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FIRST DAY.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, February 13, 1872.

The Department Encampment was called to order by Comrade E. J. Davis, Commander, at eight o'clock P. M.

Upon motion of the Encampment, the Commander made the following temporary appointments:

Junior Vice Commander, Comrade Muller.

Chaplain, Comrade Honey.

Officer of the Day, Comrade De Gress.

Officer of the Guard, Comrade Britton.

Prayer was then offered by the Chaplain.

The grand rounds were then made by the officer of the day, assisted by the officer of the guard, after which the Encampment was declared open.

The roll of officers and delegates was then called by the Assistant Adjutant General, after which the Commander appointed Comrades De Gress and Maxwell a Committee on Credentials.

The following named Comrades were then reported as entitled to seats in the Encampment:

Comrade E. J. Davis, Commander.

Comrade J. P. Newcomb, Senior Vice Commander.

Comrade J. Davidson, Assistant Adjutant General.

J. A. MOWER Post No. 1.—J. C. De Gress, commander; W. R. Maxwell, Geo. W. Honey, delegates.

MONTGOMERY Post No. 3.—F. L. Britton, commander; John Kempfer, delegate.

SEDGWICK Post No. 4.—Henry Muller, A. J. Lockwood, delegates.

LINCOLN Post No. 6.—J. Davidson, proxy.

WADSWORTH Post No. 7.—J. Davidson, proxy.

B. B. MURRAY Post No. 9.—J. Davidson, proxy.

And the following posts as not represented: Griffin No. 2; Davis No. 5; Ransom No. 8; Winfield Scott No. 10; Geo. H. Thomas No. 11; Phil Kearney, No. 12.

A motion of Comrade Muller, seconded by Comrade De Gress, "That Jos. A. Mower Post No. 1 be requested to furnish a guard of honor of three for the Encampment during its present session," was carried.

A motion to adjourn till Wednesday evening, to await the arrival of other delegates, was carried.

The Encampment then adjourned to meet at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., Wednesday, February 14, 1872.

EDMUND J. DAVIS, Commander.

JAMES DAVIDSON, Assistant Adjutant General.

SECOND DAY.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, February 14, 1872.

Grand rounds having been made, and the roll called by the Assistant Adjutant General, after prayer by the chaplain, the Encampment was declared duly open.

Present:

Comrade E. J. Davis, Commander; Comrade J. P. Newcomb, Junior Vice Commander; Comrade J. Davidson, Assistant Adjutant General; J. P. Richardson, Inspector General; Thomas F. Purnell, Assistant Quartermaster General.

J. A. Mower, Post No. 1—J. C. DeGress, commander; W. R. Maxwell, Geo. W. Honey, delegates.

Griffin Post No. 2—Charles Parker, delegate.

Montgomery Post No. 3—F. L. Britton, commander; John Kempfer, delegate.

Sedgwick Post No. 4—Henry Muller, Wm. C. Carroll, delegates.

Lincoln Post No. 6—J. Davidson, proxy.

Wadsworth Post No. 7—J. Davidson, proxy.

B. B. Murray Post No. 9—J. Davidson, proxy.

G. H. Thomas Post No. 11—Charles Parker, acting delegate.

The following posts were not represented:

Davis No. 5; Ransom No. 8; Winfield Scott No. 10; Phil Kearney No. 12.

An address was made by the department commander, who explained the object of the organization.

Comrade Davidson, Montgomery Post No. 3, nominated Comrade E. J. Davis, Joseph A. Mower Post No. 1, for the position of Department Commander; Comrade Maxwell, Joseph A. Mower Post No. 1, seconded the nomination of Comrade E. J. Davis; Comrade J. C. De Gress, Joseph A. Mower Post No. 1, moved to suspend the rules, and that Comrade E. J. Davis be elected by acclamation.

The Senior Vice Commander in the chair put the question, and the rules were so suspended. The question then before the encampment, "Shall Comrade E. J. Davis be elected by acclamation?" was carried unanimously.

The Department Commander elect, taking the chair, addressed the comrades, thanking them for the honor conferred upon him.

