

Presented by Capt. Jno. W. Paik

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Ninth Annual Encampment

OF THE

Department of Texas

Grand Army of the Republic,

CONVENED IN

The City of Dublin, Texas,

APRIL 3, 4 and 5,

1894.

DALLAS, TEXAS,
PRESS OF O. PAGET,
1894.



Fraternally Yours
John W. Parks
Comdr Dept Texas G.A.R.

AS.—
John W. Parks, Commander of the Department of Texas, was born in Dauphin County, Pa., July 17, 1843, and entered the service April 16, 1861, not then 18 years of age. He first enlisted as a private in Co. F, 23d Pa., for three months; and immediately after the ex-



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piration of the term, re-enlisted in Co. P, 28th Pa., as Sergeant. This regiment had 15 companies, and by order of the War Department was reduced to 10 companies, and the last five companies were made the basis of a new regiment numbered 147th Pa., of which Serg't Parks was made Sergeant-Major. He was soon promoted to First Lieutenant of Co. H, and later commissioned Captain of same company. Was mustered out July 15, 1865, as senior Captain of the regiment, and brevetted Major by Gen. John W. Geary, then Governor of Pennsylvania. Capt. Parks served his country continuously from April 16, 1861, till July 15, 1865, in the three-months, three-years and veteran volunteer service, and his several promotions on the field evidences the appreciation of his patriotism and service. He participated in every skirmish and engagement in which his regiment was engaged, and no command has a prouder record than the 28th and 147th Pa., which was always side by side in the First Brigade, Second Division, Twentieth Corps. In 1875 Capt. Parks came to Texas to accept a position with the Texas & Pacific Railway Company, and located at Marshall, where he was in the employ of said company in positions of trust and responsibility until one year ago, when he changed his residence to Dallas to accept promotion, and he is now ably filling the position of General Stock Claim Agent of the company. Soon after the organization of Department of Texas he joined Putnam 38, as a charter member and was elected its Commander, to which position he has

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Reception Proceedings and Parade.

FIRST DAY.

THE Ninth Annual Department Encampment was the largest and every way the most successful and enjoyable in the history of the Order in Texas. All trains were loaded down to the guards with members of the Grand Army, Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, and visitors to the Encampment. The buildings along the line of march were profusely decorated with the National Colors; and two magnificent arches spanned the principal street of the city. The Cisco Silver Cornet Band, the finest in the State of Texas, discoursed excellent music during the entire three days of the meeting.

At 10 o'clock a. m., the boys formed in line, and headed by the Cisco Band, proceeded to the Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railway Depot, where they received and welcomed the "Comanche Cadets," a Company of twenty-four beautiful young ladies of said city, all dressed in the colors of their country, and escorted them to their Hotel.

THE PARADE

At 2.30 P. M. the parade was formed in the following order, and was a complete success. The Cisco Silver Band which headed the procession rendered excellent marching music and was complimented on every side.

Next came the float carrying the young ladies representing the states of the Union, surmounted by the Goddess of Liberty. The representations of the states were dressed in white and presented a beautiful appearance.

Next came the young lady cadets of Comanche, commanded by Capt. T. O. Moore, an ex-Confederate. Their military appearance and evolutions were evidence of the ability of their drill master.

Next in the lines was Col. John Roch's Division of the G. A. R., including the Son's of Veterans, and the Woman's Relief Corps in carriages.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief J. C. Bigger was in command of the G. A. R.

The Ex-Confederate Division with D. McReil in command came next, and presented a fine appearance.

The Ex-Confederates were in command of Major L. E. Gillette. The Fourth Division in command of Capt. Smith mounted on his beautiful bay horse with handsome trappings with his aids A. A. Chapman and Dr. Miller, also mounted on noble chargers, the best mounted Division Commanders in the line. The Division was made up of the Uniformed Knights of Pythias, commanded by W. H. Neel.

The uniformed rank I. O. O. F. commanded by M. D. Gallagher.

The Dublin Fire department, Capt. J. G. O'Brien commanding.

The school children came next under charge of their Professors and teachers. There must have been several hundred of them in the line and they made a fine appearance.

The column ended in citizens in carriages and on horseback. It was about a mile long, and was thirty minutes in passing a given point. Taken all in all it was one of the most beautiful and also one of the longest parades that has ever taken place in Dublin.

After the conclusion of the parade the Ninth Annual Department Encampment was opened by Department Commander Jno. W. Parks, in due form, the Commander using a gavel made of the wood taken from a tree that grew upon the farm where Abraham Lincoln was born, and presented to this Encampment by the "Commercial Club of Louisville, Kentucky." Past Department Commanders—Malloy, Mann and Peterson—were invited to take their seats up on the platform and accepted. The following appointment of officers and guards was made by the Department Commander:—

OFFICERS.

E. Roach, Officer of the Day.

J. Mackelro, Officer of the Guard.

GUARDS.

R. M. West, J. M. Trout, W. C. P. Smith, W. M. Benson, A. J. Webb.

Father T. K. Crowley, chaplain of Post No. 5. invoked the Divine blessing upon the assembly. An invitation from the Mayor of Comanche was read by Comrade Roach inviting the members of the Encampment and their friends to visit said city immediately after the adjournment of the Encampment—was upon motion, unanimously accepted, with thanks.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was read and adopted as follows:—

Roll of The 9th Annual Department Encampment.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

*J. W. PARKS	Dep't Commander
*W. W. BOSTWICK	S. V. Dep't Commander
HORACE WELCH	J. V. Dep't Commander
*J. C. PETIT	Medical Director
*HARVEY WEBB	Dep't Chaplain
*J. C. BIGGER	Ass't Adj't Gen'l
*JNO. L. BOYD	Ass't Q. M. Gen'l
W. F. THATCHER	Dep't Inspector
J. H. JOHNSON	Judge Advocate
NATHAN UDDERWOOD	Chief Mustering Officer
J. W. AYERS	Senior Aide De Camp

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

*W. H. CHRISTIAN,
 *W. O. KRETSENGER,
 *W. H. HARVEY, .
 GEO. W. MARGROUM,
 JULIUS ALVORD.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

W. D. WYLIE,
 O. T. LYON,
 W. H. SINCLAIR,
 J. C. DEGRESS,
 *A. G. MALLOY,
 A. K. TAYLOR,
 *M. W. MANN,
 *O. G. PETERSON.

* These marked with a * were present.

ROLL OF ENCAMPMENT

POSTS.	OFFICERS.	DELEGATES.	ALTERNATES.	PAST POST COM'S.
No. 1—Sherman	J. F. Smith, P. C. Geo. Stratton, S. V. C. J. H. Rock			H. C. Dillingham John Donaldson. *C. E. Hale. R. M. Grubbs. H. C. Thompson. L. A. Edmiston.
No. 2—Galveston	J. C. McBride, P. C. *Wm Boyd, S. V. C. Fred Dorey, J. V. C.	A. B. Homer *Del. Cahoun	H. Y. Niblo	*Ed Ketchum. Frank L. Kirk. R. P. Sargent. N. L. Rich. M. O. Perkins.
No. 3—San Antonio	*W. H. Robinson, P. C. A. A. Alvord, S. V. C. A. K. Melton, J. V. C.	Nath. Underwood *C. F. Loring A. K. Melton	T. J. Barnes M. J. Keating A. A. Alvord	S. M. Johnson. *R. M. Moore. M. H. Redwood. Alex Kuhn.
No. 4—Ft. Worth	*W. W. Gavin, P. C. Geo. Jackson, S. V. C. A. N. Jack, J. V. C.	R. W. Fisk *Jas. T. Lynch J. W. Rouse L. H. Schubert	A. N. Juck *Andrew Utts T. W. Flowrey Geo. Jackson	H. W. Nye, *J. N. Diehl. *C. B. Morgan. *C. B. Grabe. *Harvey Webb: •W. W. Gavin.

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No. 4—Fort Worth				J. C. Petit
No. 5—Denison	*H. Home, P. C. G. B. Worcester, S V C James Cater, J. V. C.	*T. K. Crowley *Jas. Carter *C. C. Haskell Henry Hackney *E. I. Witman *Wm Geiger *J. L. Tygard *Sam'l Proud	D. D. Wright... J. D. Orand... J. M. Sherman... Geo. W. Glover... Wm. Wolfson... G. B. Worcester *L. H. Ruthrauff H. E. Close	S. S. Clark L. B. Moore *E. C. Clifford *W. W. Bostwick Daniel Webster. W. O Kretsinger
No. 6—Dallas	J. S. Thatcher, P. C. *A. Brownlee, S. V. C. *F. Miltner, J. V. C.	A. Brownlee... W. I. Purnell... *J. R. Harned... *F. Meltner	J. D. Clark... J. C. Johnson.. H. Kruegal.. H. E. Fleming	A. G. Leffel. J. E. Henry. *Geo. A. Knight *J. M. Steere *W. F. Cottman *W. E. Danforth *A. McWhirk
No. 9—Houston	*T. H. Rue, P. C. Jas. H. Berry, S. V. C. J. Scholl, J. V. C.	Geo. Race... *J. J. Scholl.	Benj. Guire... P. Larkin	A. K. Taylor R B Baer Still Hull P. W. Hudson J. J. Billow
No. 10—Austin	Alonzo Gerard, P. C.	A. Wyschtaky.	Daniel O'Kana	J. M. Odell

No. 10—Austin.	A. Wyschtaky, S. V. C. W. H. Turner, J. V. C.	*J. J. Gasser. W. J. Bassett.	W. H. Turner Patrick Scott	J. C. DeGress. D. Freidman. J. W. Burke. J. P. Richardson. C. B. Stoddard.
No. 11—Dallas.	Geo. S. Nash, P. C. Jno. Hunter, S. V. C. F. O. Brown, J. V. C.	John Hunter. *L. C. Leeds. E. J. Lemon. *H. C. Gage. *A. Metzler.	F. O. Brown. Jos. Ennison. Henry Kercher. J. C. Cammack. S. F. Noyes.	*John L. Boyd. I. B. Gibson. *D. Mackay. D. M. Baker. *J. C. Bigger. H. B. Davis. C. Dickson. J. W. Ayers. *G. W. M'Cormick
No. 13—Terrell.	*E. B. Dwyer, P. C. D. Grossman, S. V. C. H. Montgomery, J. V. C.	H. C. Allen.	R. F. Jefferies.	D. Grossman. R. F. Jefferies. H. G. Adler.
No. 15—Bells.	T. J. Hicks, P. C. J. W. Son, S. V. C. J. M. Elum, J. V. C.	F. H. Johnson.	C. T. Thornton.	Wm. Dawson. T. J. Hicks. E. S. Carver.
No. 16—Whitesboro.	J. F. Brown, P. C. Jno. Powers, S. V. C. J. F. Hall, J. V. C.			R. V. Norton. Jacob Beckelman. Jacob Mayfield.

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No. 17—Fort Clark . . .	J. H. Pratt, P. C. Wm. Kilsch, S. V. C. . . J. M. Young, J. V. C.			J. H. Pratt.
No. 18—McKinney. . .	W. L. Boyd, P. C. Otis Ellis, S. V. C. John Lewis, J. V. C. . .	*J. F. Ragsdale . . .	John Lewis.	D. F. Gerrish. H. R. Smith. A. Ward. *A. T. Wilson. J. S. Gende. W. T. Hall. J. W. Green. G. H. Gerrish.
No. 19—El Paso.	S. W. Pomeroy, P. C. . . . John Ogden, S. V. C. . . . H. F. Gaskey, J. V. C.	W. N. Vilas. Allen Blacker	John Ogden. H. D. McDonald	A. C. Wheeler. *S. H. Buchanan. M. M. Spence. *A. G. Malloy. F. E. Tusten. W. T. Ketchen.
No. 20—Lampasas.	W. H. Webber, P. C. . . . C. C. Mullady, S. V. C. . . J. C. Pierce, J. V. C. . .	Thos. J. Upton . . .	A. P. Hungale.	W. H. Webber. C. C. Mullady.

No. 21—Temple.	R. H. Ford, P. C. Josiah Paul, S. V. C. J. Rainwater, J. V. C.	*W. C. Paist	John Rainwater. Josiah Paul	*R. L. Ferguson. J. W. Field. J. Q. A. Simmons.
No. 23—Denton	H. R. Lyon, P. C. R. Vermithon, S. V. C. W. A. Madden, J. V. C.	*R. Vermithon	R. P. Ballew	*J. E. Stringer. S. G. Raly.
No. 25—Georgetown	*C. S. Jones, P. C. Jas. Knight, S. V. C. W. J. Riggins, J. V. C.	Wm. P. Fleming	Jas. Knight	*Powell Reder. J. W. Kincaid. R. W. Vining. G. A. Jones Wm. P. Fleming.
No. 26—Paris.	Raymond Herz, P. C. T. U. Johnson, S. V. C. Chas. Lasson, J. V. C.	*J. O. Estabrook	Wm. Turner	A. E. Russell. T. U. Johnson. M. Yarborough.
No. 28—Cameron.	Timothy Gleason, P. C. A. S. Russell, S. V. C. T. A. Pope, J. V. C.	J. O'Neil		B. I. Arnold. Thos. A. Pope H. L. Witcher. C. M. Carr.
No. 31—Wichita Falls	Amaziah Tracy, P. C. A. Thornbury, S. V. C. A. J. Taylor, J. V. C.	A. J. Taylor.	Samuel Menard.	L. T. Miller. J. M. Mason. H. M. Cauble. H. C. Turner, A. L. Thornberry.

