

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

•EIGHTH • ANNUAL • ENCAMPMENT•

OF THE

•DEPARTMENT • OF • TEXAS•

GRAND ARMY^{OF THE} REPUBLIC

CONVENED IN

THE OPERA HOUSE, IN THE CITY OF DENISON, TEXAS,

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RECEPTION PROCEEDINGS AND PARADE.

FIRST DAY.

All incoming trains were well laden with representatives to the Encampment, and visiting comrades and ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps. These were all taken in charge by the local committees and conducted to the quarters assigned them.

At three o'clock p. m., Commander-in-Chief A. G. Weissert, accompanied by W. R. Hill, Commander of the Department of the Indian Territory, arrived on the M., K. and T. railway, and was accorded a right royal reception. He was met, as he alighted from the train, by Department Commander Peterson, Past Department Commanders Wylie and Lyon, and National Aides-de-Camp Horace Baker of Post No. 45, and R. F. Jeffries of Post No. 13, and by them escorted to his hotel, the boys of the Grand Army, about 200 in number, being drawn up in line upon the depot platform, saluting him as he passed by them.

At 4 o'clock the parade, which was a magnificent one, moved in the following order:

As early as three o'clock the men began to assemble on Houston avenue to form for the parade. The parade was billed to start at 4 o'clock sharp, but it was a little late when the command was given for it to move.

THE PARADE.

The line formed as follows:

Division No. 1.—City Marshal; platoon of Mounted

Police; Chief Marshal; Col. E. L. Witman; Aids, Major W. A. Kretsinger, Adjutant W. Nevins, Lieutenant Lem Moton, Capt. A. L. Hague; Mounted Orderlies; Excelsior band; Denison Rifles; Stanley Rangers.

Division No. 2.—Marshal J. A. Euper; Aids, Ben Coleman, George McLagan; carriage, Commander-in-Chief A. G. Weissert; carriage, Assistant Inspector General E. G. Rust of Post No. 11 and Aid-de-Camp Horace Baker of Post No. 45; carriage, Officers of the Woman's Relief Corps; carriage, Delegates to the Woman's Relief Corps; carriages, Mayor and City Council; citizens in carriages; Denison Fire Department.

Division No. 3.—W. W. Bostwick, Marshal; Aids, C. C. Haskill, S. S. Clark; Gainesville Band; Department Commander Gen. Peterson; Aids, A. A. G. Bigger, A. Q. M. Boyd; Visiting Members of the G. A. R.; Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5, G. A. R.

The first division formed on Houston avenue; right resting on Woodard street, facing south.

The second division formed on Sears Street, with right resting on Houston Avenue, facing east.

The third division formed on Woodard street; right resting on Austin avenue, facing east.

At the command, "forward, march!" the long line moved slowly down Houston avenue and rounded the corner of Main street, thence west to Barrett avenue, thence north to Grady street, thence east to Austin avenue, thence south to Main street, and disbanded at the McDougall Opera House, where the Eighth Annual Department Encampment was convened. Prayer was offered by Rev. Harvey Webb, commander of Post No. 12, and the Encampment opened in due form.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following representatives entitled to seats and votes in the Encampment, those marked with a star (*) being present:

ROLL OF THE 8th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

*O. G. PETERSON.....Dep't Commander
W. T. KITCHEN.....S. V. Dep't Commander
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*JOHN MORGAN.....Medical Director
JAMES HICKEY.....Dep't Chaplain
*J. C. BIGGER.....A. A. General
*J. L. BOYD.....A. Q. M. General
*JULIUS ALVORD.....Dep't Inspector
*A. E. WILKINSON.....Judge Advocate
*W. H. HARVEY.....Chief Mustering Officer
W. F. WIELAND....Senior A. D. C. and Ass't Mustering Officer

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

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ALLEN BLACKER,
J. M. ELLEDGE.

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A. G. MALLOY,
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*M. W. MANN.

ROLL OF ENCAMPMENT.

NAME & LOCATION OF POST.	OFFICERS.	DELEGATES.	ALTERNATES.	PAST POST COM'DRS
McPherson No. 1. Sherman	*J. F. Smith, P C..... Geo. Stratton, S V C... J. H. Rock, J V C.....	Geo. Stratton ...	*Jno. Cochran...	*H.C.Dillingham. *John Donaldson. *C. E. Hale. R. M. Grubbs. *H. C. Thompson. *L. A. Edmiston.
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Mower No. 10. Austin.....	J. W. Burke, P C..... E. L. Whitehead, S V C A. B. Champion, J V C	J. H. Warmoth... — Archer..... — Nelson.....	— LaFrance... — Champion... — Prince.....	J. M. Odell. J. C. DeGress. D. Friedman. J. W. Burke. J. P. Richardson. C. B. Stoddard.
Dix No. 11. Dallas.....	*E. G. Rust, P C..... *J. W. Ayers, S V C... *Jno. Hunter, J V C...	*L. C. Leeds.... *J. W. Ayers.... D. Bryant..... *Alfred Billows.. *A. G. Osborne..	Thos. Roberts... Jos. Ennisson... J. C. Cammack .. A. S. Lee..... *Jno. Hunter.....	*J. L. Boyd. *J. C. Bigger. I. B. Gibson. *D. Mackay. H. B. Davis. D. M. Baker. C. Dickson. G. W. McCormick.
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Garfield No. 15. Bells.....	*E. S. Carver, P C..... A. J. Neas, S V C..... *L. H. Johnson, J V C.	A. J. Neas.....	H. Burrell.....	Wm. Dawson. *J. T. Hicks.
Lincoln No. 16. Whitesboro	R. V. Norton, P C..... *J. F. Brown, S V C.... W. H. Buckles, J V C..	*Wm. Bertram...	Joseph Dunn.... *H. F. Ellis.....	Jacob Mayfield. Jacob Beckelman
Lewis No. 17. Ft. Clark.....	J. H. Pratt, P C..... Wm. Kitsch, S V C.... J. M. Young, J V C....	*W. A. Carnahan	J. M. Elledge.... W. J. Russell....	J. H. Pratt.
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Sterling No. 21. Temple....	R. H. Foord, P C..... W. Bobo, S V C..... J Rainwater, J V C....	W. C. Paist.....	Josiah Paul.....	

Logan No. 23. Denton.....	*H. R. Lyon, P C..... *S. G. Raley, S V C.... S. Carpenter, J V C....	*A. Snyder.....	J. R. Lewis.....	J. E. Stringer. J. M. Stone. *H. G. Raley. *H. R. Lyon.
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Wright No. 26. Paris.....	M. Yarbrough, P C.... *E. A. Russell, S V C.. Chas. Lasson, J V C...	Raymond Hurz..	Chas. Lasson....	E. A. Russell. *T. U. Johnson. *D. W. Bingaman
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Stanton No. 33. Vernon.....	Robt. Rector, P C..... T. G. Clegg, S V C..... G. W. Creed, J V C.....			J. B. Ralston.
Meade No. 35. Decatur.....	Jas. Hickey, P C..... T. G. Clegg, S V C..... J. C. Roe, J V C.....	C. B. Dodge..... *N. B. Yeary.....	A. Hamilton..... S. C. Roe.....	H. C. Barber. O. Farrington. J. Sharp.
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Sedgwick No. 39. Ft. Worth	W. J. Hardin, P C..... G. W. Margroum, S V C M. L. Vanscoter, J V C	*A. H. Bennett.. Jno. Adamson... G. W. Margroum	J. C. Walker..... M. L. Vanscoter. C. M. Dunham...	*L. P. Goodell. Jas. Morrison.
Kilpatrick No. 40. Belton...	D. H. Wheat, P C..... B. Parker, S V C..... Thos. Lawler, J V C...	Bryan Bunker...	Orloff White.....	M. F. Hiatt. *W. H. Harvey.
Washington No. 41. Henri- etta.....	W. B. Worsham, P C.. J. H. Slack, S V C..... H. H. Rice, J V C.....	S. B. Franklin...	G. W. Coleman..	*L. B. Upham. H. H. Rice. J. M. Butterworth
Randall No. 45. Weatherford	Jacob Davis, P C..... G. W. Lowery, S V C.. W. S. Stringham, J V C	Geo. Clanton..... Joe White.....	A. Anderson..... T. J. Overmier...	*Horace Baker. Geo. S. Foster.

McKenzie No. 46. Del Rio...	Jno. Glynn, P C..... J. D. Bright, S V C..... Jas. Brown			
Fremont No. 47. Sulpur Sp'gs	D. Gunn, P C..... *F. A. Schrade, S V C.. W. R. Ishmael, J V C..	J. N. Green.....	Jno. Gregory.... *Thos. Weighers.	S. G. Hutchison.
Canby No. 48. Jacksboro...	Andrew Myers, P C.... W. Umberger, S V C... A. Morehouse, J V C...	W. H. Clingman	M. Phipps.....	H. H. McConnell. I. Stoddard.
Crook No. 49. San Antonio	Wm. Holt, P C..... D. A. Welsh, S V C.... C. Wentworth, J V C..	A. I. Lockwood..	Geo. B. Hamilton	Wm. Holt.
Porter No. 50. Canadian....	J. H. Cornell, P C.....			
Sherman No. 51. Granbury	Thos. Adams, P C..... J. W. Kay, S V C..... J. C. Warner, J V C...			W. H. Catts.
A. J. Smith No. 52. Gold- thwaite	J. C. Peck, P C..... Hugh Carroll, S V C... W. H. Flesher, J V C..	Hugh Carroll....	J. C. Bayley....	
Opdycke No. 53. Jefferson....	*Horace Welsh, P C.... Jno. Grant, S V C..... Geo. Luthrope, J V C..	Thos. Smith.....	A. B. Chase.....	Jno. Grant.
E. J. Davis No. 54. Corpus Christi.....	J. H. C. White, P C.... S. H. Morgan, S V C... P. M. Sturm, J V C....	E. J. Kilmer.....	S. H. Morlan....	J. H. C. White.
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Burnsides No. 56. Springtown	*Thos. Welsh, P C..... A. Hutchison, S V C... S. U. P. Gipson, J V C.	*W. O. B. Seaborn *A. Hutchinson... *H. Keeling.....	Jno. Nelson..... J. W. Warlick... *W. Wilson.....	*O. G. Peterson. *W. R. Lynch.
Holcomb No. 57. Mason.....	M. V. Bridges, P C.... D. Doole, S V C..... L. Graebner, J V C....	D. Doole.....	W. M. Holmes...	W. B. Sands. A. Glossbrenner.
Croxtton No. 58. Alvord.....	H. S. Sands, P C..... J. Stepp, S V C..... Benj. Dyer, J V C.....			C. P. Simmons. J. Stepp.
Yates No. 59. Baird.....	*R. A. Corbett, P C.... Jno. Rice, S V C..... Jos. Crumbie, J V C...	Isaac M. Kinzey.	Joe Crumbie.....	Wm. McManis.
Rousseau No. 60. Graham...	J. T. Cunningham, P C J. F. Orvell, S V C.... J. L. Hook, J V C.....	Geo. W. Parker..		P. B. Hunt.
Sill No. 61. Weatherford....	A. E. Barr, P C..... T. C. Scaggs, S V C... J. T. Jones, J V C.....	J. M. Johnson...	Robt. Porter.....	J. G. Gibson. W. F. Wieland.
Scott No. 62. □ Kaufman.....	H. F. Peery, P C..... R. H. Armstrong, S V C J. H. Smith, J V C....			H. F. Peery.
Lytle No. 63. Greenville....	Henry Wagner, P C.... W. S. Abbott, S V C... L. Hunter, J V C.....	*A. J. Sansoni...		Henry Wagner.

Terry No. 64. Fredericksburg	Jacob Hirsch, P C..... T. G. Temple, S V C... J. T. Clark, J V C.....	G. W. Walters...	L. W. Wagner...	Jacob Hirsh.
Wood No. 65. Coleman.....	James Gipson, P C.... Calvin Holmes, S V C. Frank Enos, J V C....	*R. M. West.....		
Travis No. 66. Abilene.....	J. A. Lowry, P C..... Thos. Buck, S V C..... M. Perkins, J V C.....	G. A. Serviss....	Allen Buell.....	

*Present.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BIGGER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

We, your committee, find the Roll of Encampment as made out by the Assistant Adjutant General correct, and the foregoing representatives present and entitled to vote.

W. F. COTTMAN, }
SAMUEL PROUD, } Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted, and a recess taken until 10 a. m., March 22. The Department Commander announced that at 8:30 o'clock p. m. the formal reception would take place.

By the time appointed, the Opera House was crowded to its utmost capacity, and the following appropriate program was fully carried out:

RECEPTION AT OPERA HOUSE.

- Music.....Instrumental
 - Address of Welcome.....Mayor Yocum
 - Response.....Department Commander O. G. Peterson
 - Address.....Commander-in-Chief Weissert
 - Recitation, "Camp on the Rappahannock,"...Miss Jackson
 - Music.....Vocal Quartette
 - "Drill of the Light Brigade,"
Young Ladies, commanded by Miss Jackson
 - Music.....Instrumental
 - Addresses.....Visitors
 - Music.....Instrumental
 - Address.....H. Tone
 - Music, "America,".....The Audience
- 10 p. m.—Ball at Exposition Hall, under the auspices of the Stanley Rangers. Stereoptican Views, by A. Zintgraff.

Major Kretsinger was Master of Ceremonies and announced the numbers as they came on the program.

The Gainesville Band rendered a popular selection which was very highly applauded.

Mayor Yocum, in a neat and appropriate speech, welcomed the Grand Army of the Republic to Denison, and turned over to them the keys of the Gate City.

