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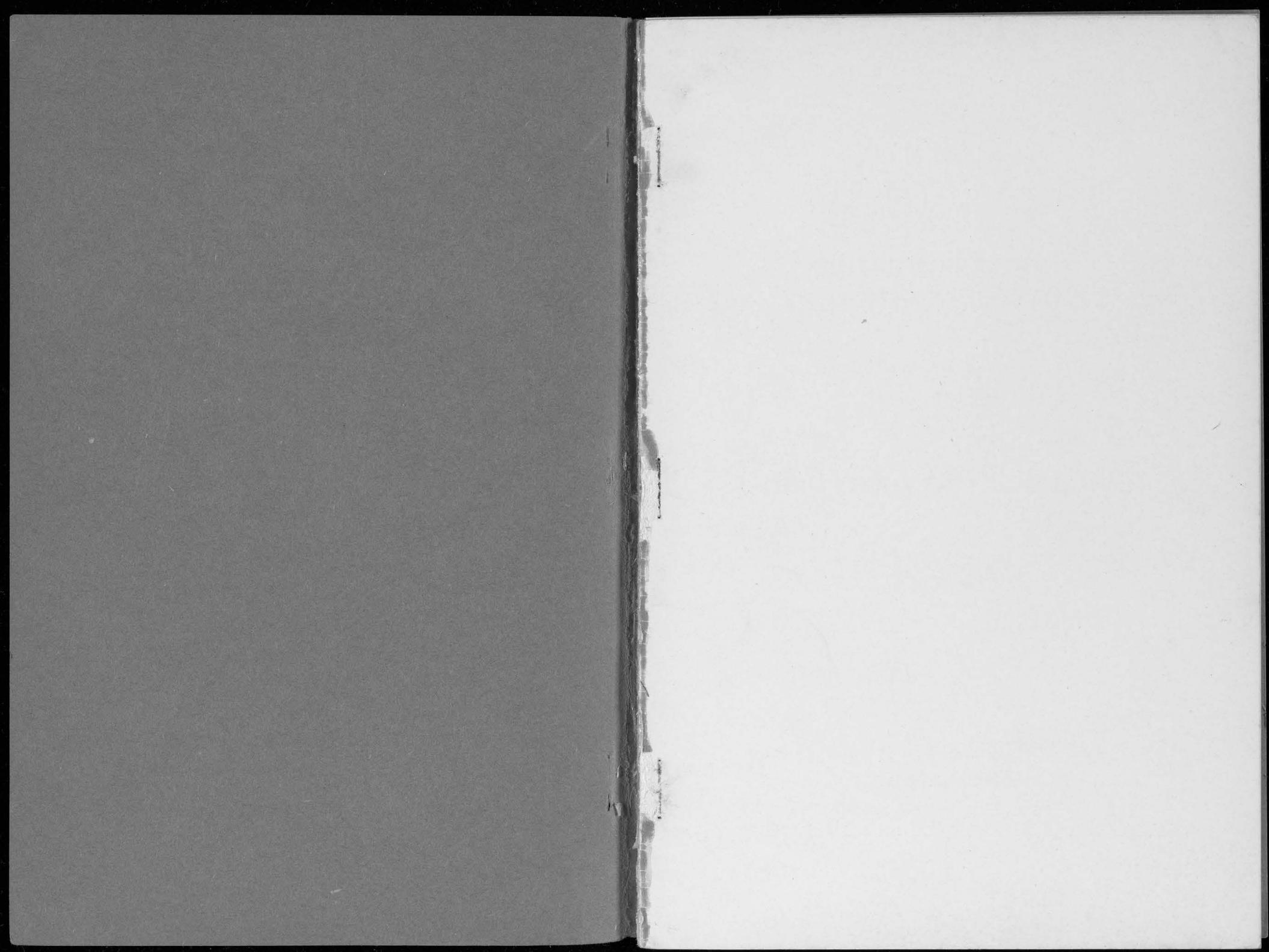
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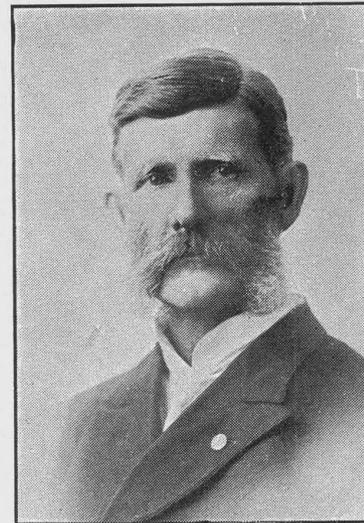
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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Thirty-Seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.

Wenatchee, Wash., June 18th, 1919.

The first business session of the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska Grand Army of the Republic was called to order in the Commercial Club assembly room by Commander Samuel F. Street, at 9:30 A. M. Charles A. Cavender, Senior Vice-Commander, being absent, his station was filled by the Junior Vice-Commander, A. A. Stevens, and Comrade J. E. Gandy of Post No. 8 was appointed to fill the station of Junior Vice-Commander. Officer of the Day E. C. Kilbourne stationed guards and reported all present members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Department Chaplain W. H. Robison offered prayer with Comrades standing at parade rest. After singing one verse of America the Encampment was opened in due form. The official roll of the Encampment having been approved by the Committee on Credentials, was called by Assistant Adjutant General A. W. Hastie.

Upon Comrade North's motion those Comrades present were authorized to fill the positions of absent delegates from their Posts.

ROLL CALL OF THE DEPARTMENT

Only names of those present are given:

STEVENS POST NO. 1, SEATTLE

CommanderC. O. Russell

Past Post Commanders

F. H. Hurd	A. P. Lawrence	C. E. Rabbitt
A. W. Hastie	D. C. Cox	Samuel F. Street
	N. E. Benson	C. L. Thompson

Delegates

Fred Wilhelm	E. C. Kilbourn	A. M. Kent
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ELLSWORTH POST NO. 2, VANCOUVER

Past Post Commander

Oliver Allen

Delegate

Elias White

A. LINCOLN POST NO. 4, WALLA WALLA

Past Post Commander

Clark Walter

GEO. H. THOMAS POST NO. 5, OLYMPIA

Delegate

Abram Kilmer

CUSTER POST NO. 6, TACOMA

CommanderB. F. Gallagher

Past Post Commanders

Geo. H. Boardman	M. P. Kelley	W. H. Robison
J. H. Coffman	S. S. King	F. F. Thompson
J. C. Cummins	R. H. Morslander	

Delegates

C. H. Webster	Fred Williams	C. C. Smith
E. Peterman		

Alternates

F. J. Colby	A. Freudenstine
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PHIL KEARNEY POST NO. 7, TOLEDO

Past Post Commander

J. A. Shultz

SEDGWICK POST NO. 8, SPOKANE

Commander Samuel A. Pearce

Past Post CommandersE. H. Capron J. E. Stewart C. B. Dunning
J. E. Gandy**Delegates**

H. B. Waterman Allison Allen

Alternates

A. L. Guy O. W. Lewis Geo. M. Hull

MEAD POST NO. 9, NORTH YAKIMA

Commander J. P. Bankerd

Past Post CommandersE. D. Quinn J. F. McCafferty John Carson
J. F. Murphy**Delegate**

Frank Parks

MORTON POST NO. 10, SNOHOMISH

Commander B. O. Hall

Past Post CommandersD. F. Sexton D. E. Ritchie J. H. Russell
O. Blake John H. Miller**Alternate**

J. H. Enos

DAVID FORD POST NO. 11, ELLENSBURG**Delegates**

V. C. Wynegor A. Nesselhouse

FARRAGUT POST NO. 15, PORT TOWNSEND**Delegate**

G. J. McCormick

JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 16, GARFIELD**Delegate**

A. Barnes

L. C. LADD POST NO. 17, PUYALLUP

Commander A. W. Wilkes

Past Post Commander

R. Scott

Delegate

George T. Myers

LARRABEE POST NO. 18, LA CONNER**Past Post Commander**

R. H. Ball

McDOWELL POST NO. 22, POMEROY**Delegate**

John Thompson

GEN. GEO. WRIGHT POST NO. 23, CHENEY

Commander D. T. Evans

Delegate

Alfred Rhoads

J. B. STEADMAN POST NO. 24, BELLINGHAM

Commander C. A. Bond

Past Post Commanders

O. D. McDonald Harvey Wade

Delegates

J. Deeds J. M. Griffith George E. Paine

Alternate

Alfred B. Wilcox

JOE HOOKER POST NO. 25, CHEHALIS**Delegates**

Isaac Fisher

John Dever

Alternate

John A. Taylor

MAJ. ANDERSON POST NO. 29, PALOUSE**Delegate**

L. C. Hammer

JOHN F. MILLER POST NO. 31, SEATTLE**Past Post Commanders**George Hooker
J. S. Brown
Wm. HumbergerW. A. Bailey
C. G. Austin
L. ShorettD. C. Brown
H. N. Blakeslee
W. C. White**Delegates**