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No. 32—Bonham	J. H. Parisho, P. C. . . . Moses Skeen W. W. Hughs, J. V. C.	John Shubert		T. A. Newman.
No. 35—Decatur	J. Sharp, P. C.			
No. 36—Ft. Davis . . .	Geo. Perrine			
No. 37—San Antonio	Olsen Thornwald, P. C. Mehlen A. G., S. V. C. Bode Henry, J. V. C. . .	August Mehlin. . . .	W. C. Peters	
No. 38—Marshall . . .	H. Mahony, P. C. Samuel Camp, S. V. C. Henry Hanson, J. V. C.	Samuel Camp.		*John W. Parks. Jas. A. Callahan. John McNair. *Jas. Schofield.
No. 39—Fort Worth	Geo. W. Margroum . . .			L. P. Goodell. Jas. Morrison.
No. 40—Belton	*Barnes Parker, P. C. . . T. Blanchard, S. V. C. Orlapp White, J. V. C.	Thos. Blanchard	Byron Bunker	*M. F. Hiatt. *W. H. Harvey. Dr. H. Wheat.
No. 45—Weatherford	*Geo. S. Foster, P. C. . . W. E. Stringham, S. V. C.	*J. D. Ramage	Alden B. Wright	*Horace Baker. *Geo. S. Foster.

No. 45—Weatherford	C. C. Baker, J. V. C.			
No. 46—Del Rio	John Glynn, P. C.			
No. 47—Sulphur Springs	D. Gunn, P. C. F. A. Schrader, S. V. C. W. P. Connor, J. V. C.	I. W. Mosely	W. P. Connor Green Dowdy	S. G. Hutchenson
No. 48—Jacksboro	I. Stoddard, P. C. D. Richard, S. V. C. W. Umbarger, J. V. C.	W. H. Clingman	G. M. Clayton A. B. Morehouse	Andrew Meyers H. H. McConnell
No. 49—San Antonio	Frank Fuller, P. C. C. Wentworth, S. V. C. D. B. Knowlton, J. V. C.	*Wm. Trout	C. Wentworth	Wm. Holt
No. 50—Canadian	J. H. Cornell, P. C.			
No. 51—Granbury	Thos. Adams, P. C. Jno. W. Kay, S. V. C. J. C. Warner, J. V. C.	C. L. Edwards	*F. Ahrens	*W. H. Calts. Thos. Adams.
No. 52—Goldthwaite	J. C. Peck, P. C. Hugh Carroll, S. V. C. Simon Fox, J. V. C.	A. McPherson	G. M. O'Quinn	J. C. Peck.
No. 53—Jefferson	A. B. Chase, P. C. John Grant, S. V. C. H. Welch, J. V. C.	Thos. Smith	Henry Max	Horace Welsh John Grant.
No. 54—Corpus Christi	F. E. Wells, P. C. A. G. Thom, S. V. C. W. G. Holden, J. V. C.	E. J. Kilmer	J. H. C. White	J. H. C. White.

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No. 55—Dublin.	*G. W. Andruss, P.C.. John Sullivan, S.V.C. H. M. Long, J. V. C.	*John Sullivan. . . . W. S. Rowe. *Morgan Barr. *C. S. Doubleday	*H. M. Dingus. . . . G. C. Russell. A. J. Webb. W. C. P. Smith	*W. H. Christian. *H. H. Andrews, *John Roch.
No. 56—Springtown	A. L. Hutchison, P.C. S. U. P. Gipson, S.VC. W.O.Seabourne, J.V.C	*W. L. Hutchison Wm. Wilson. J. W. Worlick. . . .	J. C. Freeman. . . . W.O.Seabourne . . . J. W. Wolf.	*O. G. Peterson. W. R. Lynch. *Thomas Welsh. *A F Glossbrenner *M. V. Bridges.
No. 57—Mason.	*D. Doole, P. C. L. Graebner, S. V. C. H. M. Holmes, J.V.C.	H. M. Holmes. . . .		
No. 59—Baird	*Justin Cook, P. C. . . . Chas. Williams, S. V.C J. R. Crumbie, J.V. C.	*Chas. Willson . . .	John Umphrey. . . .	Wm McManis. *R. A. Corbett.
No 60—Graham	J. F. Orrell, P. C. Thos. Price, S. V. C. . . J. A. Trene, J. V. C. . .	J.T. Cunningham	J. F. Orrell.	P. B. Hunt. J.T.Cunningham
No. 61—Weatherford	Geo. Freeman, P. C. . . . J. D. Dunn, S. V. C. . . S.W. Richardson, JVC	S. W. Richardson	*J. H. Riggs.	J. G. Gibson. W. F. Wieland. . . A. E. Barr.

No. 62—Kaufman...	H. F. Peery, P. C. R. H. Armstrong, S. V. C. T. N. Smelker, J. V. C.			
No. 63—Greenville..	Henry Wagner.....			
No. 64—Fred- ericksburg.	Jacob Hirsch, P. C. Chas Enderlin, S. V. C. J. T. Clark, J. V. C.	James Larson....	Chas. Enderlin..	Jacob Hirsch.
No. 65—Coleman....	*Jas. Gipson.....	*J. A. Crouch....		
No. 66—Abilene....	Thomas Buck, P. C. A. G. Servis, S. V. C. Mart Perkins, J. V. C.	*Jno. Kershaw..		J. A. Lowry.
No. 67—Brownsville	Wm. Kelly, P, C. H. M. Field, S. V. C. J. W. Ranson, J. V. C.	E. H. Goodrich..	John Jay Smith..	Wm. Kelly.
No. 68—Texarkana..	L. S. Roach, P. C. Peter Gable, S. V. C. J. Spangenburg, J. V. C.	John McKinna...	Geo. S. Fields...	Lyman S. Roach.
No. 69—San Angelo	C. W. Johnson, P. C. . J. B. Wilh, S. V. C. . Geo. K. Bent, J. V. C.	*Benj. Jerkins. . .		J. L. Millspaugh.
No. 70—Waco.....	*W. A. Carnahan, P. C. L. W. Flood, S. V. C. Gardner Work, J. V. C.	H. E. Conger.... Gardner Work..	J. H. Chapin.... *Geo. J. Elam...	*F. M. Shick. *E. G. Rust.

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No. 71—Poolville....	*J. E. Roberts, P. C.. W. J. Johnson, S.V.C. R. Roman, J. V. C...	*John Rist		
No. 72—Alvin.....	J. C. McBride, P. C.. H. L. Barker, S. V.C. W. W. Jennings, J.V.C	*W. A. Rowan..		

*Present.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BIGGER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

The Department Commander then called Senior Vice Department Commander, W. W. Bostwick to the chair and read his address as follows:—

COMRADES:—

“Again we have assembled, in this the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas Grand Army of the Republic, for the transaction of necessary business for the coming year, and to render an account of our stewardship for the year just passed. In addition to the necessary business of our meetings, these annual gatherings of men who rendered loyal, devoted, and patriotic service to their country in the hour of peril, if they serve no other purpose will impress on the minds of the rising generation, a profounder and deeper sense of the perils through which we passed to preserve the unity of the Nation. It gives renewed strength to patriotism, tends to elevate and adorn our national character and makes us stronger each succeeding year—we meet with no desire to boast of our service in the past nor with any spirit of exultation or false pride. It is the sentiment of every true soldier when I say, whatever pride we have in the past, whatever pride we brought back from the battlefields, we joyfully lay it aside upon one altar and gladly merge the title of soldier into a greater one—that of American citizen. We meet today in a spirit of fraternity, charity and loyalty, invoking heaven’s richest blessings on every comrade of our Department and on every portion of our beloved country. We meet today, with the consolation that the nation was saved and preserved by the valor of our fallen comrades, and we feel exalted by their achievements, and regenerated by their life’s blood. If their spirits hover about us to-day, they must be filled with gladness, and could they but speak they would say, “’tis well we died,” the Nation still lives. we’ll sleep again; it will not be long before you will join us, and we shall all meet on the resurrection morn to be judged by Him who ruleth armies and Nations. You have lived to enjoy the fruits of your labors, and to see the people reunited, and our country made glorious by a heroism and a patriotism that will live in the hearts of the American people down to the remotest generation.

Comrades, when a year ago you placed me command of this Department I had serious misgivings as to my ability to credibly perform the duties of my position. I have done my best, but for various reasons my entire term has been covered by most extraordinary hard and trying times, and the most strenuous efforts which

we have put forth in the way of recruiting and organization of new posts, has invariably been met with the reply of "hard times." Notwithstanding this, however, we have to report, first, on

MEMBERSHIP,

The organization and muster of six new posts, and the reports rendered June 30, 1893, show the membership the largest that has ever been in this Department. We had good prospects of mustering several other new posts but it was impossible to get them together because of the hard times. We visited several localities for that purpose, and have issued several orders entreating every comrade to do his utmost in getting recruits. There are a large number of ex-soldiers in our department not yet connected with our organization, and we hope that they may yet be reached and induced to join us.

To show how our efforts in the direction of ouilding up our department is appreciated by the Commander-in-chief, I desire to quote from his letter dated October 30th, in reply to my letter to him, in answer to a request for information as to what we were doing for the good of the department in that direction. He says:

"I am in receipt of your esteemed favor of the 26th instant, together with circular No. 1 and General Orders Nos. 4 and 5. These all have my best attention and I note with gratification the earnest and practical manner in which you appear to be working up interest in your Department of the Grand Army of the Republic. I certainly have no additional suggestions to make as you appear to be pursuing an active and aggressive campaign. Thanking you for your very complete letter and documents accompanying same, wishing you abundant success, not only for yourself but for the glory and benefit of the Grand Army, and with the highest personal regards, I have the honor to remain, fraternally yours,

J. G. B. ADAMS, Commander in Chief.

SUSPENSIONS.

As to the suspended list, these comrades are a matter of much anxiety and concern to us all, and I can only suggest again, as I have done in current orders and circulars, that no comrade that is too poor to pay his dues should be lost to our organization, and we should not permit any one who is able to pay them, to get in arrears because of the neglect of those whose duty it is to urge their payment.

DEATHS.

During the year we have been called upon to mourn the loss of about the usual number of our comrades, amongst them:

Commander J. C. DeGress, the first of our Department Commanders, passed peacefully away on the 20th of this month. His Post has not yet officially reported the fact, but we take cognizance of it from the newspapers, and suitable resolutions should be drafted.

Commander Anton Wagguer, of Belknap Post No. 37 of San Antonio, has been called hence to join the silent host who have gone before.

Commander P. J. Kennedy, Lyon Post No. 5 of Denison, a most worthy and honored comrade, has also been taken from our midst, his devotion to country and comrades and his life work having been finished.

Comrade B. W. McCullough of Post No. 11, whose death occurred during last term and whose remains were taken to his old home in Ohio, was a comrade loved and respected by all who knew him. On the occasion of the unveiling of a monument to his memory, which was erected by his friends in Texas, Comrade J. C. Bigger and myself, representing his post and the department, were invited to attend, and upon our return home we received the following from Neal Post No. 62, Department of Ohio, dated Sidney, Ohio, June 17, 1893;

General John W. Parks, Commander Department of Texas G. A. R. and Comrades of John A. Dix Post No. 11, Dallas, Tex.:

COMRADES:

At a regular meeting of Neal Post, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the spirit manifested by our Texas comrades in their care for Comrade B. W. McCullough in his sickness, death and burial, in their pilgrimage to assist in unveiling and dedicating a magnificent monument erected to his memory by his comrades, business and personal friends, is an example of unselfish devotion.

Resolved, That we tender them our thanks for the beautiful flowers they brought, and for the confidence they reposed in entrusting the monument to our care, and that we send our fraternal assurance that it shall be cared for as a sacred trust, and that

in their memory we will annually decorate the grave which has added new ties and bound us together.

(Signed)

E. E. NUTT, Commander,

T. H. MARSHALL, Adjutant.

R. SUTTON, Comrade,

Committee.

Another face and form, loved by every comrade of this Department, always present with us at these gatherings, that of Judge A. B. Norton, will never again be seen and welcomed. After a very short-illness he passed peacefully away and while he was not a member of our organization yet because of the cordial, social and friendly relations held during a number of years by him with the comrades of our order, and because he was a grand patriot, tried and true, who loved his country and the old flag with all the energy and true devotion of as brave a heart and mind as ever lived, it was befitting that our organization should perform the last rites of our beloved friend, which we did and laid him away enshrouded in the flag of our nation to rest until the resurrection morn.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Memorial Day was observed with great interest and solemnity by nearly all the posts, reports having been received from nearly all the posts, as will be seen by the report on this subject. It is with pleasure that we note the increasing interest in this solemn occasion, and there should never be any neglect to carry out in letter and in spirit the sacred and pleasing duties Memorial Day requires from us all.

COURTMARTIAL.

I regret to report one case of courtmartial, that of Comrade D. H. L. Hunter, of John A. Dix Post No. 11. Sentence of the court was that he be dishonorably discharged, was approved

NEGRO APPLICATION FOR CHARTER.