A response was made by Department Commander Peterson as follows:

Hon. Mayor and Citizens of Denison, and of this beautiful city of our beloved State:

On behalf of the officers and members of the Department of Texas G. A. R. and all comrades present, I return to you their heartfelt acknowledgment for your kind and hospitable welcome to your city. For your cordial words of welcome I know my comrades feel grateful. They make us feel already that we are at home among friends and comrades, and I trust our sojourn in your city and our acquaintance with each other will strengthen the ties that bind us together as citizens of the great State of Texas, and as citizens

of the great Union of States which was made possible by Washington and his army and cemented together by the blood of the armies of Grant and Lee. In 1777 the Continental Congress adopted our flag; then there were only thirteen stars on the field of blue. To-day our flag has forty-four stars, representing forty-four States in the great sisterhood of states, and as we look on that gorgeous banner we are made to realize that it was through the service of the comrades of the G. A. R. that the stars on the flag all occupy their place in the field of blue.

We also realize that all Americans love the flag to-day—the boys who wore the gray as well as the boys who spent the days of their young manhood in its defense—that banner to-day is recognized by all nations as the emblem of human liberty and human rights.

Our gathering to-day brings back vividly to our memories many sad scenes of the past. But we are not here to expose the wounds made during that fearful struggle, but we are here as the conservators of peace. Reconciliation and forgiveness are as commendable in a good citizen as was heroism and valor in a good soldier. We all rejoice that peace once more reigns o'er our blest land.

Hon. Mayor, you have as your guests to-day men from almost every state in this Union—men who bared their breasts in defense of the Union and the flag—but men who, when the war closed and they laid aside the habiliments of war to return to the peaceful pursuits of the private citizen, laid aside all malice, and have come to your state, no, not your state but our state, and to-day you find them doing all in their power to build up and advance every interest of our common country. They represent an organization whose cardinal principles are Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. We are banded together to care for the widows and orphans of our comrades who fell in defense of the flag. We are banded together to take care of the maimed and helpless comrades who stood shoulder to shoulder with us in the dark days from 1861 to 1865; we are banded together to teach our children and all men loyalty to the flag of our country; we are banded together to perpetuate the sacred memory of the men who gave their lives that the American union might live. We come to your hospitable city by special request of Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5 of this Department, which is located in your midst. We will spend a few days in pleasant association and renew our friendship for each other and clasp hands once more before we are mustered out, and I wish to say to you that if our reception is a precursor of the good things that await us while here, it will be

with reluctance that we part with the kind people of Denison, and in after years we will look back on this occasion as one of the brightest pages of memory.

Now, in my own behalf, I want to again thank you for your kind and hearty welcome.

I can say to you and your people that no city has excelled you if any has equaled you in your reception of the old Union soldiers, the men to whom so much honor is due for their deeds of valor and heroism in defense of the principles which all men to-day acknowledge were just and right.

I trust you and your kind people will never regret having entertained the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas G. A. R. For in so doing, you have placed your city in the list of the progressive cities of our state and have made friends of men who will always be ready to defend the interests and good name of your beloved city.

Miss Jackson was announced with a recitation, entitled, "Camp on the Rappahannock." This took with the soldiers, and touched the tender spot as it pictured the two armies camped within hearing distance of each other.

The Denison male quartette rendered a selection, the first being so good that a repetition was called for.

The "Drill of the Light Brigade" was given by sixteen young ladies, under the command of Miss Stella Miller. The ladies were indeed well drilled and formed pretty and neat figures on the stage at the command of their efficient captain.

The band rendered another selection, this time being loudly applauded.

Major Kretsinger called for a number of gentlemen from the audience, among whom was Judge Teague. The gentlemen came forward, and the major introduced Judge Teague as an old Confederate officer. The judge thanked the speaker for the introduction and addressed the audience for about fifteen minutes. He said unfortunately he was on the other side, and, in a few words, reminded them that the past was past and all former antagonisms were buried. He briefly spoke of the

organization of the G. A. R. and their work and the kind and tender attention of the ladies. The judge related several instances wherein the Northern and Southern ladies had strewn the graves of unknown soldiers, both blue and gray, with flowers; also, the generous act of a Northern gentleman, who gave Jackson Island for a Confederate burial ground.

At his conclusion he was loudly applauded, which was evidence of the appreciation of the audience.

Gen. Weissert was called upon, and was lustily cheered as he stepped to the front of the stage.

The general said he was no speech-maker, and informed his hearers that only a few moments of their time would be taken up. He remarked that this was the first time he was ever in Texas or the first time he ever tried to get here. He soon retracted, however, and said that he did try to get here once by the way of Red River and failed, and was now thoroughly convinced that the only way to get here was by the Gate City.

This little remark of the gentleman's was understood by a good many present, and they enjoyed the laugh. The general spoke for some minutes on the constitution of the organization, and especially urged that under no circumstances should politics be discussed in the Posts. He was followed by others, who entertained the audience with short talks and reminiscences.

After another selection by the band, Ex-Mayor Tone was called for and spoke as follows:

In this broad land of ours it happens every year that there are numerous conventions, assemblies and gatherings of men. There are political conventions where party platforms are made and party candidates selected; there are religious assemblies where methods are studied and devised for increasing the efficiency of Christian work; and there are meetings and anniversaries of various lodges and societies for purely social purposes; but is there a gathering in this whole list, or have we ever heard or read of a meeting of men, at any time or place, that is calculated to arouse such emotions of the human heart as are inspired by a gathering of the veterans of the late war?

Think of a reunion, after more than a quarter of a century's

separation, of men who, for three long years, were comrades in arms and fighting side by side; men who have rejoiced together in time of victory, and mourned together in time of defeat; men who have shared their last remnants of food in times of hunger and distress, and have sought shelter together beneath the same scanty dog-tent; men who have many a time relieved each other of musket and knapsack, as one or the other became weary and footsore on the long and tiresome march; men who have leaned upon each other's shoulders as they retreated from the battlefield, wounded, bleeding; men who have assisted in burying their comrades when the dead numbered more than the living; men who have fought together in scores of great battles, which have gone down into history as noted because of the thousands of soldiers slain; and yet have lived through it all; have lived to tell the story to their children and their children's children. Can there be any tie that binds men more closely to each other than this? Is it possible to conceive of a more thrilling scene or a more enjoyable hour than when these old veterans, many of them gray and feeble with age, gather once more around their camp fire as of old, and live over again the scenes and events of their soldier days?

I have often thought that if I had been a soldier, and were entitled to enroll my name upon the books of the Grand Army and to wear the badge by which its members are distinguished—the little bronze button—that when I met a comrade wearing the same emblematic sign, whether it were in the East or in the West, whether it were in the North or in the South, whether it were at home or abroad, my heart would go out to him as to an old acquaintance; and if perchance I found he had served in the same department with me, had shared in the same campaigns and sieges and battles as I, he would seem not only an acquaintance but a friend, tried and true; but when he proved to have served in the same regiment or company with me, then indeed would he become as a long lost brother, to whose care and fidelity I could safely entrust my life itself. But although I was four years with the army I was not of the army, for my mission was one of peace rather than of war. It was my duty and privilege, as the messenger of loved ones at home, to carry aid to those who were wounded in battle, or were stricken with fever upon the march, or attacked by malaria in poisonous swamps.

At Shiloh, at Vicksburg, at Atlanta, at Nashville and at all points between, I was a witness of the heroism of the Union soldiers.

Twice during that time I had the grand privilege seldom ac-

corded to man, of standing upon a high point and seeing a battle as if it had been a play upon the stage. And when I saw the charging column forming, when I saw brigade after brigade coming out from their positions beyond the hills or behind the entrenchments, and each one taking its place in the line with as much regularity and precision as if the ground had been measured out to them; when I saw them start with firm and resolute step, marching to what they knew must prove certain death to some of them, and God alone knew how many; when I saw the step change to double-quick, and heard them raise the battle-cry; when I saw the men begin to fall—at first singly and then by dozens, as they received the enemy's fire—when I heard the battle-cry grow faint and low for a moment and then rise loud and clear again as the survivors rushed on to victory—then it was that my heart swelled within my bosom and I cried out, "God bless the Union soldiers."

And when the war was ended, when the angel of peace hovered once more over our fair land, these veterans laid aside the trappings of war as easily and speedily as they had taken them up at the beginning, and became again as good citizens as they had been brave soldiers. Never in the history of the world did two great and hostile armies melt away so suddenly, and in their place appear a friendly and united people.

With the laying down of arms hostilities ceased, animosities were buried and the soldiers of the contending armies mingled together, each having the highest respect for the bravery of the other, and as they clasped hands under the olive branch they joined in saying, "Let us be friends from this time henceforth, for united we are a nation the whole world cannot conquer."

This ended the entertainment at the Opera House, and many of the audience repaired to the Exposition Hall, where a ball was given.

Under the special management of the Stanley Rangers and the Denison Rifles, a hop was tendered the G. A. R's. Fully 500 guests were present. The grand march numbered 125 people. The program comprised twenty dances, all of which were indulged in by the dancers.

The committee composed of Major Kretsinger, Lieut. Lindsay, Serg't James, Maj. Walton, Capt. Young and Adjutant Hague, assisted by every member of the

two companies who were present, acquitted themselves admirably as entertainers. No visitor was neglected, and of the large number that were present, many occupied seats in the balcony and others promenaded the halls, walks and in the rotunda. At a late hour the busy hum of the dance subsided, the music ceased and the entire crowd returned to the city.

SECOND DAY.

The Encampment was promptly called to order at 10 a. m. by Department Commander Peterson, all the Department officers in their places, excepting Senior Vice Commander W. T. Kitchen and Department Chaplain James Hickey. These vacant stations were filled by the appointment *pro tem* of Comrade Edward Ketchum and Harvey Webb. E. L. Witman was appointed Officer of the Day. The Department Commander called Acting Senior Vice Department Commander Edward Ketchum to the chair, and then read his address as follows:

Comrades of the G. A. R., of the Department of Texas:

"We meet to-day in this the 8th Annual Encampment in the beautiful city of Denison, the Gate City of our adopted state—the grand and glorious state of Texas. We meet as the representatives of one of the grandest armies that ever marshaled on the face of this earth; the representatives of an army that brought freedom to over four million souls; the representatives of an army that, by its valor and its blood, cemented together the states of this glorious union of ours in bonds so strong that no power of earth will ever be able to pluck one star from the field of blue on our blessed flag, the emblem of liberty and equal rights.

"Comrades, I welcome you here to this Encampment. I recognize that I am to-day in the presence of men who have been tried by the fires of battle, in the presence of men whose patriotism and love of country none can doubt. We meet to-day with the same loyal feelings of patriotism burning in our bosoms that prompted us to action from '61 to '65. I need not recount your deeds of valor during that time; they are facts of history, and will be read by the millions of earth after we have been mustered on the other side of the storms of time. But we have learned to exercise a spirit of fraternity and charity towards all, and are now engaged in works of fraternity, charity and loyalty.

"Comrades, one year ago, at El Paso, you, by your suffrages, placed me in command of this Department, for which honor language fails to express my thanks. At that time I thought I

would be able to do a great deal of work that I have failed to accomplish, owing to my poor health, but I have done all, under the circumstances, I could for the Department. To-day you are here to examine into the official acts of the officers of the Department for the past year, and to have us render an account of our stewardship; to select men to act as our leaders for the next twelve months, and to lay plans for the upbuilding of the Department. I trust our deliberations will be harmonious and result in great good to our order. It is my wish that you investigate fully all the branches of our order. May our work on this occasion be such as will stand the test of time.

GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

I am sorry to say that the growth of the order has not come up to my expectation. There has been a variety of causes operating against us this year.

1st. Our state has been in the throes of a spirited and acrimonious political struggle, which seemed to overshadow all business, both public and private, for one-half the year.

2nd. Your Commander for the last half of the year has been in too poor health to look after your interests in that line as he should.

3rd. The financial depression has kept many from joining the order, and kept some posts from being organized.

4th. The suspended list seems to be a hard problem to properly solve. I would urge all the commanders and officers of the posts to use every effort to reduce the suspensions by doing your whole duty. Suspend no man who is too poor to pay his dues, and encourage those who are able to pay up. When a comrade is able to pay his dues but simply won't do it and has to be suspended, in my opinion he is as much dishonored as if he had been dishonorably discharged from the order. I refer you to the Assistant Adjutant General's report for data on the growth of the order, and to the Assistant Quartermaster General's report for the financial condition of the Department.

The 26th National Encampment at Washington was one of the grandest in the history of our order. It is with pleasure and pride that I am able to state that this Department was well represented on that occasion. We had fourteen recognized representatives, besides about fifty comrades, present from this Department. The meeting was harmonious and its labors well performed. I note with pride that, while no special honors were conferred upon this Department, Assistant Adjutant General J. C. Bigger, of the Department, was second best in the race for Junior Vice-Commander of the National Encampment.

Comrades, I believe that too many of you debar yourselves of the pleasure and benefits of our national meetings.

MEMORIAL DAY.

I am proud to say that Memorial Day was observed by nearly all the posts of this Department. It is a great satisfaction to your Department Commander to know that the comrades and citizens of the state have not forgotten the brave boys that fell by our sides in defence of the dear old flag—the blessed emblem of liberty and equal rights. May this one day always be observed by every true patriot of America; may the halo of glory that now shines above the sacred dust of our dead comrades continue to shine until all can realize the worth of the lives they yielded up for their country and the perpetuity of its free institutions.

IN MEMORIAM.

It is with sadness that we refer to the list of noble comrades that have been mustered out of the Grand Army on earth to be mustered in the Grand Army above.

During the year we have lost twenty-five by death in this Department, all brave and true comrades. Among that number is Col. P. J. Kenidy, Commander of Lyon Post, No. 5, at Denison, who was a faithful and efficient officer and true comrade. This has been an extremely fatal year among our leaders. A few more years, at most, and the men who led us to victory from '61 to '65 will be gone, and we will have left nothing but the memory of their achievements, which we should ever keep sacred.