J. S. Stevens

G. R. McGee

AlternatesR. Jabush
E. Lind

L. Birchfield

Ben King

REYNOLDS POST NO. 32, BLAINE**Delegate**

Fred B. Smith

D. A. RUSSELL POST NO. 35, MT. VERNON

Commander John Moore

Past Post Commander

Jasper Gates

Delegate

Daniel Rose

GENL. J. L. RENO POST NO. 47, SPOKANE

Commander E. P. Bolton

Past Post Commanders

J. L. Fisher

J. A. Harris

John Powers

Delegates

A. J. Elliott

S. D. Smith

Levy Anderson

GEN. GROVER POST NO. 51, AUBURN**Delegates**

W. T. Drake

J. H. Warnock

WASHINGTON POST NO. 52, HOQUIAM**Past Post Commanders**

W. P. Cragin

W. E. Rockwell

A. S. Young

Delegate

W. E. Fradenbaugh

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

Thomas Mathews

ORTING POST NO. 54, ORTING

Commander Geo. W. Bamford

Past Post CommandersB. Vandusen
W. H. Lacy

G. L. Jones

J. H. Hopkins

Delegate

James Irby

Alternates

A. A. Wallace

J. H. Wright

LIEUT. CUSHING POST NO. 56, BALLARD

Past Post Commander

Benjamin Fisher

C. R. APPERSON POST NO. 59, SOUTH BELLINGHAM

Delegate

Dan VanNess

GEORGE CROOK POST NO. 63, ABERDEEN

Past Post Commander

J. M. Birmingham

GEN. EMORY POST NO. 68, ANACORTES

Past Post Commanders

John J. See

V. J. Knapp

C. M. Bartlett

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Delegate

W. E. Reinoehl

HIRAM BURNHAM POST NO. 76, KENT

Past Post Commanders

Thomas Dwyer

Richard Spencer

WORTHINGTON POST NO. 81, ELMA

Delegate

Thomas Evans

C. D. SPENCER POST NO. 82, CENTRALIA

Past Post Commanders

J. S. Alexander

George W. Ticknor

COMMODORE FOOTE POST NO. 84, PORT ORCHARD

Delegate

G. P. Brant

JOHN BUFORD POST NO. 89, EVERETT

Commander Charles M. McGrew

Past Post Commanders

W. H. Bicknell

H. W. North

Robert T. Warner

S. B. Tift

Delegates

J. H. Ganslin

Robt. Waddell

Alternate

A. C. Brooks

D. CHAPIN POST NO. 92, COUPEVILLE

Commander Jerome Ely

GEN. RUSK POST NO. 93, DAVENPORT

Past Post Commander

R. R. Stewart

PAGE POST NO. 94, CASHMERE

Commander James H. Chase

W. T. SHERMAN POST NO. 97, SEDRO WOOLLEY

Commander John W. Proctor

J. M. CORSE POST NO. 98, COLVILLE

Delegate

Joseph Goakey

H. W. LAWTON POST NO. 99, ORTING**Past Post Commander**

John Huntington

Delegates

Joseph Nokes

H. S. Ellis

JOHN M. PALMER POST NO. 102, CLARKSTON**Past Post Commander**

M. I. Young

JAMES A. SEXTON POST NO. 103, SEATTLE

CommanderG. W. Lincoln

Past Post Commanders

T. C. Hopkins

F. H. Butcher

F. M. Milburn

Alternate

R. G. Erskine

HARRISON POST NO. 104, CHELAN

CommanderWm. Ellsingworth

Past Post Commanders

H. C. Keeley

S. E. Phillips

Delegate

S. H. Hopkins

DAN McCOOK POST NO. 105, WENATCHEE

CommanderA. A. Stevens

Past Post Commanders

A. P. Clayton

W. C. Doap

Geo. E. Morrell

D. W. Furin

John H. Culp

Delegates

A. J. Thompson

Jas Mount

JOHN BOTHELL POST NO. 108, BOTHELL**Past Post Commander**

Ira Penny

GREEN LAKE POST NO. 112, SEATTLE

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Delegates

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Calvin L. Scott

M. W. Coleman

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Alternate

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Past Post Commander

R. H. Gale

SCHOFIELD-HAYDEN POST NO. 118, RETSIL

CommanderJohn Owen

Past Post Commanders

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Geo. Knapp

Shepard Frances

James Dwire

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O. Demmons

Wm. Deering

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W. G. Green

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James Berridge

John Purtteman

WEBBER POST NO. 129, SUNNYSIDE**Delegate**

J. K. Lupton



F. H. HURD
Member National Council of Administration

After the Assistant Adjutant General had called the roll of ten Posts, Comrade Gandy of Post No. 8, moved that the further call be dispensed with. Motion carried.

Senior Vice-Commander A. A. Stevens of Post No. 105 was called upon to preside and Department Commander Samuel F. Street delivered his address.

COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

To the officers and members of the 37th Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, for Washington and Alaska, Seattle, Washington, June 14, 1919.

Comrades:

Another year of our organization in Washington and Alaska is about to close, or at least will at the end of our sessions here.

It has covered three months of time, on account of the meeting at Tacoma last year being in May, to suit the coming of our Commander-in-Chief. The year has been an eventful one, outside of our ranks, more so perhaps than any other since the surrender of Lee to Grant in 1865.

The greatest war in all history beginning two years and more ago has been closed with victory again on the side of the brave men who fought beneath the same old flag, that you my comrades carried to victory on hundreds of well fought fields more than half a century ago.

But it is with reluctance we have to say to you, that it has not been conducive to success so far as your Commander is concerned.

Immediately after the National Encampment at Portland in August, we planned to visit all the Posts in the Department it was possible to visit before the holidays. We made a few visits and were most cordially received, but soon the influenza became so prevalent it was impossible to attempt meetings any where.

Early in January after installing the officers of my Post I was stricken with gall bladder infection and gall stones and hurried to a hospital. Having never before had any such ailment to my knowledge, it soon became evident that I was to suffer more or less for some time if not for life. As soon as able to get out I called our Council of Administration together in Seattle. They all responded but one who was out of the state. I immediately offered to vacate the office and leave it at their disposal. They refused to permit me to do so. I have since struggled on as best I could, making such visits as I could and

trying to answer all correspondents, which at times has been cumbersome, yet so far as my strength would permit, has been done cheerfully. I regret my inability to do more for our beloved order during my term of office, but I simply could not, and often doubted if I could live to be at this Encampment.

Notwithstanding our uselessness, I have at all times urged that effort be made to get all the comrades throughout the state into some Post. The liberal increase in the pensions last year, due entirely to the efforts and influence of the members of the Grand Army, would seem to make it imperative that every comrade owes it to himself and to those who have worked so hard for his relief, that he should become a member somehow and somewhere.

And yet it is a well known fact now that those who are remote from towns and Posts, owing to age and infirmities, cannot do so. From the best estimates, it is well known that as many comrades are living in the state out of the Posts than are in today. Most all of these are members in other states or have been at some time connected with the Grand Army of the Republic.

The last report of the Adjutant General shows 2215 members, while ours will show 2487 or an increase of 72. There is an error in the last report as to the number of Posts, for they show but 65 while we show 78.

There has been no new Posts established so there should be only a difference of two or three taken up since last report. Last year the number of deaths was 93. This year 149, and since the closing of our statement the death rate has been proportionately larger.

