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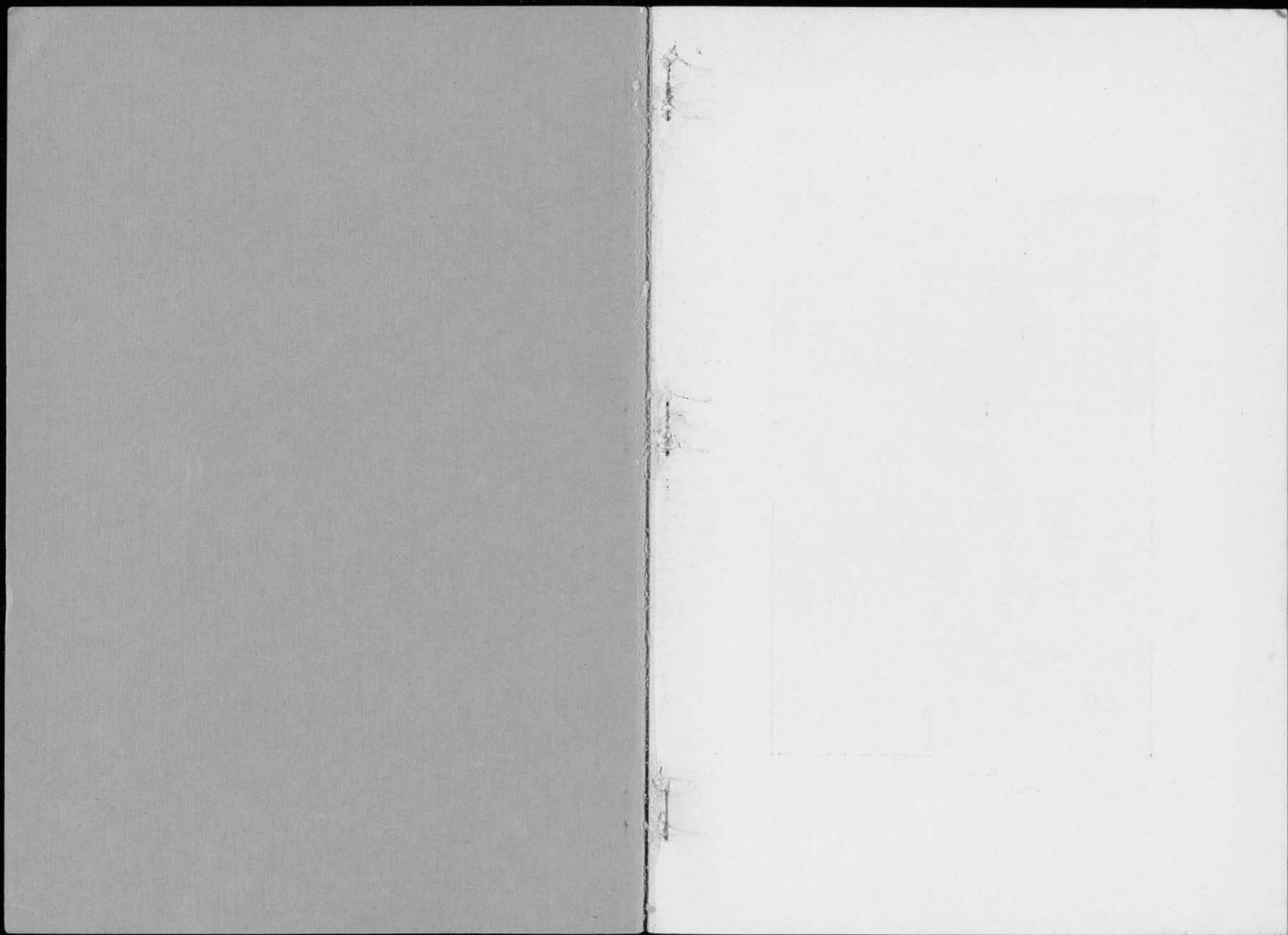
**JOURNAL**  
OF THE  
**THIRTIETH ENCAMPMENT**  
OF THE  
Department of Washington  
and Alaska  
**Grand Army of the Republic**



**PULLMAN, WASHINGTON**  
**June the 5th, 6th and 7th, 1912**

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F. H. HURD, Department Commander.  
ADDISON W. HASTIE, A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G.





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## Thirtieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska

### G. A. R.

Pullman, Wash., June 5th, 1912.

The thirtieth annual encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, convened at the Knights of Pythias hall and was called to order and opened in due form by Commander F. H. Hurd at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

Guard duty was performed by Officer of the Day E. C. Kilbourne and assistants. The Officer of the Day reported all present as members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Chaplain, Rev. C. D. Spencer offered prayer to which all paid proper attention.

## ROLL OF ENCAMPMENT, 1912

**National Officers, G. A. R.**

Elected August, 1911.

**HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

**Commander-in-Chief.**

Harvey M. Trimble.....Princeton, Ill.

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.**

Nicholas W. Day.....New York, N. Y.

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.**

William A. Ogden, Adjutant-General.....Ness City, Kan.

**Adjutant General.**

Charles R. E. Koch.....31 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill.

**Surgeon General.**

John D. Hanrahan.....Rutland, Vt.

**Chaplain-in-Chief.**

J. Wynne Jones, D. D.....Highlandtown, Md.

*G.A.R. Dept. of Minn. g.*

## PAST COMMANDERS, G. A. R.

## Department Washington and Alaska.

1882	*F. W. Sparling, Post No. 6	Tacoma
1883	*George D. Hill, Post No. 31	Seattle
1884	*W. H. Morrow, Post No. 2	Vancouver
1885	A. M. Brookes, Post No. 31	Seattle
1886	*C. M. Holton, Post No. 9	North Yakima
1887	*A. P. Curry, Post No. 8	Spokane
1888	*J. W. Sprague, Post No. 6	Tacoma
1889	*S. G. Cosgrove, Post No. 22	Pomeroy
1890	M. M. Holmes, Post No. 1	Seattle
1891	*D. G. Lovell, Post No. 6	Tacoma
1892	J. S. Brown, Post No. 69	Kirkland
1893	*Jos. F. Sinclair, Post No. 56	Ballard
1894	*J. N. Scott, Post No. 15	Port Townsend
1895	*Norman Buck, Post No. 8	Spokane
1896	C. T. Patterson, Post No. 87	South Tacoma
1897	J. F. McLean, Post No. 4	Walla Walla
1898	!Geo. W. Tibbitts, Post No. 1	Seattle
1899	J. W. Langley, Post No. 31	Seattle
1900	!B. R. Freeman, Post 47	Spokane
1901	*Harry A. Bigelow, Post No. 1	Seattle
1902	*B. C. Bedell, Post No. 4	Walla Walla
1903	*Thos. H. Cavanaugh, Post No. 114	Prosser
1904	Frank M. Davis, Post No. 31	Seattle
1905	*J. T. Goss, Post No. 2	Vancouver
1906	!C. B. Dunning, Post No. 8	Spokane
1907	W. H. Moek, Post No. 24	Bellingham
1908	!Geo. H. Boardman, Post No. 6	Tacoma
1909	!Lyman Banks, Post No. 31	Seattle
1910	!W. H. Wiscombe, Post No. 47	Spokane
	!E. A. Shores, (Transferred from Wisconsin), Post No. 6	Tacoma

\* Deceased.  
! Present.

## DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.

Headquarters, Seattle, Wash.

## OFFICERS

Elected and installed June, 1911, at Wenatchee, Wash.

## Department Commander.

F. H. Hurd, Stevens Post No. 1, 1522 6th Ave.....Seattle

## Senior Vice Commander.

J. W. Ferguson, Daniel McCook Post No. 105.....Wenatchee

## Junior Vice Commander.

T. H. Ferrier, David Ford Post No. 11.....Ellensburg

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant  
Quartermaster General.

Addison W. Hastie, Stevens Post No. 1, 507 N. Y. Blk.,...Seattle

## Medical Director.

Dr. J. E. Gandy, Sedgwick Post No. 8.....Spokane

## Department Chaplain.

Rev. C. D. Spencer, T. P. Price Post No. 82.....Centralia

## Council of Administration.

Geo. Kinnear, John F. Miller Post No. 31.....Seattle

Geo. W. Tibbitts, Stevens Post No. 1.....Seattle

E. A. Shores, Custer Post No. 6.....Tacoma

R. R. Harding, Pacific Post No. 48.....Port Angeles

W. A. Inman, Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 19.....Colfax

## Delegate-at-Large to National Encampment.

Joseph Dickerson, John F. Miller Post No. 31.....Seattle

**Delegates to National Encampment.**

J. H. McFarland, N. B. Page Post No. 94.....	Cashmere
J. M. Fish, E. J. Houghton Post No. 75.....	Kettle Falls
B. R. Reynolds, U. S. Grant Post No. 116.....	Bremerton
H. S. Hollister, Green Lake Post No. 112.....	Seattle
Chas. R. Conner, Sedgwick Post No. 8.....	Spokane
R. H. Ball, Larabee Post No. 18.....	Laconner
R. W. Williams, D. A. Russell Post No. 35.....	Mt. Vernon

**Alternate Delegates to National Encampment.**

At Large—J. N. Butler, Sedgwick Post No. 8.....	Spokane
W. P. Sargeant, Custer Post No. 6.....	Tacoma
F. M. Seeley, L. C. Ladd Post No. 17.....	Puyallup
G. W. Carver, David Ford Post No. 11.....	Ellensburg
Wm. Badger, Meade Post No. 9.....	North Yakima
S. F. Decatur, D. A. Russell Post No. 35.....	Mt. Vernon
R. L. Lanning, Whitman Post No. 53.....	Pullman
Willis L. Ames, Stevens Post No. 1.....	Seattle

**Assistant Inspector General.**

H. R. Gale, Grant Post No. 116.....	Bremerton
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**Chief of Staff.**

J. M. Comstock, Post No. 8.....	Spokane
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**Judge Advocate.**

Geo. B. Lane, Post No. 5.....	Olympia
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**Chief Mustering Officer.**

D. C. Brown, Post No. 31.....	Seattle
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**Patriotic Instructor**

K. P. Allen, Post No. 53.....	Pullman
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**Department Inspector**

W. H. Robinson, Post No. 6.....	Tacoma
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**Senior Aide-de-Camp**

Geo. W. Carver, Post No. 11.....	Ellensburg
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**Officer of the Day.**

E. C. Kilbourne, Stevens Post No. 1.....	Seattle
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**Department Color Bearer.**

Capt. Joe Dickerson, Jno. F. Miller Post No. 31.....	Seattle
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**DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.****Women's Relief Corps.**

At the Department Convention Women's Relief Corps held at Wenatchee, Wash., June, 1911, the following officers were elected:

**Department President.**

Edith E. Harris.....	2415 Meridian St., Bellingham
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**Department Senior Vice-President.**

Jennie L. Bartlett.....	Wenatchee
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**Department Junior Vice-President.**

Olive Long.....	North Yakima
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**Department Secretary**

Florence Hurd.....	2014 Broadway, Bellingham
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**Department Treasurer.**

Nellie P. Hollbrook.....	2609 Monroe St., Bellingham
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**Department Chaplain.**

Alice Maxfield.....	1825 N. Proctor, Tacoma
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**DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.****Ladies of the G. A. R.**

Elected at Department Convention, Wenatchee, June, 1911.