COURT MARTIALS.

I am happy to state that it has not been necessary for me to order a single court martial during the year; while it is true we have necessarily had some trouble, still it has not been of so grave a nature as to demand a court martial.

COLORED POSTS.

At our meeting at El Paso, in March last, there was a resolution adopted on the organization of colored posts. I would recommend to this Encampment that said resolution be expunged from our records, as they are in conflict with the regular rules of the order, and only calculated to injure the Department. I have had three informal applications to organize colored posts, but owing to the informality of the applications, and other causes, I refused. I also had one application from the city of Austin that was in due form, but I also had notice that some of the parties were without the proper records, and their character was such as to bring disrepute on our order; consequently I refused the charter in their case, also.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

"It is with a feeling of sorrow that I have to state that this valuable auxiliary to our order is not encouraged and sustained as it should be. Each post could and should have a Relief Corps. The loyal woman of the land has ever stood firm for the right when society, state and nation have been assailed, and we, as true lovers of our country, should not be recreant in rendering them our assistance and encouragement. Where there is not a Relief Corps in connection with a post, it is the fault of the comrades. Woman, with her loyalty, virtue and charity, is ever ready to do her part. Comrades, let us do ours.

SONS OF VETERANS.

Comrades, I wish that I could instill my feelings into every comrade of this Department; if I could, where you found a G. A. R. Post you would find a Camp of the Sons of Veterans. Let us teach our sons lessons of loyalty to the flag and the institutions of our country by bringing them into as close touch with our order as possible. There seems to be an awakening on this point in the Department, and I think in the near future we will have a number of camps organized in Texas.

CHARITY AND RELIEF.

The reports show that there has been expended during my term in office, for charitable purposes, \$532. We think this is an excellent showing, as the Department is small. Comrades, let us ever keep this cardinal principal in mind, and see that no worthy comrade or his family suffers within the bounds of this Department.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

The Council has not been called together during the year, as I deemed it unnecessary, there being no special business except the fixing of the time of this Encampment, which I did by corresponding with the members of the Council, thus saving to the Department the expense of calling them together.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have, during the year, visited a number of the posts of the Department, but owing to my health I have failed to do as much work in that line as was necessary for the good of the order. My visits have all been exceedingly pleasant and, I trust, profitable, especially the ones made to Terrell, McKinney, Abilene, and Baird. I think the posts at the above named places were strengthened and placed on the road to success in their work. Myself, with all the Post Commanders of this Department, have failed to do enough of this kind of work, but I trust that my suc-

cessor will be so situated as to discharge his full duty on this line.

DECISIONS.

I have had but few decisions to render during the year, and they were of such a nature that it only required a glance at the Blue Book to make them. I deem it unnecessary to refer to them specially in this report.

ORDERS.

I have issued ten general orders and thirty-five special orders, a large number of which were dispensations, permitting the posts to elect recruits for the cause shown without requiring the application to lie over from one stated meeting to the next.

During the year I have secured certificates of service for a number of old comrades who had lost their discharges. We have done everything in our power to advance every interest of the comrades of the Department.

I will state to the Encampment that Commander-in-Chief A. G. Weissert has called a meeting of the Commanders of the Departments of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Kentucky, Arkansas, Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma, to meet him in New Orleans on the 25th to 28th of March, '93. The meeting will be held in the Odd Fellows hall, Lafayette Square, and will be of great interest to this Department, which should be represented by its Commander and as many of the post commanders as possible.

In conclusion, I wish to return my kindest regards to all the officers of this Department, especially to Col. J. C. Bigger, Assistant Adjutant General, and Col. J. L. Boyd, Assistant Quartermaster General, whose labors have been arduous but always performed with carefulness and dispatch.

Comrades, I shall at this meeting lay down the gavel, the emblem of authority, and return to the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic, but I trust to make a true and faithful comrade while life shall last.

O. G. PETERSON,
Commander Texas Department, G. A. R.

Before the reading of the address of the Department Commander was completed, the Officer of the Day announced the presence of Commander-in-Chief Gen. A. G. Weissert and his staff at the outposts, and upon mo-

tion, the reading of the same was suspended, and the Commander-in-Chief and his escort at once admitted and conducted to the platform.

Commander Peterson then introduced the Commander-in-Chief to the Encampment, who delivered an address replete with interesting matter and good advice. It is unfortunate that there was no stenographer present to correctly report the eloquent and masterly sentences that fell from the lips of Commander Weissert, as his address was as full of wit, eloquence and wisdom as "an egg is full of meat." He cautioned the comrades to keep all political discussions out of their meetings; to elect only such comrades to office as possessed energy, ability and zeal; to make every possible effort to wipe out the suspended lists; to energetically strive to muster new posts and strengthen and build up those already existing. He called the attention of the Encampment to an illegal resolution adopted in the Seventh Encampment of the Department at El Paso, relative to colored posts, and expressed a desire that the action there taken be rescinded.

At the conclusion of the able, eloquent and interesting address of Commander Weissert, three cheers and a "tiger" were given him, and a recess of ten minutes' duration had, in order to give the comrades an opportunity to shake his hands and give him cordial greeting, after which the Commander and his staff withdrew from the Encampment.

The Officer of the Day announced that a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps desired admittance, and Past Department Commander M. W. Mann and Post Commander W. W. Bostwick were appointed to receive and conduct the ladies to the platform; Mrs. Schultz, upon being introduced to the Encampment, stated that the object of their visit was to ascertain at what time the Commander-in-Chief would call upon them. The

time being fixed and communicated to her, the committee retired under escort.

Upon motion of Junior Vice Department Commander Christian, seconded by Comrade Billows of Post 11, that part of the report of the committee on the address of the Department Commander, touching on the muster of colored posts in Texas, which was adopted at the Seventh Annual Encampment at El Paso, was rescinded unani- mously and by a rising vote. The rescinded clause of the committee's report reads as follows:

"Your committee on report of Department Commander beg leave to report that in consideration of the same we find that in the matter of the organization of a colored Post in the Depart- ment of Texas at San Antonio, your committee are of the opin- ion that the best interests of this Department would not be attained by the muster of a colored Post, and would recommend that our colored brothers be recommended to apply to the Depart- ment of Louisiana, where a number of Posts already exist, and that this Department take such steps as may be advisable to as- sist in such consummation."

Past Department Commander W. D. Wylie intro- duced the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Encampment and the Woman's Relief Corps, representing the Grand Army of the Republic of the state of Texas, extend to our Commander-in-Chief, A. G. Weis- sert, the sincere and heartfelt thanks of the old soldiers of Texas for his visit to this state; and that in this resolution we feel author- ized to say for the people of Texas, one and all, that the Lone Star state sincerely appreciates the distinguished honor he has paid the state of Texas, being the first Commander-in-Chief that has visited our state. Be it further resolved, That the Assistant Adjutant General shall secure a picture of our honored Comman- der-in-Chief, A. G. Weissert, to be handed down to each succes- sive administration as one of the cherished archives of this De- partment.

Upon motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted and by a rising vote.

The Department Commander then finished reading his address, and upon motion, the same was received and referred by Acting Senior Vice Department Com-

mander Ketchum to a committee, consisting of Comrades Cottman, Parks, Bostwick and Deihl.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General was read and referred to a committee consisting of Comrades Ketchum, Mann and Proud. His report was as follows:

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 OFFICE OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL,
 DALLAS, TEXAS, March 20, 1893.

O. G. PETERSON,

Commander Department of Texas, G. A. R.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:—I herewith most respectfully submit my detailed report of the transactions of this Department for the past year, which have come under the cognizance of this office. The growth of the order in Texas during the year about to close has not been satisfactory, and the Department, numerically, stands about as it did when you assumed command of it. We had 57 Posts and 1,597 comrades in good standing then; we have 56 Posts and 1,596 comrades in good standing now. But two posts, Wood No. 65 at Coleman, and Travis No. 66 at Abilene, were mustered during the year; while, during the same period of time, three posts, Hamilton No. 42 at Austin, Hooker No. 22 at Laredo, and Morton No. 29 at Waco, have surrendered their charters, and ceased to exist. The loss occasioned by the disbanding of No. 42 was small, as nearly all the comrades of said post immediately connected themselves with Mower Post No. 10, also located at Austin; but the blow to the Department was severe indeed that deprived us of representation in such important and thriving cities as are Waco and Laredo. It is to be hoped that new posts will be shortly established in both of these cities, as there is plenty of splendid material to organize and maintain an A1 Grand Army Post at each place. At different times during the year we had high hopes of mustering new posts at Brownwood, San Angelo, Hillsboro, Taylor, Whitt, Texarkana, Big Springs, Ennis, Strawn, Kerrville and Amarillo, but owing largely to political excitement and scarcity of money, the posts failed to materialize, and much labor in this regard resulted in abject failure. It is believed that by proper effort posts

can be organized at nearly all of the places above named during the coming year.

By the utmost exertion the appearance of delinquent posts upon the consolidated reports have been prevented, and I am gratified to state that all the posts of the Department are in good standing the same as they were last year. To thus hold all of them in line has compelled me to write scores of letters, and use every kind of persuasion and entreaty, but the desirable end attained amply repays the arduous labor.

The following figures exhibit the gains and losses during the year:

GAINS.		
By muster.....	297	
" transfer.....	43	
" re-instatement.....	76	
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Total gain.....	416	416
By death.....	25	
" honorable discharge.....	68	
" transfer.....	37	
" suspension.....	270	
" dishonorable discharge.....	2	
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Total loss.....	402	402
Total net gain.....		14

There are 413 members still carried upon the suspended lists of the various posts which, added to 1,596, the number in good standing December 31, 1892, makes the present apparent strength of the Department 2,009.

I herewith submit the footings of the consolidated reports forwarded to the National Headquarters at the end of the first and second terms of the year 1892:

FIRST TERM.		
Number in good standing December 31, 1891.....		1582
Gains, By muster.....	144	
" transfer.....	36	
" re-instatement.....	26	286
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Total.....		1788

		1890.	1892.	GAINS.	LOSSES.
	1	Sherman..... 10	10	—	—
Post No.	2	Galveston..... 48	41	—	7
" "	3	San Antonio... 67	53	—	14
" "	4	Fort Worth.... 106	74	—	32
" "	5	Denison..... 78	116	38	—
" "	6	Dallas..... 102	112	10	—
" "	9	Houston..... 30	30	—	—
" "	10	Austin..... 43	55	12	—
" "	11	Dallas..... 25	91	66	—
" "	12	Gainesville.... 7	30	23	—
" "	13	Terrell..... 7	7	—	—
" "	15	Bells..... 7	9	2	—
" "	16	Whitesboro.... 20	17	—	3
" "	17	Ft. Clark..... 44	30	—	14
" "	18	McKinney..... 15	35	20	—
" "	19	El Paso..... 48	46	—	2
" "	20	Lampasas..... 11	10	—	1
" "	21	Temple..... 11	15	4	—
" "	22	Laredo..... 20	—	—	20
" "	23	Denton..... 71	24	—	47
" "	25	Georgetown.... 20	26	6	—
" "	26	Paris..... 25	15	—	10
" "	27	Palestine..... 20	17	—	3
" "	28	Cameron..... 19	18	—	1
" "	29	Waco..... 29	—	—	29
" "	30	Bowie..... 40	10	—	30
" "	31	Wichita Falls.. 14	11	—	3
" "	32	Bonham..... 41	34	—	7
" "	33	Vernon..... 15	15	—	—
" "	35	Decatur..... 20	19	—	1
" "	36	Ft. Davis..... 11	13	2	—
" "	37	San Antonio... 34	35	1	—
" "	38	Marshall..... 23	18	—	5
" "	39	Ft. Worth..... 38	53	15	—
" "	40	Belton..... 21	20	—	1
" "	42	Austin..... 17	—	—	—
" "	44	Henrietta..... 24	20	—	17
" "	45	Weatherford... 28	23	—	4
" "	46	Del Rio..... 11	5	—	5
" "	47	Sulphur Spr'gs 19	20	1	6
" "	48	Jacksboro..... 18	28	10	—

From the above and foregoing it will be perceived that of the 41 posts composing the Department Dec. 31, '90, but 14 of them have increased their membership, while 23 show losses, and 4 have simply held their own. The footings of the losses and gains during the two years last past make the losses from these 41 posts 262, and the gains only 210, leaving a balance of 52 on the wrong side of the ledger. It is also quite apparent from the showing here made that the reason we are able to report 1,596 members in good standing in this Department instead of 1,113, is owing to the muster of 18 new posts since December 31, 1890, and the zeal and energy manifested by said new posts in adding to their membership. Which fact would seem to admonish us to put forth every effort, not only to organize new posts, but to build up and strengthen the older ones.

Since the Department of Texas was established seven posts have disbanded and surrendered their charters, and three were transferred to the Indian Territory when that Department was organized. This leaves Nos. 7, 8, 14, 22, 24, 29, 34, 41, 42 and 43 on the roll of our posts vacant, and necessarily gives our consolidated reports to National Headquarters a ragged and unseemly appearance. It would be well and add largely to the appearance of our reports if, as new posts are mustered, they be given the numbers now vacant, until they are exhausted.

The "grim tyrant, death," has not dealt with us so severely this year as last, 25 comrades only answering the inevitable summons that comes to all of us, one-fifth of this mournful loss falling on "Jno. A. Dix, No. 11." The names of the comrades who have crossed the "dark river" to the shining shore beyond, are:

DEATH ROLL.