Comrade Davidson, Montgomery Post No. 3, then nominated Comrade De Gress, Joseph A. Mower Post No. 1, for the position of Senior Vice Commander; seconded by Comrade Maxwell. The delegates voted by roll call, and Comrade De Gress was unanimously elected. Comrade Muller, Sedgwick Post No. 4, nominated Comrade A. J. Lockwood for Junior Vice Department Commander; Comrade Davidson nominated Comrade A. G. Malloy, Ransom Post No. 8, for the same position. The delegates voted by roll call, which resulted in the election of Comrade Malloy.

Comrade Davidson then nominated Comrade George W. Honey, Joseph A. Mower Post No. 1, for the position of Chaplain; Comrade Honey nominated Comrade E. M. Wheelock, Montgomery Post No. 3, for the position of Chaplain. The delegates voted by roll call, which resulted in the election of Comrade Honey.

Comrade De Gress, nominated Comrade V. H. Coffman for the position of Medical Director, who was declared unanimously elected.

Comrade J. Davidson nominated for Council of Administration: Comrade Moore of Sedgwick Post No. 4; Comrade Maxwell of Joseph A. Mower Post No. 1; Comrade Muller, Sedgwick Post No. 4; Comrade Orsay, Montgomery Post No. 3; Comrade Lawrence, Ransom Post No. 8. Comrade De Gress, Joseph A. Mower Post No. 1, nominated Comrade Parker, Griffin Post No. 2. Comrade Parker, Griffin Post No. 2, nominated Comrade W. E. Parker, Phil, Kearney Post No. 12, for the same position.

The following named Comrades were declared duly elected as Council of Administration, viz:

Comrade Lowry L. Moore, Sedgwick Post No. 4; Comrade Henry Orsay, Montgomery Post No. 3; Comrade Henry Muller, Sedgwick Post No. 4; Comrade W. R. Maxwell, Joseph A. Mower Post No. 1; Comrade Charles Parker, Griffin Post No. 2.

Comrade De Gress, then nominated Comrade James Davidson,

Montgomery Post No. 3, for the position of delegate to National Encampment.

Comrade Parker, nominated Comrade J. P. Newcomb, Montgomery No. 3, for the same position.

Comrade Davidson receiving a majority of the votes, was declared elected. Comrade Newcomb then nominated Comrade Honey, Jos. A. Mower Post No. 1, for the position of alternate. Comrade Parker nominated Comrade Newcomb, Montgomery Post No. 3, for the same position.

Comrade Newcomb was declared elected.

Comrade Muller, Sedgwick Post No. 4, introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by Comrade Honey, and unanimously adopted:

It having been asserted that persons who are ineligible under existing regulations have obtained admission to our ranks.

Be it Resolved, That the attention of the Department Commander, be invited to this matter, and that he be and is hereby requested, to take such action in the premises, as he may deem necessary.

Comrade Wm. Carroll, Sedgwick Post No. 4, seconded by Comrade Muller introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Ben. C. Card, a captain and assistant quartermaster in the army of the United States, has by his persistent opposition to and persecution of discharged soldiers of the army, by securing their discharge from the employment of the Government, and refused to employ any such.

Resolved, That the delegate to the National Convention be instructed to invoke the influence of the said National Encampment to securing the removal of said disloyal officer from this department.

Comrade Newcomb, then seconded by Comrade Maxwell, introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a communication be addressed to the military commander General Augur, at San Antonio, and Deputy Quartermaster General Bakin, calling attention of these officers to the employment of members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and requesting that a preference be given Grand Army of the Republic members over persons who have not served in the United States army.

Comrade De Gress proposed that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of War, which, being duly seconded, was unanimously carried.

Comrade Muller, Sedgwick Post No. 4, then introduced the following resolution, seconded by Comrade Carroll, that the next an-

nual encampment of the department be held at San Antonio, which was carried.

There being no further business before the encampment, it adjourned.

EDMUND J. DAVIS,
Commander.

JAMES DAVIDSON,
Ass't Adj't General.