In all the larger Posts, the numbers passing on are strikingly noticeable at every turn. We cannot go to any of them but we are at once forcibly reminded of many vacant chairs, filled only a few days ago by some well known comrade. In many cases those strongest physically are absent now. But let us be thankful to Almighty God that, after so many, many years, there are still among our number here so many with whom we have associated at the gatherings of past years, whose familiar forms greet us again. We are clasping the some old hands, looking into familiar faces and listening to loving, kind and impressive words, growing dearer, choicer and more kindly with each passing year.

When the Encampment met two years ago at Seattle we were just entering the world war. The subject was so ably handled by our then

Department Commander J. E. Gandy, that I feel like saying let pages 40, 41 and 42 of his journal be repeated here, so intelligently and accurately did he handle the subject. One year later our Commander-in-Chief Orlando A. Summers, at Portland, said: "Men of the Grand Army, We Will Win This War."

Since that prophecy, the German forces defeated by the combined armies of America, England and France, have been forced to surrender. But many brave boys from all over our land have made the same supreme sacrifice that was made by your comrade and mine more than half a century ago. Ours gave all that there might be a Union under one flag forever. These gave all to preserve the spirit of '76 and '61 to '65, guarded zealously then by the fathers, but still nobly upheld across the seas by noble sons of noble sires, from a nation of patriots, whose flag had never yet touched the ground, and whose gallant boys have never known defeat.

But there are some here today, to whom this has a sadder side. The summons of loyalty, and then of parting to meet no more on earth, has no doubt come home to some of you, my comrades, or to those very near you. To all such we would drop a tear of loving sympathy and tenderness. May God sustain all such in the dark hours that have come so late in life. They have obeyed the call of the Nation, upheld the flag and by their sacrifice made the words of the immortal Lincoln, that this is a government of the people, by the people and for the people, a lasting and permanent heritage for all coming time.

The National Encampment at Portland in August last was attended by more than one thousand comrades from this state, and at the great parade there, we had 560 men in line, or 30 more than any other department. With our own drum corps at the head of our line, the comrades maintained the step and alignment at all times so accurate and complete, they presented an appearance noticed favorably by all who viewed it. The Commander-in-Chief personally thanked me for our efforts in many ways that helped to make the Encampment a success. My comrades, that number will never again assemble at a National Encampment from this department on foot. It is one of the spots in our lives to look back to with pleasure, but forward with regret, that many with us there are already gone to that other army over there. The gathering at Portland was in many ways a wonderful opportunity for the boys of Washington to meet comrades from their respective states.

The report of the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General will show you the true status of our organization. It has been kept well up to its former high and efficient management of the past by one

of the best Adjutant Generals it were possible to select. No one can or could render more efficient and accurate service than has Comrade A. W. Hastie in that office, under difficulties, during the past year.

With the National Encampment at Portland, and the handling of identification certificates for all who went there, an entirely new system, and again for this Encampment, this work alone far exceeds any work in former years. Then to my own physical inability to render any aid, has made his work arduous and hard. But he has faithfully performed every service without a murmur or complaint, and should receive the approbation of every member of this body.

To all who have been associated with me during this year's work. I have nothing but praise for their kind and efficient support. To one and all of my staff I cannot say too much for your loyalty at all times, and more especially for good words of sympathy when it seemed I could not live to visit this Encampment. Your urgent and strong appeals at all times that I must recover and be with you again, has had much to do with my presence here today. Your kindness and loving words will go with me to the end, come when it may.

Women's Relief Corps

The grand work of this organization needs no encomiums from me. What they have done to relieve suffering and distress in the past, for all our comrades cannot be told in words from me, or even from abler pen or more eloquent voices. Had it not been for their support and efforts through the years past, this order might not be here to tell the story now. More Posts than we would dare to name, owe an existence to their strong and sturdy efforts to keep up their interest when all other efforts fail. In many instances, I have received at the hands of these noble women, encouragement and uplifting help, when the surroundings were discouraging enough. To the Department President Nettie Horner, I owe much for her support in every way it were possible to render it. She has been a valuable ally to all our work this year and deserves great credit for her constant effort to promote an interest in all lines for the Grand Army of the Republic.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

No organization can stand any nearer us than the Ladies of this allied work in our Posts and gatherings. Ever ready to assist at funerals, to visit the sick and relieve the distress of any suffering ones. They have made for themselves a place close indeed to all our hearts.

Bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, like us there must be evidence of relationship or they cannot become members. Built up as they are from our own households, they stand by our side in any and all emergencies. During the year their Department President Sister Loverna E. North of Everett has been an efficient and able helper in every good work for the upbuilding of Grand Army interests. She deserves the highest praise for her earnest and constant work in our behalf all over the state.

The Sons of Veterans and Daughters of Veterans, are two other allied organizations that are rendering us valued aid wherever they are working in the cause of patriotism. Remember—they are our sons—our daughters, and the time may come when they alone will stand ready to perpetuate our names, and carry forward our standard in the victories of future years.

I say victories, because while one of them shall live to maintain the principles for which we fought, the old flag in safe hands will ever float onward to victory and glory.

Soldiers' Homes

At the present time nearly one thousand of our comrades in Washington are enrolled in the two Homes of this state. When it is remembered that not one of these men are soldiers of the then territory of Washington, but all are representatives of other states who have migrated here, it is a marvel indeed that this young commonwealth should do so much for the comrades of the war. The appropriations made at the last session of our legislature for the improvements and maintenance of the two Homes for two years amounts to nearly half a million dollars. And in addition to this the general government will in the two years pay into our state treasury for benefit of the Homes nearly two hundred thousand dollars more.

The complaints that have come to me during the year as to poor food, and inadequate medical facilities, and lack of proper care generally have been quite numerous. Up to this time the superintendents of these Homes have been Civil War Veterans, but I am credibly informed that will soon be of the past, and that younger men will be delegated to fill these positions. This is to me a source of deep regret. And I am not speaking from any personal motives whatever. I firmly believe, from my own experience and a careful study of the subject, that the time has not yet come when our comrades over there should be turned over to other control than that of the Grand Army of the

Republic. I do not believe the complaints are the cause directly of any intention on the part of our comrades who have been or are now governing there. But not wishing to go into details in this report, I ask that a special hour be set aside for the discussion of this subject, when I will ask your careful consideration of the whole matter as it may come to us at that time.

No matter where or from what part of the state their chief officer is chosen from, most of the fraternal organizations now maintain their business office in one particular central place with a permanent and efficient officer in charge. They thus secure better service and avoid carting over the state all files and records of the office. I firmly believe its time for this body to take action following this wise example. Let the Department Commander come from where he may, he is not hampered at all by having a competent and permanent Adjutant General and Quartermaster General at some large and central point in the state. I firmly recommend this course for my future successors, believing it will redound to their best interests and welfare, as well as to the better efficiency and economy of the Department.

There has been a tendency on the part of a few in our order, since the beginning of the World War, just over now, to have the Grand Army of the Republic unite with or in some way become identified with the Soldiers of the Spanish war and the World War also. To my mind any action of this nature would sound the death knell of the Grand Army of the Republic, an order so far exclusively our own. Should this be done, long before our comrades had all passed to the final rest, the people of the Nation so true to all our interests now, would soon forget, not alone our work for liberty and Union, but even more than that they would cease to remember the honored name we bear. That name is all our own now. No man has yet been able to buy it or the honored badge we wear, though he paved the way with solid gold. Let us keep it sacred then till the last comrade has passed to the great beyond. We owe this not only to ourselves, but to thousands of our comrades gone, who no doubt would join us if they could, in preserving for them as well as for us this sacred trust through all coming time.

Comrades of the Department, a few more words and I am done. More than fifty years have gone by since we laid down our arms as soldiers and returned to the usual avocations of a peaceful life. We were young and vigorous men then, we are old now. The road for us has been a long one, and oh, what changes. The inventor of the telegraph sent that first great message "What Changes God Hath

Wrought." But could he have lived 50 years later his message would be significant indeed, for along the lines of inventions we have lived to see so much not even dreamed of when we were boys in blue.

In trade, in commerce, in thousands of new industries all around us, when we compare then and now, we ought to be able to say ours is indeed a goodly heritage.