WM. M. LANE.....	Post No. 2 Galveston.
CHRISTIAN SPEISER.....	“ “ 3 San Antonio.
L. L. LEWIS.....	“ “ 5 Denison.
L. E. MOREFIELD.....	“ “ 5 Denison.
JNO. W. COOMBS.....	“ “ 9 Houston.
ISAAC M. VENABLE.....	“ “ 10 Austin.
B. W. McCULLOUGH.....	“ “ 11 Dallas.
BENJ. STINE.....	“ “ “ “
FRANCIS FIELING.....	“ “ “ “
T. C. COOPER.....	“ “ “ “
EDWARD S. RANDALL.....	“ “ “ “
BARNEY COOL.....	“ “ 16 Whitesboro.
H. MENDLE.....	“ “ “ “
S. C. VEDER.....	“ “ 17 Fort Clark.
MICHAEL FARRELL.....	“ “ 19 El Paso.
JNO. POLLOCK.....	“ “ 30 Bowie.
A. A. PAINTER.....	“ “ “ “
R. M. COLEMAN.....	“ “ 35 Decatur.
WM. A. HELD.....	“ “ 37 San Antonio.
JNO. BRATCHER.....	“ “ 45 Weatherford.
WM. J. CRAWFORD.....	“ “ 51 Granbury.
CHAS. G. GALDEN.....	“ “ 55 Dublin.
CHAS. H. VILLEMEEER.....	“ “ “ “
JABEZ E. ROTHWELL.....	“ “ 60 Graham.
STEPHEN M. PRUITT.....	“ “ 63 Greenville.

The volume of correspondence this year has not been as large as it was last year; about 800 letters and postal cards were received and answered on the day of their receipt. In addition to this, nearly as many more letters and postal cards have been sent out calling for delayed reports, seeking the organization of new posts, and in the interest of the general good of the Department. During the year 12 General Orders and 2 circulars from National Headquarters, 10 General and 32 Special Orders from Department Headquarters, have been mailed to officers entitled to receive them, and 80 copies of the Proceedings of the 26th National Encampment, and 300 copies of the Proceedings of the 7th Annual Department Encampment, were sent to the posts and comrades entitled to receive the same. In fact, everything of an official character received at these Headquarters for distribution has been at once transmitted to its final destination.

Early in April last I went to Washington City, at my own expense, and procured suitable Headquarters for the use of this Department during the session of the 26th National Encampment. Texas made an excellent appearance in the Grand Parade up Pennsylvania Avenue, and the boys from the Lone Star state were the recipients of generous and frequent applause all along the line. About 20 of the 56 posts were represented, and 60 comrades marched under the long-horned banner.

I have corresponded considerably during the past twelve months with the following named ex-Union soldiers, looking to the muster of Grand Army posts at their respective places of residence, resulting in the organization of but one post, viz: Travis Post No. 66, at Abilene. I think, however, by the exertion of proper zeal and energy, posts will be established at all of the places designated, in the near future:

Dr. J. Saunders.....	Orange,	Texas.
C. H. Christopher.....	Texarkana,	"
T. A. Serviss.....	Abilene,	"
Jno. A. Rosa.....	Sandy,	"
W. H. Coombs.....	San Angelo,	"
C. H. Booth.....	Taylor,	"
Wm. Woods.....	Hillsboro,	"
Dr. G. R. Parsons.....	Kerrville,	"
S. H. Brown.....	Ennis,	"
C. J. Fingstrom.....	Brownwood,	"
J. S. Brown.....	Big Springs,	"
J. M. Kindred.....	Amarillo,	"

Applications for charters to establish colored Grand Army Posts at Austin, Houston, Fort Worth and San Antonio, were

received by me during the past year, and were at once referred to the Department Commander for his consideration and action. All of these applications were informal, fatally defective, and unaccompanied with the money necessary to procure a charter, except the application that came from Austin. Within the last few days I received the following communications from ex-Union colored soldiers:

CARRIZO SPRINGS, DIMMIT CO., TEX., March 3, '93.

J. C. BIGGER,
Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Texas.

SIR: I have this day received a communication from the Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R., and I am requested to write you and ask you to send me a blank application for charter, which he informs me you will supply. I am, sir,

Yours friendly,

GEO. W. YOUNG.

To J. C. BIGGER,
Ass't Adj't Gen'l G. A. R., Dep't of Texas, Dallas, Texas.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, March 10, 1893.

MR. J. C. BIGGER, ESQ.,
Assistant Adjutant General, Dallas, Texas.

DEAR SIR: Please send me a application Blank for charter for G. A. R. Commander In Chief directs me to request you to write to J. C. Bigger, A. A. General, of Dallas, for a Blank application for charter. This is the order I received from E. B. Gray, A. Gen'l's Office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

WM. H. CHASE,

Late Pri. of Co. B, 30 U. S. Col. Vol's., and late Pri. of Co. "A,"
25 U. S. Inf'try.

Address No 303 West Houston St., San Antonio, Texas.

Please let me have the blank as soon as you can.

I replied to the above communications in a courteous manner upon the day of their receipt, enclosing a blank application for charter in each of my letters, since which I have heard nothing concerning the matters.

Even at the risk of being deemed officious, I do not feel inclined to close this report without calling attention to several matters that my two years' service as Assistant Adjutant General convinces me are of vital interest to the growth and prosperity of this Department; and unless some remedy can be found for the difficulties that embarrass our progress, the Department

touched high-water mark in June, 1892, when its membership in good standing reached 1613. It is known through the census of 1890 that there are about 16,000 ex-Union soldiers residing in the state of Texas. Why is it that less than ten per cent. of them are connected with our noble order? It is true that the vastness of our territorial extent greatly handicaps the muster of new posts, owing to the scattered condition of recruiting material. When we stop to consider that it is farther from Texarkana to El Paso than it is from Texarkana to Chicago or Milwaukee; that the distance from Corpus Christi to Texarkana is greater than from St. Louis to New York city, and that our recruiting material of 16,000 persons is diffused all over this mighty domain, some idea of the difficulties that rest upon us are apparent. But despite all this, if the terrible drain of suspending and dropping from the rolls can be arrested, the first great step toward prosperity will have been taken. Just think of it, comrades, during the past two years 538 comrades have been suspended and 125 dropped from the rolls. This appalling and destructive evil must be remedied or the Department will speedily disintegrate and become the mere handful of veterans it was a few years since. The remedy, in my judgment, is,

1st. To make all meetings of the posts as interesting as possible.

2nd. To have a Woman's Relief Corps and a camp of the Sons of Veterans attached to every post.

3rd. Elect energetic Post Commanders and Quartermasters who will see to it that the dues are collected from all comrades who are able to pay them, before they shall have assumed such proportions that they appear onerous and burdensome; and then, too, in every case where misfortune has come to one of our number, these dues should be remitted. Again, the necessity of official visits to the posts is very obvious. Many posts have never seen a Department officer except on the day of their muster. The beauties and workings of our mighty and glorious organization have never been explained to them, and it cannot be expected that they will manifest the zeal and interest that they would were they visited, encouraged and instructed by some officer of the Department. If these things can be accomplished that I have briefly outlined, the growth and prosperity of the Department of Texas will be assured, and unless much in this direction can be done, and that, too, at no distant day, many of the weaker posts will surely surrender their charters, disband their membership and cease to exist. As the days roll swiftly by and our brief allotted time passes into eternity, surely we should

"touch elbows" the more closely, and in common among ourselves enjoy to the fullest the sunset of our lives. As a secret organization we stand without a peer, more highly honored, loved and appreciated by the loyal sentiment of the Nation each succeeding year. Let us then, one and all, put forth every energy and endeavor to make the Department of Texas what it ought to be, and can be, the largest and grandest in the whole South. There is no just reason why this Department should not number 5,000 instead of 1,500, and if every comrade will do his whole duty in the premises, this desirable result will be accomplished before three years have passed away. The glorious end to be accomplished is well worth the effort, and appeals to us, one and all.

In conclusion, permit me, please, to extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to all Department and Post officers, with whom I have been constantly and closely associated during the term of my office. I assure you, one and all, that I appreciate to the fullest the uniform kindness and courtesy that has ever been extended to me from every source, and I retire from the position with which you have honored me, carrying with me a heart full of gratitude and affection toward each and all of you.

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

J. C. BIGGER,

Ass't Adj. Gen'l.

Assistant Quartermaster General Jno. L. Boyd submitted the following report:

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 OFFICE OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,
 DALLAS, TEXAS, March 21, 1893.

O. G. PETERSON,

Commander Department of Texas, G. A. R.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: I have the pleasure to hand you herewith, abstracts and vouchers for receipts and expenditures for the year ending March 21st, 1893:

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIVED.

Balance on hand March 21, 1892.....	\$ 419 11
Per capita tax.....	962 70

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Charter fees.....	20 00
Supplies.....	369 32
A. G. Malloy.....	1 00
Burnside Post, No. 56.....	10
Jas. Hickey.....	1 25
R. W. Ryan.....	17 35
Total receipts.....	1790 83

EXPENDED.

Expense.....	\$1402 44
Supplies.....	248 35
Crook Post, No. 49—balance due.....	11 35
Cash on hand.....	128 69
Total expenditures.....	1790 83

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

CREDIT.

Sold.....	\$ 384 67
On hand.....	177 87
	<u>562 54</u>

DEBIT.

March 21st, 1892.....	\$181 43
John Taylor, Q. M. G.....	148 35
S. H. Taber & Co.....	100 00
	<u>429 78</u>
Gain.....	132 76

ASSETS.

Cash on hand.....	\$ 128 69
Supplies on hand.....	177 87
Due from Lyon Post, No. 5.....	12 45
“ “ J. N. Diehl.....	1 45
“ “ W. H. Harvey.....	1 45
“ “ C. W. Hartup, old account.....	50
“ “ G. F. Robie, “ “.....	30
“ “ J. W. Temby, “ “.....	1 00
“ “ W. H. Holt, “ “.....	20
Department Banner.....	54 50
Office Fixtures.....	30 00
Total.....	\$408 41

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LIABILITIES.

Due Hancock Post, No. 2.....	50
Worth of Department.....	\$407 91

Yours in F. C. & L.,

JNO. L. BOYD,

A. Q. M. G.

Upon motion, the same was received and referred to a committee composed of Comrades Ayers, Andrews and Christian, and upon motion, this committee was instructed to show in its report to the Encampment all the items of expense during the past year in detail.

Department Inspector Julius Alvord, next read his very admirable report, as follows:

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS, March 15, 1883.

J. C. BIGGER,

Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Texas, G. A. R.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: In compliance with regulations, I would respectfully submit the following Consolidated Inspection Report.

Please note there are quite a number of delinquent posts. I presume the rule changing the manner of inspection has something to do with it. Am in hopes next year all posts will send in their reports promptly.

W. S. HANCOCK POST, No. 2.

Ed. Ketchum, Assistant Inspector, Galveston.

Reports January 9, 1893: A membership of 41, a loss of 7, \$46.88 on hand and \$75 post property; prospects good.

W. S. PARMLY POST, No. 4.

D. S. Brown, Assistant Inspector, Fort Worth.

Reports January 9, 1893: 74 members; a loss of 35; officers and guards uniformed and equipped and other members partly so;

\$2.35 in treasury; \$15 post property; a corps of W. R. C. and Camp of Sons of Veterans connected with the post; prospects excellent.

GEO. H. THOMAS POST, No. 6.

W. D. Wylie, Assistant Inspector, Dallas.

Reports January 11, 1893: Membership of 112; a gain of 10; officers, guards and members partly uniformed and equipped; no relief fund, but \$20 expended for charity; \$60.30 on hand, and value of post property \$329.70; a corps of W. R. C. and Camp of Sons of Veterans; prospects exceedingly good, largely owing to the unceasing efforts of the retiring Post Commander.

J. A. MOWER POST, No. 10.

J. M. Odell, Assistant Inspector, Austin.

Reports December 31, 1892: Membership 55; a gain of 11; interest fair; expended for charity, \$27; on hand, \$53 05. Post property, \$51; has 5 muskets; no W. R. C. or S. of V.; prospects good.

JNO. A. DIX POST, No. 11.

John L. Boyd, Assistant Inspector, Dallas.

Reports January 4th, 1893: 91 members; a gain of 42, and more coming; will have 100 by time Encampment meets; officers and guards uniformed and equipped, and also most of the members; 4 muskets. No charity funds, but expended \$65 on charity; \$19 20 on hand; value of post property, \$300. Has W. R. C. and S. of V.; prospects the brightest.

SAMUEL R. CURTIS POST, No. 12.

Harvey Webb, Assistant Inspector, Gainesville.

Reports January 2, 1893: 30 members, who take little interest in the post; the only oasis in the desert of despond is, they read and obey orders. No funds on hand of any kind, and 'tis discouraging until you come to the prospects of the post, and that is not flattering.

LINCOLN POST, No. 16.

Wm. Bertram, Assistant Inspector, Whitesboro.

Reports January 17, 1893: 17 comrades; a loss of 3; while losing in numbers, we are strong in the faith. Expended \$35 in

charity; no funds on hand. Value of post property, \$20. Prospects good.

W. H. LEWIS POST, No. 17.

E. J. Dodge, Assistant Inspector, Fort Clark.

Reports January 3, 1893: Members 30; a loss of 14; \$25.00 on hand. Post property, \$64.00. Officers and guards uniformed and equipped, and about two-thirds of the members; while decreasing in numbers, they increase in zeal; prospects favorable.

ELLSWORTH POST, No. 18.

D. F. Garish, Assistant Inspector, McKinney.

Reports March 11, 1893: 37 members; officers and guards uniformed and equipped; also a part of the members; a gain of 23; much interest is taken; \$5.00 on hand; post property, \$65; prospects encouraging.

EMMETT CRAWFORD POST, No. 19.

W. T. Kitchen, Assistant Inspector, El Paso.

Reports January 5, 1893: Members, 46; a loss of 1, but everything in good working order; officers and guards uniformed and equipped, and nearly all the members; \$500 expended in charity, and this amount raised by volunteer subscription; \$5.30 on hand; \$175 post property; has 12 muskets.