**Department President.**

Annie D. Swenson.....Seattle

**Department Senior Vice President**

Gertrude Matheny.....Walla Walla

**Department Junior Vice-President.**

Cora Walker.....Okanogan

**Department Secretary.**

Mary B. Martin.....4117 Burke Avenue, Seattle

**Department Treasurer.**

Ottile Bartel.....Kent

**Department Chaplain.**

Carrie Dickenson.....Tacoma

**DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, SONS OF VETERANS****Division Commander.**

D. A. Moran.....Snohomish

**Senior Vice Commander.**

Edgar M. Swan.....Vancouver

**Junior Vice Commander.**

Frank C. Shipley.....Seattle

**Division Secretary.**

Frank C. Shipley.....Seattle

**Division Council.**

Chas. B. Wood	J. E. Calder	C. V. Savidge
Seattle	Montesano	Olympia

**Commanders, Past Commanders and Delegates Present****STEVENS POST NO. 1, SEATTLE, KING COUNTY.**

Commander.....N. E. Benson

**Past Post Commanders.**

Geo. W. Tibbetts	F. H. Hurd	A. W. Hastie
John Cashner	C. D'Oyley	

**Delegates.**

E. C. Kilbourne	J. G. Nolip	Fred Wilhelm
G. Ramaker	C. L. Thompson	Martin Paup

**ELLSWORTH POST NO. 2, VANCOUVER, CLARKE CO.**

Commander.....Chas. Jenkin

**Past Post Commander.**

D. L. Reed

**Delegates.**

Elias White Ab. Swank

**SULLY POST NO. 3, DAYTON, COLUMBIA COUNTY.****Past Post Commanders.**

J. W. Holman	W. C. Bishop	E. W. Burks
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**Delegates.**

J. O. Davis	B. A. McDonald	Henry Riese
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**LINCOLN POST NO 4, WALLA WALLA, WALLA WALLA COUNTY.**

Commander.....John Tampany

**Past Post Commanders.**

Thos. Beisner	E. H. Nickson	John La Cornue
Clark Walter	G. W. Smith	W. L. Waldren

**Delegates.**

F. H. Oreutt	D. Burr	S. T. Harrison
H. T. Clemons	W. Brock	E. B. Stanton
John Baden	Wm. Hardesty	

**THOMAS POST NO. 5, OLYMPIA, THURSTON COUNTY.****Past Post Commanders.**

O. B. Iverson . . . . . T. F. Safley

**CUSTER POST NO. 6, TACOMA, PIERCE COUNTY.****Past Post Commanders.**

Geo. H. Boardman	E. A. Shores	M. P. Kelley
W. S. Green	H. P. Burdick	J. C. Cummings
W. H. Robinson		

**Delegates.**

C. W. Brooks	Fred Williams	A. Freudenstein
C. J. Peterson	James Davidson	Wm. Hanna
J. Q. A. DeHuff	M. Kelleher	S. S. King

**SEDGWICK POST NO. 8, SPOKANE, SPOKANE COUNTY.**

Commander ..... Theodore Reed

**Past Post Commanders.**

C. B. Dunning	J. E. Gandy	G. O. Bump
E. H. Capron	J. E. Stewart	J. N. Koonz
G. C. Godell	J. S. Graves	C. R. Conner

**Delegates.**

A. L. Guy	Enoch Sears	Martin Hanson
O. W. Lewis	W. D. Wood	Martin Bannister
J. N. Butler	H. B. Waterman	E. H. Humison
V. L. Pears		

**MEAD POST NO 9, NORTH YAKIMA, YAKIMA COUNTY.**

Commander ..... C. H. Hoffman.

**Past Post Commanders.**

D. L. Druse	Wm. Badger	J. N. McCafferty
H. A. Irish	S. D. Quinn	

**Delegates.**

A. A. Johnson	F. L. Park	J. P. Bullen
T. E. Webb	J. W. Webber	A. Burnham
Geo. Wirt	G. Lisk	

**MORTON POST NO. 10, SNOHOMISH, SNOHOMISH CO.****Past Post Commanders.**

J. H. Hussey                      J. H. Russell

**Delegate.**

A. A. Brundage

**DAVID FORD POST NO. 11, ELLENSBURG, KITTIAS CO.****Past Post Commanders.**

Geo. F. Davis                      David Kinkade                      Geo. W. Carver

**Delegate.**

V. C. Wynegar

**GARFIELD POST NO. 13, MONTESANO, CHEHALIS CO.**

Commander ..... Geo. M. Wade

**Past Post Commander.**

S. W. Haptenstall

**LADD POST NO. 17, PUYALLUP, PIERCE COUNTY.****Delegate.**

H. L. Baker

**LYON POST NO. 19, COLFAX, WHITMAN COUNTY.****Past Post Commanders.**

James Ewart	W. A. Inman	Chas. Von Soehnen
Edwin Lake	Benj. Baker	

**Delegates.**

John S. Greenhill	Frank Hickman
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**McDOWELL POST NO. 22, POMEROY, GARFIELD COUNTY.**

Commander .....	D. B. Mesenger
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**Past Post Commanders.**

H. C. Thompson	John W. Ball
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**Delegate.**

John Mitchell
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**WRIGHT POST NO. 23, CHENEY, SPOKANE COUNTY.**

Commander .....	David Evans
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**Past Post Commanders.**

A. Harrison	Levi Buchanan	Thos. E. Ross
Geo. F. McKay		

**Delegates.**

John Hammerly	John Garner
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**STEADMAN POST NO. 24, BELLINGHAM, WHATCOM CO.**

Commander .....	John Orchard
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**Past Post Commander.**

Wm. Gerrard
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**ANDERSON POST NO. 29, PALOUSE, WHITMAN COUNTY.**

Commander .....	Chas. H. Knapp
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**Delegates.**

David Notman	Joseph McClelland
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**MILLER POST NO. 31, SEATTLE, KING COUNTY.**

Commander .....	H. H. Cheatham
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**Past Post Commanders.**

George Kinnear	George Hooker	Lyman Banks
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**Delegates.**

Joseph Dickerson	A. Hooper	G. O. Peckham
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**RUSSELL POST NO. 35, MOUNT VERNON, SKAGIT CO****Past Post Commander.**

R. W. Williams
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**LEWIS POST NO. 37, ASOTIN, ASOTIN COUNTY.**

Commander .....	F. P. Day
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**BURNSIDE POST NO. 40, WAITSBURG, WALLA WALLA COUNTY.****Past Post Commanders.**

H. P. Bruch	J. M. Adair	A. W. Phillips
D. G. Ingraham	J. T. Hawks	H. V. Grubbe

**WYMAN POST NO. 41, ROCKFORD, SPOKANE COUNTY.**

Commander .....	J. R. Sheldon
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**Past Post Commanders.**

John Fisher	H. D. Wright	Alexus La Shaw
A. V. Stringham	Samuel Smith	

**Delegates.**

J. Moss	F. A. Crissman	A. Latham
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**LYNCH POST NO. 42, LYNDEN, WHATCOM COUNTY.****Past Post Commanders.**

A. J. Rusco	W. W. Palmer
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**SHERIDAN POST NO. 44, TACOMA, PIERCE COUNTY.****Past Post Commander.**

A. S. Johnson
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**HAZZEN POST NO. 46, RITZVILLE, ADAMS COUNTY.****Past Post Commanders.**

J. M. Harris  
H. L. Freeby

W. J. Norin

S. Bartzes

**RENO POST NO. 47, SPOKANE, SPOKANE COUNTY.**

Commander ..... W. E. Maxwell

**Past Post Commanders.**

W. H. Wiscombe	E. E. Morrison	B. R. Freeman
Geo. H. Heberling	J. A. Harris	John Powers
Gideon Howell	W. A. Harris	L. B. Nash
W. L. Boyd	C. F. Wightman	

**Delegates.**

John Welker	G. N. Storms	Frank Martin
Mathew Faucett	Geo. Murphy	Frank Burke
E. S. P. Boulton	J. S. Foster	P. J. McWatty
Thos. Brown	R. L. Aiken	

**PACIFIC POST NO. 48, PORT ANGELES, CLALLAM CO.****Past Post Commanders.**

H. W. Doty

R. R. Harding

**GROVER POST NO. 51, AUBURN, KING COUNTY.**

Commander ..... Lewis Y. Gilbert

**Past Post Commander.**

Geo. Hart

**WASHINGTON POST NO. 52, HOQUIAM, CHEHALIS CO.**

Commander ..... L. C. Tallman

**Past Post Commander.**

A. S. Young

**Delegate.**

J. Cowen

**WHITMAN POST NO. 53, PULLMAN, WHITMAN COUNTY.**

Commander ..... R. Lanning

**Past Post Commanders.**

M. F. Taylor	Wiley Campbell	Ed. Lane
Tom Savage	K. P. Allen	Jno. Leiter

**Delegates.**

Joe Robinson

D. N. Bash

**CUSHING POST NO. 56, BALLARD, KING COUNTY.**

Commander ..... Benj. Fisher

**Past Post Commander.**

David R. Smith

**Delegates.**

Otis Sanford

A. G. Vottier

J. D. Ruffner

**MILROY POST NO. 62, TEKOVA, WHITMAN COUNTY.**

Commander ..... F. P. Connell

**Past Post Commanders.**

H. H. Noble

N. B. Welton

J. Crockett

**EVERETT POST NO. 73, SUMNER, PIERCE COUNTY.****Past Post Commander.**

H. S. Ellis

**HOUGHTON POST NO. 75, KETTLE FALLS, STEVENS CO.****Past Post Commander.**

W. H. Spencer

**WORTHINGTON POST NO. 81, ELMA, CHEHALIS COUNTY.****Past Post Commander.**

W. A. Holcomb

**PRICE POST NO. 82, CENTRALIA, LEWIS COUNTY.****Past Post Commander.**

C. D. Spencer

## Delegate.

Cyrus Alread

**LANDER POST NO. 88, FARMINGTON, WHITMAN CO.**

Commander ..... E. W. Leonard

## Past Post Commanders.

James Charles      Richard Truax      Isaac Wilson

**BUFORD POST NO. 89, EVERETT, SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

## Past Post Commander.

H. W. North

**CROSS POST NO. 90, SHELTON, MASON COUNTY.**

## Past Post Commander.

H. L. Alden

**CHAPIN POST NO. 92, COUPEVILLE, ISLAND COUNTY.**

Commander ..... Jerome Ely

**RUSH POST NO. 93, DAVENPORT, LINCOLN COUNTY.**

Commander ..... J. K. Worts

## Past Post Commander.

R. R. Stewart

## Delegates.

Benj. King      A. G. Hard

**PAGE POST NO 94, CASHMERE, CHELAN COUNTY.**

Commander ..... Jeremiah McFarland

## Past Post Commander.

G. H. Jordan

**CORSE POST NO. 98, COLVILLE, STEVENS COUNTY.**

## Past Post Commanders.

A. F. Perkins      E. C. Treadwell

## Delegates.

B. Gleason      Jno. Mastling

**SPEAGLE POST NO. 100, MEAD, SPOKANE COUNTY.**

Commander ..... J. W. Yeakel

## Past Post Commander.

James Berridge

## Delegate.

David Christman

**PALMER POST NO. 102, CLARKSTON, ASOTIN COUNTY.**

Commander ..... B. Olsen

## Past Post Commanders.

J. A. Lathrop      C. T. Cowan      A. J. Sherburne

**SEXTON POST NO. 103, SEATTLE, KING COUNTY.**

## Past Post Commanders.

Chas. Buzzard      A. F. Baird

**HARRISON POST. NO. 104, CHELAN, CHELAN COUNTY.**

Commander ..... W. J. Illingworth

## Past Post Commanders.

W. J. Long      John McKinnis

## Delegate.

D. S. Tennyek

**McCOOK POST NO. 105, WENATCHEE, CHELAN CO.**

Commander ..... A. A. Stevens

## Past Post Commanders.

J. W. Ferguson      Ira P. Ferrin

## Delegates.

W. A. Henry      F. A. Rogers      J. F. Badger  
D. Gray      J. R. Wheeler

**WALLACE POST NO. 115, ORCHARDS, CLARKE CO**

Past Post Commander.

Evan Morgan

Delegates.

E. E. Rice

**GRANT POST NO. 116, BREMERTON, KITSAP COUNTY.**

Commander .....Porter Armstrong

Past Post Commanders.

B. R. Reynolds     Jesse W. Spier

Delegates.

Joseph McFaddon     C. L. Wood

**HAYDEN POST NO. 118, ORTING, SOLDIERS HOME,  
PIERCE COUNTY.**

Past Post Commander.