And while there is that sadder side as we think of comrades gone, for fond memory must ever turn to other days, to other scenes and places in which they with us took an active part, yet with all that so vividly painted on life's pages of the past, we must now thank the Giver of all good that we, as a remnant of that once mighty army, yet live to enjoy the manifold blessings vouchsafed to us now. The remaining marches are each year growing harder and more painful to us all, but let us fight bravely on to the end, and when it comes to each of us, as come it must, may we each go at last, as Bryant has beautifully said, "as one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

SAMUEL F. STREET,

Department Commander.

Upon motion of Comrade Gandy, the address of the Department Commander was referred to a committee consisting of all the Past Department Commanders present. Department Commander Street then resumed his station.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

Samuel F. Street, Department Commander, Washington and Alaska
G. A. R.

My dear Comrade:—I have the honor to report that the duties of the office of Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, although more arduous than usual, have been accompanied with pleasant official companions.

I have furnished for the work, visiting officials and comrades, offices in the business center of Seattle free at all times.

The general correspondence grows greater instead of less. Besides this, the U. S. Railroad Administration placed additional duties upon all the Assistant Adjutant Generals. Each person visiting the National Encampment at Portland, Oregon, was required to obtain an Identification Certificate before a ticket would be furnished. I was entrusted

with 5000 of these certificates for distribution. For our present Encampment the same rule has been enforced, except that I had to have the Identification Certificate printed at the expense of the Department, and have also furnished them to all the Posts and affiliated societies.

We take pride in reporting that during the present administration there has been a gain of 54 members, although deaths (149), were more than 50 greater than the previous year.

The consolidated Assistant Adjutant General's report is as follows, for the year ending December 31st, 1918:

			Mem-	
			Posts	bers
Number remaining in good standing last term.....	65	2215		

			Mem-	
			Posts	bers
Gain—				
Restored from error	11			
By muster-in	134			
By transfer	72			
By re-instatement	2	54		
From delinquent reports	12			
Total gain.....	13	272	13	272
Aggregate	78	2487		

			Mem-	
			Posts	bers
Loss—				
By death	149			
By honorable discharge	6			
By transfer	31			
By suspension	31			
By dishonorable discharge	1			
Total loss	218	218		
Number remaining in good standing.....	78	2269		



A. W. HASTIE
Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General

THE CONSOLIDATED ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S
REPORT IS AS FOLLOWS

Cash Receipts

May 18, 1918	V. J. Knapp, Assistant Quartermaster General, 4 bonds of \$100.00 each, at 7%, City of Char- leston, Wash.	\$ 400.00
Jan. 31, 1919	1 year's interest on bonds	28.00
May 18, 1918	V. J. Knapp, A. Q. G. check.....	378.80
	Per capita tax to date.....	978.80
	Supplies sold	90.78
	Southern memorial fund	1.50
		\$ 1877.88

Cash Disbursed

Cola D. R. Stowit's per capita tax, 1918-1919.....	\$ 78.56
Printing Journal, Anacortes	237.50
Printing 1918-1919	147.75
Bull Bros., badges for Portland	9.75
S. F. Street, salary	300.00
Supplies purchased	22.80
Bond for Asst. Adjutant and Quartermaster General.....	5.00
Office supplies	13.50
A. W. Hastie, salary	300.00
Transportation, Council of Administration.....	19.30
Postage stamps	55.00
4 Bonds, \$100.00 each	400.00
Stenographer's services	12.50
A. W. Hastie, 1 month salary, May 17, 1919, to June 17.....	25.00
Sundry items as per cash book.....	9.90
Cash to balance	241.32
	\$ 1877.88

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 found him an enthusiastic worker in the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic. He has

always treated me kindly and considerately. The other officers of this Department have been diligent, enthusiastic and considerate in all their official business.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

A. W. HASTIE,
Asst. Adjutant and Quartermaster General.

Upon motion of Comrade Boardman, the two reports were referred to the Council of administration, who reported as follows:

Wenatchee, Wash., June 18, 1919.

Department Commander:

Your Council of Administration, to whom was referred Adjutant General and Quartermaster General's report, are pleased to report that, after a careful and complete examination, we find that great care has been given to the many details of the office work connected with the two Departments of which he has had charge during the last year.

We believe our Department is under many obligations to the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General for the very efficient manner his duties have been performed.

We recommend that his report be approved and accepted by the Encampment.

F. H. HURD,
J. M. BIRMINGHAM,
A. P. CLAYTON,
S. S. KING,

Upon motion the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Wenatchee, Washington, June 18, 1919.

To the Commander and Officers of the 37th Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Washington and Alaska:

We, your Council of Administration, have made a careful inspection of the vouchers and accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster General, and find them correct and in good shape.

We find that on May 18, 1918, he received from the retiring A. Q. M. G.:

Four bonds of the city of Charleston, par value.....	\$ 400.00
Check of retiring A. Q. M. G.	378.80
Jan. 31, 1918, interest on bonds	28.00
Per capita tax for June and December, 1918	978.80
From all other sources	92.28

Total\$ 1877.88

That he has disbursed for all accounts	\$ 1236.56
Has on hand cash and bonds, held as cash.....	641.32

Total\$ 1877.88

There was on hand at beginning of term, cash and bonds.....	\$ 778.80
There is on hand now, cash and bonds.....	641.32

Showing expenses in excess of receipts.....\$ 137.48

Taking into consideration the fact that the membership is liable to gradually decrease, and the receipts will diminish from year to year, and the further fact that the expenses will increase, rather than decrease, owing to increased cost of printing and supplies, we respectfully recommend that the per capita tax be increased to sixty cents per year. We recommend that salaries of Commander and A. A. G. remain the same as at present.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Council of Administration,

F. H. HURD,
J. M. BIRMINGHAM,
A. P. CLAYTON,
S. S. KING.

Upon motion, the Council of Administration's report was approved and adopted, after amendment changing the per capita tax from sixty cents to forty cents per annum.

Comrade Stevens of Post No. 105 reported that the delegate and souvenir badges, although ordered two months ago, failed to arrive until today.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLIN W. H. ROBISON

Headquarters Department, Washington and Alaska G. A. R.,
Wenatchee, June 17, 1919

Commander and Comrades: I have the honor to submit the following report:

Number of Posts reporting	22
Number of Posts attending Memorial Sabbath services.....	22
Number of sermons preached by veterans.....	8
Number of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	5
Number of comrades present at such services.....	329
Number of Posts observing Memorial day.....	20
Number of Comrades participating in Memorial Day Services.....	409
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	40
Number of graves decorated.....	2,186
Number of schools engaged in Memorial day services.....	55
Number of graves unmarked by proper headstones.....	156
Number of pupils participating in exercises.....	3,805
Number of organizations assisting	32
Number of addresses made before Posts.....	20
Number of speakers that were veterans.....	10
Number of speakers that were Sons of Veterans.....	5
Number of Posts owning burial plots.....	9

Respectfully submitted,

Yours in F. C. & L.,

W. H. ROBISON,
Department Chaplin.

The Chaplin's report was read, approved and filed.

Upon motion of Comrade Coffman, of Post No. 6, a committee of three on Rules and Order of Business were appointed as follows: Comrades Coffman of No. 6, Brown of No. 31, and Pearce of No. 8.

Upon motion of D. C. Brown, of Post No. 31, a recess was taken until 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION JUNE 18, 1919

Department Commander Street called the Encampment to order at 1:30 P. M.

Officer of the Day E. C. Kilbourne announced that a delegation from the Ladies of the G. A. R. were in waiting to visit the Encampment.



A. P. CLAYTON
Member Council of Administration

Comrades North of No. 89 and Robison of No. 6 were appointed to escort the ladies to the platform. Mrs. Otilie Bartell and Mrs. Frances M. Haskell, both Past Department Presidents, made appropriate remarks. They thereupon presented Department Commander Street with a beautiful watch charm, who responded thereto and thanked them for the present. Comrade Gandy of No. 8 replied to the ladies' remarks and thanked them on behalf of the Encampment for their visit.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

E. C. Kilbourne, Officer of the Day, announced that a delegation from the Daughters of Veterans were in waiting. The Commander ordered a recess and the visitors were escorted to the platform. They made appropriate address and Comrade Austin of No. 31 responded thereto. After the visitors retired, the business session was resumed.

Upon motion of Comrade Gandy of No. 8, a committee on Resolutions was appointed, to whom all resolutions must be submitted in writing.