E. A. STARLING POST, No. 21.

R. L. Ferguson, Assistant Inspector, Temple.

Reports December 31, 1892: Members 15; a gain of 2, though the attendance and interest are rather poor. No funds on hand; still they are hoping for the best.

JOHN A. LOGAN POST, No. 23.

H. R. Lyons, Assistant Inspector, Denton.

Reports January 3, 1893: Only 24 members; a continued loss of 14. The once banner post must have had some poor timber in its make-up of a few years ago, and 'tis to be hoped that this is the only element that is dropping out. \$5.00 on hand; \$50.00 post property; the present members have resolved to take a renewed interest in the post, and claim they are improving again.

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PHIL. H. SHERIDAN POST, No. 25.

J. W. Kincaid, Assistant Inspector, Georgetown.

Reports January 7, 1893: Members 26; a gain of 8, which is cheering; they show a good feeling. \$19.85 on hand; post property \$5.00; prospects good.

JOHN B. MURRAY POST, No. 27.

C. F. Clevenger, Assistant Inspector, Palestine.

Reports January 28, 1893: Members 17; a gain of 1. Fair interest; no relief funds, but \$25.00 expended for charity. \$9.80 on hand; \$20.00 post property; prospects good.

SIMON CAMERON POST, No. 30.

M. A. Husted, Assistant Inspector, Bowie.

Reports January 6, 1893: Members 10; a falling off 150 per cent.; interest lags. \$8.05 on hand; post property \$6.00; prospects not encouraging.

U. S. GRANT POST, No. 31.

I. H. Penn, Assistant Inspector, Wichita Falls.

Reports December 31, 1892: Members 11; the old unchangeable original eleven; interest fair; opportunities poor; \$1.60 on hand; prospects fair.

JEFF. C. DAVIS POST, No. 36.

Otis M. Keeseey, Assistant Inspector, Fort Davis.

Reports January 16, 1893: Members 13; officers and guards uniformed; interest good; \$49.00 on hand; post property \$45.14; prospects only fair.

A. BELKNAP POST, No. 37.

August Miller, Assistant Inspector, San Antonio.

Reports January 11, 1893: Members 35; some workers and some drones; relief fund on hand \$40.10; expended for charity \$30.75; amount in hands of Quartermaster \$64.96; value of post property \$75; prospects fair.

SEDGWICK POST, No. 39.

L. P. Goodell, Assistant Inspector, Fort Worth.

Reports January 2, 1893: Members 53; a gain of three, but

would probably have been much greater had not an infection or conspiracy worked detrimental to its interests during the summer of 1892; but happily this is eradicated and the post is on the high road to prosperity; the officers, guards and members are in part uniformed and equipped; \$10 on hand; no W. R. C. or Sons of Veterans; prospects excellent.

JOHN C. FREMONT POST, No. 47.

S. G. Hutchison, Assistant Inspector, Sulphur Springs.
Reports January 5, 1893: Members 20; a gain of 1; some take an interest and some not; \$12.60 on hand; value of post property \$24.40; prospect good.

W. T. SHERMAN POST, No. 51.

Cyrus L. Edwards, Assistant Inspector, Granbury.
Reports January 22, 1892: Members 10; a loss of 7; interest moderate; value of post property \$15; prospects not flattering.

OPDYKE POST, No. 53.

Arthur Chase, Assistant Inspector, Jefferson.
Reports January 3, 1893: Members 11; a loss of 1; the post is trying to progress, but for lack of material to recruit from, finds it hard sailing.

E. J. DAVIS POST, No. 54.

Lewis Butler, Assistant Inspector, Corpus Christi.
Reports January 5, 1893: Members 21; a gain of ten; a good, energetic post; only a few veterans to recruit from; members mostly poor in this world's goods, but patriotic; \$3.75 on hand; post property \$25; prospects good.

SAM. HOUSTON POST, No. 55.

W. H. Christian, Assistant Inspector, Dublin.
Reports January 14, 1893: Members 63; a gain of 4; officers and guards equipped; 4 muskets; \$47.50 expended for charity; \$12.10 on hand; post property \$97.25; the members exhibit good interest, and the post is well attended, considering the disadvantages; some comrades live 70 miles from the post; memorial day was commendably observed; a number of camp-fires were held during the year with good results; the installation of officers was

publicly held at the opera house, which was filled with an enthusiastic audience; in connection, a supper was served in another hall, where over 1200 comrades, 4 Confederates and citizens were bountifully fed with the best of the season, good cheer, good fellowship and good results prevailing; the post claims not to have been honored with a visit from any department officer during the year, thereby giving them no opportunity to show their hospitality in that direction; prospects of the post good.

A. E. BURNSIDE POST, No. 56.

O. G. Peterson, Assistant Inspector, Springtown.

Reports January 21, 1893: Members 57; a gain of 10; officers and guards uniformed and equipped, also a part of the members; no money on hand, all expended in the good cause; prospects good.

P. E. HOLCOMB POST, No. 57.

M. V. Bridges, Assistant Inspector, Mason.

Reports February 2, 1893: Members 17; interest and attendance good; \$6.65 on hand; value of post property \$21.34; prospects good.

ROUSSEAU POST, No. 60.

L. A. King, Assistant Inspector, Graham.

Reports January 7, 1893: Members 15; good interest and attention; no leading features to note; prospects good.

SILL POST, No. 61.

J. G. Gibson, Assistant Inspector, Weatherford.

Reports January 2, 1893: Members 28; a gain of 13; officers and guards equipped, also a part of the members; one musket; everything regular and in good shape; \$60 on hand; post property \$32.45; the members are well pleased with the past post administration, also the post with the department administration; prospects good.

TERRY POST, No. 64.

Jas. T. Clarke, Assistant Inspector, Fredericksburg.

Reports January 14, 1893: Members 22; has good material for a post; many things to contend with that are discouraging,

but a strong sentiment of loyalty must prevail; \$43.10 post property; prospects good. (See Supplemental Report).

Fifty-six posts in working order; received inspection reports from 35; delinquent 21. Total members in the 35 posts, 1137; muskets 44; \$812.47 expended for charity, of which our comrades of Post 19, at El Paso, expended \$500. Some of our posts are small, but I find those large enough to insure a meeting every meeting night, have the old soldier spirit, and think our organization will continue to be a success until in time our mantle falls upon the Sons of Veterans, and I hope they will receive the spirit of the cause, as it was instilled into their fathers.

I would like to call attention to Post No. 55, of Dublin, which held a re-union of the comrades, inviting all ex-Confederates and citizens. Had a public installation and supper, when over 1200 were bountifully fed and the best of feeling pervaded. Let us profit by the example.

Thanking the different posts and all comrades of the Department for their kindness and courtesy, I remain

Yours truly in F., C. and L.,

JULIUS ALVORD,

Department Inspector.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT..

The following were received since I closed my reports on the 15th inst.:

MCPHERSON POST, No. 1.

Jno. Donaldson, Assistant Inspector, Sherman.

Reports 10 members, the same old number; have 4 muskets, rusty and careworn; prospects not encouraging.

E. O. C. ORD POST, No. 3.

R. M. Moore, Assistant Inspector, San Antonio.

Reports 53 members; a gain of 4; partly uniformed and equipped; 4 muskets; \$46 47 in relief fund; \$50.83 expended for charity; \$54.94 in hands of Quartermaster; \$500 post property; W. R. C. connected with the post; prospects good.

J. B. McCLELLAN POST, No. 9.

Still Hull, Assistant Inspector, Houston.

Reports 30 members; a loss of 3; \$26.75 in relief fund; \$6 expended for charity; \$50.40 in hands of Quartermaster; prospects good.

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JAMES A. GARFIELD POST, No. 15.

J. T. Hicks, Assistant Inspector, Bell.

Reports 9 members; a gain of 1; \$3.75 expended for charity; \$2.35 in Quartermaster's hands; prospects good.

GEO. W. WRIGHT POST, No. 26.

J. O. Estabrook, Assistant Inspector, Paris.

Reports 20 members; a gain of 2; no funds on hand; prospects poor.

DICK YATES POST, No. 59.

Wm. McManis, Assistant Inspector, Baird.

Reports 14 members; \$2 expended for charity; \$10.60 in Quartermaster's hands; \$25 post property; prospects good.

JULIUS ALVORD,

Department Inspector.

The same was received and referred to Comrades Mackay, Horace Welch and H. W. Nye, as a committee thereon.

On motion, it was ordered that all other official reports be referred without reading to the following named committee: Horace Baker, Jno. Donaldson and M. A. Husted.

The following standing committee upon resolutions was then announced by the Department Commander, viz.: Comrades Rust, Alvord, Goodell, Parks and Webb, and on motion, a recess was taken until 2 o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY--AFTERNOON SESSION,

Promptly at 2 o'clock the Encampment was called to order. As none of the committees were ready to report, Department Commander W. R. Hill, of the Indian Territory, was invited to address the Encampment, which he kindly consented to do, and for half an hour he interested and enthused the boys with an eloquent speech.

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The Assistant Adjutant General read a communication and resolution submitted by E. J. Davis Post, No. 54, as follows:

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, March 20, 1893.

J. C. BIGGER,
Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Texas, G. A. R.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: Neither myself nor the post being able to bear the expense of a trip to Denison, I am compelled to deny myself the pleasure of meeting the comrades at the Department Encampment. I think there are a great many posts in the Department that will be unrepresented for the same reason. I enclose the plan offered by this post for securing the attendance of a delegate from each post hereafter. Hoping that the Department will see the matter in the same light, and hoping that the meeting will be a success in every sense of the word, I am,

Fraternally yours in F. C. and L.

E. J. KILMER, Delegate.

HEADQUARTERS E. J. DAVIS POST, No. 54, }
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS G. A. R. }
CORPUS CHRISTI, March 4, 1893. }

To the Officers and Members of Post No. 54:

We, the committee appointed to consider such measures as in our judgment should be brought before the meeting of the Department at Denison in the latter part of this month, beg leave to offer the following report:

WHEREAS, We deem it important that each post in the Department should be represented at the meetings of the Department, and

WHEREAS, Under the present system, some of the smaller posts are unable to raise the amount of money necessary to pay the expense of a delegate to the meetings of the Department, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this post that the Department should provide means for the attendance of one delegate from each post in the Department; and our representative is hereby instructed to offer the following at the meeting of the Department at Denison, Texas:

E. J. Davis Post, No. 54, respectfully submits the following amendment to the By-Laws of the Department:

1. Be it enacted, That hereafter this Department shall pay the actual traveling expenses of one (1) delegate from each post in the Department; provided, that the said delegate, or alternate, shall actually be present at the meeting of the Department.

2. Be it enacted, That the per capita tax for each post in the Department shall be increased to one dollar per member per annum.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

E. J. KILMER,
LEWIS BUTLER, } Committee.

On motion, the same was referred to the standing committee on resolutions.

Your committee on resolutions respectfully report that in view of the heavy expense this resolution would naturally incur, we regard it as impractical, and do not recommend its adoption.

E. G. RUST,
JULIUS ALVORD,
L. P. GOODELL,
JNO. W. PARKS,
HARVEY WEBB, } Committee.

A communication from Col. D. F. Wyatt, Commander of the Department of Oklahoma, containing a cordial invitation to attend the Third Annual Encampment of that excellent young Department, was read by the Adjutant General as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, }
KINGFISHER, OK., Mc'h 18, '93. }

COL. J. C. BIGGER,

Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Texas, G. A. R.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I enclose you my General Order, No. 7, giving the time of our Department Encampment. We would like to have you and all of your Department officers with us at that time. You will remember we all voted for you at Washington, and if you should come up again at Indianapolis, we would be of the same mind. Would be glad to hear from you at any time. I am very sorry I cannot be with you at Denison at your Encampment.

Fraternally, in F. C. and L.

D. F. WYATT,

Department Commander.

Upon motion, the invitation was accepted with sincere thanks.

The committee to whom was referred the Assistant Adjutant General's report, submitted the following:

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of our Assistant Adjutant General, after carefully dissecting same, beg leave to report as follows:

On the death rate in our order during the past year, it shows that the "Grim Reaper" has dealt leniently with our order, and it speaks volumes for the discretion of our individual membership; that out of nearly 1600 men, past the meridian of life, but twenty-five have been called to answer the last roll call.

On the question of delinquents, we cannot make any recommendations, for as each post shall be the judge of its incoming members, so must we trust to their own discretion to deal with their outgoing, and this clause must cover the matter of suspensions.

Concerning delinquent posts and surrendering of charters, the report shows, that of our forty-one posts, but fourteen have gained, while twenty-three have lost and three surrendered their charters. This committee would suggest that in cases where it is intimated that a charter is about to be surrendered, the Department Commander should send an officer to visit said post, and if possible, ascertain the cause, and if found to be from dissensions in the ranks, then to use every exertion to heal the breach and bring the factions together.

We cannot close this report without commending our worthy Assistant Adjutant General for the very efficient manner in which he has performed his arduous duties.

Respectfully submitted,

E. KETCHUM,

M. W. MANN,

SAMUEL PROUD,

} Committee.

On motion, said report was adopted and the committee discharged.

The committee on the report of the Department Inspector, reported as follows:

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows:

We find the report very full and in good form. It shows that much care and labor have been given to its preparation, and recommend its adoption by the Department. We also recommend that the present form of inspection be continued.

D. MACKAY,

HORACE WELCH,

H. W. NYE,

} Committee.

Report accepted and the committee discharged.

Some interesting speeches were made by Commander-in-Chief Weissert and Comrades Mann, Rust, Danforth and Carnahan, relative to delinquent posts and

delinquent membership, also upon the recent surrender of the charter of Oliver P. Morton Post, No. 29, at Waco. The tenor of the remarks, upon the latter subject, of Comrades Rust and Carnahan, being to the effect that an A. I. G. A. R. post can be established and maintained at Waco.