Jno. W. Pullman

Delegates.

R. P. Herbold     W. H. Rugg     Ed. Havington  
S. F. Brown**VETERAN POST NO. 124, SEQUIM, CLALLAM COUNTY.**

Commander .....Geo. A. Hannum

**SCHOFIELD POST NO. 126, ANNAPOLIS,  
VETERANS' HOME, PORT ORCHARD, KITSAP CO.**

Past Post Commander.

W. A. Willard

Delegates.

A. A. Morrell     Frank Thompson     P. J. Wickard

**GREGG POST NO 127, HILLYARD, SPOKANE COUNTY.**

Commander .....Clark Robinson

Past Post Commanders.

Cyrus Stoner     A. J. Carey     R. Atkinson  
Homer Town     Clark Oyer     T. P. Edgerton

Delegates.

W. E. Piper     D. M. Stephens

**WEBBER POST NO. 129, SUNNYSIDE, YAKIMA CO.**

Delegates.

M. D. Clarke     J. C. Brownfield

Comrade Lyman Banks of Post No. 31 was appointed Acting Assistant Adjutant General during this encampment.

By unanimous vote vacancies among elective delegates were authorized to be filled by Posts from members attending the encampment.

The Commander appointed the following committees:

**Credentials**—A. W. Hastie, Stevens Post No. 1; J. E. Stewart, Sedgwick Post No. 8; J. H. McFarland, Page Post No. 94.

**Rules and Order of Business**—J. E. Gandy, Sedgwick Post No. 8; John Tempny, Lincoln Post No. 4; B. R. Reynolds, Grant Post No. 116.

**Resolutions**—Theodore Reed, Sedgwick Post No. 8; N. E. Benson, Stevens Post No. 1; Wm. Badger, Mead Post No. 9.

**To Visit Women's Relief Corps**—All Past Commanders of this Department present, to-wit: Geo. W. Tibbitts, Stevens Post No. 1; C. B. Dunning, Sedgwick Post No. 8; Geo. H. Boardman, Custer Post No. 6; Lyman Banks, Miller Post No. 31; W. H. Wiscombe, Reno Post No. 47, and E. A. Shores, Custer Post No. 6.

**To Visit Ladies of the G. A. R.**—Geo. H. Boardman, Custer Post No. 6; C. D'Oyley, Stevens Post No. 1; H. W. North, Buford Post No. 89.

Senior Vice-Commander J. W. Ferguson, was then called upon to preside, while the Commander delivered his address.

## Commander's Address

We have assembled in this beautiful little city of Pullman for the purpose of holding our Thirtieth Annual Department Encampment. The citizens of Pullman have been untiring in their efforts to provide for the Grand Army of the Republic, its auxiliary and kindred organizations. As we participate in the pleasures planned, and partake of their hospitality, let us not be unmindful of the efforts they have made that we may have joy complete while in Pullman as their guests.

Since the Twenty-ninth Encampment, held at Wenatchee in June, 1911, many of our comrades have joined the ranks of that Grand Army of Immortals upon the other side of that "Divide" which separates the living from the dead. Let us who have been permitted to again assemble and answer roll-call at Pullman, offer our most sincere thanks to the Supreme Commander-in-Chief who rules heaven and earth, for the blessed privilege of again clasping hands, and again listening to the voices of comrades, and again joining a parade where we may touch elbows and keep step to inspiring music, and again follow our flag, with that spirit of reverence and devotion which prompted us to follow it and defend it fifty years ago.

When you elected me Department Commander at the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment held at Wenatchee in June, 1911, I, in my feeble way, expressed to you my thanks for the honor conferred and promised to perform the duties incumbent upon the office to the best of my ability. I did not then know what an opportunity had been given me to enjoy the pleasant associations that have come into my life during the past year, while performing the duties of my office. To meet and clasp hands with the comrades and their co-workers, to look into their faces and to hear their kindly spoken words, illustrating their devotion to the G. A. R., and their determination to maintain the organization until "taps" are sounded for the last remaining remnant, has been a tender, touching experience for me.

Meeting with fraternal greetings, witnessing the acts of charity abounding all over our Department, and being constantly reminded by manifestations of loyalty to each other, I am pleased to report that Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty abounds and predominates in the business, social and other relations in life where the comrades meet and associate.

The marks of age are becoming more visible and the memories of recent events are not absolutely accurate. But the marching, fighting and camp life as experienced fifty years ago is remembered, and the comrades, many of them with hoary heads, tottering steps and eyes which have lost their sparkling luster, who have seen the frosts of more than eighty winters, can accurately describe the scenes of battle where they were engaged in deadly conflict with their country's enemy; and tell of sacrifices and suffering upon the battle-field and on the march.

I know that it has been a great privilege for me to be permitted to mingle with and meet so many of my comrades and to learn of the kindly feeling that the masses of the citizens have for the Grand Army of the Republic. I wish to thank you, my comrades of the Department of Washington and Alaska here assembled, representing different Posts, for the cordial reception given me and for all the efforts made by your Posts to aid and support the Commander of this Department in keeping the mission of the G. A. R. constantly in mind.

I have visited 56 Posts since the 28th of last June. Forty-four meetings have been held where the Women's Relief Corps have united with the Posts. Several meetings where the ladies of the G. A. R. joined with the G. A. R. and its auxiliary in open session, and I have found in every meeting a disposition on the part of auxiliary and kindred organizations to emphasize the fact that the Comrades are first to be considered in all matters, their comforts and convenience has been the watchword and the text has been followed very closely.

#### National Encampment at Rochester.

Early in July, 1911, Department Commander arranged for a special car over the Northern Pacific Railway to Rochester to accommodate all delegates wishing to attend the National Encampment, beginning August 21, 1911. We left Seattle on the evening of August 16, at 7:10, arrived at Rochester on the morning of the 21st, only a little over one hour behind scheduled time. The journey from Seattle to Rochester was delightful. Mrs. Harris, President of W. R. C., Department of Washington and Alaska; Mrs. Fish, delegate from W. R. C.; Comrades Fish, McFarland, Zinn, Thornton, Martin and Hollister of the G. A. R., Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Hollister and Mrs. Ireland of the Ladies of the G. A. R., were all of our official party.

We were simply acquainted when we left Seattle; we became like members of one family before we reached Rochester. Only nine of the party remained in the car after arriving at Chicago. As no other passengers were permitted to be taken aboard, we had the exclusive control, as per agreement with the N. P. Railway. Our car was in the rear of a train of ten sleepers from Chicago to Buffalo, affording us a splendid view of the country through which we were passing. The entire train of ten sleepers was filled with members of the G. A. R.,

its auxiliary and kindred organizations, and as no stops were made for passengers, we very soon began to visit from car to car, finding old acquaintances and making new ones. Our car, not being crowded, was for a time, a reception room where fraternal greetings were exchanged and hands clasped in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty as we traveled on our way to Rochester.

Acquaintances formed on that trip, pleasures enjoyed, and experiences of the past told in story and song, will never be forgotten. Our Good Comrade, Jeremiah McFarland, generous, witty and genial, an orator and musician, was the one who at times made joy complete. We found upon arrival at Rochester, Comrades Connor, Butler, Reynolds, and our Department Color-bearer and Delegate-at-Large, Capt. Dickerson, they having preceded us. We were pleased to know that our entire official delegation was present and for any business demanding our attention, the Department of Washington and Alaska was prepared to give full consideration and action.

It is impossible to describe fully the pleasures connected with the social meetings, receptions, camp-fires and kindly greetings from comrades-in-arms fifty years ago, and the manifestations of loyalty and devotion to the best interests of our G. A. R. by our auxiliary and kindred organizations. They were complete.

The parade was grand and inspiring. Thirty-five thousand of the remnant of the Grand Army which followed our flag, some of them from Bull Run to Appomattox, some from Fort Donaldson to Savannah, and some who were with grand old Admiral Farragut, who, lashed to the masthead of the Hartford with Old Glory floating above, led the fleet up Mobile Bay to victory. The intervening years, from 1865 to 1911 have left marks of time upon the remaining remnant of the vast army of 2,600,000 who a half century ago served their country upon land and sea. But with all the changes, there was nothing to indicate that our country's flag is less loved and revered, and followed with any less devotion now than when it was assailed by its foes, fifty years ago. The weather was delightful on the day of the parade. That added much to the joy of the occasion. The Department of Washington and Alaska, with its beautiful big flag unfurled and floating in the breeze, carried by our veteran color-bearer, Capt. Joseph Dickerson, was the feature that made our Department conspicuous.

The business sessions of the Encampment were all exceedingly interesting and well attended. The action of Encampment upon pension matters resulted in the unanimous passage of the following resolution, after a very earnest and extended discussion:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Forty-fifth National Encampment of the Grand Army, that the time has come today, fifty years after the outbreak of the great Civil War, to deal generously with the survivors of that war, and we unite in asking our Comrade, General Isaac R. Sherwood, Chairman of the Pension Committee of the House of Representatives, to so modify his House Bill No. 1, as to make it more nearly conform in general features to the Sulloway Bill which passed the House at the last regular session by an immense majority; which was endorsed by the Legislatures of twenty-seven States of the Union, and which is understood and approved by a majority of our Comrades. And we further urge early action by Congress, as our Comrades are dying at the rate of fifty thousand a year."

I wish to call your attention to the fact that Commander-in-Chief Trimble and the Committee on Pensions have been constantly in touch with Congress since the present session began, and re-informed with the united support of the G. A. R., they have been successful in securing the passage of a bill, which received the signature of President Taft on May 11th and is now a law. While not without some defects from our standpoint, I think we have reason to feel grateful, not only to our Pension Committee, but to Congress, and to President Taft, for what has been done for us.

#### Fiftieth Anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg.

Comrade Terrence, Chairman of Standing Committee on Fiftieth Anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg, reported that satisfactory progress had been made by those whose duty it is to prepare for the observance of that event on July 3, 1913; reported that the State of Pennsylvania has appropriated \$50,000 to meet expense of that celebration; that the State of Wisconsin had passed an act providing that all soldiers, on either side, in the battle of Gettysburg, residents of that State, shall be entitled to attend the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of said battle, the necessary expenses in attending same to be paid by the State Treasurer.

Recommended by committee and formally adopted, that three members from each Department be appointed to co-operate with Standing Committee in carrying out plans for the celebration. In compliance with above, the following were appointed from this Department: Comrade W. H. Wiscombe, of Reno Post No. 47, Spokane; Comrade E. A. Shores, Custer Post No. 6, Tacoma; Comrade George Hooker, Miller Post No. 31, Seattle.

From General Order No. 5 of this Department, issued February 5th, 1911, the following paragraph is taken, showing that the committee is already at work:

"The Department Commander has been requested by Comrade W. H. Wiscombe to instruct Post Commanders to forward to him the names of members of their respective Posts, together with the names of any veterans, not members of the G. A. R., living in their locality, who participated in the battle of Gettysburg. Comrade Wiscombe, whose address is, P. O. Box 1923, Spokane, Wash., is Chairman of Committee from this Department to co-operate with National Standing Committee on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. The Committee desires to secure the names, together with Company and Regiment in which they served, for the purpose of informing the Legislature which meets next winter of the number of soldiers now living in the State of Washington, who were engaged in that battle. The Committee intends to ask the Legislature for an appropriation sufficient to pay transportation to Gettysburg and return, for such soldiers, enabling them to be on that historic field July 3, 1913."

One of the most touching, tender experiences connected with our National Encampment was when the National President of the W. R. C., Belle C. Harris, accompanied by a large number of Past National Presidents, visited our Encampment. A complete report of their year's work was made by President Harris, showing a membership of 164,396; that \$129,953.70 had been expended during last year; and that \$3,873,008.88 had been expended since the society was organized. A check for \$3,000.00 was presented to Commander-in-Chief Gillman for the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic. Also a check for \$1,000.00 from National W. R. C. was presented to Commander-in-Chief Gillman.