Upon motion of Comrade Gandy all comrades were required to meet at Department Headquarters at 8 p.m. and take part in the parade.

A delegation of the Sons of Veterans was announced by the Officer of the Day to be in waiting. They were escorted to the platform and addressed the meeting. Commander Street responded thereto.

Wenatchee, Wash., June 18, 1919.

To the Officers and Members of the 37th Annual Encampment of the G. A. R.:

Your committee on Order of Business recommend the following:

First, the reading of minutes of morning session.

Report of Council of Administration.

Reports of all other committees.

Thursday morning, executive session at 10:30 A.M. at the Commercial Club rooms.

Rearing of reports from affiliated organizations.

Friday morning, nomination and election of officers at 10:30 A.M.

Joint installation of officers and affiliated organizations at 8 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. COFFMAN, Post No. 6

J. SOX BROWN, Post No. 31

S. A. PEARCE, Post No. 8

Committee.

Upon motion, the report was adopted after amendment by striking out 10 A. M. for the time of meeting and adding in lieu thereof 9 A. M.

Officer of the Day Kilbourne announced that a delegation from the W. R. C. were in waiting. Comrades Lincoln, of No. 103, and Coleman, of No. 112, escorted the ladies to the platform. Dr. Eva St. C. Osborn, Lettie Brown and Jennie S. Holmes, all Past Department Presidents, made appropriate remarks and thereupon presented Commander Street with a beautiful souvenir spoon. After the Commander had thanked them for the present, Comrade Kent, of Post No. 1, responded to the ladies' remarks in his usual eloquent and happy manner.

The Commander appointed the following committees:

To Visit the Women's Relief Corps, J. E. Stewart, of No. 8, John P. Bankerd, of No. 9, and H. R. Gale, of No. 116.

To Visit the Ladies of the G. A. R., H. W. North, of No. 89, G. H. Boardman, of No. 6, and J. E. Gandy, of No. 8.

To visit the Daughters of Veterans, H. S. Abbott, of No. 112, J. A. Harris, of No. 47, and R. W. Scott, of No. 17.

To visit the Sons of Veterans, George R. McGee, of No. 31, and John Huntington, of No. 99.

Upon motion the Encampment adjourned to June 19th, at 9 A. M.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1919

Commander Street called the Encampment to order at 9 A. M.

A telegram was received from National Senior Vice-Commander J. G. Chambers, stating that he would arrive at 3:38 P. M.

A dispatch was received extending greetings from the Department Encampment of Oregon, in session at The Dalles.

The following resolution from the United Spanish War Veterans was read and ordered printed in our Journal:

Whereas, Recognizing the splendid efforts promulgated by the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in spreading love of freedom, patriotism and loyalty to the flag of our country by their members appearing before the public schools on the Friday preceding Memorial Day; and,

Whereas, In the fulfillment of time the ranks of these noble patriots are fast becoming decimated by death, the only foe their patriotic ardor has failed to conquer,

Be It Resolved, That we, the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of Washington and Alaska, accept from those who have borne the battles and set so worthy an example, this priceless heritage;

And Be It Further Resolved, That we do ordain as a part of our patriotic duty that we shall accept and obey, so far as it is humanly possible, and delegate to our membership to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in the continuance of this noble work;

And Be It Further Resolved, That the various camps, when requested to do so by the Grand Army of the Republic, furnish a speaker for each school in the respective cities or districts, and that these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this Department and a copy sent to the Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, addressed to Wenatchee, Washington, the place of their Encampment; and also a copy sent to the National Encampment to be presented at its annual meeting at San Francisco, California.

R. C. HOWARD

E. J. THOMPSON

S. L. RUCKES

NORMAN R. TOTTEN

A. J. DANSTRUM

Committee of John R. Thompson Camp No. 1.

Upon motion of Comrade North, of No. 89, 2 P. M. was fixed for the election of officers for the ensuing year and fixing the place for holding the next Department Encampment.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

To Department Commander S. F. Street:

Your committee on Resolutions beg to report as follows:

The thanks of the Grand Army of the Republic are heartily extended to the citizens of Wenatchee for the hearty welcome and treatment extended to the Veterans of the Civil War and all their affiliated organizations.

We learned that arrangements had been made for the entertainment of five hundred guests of the Grand Army and their affiliated or-

ganizations, but we have learned that more than one thousand are present and we cannot do justice in our thanks to the brave women of this beautiful city and surrounding country in opening their homes for the entertainment of the Grand Army of the Republic and their affiliated organizations.

To the business men and citizens generally we owe a debt of gratitude for the patriotic manner in greeting and welcoming us to this city.

It is difficult to mention any names separate from the grand total of all the citizens of this city, but we feel we should mention Senior Department Commander A. A. Stevens, who has been on the job at all hours looking after the comfort of all the city's guests. Surely Commander Stevens will be kindly remembered by all the members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We also recognize the patriotic activities of James Winslow, and all others who have so courteously favored us (whose names are not known to this committee) in furnishing automobiles for our pleasure and comfort in viewing this beautiful valley and surrounding country.

It is a great pleasure to the Grand Army of the Republic to be invited to meet in this beautiful city where grow the big red apples, known for their luscious flavor and beauty the world over, and to be favored with the luscious cherries, whose color, beauty and taste are not excelled in any other part of the United States.

Your committee wish to express the gratitude of this encampment for the royal welcome we have received by all the people in this community.

The Grand Army of the Republic wish to extend thanks to all the transportation companies for low rates and courteous treatment extended by the officials and employees.

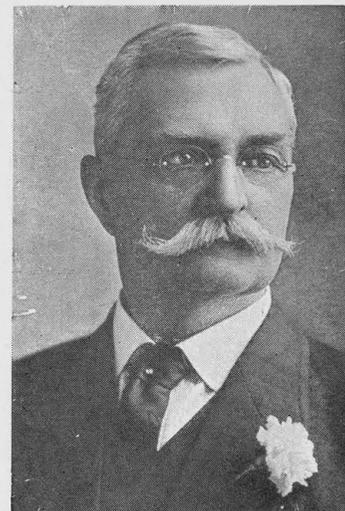
Respectfully submitted,

C. B. DUNNING,
F. J. COLBY
W. H. BICKNELL

Committee on Resolutions.

We recommend that a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the press of the city, with the thanks of the Department of Washington and Alaska G. A. R. for kindly notices of the activities of the G. A. R. and other patriotic orders during this encampment.

Committee.



J. M. BIRMINGHAM
Member Council of Administration

REPORT WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Ellensburg, Wash., June 6th, 1919.

Samuel F. Street, Department Commander G. A. R.

To the 37th Annual Encampment of Grand Army of the Republic,
I have the honor to submit the following report:

Number of Corps in Department	58
Number of members in good standing Mar. 31, 1919.....	3,464
Amount in 58 Corps General Fund.....	\$3,131.81
Amount in 58 Corps Relief Fund.....	581.78
Expended for relief	289.93
Other than money	1,324.05
Expended for flowers	887.93
Turned over to Posts	204.00
Paid for High School Flag.....	50.00
Number of Veterans assisted	141

In closing this report, I wish to extend the good wishes and loyalty
of 3,464 members of Womans' Relief Corps in this Department.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

NETTIE HORNER,

Department President.

The report of the Past Department Commanders on the address
of Department Commander Street was read and adopted and filed.

Wenatchee, Wash., June 19, 1919.

To the 37th Encampment, Department Washington and Alaska, G. A. R.:

Comrades—We, your committee, to report on the Department Com-
mander's address, respectfully report: We find that Commander Street
has placed before the Encampment in clear and succinct language, a
general review of his administration. Under distressing health con-
ditions, he has stood, as a good soldier, at his post, and brought his
campaign to a successful termination. We recommend to all comrades
that, when the Department Journals are printed, that all read and
consider well the words of wisdom contained in Commander Street's
address.

And, as we remember the long, faithful and sincere services of Comrade Street in the Department of Washington and Alaska, we hereby extend to him the heartfelt thanks of this Department.

Respectfully in F. C. & L.,

J. SOX BROWN
H. W. NORTH
J. E. GANDY
C. B. DUNNING
GEO. BOARDMAN
H. R. GALE
F. H. HURD
J. E. STEWART

Past Department Commanders.