The committee on Assistant Quartermaster General's report submitted the following:

We, your committee on the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General, John L. Boyd, respectfully present the following report:

We have examined the books and vouchers, and find vouchers for the schedule, marked A., except one item, as follows:

SCHEDULE A.

1892.			
March	3,	J. C. Bigger, March salary,.....	\$ 50 00
April	16,	Torch & Lee, badges,.....	21 00
"	16,	Account in Daily News,.....	1 20
"	25,	Stamps,.....	2 00
"	30,	Printing Gen'l Order, No. 2, etc.,.....	2 50
May	2,	J. C. Bigger, April salary,.....	50 00
"	2,	J. C. Bigger, May salary, ..	50 00
"	3,	Printing General Order, No. 3,.....	1 25
March	8,	Chicago Costuming and Decorating Co.,.....	45 00
May	4,	Letterheads and envelopes,.....	40 00
"	7,	Express, C. O. D.,.....	2 95
April	4,	Printing, Jones,.....	2 75
May	23,	Stamps,.....	11 00
"	28,	Stamps,.....	2 06
"	23,	Stationery, printing and telegram, approved by Commander Peterson,.....	21 75
June	1,	Printing General Order, No. 4,.....	1 25
"	30,	J. A. Dorsey & Co.,.....	1 50
July	5,	Stamps,.....	8 50
"	6,	Expense to Ft. Worth, envelopes, mucilage, June and July rent,.....	13 40
"	5,	Geo. A. Knight,.....	37 00
"	15,	J. C. Bigger, January salary,.....	50 00
"	22,	John Taylor,.....	44 80
"	22,	Stamps,.....	2 00
"	29,	Jones, printing roster,.....	16 00
Aug.	11,	J. C. Bigger, salary, July and August,.....	100 00

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		J. C. Bigger, compiling proceedings 7th En.,.	25 00
Aug.	11,	Per capita tax,.....	16 13
"	31,	Stationery,.....	7 00
"	20,	Stamps,.....	3 00
"	30,	Stamps,.....	7 50
"	31,	Stamps,.....	1 50
Sept	10,	Jones & Co., General Order, No. 6,.....	100 00
Dec.	7,	S. H. Taber & Co., supplies,.....	200 00
Oct.	12,	J. C. Bigger, salary 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th m.	80 00
April	22,	Headquarters, expense, Washington,.....	4 75
"	20,	M. G. Copeland & Co., flags and badges,.....	24 50
Oct.	1,	Decorating Headquarter's train, drayage, streamers and badges,.....	14 00
"	15,	Rent, Headquarters, and trip to Ft. Worth,....	154 50
"	28,	A. D. Aldridge, printing 7th Annual Encamp- ment proceedings,.....	1 25
"	31,	Stamps,.....	1 50
Nov.	2,	F. J. Newman, General Order, No. 7,.....	1 25
"	25,	F. J. Newman, General Order, No. 8,.....	1 35
Dec.	19,	Expense Mustering Post, No. 66,.....	10 00
"	19,	Stamps,....	11 50
"	19,	Rent and stationery, Dec. and March,.....	50
"	27,	Stamps,.....	
1893.			
Jan.	5,	General Order, No. 9, F. J. Newman,.....	1 25
"	9,	J. C. Bigger, January salary,.....	50 00
"	24,	John Taylor,.....	103 55
"	30,	Stamps,.....	1 00
Feb.	11,	Money transferred to Gen. Crook Post,.....	11 35
"	23,	Stamps,.....	2 00
"	24,	F. J. Newman, General Order, No. 10,.....	2 50
M'ch.	9,	J. C. Bigger, February salary,.....	50 00
Feb.	28,	Stamps,.....	15 00
"	10,	Rent, Headquarters, 2 months, and stationery,	12 00
M'ch.	5,	J. L. Boyd, Assistant Quartermaster General, salary.....	150 00
"	15,	Per capita tax,.....	15 96
"	15,	Exchange on supplies and per capita tax,.....	1 15
"	18,	Stamps,.....	30
Oct.	4,	Streamers for Headquarters, [no vouchers on hand].....	3 00
Total.....			\$1662 14

We find the books carefully and accurately kept. We have examined the supply account, and find the following articles on hand, as enumerated in schedule B:

SCHEDULE B.—SUPPLIES ON HAND.

Seventy-eight Department badges, 16 service books, 89 Rules and Regulations, 554 applications, 147 leaves of absence, 39 transfers, 78 discharges, 14 descriptive books, 33 member badges, 140 buttons, 154 odes, 2 electroplates, large, 6 electroplates, small, 1 set rank straps, 39 rank straps, single, 11 blue books, 363 ribbon for straps, 3 charters, 40 certificates of membership, 108 wreathes, 18 rituals.

We find no certified checks for the amount of cash on hand, to-wit: \$128.69, but are satisfied the amount is intact and will be promptly turned over to his successor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. AYERS,
W. H. CHRISTIAN, } Committee.
H. H. ANDREWS, }

On motion, the report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

Assistant Inspector General E. G. Rust addressed the Encampment upon the necessity of post inspection and read a list of the delinquent posts in the Department, and urged that this remissness be speedily remedied.

The following resolution was read by the Assistant Adjutant General:

Believing that something should be done to revive the interest and build up the Department of Texas G. A. R., I offer the following resolutions: Be it

Resolved, 1, That the Department of Texas G. A. R. be divided into four parts, for mustering, organizing, inspection and lecturing purposes.

2. That there be a suitable person appointed for each district, who shall be the mustering officer, organizer, lecturer and inspector, and who shall visit all the posts in his district and all points where there is material for a good post, for the purpose of organizing and encouraging the comrades, settling disputes in old posts, etc.

3. Said organizers shall receive a fair compensation for their services.

E. C. CLIFFORD.

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On motion, referred to standing committee on resolutions.

Your committee respectfully recommend the present mode of inspection on the night of installation of officers by the installing officers of posts and as authorized by action of the National Encampment, in place of this resolution, as covering the subject.

E. G. RUST,	} Committee.
JULIUS ALVORD,	
L. P. GOODELL,	
JNO. W. PARKS,	
HARVEY WEBB,	

Comrade Horace Baker offered the following resolution, and spoke to its merits at considerable length. It was referred to the committee on resolutions, who reported favorably upon it, and their report was adopted. Comrade Baker's resolution, as adopted, was as follows:

Resolved, 1. That the Department of Texas G. A. R. sanction the publication of (without assuming any financial liability therefor) a roster of all the members thereof, giving a complete roster of every post, name of each member, and his service in the army.

2. Also, an illustrated write-up of the respective towns where said posts exist, with the names and business of the business men thereof; also any other data which may be of interest, for the purpose of encouraging immigration from the sister states to Texas.

3. Said publication to comprise at least 50,000 copies.

4. The same to be distributed by the publisher (not at the expense of the Department) at the next Annual Encampment, at Indianapolis, in September, 1893, among the comrades there and otherwise.

5. That it is expected by the friends of this resolution that the business men of Texas will readily subscribe and pay for the expense of this publication, for the purposes and considerations above expressed.

6. That the Assistant Quartermaster General of this Department is hereby requested to revise all proof sheets of same before publication, or appoint a committee for that purpose.

The committee upon the address of the Department Commander reported as follows:

We, the committee to whom the Commander's address was referred, beg leave to report that we approve the report as rendered, and in this connection also recommend that that part of

the report referring to the resolution passed at El Paso, regarding colored posts, be, by resolution of the Encampment, expunged from the records, as recommended by the Department Commander.

Respectfully yours,

W. F. COTTMAN,
W. W. BOSTWICK,
J. W. PARKS, } Committee.

Upon motion, the report was received and the committee discharged.

Past Department Commander Mann moved that the Encampment proceed to select the place of holding the Ninth Annual Department Encampment. Carried.

Commander Jno. Roch, of Post 55, placed Dublin in nomination, seconded by Junior Vice Department Commander Christian.

Past Junior Vice Department Commander Ketchum nominated Houston, and read a telegram of welcome from Past Department Commander A. K. Taylor.

Comrade Carnahan, of Post No. 17, presented the name of Waco, and had the following telegrams read by the Assistant Adjutant General:

WACO, TEXAS, March 21, 1893.

To Commander Grand Army Encampment:

Pat Cleburne Camp ex-Confederates extend cordial invitation to have your next Encampment in Waco. Hearty greetings.

C. L. JOHNSON, Commander Camp.

WACO, TEXAS, March 21, 1893.

To Col. F. C. De Gress, Care J. C. Bigger:

Waco invites you to meet here next year. Please do your best in our behalf and your many friends in Waco will appreciate the favor.

GEO. A. OBRIEN.

WACO, TEXAS, March 21, 1893.

To W. A. Carnahan, Denison, Texas:

The hospitality of Waco, the Artesian City, is cordially extended. Will your body not visit us?

A. H. PAYNE, Acting Mayor.

The nomination of Waco was duly seconded by Comrades Danforth, Adler and Rust.

Comrade Wylie seconded the nomination of Houston.

On motion, a recess of fifteen minutes was had, and General Harris, Commander of Camp of ex-Confederate Veterans, was introduced and delivered a splendid speech, setting forth the claims and advantages of Dublin.

On motion, nominations were closed and a ballot ordered, which resulted as follows:

Dublin.....	53
Waco.....	15
Houston.....	10

On motion of Comrade Wylie, the selection of Dublin was made unanimous, and a committee, consisting of Comrades Mann, Roch and Horace Welch, was appointed to notify General Harris that Dublin had won the race.

On motion of Comrade Wylie, duly seconded, the Encampment proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year.

Past Post Commander L. P. Goodell was placed in nomination by Comrade Margroum, of Post No. 36; seconded by Comrade Wylie, of Post No. 6, and Comrade Horace Baker.

Comrade H. W. Nye nominated Past Post Commander C. B. Morgan, of Post No. 4; seconded by Comrade Deihl and others.

Junior Vice Commander Christian nominated Past Senior Vice Department Commander Jno. W. Parks, of Post No. 38, and his nomination was seconded by Comrades McKay, Horace Welch and Julius Alvord.

Comrade W. O. Kretsinger, of Post No. 5, was nominated by Post Commander Jno. Roch, and his nomination seconded by Comrade E. C. Clifford.

Upon motion, the nominations were closed and a ballot ordered.

FIRST BALLOT.

Whole number of votes.....	82
Necessary to a choice.....	42

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L. P. Goodell.....	25
John W. Parks.....	27
C. B. Morgan.....	15
W. O. Kretsinger.....	15

There being no election, a second ballot was had:

SECOND BALLOT.

Whole number of votes.....	82
Necessary to a choice.....	42
John W. Parks.....	28
L. P. Goodell.....	27
C. B. Morgan.....	16
W. O. Kretsinger.....	11

There being no election, the name of Comrade Kretsinger was dropped, and the third ballot was ordered.

THIRD BALLOT.

Whole number of votes.....	81
Necessary to a choice.....	41
John W. Parks.....	44
L. P. Goodell.....	33
C. B. Morgan.....	4

Comrade Parks having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected, and upon motion, his election was made unanimous. He was conducted to the platform and gracefully acknowledged the great honor conferred, and pledged himself to do all in his power to advance the interests of the Department.

On motion, the Encampment adjourned till 8 o'clock a. m., March 23d.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The camp-fire and "bean supper" was largely attended and a complete success. Commander-in-Chief A. G. Weissert and other comrades and invited guests delivered able and interesting addresses, among which was the following brilliant oration by Comrade Acheson, of Post No. 5, Denison:

In 1861 the country was startled by the news that fire had been opened on Sumpter. We say startled, because while the

whole country was aware of intense excitement existing, few believed war would actually occur, because of a settlement being affected through compromise, concession or acquiescence.

Following the bombardment, the government called for soldiers, and called again and repeatedly, until 2,859,132 had been received into the service, preceding the conclusion of the conflict. We recognize in you some of the men who bore arms during that eventful period, to whom the question might be asked,

WHAT DID YOU DO WORTHY OF PRAISE?

This war has been referred to as a terrible one—the greatest of modern times. The battles were fierce, the contest protracted, the ground fought over time and again, lost and won, relinquished and regained, as in no other war. This was the most gigantic war of modern times. There is nothing in history which equals it. It stands among other wars like one of those giant forest trees of California surrounded by the sage brush of the desert, an Egyptian pyramid among the sand-grains of the seashore. All of our preconceived ideas of war have to be thrown away when we come to contemplate this one.

When the report of the Monitor fight reached Europe, one of the London papers commented on it editorially in this language: "Whereas, England yesterday had 602 ships of war, to-day she has only two." All swept into uselessness as a result of that combat. Surprising as was the naval contest, the maneuvering on land was equally so. The charge and resistance, siege and march, assault and retreat, in fierceness, stubbornness, endurance or bravery excel all acts of like character in modern warfare. "The truth is, there never was a war in the history of the whole world in which so large a portion of the whole force was under fire so long or often as the men who belonged to the Union army from 1861 to 1865."

THE NUMBER OF BATTLES.

Comparison elicits the fact that modern battles dwindle into skirmishes when contrasted with yours. By reviewing the pages of history and securing the facts pertaining to other wars, we are wonderfully impressed with the magnitude of your struggle: "The war of the revolution and that of 1812 were carried on in a desultory manner. The men were called out in an emergency, and when that emergency was passed they were dismissed to their homes. Vastly the greater portion of them never saw an enemy, nor heard a hostile gun fired. The revolutionary war lasted seven years, and including skirmishes with the Indians, there were only fifty-two engagements, large and small. In

three years and more, between the battles of Monmouth and the invadement of Yorktown, the main army under Washington scarcely fired a shot."

During the Mexican war there were about thirteen battles. One of the peculiarities of that war was that Scott marched his army from Vera Cruz in three sections, each section a day's march distant from the other. A movement of that kind during the civil war would have extinguished the army at exactly 4 o'clock p. m.