Upon taking command of the department there was on file an application for the muster of a colored post at Austin.

At Denison I made many engagements to visit posts and comrades, which was before I knew of this application. The engagements I made, therefore, preclude my giving immediate attention to the application, and I so informed the applicants, and stated that I would take the matter up in its turn, and give the matter

my best attention. They, however, asked that I deputize a comrade to muster them, which I declined to do, informing them that I hoped to perform such duties as the Department required of me. Meanwhile I commenced the customary investigations, as I have done in all applications, and wrote the war Department for their records, and was informed that three of them did not appear on their records. I had about fixed on a time to go to Austin and complete investigations, but just before I was ready to go they wrote me requesting the return of their application.

SONS OF VETERANS.

Two new camps of Sons of Veterans have been organized, and we only lack one more camp to organize a Department of Sons of Veterans in Texas. Those camps already organized, as you are aware, are attached to the Department of Arkansas.

I have addressed a number of post commanders at places where we thought it most likely camps could be organized, and I had counted most confidently in having a Department of the Sons of Veterans here, but again the plea of hard times comes up and failure to organize can be laid to that account.

I hope before long we may see a greater interest taken in this matter, and that our boys may be brought in close touch with our organization.

FINANCES.

The A. Q. M. G.'s report will show that the department is 50 per cent better off to-day than when I was placed in command a year ago. At least we have double the amount of cash and a greater value of stores.

WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS.

All honor and praise to this noble and valuable auxiliary of our order. The existence of many posts is due to the noble self-sacrificing efforts of this patriotic band of women. They have largely taken from us the necessity of providing means for assisting the needy of our organization, and it is *their* hands that so tenderly and lovingly strew the graves of our departed comrades with beautiful flowers. Every encouragement should be given them and every post that possibly can should have a corps, as nothing which we can do will be more conducive to the prosperity of our order.

JOURNAL OF THE NINTH CHARITY AND RELIEF.

The semi-annual reports show much done in this direction, and perhaps there never was a time in the history of our order when there was as much distress and as much need of the exercise of fraternity and charity as it is at the present, and for some time past numerous applications have been made at the Department headquarters for assistance from comrades, and as there is no provision for giving assistance we did all in our power personally to relieve as much as we could in various ways, and referred others to our nearest posts, which helped every deserving comrade.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

The council has had occasion to meet only once, and that for the purpose of fixing the date for this, the Ninth Annual Encampment.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

The greatest pleasure I have experienced in my official capacity is the occasions of visits to many posts of the Department, yet it is attended with much regret that I have not been able to visit every post. I have been honored with many calls from a large number of comrades at Headquarters, both from our own and other Departments. I have received nearly 400 communications, and have answered every one of these personally, and have written personal letters to the Commanders of every Post in our Department.

TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Twenty-seventh National Encampment, which convened at Indianapolis, Indiana, Sept. 6th and 7th, 1893, was largely attended and a most harmonious meeting. Our Department was well represented, and for the first time that the southwest has ever been recognized in that direction, the great honor was bestowed upon our Department by the election of Comrade J. C. Bigger to the position of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, a deserved compliment to our worthy comrade and the great southwest, and a gracious and appreciated tribute to our department.

The most important, and that which more nearly concerns every comrade was the resolutions on the subject of pensions, which has been published in general orders, and it speaks for itself how

earnestly and faithfully our representatives labored to bring this matter before the country that our position might be understood and appreciated.

In conclusion, comrades: As I lay down the trust conferred upon me at Denison, I desire to extend to our Assistant Adjutant General my sincerest thanks for his cordial support and valuable assistance. To him and to the other members of my staff, together with the earnest support of our post commanders and adjutants, is due whatever measure of success we have had in the administration of the affairs of the Department. I desire to most heartily thank them and every comrade for the great honor and many courtesies and consideration shown me. If I have succeeded in meeting your expectations to any extent, and have merited the confidence reposed in me, I shall feel amply rewarded for what time and energy I have devoted to the interest of our Department in the past year, and it will be my ambition at all times during the remainder of the time I may be permitted to be a worker, to do my full share of duty, in whatever capacity from this, down to a high private in the rear rank. I ask that God's richest blessings may be showered upon every comrade, and when our life's work is done may a blessed peaceful rest be in store for us all, as a reward for our devotion to our country, and to the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

JOHN W. PARKS,

Department Commander.

Upon the completion of the Department Commander's address, it was referred by the Senior Vice Commander to a committee consisting of comrades J. M. Steere, M. V. Bridges and M. W. Mann.

The Assistant Adjutant General next read his report which was referred to the following committee: D. Mackey, Samuel Proud, and S. H. Buchanan. His report was as follows:

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 OFFICE OF THE ASS'T ADJ'T GENERAL,
 DALLAS, TEX., April 2, 1894.

General John W. Parks, Commander Department of Texas, G. A. R.

MY DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: Agreeably with the rules and regulations of the order, I most respectfully submit my detailed reports for the year about to close. The first part of the year was a remarkably promising one, and my consolidated report to National Headquarters showed 1686 members in good standing, the highest number ever reached in this Department. I am pained, indeed, to be compelled to state that the second term, owing to the tightness of the times, the war waged against the veterans by the powers that be, and a hostile press, coupled with an exodus of comrades from the Posts in Cooke, Clay, Wise and Montague counties to Oklahoma territory, have largely reduced our membership and caused the disbandment of several small Posts.

When you took command of the Department it consisted of 56 Posts with a total membership of 1596. New Posts were thereafter organized as follows: Barney No. 67, at Brownsville; Hooker No. 68, at Texarkana; Merritt No. 69, at San Angelo; Crockett No. 70, at Waco; John Raum Post No. 71, at Poolville and Wainwright No. 72, at Alvin, thus increasing the number of Posts to 62 and the membership to 1686, but unfortunately all the good results attained in the first half of the year were neutralized by the calamities of the second term. Posts No. 30 at Bowie, No. 44 at Henrietta and No. 58 at Alvord surrendered their charters and No. 33 at Vernon and No. 39 at Fort Worth, notwithstanding every effort made to save them, were necessarily placed upon the delinquent list. The heavy loss thus occasioned brings down our list of Posts to 58 and our membership in good standing to 1457, entailing the loss of a delegate to the next National Encampment. The following figures exhibit the losses and gains during the year :

GAINS.

By muster	214
By transfer	22
By reinstatement	57
Total gain	<u>293-293</u>

LOSSES.

By death	22
By honorable discharge	58
By transfer	42
By suspension	240
By dishonorable discharge	1
By delinquent reports	69
Total loss	<u>432-432</u>
Total net losses during the year	<u>139</u>

I herewith submit the footings of the consolidated reports forwarded to National Headquarters for the terms ending June 30th and December 31st, 1893:

FIRST TERM.

Number in good standing December 31, 1892	1596
Gains by muster	130
Gains by transfer	14
Gains by reinstatement	36
Total gain	<u>180- 180</u>
Total	<u>1776</u>
Losses by death	8
Losses by honorable discharge	4
Losses by suspension	63
Total loss	<u>90- 90</u>
Number in good standing June 30, 1893	<u>1686</u>

SECOND TERM.

Gains by muster.....	84	
Gains by transfer.....	8	
Gains by reinstatement.....	21	
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Total gain.....	113-	113
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Total.....		1799
Losses by death.....	14	
Losses by honorable discharge.....	54	
Losses by transfer.....	27	
Losses by suspension.....	177	
Losses by dishonorable discharge.....	1	
Losses by delinquent reports.....	69	
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Total loss.....	342-	342
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Number in good standing December 31, 1893		1457

There are upon the rolls of the various Posts of the Department 449 suspended comrades, which, added to 1459, the number at present in good standing, together with the 54 members of Post 39 and the 15 members of Post 33 on the delinquent list, makes the apparent strength of the department 1971. During the year 61 comrades have been dropped from the rolls, having been previously suspended in their respective Posts.

Since the last reports were made to National headquarters, Samuel R. Curtis Post No. 12 at Gainesville surrendered its charter, its 13 members becoming discouraged upon our worthy Department Chaplain, Harvey Webb, changing his residence from Gainesville to Fort Worth.

Death, the only conqueror of union valor, has not laid his hand heavily upon us during the past year, twenty-two deaths only having been reported to these Headquarters, George H. Thomas Post No. 6 at Dallas suffering the severest loss, four of its members having died during the year. The names of the comrades, who have answered roll call for the last time on earth, are :

DEATH ROLL.



P. J. KENNEDY.....	Post No. 5, Denison
A. J. WHITSEL.....	6, Dallas
JOS. ZELENKA.....	6, "
V. G. WILLIAMS.....	6, "
CONSTANTINE REEK.....	6, "
JOS. W. STEEL.....	11, "
R. M. HINDMAN.....	13, Terrell
G. K. SANDERSON.....	17, Fort Clark
JAMES SMITH.....	18, McKinney
F. H. R. RUCKMAN.....	19, El Paso
HIRAM JONES.....	20, Lampasas
D. D. WEAR.....	25, Georgetown
J. R. DAVIS.....	35, Decatur
ANTONE WAGNER.....	37, San Antonio
JOHN L. WILSON.....	48, Jacksboro
BENJ. CLEGHORN.....	49, San Antonio
BENJ. E. PAUL.....	56, Springtown
W. H. NEAL.....	56, "
D. LOVING.....	57, Mason
W. B. SANDS.....	57, "
DAVID RAGAN.....	65, Coleman

During the year the sum of \$446.45 has been expended by the various Posts in charity to distressed, worthy comrades and their families. Considering the extreme stringency of money matters this showing is an excellent one, and conclusive proof that Loyalty, Friendship and *Charity* still constitute the foundation stones of our noble organization.

The correspondence has been larger than last year, but all communications have been answered upon the day of their receipt and all general orders, circulars, etc., received from National and Department Headquarters have been promptly forwarded to their respective destinations. Attention is again called to the necessity of filling up the vacant numbers on our roll of Posts and thus remedy the ragged appearance of our reports to National Headquarters. Numbers 7, 8, 12, 14, 22, 24, 29, 30, 34, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 58 no longer exist as Posts of the Department and it would be well to give the above numbers to new Posts as they are from time to time mustered instead of proceeding as we have been doing.

The number of members in good standing in the 56 Posts of the Department December 31, 1893, is as follows:

McPherson Post No. 1, at Sherman.....	10
Hancock 2, at Galveston.....	50
Ord 3, at San Antonio.....	53
Parmly 4, at Fort Worth.....	72
Lyon 5, at Denison.....	157
Thomas 6, at Dallas.....	71
McClellan 9, at Houston.....	31
Mower 10, at Austin.....	60
Dix 11, at Dallas.....	93
Curtis 12, at Gainesville.....	13
Hurst 13, at Terrell.....	11
Garfield 15, at Bells.....	11
Lincoln 16, at Whitesboro.....	12
Lewis 17, at Fort Clark.....	19
Ellsworth 18, at McKinney.....	28
Crawford 19, at El Paso.....	45

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Kearney	20, at Lampasas.....	
Starling	21, at Temple.....	10
Logan	23, at Denton.....	12
Sheridan	25, at Georgetown.....	20
Wright	26, at Paris.....	24
Murray	27, at Palestine.....	10
Farragut	28, at Cameron.....	17
Grant	31, at Wichita Falls.....	16
Custer	32, at Bonham.....	11
Meade	35, at Decatur.....	15
J. C. Davis	36, at Fort Davis.....	13
Belknap	37, at San Antonio.....	13
Putnam	38, at Marshall.....	26
Kilpatrick	40, at Belton.....	26
Randall	45, at Weatherford.....	19
McKenzie	46, at Del Rio.....	19
Fremont	47, at Sulphur Springs.....	5
Canby	48, at Jacksboro.....	24
Crook	49, at San Antonio.....	12
Porter	50, at Canadian.....	28
Sherman	51, at Granbury.....	6
A. J. Smith	52, at Goldthwaite.....	10
Opdycke	53, at Jefferson.....	9
E. J. Davis	54, at Corpus Christi.....	13
Gen. Sam Houston	55, at Dublin.....	23
Burnsides	56, at Springtown.....	71
Holcomb	57, at Mason.....	49
Yates	59, at Baird.....	15
Rousseau	60, at Graham.....	16
Sill	61, at Weatherford.....	12
Scott	62, at Kaufman.....	20
Lytle	63, at Greenville.....	10
Terry	64, at Fredericksburg.....	11
Wood	65, at Coleman.....	21
Travis	66, at Abilene.....	6
Barney	67, at Brownsville.....	15
Hooker	68, at Texarkana.....	11
Merritt	69, at San Angelo.....	18
Crockett	70, at Waco.....	17
John Raum	71, at Poolville.....	38
Wainwright	72, at Alvin.....	11
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As the Department stands to-day a little more than one-tenth of its entire strength is composed of the comrades of Lyon Post No. 5 at Denison. While the ten (10) largest Posts, viz: Hancock No. 2 of Galveston, Ord No. 3 of San Antonio, Parmly No. 4 of Fort Worth, Lyon No. 5 of Denison, Thomas No. 6 and Dix No. 11 of Dallas, Mower No. 10 of Austin, Crawford No. 19 of El Paso, Houston No. 55 of Dublin and Burnsides No. 56 of Springtown constitute almost exactly one-half of the membership in good standing, leaving but 738 members in good standing to be divided among the remaining 46 Posts of the Department, which would give but an average of 16 to a Post.