A recess was thereupon taken to 1:30 P. M.

At 1:30 P. M. an open meeting was called to order by Department Commander.

The Officer of the Day announced that Mrs. Lida McKercher, National Senior Vice-President, and Mrs. Melissa U. Stewart, Past Department President, were in waiting to extend greetings from the National Headquarters of the W. R. C. Comrades Blakesley, of No. 31, and McGrew, of No. 89, escorted the ladies to the platform. Upon being introduced, both the visitors addressed the meeting. Department Commander Street responded with appropriate remarks.

At 2 P. M. the regular session was resumed, Commander Street presiding.

After the remainder of the roll was called of those entitled to membership, the Commander announced that the time had arrived for the election of officers.

Comrade Bond, of No. 24, placed in nomination Comrade O. D. McDonald, Post No. 24 of Bellingham, for Department Commander. Comrade North, of No. 89, placed in nomination Comrade A. A. Stevens, of No. 105, of Wenatchee, for Department Commander. Comrade Austin of No. 31, seconded the nomination of Comrade McDonald. Comrade Leiter, of No. 118, seconded the nomination of Comrade Stevens and moved that when the roll was called it should be from the bottom up. The motion prevailed. Comrades King, of No. 6, See of No. 68, and Chase of No. 94, seconded the nomination of Comrade Stevens.

Upon motion of Comrade King of No. 6, the nominations were closed.

Comrades J. Sox Brown, of No. 31 and Jerome Ely, of No. 92, were appointed tellers to collect and count the ballots. At the conclusion of the counting of ballots, Comrade McDonald moved that election of Comrade Stevens be made unanimous and that Assistant Adjutant General Hastie cast the unanimous ballot of the Encampment for Comrade A. A. Stevens, which was done and he was declared unanimously elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade North, of No. 89, placed in nomination Comrade E. D. Quinn, of No. 9, Yakima, for Senior Vice Department Commander. The nominations being closed, the Assistant Adjutant General was authorized to cast the entire ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Quinn, which was done, and he was declared duly elected Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade H. S. Ellis, of No. 99, placed in nomination Comrade John Huntington, of No. 99, Orting, for Junior Vice Department Commander. The nominations being closed, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the entire ballot for Comrade Huntington for Junior Vice Department Commander, which was done and he was declared duly elected.

Dr. B. F. Freeman, of No. 47, Spokane, was unanimously elected Department Medical Director.

W. H. Robison, of No. 6, Tacoma, was unanimously elected Department Chaplin.

The following representatives and alternates to the National Encampment to be held at Columbus, Ohio, beginning Sept. 7, 1919, were elected:

Delegates—

H. W. Blakeslee, at large, Seattle
J. F. McCafferty, Yakima.
F. F. Thompson, Tacoma.
G. W. Lincoln, Seattle.
J. A. Harris, Spokane.
V. J. Knapp, Anacortes.
R. H. Ball, LaConner.
Wm. Humberger, Seattle.
H. S. Abbott, Seattle.

Alternates—

J. M. Birmingham, at large, Aberdeen.
 J. P. Bankerd, Yakima.
 H. C. Keeler, Chelan.
 C. L. Thompson, Seattle.
 Wm. M. Badger, Yakima.
 R. N. Ashmore, Chehalis.
 E. R. Harding, Orting.
 George White, Retsil.
 John Hardman.

Upon motion of Comrade Gandy, all members of the Council of Administration, residing in Washington, were unanimously re-elected as follows:

F. H. Hurd, Seattle; J. H. Coffman, Tacoma; J. M. Birmingham, Aberdeen; A. P. Clayton, Wenatchee.

Comrade J. L. Fisher, of No 47, Spokane, was unanimously elected one of the Council of Administration, in lieu of Comrade E. B. Hopkins, who resides in California.

The following communication was received and read:

City of Yakima, June 14th, 1919.

Department Encampment of G. A. R., Assembled at Wenatchee, Wn.

Gentlemen—As Mayor of Yakima, Washinton, for and on behalf of its citizens, I address you asking the following favor and honor: that Yakima may be chosen as your next annual encampment city and I sincerely trust you may grant this request.

I assure you nothing will be left undone in the way of adding to your pleasure and comfort; Yakima will be yours in all its good will and good cheer.

Wishing your Encampment at Wenatchee the banner one of your existence and with kind greetings, I am,

Sincerely,

FORREST H. SWEET,

Mayor of Yakima, Wash.

Comrade J. P. Bankerd, of No. 9, invited the Department Encampment to meet in Yakima at their annual meeting in 1920. Upon motion, the invitation was accepted and the place of meeting was fixed at Yakima, Washington.

The meeting thereupon adjourned to meet a 8:30 A. M., June 20th.

At 8 P. M. the annual parade formed at Department Headquarters and marched to the city park, where the Camp Fire was held.



NETTIE HORNER
 Department President W. R. C.

CLOSING SESSION FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1919

Encampment called to order at 8:30 A. M. by Commander Street.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

National Senior Vice Commander J. G. Chambers, of Portland, Oregon, being present, was called upon to address the meeting. He was enthusiastically welcomed and cheered. Department Commander Street responded to the National officer's address in his usual happy and eloquent manner.

The following Past Department Commanders made appropriate and patriotic address: Dunning, of No. 8, Boardman, of No. 6, Hurd, of No. 1, and See, of No. 68.

Upon motion, it was decided to have the officers elect installed in a joint open meeting with the W. R. C. and Ladies of the G. A. R. at 10 A. M. in Masonic Temple. There being no further business, the minutes of this meeting were approved and the Encampment adjourned.

At 10 A. M. an open meeting was held, consisting of the Grand Army of the Republic, W. R. C. and Ladies of the G. A. R. for the installation of officers. Department Commander Street called the meeting to order and announced that the installation of Departmental officers for Washington and Alaska would then and there take place.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief J. G. Chambers was called upon to preside and acted as installing officer.

The Assistant Adjutant General then read the list of the newly elected officers, who were presented by Officer of the Day E. C. Kilbourne, and installed as follows:

Department Commander, A. A. Stevens, Wenatchee, Wn.; Senior Vice-Commander, E. D. Quinn, Yakima, Wash.; Junior Vice-Commander, John Huntington, Orting, Wash.; Medical Director, Dr. B. F. Freeman, Spokane, Wash.; Chaplain, W. H. Robison, Tacoma, Wash.

Department Commander A. A. Stevens then appointed A. W. Hastie Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General and he was thereupon duly installed.

The Officer of the Day conducted the officers to their stations and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief turned the gavel over to Department Commander Stevens. The gavel was thereupon delivered to the installing officer of the Womans' Relief Corps, who proceeded to install their Departmental officers. Thereafter the mustering officer of the Ladies of the G. A. R. presided and installed their Departmental officers.

The meeting then adjourned.

GENERAL ORDERS

Seattle, Wash., June 14, 1918.

General Order No. 1.

1. Having been elected Department Commander of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, at the Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment held at Tacoma, Washington, May 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1918, and having been duly installed in office, I hereby assume command.

2. The Department Headquarters are established at Room 57 Haller building, Seattle, Washington, where all remittances and communications should be sent, addressed to A. W. Hastie, Assistant Adjutant General.

3. The following named comrades were duly elected to the offices designated:

Department Commander—Samuel F. Street, Edmonds, Wash.

Senior Vice Commander—Charles A. Cavender, Tacoma.

Junior Vice Commander—A. A. Stevens, Wenatchee.

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

Chaplain—W. H. Robison, Tacoma.

Council of Administration—F. H. Hurd, Seattle; J. M. Birmingham, Aberdeen; S. S. King, Tacoma; A. P. Clayton, Wenatchee; E. B. Hopkinson, Spokane.

4. The following official staff officers are hereby announced:

Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General—A. W. Hastie, Room 57, Haller Bldg., Seattle.

Judge Advocate—Hiram F. Garretson, Custer Post No. 6, Bankers' Trade Bldg., Tacoma.

Inspector General—John A. Taylor, Orting Post No. 54, Orting, Wn.

Chief of Staff—James R. Rabbit, Sexton Post No. 103, Seattle.

Patriotic Instructor—Charles E. Coon, Farragut Post No. 15, Port Townsend.