The great contest between Prussia and Austria in 1866, was decided by practically one battle—at Sadowa.

The Franco-German war was wound up in six months, with a half dozen hard fought battles.

In your civil war there were fought 2,685 battles. In contrast with this, how insignificant appears all the struggles combined which this country has experienced.

THE NUMBER ENGAGED.

It is recorded that in the revolutionary war there were 278,021 enlistments. During the war of 1812, 527,024, and during the Mexican war 73,260. In the great war between France and Germany the latter country called 1,100,000 men into the field, while during your civil war there were 2,859,132 enlistments.

The active force under Scott in the march from Vera Cruz upon the City of Mexico did not exceed 11,000 men—little more than a brigade in your war. And the army under Taylor was only 5,000 strong—a force not half as large as the government had in convalescent camp at frequent times during the civil war.

THE LOSSES.

When the death roll of the war is brought under consideration it dawns upon the comprehension that fighting of a fearful character was encountered. In the war of 1812 the number of killed reached 1,877. The entire loss in killed in the Mexican war was 613—a little more than a half regiment. There were 142 battles in the civil war, in which the loss in each exceeded 500 in killed.

"Alabama sent 3000 men to the Mexican war and never lost one. California did not lose a man killed, neither did Florida, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Virginia nor Wisconsin." South Carolina met with the severest loss, having fifty-six men killed—a little over a half company. In some of the high-sounding battles of that war the number of killed would not equal an ordinary train wreck of the present time. Resaca-de-la-Palma, for instance, furnishes a death roll

of two killed during the entire battle, while Palo Alto yields nine. The royal statistician of Germany reports the loss during the Franco-German war to have been in killed and wounded 113,759, while your loss from the same causes were 385,245.

It is hardly fair to enter into a comparison with England, as that country has not, within the last seventy-five years, at any one time, had an army equal in number to the negro troops you had killed during your struggle. And yet as that country is a ruling power upon the water, and presumes to dictate to the smaller nations of the world, let us enquire into what she has done. History records that "upon many a single campaign, like that of Vicksburg, for instance, you lost more men than England has lost in any whole war during the last seventy-five years; that England's total and entire loss in the Crimean war was not equal to what your army lost in ten minutes at Cold Harbor; moreover, that your loss in the entire war of four years was greater than England has sustained in all the wars she has ever had in the last eight hundred years. In four years' fighting you left more dead men on the field than all the English armies that were ever mustered. It has never been contradicted that the Union army lost more men, actually killed in battle, than England has lost in the eight centuries of her national history, and more than all the armies of Europe have lost in the seventy-six years which have elapsed since the battle of Waterloo."

THE LOSS BY PERCENTAGE.

Not only has the loss been great in the aggregate, but when viewed from the basis of percentage it is enormous. The death rate in the Mexican war was one out of 120, while in your war it was one out of every twenty, in killed alone. The civil war presents a destruction six-fold greater than the Mexican war, and three and one-half times greater than the Franco-German conflict. In the wonderful English charge at Balaklava, where the light brigade

"Rode into the jaws of death,
Into the mouth of hell,"

the loss was just thirty-seven per cent. Here we have a single regiment sent into what the poet styles "the mouth of hell," through the blunder of some official, and escaped with a loss of thirty-seven per cent. What do you suppose the English would think if they got into a fair fight between 105,000 men—just a common, hard-fought battle, like Stone River, for instance, and find thirty-five per cent. of the whole army swept away? Thirty-seven per cent! Umph!

Fox, the statistician, states that during your war there were over sixty regiments which in some single engagement were over fifty per cent. lost. Where is the poetical "mouth of hell" now? With thirty-seven per cent. lost,

"It was theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to do or die,"

and only a piece of a regiment in an extra tight place. But that is not the worst: one regiment in the civil war lost as much as eighty-two per cent. in one engagement. Where would the poetical license put this regiment? These figures show a general destruction of life among all soldiers that is simply appalling. The history of European wars shows nothing approaching it. Out of the whole number of men enlisted, one in every six who put on the blue was dead before he took it off! The old Romans, when one man in ten was killed, said in horror that the legion was decimated, and that word has passed into our language to express the utmost sacrifice of a military organization. Yet we here see that not merely one legion, but the whole army of the United States suffered decimation nearly twice over. Out of the whole number who put on the blue, more than one in every twenty was actually killed in battle, and one in every nine died in consequence of the hardships he had to endure. Some of the greater battles of the civil war stand in the following order:

Battles.	No. Engaged.	Loss.
Gettysburg.....	165,000	53,186
Wilderness.....	190,000	30,000
Antietam.....	150,000	38,368
Stone River.....	105,000	36,518
Chickamauga.....	105,000	33,665
Chancellorsville.....	160,000	30,000
Pittsburg Landing.....	85,000	25,000

Arranged according to loss by per centage, the order would be:

Stone River.....	35 per cent.
Gettysburg.....	32 "
Chickamauga.....	32 "
Pittsburg Landing.....	30 "
Wilderness.....	26 "
Antietam.....	25 "
Chancellorsville.....	19 "

Compare any of these conflicts, even the mildest, with the great battle of Sadowa, where over 400,000 troops were engaged with only a loss of eight per cent., and you obtain an idea of the

fierceness of the fighting. Your sufferings, your hardships, your bravery are known to the world; your exposure to heat and cold, hunger and disease, have been portrayed by the tongue of eloquence. We understand what that gnawing of hunger at the vitals was, and how the clammy tongue cleaved to the roof of the mouth when you were wounded and lying on the field of battle; we comprehend the situation on the picket line, ankle deep in liquid mud, and the pitiless storm pelting you all night long. There is no phase of torment pertaining to your history not entirely understood and appreciated, and yet, with a full knowledge of this, the question is before you,

WHAT DID YOU DO WORTHY OF PRAISE?

You fought over 2,000 battles!

Did not the enemy fight just as many?

Your comrades were killed and wounded and sickened by the thousands!

Were not theirs also?

You suffered and hungered and toiled and endured!

Did not they experience as much and sometimes more?

You charged batteries, scaled breastworks, carried ramparts!

Did not they also?

You lost 29,000 through the treatment of prison life!

With a smaller army, did not they lose nearly 27,000 in the same way?

You had over 200,000 men captured!

Did not they have over 400,000?

Your death rate was as high as eighty-two per cent.

Did not they have one regiment that reached eighty-six per cent?

You lost one man out of every six who entered the army!

Did not they lose one out of every four and a half?

What, then, did you do worthy of praise? Do you measure bravery by the laceration of flesh or the crunching of bones? Is the greatest degree of courage indicated by the largest death loss? Is there no type of courage separate and independent from sacrifice of life? Is mere bull-dog tenacity the most commendable element in mankind?

If we could portray upon canvass an idea of a hero in the history of the civil war, we would hang the sky with the clouds of battle and strew the ground with the broken implements of war. In the dim distance on either side should be seen Sergeant Jasper nailing the old flag back to the mast at Fort Moultrie, and Elizabeth Zane carrying powder through the murderous fire of the savages at Wheeling, while in the center should be the

perfect feature of—not the daring Phil Kearney, concentrating the fire of the concealed foe upon himself—nor yet of the gallant Sheridan, wresting victory from defeat—nor of the old commander (Grant) himself, grand in his conception of battle, but grander in his magnanimity to a fallen foe—but that should be decorated with the face of him who, resisting the appeals of his friends, defying the anger of his enemies, unmoved by the threats of assassination, refused to bow the knee to the Confederate flag—Old Sam Houston.

It is a grand sight to see the young man with his bright uniform marching away to battle, his young heart full of patriotism and his enthusiasm unbounded; it is a grander sight to see him involved in the smoke of battle, with carnage surrounding him, standing fast to his duties; but the grandest sight of all is back in the closet, where the mother of that soldier is on her knees struggling for strength to sustain her when she is called to yield him up.

There is a higher type of courage than that which stands unblanched while the shrieking shell scatters death in the ranks—a grander bravery than that which remains unflinching while the iron-rimmed artillery wheel crushes through the skull of your comrade—the courage of saying and doing *no* in the face of any or every kind of opposition.

What did you do worthy of praise? You recollect when Grant crossed the Rapidan into the wilderness and placed his army, curved like a horseshoe, with the heel caulks on the river bank, that the enemy came thundering down with his whole force concentrated on that right flank? It was the same movement that forced you back at Gaines' Mills, and compelled you to retreat across the Chickahominy. It was the identical maneuver that compelled Hooker to withdraw at Chancellorsville. You remember how all day long, and into the night, and all of the succeeding day and into the night, the conflict raged—the steady, unceasing roar of musketry, the cheer, the yell, the smoke of the forest fire, the smell of the burning flesh, the fearful death loss, and the streams of wounded moving to the rear. You recall in that awful hush of the second night, when the bravest shrank from contemplating the fearful loss of life, that a council of war was called. The old commander sat at the root of a tree, listening to the suggestions of his generals as to the best course to pursue, all of whom, but two, advised retreat, and those two hardly knew what to advise. You remember that portentous silence following these opinions—a silence occupied by every mind bowed down in the humiliation of defeat—each contemplat-

ing the degradation of disaster, and all hearts filled with the sadness of failure. You do not forget when that silence was at its densest, how a new light burst upon the astonished generals when the old commander, raising his head, said: "Gentlemen, we will advance our lines in the morning." Up to that moment you were whipped. Up to that time you were ready to fly, scatter, retreat. You did not know your power or ability. You were not acquainted with yourself. But when the old commander recognized your worth and bade you move forward, it was a revelation to you. You were new men, fresh soldiers, a new army.

Up to the breaking out of this war, this was but an aggregation of states, liable to disruption at the nod of the agitator. People cowered and shrank from those in authority, and feared to express their opinions as to what was right or wrong. When you emerged from that war victorious—a nation full panoplied, powerful, conscious of its power, and disposed to contend with the world for its rights, you gave an impetus to individuality. You filled this land to overflowing with people possessing that highest type of courage. You said to the crouching, stunted humanity, "stand up, be men." God bless you, soldiers! For out of a heterogeneous mass of wavering mortals you have welded a nation, bold, determined and defiant.

What more did you do? Do you recollect a morning, when, defeated and discouraged, when it seemed as though the stars in their courses had turned against you, when the future was dark and lowering and you were in full retreat, there suddenly dashed into your midst a foam-flecked steed, carrying a rider who was the very incarnation of victory? Can you recall how new hope and new courage took possession of your breasts, as he said, "Come on, boys, we are going back!" And you swept over that lost field to one of the grandest victories ever achieved by man, led by the immortal Sheridan?

All over this globe there were downcast and disheartened people. The problem of self-government was on trial for its life. It had been assaulted in its stronghold. The land which had elevated humble worth to positions of respect, recognized merit independent of lineage, rewarded ability regardless of origin, had the dagger at its heart. Tears were on the lids of the liberty-loving, while lips trembled twixt fear and hope with the inquiry, "what of the night?" Listening ears yearned for the coming tidings, and tender hearts palpitated with the flashing message.

You were contending for no geographical entity called the "North," but fighting battles for the world, God, progress, civili-

zation, the elevation of mankind, and when the glad news circled the earth that you were victorious, all lovers of free government rejoiced and took fresh hope.

What did you do? You bankrupted the last hope of kingly power on this continent. There did not exist a monarchical government on earth—king, queen, prince, potentate—who did not wish to see the republican government expunged. England and France, Germany and Austria, Spain and Italy would have rejoiced to hear that we had failed—that self-government could not withstand its own internal dissensions and had to succumb. Their wise men even had uttered the prophesy of our destruction, and in anticipation of its accomplishment an alien force had effected a landing upon the shores of, and had made an assault upon the sister republic of Mexico.

What did you do? Bankrupt the last hope of kingly power on this continent? Aye! and more than that: you sounded the death knell of kingly power the world around. When self-government emerged from the conflict victorious, other forms of government began to wane. Monarchy is becoming unsatisfactory in England. In Germany it is weakening. In Spain it is tottering. In France it has disappeared. In Brazil it is numbered with the things of the past. Canada stands knocking at the door for admission. What shall be said of the Isles of the Sea which have deposed their titled rulers?

You struck the death blow to despotism by your victory, popularizing a newer and better form of government for the world, and proved to all mankind that the people could be trusted as a ruling power. You builded wiser than you knew.

What did you do? You set the seal of condemnation on war. You carried this nation into a position of respect, importance and influence in the eyes of the world and that combination was directed toward abolishing war forevermore. No nation in the world's history has exercised the power for peace which this has since your victory. Arbitration rather than war has been the policy, not with the end in view of shrinking cowardly from a struggle, but with the mailed hand of war in sight and a visible evidence that a fight was welcome, but only as a last resort.

Proceeding on this basis the Alabama claims were settled with England, the Samoan troubles adjudicated with Germany, the Behring sea difficulties referred and one internal disagreement regarding the presidency settled amicably.

For an unimportant nation to assume a position of this character in favor of settlement by other methods than an appeal to arms, is a matter of small importance, but when a government

that has fought its way into the championship recommends a policy and backs it with ability and willingness to maintain it, her recommendations carry weight.

Thousands of thinking people prefer arbitration to war as the best method of procedure, and their voices command attention in the councils of the nations, all owing to the fact that you have made of this collection of states a nation excelled by nothing on earth, and have stamped your ideas on the rest of mankind.

What did you do?

You demonstrated that powerful and mighty as hate was, love was yet stronger; that while you could fight as none other except your brother, yet, when the conflict was over, you could extend the right hand of fellowship in forgiveness, and welcome back to citizenship the wayward.

Produce from the pages of history if you can any other instance where the would-be destroyers of a government not only escaped death and property confiscation, but what is more remarkable, were restored to citizenship, permitted to participate in the administration of the government, and honored beyond kings, even while their hearts were yet hardened.