Adjutant General then introduced to the Encampment, the

visiting Past Presidents and the Secretary, Charlotte E. Wright, who had signed the checks just presented to the Encampment. Each one of these officials was generously applauded, and as they retired from the hall three rousing cheers were given for the Women's Relief Corps. Many of the comrades were so affected that tears dropped from their eyes, tears of joy and gladness.

#### Committee on Incorporation.

This Committee reported that they had prepared a bill for the incorporation of the Grand Army of the Republic, which was introduced in Congress in January, 1911, passed the Senate, but failed to pass the House. They further reported that a new bill had been prepared and recommended that its passage be urged. After a lengthy discussion, motion was made and carried to postpone further consideration of this Committee's report until next Encampment, and that in the meantime the Commander-in-Chief be directed to have Committee's report and the bill they recommend, printed and sent to every Department to supply each Post. Every Comrade has a right to judgment on this matter.

#### Visit of National Officers.

In November, word was received that Commander-in-Chief Trimble and party would be in Los Angeles early in January to complete arrangements for National Encampment to be held there in September, 1912; that on their return trip, they would visit the Pacific and Mountain Departments, their itinerary including three stops in Washington—Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane. In a later communication, Adjutant General wrote that Commander-in-Chief Trimble and Adjutant General Koch would be accompanied by Cora M. Davis, National President of the Women's Relief Corps, and wished that she be considered in any arrangements made for meeting with the National Officers.

Owing to delayed trains, because of snow and storm, Commander-in-Chief and party were eighteen hours behind schedule time when they arrived in Los Angeles. That delay prevented their arrival at Tacoma as planned; instead of being there in time for Saturday night's meeting, they did not reach Tacoma until Sunday morning, January 14th, and the opportunity to meet the National Officers was not what it would have been had

there been no delay in the earlier part of the trip. However, many of the comrades and members of the auxiliary living in Tacoma, visited Commander-in-Chief Trimble, Adjutant General Koch and National President Davis at the Hotel Carlton, taking them for an auto ride around the city, which added to the enjoyment of the day.

The party arrived in Seattle Sunday evening, the 14th. On Monday, January 15th, at one p. m., an informal meeting was held in the drill hall at the State armory. Nearly one thousand of the Comrades, their auxiliary and kindred organizations, were in attendance. Commander-in-Chief Trimble and Adjutant General Koch of the G. A. R., Mrs. Cora M. Davis, National President of the W. R. C.; Mrs. Edith E. Harris, a member of the National Executive Board of the W. R. C., and Mrs. Houghton, Junior Vice-President of the National Organization Ladies of the G. A. R., were upon the platform and each, in a few well-chosen words, extended greetings to the Comrades and friends assembled. That meeting will long be remembered as one of the events full of pleasure and joy. At Spokane the Commander-in-Chief and party stopped a few hours and exchanged fraternal greetings with many of the Comrades and friends who visited them at their hotel. The entire trip through our Department brought forth words of appreciation from the visiting officials concerning the pleasant, enjoyable meetings, and words of regret that their stay was so limited.

#### Soldiers' Homes.

Two visits have been made to the Home at Orting, where there are over 700 on the roll. Superintendent Tibbets and his good wife are seeking to make the Home a home indeed as well as name, and their care is in evidence everywhere. Hospital facilities are overtaxed, but best use is being made of what there is.

The Port Orchard Home has been visited several times. It is beautifully located; buildings are all modern in construction, and in an ideal place. Many comrades and their wives are enjoying life there. When improvements now under contract are completed, the capacity of the Home will be more than twice what it is now. The new hospital will enable the veterans to receive medical treatment under the most modern methods.

At both Homes the comfort and convenience of the comrades are carefully considered and the G. A. R. has reason to be proud of the generosity of the citizens of our State of Washington who are providing so bountifully for the veterans, and to the State officials who have the care and maintenance of our Soldiers' Homes. We certainly are under obligations for the efforts they are making to do the best they can for those who come under their care.

A monument erected by the W. R. C., Department of Washington and Alaska, in the cemetery at Veterans' Home, Port Orchard, was unveiled on Sunday, May 26th, 1912. Department President of the W. R. C., Edith E. Harris, prepared the program and had charge of the services of the day. A large number of comrades and their auxiliary, Spanish War Veterans and friends, were present. That monument, dedicated to the "Memory of the Heroes of '61 to '65," is another demonstration of the loving, tender care the W. R. C. are giving to the memory of the dead as well as to the living comrades, and that it is their desire that deeds and sacrifices of those who served their country in its time of peril shall forever have unfading distinction in the future life of our nation.

#### The Women's Relief Corps.

For over twenty years I have had some knowledge of the work done by our auxiliary of this Department, and have known to some extent what they are doing and have done to perpetuate the principles for which the G. A. R. fought fifty year ago. I understand their mission now better than ever before, and what sacrifices they are making that the declining years of the veterans may be peaceful, happy and enjoyable. To the President of the W. R. C. of this Department, Edith E. Harris, we are under many obligations for her efforts to aid the G. A. R. in every way possible. Department Commander has been ably assisted by many of her suggestions and by her hearty co-operation in the efforts made to visit and become acquainted with members of the Grand Army in different parts of our Department.

Over three thousand miles, sometimes by stage, sometimes by steamer and sometimes by freight train, through snow-storms and through fog and mists, day after day has she journeyed, in the valleys and over mountains, that she might meet the members of the G. A. R. and their auxiliary, and speak

good words of cheer. Such service as she has rendered can not be too highly appreciated.

The social relations of Posts and Corps have been largely strengthened by her efforts to have it understood that our auxiliary is our helper. With her genial disposition and her ability to interest and revive those who had lost some of their zeal, she has been of great assistance in keeping our ranks full. We owe her our profound gratitude for what she has done for the G. A. R. in our Department during the past year.

Upon every occasion where it has been my privilege to meet the W. R. C., I have found them courteous and kind, ready to extend a helping hand, to make personal sacrifice to please, benefit and interest the G. A. R. Not only have they given of their wealth to provide, entertain, assist and comfort comrades, but of that which is of more value than gold—kind words, expressing loyalty to the G. A. R. and a determination to make the declining years of the veterans full of joy and pleasure.

Perhaps no more appropriate words can be used to illustrate their close relation to the G. A. R. than were used by Past Commander-in-Chief Gillman when he said: "The W. R. C.—the right hand of the G. A. R." The pleasant memory of association with that body of noble women, loyal to our country, our flag and our G. A. R., will be with us while life lasts.

#### Ladies of the G. A. R.

They have a high standard of duty before them, and in behalf of the memory of living and dead relatives, are seeking to perform their mission and perpetuate the principles for which their fathers and brothers fought and won, and let us bid them God-speed in their work. There are many noble women in that organization, all loyal to our country, our flag and the G. A. R. They do not report to us their special work, so we are without statistics showing membership, money expended and relief given; but we know that they are very actively engaged in their special mission and are appreciated for the good work they are doing.

The Department has had bound and presented to the State Historical Society, complete Journal of the Department of Washington and Alaska number one, to date.

### Sons of Veterans.

The Sons of Veterans, during the past year, have taken on new life, and renewed their interest in their work; and while their numbers are not large, many of their present officials are actively at work organizing new Camps.

### Memorial Day.

May 30th, 1912, will forever be memorable as a day of exceedingly interesting, solemn services in our Department, participated in with a spirit of reverence for our departed comrades and a manifestation of respect and honor for our Grand Army. The pulpit, the press, the schools, our college presidents, our Governor, the mayors of our cities, the merchant, the mechanic, the laborer, and the men and women all over our Department, put aside their daily avocations and devoutly entered into the day's service in such a manner that we, the members of the G. A. R., Department of Washington and Alaska, have a right to be proud of the loyalty and patriotism of the citizens of our State of Washington.

### Condition.

I congratulate you, my comrades, upon the harmonious condition of our Department. There are no apparent differences that prevent a determined, united action by every Post to strive for that which is best for our Department and the perpetuation of the principles of our order.

We have lost by death during the year, 131. Our present membership is 3,046. I commend to you a careful reading of the Adjutant General's report. A slight gain in membership for the year is shown, mostly from re-instatement and transfer. It cannot be expected that our ranks can be recruited extensively from the veterans who have never been identified with us, but let us seek to keep the comrades now enrolled and to re-instate those who have allowed their membership to lapse, and ever and always extend the invitation to those who have never joined our ranks to come in while there is yet opportunity.

### Appropriations.

At the Twenty-ninth Encampment, \$250.00 was appropriated for the Department Commander's use to attend the Na-

tional Encampment and visit the Posts of the Department. I most heartily recommend that \$300.00 be appropriated for the coming year. While I have spent much more than the amount allowed, I have visited only 56 Posts in the Department, besides attending the National Encampment. I believe my successor can use \$300.00 during the coming year to the great benefit of the comrades of the Department.

The per capita tax I recommend to remain as at present. The Department will soon be decreasing in numbers rapidly, so let us, while we can, create and hold a reserve fund in order that when the time comes for great losses in our ranks, the reserve fund may be available to keep our Department in existence.

I believe the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General should be paid at least \$500 per year, and I so recommend. As the comrades are growing older, the records of many Posts are not kept as accurately as in former years, and the memory of many is failing. A vast amount of correspondence is required to gather information necessary to keep Department records correctly.

### Official Family.

Of the twenty-six comrades elected to official positions at the Twenty-ninth Encampment held in Wenatchee, only one has been transferred to that Encampment where membership will be eternal. Comrade W. P. Sargent of Custer Post No. 6, elected as delegate to the National Encampment, died July 16, 1911. Comrade Sargent was anticipating much pleasure in attending the Encampment at Rochester. He was a member of Co. L, 8th New York Cavalry. His home was in Tacoma, where, as a member of Custer Post, he was beloved and respected by his comrades who deeply mourned his death.

To the remaining twenty-five members of my official family who were elected to serve with me, I am under obligations for the assistance they have given me. To the A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G., Comrade A. W. Hastie, who has so faithfully, intelligently and ably performed the duties of that office, I am under many obligations; and if my administration is worthy of merit, it is largely due to his untiring efforts to properly attend to all details connected with his office.

To all members of my staff, I wish to express my thanks

for their loyal support. And again, let me thank you, my comrades, for the honor conferred by electing me your Department Commander. The delightful experience of the past year will ever be remembered by me, the open hands, warm hearts and kind words with which I have been greeted by all my comrades and co-workers will never be forgotten. If I have failed to do all that you expected, attribute it not to lack of good intent, but let that good intent supply and atone for what, from another standpoint, might seem defective.

Comrades, the months and years are rolling by. Only a few more rolling seasons and the Grand Army of the Republic will be a thing of the past. But its history is written on the imperishable records of time; and though we may sometimes feel that it will be obscured by the brightness of national prosperity, and that not a thought of its record will be blended with that prosperity, I think we have evidence to believe that in every night of this Nation's life, the record of our Grand Army will shine as stars in the firmament of her history and guide her leaders on towards the fulfillment of her destiny, by the inspiration that comes from that light as it shines upon them, with the mighty dome of national unity for a background.

While our ranks are growing thinner,  
Comrades falling one by one;  
Let us closer stand together,  
Till life's battles all are done.

Let us keep the fires fraternal,  
Brightly burning in our breast,  
Till for us the "taps" have sounded,  
And we take our final rest.

F. H. HURD,  
Department Commander.

The Commander's address was referred to a committee consisting of the Past Department Commanders present.

Commander Hurd then resumed the chair.

## REPORTS

### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

Pullman, Wash., June 5, 1912.

Department Commander and Comrades:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that after careful examination of the roll of the Thirtieth Department Encampment, we find that the credentials presented by the respective Posts are in accordance with the roll as prepared by the Assistant Adjutant General, and recommend the approval of the roll as presented.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

A. W. HASTIE,  
Stevens Post No. 1.

J. E. STEWART,  
Sedgwick Post No. 8.

J. H. McFARLAND,  
Page Post No. 94.

Assistant Adjutant General A. W. Hastie made his first and second semi-annual reports.