A study of the muster and demise, advance and retrogression of the Posts during the terms of my office will show the following—21 new Posts, to-wit: No. 52 at Goldthwaite, No. 53 at Jefferson, No. 54 at Corpus Christi, No. 55 at Dublin, No. 56 at Springtown, No. 57 at Mason, No. 58 at Alvord, No. 59 at Baird, No. 60 at Graham, No. 61 at Weatherford, No. 62 at Kaufman, No. 63 at Greenville, No. 64 at Fredericksburg, No. 65 at Coleman, No. 66 at Abilene, No. 67 at Brownsville, No. 68 at Texarkana, No. 69 at San Angelo, No. 70 at Waco, No. 71 at Poolville and No. 72 at Alvin have been mustered, and 7, to-wit: No. 12 at Gainesville, No. 22 at Laredo, No. 29 at Waco, No. 30 at Bowie, No. 42 at Austin, No. 44 at Henrietta and No. 58 at Alvord have surrendered their charters and ceased to exist.

Post No. 1 at Sherman has neither increased or diminished its membership during the past three years, Post No. 2 at Galveston shows a gain of 2, Post No. 3 of San Antonio shows a loss of 14, Post No. 4 at Fort Worth loses 46, Post No. 5 at Denison gains 79, Post No. 6 at Dallas loses 31, Post No. 9 of Houston gains 1, Post No. 10 at Austin gains 17, Post No. 11 at Dallas gains 68, Post No. 12 at Gainesville surrendered their charter and loses 30, Post No. 13 at Terrell gains 4, No. 15 at Bells gains 4, No. 16 at Whitesboro loses 8, No. 17 at Fort Clark loses 25, No. 18 at McKinney neither loses or gains, No. 19 at El Paso loses 3, No. 20 at Lampasas loses 1, No. 21 at Temple gains 1, No. 22 at Laredo surrendered charter and loses 20, No. 23 at Denton loses 51, No. 25 at Georgetown gains 4, No. 26 at Paris loses 15, No. 27 at Palestine 3, No. 28 at Cameron

loses 2, No. 29 at Waco surrendered charter and loses 29, No. 30 at Bowie surrendered charter and loses 40, No. 31 at Wichita Falls loses 3, No. 32 at Bonham loses 27, No. 33 at Vernon (delinquent) loses 13, No. 35 at Decatur loses 7, No. 36 at Fort Davis gains 2, No. 37 at San Antonio loses 8, No. 38 at Marshall gains 1, No. 39 at Fort Worth (delinquent) loses 54, No. 40 at Belton loses 2, No. 42 at Austin surrendered charter and loses 17, No. 44 at Henrietta surrendered charter and loses 24, No. 45 at Weatherford loses 9, No. 46 at Del Rio loses 6, No. 47 at Sulphur Springs gains 5, No. 48 at Jacksboro loses 16, No. 49 at San Antonio gains 18, No. 50 at Canadian loses 10, No. 51 at Granbury loses 7, No. 52 at Goldthwaite loses 8, No. 53 at Jefferson gains 3, No. 54 at Corpus Christi gains 10, No. 55 at Dublin gains 61, No. 56 at Springtown gains 39, No. 58 at Alvord surrendered charter and loses 24, No. 60 at Graham gains 1, No. 62 at Kaufman loses 7, No. 63 at Greenville loses 7, No. 64 at Fredericksburg loses 3, No. 65 at Coleman loses 8, No. 66 at Abilene gains 3, No. 67 at Brownsville neither loses or gains, No. 68 at Texarkana gains 3, No. 69 at San Angelo gains 2, No. 70 at Waco gains 18 and No. 71 at Poolville gains 1; No. 72 at Alvin just organized.

An inspection of the above statistics will show that outside of a few of the larger Posts the condition of the Southern, Western and Eastern Posts is much better than that of the Posts in North Texas, especially is this true of the Posts located in counties near or adjacent to the Indian territory. It will be observed that our heavy loss in suspensions come from this part of the Department, and all the suspended and disbanded posts lost during this year are from the counties of Tarrant, Wise, Wilbarger, Clay, Cooke and Montague. The Department of Kansas suffered a loss of nearly 900 the year last past, largely attributable to the exodus of comrades to Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, so that we, like our sister Department, must not feel discouraged nor disheartened by the unavoidable net loss of 139 comrades since our last Encampment. As a matter of fact this loss is much more apparent than real. Posts No. 39 at Fort Worth with 54 members and Posts No. 33 at Vernon with 15 will either surrender their charters and thus permit their membership to join other Posts or they will pay up their per capita tax and thus restore 69 comrades to the order, while

as the times improve a large portion of the 449 now remaining upon the suspended list will undoubtedly be reinstated in their respective Posts, and the whole Department advance to continued prosperity. This has been a hard year for the Grand Army throughout the Union, nearly all of the Departments showing losses, but knowing the causes that have diminished our numbers in Texas, and realizing that they are transient and surmountable let us, and realizing all, use every endeavor to make the coming year a successful one for our beloved order.

The Twenty-seventh National Encampment at Indianapolis was largely attended and a grand success in all its details. The Department of Texas made its usual excellent showing in the parade, members being present from Posts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, 18, 19, 26, 32, 38, 46, 53, 54, 55 and 57, about fifty in all. Hearty applause greeted the "Texas boys" all along the line of march, the huge horns borne by Comrade Parisho of Post 32 and Sullivan of Post 55 being the "observed of all observers."

As this is the last Assistant Adjutant General's report that I shall ever write I perhaps may be pardoned if I again refer to matters that I deem of vital importance to this Department. For thirty-seven months I have been in close touch and constant correspondence with the officers of the several Posts of the Department, and I am cognizant of the difficulties and discouragements that impede the growth and prosperity of our noble organization, hence I deem it but right that I transmit to my successors the knowledge that more than three long years of experience have placed in my possession. It will be observed that fully four-fifths of the Posts have a membership in good standing of less than 20, while many of this number fall far below it, and some have less than 10 and it must be apparent to all that every possible encouragement to these weak posts must be given or their existence will be short lived. The suspended list is the foe that is constantly gnawing at the vitals of the order and unless some means can be found to destroy this deadly enemy to our prosperity this Department will speedily become but a handful of veterans. Post officers and comrades should remember that the suspension of four or five comrades per Post means a loss to the Department of nearly three hundred, a loss impossible to overcome by the chartering of new Posts and the increase through recruiting.

Death and migration are depleting our thin line only too rapidly without subjecting it to the terrible drain of suspensions. Every possible effort should be made by Post officers to have Post dues promptly collected and not permit them to accumulate until they appear to be a burden, and in every case where comrades have, through sickness or misfortune, become too poor to pay them they should be remitted and the distressed comrades saved to the order.

Post meetings should be made interesting, so that the comrades will deem it a pleasure and privilege to attend them. If nothing is done except to go through the monotonous details of the Ritual, interest soon ceases, quorums disappear, the life-blood of the Post stagnates and it dies. At all Post meetings, after the regular business is dispatched, some interesting features should be introduced, speeches made, songs sung, reminiscences of the camp and field exchanged, etc., thus causing the comrades to more "closely touch elbows," become more intimately acquainted with each other, and renew the zeal and energy so necessary to maintain the progress and prosperity of the organization. Open meetings occasionally, to which the general public are invited, have been found to accomplish the best of results. Public entertainments, given under the auspices of the Post, always produce good effects, and the more the people of a community become acquainted with the purposes and tenets of our order the more they respect and appreciate it.

It is found that those Posts do much the best that have attached to them a Woman's Relief Corps, and in every case, where it is possible, each Post, not thus provided, should at once organize a corps of this noble band of womanhood. The same is true of the Sons of Veterans. Their camps add largely to the general good of the order, and every encouragement should be given to the boys who are soon to take the places of the "Boys of '61-5."

As the times improve, from correspondence on file in this office, it is believed that new Posts can be chartered at Kerrville, Sandy, Big Springs, Tyler, Hillsboro, Brownwood, Taylor, Ennis, Orange and Amarillo, while if proper effort is put forth the cities of Laredo, Bowie, Henrietta, Alvord and Gainesville, from which charters have been surrendered, can again be provided with excellent Posts of the Grand Army.

In conclusion, Commander, permit me to thank you sincerely for the kindness and consideration you have at all times accorded me. The twelve months spent in your service will ever be treasured by me and appreciated with a grateful heart. To the membership of your staff, to all Post officers and the comradeship throughout the Department, I return my hearty thanks for the generous and comradely treatment I have at all times received at their hands, and with the best of wishes for the success and happiness of each and all, I am,

Very truly and in F., C. and L.,
 J. C. BIGGER,
 Assistant Adjutant General.

The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General was read and referred to comrades W. H. Harvey, W. A. Carnahan and C. C. Haskell. The following is his report:

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 DALLAS, TEX., March 31, 1894. }

JOHN W. PARKS, Department Commander G. A. R., Dallas, Tex.:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: I have the pleasure to hand you herewith abstracts and vouchers for receipts and expenditures for the year ending March 31, 1894.

Yours in F., C. and L.,
 J. L. BOYD, A. Q. M. G.

CASH ACCOUNT.

Received—	
Balance on hand March 21, 1893.....	\$128 69
Per capita tax.....	909 30
Charter fees.....	60 00
Supplies.....	265 .6
Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5.....	12 45
J. N. Diehl.....	1 45
W. H. Harry.....	1 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Expense.....	\$ 903 63
Supplies.....	207 45
Cash on hand.....	267 52
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	\$1378 60 \$1378 60

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

Received March 21, 1893.....	\$ 177 87	
Louis Wagner.....	152 05	
S. H. Taber & Co.....	50 00	
Sanger Bros.....	5 40	
Gain.....	95 52	
Merchandise sold.....		\$285 61
Merchandise on hand.....		196 23
	<u>\$ 481 84</u>	<u>\$481 84</u>

ASSETS.

Cash on hand.....	\$267 52
Supplies on hand.....	196 23
Crook Post No. 49.....	5 60
J. C. Bigger.....	14 75
C. W. Hartuf, old account.....	50
George F. Robie, old account.....	30
J. W. Timby, old account.....	1 00
W. H. Holt, old account.....	20
Department banner.....	54 50
Debtor headquarters, office fixtures.....	30 00
	<u>\$570 60</u>

Statement of expense of the Department of Texas for fiscal year ending March 31, 1894.

Salary Assistant Adjutant General.....	\$ 325 00
Salary Assistant Quartermaster General.....	162 50
Rent Department headquarters.....	65 00
Postage and stationery.....	58 40
Express.....	3 25
Mustering officer.....	46 55
Telegram to Ketchum.....	25
Mailing tubes.....	2 25
Supplies { Sanger Bros.....	5 40
{ Louis Wagner.....	152 05
{ S. H. Taber & Co.....	50 00
Exchange.....	65
National per capita tax.....	39 28
Expense at Headquarters National Encampment.....	46 75
Banner for Headquarters' car.....	2 25
Printing proceedings Department Encampment.....	105 00
Debtor general orders, etc.....	46 50
	<u>\$1111 08</u>

Statement of per capita tax due from Posts, Department of Texas
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Sedgwick Post No. 39	\$11 70
Hooker Post No. 68	4 50
Merritt Post No. 69	4 50
Crockett Post No. 70	6 00
Raum Post No. 71.,	3 00
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	\$29 70

Upon motion, reading of the Reports of the other Department officers was dispensed with and said reports were referred and ordered printed in the published proceedings of the encampment.

The following Comrades were then appointed a standing Committee on Resolutions viz: J. M. Steere, Edwin Ketchum and A. Metzler.

An invitation from the Commercial Club of Louisville Kentucky, inviting the Grand Army to hold its National Encampment in said city, in 1895, was read by the Assistant Adjutant General as follows:

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB, }
LOUISVILLE, March 24, 1894. }

Mr. John W. Parks, Commander G. A. R., Dallas, Texas:

DEAR SIR—The people of this city have extended, through the Commercial Club and other organizations, to the Grand Army of the Republic a cordial invitation to hold its annual Encampment of 1895 in Louisville. Our central location, accessibility, ability to secure the lowest railroad rates and to provide comfortably for all members of the Grand Army, with their families, our nearness to the great national wonder, Mammoth Cave, and to many notable battlefields and other places of historic war interest, as Camp Joe Holt and the National cemetery, together with the fact that the Grand Army has never heretofore met South of the Ohio river, to say nothing of our city's reputation for hospitality, seems to us to designate Louisville as the logical meeting place for 1895.

We hereby tender to the Texas Department an especially hearty invitation to become the guests of our city on

the occasion mentioned and hope you will lay this communication before your Department at Dublin and ask that its Past Commanders and delegates to the Encampment of 1894 at Pittsburg be instructed to vote as a unit in favor of Louisville as the location of the Encampment in 1895.