In other lands and other times and other wars the head of the rebel may have gone into the basket. Not so in ours. Love is stronger than hate.

On Calvary's heights there focussed the life-work of one who taught the doctrine of love, and treading in his footsteps, you have carried bread to the mouth of the surrendered foe with the same hand that conveyed ammunition from the cartridge box to the musket muzzle. Love is stronger than hate.

You have not forgotten that at Appomattox, when the terms of surrender had been agreed upon, it was discovered that no provision had been made for the horses of certain officers who owned their animals, when the grand commander made them a present of them, concealing his generosity beneath the plausible excuse that they would be needed to harvest the coming crop! Love was stronger than hate.

When that woman went down the White House steps weeping bitterly because her husband could never again tread the shores of his native land, it was the old commander who penciled the line to the Secretary of War, requesting that the husband, a confederate general, be included among the surrendered of Lee's army. Love was stronger than hate.

What did you do?

What did Franklin do when he reached forth by the power of his genius and seized the forked lightning in the clouds of heav-

en. Go ask the telegram in its wild race against time around the crust of the earth; go listen to the cadence of that loved voice as it comes down the telephone line from a hundred miles away; go see the blackest night robbed of its terrors and darkness by the glorious incandescent, and you will know what Franklin did.

What did you do?

What did Fulton do when he harnessed the seething steam? Go ask the mariner on dangers coast, enveloped in darkness, as down through the howling storm there breaks the warning scream of that fog horn; go see the steel racer speeding along the rails at the rate of a mile per minute; go watch the waves lave old ocean's beach as the stately steamer breasts the tide and you will know what Fulton did.

What did you do?

What did the sower do? Broadcast over the fertile soil with bountiful hand he scattered in hope the nourishing grain! Go ask the joyous reaper and listen to the glad harvester; go see the golden grain waving in the sunlight and hear the thanksgiving of the gleaner; go see the hungry fed, the starved rescued, the perishing delivered from the grave, and the rose tint of health painted on the pallid cheek of want, and you will know what the sower did.

What did you do when you subdued the rebellion?

Go listen to the hum of industry, the chime of school bells, and the music of progress; behold a nation capable of determining all internal strifes, no matter of what magnitude, conscious of her ability to withstand all foreign aggression, surrounded by the profoundest peace, unruffled by any rumor of war, influencing for good all other lands, pleading the cause of justice for the lowliest of every clime, striking off the fetters from mind and body of all people, and you have our answer.

Following Dr. Acheson's great speech, several short addresses were made by comrades and citizens.

Before the conclusion of the entertainment a magnificent pair of finely polished and beautifully mounted Texas horns were presented to Commander-in-Chief Weissert by the members of Lyon Post No. 5, the general accepting the same in a brief but exceedingly interesting and spicy speech.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment was called to order at 9 o'clock a. m. and the business of the session resumed.

Post Commander W. W. Bostwick was placed in nomination for Senior Vice Department Commander by Comrade J. C. Bigger, and on motion, he was unanimously elected, the rules being suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General directed to cast the entire vote of the Encampment for him.

In like manner Comrade Horace Welch, Commander of Post No. 53, was elected unanimously Junior Vice Commander, Harvey Webb, Commander of Post No. 12, Department Chaplain, and Comrade J. C. Petit, of Post No. 4, Medical Director.

The following committee was appointed to select members of the Council of Administration, viz: Comrades Goodell, Wylie and Mann. They reported the following named comrades, who were all duly elected, viz: W. H. Christian, W. O. Kretsinger, W. H. Harvey, Geo. W. Margroum and Julius Alvord.

The following named comrades were then unanimously elected delegates and alternates to the 27th National Encampment at Indianapolis, Indiana, September 6th, 1893: Delegate at large—Jno. Roch. Delegates—J. N. Deihl and E. L. Witman. Alternate at large—E. C. Hale. Alternates—A. B. Palmer and Samuel Proud.

Comrade Wylie presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That each and every Encampment shall secure a photograph of the retiring Commander and his official staff, to be handed down to each succeeding administration, to be placed among the archives of the Encampment of Texas.

Past Department Commander Mann called attention to the fact that pensions were being taxed by state officials and read the following:

OFFICE OF ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR,
WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS, Jan. 5, 1893. }

Received of A. M. Cauble, total taxes.....	\$5.00
Value of property assessed.....	\$400

(Signed)

A. D. ANDERSON,

Assessor and Collector.

A. D. ANDERSON,

Per Bryan.

One dollar tax included for \$100 worth of pensions.

He proceeded to pay his respects to such sort of action in quite vigorous language.

The committee to whom was referred all delayed official reports read the report of the Chief Mustering Officer as follows, reporting on same:

REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

DENISON, TEXAS, March 22, 1893.

O. G. PETERSON,

Commander Department of Texas G. A. R.

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

I mustered one post of fourteen members under a great many difficulties, but succeeded in mustering Sam Wood Post, No. 65. To do this, I made two trips strictly in the interest of mustering this post, and made two more trips on business, and rounded them up each time. I also made two trips to Taylor, but could not succeed in securing enough names to muster a post. I also made one trip to Brownwood by appointment with some comrades there, but failed. I made one trip to Hillsboro, and could only get seven men out to enter their names on the roll for muster in, all of which was caused by too much politics and hard times among our old veterans. I made repeated efforts in different towns where posts can be mustered at some future time, possibly this year, if it be a good crop year.

This short report is submitted in F., C. and L.

WM. H. HARVEY.

Chief Mustering Officer Department of Texas G. A. R.

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We, your committee on deferred reports, beg leave to submit the following:

Having examined the report of Comrade Harvey, Department Mustering Officer, we find that he mustered Sam Wood Post, No, 65, at an expense of \$32.25, receiving only \$5 from the post, leaving a balance due him of \$27.25, which amount we recommend be paid by the Department.

HORACE BAKER,
M. A. HUSTED,
JOHN DONALDSON, } Committee.

Medical Director John Morgan having been compelled to return to his home, his report was neither read nor submitted, but is as follows:

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, March 21, 1893.

O. G. PETERSON,

Commander Department of Texas G. A. R.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report as Medical Director of this Department for the year ending December 31st, 1893:

At the commencement of the year I made an earnest appeal to all the post officers to forward their statistical and mortuary quarterly reports promptly to these headquarters. At the close of the second quarter, June 30th, 1892, there were received but twenty-four reports—less than half of the posts in the Department. At the close of the fourth quarter, ending December 31st, 1892, only twenty-eight posts sent reports—less than half of the whole number in the Department—and many of those were tardy, some of the reports not reaching this office until the month of February, 1893. I regret the failure of many posts to report, for it was not possible for me to obtain the necessary data on which to base my reports to the Surgeon General. The posts of the Grand Army of the Republic are the bed-rock foundation, on which the whole superstructure of the great organization is built. There is to be found the enumeration and registration of all the comrades of the G. A. R. When sickness and death invades the organization, post officers only can give to the higher grade officials information of the existing condition. When post officers fail or refuse to discharge their proper duty, the system

arranged for securing sanitary and mortuary statistics is powerless to enforce obedience to duty. On Form G., herewith appended, the statistical and mortuary report is submitted.

Thanking the comrades who, through their representatives at El Paso elected me to the honorable position of Medical Director of our noble order, I pledge myself anew to remain loyal to the principles of the same until the Supreme Commander orders me hence.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT.

No. of deaths during the year.....	25
No. who presumably died from wounds rec'd in the service	2
No. who presumably died from disease con. in the service.	5
No. who presumably died from other causes.....	6
No. of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge	20
The reasonable money value of such services.....	\$253 75
No. of patients treated free of charge who were members of families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines.....	22
The reasonable money value of such services.....	\$245 00
Money value of medicine and surgical appliances furnished for above by physicians, or by post, or relief corps or by other organizations.....	\$258 20
Total money value of above-mentioned service & supplies.	\$756 95
No. of deserving sick or maimed not receiving a pension..	79

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

JOHN MORGAN, Medical Director.

The standing committee on resolutions reported as follows on the following resolution:

Resolved, That the officers of this Department pay from their own individual funds all personal expenses incurred by them in attending the National Encampment, and that it is hereby provided that a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars be allowed out of Department funds to pay for a room for Department Headquarters at National Encampment.

W. F. COTTMAN.

Committee on resolutions respectfully recommend as a substitute for above resolution: that the sum of one hundred (\$100) dollars be allowed from the Department funds to defray the expense of the Commander and his staff at National Encampment.

E. G. RUST,	}	Committee.
JULIUS ALVORD,		
L. P. GOODELL,		
JNO. W. PARKS,		
HARVEY WEBB,		

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Upon motion, the report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

The following resolutions received the recommendation of the standing committee on resolutions and were all unanimously adopted by the Encampment.

Resolved, That the Assistant Adjutant General's pay for services in this Department be reduced to three hundred dollars per annum.

L. P. GOODELL.

WHEREAS, Comrade R. M. West, delegate from Gen. Sam Wood Post No. 65, of Coleman, has received a telegram announcing the death of Comrade David Ragan, Quarter master of his Post, therefore be it

Resolved, That the heartfelt sympathy of this Encampment is hereby extended to the comrades of our infant post in the loss of Comrade Ragan, an officer of that post, and also to the family of our deceased comrade.

Resolved, That the resolution be spread upon the minutes and the Adjutant is hereby ordered to forward a copy of the same to Post No. 65 and the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Encampment are freely tendered to Department Commander O. G. Peterson, Senior Vice Department Commander, W. T. Kitchen, and Junior Vice Commander W. H. Christian, the various Department officers and the members of the Department Commander's personal staff, for the satisfactory and efficient manner in which the affairs of the Department have been conducted during their terms of office.

JOHN ROCH,

Commander Post No. 55, Dublin.

Resolved, That the sincere and heartfelt thanks of this Encampment be extended to our beloved Commander-in-Chief, Gen. A. G. Weissert, for his timely and highly appreciated visit to our Eighth Annual Encampment, and we feel that his visit at this time will result in the greatest good to our young Encampment, add twenty years to each of our lives, and enable us to double our membership in the next twelve months; that this being the first time our Department has ever been honored by a visit from the Commander-in-Chief, it brings us into closer touch with the great body of our comrades of the nation, and we sincerely trust that hereafter this Department may be so honored by our future Commanders-in-Chief at each of our Department Encampments.

E. G. RUST.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Department of Texas, G. A. R., are due and are hereby tendered to J. B. McDougall for generously donating to them for their use during the Eighth Annual Encampment of said Department, his fine Opera House, to J. T. Munson for the free use of his room for the camp-fire, and to the Denison Electric Light and Gas Co. for the light freely furnished and generously donated for the occasion of said Encampment.

WHEREAS, It is largely due to the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps of Denison that this Encampment has been so royally entertained, kindly cared for, and made successful, therefore

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Encampment is hereby extended to the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps and we hereby pledge anew to that noble organization our devotion, respect and admiration, and will return to our respective posts, and use our utmost endeavors to organize a corps of the loyal women and otherwise aid and encourage them all we can.

E. G. RUST.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Encampment are hereby given Past Post Commander Daniel Webster, of Lyon Post No. 5, for his efficient assistance in reporting the proceedings of the Encampment.

J. C. BIGGER,

A. A. G.

Resolved, That 300 copies of the Proceeding's of the Eighth Annual Encampment be published.

J. L. BOYD.

Resolved, That we tender sincere thanks to the honorable mayor, citizens of Denison and especially to Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5, and the committee on entertainment, for the grand manner in which they provided for this our Eighth Annual Encampment, and for their royal hospitality and magnificent decorations, showing their loyalty to the principles so dear to the hearts of every American soldier.

Resolved, That we extend the thanks of this our Eighth Annual Encampment to the railroads for the favors granted our comrades in reduced rates.

HENRY WEBB.

Resolved, That the Eighth Annual Encampment of the G. A. R. of the Department of Texas, in meeting assembled, desire to thank the Hon. Mayor and citizens of Waco for their hospitable invitation to hold our next Annual Encampment in that city, but a stronger claim carries it to Dublin. We hope however to accept their hospitality at some future date.

W. A. CARNAHAN.

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Resolved, That this convention hereby tenders its unanimous thanks to our efficient Officer of the Day Col. E. L. Witman, and his excellent guard, Comrades H. Hume, S. T. Balderson, J. Cater, H. E. Close and ——— Watson, of Lyon Post No. 5, for their vigilant services during this Encampment.

HORACE BAKER.

Resolved, That we have been greatly cheered and encouraged by the friendly visits of the Commander of our sister Department of the Indian Territory, Gen. Robt. W. Hill, and believe that the visits of Department Commanders at the Encampments of sister Departments is conducive of much good, and trust that the practice may become more general.

E. G. RUST.

Comrade Goodell moved that a committee of three on transportation be appointed by the Department Commander, and that no railroad employe be placed thereon.

Carried, and Commander Peterson appointed Comrades M. W. Mann, C. S. Woodworth and C. C. Haskell to constitute said committee.

On motion, it was unanimously decided that the installation of the newly-elected Department officers be public and take place at 11:30 a. m. in this hall and that our Commander-in-Chief be invited to perform the installation services, and a recess was then taken to carry out the program.

In a short time the opera house was filled to its utmost capacity by the citizens of Denison, the comrades, and ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps. When after some excellent music the Department officers present were duly installed into their respective offices in a very impressive manner by our beloved Commander-in-Chief, A. G. Weissert, after which the audience withdrew and the Encampment resumed its business. Upon request the Junior Vice Department Commander Welch recited a couple of his original poems.

Upon inquiry by Department Commander Parks as to whether there was any further business to come before

the meeting and there appearing to be none, the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas was by him declared duly closed.

J. C. BIGGER.

A. A. Gen'l.

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