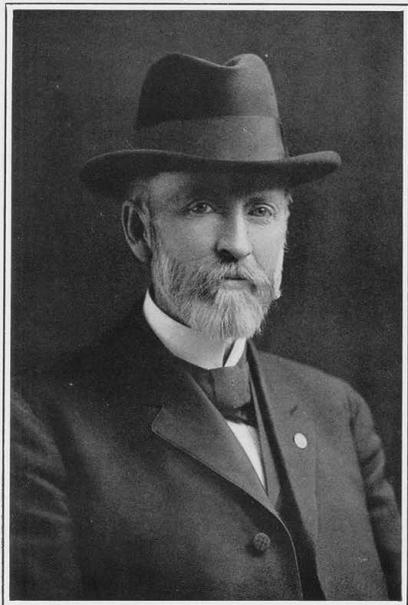
### CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Headquarters Department of Washington and Alaska G. A. R.  
Office of Assistant Adjutant General.

Seattle, June 5, 1912.

F. H. Hurd, Department Commander.

Comrade: I have the honor to present the following Consolidated Report of the Posts of this Department for the six months ending June 30th, 1911:



ADDISON W. HASTIE  
Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General.

Number remaining in good standing last term,			
		Posts.	Mem- bers.
Dec. 31, 1910.....		81	3,020
Gain—			
	Mem- bers.		
By muster-in .....	98		
By transfer .....	45		
By re-instatement .....	18		
By re-instatement from delinquent reports .....	1	5	
Total gain .....	1	166	1
Aggregate .....		82	3,186
Loss—			
	Mem- bers.		
By death .....	63		
By honorable discharge .....	1		
By transfer .....	33		
By suspension .....	185		
By dishonorable discharge .....	2		
Total loss .....	189		189
Number remaining in good standing June 30, 1911 .....		82	2,997

Very respectfully, in F., C. and L.,

A. W. HASTIE,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

**CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT  
GENERAL.**

Headquarters Department of Washington and Alaska G. A. R.  
Office of Assistant Adjutant General.

Seattle, June 5, 1912.

F. H. Hurd, Department Commander.

Comrade: I have the honor to present the following Con-  
solidated Report of the Posts in the Department for the six  
months ending Dec. 31st, 1911:

Number remaining in good standing last term,			
		Posts.	Mem- bers.
June 30th, 1911.....		82	2,997
Gain—			
	Mem- bers.		
By muster-in .....	2	115	
By transfer .....		43	
By reinstatement .....		67	
By re-instatement from delinquent reports .....	4	36	
Total gain .....	6	261	6
Aggregate .....		88	3,258
Loss—			
	Mem- bers.		
By death .....	63		
By honorable discharge .....	6		
By transfer .....	35		
By suspension .....	106		
By dishonorable discharge .....	2		
Total loss .....	212		212
Number remaining in good standing.....		88	3,046

Very respectfully, in F., C. and L.,

A. W. HASTIE,  
Assistant Adjutant-General.

Assistant Quartermaster General A. W. Hastie made his re-  
port.

**REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.**  
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA G. A. R.

Seattle, Wash., June 5, 1912.

F. H. Hurd, Department Commander:

I have the honor to present the following financial report,  
ending this date:

## Cash Receipts.

1911.		
June 29.	From J. E. Stewart, A. Q. M. G., 8 bonds, \$100 each .....	\$ 800.00
June 29.	From J. E. Stewart, A. Q. M. G., check.....	333.11
June 30.	From per capita tax .....	610.40
Dec. 31.	From supplies sold .....	52.65
Dec. 31.	From per capita tax .....	612.40
1912.		
Apr. 1.	From interest on bonds .....	56.00
June 1.	From supplies sold .....	89.02
	Total cash received .....	\$2,553.58

1911.

## Cash Disbursed.

July 5.	Paid Orting Drum Corps .....	\$ 75.00
	Paid Ladies of G. A. R. (Fountain).....	25.00
	Paid expense at Wenatchee .....	4.05
	Paid Alaska Printing Co. (stationery) .....	19.25
	Paid supplies from National .....	97.00
	Paid premium on A. Q. M. G. bond .....	2.50
	Paid per capita tax for June 30, 1911.....	52.66
	Paid per capita tax for Dec. 31, 1911.....	53.40
	Paid for postage stamps .....	45.00
Sept. 7.	Paid 200 Journals and envelopes (Union Printing Co., Spokane).....	122.60
	Paid Pliny L. Allen, printing .....	45.25
	Paid office supplies, express, blank books...	19.36
Aug. 14.	Paid Dept. Commander, attending National Encampment .....	150.00
Oct. 4.	Paid Dept. Commander extra Exp....\$25.05 R. R. fare, Pullman and return..... 25.40	50.45
1912.		
Jan. 15.	Paid Dept. Commander entertaining Na- tional Officers .....	21.12
	Paid stenographer .....	\$7.40
	Repair trunk .....	1.25
		8.65
	Paid J. L. MacDonald, printing .....	48.00
	Paid A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G. salary.....	400.00
	Paid for two Tacoma bonds, each...\$100.00	
	Interest .....	1.90
		201.90

Paid for trunk for supplies .....	\$9.60	
Exchange on 5 checks .....	.50	
		10.10
Paid binding complete file Dept. Journals..		3.50
Paid Commander F. H. Hurd, balance due		100.00
Paid for 8 bonds of \$100 each .....		800.00
Paid stenographer .....		3.65
Paid exchange on check .....		.10
Check to balance account .....		195.04
Total .....	\$2,553.58	

I thank our able and respected Department Commander for honoring me with this important office. Our official duties have brought us close together during the past year. I have always found him a constant and enthusiastic worker in the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic. He has always treated me kindly and considerately—ready to assist me when the duties of this office were the most difficult. The other officers of this Department have also been diligent, enthusiastic and considerate in all of their official business.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

A. W. HASTIE,

A. Q. M. G.

The Council of Administration made their report of examination of accounts as follows:

## REPORT OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

The Council of Administration report that they have carefully examined the Books of Account, Receipts and Vouchers of Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quarter Master General, A. W. Hastie, and find the same correct. The Encampment now owns \$1000.00 of good Bonds, and Cash on Hand, \$195.04; an increase or gain of \$62.93 for the year just passed.

We recommend that the Per Capita Tax remain as at pres-

ent, and that the Commanders Salary be raised to \$300.00 per year.

Council of Administration,

R. R. HARDING,  
Chairman.

E. A. SHORES,  
GEO. KINNEAR,  
WM. A. INMAN,  
GEO. W. TIBBITTS.

Pullman, Wash., June 5th, 1912.

On motion the reports of Assistant Adjutant General, Assistant Quartermaster General, and Council of Administration were referred to the same committee as was the Commander's address.

#### REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Addison W. Hastie,

Asst. Adj. Gen. Dept. of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.,  
My dear Sir and Comrade,—

I have the honor to herewith submit my report as Judge Advocate for the Department of Washington and Alaska for the year ending June 5, 1912.

I am glad to report that the posts and comrades of the department have lived in harmony and peace during the entire year. With the exception of three or four appeals to the Judge Advocate, no other communications have been received by this office.

The communications and requests called for were fully satisfied by the letters forwarded from the Judge Advocate. In my judgment there is no class of men on earth that has been so quiet and peaceable without trouble among themselves, as the comrades of the G. A. R., during the past year in this Department.

I most respectfully thank the Commander, Comrade Hurd, for the honor of the appointment and especially thank all the

comrades in the Department for the good will that they have shown towards the order and the good comradeship manifested between themselves. I regret exceedingly not to be able to attend the Encampment at Pullman, there having occurred within the last two days circumstances beyond my control which prevented my attendance.

Most respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. LANE,  
Judge Advocate.

Report of Judge Advocate, Geo. B. Lane, was read, approved and filed.

By vote of the Encampment all resolutions were referred to the committee on resolutions, and without debate.

The Adjutant General called the roll of Posts to ascertain representation present and the delegate badges were distributed accordingly.

The Encampment then took a recess to 1:30 P. M.

## Afternoon Session, June 5th

Encampment called to order at 1:30 P. M.

By unanimous vote the first order of business for the afternoon session on June 6, shall be the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Comrade Wiscombe presented a request from Post 119 to be reinstated and to have permission to move their headquarters from Rice to Daisy, and on motion the request was granted and past per capita tax remitted.

Chaplain C. D. Spencer stated that many Memorial Day reports had not yet been received and asked that he be given further time to complete his report and that when completed it be published in the Journal. On motion his request was granted.

### REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Headquarters Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.  
Office of Department Chaplain

Centralia, June 10, 1912.

To Comrade F. H. Hurd,

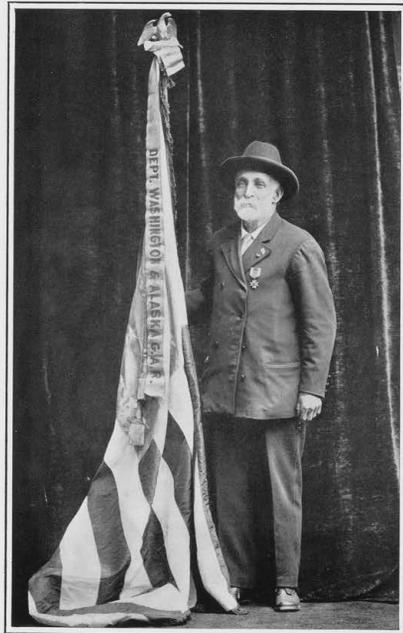
Department Commander of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.

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

Number of Posts in Department .....	88
Number of Posts reporting Memorial Services.....	51

#### Memorial Sabbath Services.

Number of Posts attending services.....	51
Number of sermons preached to Posts.....	50
Number of sermons preached by Veterans.....	18
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	22
Number of Comrades present at such services.....	2,000
Number of Women's Relief Corps participating with Posts at such services.....	46
Number of members of Women's Relief Corps attend- ing such services.....	2,400



CAPT. JOE DICKERSON  
Department Color Bearer.

Number of Camps of Sons of Veterans attending such services.....	2
Number of Sons of Veterans attending such services.....	50
Number of Tents of Daughters of Veterans attending such services.....	3
Number of Daughters of Veterans attending such services.....	100

#### Memorial Day Services.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day Services.....	52
Number of Comrades participating in Memorial Day Services.....	2,145
Number of Women's Relief Corps participating in Memorial Day Services.....	50
Number of members of Women's Relief Corps participating in Memorial Day Services.....	2,020
Number of Camps of Sons of Veterans participating in Memorial Day Services.....	2
Number of Sons of Veterans participating.....	157
Number of Tents of Daughters of Veterans participating.....	3
Number of Daughters of Veterans participating.....	125
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated..	79
Number of graves decorated (perhaps some have been counted twice).....	3,484
Number of graves unmarked by headstones.....	180
Number of public schools engaging in Memorial Day Services.....	95
Number of pupils participating.....	15,288
Number of other organizations participating.....	75
Number of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day.....	52
Number of addresses delivered by Veterans.....	19
Number of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	23
Number of Posts having Burial Plots.....	22

How would you improve upon and make more impressive the exercises of Memorial Day, and better enlist the sympathy and participation of the public?

Remarks: Ladies of G. A. R., have 23 Circles, with 1,075

members, 650 Veterans, 112 Sons of Veterans, making a total attendance of 1,837.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

REV. C. D. SPENCER,

Department Chaplain.

P. O. Address, Centralia, Wash.

Department Chaplains are expected to exercise the utmost diligence in securing prompt returns from Post Chaplains, and to file their reports with the Chaplain-in-Chief not later than July 15th following.

Comrade E. A. Shores of Custer Post No. 6, made a glowing report of Memorial Day exercises in Tacoma, which was followed by a long roll of equally enthusiastic reports of unusual patriotic demonstrations in connection with this year's Memorial Day services.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Committee on Rules and Order of Business reported as follows:

Pullman, Wash., June 5th, 1912.

Your Committee on Rules and Order of Business recommend:

That this Encampment be governed by Roberts's rules and order of business, so far as they do not conflict with the ritual.