With assurances of very great respect for the Union veterans of Texas and yourself, and with the promise that, should the Grand Army come to our city in 1895, we will extend to all its members, and especially to those of your Department, a genuine Kentucky welcome and hospitality, I beg you to believe me, faithfully,

J. H. MILLIKEN, Chairman.
WM. GOLGAN, Secretary R., M. and T. Com.

Past Department Commander Mann offered the following resolution and, upon motion, it was unanimously adopted:—

"WHEREAS, The city of Louisville, through its Mayor and General Council, its Commercial Club and its Grand Army Posts, has extended to the Grand Army of the Republic, and especially to this Department, a sincere and urgent invitation to hold the Annual Encampment of the organization for 1895 within her hospitable gates, and,

"WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Department that this generous invitation should be accepted in the same cordial spirit in which it is made,

'And now be it resolved, That the Past Commanders and delegates from this Department be, and they hereby are instructed to vote as a unit at the Encampment of 1894 at Pittsburg in favor of the city of Louisville as the place for holding the Annual Encampment for 1895."

M. W. MANN.

Upon motion the Department Commander appointed Past Department Commanders A. G. Malloy, M. W. Mann, O. G. Peterson, and J. W. Burke, Past Post Commander of No. 10 at Austin, a committee to draft suitable resolutions upon the death of Past Department Commander J. C. DeGress.

Upon motion of Comrade Ketchum, a portion of the Hall was set aside for seating the delegates and representatives of the Encampment.

Upon motion of Post Commander Carnahan, Past Department Commander O. G. Peterson was appointed a committee of one, to wait upon the young lady Cadets of Comanche and extend to them the sincere thanks of this Encampment, and upon motion, the Encampment adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

RECEPTION PROCEEDINGS.

The opera house, where the reception was held, was packed long before the hour of opening, and many were turned away who could not gain admittance.

Col. J. G. Stocks presided as master of ceremonies, and opened the exercises in a neat speech.

The Cisco Silver Band played a selection, after which Mayor McCain was introduced and spoke as follows:

MAYOR M'CAIN'S WELCOME ADDRESS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, and comrades of both Blue and Gray: It has been made my pleasant duty on this occasion to extend to all present a cordial greeting and a hearty welcome. It is useless for me to say to you that Dublin welcomes you, and feels proud of having your presence on this occasion. While we know that we are not as large as some of the cities that competed for this meeting, and perhaps are not prepared to give you as many comforts as some might have done, still we feel just as large in ways, and will do all in our power to make you feel that you have not been disappointed, and we intend to treat you in such a manner that we trust you will never regret having named Dublin as the place of meeting for your Ninth Annual Encampment.

I feel proud to-night to see so many of the old veterans before me. I have a two-fold cause for rejoicing over this meeting—first, that we succeeded in securing it over the

competition of many larger cities, and second, because this meeting will record a new feature in the history of our nation. The invitation that was extended to you at your eighth annual meeting, held in the city of Denison last year, was from the city council and board of trade of this place, and was presented to you by Gen. J. T. Harris, president at that time of the Erath and Comanche County ex-Confederate Association, one of the largest camps in the United States. and at that time he extended to you an invitation through our camp asking you to hold your Ninth annual meeting at this place, something never before known—an ex-Confederate association inviting the Grand Army of the Republic to meet and hold a joint re-union. I again say, fellow-citizens, it makes a place in our coming history, and means a great deal.

On the 20th day of June, 1891, a small number of ex-Federal soldiers met in our city for the purpose of organizing a G. A. R. Post. I had the pleasure of going before that little body, and in behalf of this city extended to them an invitation to make this their headquarters. The invitation was accepted and the Post was named after one of the grandest men that ever trod upon Texas soil—Gen. Sam Houston. Sam Houston Post has prospered, and I trust it will never have cause to move its headquarters from our midst. At the time that the ex-Federals met here to organize a Post, I had more than one object in view. One was that we wanted them to make this their headquarters, and another was that it had been instilled into the minds of the Southern people that the G. A. R. was a political organization, and knowing that such was not the case, I wanted to see a post organized in our midst to prove the fallacy of this assertion. It has done much good. The people have become convinced that your organization is purely a charitable institution.

Fellow citizens, when Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to Gen. U. S. Grant on the 9th day of April, 1865, and the contest was decided against us, we accepted the situation in good faith, feeling no sense of dishonor and acknowledging no inferiority. Equal as free men, true to the constitution, and loyal thereunder, our acknowledging the stars and stripes cannot interfere with affections we hold for another flag borne aloft amid the heat of battle by the gallant private soldiers who left their homes

and families and rushed into the storm of leaden hail and met the iron shot and shell from the cannon's mouth. When hope had abandoned our leaders, still we upheld our battered Southern cross, and when all was lost and we returned to our desolate homes and wrecked fortunes, we were, yes, we are still devoted to our glorious banner, as the poet priest of the South said:

"For though conquered, we adore it,
Love the cold hand that bore it,
And weep for those who fell before it."

My fellow citizens, I merely mention these facts to show to you that we feel endeared to our *comrades and lost cause*. I feel sure that you appreciate our position, and I don't believe there is a single true and brave ex-Federal soldier who wants to humiliate or cast a slur on a true ex-Confederate soldier. As I said before, when General Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia, we accepted the situation, and from that day, have been, and will ever be, true to the American flag. I don't believe there is an ex-Confederate soldier under the sound of my voice, yea, in the United States, that made a true and brave soldier but would to-day die with you and stand side by side with you to repel invasion or resent insult.

In conclusion, allow me to again extend to all present a hearty welcome, and I trust that your stay in our city may be pleasant, and when you return to your respective homes you may bear pleasant memories of Dublin that time cannot obliterate or diminish.

RESPONSE OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JOHN W. PARKS.

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be among friends there. Your sincere and cordial welcome more than confirms that belief, and I assure you of our hearty appreciation and gratitude, and I trust that our short stay in your city may tend to strengthen the ties of friendship which now bind us together as citizens of this great state and nation.

Among the delegates to our Encampment, are men from almost every state in the union who have taken up our abode in this great Lone Star State, and who are doing all in our power to build up and advance every interest of our common country.

We represent an organization whose principles are fraternity, charity and loyalty. We are banded together shoulder to shoulder with us in the dark days of 1861 to '65. We are banded together to care for the widows and orphans of our comrades who fell in defense of our flag—that flag which to-day all Americans love. We are all Americans and brothers. We have one common country, and we are all—those who wore the blue and those who wore the gray—proud of the flag that floats above us. Every one honors a man who has the courage to fight for his convictions. If our brothers did fight us, no one can deny that they did it well—and we respect them—and there is every reason to believe that they have a like respect for us.

Some have gotten the idea that the Grand Army of the Republic as an organization, have unfriendly feelings toward the south. Let me assure you most emphatically that such is not the case—there is no ill will and no enmity in our organization. We know no party, for in our ranks are numbered members of all political parties, and our cardinal virtues are:

1st.—Fraternity. In our organization, are about 500,000 comrades, bound together in a fraternity cemented by the *blood* of nearly 500,000 more of our fallen comrades from Gettysburg to the gulf and from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic.

2nd.—Charity. To render aid and comfort to our poor and helpless comrades, their widows and orphans—to help hold up the poor unfortunate ones, who after years of exposure and camp life are not able to control themselves, and

to throw the mantle of charity over them because the good they rendered in their service of the country should atone for frailties of the present.

3d—Loyalty to our country, to an entire united republic—to a nation supreme and powerful, able to command and demand the respect of all nations of the earth.

I know, Mr. Mayor, we shall hold this visit in cherished remembrance and I trust you and your kind people will never regret having entertained the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of the Texas Grand Army of the Republic, for in so doing you have placed your city on the list of the progressive cities of our state, and have made friends of men who will be ready to defend the interest and good name of your beloved city. Again I thank you for your cordial welcome extended to us.

Gen. J. T. Harris was then introduced, and made the address of welcome on behalf of the ex-Confederates of Comanche and Erath counties.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gen. J. C. Bigger responded to Gen. Harris.

Unfortunately, we are not a shorthand reporter, and, therefore, can not reproduce the noble sentiments expressed by these gentlemen.

The band then gave the "Bugle Call" medley, which thrilled the old soldiers, after which Capt. T. O. Moore's young lady cadets of Comanche gave the flag drill, which was a beautiful maneuver and captured the house. Capt. Moore told how he had come to organize the company for a reunion of his comrades, and gave the credit of the flag drill to one of the teachers of Comanche schools. The following is a list of the names of the cadets:

Misses Lillie Burks, Lucy Rogers, Mary Overall, Mollie Moore, Bertha Walling, Grace Stone, Estelle Lacy, Laura Walker, Julia Wright, Fannie McCrary, Annie Kelley, Maggie Henderson, Carrie Morris, Beulah Morris, Ida Johnson, Grace Helms, Willie Ause, Tilda Brown, Pearl Hart, Hattie Hart, Laura S. Kinnie, Carrie Turner.

J. J. Eager made a very impressive speech of ten minutes, after which Post Commander Roch made a talk brim full of patriotism and fraternity—fraternity of the blue and the gray—which ended in a very pretty tableaux, the clasping of hands of the blue and the gray, with a background of two young ladies holding "Old Glory" over their heads.

Col. Roch was followed by the reading of an original poem from the pen of Capt. Jack Crawford entitled:

"THE GRAY AND THE BLUE IN DOMESTIC LIFE."

BY CAPT. JACK CRAWFORD, "THE POET SCOUT."

[Written for the Ninth Annual Encampment G. A. R. Department of Texas.]

A yankee youth, a boy in blue,
Served as a soldier brave and true,
And when the bloody strife had closed
To hasten home felt indisposed.
Some hinted that he did not dare
To face some ugly rumors there—
To put the matters rather mild,
The oats he'd sown were very wild.
So, when the fearful war was done
He cast away his Springfield gun,
And settling in a southern state,
Began to hustle for a mate.
He found a widow, one whose lord
Had fallen by a yankee sword,
Or by a yankee bullet sent
From union lines on mischief bent.
His tones were soft as tuneful lute
As he began to press his suit,
And she, grown tired of loneliness,
Soon whispered the decisive "Yes."
They married were, and for a while
Each face just glittered with a smile—
No bickerings, no hot turmoil
But all was smooth as flowing oil
One day while in a cranky mood
He let fall an assertion rude
About his late opponents, and
She all too quickly "called his hand."
Her southern blood boiled up until
She seems just mad enough to kill,
And with a haughty toss of head
She shook a wifely fist and said

The valiant men who wore the gray
Were as good as he was any day,
And if she in the future heard
Another spiteful slurring word,
About the southern soldier true,
She'd cook his bacon, p. d. q.
Well, very often after that
They had a somewhat lively spat,
And, as is very easy guessed,
He always came out second best.
Their frequent quarrels soon became
A matter of reproach and shame,
For neighbors heard of every muss
And talked about them scandalous.
He swore he'd never yield, and she
Was just as firmly set as he—
He called her an old rebel crank,
She titled him a sneaking yank,
And while she claimed the men in gray
Were far the bravest, he would say
They couldn't hold a candle to
The valiant men who wore the blue.
When they had been a short year wed
He kissed her cheek one day and said:
'My dear, we never can agree
On such a question, for, you see,
You are of loyal southern brand,
While I'm a son of yankeeland.
By argument, my darling wife,
We'll live in never-ending strife.
Of war let's call for a cessation
And settle it by arbitration.
Let Nature be the judge, and we
Abide by Nature's wise decree.
You've told me I must soon prepare
To greet a little baby heir,
And I am longing for the day
When in your arms I'll see it lay.
Now, darling, let us end our strife
And try to live a peaceful life
By each agreeing to a scheme
To end this dark domestic dream.
We will not mention war again
Till darling baby comes, and then
If its dear little eyes are gray
I'll be a rebel from that day,
But should they happen to be blue,
Then you must be a yankee true.'
She quick agreed, he kissed her cheek
And promised he would never speak
Another harsh or unkind word
Till umpire Nature should be heard.
Their lives ran smooth as polished glass
Till the expected came to pass,

And prouder man ne'er wore a head
 Than he, when with imperious tread
 The doctor lead him into see
 The increase in his family.
 His face was wreathed in smiles, until
 The sunshine from it seemed to spill
 In liquid brightness to the floor
 As entered he her chamber door,
 He hastened quickly to her side
 And in most cherry accents cried:
 "The judge has spoken—which one wins?"
 She pointed to a pair of twins.
 And then he saw to his dismay,
 One's eyes were blue—the other's gray.
 He gazed with ever-widening eyes,
 His bosom rent with blank surprise,
 Until his wife in tender voice
 Said: "Hubby, darling, let's rejoice
 At this great blessing God has sent—
 Our peace will nevermore be rent
 With such a rebellious talk from me,
 For I can very plainly see
 These pretty little cherubs here
 Are but the fruits of union, dear,
 When we began our bitter fight,
 Which turned our day to starless night,
 Had I seceded, 'pon my word,
 This thing would never have occurred.
 From this day forward, evermore,
 You find me Union to the core."

After the meeting was over and the enthusiastic crowd had left the hall, groups of "Yanks" and "Johnnies" would congregate on the streets and discuss the good points of the various speeches and other interesting features of the day's proceedings and entertainment.

The arches illuminated with electric lights, "Welcome to the Blue and Gray," and "G. A. R. Headquarters" were the points of attraction. The people of Dublin were complimented in the highest terms on their efforts to make the Encampment a success, and old veterans who have attended Encampments for years said it was the best display that had been given in any Encampment in Texas unless it was El Paso. Even Denison acknowledged it was far ahead of their efforts.