Chief Mustering Officer—E. H. Capron, Sedgwick Post No. 8, Spokane.

Officer of the Day—E. C. Kilbourne, Stevens Post No. 1, Seattle.

Color Bearer—George R. McGee, Miller Post No. 31, Seattle.

Senior Aide-de-Camp—J. T. Murphey, Meade Post No. 9, Yakima.

5. Representatives to National Encampment, Portland, Oregon:

A. P. Lawrence, at-large, Seattle, Wash.

William George, Tacoma.

D. W. Phillips, Tacoma.

J. H. Coffman, Tacoma.

W. J. Baker, Everett.

W. P. Craigin, Hoquiam.

H. M. Blakeslee, Seattle

T. A. White, Retsil.

Alternates:

W. M. Badger, Yakima.

D. C. Brown, Seattle.

J. F. Burbank, Seattle.

James Coverly, Spokane.

Fred Wilhelm, Seattle.

William Garad, Bellingham.

E. R. Harding, Orting.

6. Post Adjutants and Quartermasters are hereby reminded that the semi-annual reports accompanied with the per capita tax become due June 30, 1918. Promptness by all Posts is required.

7. The 52nd National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will meet at Portland, Oregon, beginning August 18, 1918. A rate of one cent a mile with the usual arrangements and transportation facilities will be furnished by the railroads, including the usual stop-over privileges. Tickets will be good for sixty days from date of sale and can probably be bought as early as August 1st. No tickets will be sold except on presentation of a certificate countersigned by the Commander-in-Chief and Adjutant General. These certificates will be issued to the Assistant Adjutant General of each Department and will be distributed by him to the various Posts of his Department. This is the lowest rate given us for many years and ONLY applies to members of the Grand Army of the Republic and their families, Army Nurses' Association, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans and Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary. No certificates nor tickets will be issued except to members of the afore-said organizations, who are in GOOD STANDING.

As soon as further details are completed another general order, or a circular, will be issued designating the Department Headquarters

Hotel at Portland, official train and the manner of issuing and obtaining certificates and railroad tickets to Portland and return.

By command of

SAMUEL F. STREET,
Department Commander.

A. W. HASTIE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

(Circular Letter)

Seattle, Wash., July 20, 1918.

To Post Commanders:

Railroad tickets to the 52nd National Encampment to be held at Portland, Oregon, on August 18th to August 24th, are issued only on Identification Certificates. Each passenger attending the National Encampment will be furnished one of these certificates, which must be presented to the local railroad office before a round trip ticket will be issued by the ticket agent.

Identification Certificates were received at these Headquarters July 18th and are now ready to be distributed to all Posts of this Department. The Commander of each Post will promptly forward to this Headquarters, a list of the names of members of the Army Nurses of the Civil War, G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans and members of the families of these organizations, who are going to attend the National Encampment. None of these organizations who are delinquent in payment of the per capita tax are entitled to transportation. No member of any of these organizations, who is not in good standing, can receive transportation at the reduced rates.

Identification Certificates will be issued promptly to Post Commanders, upon receipt of the names and number required. Each Post Commander will, write the name of the person in the certificate to whom the same is issued, and counter sign the same as Post Commander, and number of his Post. Railroad tickets will be issued in this Department August 15th to August 22nd.

A number of Posts have failed to forward the per capita tax due June 30, 1918. They have neglected to read carefully General Orders No. 1 from this Department. No semi-annual report is required for June, but the per capita tax of 20 cents on each member came due on June 30, 1918, and should be promptly forwarded. It is based on the membership of December 30, 1918. Some of the Posts have attempted

to pay their per capita tax, but have failed to send the required amount. Prompt payment of the additional amount is required. General Orders No. 1 states the amount due from your Post on June 30, 1918.

SAMUEL F. STREET,
Department Commander.

A. W. HASTIE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 2.

Seattle, Wash., July 30, 1918.

1. The Department Headquarters for Washington and Alaska will be located in the Hotel Washington, Portland, Oregon, during the Fifty-second National Encampment of the G. A. R.

2. Railroad tickets to Portland and return will cost one cent per mile each way plus 8% of purchase price for war tax. All tickets will be honored for stopovers in both directions. Inform the conductor when you desire this privilege. Tickets will be issued August 15 to 22 inclusive, good for two months from date of sale. Tickets will be issued in this Department on Identification Certificates, stamped "Dept. of Wash. & Alaska G. A. R." and countersigned by the Post Commander of the Post to which the passenger belongs or the allied organizations affiliated therewith. Visiting members in good standing by producing proof of the same can obtain certificates from the nearest Post Commander. Sons of Veterans and their auxiliary organizations can obtain their Identification Certificate by applying to the nearest Post Commander.

3. The identification Certificates are numbered consecutively by the railroad company and each Post Commander is required to keep a record by numbers of all certificates distributed by him to other local organizations, also keep a list of the names of passengers to whom certificates are assigned, for information and protection. All certificates not distributed must be promptly returned to this office. You will note that the certificates require the date, station, name of passenger, check mark denoting membership or member of family and countersigned by local Post Commander with number of his Post, and the passenger signs name on the back of ticket in the presence of the ticket agent when purchasing ticket.

These directions and details are furnished by the railroad officials and all the roads are now in the possession of the United States Gov-

ernment. This department is charged up and has receipted for every certificate issues to the Posts, and the Posts and this department must account for the same.

4. The G. A. R. official train will leave the O-W Station in Seattle for Portland on Monday, August 19, at 10 a. m. and will arrive in Portland at 5 p. m. the same day. All passengers holding G. A. R. tickets to Portland, upon arriving in Seattle, can travel on the official train. Commanders who have not received identification certificates will send a list of the names and number required to this office and they will be promptly forwarded.

5. The Headquarters at Seattle will be closed August 19 to August 26, inclusive, during which time no official business will be transacted.

By order of

SAMUEL F. STREET,
Department Commander

A. W. HASTIE,

Assistant Adjutant and
Quartermaster General.

General Orders No. 3.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 18, 1918.

1. Your Department Commander is expected to make a tour of the Posts of the Department beginning October 12th at Tacoma, but owing to the epidemic of Influenza, now prevalent in the state, it seems impossible to make any plans for the present. Later in the current year he will make as many visits as it is possible to do so. Under the circumstances it may not be possible to visit all Posts this year. The terrible war and its attendant necessities make it imperative that all our efforts must be strenuously made in the direction that the undying words of Commander-in-Chief Somers at Portland, "MEN OF THE GRAND ARMY, WE WILL WIN THIS WAR" may be made our slogan for all time.

2. In the meantime, let me impress on the minds of you all one fact. Had it not been for such men as Commander Somers and his associates in the Grand Army of the Republic, the readjustment of all our pensions on a higher and more satisfactory scale, this year, would not have been accomplished.

Then do we not owe it to him or to all who have assisted us in this time of need, to see to it that every worthy comrade living in our



LOVERNA E. NORTH
Department President, Ladies of the G. A. R.

midst, becomes a member of the Grand Army. Its his due, its OUR due, and it must be done between now and January first, 1919, if we get the credit.

Will you not assist the Department Commander in this effort? It need cost the veteran but one dollar. If he cannot come to the meetings have some comrade visit him, get his application and if he cannot come to the Post take the record to him and have him sign it. If you are out of blank applications send to the Adjutant General, Room 57 Haller Building, Seattle, at once for a supply and they will be forwarded promptly.

Comrades—The time is short. Be diligent and see that all comrades are enrolled at once. Come to the next Encampment with an increased membership in every Post.

3. Our National Encampment at Portland was a success in every particular. Washington did itself proud in way of attendance, and our part in the parade was second to none, and aided by our own "DRUM CORPS" the boys of this Department marched so near to the vim and spirit of '61 to '65, that every step carried us back in fond memory to other days. The only sad thoughts were of those many, yes so many that have gone "over the divide." Let us keep their memory ever green by uniting in our thin ranks every worthy comrade living among us.

By command of

SAMUEL F. STREET,

Department Commander.

A. W. HASTIE,

Assistant Adjutant and
Quartermaster General.

General Orders No. 5.

Seattle, Wash., April 12, 1919.