1. Reports of Officers.
2. Miscellaneous Business.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Fixing Place of Holding 31st Department Encampment.
5. Reports of Committees.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. Installation of Officers.

J. E. GANDY,

Chairman.

JOHN TENPANY,

B. R. REYNOLDS,

Committee.

#### REPORT ON COMMANDER'S ADDRESS, ETC.

The Committee to whom was referred the Commander's address, Assistant Adjutant General's reports, Assistant Quarter Master General's report and that of the Council of Administration, made the following report:

We approve of the reports as read, except that we recommend that the salary of the Department Commander remain at \$300 as recommended by the Council of Administration, which is to cover all expenses connected with his duties as Commander; also that the salary of the Adjutant General and Assistant Quarter Master General be and remain \$400, which shall cover office rent.

B. R. FREEMAN,

C. B. DUNNING,

GEO. H. BOARDMAN,

LYMAN BANKS,

W. H. WISCOMBE.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

Recess was taken to 9:30 A. M., June 6.

## Second Day, June 6, 1912

Encampment called to order at 9:30 A. M., June 6.

By unanimous vote, delegates to the National Encampment at Los Angeles were instructed to vote for Past Department Commander G. W. Tibbetts, for Commander-in-Chief.

A committee of three, Inman, Tibbetts and Wiscombe, were appointed to meet Governor Hay at the depot and escort him to this meeting.

Delegation from the Ladies of the G. A. R., Rose Houghton, Luverna Eldred and Margaret Ward, was announced and escorted to the platform. After a brief address from each, replied to by Comrade Tibbetts, they presented Commander Hurd with a handsome locket—a token of appreciation from their organization. They were then decorated with the Encampment badge and retired.

A communication proposing to give local entertainments for Posts by the correspondent was placed on file.

Patriotic Instructor, K. P. Allen, was given further time to complete his report and when completed was authorized to have it published in the proceedings.

Sons of Veterans delegation, Division Commander D. A. Moran, Past Division Commander C. V. Savidge and S. V. Post Commander F. B. F. Campbell were escorted in and each made a stirring patriotic address. Encampment badges were given them before retiring.

An invitation signed by all the officials of Pullman to make Pullman our permanent home was received with cheers.

By unanimous vote the Spanish War Veterans were invited to hold their encampment in 1913 in the same city selected by us.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following report, which was adopted:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

To the Commander and Comrades of the Department of Washington and Alaska G. A. R., here assembled:

Your Committee on Resolutions respectfully submits the following report:

Whereas, The Stars and Stripes is the national banner and ensign representing our Government and its institutions, and

Whereas, The Flag of Our Country has been and is being insulted and desecrated in our homeland,

Resolved, That we are firmly and resolutely opposed to any disrespect being shown to "Old Glory" by word or action, and that we believe that the display of other flags in public places or ceremonies is a species of treason against our Government and should receive our disapprobation; and that respect for our national emblem and love for the flag should be taught to our youth until the principles of patriotism shall be so imbedded in the minds and hearts of all our people that no person or association of men, whether native or alien, will dare to display any other, or offer insult or desecration to the one and only flag of our country.

That we demand of our national lawmakers the enactment of a law making a display of other flags (except in courtesy) or the desecration of our flag treason against our Government, and punishable with severe penalties.

And further that we honor the flag of our country by giving it a place in our public assemblies, and raising it over all of our public buildings that our eyes may be greeted by "Old Glory" everywhere throughout the nation.

In view of the fact that the patriotic sentiment of the people has been lying dormant for the last few years, and those who do not think as we do on this subject have taken advantage of this condition, and have constantly been teaching treasonable and anarchistic doctrines to the thoughtless and ignorant (mostly people of foreign birth), until they have built up an organization that threatens destruction to our form of Government,

Therefore, Be it resolved that we think it right and proper that patriotic literature should be distributed to counteract these treasonable influences, and that all G. A. R. members

should use every influence to revive and restore this patriotic sentiment and make it so strong that no man or body of men shall dare to raise the red flag or any flag except the Star Spangled Banner.

Resolved, That the incoming Department Commander and his official staff be instructed to attend the next session of the legislature of this state and have drawn and introduced a proper bill admitting to the State Veterans' Home at Port Orchard, all soldiers' widows who are residents of this state and otherwise entitled to admission, under the provisions of said bill.

The National Encampment of the G. A. R. at Rochester, N. Y., having adopted a resolution prohibiting caricatures of "Uncle Sam" in any parade of the G. A. R., Resolved that this department endorse said resolution, and also opposes any and all caricatures on such occasions.

Whereas, The United States Government and our state have dealt liberally with our veterans, Resolved that this department does not approve of auxiliary or affiliating organizations making personal solicitations for our aid, but does not object to entertainments by these organizations to raise funds for such purpose.

Resolved, That the Department of Washington and Alaska G. A. R. extends an invitation to the National Encampment to meet in Seattle, Washington, in 1915, concurrent with the great Panama Canal Exposition at San Francisco.

To Department Commander F. H. Hurd: This department owes a debt of gratitude that it can never repay for the manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the department during the last year; ever vigilant and active in its interest, he having made a record that is equalled but by few of the department commanders in the history of our state organization. Every member of his staff has been equally vigilant, and all are entitled to great credit for the valuable service they have given to this department.

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Army of the Republic of this department individually and collectively hold in the highest esteem all of the Auxiliaries and affiliating societies of the Grand Army and hereby extend to them our deepest feeling of respect and consideration. May their work

in their various spheres be continued to their great glory and to our great good.

Resolved, That we owe a deep debt of gratitude to the citizens of Pullman for their zeal and enthusiasm, and the great amount of labor and expense incurred by them in the preparation for and during the holding of this Encampment, for which we thank them most heartily, and express our appreciation of having been invited by them to hold our present Encampment in Pullman. And in this connection let us not forget the courtesies shown us by the management of that renowned educational institution of our state,—the State College of Washington,—and be ever ready to offer assistance in its behalf. We especially commend the action of the Cadet Corps in having sacrificed their valuable time in our behalf. Pullman and its noble people will be remembered by the attendants at this Encampment during the remainder of their lives.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

THEODORE REED,  
N. E. BENSON,  
WM. BADGER.

On the resolutions submitted and not mentioned in report were endorsements as follows:

To admit a member the same night of application, "Your committee is of opinion that changes suggested are now in force."

Against incorporating G. A. R., "Present lack of information and belief that it will be thoroughly discussed at Los Angeles."

Admitting G. A. R. men to W. R. C. meetings, "No jurisdiction. Must come from National W. R. C."

Rev. Thomas E. Webb, D. D., of Mead Post No. 9, was unanimously endorsed for Chaplain-in-Chief of the G. A. R. and the Adjutant General instructed to notify the National Encampment.

Recess then taken to 1 o'clock today.

## Afternoon Session, June 6, 1912

Encampment resumed session at one o'clock.

By a separate motion and unanimous vote in each case, the rules were suspended and the Adjutant General was instructed to and did cast the ballot of the Encampment for the following named officers for the ensuing year, to-wit:

Commander—R. R. Harding, Pacific Post No. 48, Port Angeles.

Senior Vice Commander—W. L. Boyd, Reno Post. No. 47, Spokane.

Junior Vice Commander—K. P. Allen, Whitman Post No. 53, Pullman.

Medical Director—Dr. J. E. Gandy, Sedgwick Post No. 8, Spokane.

Chaplain—Rev. C. D. Spencer, T. P. Price Post No. 82, Centralia.

Council of Administration—

Geo. Kinnear, Miller Post No. 31, Seattle.

E. A. Shores, Custer Post No. 6, Tacoma.

W. A. Inman, Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 19, Colfax.

C. B. Dunning, Sedgwick Post No. 8, Spokane.

H. W. North, John Buford Post No. 89, Everett.

Delegate at large to National Encampment—Joseph Dickerson, Miller Post No. 31, Seattle.

Delegates to National Encampment—

H. W. North, Buford Post No. 89, Everett.

Dr. J. E. Gandy, Sedgwick Post No. 8, Spokane.

M. P. Kelley, Custer Post No. 6, Tacoma.

Wm. Badger, Mead Post No. 9, North Yakima.

O. D. McDonnell, Steadman Post No. 24, Bellingham.

F. S. Johnson, Sheridan Post No. 44, Tacoma.

Alternates—

F. P. Connell, Milroy Post No. 62, Tekoa.

Jos. McFadden, Grant Post No. 116, Bremerton.

Chas. Jenkins, Ellsworth Post No. 2, Vancouver.

W. M. Ridpath, Reno Post No. 47, Spokane.

W. L. Ames, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle.

P. E. Gesford, Hayden Post No. 118, Orting.

All of whom were declared by the Commander duly elected.

Upon request of the members of Post No. 111 at Waitsburg, the number of the Post was changed to No. 40 by which number the Post was originally organized.

The committee from the Women's Relief Corps was announced and escorted to the platform, preceded by President Edith E. Harris. She was followed by ten Past Presidents, viz: Helen Burke, 1888; Sarah T. Parker, 1891; Jennie S. Holmes, 1893; Frankie C. Bedell, 1897; Lida McKercher, 1900; Jennie S. Wiscombe, 1901; E. Phillis Carlton, 1903; Melissa U. Stewart, 1906; Lettie Brown, 1909; Josephene Dunning, 1910, and Lucy Higgins, National Secretary. Such an array of faithful workers was a notable event.

Commander Hurd, in a few appropriate words, welcomed the visiting Past Presidents of our Auxiliary.

President Edith E. Harris introduced each in turn of service and then made a pleasing address, followed by her official report to the Department. Badges were then presented to each one of the committee by Comrades Hastie and Tibbitts.

### REPORT OF WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Bellingham, Wash., June 5, 1912.

F. H. Hurd, Department Commander of the G. A. R. and members of the Thirtieth Encampment:

I come before you today with cordial greetings of the Department Women's Relief Corps.

I can tell you with pleasure that your Auxiliary has prospered this year. We have gained in membership and have met all of our obligations in every way. Have organized two new Corps during the year.

### PRESIDENT HARRIS' ADDRESS.

Number of Corps in Department.....	61
Number of members in good standing.....	3,028
Cash expended for relief during the year.....\$	372.00

Cash turned over to Posts.....	425.47
Relief other than money.....	585.15
Amount in General Fund of Corps March 31.....	2,753.27
Amount in Relief Fund of Corps March 31.....	982.30
Total amount of Corps Property in Department.....	14,378.75
We sent to Southern Memorial Fund.....	55.00

On Memorial Sunday we dedicated to Veteran's Home Cemetery at Port Orchard a beautiful granite monument costing \$550.00. We have been three years raising this money receiving donations from the different Corps for the same.

We want to assure you that we will always be ready in the future as we have in the past, to come to your assistance when ever you call. And remember as your Auxiliary we are yours for all time in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

EDITH E. HARRIS,  
Department President of W. R. C.

Recess taken to 9 A. M. June 7.



EDITH E. HARRIS  
Department President W. R. C.

## Morning Session, Friday, June 7, 1912

Session resumed at 9 A. M. June 7.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

Invitations were received for 1913 Encampment from Port Angeles, Snohomish and Seattle. Ballot held showed a majority of votes for Port Angeles, whereupon it was voted to make the selection unanimous.

By vote of the Encampment the Adjutant General was instructed to pay railroad fare of Drum Corps attending.

It being stated that the Drum Corps were making demands on Pullman, the Commander appointed a committee of Comrades Connell, Benson and Humison to investigate with power to settle all questions relating to claims of Drum Corps.

The following resolution was introduced and passed.

Whereas, The members of the Grand Army of the Republic in this Department have noticed in the press of our country severe criticisms on the honor and integrity of C. H. Hanford, a United States Federal Judge, and Congressman Victor L. Berger of Wisconsin in the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C., has questioned his ability and honesty of purpose,

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Washington and Alaska, wish to go on record throughout our country, commending the honor, ability and patriotism of United States Judge C. H. Hanford.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

Upon motion, unanimously carried, the time for the installation of officers-elect was set for 1:30 p. m., and a recess was taken to meet at that time.