The jubilee continued long past midnight when a crowd secured anvils and fired salutes, which wakened the slumbers of those who had retired.

It was truly a glorious day for Dublin and its visitors.



Second Day--Wednesday, April 4th.

MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment was called to order by Department Commander Parks at 9 o'clock.

On motion of Comrade Ketchum the following resolution was adopted as reported by the standing committee on resolutions.

Resolved, That the election of officers for the ensuing year be made the special order of the day at 10 A. M. to-day.

E. KETCHUM.

J. W. PARKS, Department Commander

We hereby recommend that the resolution fixing the hour at 10 A. M. for the election of officers be changed to read 2 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, April 4th, and that same be adopted.

JAMES M. STEERE, Chairman,
E. KETCHUM,
A. METZLER.

On motion, the following comrades were appointed to wait upon the Woman's Relief Corps, viz: Mann, Petit, Brownlee, Alvord and Taggart.

On motion, a recess of fifteen minutes was had to have the photographs of the members of the Encampment taken in a group.

value of \$4, which we suggest be condemned and destroyed, and his account credited for same to that amount.

We further find delinquent accounts against deceased and dropped comrades to the amount of \$1.70 transferred from former A. Q. M. and suggest that he be instructed to charge same to profit and loss account.

We would not be doing justice to the author of these books and accounts if we failed to say that the Department has had in Comrade Boyd one of the most painstaking of accountants, well deserving the thanks of this Encampment.

Very respectfully,

W. H. HARVEY, Chairman,

W. A. CARNAHAN,

C. C. HASKELL,

Committee.

The Department Inspector, Col. W. F. Thatcher, submitted his report as follows :

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, G. A. R., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1893.

NAME OF POST.	NO. OF POST.	Number of Members in good standing.	Is the work in the Ritual committed to memory and properly performed?	Are the Officers and Guards properly uniformed and equipped?	Are the Members uniformed and equipped?	Are the Officers regular in their attendance?	Are the Members regular in their attendance?	Do they exhibit an interest in the Post?	Are all the records complete and well kept?	Are orders received regularly, read to the Post and on file?	Are they duly observed?	Have all reports and taxes been forwarded?	Amount charged for muster-in.	Amount charged for per capita taxes.	Is there a relief fund for charitable purposes?	How much money is in the relief fund?	Amount of money and securities in hands of Quartermaster.	Value of all other property owned by the Post?	Is there a Corps of the W. R. C. connected with the Post?	Total amount expended for Charity.	What are the prospects for the future?
Dick Yates	59	16	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$1 50	25c	No	None	None	\$25 00	No	\$ 2 60	Good
Ord	3	53	No	Partly	No	Yes	Fai'y	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3 75	\$3 00	Yes	\$37 93	\$300 00	None	No	None	Good
Sill	61	20	No	Partly	Partly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 00	50c	Yes	2 50	None	2 50	No	2 50	Good
Ellsworth	18	15	No	Partly	Partly	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1 00	50c	No	None	10 00	12 00	No	10 00	Good
Putnam	38	26	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 50	75c	No	None	3 42	40 00	No	None	Good
A. H. Terry	64	21	No	No	Partly	Yes	Yes	Fair	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 50	30c	No	None	None	28 60	No	None	Good
Raum	71	10	No	No	Partly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 50	25c	No	None	None	None	No	None	Good
Kilpatrick	40	Not Given	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3 00	25c	No	None	None	13 85	No	None	Good
Opydycke	53	13	No	Partly	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 50	Not Given	No	None	15c	10 00	No	None	Fair
Parmly	4	72	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 00	75c	No	None	None	Non	Yes	None	Good
Emmett Crawford	19	45	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5 00	\$1 50	No	None	None	300 00	Yes	47 00	Good
John A. Logan	23	20	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	little	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1 00	50c	No	None	None	50 00	No	3 50	Gloomy
E. A. Starling	21	12	No	No	No	Some	Are	Yes	Fai'y	Yes	Yes	Yes	1 00	30c	No	None	None	None	No	None	Not Good
Gen'l Lytle	63	18	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	But little	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 50	50c	No	None	None	None	No	None	Not Good
Custer	32	15	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 00	50c	No	None	None	1 50	No	None	Good
John C. Fremont	47	24	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1 00	50c	No	None	\$ 15 85	24 75	Yes	100 00	Good
John A. Dix	11	93	Yes	Yes	Partly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3 00	90c	Yes	\$23 41	23 41	None	No	10 00	Good
Geo. B. McClellan	9	31	Yes	No	Partly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 00	\$1 00	No	None	33 45	None	No	49 00	Good
Geo. H. Thomas	6	71	Yes	Partly	Partly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5 00	\$3 00	No	None	11 00	325 70	Yes	None	Fair
A. M. Barney	97	11	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 00	\$1 00	No	None	30 70	138 20	Yes	6 25	Very Bright
Crockett	70	38	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 75	\$1 00	No	None	3 05	25 00	No	None	Good
E. J. Davis	54	23	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 50	25c	No	None	9 45	32 00	Yes	3 50	Good
Burnside	56	49	Yes	Partly	Partly	Par'y	Par'y	little	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1 60	35c	No	None	None	None	No	25 00	Good
Garfield	15	11	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1 50	90c	No	None	10 50	103 25	No	None	Good
G'l Sam Houston	55	71	No	Partly	Partly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3 00	75c	No	None	25 00	20 35	No	None	Good
Holcomb	57	15	Yes	No	No	Yes	Fair	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 50	\$1 00	No	None	63 48	None	1	None	Fair
W. Hancock	2	50	No	No	No	Yes	Fair	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1 00	25c	No	None	4 30	None	None	5 00	Fair
Travis	68	14	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 90	\$1 50	Yes	\$45 65	46 07	70 00	Yes	91 95	Good
Augustus Belknap	37	26	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1 00	50c	Yes	\$15 45	70 15	97 00	Yes	None	N G
Nathanel Lyons	5	156	Par'y	Partly	Partly	Yes	Good	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1 50	25c	No	None	None	None	No	2 00	Poor
A. J. Smith	52	9	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 00	15c	No	None	None	None	No	None	N G
U. S. Grant	31	9	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	50c	No	None	None	None	None	No	None	N G
Wainwright	72	14	Not in existence until March, 1894.			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$1 50	50c	No	None	None	None	No	None	N G
Rousseau	69	14	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 00	15c	No	None	None	None	No	None	N G

Respectfully Submitted in F. C. & L.,
W. F. THATCHER, Department Inspector.

The following letter of regret from Comrade Jack Crawford was read by the Assistant Adjutant General, and the thanks of the Encampment extended Comrade Crawford for his excellent poem :

CHICAGO, March 23, 1894.

DEAR COMRADE CHRISTIAN: I wired you on Saturday, the 17th instant, that if my expenses from Chicago to Dublin and return were paid, I would cancel dates already made and be with you at your Encampment. In order to go to you I would have been obliged to throw up something over \$400 worth of dates already made, and some others that are now pending. In my present financial condition I felt that I could not do this and expend the cash necessary to carry me there and back. The losing of the dates would have proved a rather severe loss to me, and the further expenditure of from \$60 to \$80 in cash would have been a drain which justice to myself and family would not admit. I have now waited five days for a reply to my telegram, and having heard nothing from you have concluded you would not assume the responsibility of guaranteeing the expenses, and will go ahead and close other dates asked for early in April.

I greatly regret that I can not be with you, as I have a great desire to meet again with the Texas comrades and their ex-Confederate friends. Nothing but an extraordinary desire to be with you would have prompted me to cancel good dates, which meant sure money to me. I had thought that perhaps while in Texas I could have made other dates, which would make good the loss, but as that was only a supposition you can see the risk I would take. I yet hope to make a tour of the State, perhaps next winter, and hope for a good time with the Texas boys if I don't make a dollar.

I send you some of my printed matter, which will show you how I am advertising my entertainments. I am drawing great houses everywhere I appear, and am told I am the very best platform entertainer that ever faced an American audience. I don't know how that is, but I do know that I create a sensation everywhere I go, and am at once solicited to make an early return date. I sometimes get my audiences so wild that they get right up on their feet and give me a round of cheers, and that is something unusual in platform entertainments. A man came here this morning from Menomonic, Mich., and secured me for the 19th, 20th and 21st of April at \$75 each evening, and on the 18th I go to Appleton, Wis., for one evening for \$100. I am making such dates right along, and

will have April booked solid. Thus you can readily see the sacrifice I was willing to make to be with you at your annual love-feast. I have prepared a new sort of blue and gray poem especially to recite at your Encampment. I will have a copy made for you, and I venture to say it will be published all over the South. It is a humorous production, and will create fun among the old boys of both sides of the muss.

Remember me with fraternal love to all the comrades, and say to them that it is one of the greatest disappointments of my life that I cannot be with them. Shake Comrade Bigger's honest hand real hard for me, and give him my fatherly blessing. Tell the ex-Confederate boys that I intended to come loaded for 'b'ar," and anticipated a great time with them. I have a fund of ex-Confederate material which I delight in drawing upon when facing a crowd of the old fellows who stood up like soldiers and battled against me.

With the deepest regret that I cannot be with you, and with the earnest wish that your Encampment may be a great outpouring of fraternal love and may yet further strengthen the golden bonds of peace and good will which now unite the blue and the gray in the great fold of brotherhood, I am,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. W. CRAWFORD, "Capt. Jack."

The Assistant Adjutant General read the following communication :

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS STATE OF OHIO, }
 OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, }
 COLUMBUS, March 15, 1894. }

Post Commander :

SIR—This Department is preparing an office register of all living ex-soldiers of Ohio organizations for use in this office, showing rank, postoffice address, company letter and name of organization and arm of service.

This is a matter of great importance to all ex-soldiers, their widows and orphans, who daily write this Department for information.

I trust that you will aid us to the extent of furnishing us with a complete roster of the Ohio soldiers of your Post, and in addition the names of any other ex-soldiers of Ohio organizations of whom you may have any knowledge.

Please preserve this letter and post in a conspicuous place in Post room, and if same becomes mutilated apply to this Department for a new copy.

In addition to the above, it would make this register much more valuable if you would report yearly to this office, noting all changes by reason of death, removal, etc.

Thanking you in advance for the desired information, I have the honor to be, sir,

Very respectfully,

JAMES C. HOWE, Adjutant General.

The following resolutions received the unqualified and unanimous recommendation of the standing committee upon resolutions, and, upon motion, were all adopted :

Resolved, That we recommend that seats in the National Encampment be balloted for and not be given by letters alphabetically arranged as at present.

D. MACKAY.

Resolved, That the poem of Captain Jack Crawford to our Ninth Annual Encampment of Texas be ordered printed in the proceedings of this Encampment.

O. G. PETERSON.

Resolved, That Col. J. C. Bigger be instructed to have 300 copies of the proceedings of this Encampment published and that he be paid the sum of twenty-five dollars for his services for compiling same.

O. G. PETERSON.

Resolved, That a portion of this hall be set aside for the seating of delegates only, so as to facilitate the dispatch of business.

E. KETCHUM.

Comrade Mackay offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee of three on pensions be appointed.

JOHN W. PARKS, Department Commander :

We, your committee on resolutions, would respectfully refer back the resolutions attached with the request that the author state definitely what he desires by this committee to be appointed. It seems proper to us that a motion to have such a committee appointed, and when they report such resolutions they can be referred to the committee on resolutions in a proper manner.

JAS. M. STEERE, Chairman,
E. KETCHUM,
A. METZLER.

The report of the committee was adopted.

The following report from the State President of the Woman's Relief Corps was read :

DALLAS, Texas, April 3, 1894.

JOHN W. PARKS, Commander of Department of Texas :

According to rules and regulations, I send to you a report of the relief of the Woman's Relief Corps of this Department for the year ending December 31, 1893 :

Spent for relief.	\$80 37
Other than money.....	26 50

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA B. LEEDS,
Department President.

Comrade Kretsinger offered the following :

Resolved, That in the published proceedings of Department of Texas G. A. R. there shall be included in said report the picture of every Past Department Commander of this Department, and they shall be arranged so that the picture of Gov. E. J. Davis shall be in the center with the others clustering around.

The committee's report on the above was as follows :

JOHN W. PARKS, Commander Department of Texas :

SIR AND COMRADE : Your committee to whom was referred the resolution of Comrade Kretsinger, suggesting that in publication of the proceedings of the Ninth Encampment of the Department of Texas G. A. R., there shall be included the pictures of all the Past Commanders of the Department, beg leave to report the idea as a good one and ask that it be adopted; provided, the cuts of said pictures be provided at no expense to this Department.

JAS. M. STEERE, Chairman,
E. KETCHUM,
A. METZLER.

The resolution and report were adopted.

The following resolution :

Resolved, That we recommend to each post the reduc-

tion of fees to zero, so as to keep up the required quorums.
MACKAY.

Was reported on as follows by the committee :

JOHN W. PARKS, Department Commander :

Regarding resolution referring to dues to be charged, we consider that each Post is fully competent to legislate upon and determine whenever any member deserves same to be remitted, and we consider the dues as now assessed are as low as can be named to keep up the necessary expenses and meet demands for charity.

