides in charge of Military Instruction and Patriotic Exercises in Public Schools—Gen. T. R. Tannatt, Gen. Lander Post No. 88; John L. Blair, Silas Casey Post No. 74; Wm. A. Inman, Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 19.

II. Much inconvenience has recently been caused in the Department by reason of the Posts changing the date, time and place of their regular Post meetings. Such changes should not be made without notice in advance to these Headquarters, in order to avoid confusion and error.

III. The local Posts and the citizens of the city are rapidly perfecting details for the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of

the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held in Seattle June 20th to 24th next. Department Headquarters will be at the Hotel Diller, where the Council of Administration will meet at 2 p. m. on Tuesday, the 20th.

All comrades are requested to meet at said hotel promptly on arrival in the city, and register their names with the committee.

Sessions of the Encampment will be held in Ranke's Hall, corner of Fifth avenue and Pike street, commencing at 10 a. m. Wednesday, the 21st.

IV. Headquarters for the W. R. C. will be at Hotel Seattle, and the business meetings of the Convention will be held at Elk's Hall, on First avenue, near Marion street.

Headquarters for the Sons of Veterans will be at Butler Hotel, and the Camp will meet in Masonic Hall, corner Second avenue and Pike street.

V. The railroad and steamboat lines have agreed to a rate of one and one-fifth for the Encampment, extended to the G. A. R., W. R. C. and S. of V.

In the purchase of tickets full fare will be paid one way and a receipt or certificate given which, having been countersigned here by the A. A. G., will entitle the holder to return for one-fifth rate. Be sure to obtain this certificate, and also careful to have it countersigned soon as possible in Seattle.

Hotels, lodging houses and restaurants make liberal reductions for all.

All needed supplies should be ordered prior to June 5th, when the Quartermaster's office will close until after the Encampment.

VI. Posts not having already done so are urged to send in the names of all who are entitled to a seat and a vote in the Encampment. Prompt action now will save confusion hereafter.

Written reports will be expected from the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders, Medical Director, Chaplain, Inspector, Judge Advocate, Chief Mustering Officer, Chief of Staff

and the Chief of the Special "Aides in charge of Military Instruction and Patriotic Exercises in Public Schools."

These reports should be ready to refer to appropriate committees at the opening session in order to facilitate the work of the Encampment.

All resolutions to be presented should also be in writing, for the same reason and at the same time.

VII. The following Committee "On Credentials" is hereby announced:

Assistant Adjutant General S. W. Clark; D. F. Decatur, D. A. Russell Post 35; John L. Blair, Silas Casey Post 74; C. H. Holmes, Custer Post 6; S. G. Cosgrove, McDowell Post 22.

VIII. At the National Encampment held at Indianapolis in 1893, full endorsement was given to the "National Reunion Monument Association," and the Thirty-second National Encampment at Cincinnati in 1898 passed the following:

"Resolved, That we heartily approve of the plans of the 'National Reunion Monument Association' of the District of Columbia, and we earnestly appeal to every veteran, wife, widow, son and daughter of a veteran in the United States to give the project his or her strongest sympathy and support, and all assistance possible in the way of raising contributions. We urgently solicit the cordial help of every patriotic man and woman in the whole country towards making the monument the grandest that the world has ever seen."

The Association was organized by virtue of a joint resolution of the Congress, approved April 18, 1898, and authorizes the Secretary of War to select a suitable location on some government reservation in the City of Washington, D. C., on which to erect a monument to the memory of the soldiers, sailors and marines who fell in the struggle for national existence from 1861 to 1865.

This work is now in the hands of comrades of national reputation, who will "never surrender" to any obstacle until the final end has been reached, and a monument worthy the cause in

which heroes fell, and worthy the nation they served, has been fully completed.

Every section of the country is represented, and your present A. A. G., Major S. W. Clark, having been appointed to represent the Department of Washington and Alaska, respectfully but urgently appeals to the comrades and to the loyal and patriotic citizens of the entire state of Washington to aid this laudable enterprise.

Remembering that "drops" make the "mighty ocean," let no one hold back because his offering is not so large as he would desire.

All Posts in the Department are asked to act in this matter, and full details will be given on application, and all moneys received, by addressing Major S. W. Clark, Box 1096, Seattle.

By command of

GEORGE W. TIBBETTS, Department Commander.

Official:

S. W. CLARK, Assistant Adjutant General.

APPENDIX NO. XIII.

OFFICERS

DEPARTMENT OF

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA G. A. R.

Elected June 22, 1899.

Commander—J. W. Langley, Seattle.

Senior Vice-Commander—William A. Inman, Pomeroy.

Junior Vice-Commander—R. B. Scott, Spokane.

Medical Director—Dr. B. R. Freeman, Spokane.

Chaplain—Rev. C. D. Spencer, Centralia.

Council of Administration—T. M. Young, Seattle; George B. Lane, Olympia; J. J. See, Anacortes; M. C. Cole, Whatcom; W. H. Wiscombe, Spokane.