#### Communication From the President of The United States.

Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy.

Washington, D. C., June 6, 1912.

Dept. Commander F. H. Hurd,

G. A. R., Pullman, Washington.

Please convey my cordial greetings to those in attendance

at your thirtieth annual Encampment and my best wishes for a delightful re-union.

WM. H. TAFT.

11:08 A. M.

Chicago, Ill., April 20, 1912.

Comrade Addison W. Hastie,  
Assistant Adjutant General,  
Dept. of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.,  
N. Y. Block, Seattle, Wash.

My dear Sir and Comrade: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your report on form "C," and to congratulate you upon your net gain of membership. Yours is one of the few Departments, which shows this

Very sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

CHARLES R. E. KOCH,  
Adjutant General.

**Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic**  
Department of Washington and Alaska

F. H. HURD,  
Commander.

A. W. HASTIE,  
Asst. Adj. General.

Seattle, Wash., April 4, 1912.

Judge H. M. Trimble,  
Princeton, Illinois.

My dear Commander: Our Department Encampment will be held on June 5, 6, and 7, 1912, at Pullman, Washington. Can you not make it convenient to honor us with an official visit at that time? If you can attend our Encampment, rest assured that a cordial reception will be given you and your official staff on that occasion.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

F. H. HURD,  
Commander.

**Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic,**

Office of Commander-in-Chief.

Princeton, Ill., May 8, 1912.

Comrade F. H. Hurd, Commander Department of Washington  
and Alaska, G. A. R., Seattle, Wash.:

My Dear Commander—Thanks for your invitation of April

4th last to attend your Department Encampment on June 5, 6 and 7 at Pullman, Wash.

I much regret that I cannot be with you. I had long ago accepted the invitation to go to the Pennsylvania Encampment at Gettysburg covering the same dates.

Please express my regret to the comrades of your Department, together with my best wishes for a most enjoyable and profitable encampment.

Fraternally yours,

H. M. TRIMBLE.

**Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic,**

State House, Boston.

A. W. Hastie,  
Asst. Adj. General,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Comrade: Thank you for sending your reports with check for per capita tax, \$52.66, which I find to be correct. Let me compliment you on the excellent manner in which they are prepared.

Yours faithfully in F. C. & L.,

E. B. STILLINGS,  
Adjutant General.

## Closing Session, Friday, June 7, 1912

Friday, June 7th, 1912, 1:30 p. m.

Encampment met pursuant to adjournment and opened in due form, Commander Hurd presiding.

Commander-elect R. R. Harding appointed Comrade H. W. Doty, of Pacific Post No. 48, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quarter Master General.

The officers-elect were then duly installed into their respective offices by Past Department Commander George W. Tibbitts.

There being no further business, the thirtieth encampment then adjourned sine die.

F. H. HURD,

Department Commander.

Official:

A. W. HASTIE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

### Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic

Department of Washington and Alaska

Seattle, Washington, July 1, 1911.

General Order No. 1.

1. Having been duly elected Department Commander of the Department of Washington and Alaska Grand Army of the Republic at the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment held at Wenatchee, Washington, June 27, 28 and 29, 1911, and having been duly installed in office, I hereby assume command.

2. I have appointed as Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, A. W. Hastie, of Seattle, Washington.

3. The Department headquarters are established at Room

507 New York Block, Seattle, Washington, where all remittances and communications should be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General.

4. Post Adjutants and Quartermasters are hereby reminded that the semi-annual reports accompanied with the per capita tax become due June 30, 1911. Promptness by all Posts is required.

5. Appointments of additional staff officers will be announced in future orders.

By command of

F. H. HURD,

Department Commander.

Official:

A. W. HASTIE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

### Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic

Department of Washington and Alaska

Seattle, Washington, July 20th, 1911.

General Order No. 2.

1. At the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Wenatchee, Washington, June 27th to 29th, 1911, the following Comrades were elected and installed:

Department Commander—F. H. Hurd, Seattle;

Senior Vice-Commander—J. W. Ferguson, Wenatchee;

Junior Vice-Commander—T. H. Ferrier, Ellensburg;

Medical Director—Dr. J. E. Grandy, Spokane;

Chaplain—C. D. Spencer, Centralia;

Asst. Adj.-Gen. and A. Q. M. G.—Addison W. Hastie, New York Blk., Seattle.

2.

#### Council of Administration:

George Kinnear, Miller Post No. 31, Seattle;

George W. Tibbitts, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle (Orting);

E. A. Shores, Custer Post No. 6, Tacoma;  
 R. R. Harding, Pacific Post No. 48, Port Angeles;  
 W. A. Inman, Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 19, Colfax.

3. **Delegates to National Encampment:**

Jos. Dickerson (at large), Seattle;  
 J. T. McFarland, Cashmere;  
 J. M. Fish, Kettle Falls;  
 B. R. Reynolds, Bremerton;  
 H. S. Hollister, Seattle;  
 Charles R. Connor, Spokane;  
 R. H. Ball, LaConner.

**Alternates:**

J. N. Butler, Spokane;  
 R. W. Williams, Mt. Vernon;  
 F. W. Seeley, Puyallup;  
 G. W. Currier, Ellensburg;  
 Wm. Badger, North Yakima;  
 S. F. Decatur, Mt. Vernon;  
 R. L. Lanning, Seattle.

4. The following Staff Officers are hereby announced:

Inspector General—W. H. Robinson, Post No. 6, Tacoma;  
 Judge Advocate—Geo. B. Lane, Post No. 5, Olympia;  
 Chief Mustering Officer—D. C. Brown, Post No. 31, Seattle;  
 Chief of Staff—J. M. Comstock, Post No. 8, Spokane;  
 Patriotic Instructor—K. P. Allen, Post No. 53, Pullman;  
 Senior Aid-de-Camp—Geo. W. Carver, Post No. 11, Ellensburg;  
 Department Color Bearer—Joseph Dickerson, Post No. 31, Seattle;  
 Officer of the Day—E. C. Kilbourne, Post No. 1, Seattle.

5. Those posts that have failed to send in their semi-annual

reports with their per capita tax due June 30th, will be reported delinquent if not forwarded at once.

6. The 45th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will meet at Rochester, N. Y., August 21-26, 1911. This Department has arranged for a tourist sleeping car to run through from Seattle, for the accommodation of delegates and friends, over the following lines:

The Northern Pacific Ry to St. Paul,  
 Burlington Route to Chicago,  
 Nickel Plate Road to Buffalo,  
 West Shore (N. Y. C.) to Rochester.

**Itinerary:**

August 16th—Leave Seattle, Northern Pacific No. 6, at 7:30 p. m. Arrive St. Paul 5:30 p. m. August 19th.

August 19th—Leave St. Paul, Burlington Route, at 6:30 p. m. Arrive Chicago 7:02 a. m., August 20.

August 20th—Leave Chicago, Nickel Plate Road from LaSalle St. Station, at 10:35 a. m.

August 21st—Arrive at Rochester, 7:15 a. m.

This will bring our party to Rochester on the morning of the opening day of the Encampment.

**Cost of Tickets:**

Round trip to Rochester from the following points in Washington: Bellingham, Everett, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane \$91.35

**Sleeping Car Accommodations:**

Double berth, accommodating two persons, Seattle to	
Rochester .....	\$ 8.25
Upper berth .....	6.60

Returning, from Rochester to Chicago must be over the same route as going, but west of Chicago, choice of routes is given. Consult Local Agents at places where tickets are bought.

Location of Department Headquarters at Rochester will be announced later.

A cordial invitation is extended to Comrades and friends to join our party, with the assurance that everything will be done to make our trip pleasant and comfortable.

Further information will be gladly furnished and reservations made in sleepers on application to Department Commander.

By command of

F. H. HURD,

Department Commander.

Official:

A. W. HASTIE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

**Note.**—Department Headquarters will be at Temperance Hotel, Main Street East, within half a block of National Headquarters and directly on line of March.

#### Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic

Department of Washington and Alaska

Seattle, Wash., October 16, 1911.

General Orders No. 3.

1. The 45th National Encampment of the G. A. R. was held in Rochester, New York, on August 21st to August 25th, inclusive, and will long be remembered by all who attended as one of the most instructive and enjoyable ever held. The attendance was large. At least 35,000 veterans met and greeted their old comrades in arms, and joined in the grand parade. The Commander desires to thank the comrades in our Department who attended, for their part in making a good showing and in upholding the standard of this Department. Captain Joe Dickerson, the Department Color Bearer, carried "Old Glory" for the twenty-eighth time in the National Encampment parade. To the delegates in attendance, all of whom faithfully performed their duties, the Commander is under obligations.

Our Department was recognized in the selection of Charles R. Connor of Post No. 8 Spokane as a member of the National Council of Administration. The National Convention of the Women's Relief Corps elected as a member of its Executive Board of five, Edith E. Harris, of the Department of Washington and Alaska, and now its president. She has long been

recognized as an able, patriotic member. During the earlier proceedings of their convention at Rochester she became conspicuous for her ability in expressing her views clearly and distinctly, and in a few minutes' speaking she captured their convention.

The National Department of the Ladies of the G. A. R. elected Mrs. Rose Houghton, Junior Vice-President, who is a member of McKinley Circle and a Past President of the Department of Washington and Alaska. She has been known for years as an active worker in that organization. The Department of Washington and Alaska appreciates the honors conferred upon a member of our auxiliary, and a member of our kindred organization.

2. All the comrades will be interested in the resolution on pensions passed by the National Encampment, which is set out in full in the Commander in Chief's Order No. 2, which is herewith mailed to each Post. The next National Encampment will be held in Los Angeles, California.

3. The Department Commander intends to visit as many of the Posts as possible in the near future. In order that the membership shall not decrease, it is important that all the officers of the Posts and the comrades invite and urge every Union veteran of the Civil War, not a member, to join the ranks of the G. A. R. Get acquainted with them and invite them to the open meetings, and thereby bring them into full membership in the Posts.

By order of

F. H. HURD,

Department Commander.

Official:

A. W. HASTIE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

#### Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic

Department of Washington and Alaska

Seattle, Wash., November 20, 1911.

General Order No. 4.

1. The time is near for the annual inspection of the Posts in this department. Inspection should be completed on or be-

fore December 20. Post Commanders are hereby instructed to appoint a comrade of their Post, or of some adjoining Post, who will properly perform the duty as Assistant Inspector. Let no one be appointed who is not adapted to that work and who will not be sufficiently interested to be thorough in performing the duties of Assistant Inspector. The inspection form, as provided by blanks which will be mailed to every Post, should be strictly followed.

2. The annual election of Post officers, with the exception of Patriotic Instructor, Adjutant, Sergeant Major and Quartermaster Sergeant, should be held, as provided in the Rules and Regulations, at the first stated meeting in December. All Post officers should be installed at the first stated meeting in January; or, if the installation is to be public, at a special meeting called for that purpose.

3. Representatives and alternates to the Thirtieth Department Encampment should be elected at the same time as the Post officers. Each Post is entitled to elect one representative and one alternate for every fifteen members, or major part thereof, as shown by report of June 30, 1911.

5. Immediately after the election, the Adjutant of each Post will report to the Assistant Adjutant General of this department the names and addresses of the officers, representatives and alternates elected by his Post. After the installation of Post officers, the installing officer will make a report to the Assistant Adjutant General of this department, giving the full name of each officer installed.

6. Blanks for the semi-annual reports for the term ending December 31, 1911, are herewith forwarded to each Post. The number in good standing as shown by report made June 30, 1911, will be entered in red ink at department headquarters, and should not be changed, as the figures are taken from official records. Post officers are urged to exercise great care in making up their reports and to be prompt in forwarding the same to the Adjutant General of the department. The per capita tax due with the reports from Posts will be 20c for each comrade reported in good standing for the six months ending on December 31, 1911.

7. The Adjutants' and Quartermasters' reports and the per capita tax should be forwarded to A. W. Hastie, Assistant Adjutant General and Quartermaster General, at Room 507, New

York Block, Seattle, Wash. The attention of Post officers is specially desired in the matter of properly addressing all communications mailed to Headquarters of Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.