J. M. STEERE, Chairman,
E. KETCHUM,
A. METZLER.

The report of the committee was adopted.

Comrade McCormick offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized to purchase a pair of horns for the Department of Texas, as every year we are obliged to hire or borrow a pair of horns to attend the National Encampments, as they seem to be the emblem of our state.

The following is the report of the committee upon resolutions upon the same :

John W. Parks, Department Commander :

We, your committee to whom was referred the resolution to purchase a pair of horns for the Department of Texas G. A. R., earnestly recommend that same be passed, and would further recommend that when same are mounted that they should be so arranged that they could be carried by four comrades instead of one, as our members are getting old and the weight of such horns as we desire to properly represent this great State are necessarily very heavy.

J. M. STEERE, Chairman,
E. KETCHUM,
A. METZLER,

The resolution and report thereon were both adopted.

The following resolution from Wright Post No. 26 was read :

At a regular meeting of the George W. Wright Post

No. 26, G. A. R., at Paris, Texas, their delegate to the Encampment at Dublin was instructed to present the following resolution :

WHEREAS, A great many old soldiers in Texas have joined the Grand Army Posts for the only purpose of enabling them to procure a pension, after the first payment has once been received they lose all interest in the Grand Army Post meetings and refuse to come up and be active members and pay their dues, but regularly they come around every three months to get some old soldier to witness their pension voucher. Some old soldiers are drawing their pensions in a sneaking way—afraid to let their neighbors know that they are drawing it. They are afraid of incurring the displeasure of their fellow-citizens, and are doing their best to deny their services to the old flag.

It is the opinion of this Post that the Department Encampment should take such steps, by resolution or otherwise addressed to the committee on pensions at Washington, the House of Representatives or of the Senate, that will require every man who claims a pension to produce a certificate from the Grand Army Post in his neighborhood showing that such soldier is a member in good standing in the Post, and that the Post is willing to vouch for his disabilities on which he claims a pension. Every man drawing a pension in Texas should belong to a Post and none but those too badly crippled or too old should be excused from attending a Post once every three months. Any soldier with a spark of manhood in him should be willing to donate a few paltry dollars per annum out of his pension money to keep up the Grand Army organization and to help to take care of old soldiers and their widows and orphans who do not draw a pension.

Let a live membership in a Post be a *test* for the procurement of a pension. Comrades will then stick together as of yore.

R. HERZ, Post Commander.

J. R. GOLDEN, Adjutant,
March 12, 1894.

The committee on resolutions submitted the following report upon the same.

J. W. Parks, Department Commander G. A. R., Department of Texas:

DEAR SIR. Your committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of George W. Wright Post No. 26, regarding

live membership in a Grand Army Post as a test for the procurance of a pension, beg to report that inasmuch as the government has already so much red tape to go through with, and, as present conducted, almost impossible for an old soldier to prove his claim and obtain a pension, we do not deem it advisable to recommend the resolution, as it would not have the desired effect of making friends for our order, and while we may agree with comrades of Wright Post in the abstract, but to carry out the resolution we consider same utterly impracticable.

JAS. M. STEERE, Chairman.
E. KETCHUM,
A. METZLER.

The report of the committee was adopted.

On motion, the Encampment adjourned to attend the drill exercises of the young ladies of Comanche.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion, a committee was appointed to confer with the members of the American Veteran Association at 7:30 P. M.

The special committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions relative to the death of Past Department Commander J. C. DeGress submitted the following, which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote :

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Army of the Republic,
Department of Texas :

WHEREAS, This Encampment has learned, with profound regret, of the demise of our beloved Comrade and Past Department Commander, Jacob C. DeGress; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Comrade DeGress this Department has suffered an irreparable loss and the State has lost a worthy patriot and highly respected citizen; further

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family of our deceased Comrade our most heartfelt sympathy.

Another gallant defender of the Union in the days of

its peril has taken up his line of march to "fames's eternal camping ground."

Col. DeGress, who died at Austin on the 19th instant, was born near Berlin, Germany, in 1845. His father was a man of note and influence in his native land, and with Dr. Kinkel and other leading Prussian patriots brought on the Berlin revolution of 1848. After its failure he fled to this country, and settled at Cape Girardeau, Mo., when his family rejoined him the following year, Jacob being of the number.

At the breaking out of our great civil war Jacob C. DeGress, then a youth of eighteen years, entered the Union army, and was assigned to the Eighth Missouri cavalry. It was not long before the superb soldierly qualities of the boy volunteer attracted the attention of the Colonel of his regiment, and the first promotion from the ranks of the Eighth was Jacob C. DeGress to the grade of Second Lieutenant.

In 1864 he was commissioned Captain of his company and left the service in 1865 a Lieutenant Colonel by brevet, which honor was conferred for distinguished gallantry in battle.

On the reorganization of the army after the close of the war he was appointed a Captain of the Nineteenth United States cavalry and continued to serve with said regiment until 1870, when he was retired on account of severe wounds received during the war.

He was State Superintendent of Education during the administration of that sterling patriot, Gov. E. J. Davis, and to him is due the honor of having established the present system of free schools in the State of Texas; was Commander of this Department, Grand Army of the Republic, from 1888 to 1889; was twice Postmaster and Mayor of Austin and Chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee.

Col. DeGress was not only a soldier of superb courage and devoted loyalty but a man of superior intellect. As he was loyal to the land of his adoption, so he was true to his friends, even to the jeopardy of life and fortune.

M. W. MANN,
A. G. MALLOY,
O. G. PETERSON,
J. W. BURKE.

The Department Chaplain submitted his report as follows :

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN,

To the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas G. A. R. held at Dublin, April 3-5, 1894.

COMMANDER AND COMRADE : Nine Posts reported as observing Memorial Day as follows:

Hancock Post No. 2, Galveston—H. G. Niblo, Chaplain: The Post assembled in a body, proceeded to the cemetery with a wagon load of flowers. These were strewn on the graves of our dead Comrades, previously marked with flags, after which the services were read and all went home. N. L. Rich, Post Commander.

Parmerly Post No. 4, Fort Worth—James T. Lynch, Post Chaplain: The Post assembled on Sabbath, May 30th, in St. Paul's M. E. Church. Fifty Comrades were in attendance, twenty in uniform. Rev. D. C. Ridgeway, pastor of the church, delivered the discourse. Twenty-three graves were decorated. The ritual service was performed. About 25 members of the Woman's Relief Corps and a fair attendance of citizens.

Ellsworth Post No. 18, McKinney—G. W. Grossin, Post Chaplain: On Memorial Day, 12 Comrades in attendance, 10 in uniform; 2 graves were decorated. No ritual service. An oration at the graves by E. M. Smith.

Jeff C. Davis Post No. 36, Fort Davis—Otis M. Keesey, Post Chaplain: Memorial Day observed. Four Comrades in attendance, all in uniform. The ritual service performed at the cemetery. Met at the house of Comrade Keesey and proceeded from there to the cemetery, carrying the Post banner and the stars and stripes with flowers. Had no music. We gathered around the graves of our departed Comrades with the old flag, without a note of music or a farewell gun, none present but our own.

Belknap Post No. 37, San Antonio—S. Seebler, Acting Chaplain: Observed Memorial Day, 18 Comrades in attendance, all in uniform; 100 graves decorated. No salute fired on account of the Superintendent of the National cemetery being very sick. The ritual service was performed at the cemetery. Woman's Relief Corps, ex-Confederates, Sabbath Schools and citizens participated. Post paraded

the streets preceded by the military band. Oration delivered by Comrade T. F. Winthrop. The parade was an entire success, no less than ten different societies participating, and in the evening services were inaugurated by the Woman's Relief Corps.

Opdycke Post No. 53, Marshall—Thomas Smith, Post Chaplain: Memorial Day observed, not in a body. Commander Welch, Comrades Chase and Smith attended, wearing badges. Dr. Jenkins of the Baptist church delivered an address. Commander Welch brought flags and marked the graves and with Comrade H. Max decorated 11 graves. No other service.

E. J. Davis Post No. 54, Corpus Christi—T. E. Wells, J. V. C., Acting Chaplain: Attended service on Sabbath. Addressed by Rev. J. B. Hardwick, Baptist minister. Five Comrades were in attendance, all in uniform. Twenty-seven graves were decorated. Salute fired by Corpus Christi Light Guards with muskets. The ritual services were performed at the cemetery. Ex-Confederates, military, Knights of Honor, Knights and Ladies of Honor and citizens generally participated. Orations by Henry Graves and Rev. J. B. Hardwick. Recitation by Miss Ruth De Lacie. Soldier's song. Graves were decorated by twelve little girls in white.

Sam Houston Post No. 55, Dublin—W. H. Christian, Acting Chaplain: Discourse on Sabbath by Rev. J. T. Harris, Baptist, ex-Confederate. Thirty-one Comrades in attendance, twenty in uniform. Two graves decorated. Salute fired with muskets. The ritual service was performed at the park over the monument prepared. Sons of Veterans, I. O. O. F., K. of P., firemen, ex-Confederates and citizens participated. A parade through the city to the park with fife and drum. Mayor McCain made the opening address. Response by Commander John Roch. Addresses were also made by Col. Stokes, Major Gillett and one other, a minister. The exercises were highly commended by all.

Post No. 60, Graham—Daniel Messenger, Post Chaplain: Day observed, 8 Comrades in attendance; 3 graves decorated. Ex-Confederates participated with ex-Federals. Orations by Capt. H. T. Gray, Rev. Lauderdale and others, all ex-Confederates.

The thought that every year adds to the number of

graves where sleep the dust of the departed Comrades, calling for more flowers and tears, while the number left grows less, with age increasing and strength decreasing, who with feeble step but strong and ever-increasing love, with patriotic fire burning upon our ripening spirits, gather around these sacred spots and decorate the hallowed graves that cover their remains. Comrades, our ranks are growing thin, but we march with the tread of veterans, knowing no retreat. We call for the Sons of these Veterans to fall in and close up the gaps, and, as long as time endures, keep step to the motto, "The Union, Now and Forever."

Yours in F., C. and L.,

H. WEBB, Department Chaplain.

The following resolution and report thereon by the committee on resolutions were both unanimously adopted:

Resolved, In view of a great many members of the Grand Army being business men who cannot well leave their business on the last or first days of a month, it is recommended that hereafter no Encampment should be held on those days and only during the second or third week of any month.

JOHN W. PARKS, Department Commander.

We, your committee, recommend that the above resolution be adopted and would further suggest that San Jacinto day be selected as one of the three days to be named.

J. M. STEERE, Chairman,

E. KETCHUM,

A. METZLER,

Comrade Kretsinger offered the following:

Resolved, That the delegation from the Department of Texas, who may attend the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1894, be instructed to vote for suitable changes in the Constitution of the G. A. R. to provide for the merging of the Sons of Veterans into the great body of the G. A. R., thereby strengthening the present organization by the enthusing of new blood and vitality and fostering the sentiments of patriotic principles among those who are looked to as the hope of the land.

The report of the committee on the foregoing was as follows :

DUBLIN, April 3, 1894.

JOHN W. PARKS, Department Commander :

We, your committee on resolutions, to whom was referred the resolution of Comrade Kretsinger relative to merging the Sons of Veterans into the Grand Army of the Republic, beg to say, in our judgment, that inasmuch as our organization is based upon actual service in the late war, and that however dear we may cherish our offspring we cannot confer upon them such honor and glory as called for. We are at a loss to see how we can consistently recommend the passage of this resolution.

JAS. M. STEERE, Chairman,
E. KETCHUM,
A. METZLER.

The report of the committee was adopted.

The following resolution by Comrade D. Doole, viz : "That a roster of the members of the Department of Texas G. A. R. be published in the printed proceedings of this Encampment," received an adverse report from the committee on resolutions, and the report of said committee was adopted.

The following resolution, together with the report of the committee on resolutions thereon, were, upon motion, both laid upon the table :

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Encampment that the offices of Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General be merged into one and consolidated, and the salary of this office be fixed at \$350.

E. KETCHUM

JOHN W. PARKS, Department Commander :

We, your committee, to whom was referred the resolution regarding the consolidation of the offices of Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, respectfully recommend that same be done, and that the salary for 1894-5 be made \$350 per annum.

JAS. M. STEERE, Chairman,
E. KETCHUM,
A. METZLER.

The report of the committee upon the resolution of Comrade Hiatt was adopted. They were as follows:

Resolved, That the Posts of this Department be allowed to retain the names of such members as are absolutely unable to pay their dues, and that said Posts be exempt from paying a per capita tax to the Department on such members.

M. F. HIATT.

JOHN W. PARKS, Department Commander.:

We, your committee, respectfully report that we consider each individual Post is fully competent to provide the necessary remedy to retain such members on their rolls as are worthy, and we think it inadvisable to pass this resolution as it may lead to complications hereafter.

JAS. M. STEERE, Chairman,
E. KETCHUM,
A METZLER

The following letter was read by the Assistant Adjutant General :

GALVESTON, Feb. 9, 1894.

Post Commander G. A. R., Fort Worth, Texas :

MY DEAR SIR : I am anxious to ascertain the whereabouts of a man named Harrison, a tailor by occupation, who at one time resided in your city and was a member of your Post.