1. At a meeting of the Department Commander and the Council of Administration, held at Department Headquarters in Seattle on March 15th, 1919, it was decided to hold the 37th Department Encampment Grand Army of the Republic on June 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th in the City of Wenatchee. Comrades F. H. Hurd and A. W. Hastie were selected to obtain favorable railroad rates to Wenatchee and return for members of the G. A. R. and their affiliated organizations attending the encampment. Communications from the Railroad Administration at Washington, D. C., assure us that a rate of not more than two cents per mile will be granted. The citizens of Wenatchee are making ex-

tensive preparations for the comfort, entertainment and pleasure of all our comrades and friends, who are fortunate enough to attend the encampment, and enjoy the generous hospitality of the Wenatchee people. Numerous halls, churches and hotels have been offered us for headquarters and meeting places. The selections will soon be made and announced in another order or circular letter. We will have with us at the encampment Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief John G. Chambers, who will represent the Commander-in-Chief.

2. The 53rd National Encampment will be held in Columbus, Ohio, beginning September 7th as announced in General Orders which accompany this order. We are informed that a reduced railroad rate of one cent per mile has been obtained, with conditions similar to last year. It will be observed that none but members of the G. A. R. and affiliated organizations can obtain reduced rates to either of the encampments. Therefore all our organizations should recognize the great opportunity this privilege of reduced rates furnishes for recruiting their membership. Comrades do not permit a Union Civil War Veteran to remain outside the Grand Army of the Republic.

3. Memorial Day will soon be here—a day that has been specially dedicated for a sacred and hallowed purpose. All the Posts and every veteran of the Civil War are urged to unite with our affiliated organizations in paying tribute of flags and flowers to the memory of those who many years ago fought to preserve the Union. Let us perpetuate the memory of the thousands who have joined the ranks of that G. A. R. of Immortals now in camp upon the other side of that divide which separate the living from the dead. In addition to the other exercises on Memorial Day, the reading of Lincoln's address at Gettysburg, and the order issued by General John A. Logan, should be a part of the program. For many years it has been the custom for members of the G. A. R. to join with its affiliated organizations in visiting the schools on Friday before Memorial Day. Let us again unite in plans for such visits. The Sunday preceding Memorial Day long recognized at Memorial Sunday should be religiously observed. Another of the patriotic anniversaries is Flag Day, June 14th which will no doubt receive your enthusiastic and patriotic observance.

4. On account of failing health the Department Commander will not be able to visit any of the Posts at a distance from his home before the Encampment, but will attend all meetings of the Grand Army it is possible for him to do so. No one regrets this more than himself. The malady first appeared January 11th after installing the officers of Stevens Post at Seattle. While he has as yet no assurance that he can get

well, by careful rest, he hopes to be able to attend the Encampment at Wenatchee. Notwithstanding illness this Department has 78 Posts and 2269 members in good standing. Having gained two Posts and 54 members during the present administration. This is the only department in the U. S. that has not lost in membership during the last year.

By command of

SAMUEL F. STREET,
Department Commander.

Official:

A. W. HASTIE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

General Orders No. 6.

Seattle, Wash., May 20, 1919.

1. As previously announced the 37th Annual Encampment of Washington and Alaska Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Wenatchee, Washington, June 17th 18th, 19th and 20th.

2. The reduced rate of two cents per mile in each direction has been authorized for the Encampment, from points in Washington to Wenatchee and return. Tickets will be sold on June 13-18 inclusive with final return limit to reach original starting point not later than midnight of June 25th, 1919, and only on presentation of identification certificates. The Commander of each Post will promptly forward to this Headquarters a list of the names of members of the G. A. R., Army Nurses of the Civil War, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans and members of the families of these organizations. The interpretation given to "family" is the immediate members of one's family who live with one.

3. Identification certificates will be issued promptly from this Headquarters to Post Commanders, upon receipt of the names and number required. Each Post Commander will write the name of the person in the identification certificate to whom the same is issued, and countersign the same as Post Commander and number of his Post. Visiting members in good standing can obtain certificates from the nearest Post Commander. Sons of Veterans and their Auxiliary organizations can obtain their identification certificates by applying to the nearest Post Commander. All certificates not used should be promptly returned to this office.

5. The official G. A. R. passenger train with the Department Commander and official staff, delegates and allied organizations will leave the Great Northern Depot, Seattle, at 8:30 A. M. on Monday, June 16th and arrive at Wenatchee at 3:38 P. M.

6. On Tuesday at 10 A. M. June 17th an open meeting of all attending the Encampment at Wenatchee will be held in the Commercial Club assembly room. The Mayor of Wenatchee will deliver an address of welcome and responses will be made by those selected from the Posts and allied organizations. The Ladies of the G. A. R. will present a portrait of Abraham Lincoln to the Commercial Club and there will be appropriate responses. The Women's Relief Corps will present a U. S. flag to the high school followed by responses. A complete program of all events will be issued and circulated by the local committee.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9 A. M. or until all business is completed the G. A. R. Encampment will meet in executive session in the Commercial Club Assembly Room. At the opening of the Encampment the committees to visit the affiliated organizations will be appointed by the Department Commander. The General Headquarters will be at the Armory for th G. A. R., W. R. C., Ladies of the G. A. R., and Daughters of Veterans.

7. The Council of Administration will meet in Wenatchee at 2 P. M. Tuesday in the Committee Room of the Commercial Club.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief John G. Chambers of Portland, Oregon, will visit the Encampment on Thursday.

The Parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place on Wednesday at 7 P. M. and will end at the City Park where the Camp Fire will be held.

8. Comrades Dr. J. E. Gandy of Post No. 8, J. S. Brown, Post No. 31, and B. F. Gallagher, Post No. 6, will report to the Assistant Adjutant General to act as a committee on credentials at 4 P. M. Tuesday, June 17th, at the Hotel Elman, Wenatchee, at which time delegates and Post Commanders will present their credentials and receive their badges.

9. Department Headquarters will be closed in Seattle June 14th and opened in Wenatchee on June 17th.

10. Post officers are reminded that Senior and Junior Vice Post Commanders now holding office are entitled to membership in the Encampment. No report will be required for the term ending June 30, but the per capita tax of 20 cents per member must be paid at that time, based on the membership of December 31st, 1918.

11. Blanks for Post Chaplains and Patriotic Instructors are inclosed herein. They should be filled out and forwarded to the Department Chaplain and Department Patriotic Instructor.

12. Installations of all officers will take place on Friday at 8 P. M.

All Posts are reminded that previous Orders No. 5 provide for Memorial Day, visiting schools, Memorial Sunday and Flag Day.

The good and patriotic citizens of Wenatchee are making extensive preparations for our visit. When the Encampment was held there in June, 1911, they nearly spoilt us from enjoying ourselves when attending other places where G. A. R. Encampments have been held. Let us give Wenatchee a large attendance and rest assured they will give us a royal and hospitable welcome.

By command of

SAMUEL F. STREET,
Department Commander.

Official:

ADDISON W. HASTIE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

MEETING OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Seattle, Wash., March 15, 1919.

The Council of Administration met at the time and place stated in the notice.

Present: Comrades F. H. Hurd, S. S. King, A. P. Clayton and E. B. Hopkinson, by his proxy, T. H. Hurd.

Upon motion of Comrade King, seconded by Comrade Clayton, Comrade Hurd was elected chairman.

Moved and seconded that the date of the Department Encampment be fixed for June 17, 18, 19 and 20, 1919.

Department Commander Samuel F. Street arrived at 2 P. M. and was royally welcomed by the Council.

Comrade Clayton made a report on the work being done and the arrangements made at Wenatchee to entertain the G. A. R. and other affiliated societies.

Upon motion, the matter of railroad transportation to the Encampment and return was left with Comrades Hurd and Hastie to obtain the lowest rates possible.

Upon motion made and carried, the Council of Administration recommended that the next meeting of the Encampment Department establish and fix the Department Headquarters at some permanent place and not be moved from place to place.

Comrade King offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the Department Headquarters have heretofore been moved from one place to another to the expense and disadvantage of business and best interests of this Department;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we recommend that the meeting of this Department at Wenatchee in June, 1919, fix the Departmental Headquarters permanently at some place where it will be the most accessible to the largest number of Comrades.

The railway fare for the comrades was allowed as follows:

A. P. Clayton, \$10.70; J. M. Birmingham, \$8.60.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned.