8. The Department Commander wishes to emphasize the fact that in Washington and Alaska there are many veterans of the Civil War who are not members of our organization. Some of them have moved here from other departments, have allowed their names to be dropped and are not now identified with us, although in many instances they seem desirous of again enjoying the privileges that belong to all who are loyal to our organization. I urge you, my comrades, to be diligent and earnest in your efforts to reinstate as many as possible. There are others who have never entered our ranks. Let us seek them, wherever they may be found, and urge upon them our need of their help to strengthen our ranks.

9. The Department Commander hereby acknowledges the receipt of numerous communications from the Posts, endorsing the action of the National Encampment in regard to pensions. All of these communications have been filed at Department Headquarters and will receive the prompt attention they deserve. The National Committee on Pensions will be notified of the action taken by the Posts of this department.

10. The Department Commander congratulates the comrades for their firm adherence to the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and for the kind greetings extended by every Post he has visited; and for the united support he has thus far received during his term of office. He desires to express his most heartfelt gratitude. Peace and harmony are the prevailing conditions, and the firm ties of comradeship and the spirit of respect and veneration for each other seems to abound everywhere in this department.

By order of

F. H. HURD,

Department Commander.

Official:

A. W. HASTIE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

### Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic

Department of Washington and Alaska

General Order No. 5.

1. The year 1912 has been ushered in, and the Department of Washington and Alaska, for the year 1911-1912, has passed the meridian. Only four short months and we shall be called to assemble for the 30th Annual Encampment. Let us thank Him who rules the Universe and all therein, that we have been permitted to enjoy so many blessings and privileges since the beginning of this administration and may that spirit of Fraternity which has bound us together in one distinct loyal body, and that Charity which prompts us to love and cherish one another, be and abound with us while we draw closer together in our declining years.

2. The Department Commander realizes more fully than ever before what sacrifices are made by some of our smaller Posts for the purpose of maintaining an existence, and during the visits made to 31 Posts in this Department since the 28th of June, he has become convinced that many Posts with small membership, represent the highest idea of the true spirit and purpose of our Grand Army of the Republic; and he resires to emphasize the fact that many of our Comrades, feeble and aged are holding on with a grim determination not to give up their allegiance so long as permitted to breathe. He has been impressed with a feeling of reverence and admiration for many that he has met in different Posts, who could not have been present, only for the loving, tender care and thoughtfulness of their comrades or co-workers. We trust the spirit of devotion which has been conspicuous in this Department will continue, and may the ties of comradeship and fraternal greeting grow stronger, and be appreciated more fully as we march to our final destiny.

3. To the eighty Posts that have already made their semi-annual reports, with per capita tax accompanying, I congratulate you upon the prompt returns made. And to the few Posts that have not thus far reported for the term ending December 31, 1911, let me urge you to send reports immediately. We do not want to have one delinquent Post when we forward our Department report to National Headquarters, and up on those who have not reported rests the responsibility of our maintaining our full number of Posts.

4. The Council of Administration met at Department Headquarters, January 4th, every member of the Elected Council being present, and by unanimous vote, named June 5th, 6, and 7th, as the dates for holding the next Encampment at Pullman, that location having been selected by a unanimous vote of the last Encampment at Wenatchee. Application has been made for rates of transportation from all parts of the State to Pullman, and in due time we will be officially notified of the result.

5. The Department Commander has been requested by Comrade W. H. Wiscombe, to instruct Post Commanders to forward to him, the names of members of their respective Posts, together with the names of any veterans, not members of the G. A. R., living in their locality, who participated in the Battle of Gettysburg. Comrade Wiscombe, whose address is: P. O. Box 1923, Spokane, Wash., is Chairman of Committee from this Department to co-operate with National Standing Committee on the "Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg." The committee desires to secure the names, together with Company and Regiment in which they served, for the purpose of informing the legislature which meets next winter, of the number of soldiers now living in the State of Washington, who were engaged in that battle. The committee intends to ask the legislature for an appropriation sufficient to pay transportation to Gettysburg and return, and enable them to be on that historic field, July 3rd, 1913.

By order of

F. H. HURD,

Department Commander.

Official:

A. W. HASTIE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

### Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic

Department of Washington and Alaska

Seattle, Wash., April 2nd, 1912.

General Orders No. 6.

1. Memorial Day will soon be here—a day that has been specially dedicated for a sacred and hallowed purpose. I urge

that every member of our G. A. R., unite with our auxiliaries and kindred organizations, in paying annual tribute of flags and flowers to the memory of those, who in days gone by, fought to preserve our Nation, and for the priceless purity of our flag. Many of our Comrades fell in battle, and today 300,000 are resting in their last sleep, in cemeteries near where they fell, offerings of sacrifice upon the altar of their country, to secure for our Nation the blessing of liberty for all.

The loyal dead, on many a hill they lie,  
On every field of strife made red by bloody victory.  
Each valley where the battle poured its red and awful tide,  
Beheld the brave and loyal sword with slaughter deeply dyed.

Their bones are on the border hills,  
And on the southern plains,  
By mountain, river, lake and rill,  
And by the roaring main.

Aye, call it holy where they fought,  
And holy where they fell,  
For by their blood this land was re-bought,  
The land we love so well.

2. Over fifty years have passed since the beginning of the fight for national unity, and the cemeteries of our country are being rapidly filled and occupied as the last camping ground. Every month hundreds of our Comrades are joining the ranks of that G. A. R. of Immortals, now in camp upon the other side of that divide which separates the living from the dead. Many carried until their final muster out, marks of sacrifice made for their country in its time of need.

Let us perpetuate the memory of all, by loving service of Memorial Day. Let us who survive be earnest in our tributes, pure in affection and loving in our remembrance of departed comrades. May the lesson of Patriotism taught by Memorial

Day observance, find lodgment in the hearts of the people, binding all together in devotion to our flag and the institutions for which it stands. As we scatter flowers over the graves of our departed comrades on Memorial Day, let us drop a tear to their memory, and may affection's chain link with rays of divinest light and luster, the living and the dead.

3. For many years it has been the custom for members of the G. A. R., to join with its auxiliary, and other affiliated organizations in visiting schools on Friday before Memorial Day. Let us again unite in plans for such visits. Comrades, if those who fought from '61 to '65 to perpetuate the principles established by the heroes of 1776, and saved their country from dissolution, and prepared it for an era of development unparalleled in the annals of all time, let us remember that the children of today must maintain our country and its institutions thirty years from today. There should be close relations between the G. A. R., and the schools, and I urge all Posts to co-operate in every effort made by all patriotic organizations for that purpose.

4. The Sunday before Memorial Day, long recognized as Memorial Sunday, should be religiously observed. Arrangements for special service should be made where the G. A. R., Auxiliary and kindred organizations can listen to words of inspiration gathered from the lives and service of our comrades, who sacrificed and suffered for their country's good.

5. The following additional appointments as Aides on the Department Commander's staff are announced as follows:

Comrade H. W. Doty, Post No. 48, Port Angeles.

Comrade E. W. Elliott, Post No. 4, Walla Walla.

Comrade J. J. Hambright, Post No. 1, Seattle.

Comrade Harry Wade, Post No. 24, Bellingham.

Comrade G. F. Davis, Post No. 11, Ellensburg.

Comrade Wm. Badger, Post No. 9, North Yakima.

Comrade A. F. Haas, Post No. 31, Seattle.

Comrade J. N. Butler, Post No. 8, Spokane.

Comrade E. M. Day, Post No. 59, South Bellingham.

6. As stated in a previous Order, the 30th Encampment will be held on June 5, 6, and 7, at Pullman. Railroad fare will be one and one-third, on the certificate plan. Full announcement of rates from different sections of our Department will be made later. The blanks for Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor are enclosed. Post Chaplains will forward their reports promptly to Comrade C. D. Spencer, Department Chaplain, Centralia, Wash. Post Patriotic Instructors will forward their reports to Department Patriotic Instructor, K. P. Allen, Pullman, Wash.

By order of

F. H. HURD,

Department Commander.

Official:

A. W. HASTIE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

**Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic**

Department of Washington and Alaska

Seattle, Wash., May 4th, 1912.

General Orders No. 7.

1. As announced in General Order No. 6, the 30th Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R., will be held at Pullman on June 5, 6, and 7, 1912, and will be called to order at 9:30 a. m., in the K. of P. Hall. It is hoped that every representative will be in attendance without fail.

2. The Council of Administration will meet in Room 6, Palace Hotel, at 8:00 A. M., on June 5th.

3. Comrade E. C. Kilbourn, of Stevens Post No. 1, Officer of the Day, will detail six comrades to act as guards, who will report to Comrade A. W. Hastie, A. A. G., at 9:30 A. M., June 5th, for instructions.

4. Department Commander's Headquarters will be at the Palace Hotel, and the General Headquarters at K. of P. Hall.

Committee on Credentials—

A. A. G., A. W. Hastie, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle.

J. E. Stewart, Sedgwick Post No. 8, Spokane.

J. McFarland, Page Post No. 94, Cashmere.

Room for this committee will be provided on the ground floor in some convenient building, where Comrades can report, register and receive their badges.

5. Railroad rates to Pullman and return will be one and one-third fare, on the certificate plan. When purchasing ticket from local agent, pay one full fare to Pullman, and request Agent to give you a certificate or receipt, which will entitle you to one-third fare on return trip. Said receipt must be signed by W. E. Hanson, Secretary of G. A. R., Committee of Pullman, before it will be honored by the Agent selling return ticket. Tickets going may be purchased during the three days (not counting Sunday) prior to the announced opening date of the meeting, or on any day during the meeting. Tickets to Pullman will be on sale Saturday, June 1st.

Return tickets may be purchased any day during the Encampment, or within two days, (not counting Sunday), after the announced closing date of meeting.

Following one fare rates will apply from points mentioned, to Pullman, via the Northern Pacific Ry., and it will be necessary to have receipt from purchasing agent to secure one-third return fare.

Seattle .....	\$11.20	Olympia .....	\$11.20	South Bend	\$12.95
Tacoma .....	11.20	Elma .....	12.20	Bellingham	13.10
Centralia ....	11.20	Montesano ..	12.45	Everett .....	11.20
Chehalis .....	11.20	Aberdeen ....	12.75	Ellensburg	10.15
Kalama .....	11.20	Hoquiam ....	12.90	Sedro-	
Vancouver ..	11.20	Raymond ....	12.80	Woolley ....	12.55

For rates on other lines and from places not mentioned above, consult local agents.

6. The parade will start at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, June 5th, and will march to Pullman Park.

The Presentation of the Flag to Pullman High School by the Department W. R. C., will be at the Park, immediately after the parade.

7. There will be a G. A. R., Camp-fire on Friday evening, June 7th, at Pullman Park.

The business sessions of the W. R. C., will be held in the Christian Church.

The Ladies of the G. A. R., will hold their business sessions in the Methodist Church.

8. The citizens of Pullman will provide lodging and serve meals for the G. A. R., its Auxiliary and kindred organizations, during the Encampment. They have also made arrangements for music and various entertainments to fill in and complete each day's pleasure, at such hours as will not conflict with Department Official business.

On the 5th, the opening day of the Encampment, at an hour and location to be named later, the citizens will meet and welcome their guests officially.

On the evening of the 6th, Thursday, a drama of the Civil War will be staged by the Seniors of the State College. "Gettysburg" is the name of the play, representing different war experiences from '61 to '65. Great efforts are being made by the students to make this evening's entertainment an event long to be remembered.

9. All requisitions for supplies should be made on the A. Q. M. Gen. before June 1st, as the books will be closed on that date.

10. Blanks for the reports of Post Adjutants and Quartermasters are enclosed herein. These blanks are for the reports of the term ending June 30th, 1912, and should be filled out and promptly forwarded to Department Headquarters on July 1st.

By order of

F. H. HURD,

Department Commander.

Official:

A. W. HASTIE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