Delegates to National Encampment—At Large: J. Grover, Spokane; Byron Phelps, Seattle; D. F. Decatur, Mt. Vernon.

Alternates—At Large: J. Keller, Springdale; J. H. Leiter, Colfax; M. C. Cole, Whatcom.

Staff Appointments—Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General—J. H. Wilson, Seattle.

Note—No further staff appointments have been announced up to time the "Journal" goes to print—August 1st.

APPENDIX NO. XIV.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS AUXILIARY TO THE
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
SEATTLE, WASH., June 30, 1899.

GENERAL ORDERS—No. 1.

I. Having been elected President of the Department of Washington and Alaska, W. R. C., I hereby assume the responsibilities and duties of the office. I desire to extend to all my sincere gratitude for the great honor they have conferred upon me, and ask the earnest co-operation of every member of the order during the year.

II. The following officers were elected at the Fourteenth Annual Convention:

Department President, Anna Webster, rooms 11-12 Holyoke Block, Seattle.

Dep't Sen. Vice president, Emily Chambers, North Yakima.

Dep't Jun. Vice President, Mary Koontz, Toledo.

Dep't Treasurer, Mary B. Gardner, 805 E. Fir St., Seattle.

Dep't Chaplain, Jerusha P. Blackburn, Vashon.

Executive Board—Anna E. June, Tacoma; Julia W. Leavitt, Tacoma; E. M. Houser, Mount Vernon; Delia Chamberlain, Ballard; Lida McKercher, Seattle.

Representatives to National Convention—Delegate at Large,

Jennie Wiscombe, Spokane; Alternate at Large, Jeanette Langley, Seattle; Delegate, Lizzie Fowler, Tacoma; Alternate, Mary McNeely, Tacoma.

The following appointments are hereby announced:

Dep't Secretary, Lizzie R. Herrick, 226 Dexter Ave., Seattle.

Dep't Inspector, Nettie Dumdi, Colfax.

Dep't Counselor, Lizzie Carnes, Walla Walla.

Dep't Instituting and Installing Officer, Lizzie Crowe, Walla Walla.

Dep't Patriotic Instructor, Adella A. Scott, Spokane.

Dep't Press Correspondent, Prudie Terrell, Tacoma.

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VIII. The following Department Aides are hereby announced:

Lettie Brown, of John F. Miller Corps; Allie Hagar, of John Buford Corps; Jennie Shardlow, of Meade Corps; Ellen Dawson, of Jas. B. Steadman Corps.

These officers will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

IX. Department Headquarters are hereby established at rooms 11 and 12 Holyoke Block, Seattle, where all members of the W. R. C. and G. A. R. will be cordially welcomed.

By command of

ANNA WEBSTER, Department President.

LIZZIE R. HERRICK, Department Secretary.

APPENDIX NO. XV.

OFFICERS OF THE
LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

Elected June, 1899.

President—Mrs. Rachel A. Brooks, Sidney. Port Orchard
P. O.

Senior Vice-President—Mrs. Henderson, Fairhaven.

Junior Vice-President—Mrs. C. Knapp, Anacortes.
Chaplain—Mrs. Lou J. Broyles, Fairhaven.
Counselor—Mrs. Mary Musgrove, Whatcom.
Delegate at Large—Mrs. E. Kasch, Anacortes.
Treasurer—Mrs. Adelaide Kasch, Anacortes.
Secretary—Miss Eliza Alexander, Sidney. (Port Orchard.)
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. J. Alexander, Sidney.
Port Orchard P. O.
Inspector—Miss Mattie Baird, Sidney. Port Orchard P. O.
Librarian—Miss Mary Coombs, Sidney.
Council of Administration—Mrs. Lydia E. Ames, Fairhaven;
Mrs. E. Kasch, Anacortes; Mrs. Sherwood, Whatcom.

APPENDIX NO. XVI.

HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON DIVISION

Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

The following officers of the Washington Division Sons of Veterans were elected June 20, 1899:

Commander—Chas. E. Plimpton, Seattle.
Senior Vice-Commander—B. E. York, Walla Walla.
Junior Vice-Commander—F. E. Pells, Ballard.
Division Council—S. A. Locke, Tacoma; A. P. Smith, Spokane; C. W. Baremore, Montesano.
Delegate at Large—H. H. Hubbard, Cheney.
Delegate—G. L. Hooker, Walla Walla.
The Official Staff is as follows:
Chaplain, with rank of Captain, S. S. Sulliger, Olympia.
Inspector, with rank of First Lieut., Robt. Hughes, Blaine.
Surgeon, L. L. Harmon, Walla Walla.
Adjutant—H. H. Philips, Seattle.
Mustering Officer—C. D. Pettit, Hoquiam.
Sergeant-Major—J. Edgar Brown, Seattle.
O. M. Sergeant—McCrandall, Olympia.