A member of Hancock Post G. A. R., of this city, knew Harrison whilst residing in Fort Worth, and he thinks that by addressing the Post Commander that his present residence might be ascertained. Harrison was a member of the Nineteenth Pennsylvania cavalry during the civil war, and as such he could be most useful and instrumental in establishing the identity of one Charles Sheppard, who served in a company of the same regiment. This man, who bore the name of Sheppard in the army, was none other than Charles Yeager, who died in this city in 1891. His widow has filed her claim for a pension under the June act, 1890. but so far she has been unable to satisfy the pension office as to the identity of Charles Yeager in civil life with that of Charles Sheppard, who served in the military arm of the United States during the rebellion. Mrs. Agnes Yeager has not been able to get but one surviving member of the

company to recognize her husband, and that recognition was had from a photograph by an ex-Union soldier who resides in the city of Philadelphia.

You will confer a great favor by acquainting the undersigned with the present whereabouts of Mr. Harrison, if to you or other members of the Post it be known. Charles Yeager alias Sheppard was at the time of his death a member of Hancock Post G. A. R. of this city, and as such received in his last hours all that respect and attention which it was possible to bestow.

Hoping to hear from the Post Commander in this particular at as early a day as practicable.

I remain, etc.,

M. J. MULCAHY.

2117 Mechanic street.

The Department Commander appointed the following Comrades a committee upon transportation, viz : John L. Boyd, Ed. Ketchum and T. L. Tygard.

The officers of the day announced the presence of a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps at the outposts. They were admitted, escorted to the platform, and introduced and welcomed to the Encampment by the Department Commander. Several eloquent and entertaining addresses were delivered by the ladies to which the Department Commander made the following response :

"Ladies, we thank you for this visit, and beg that you will convey to the Woman's Relief Corps our congratulations and heartfelt thanks, and our appreciation of the grand work and valuable assistance rendered by you to our organization. Your noble self-sacrifice and devotion has our most profound admiration. We thank you most sincerely and we beg that you will command us whenever you need our aid to further any object you may desire to accomplish."

The committee from the Relief Corps then retired under escort.

Upon motion the following resolution, together with the report of the committee thereon, were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That in view of a former action of this De-

partment with regard to appointment of committee on transportation, that we request the Department Commander to reconsider his appointment of said committee, to the effect that no railroad man be appointed on said committee.

O. G. PETERSON

J. W. PARKS, Commander Department Texas G. A. R.:

SIR: Your committee on resolutions, to whom was referred the resolution of Comrade Peterson, regarding the appointing of a new committee on transportation, after due deliberation beg leave to report that it is the opinion of this committee that in order to get rates from different roads it is proper that no railroad member be on that committee, and would suggest the Commander appoint a new committee on transportation.

JAS. M. STEERE, Chairman,
E. KETCHUM,
A. METZLER.

The following resolution was read by the Assistant Adjutant General and received with applause:

WHEREAS, The Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, in response to an invitation extended to that body by the Erath and Comanche ex-Confederate Association, through her honored President, has held its Ninth Annual meeting in our midst, and,

WHEREAS, Since our guests have been with us their every expression has been one of friendship and fraternal greeting, and their deportment has been that of a high, noble and a pure manhood, that should characterize the conduct of every veteran of the army, either North or South; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Erath and Comanche ex-Confederate Association, in convention assembled, that the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the delegates of the Grand Army of the Republic Encampment, and the visitors who have accompanied them, for their visit, and the honor they have conferred on us, as being the first Encampment of U. C. V.'s who have received a visit from a State Encampment of G. A. R.'s.

Resolved That it is the fond hope of the members of this body, that the ties of friendship that have sprang into existence between those who wore the Blue and those who wore the Gray, from our association during the last four

days, may be each succeeding year strengthened and cemented by a renewal of unions like this has been, and that they may never be broken, so long as there is one of us left to answer to "roll call," and that when the last tattoo has been sounded, and the last reveille has been heard, we may meet in a grand union, under that banner that shall never be furled, and where the armor of all shall be brotherly love and kindness.

L. E. GILLET, Chairman,
 J. J. EAGER,
 A. L. MURPHY,
 R. T. LONG,
 Committee.

The following telegram was read to the Encampment by the Assistant Adjutant General :

DALLAS, Texas, April 4, 1894.

To Col. J. C. Bigger, Dublin :

Official business prevented my being with you. Shake hands with the boys for me.

P. B. HUNT, U. S. Marshal.

The hour for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Department Commander appointed Comrades Alvord, Lyon and Dwyer as tellers and announced that nominations for Department Commander were in order.

Comrade Crowley nominated Senior Vice Department Commander W. W. Bostwick, and his nomination was seconded by Comrades Kretsinger and Clifford.

Comrade Stringer placed in nomination Department Chaplain Harvey Webb, the nomination being seconded by Past Post Commander Morgan of Post No. 4.

Past Junior Vice Department Commander Ed. Ketchum nominated Past Post Commander R. M. Moore of Post No. 3. This nomination was seconded by Comrades Buchanan and Steere.

Comrade John Roch, Past Commander of Post No. 55,

was nominated for the position by Comrade Sullivan and duly seconded by Comrades Boyse and Christian.

Comrade Mackay nominated Past Post Commander G. W. McCormick, whose nomination was seconded by Comrade John Hunter.

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

FIRST BALLOT.

(Whole number of votes, 100; necessary to a choice, 51.)

W. W. Bostwick.....	19
Harvey Webb.....	14
P. M. Moore.....	37
John Roch.....	20
G. W. McCormick.....	10

There being no choice a second ballot was ordered, Comrade McCormick withdrawing from the race.

SECOND BALLOT.

(Whole number of votes, 99; necessary to a choice, 50.)

Webb.....	13
Roch.....	21
Bostwick.....	22
Moore.....	43

There being no election, Comrade Webb's name was dropped and the third ballot ordered.

THIRD BALLOT.

(Whole number of votes, 99; necessary to a choice, 50.)

Roch.....	21
Bostwick.....	29
Moore.....	49

There still being no election, Comrade Roch withdrew and the fourth ballot was had, which resulted as follows :

FOURTH BALLOT.

(Whole number of votes, 100; necessary to a choice, 51.)

Moore.....	55
Bostwick.....	45

Comrade Moore having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year, and, on motion, his election was made unanimous. He was conducted to the platform by Comrades Roch and Bostwick, and upon being introduced to the Encampment tendered his sincere thanks for the honor conferred and read a poem of considerable length.

Upon motion of Comrade Ed. Ketchum, the rules were suspended and Comrade John Roch was unanimously elected Senior Vice Department Commander, the Assistant Adjutant General casting the vote of the Encampment. Comrade Roch accepted the honor extended to him in an eloquent and feeling speech.

Nominations for Junior Vice Department Commander being next in order, Comrade Horace Baker placed in nomination Post Commander George S. Foster of Post No. 45; Past Department Commander A. G. Malloy nominated Past Post Commander W. H. Harvey of Post No. 40; Comrade C. B. Morgan nominated Post Commander W. A. Carnahan of Post No. 70.

Upon motion, nominations were declared closed, and a ballot ordered which resulted in the election of Comrade W. H. Harvey.

Upon motion, it was ordered that the installation of the officers elect take place in the Encampment hall to-morrow at 8 A. M.

Comrade T. K. Crowley of Post No. 5 was unanimously elected Department Chaplain, the Assistant Adjutant General casting the vote of the Encampment.

In like manner Comrade J. J. Gasser of Post No. 10 was unanimously elected Medical Director.

Upon motion, a committee, consisting of Comrades Moore, Manu and Malloy was appointed to select the Council of Administration for the ensuing year.

Upon motion, the rules were suspended and Comrades

W. W. Bostwick was elected Delegate-at-large to the Twenty-eighth National Encampment; Comrade J. M. Steere was elected Delegate; Comrade Ed. Ketchum Alternate-at-large, and Comrade John Sullivan Alternate, the Assistant Adjutant General casting the vote of the Encampment.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted.

JOHN W. PARKS, Department Commander, Department of Texas
G. A. R.:

Your committee, to whom was referred the within report of Comrade J. C. Bigger, Assistant Adjutant General for this Department, beg leave to report that they find the entire report worthy of approval, and entitles Comrade Bigger to the thanks of this Department. With regard to the recommendations of same, your committee are in doubt as to the advisability of filling "vacant chairs" in our roster with new organizations, thus giving such an apparent priority over older Posts.

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

D. MACKAY,
SAMUEL PROUD, } Committee.
S. H. BUCHANAN, }

Upon motion, a sincere and cordial vote of thanks was extended to Comrade W. H. Christian for the able manner in which he edited the Grand Army Encampment Gazette.

The motion of Comrade Stringer, to reconsider the resolution making "San Jacinto Day" one of the days for holding the Department Encampment, was lost.

The Department Commander announced the revised committee on transportation to consist of Comrades John L. Boyd, Ed. Ketchum and John Sullivan.

On motion, the Encampment adjourned to 8 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Third Day--Thursday, April 5th.

MORNING SESSION.

The Department Commander appointed Comrades Rust, Crowley and Grabe a special committee to prepare suitable resolutions of thanks to the people of Dublin for their hospitable entertainment.

The committee reported the following which was un-
animously adopted, and by a rising vote :

WHEREAS, The Mayor and citizens of Dublin, including our late brave antagonists, the ex-Confederate soldiers, have given us a most generous and hospitable welcome to their beautiful city. therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, members of the State Encampment G. A. R. of Texas, hereby express our sincere thanks therefor; nor can we ever forget the enthusiastic reception accorded us, and we wish especially to refer to the compliment paid us by the presence of that choice flower of Texan womanhood, the Comanche Cadets, who had the good fortune to have so excellent a drill-master and commander, Capt. T. O. Moore. We also express our hearty appreciation of the magnificent and patriotic display of the school children and teachers in the parade; and the cordial reception extended to us on the evening of the 3d instant, has left an indelible impression on our hearts.

We should be wanting in gratitude also did we not re-

member the sacrifice of time and labor of the local Post, Sam Houston No. 55, G. A. R., and W. R. C., in our behalf.

Dublin has fully maintained the reputation of her great namesake, the capital of Ireland, for hospitality. In short, she has extended to us *cead mille failthe*, a hundred thousand welcomes.

E. G. RUST,
T. K. CROWLEY,
CHAS. B. GRABE.

Waco was placed in nomination as the place to hold the next Department Encampment by Comrade Carnahan, seconded by Comrade Rust, and the Assistant Adjutant General read the following invitations from residents of said city.

WACO, Texas, March 23, 1894.

W. A. Carnahan, Post Commander Davy Crockett Post No. 70 :

DEAR SIR : We feel that the State Encampment of the G. A. R. for 1895 ought to be held in Waco, Texas.

I hereby extend a cordial invitation to the members of the G. A. R. to hold their meetings here, and you can assure them that every effort will be made by our citizens to entertain them and that this invitation comes from all classes of our people.

You will please do us the favor to present Waco's claims with all the force at your command.

Yours very truly,

C. C. McCULLOCH, Mayor.

WACO, Texas, April 2, 1894.

Captain Carnahan, Commanding Davy Crockett Post, G. A. R.,
Waco, Texas :

CAPTAIN : In obedience to orders received from Pat Cleburne Camp, U. C. V. No. 222, I beg to transmit to you and through you to the reunion of the Grand Army Posts about to assemble at Dublin, Texas, their invitation to select Waco, Texas, as the place for their next reunion, assuring them, in the name of the Camp, that should our city be their choice the citizens of Waco will receive them with every consideration of fraternity, and especially from this

Camp will a warm welcome be extended. I have, sir, the honor to be, with distinguished consideration,
Your obedient servant,

I. G. FENNELL, Adjutant.

WACO, Texas, March 28, 1894.

Mr. W. A. Carnahan, Waco, Texas :

MY DEAR SIR : We hereby extend to you and through you to the G. A. R. men, a most cordial and pressing invitation on the part of the citizens of Waco, and the Waco Commercial Club in particular, with the assurance that Waco will do all in her power, feels most kindly towards you, and would receive you most cordially, and it would be very gratifying, indeed, in the highest to entertain your Encampment in its meeting of 1895. By that time the auditorium, with a seating capacity of over five thousand, will be at your service. Considering the healthiness of our city, and its easiness of access by all railroads, from all parts of the country, and our world-wide famed hot water, we hope that you and your Encampment will see proper to select Waco, and we offer you the auditorium of the Texas Cotton Palace for your meeting, and the warmest welcome and appreciation on the part of the citizens of Waco.

Yours, very truly,

J. W. RIGGINS,

President Waco Commercial Club and Director General Cotton Palace.

The Assistant Adjutant General also read a letter from the Mayor of Dallas as follows :

DALLAS, Texas, March 31, 1894.

To the Texas Department G. A. R. :

HONORED GENTLEMEN : In behalf of our city government and citizens of our city I very respectfully join your Comrades here in extending to you an invitation to hold your next annual Encampment in the city, and can assure you it will be the pleasure of our people to have you here and to make your visit as pleasant as possible.

Very respectfully,

BRYAN T. BARRY, Mayor.

Comrade T. H. Rue of Post No. 9 nominated Houston,

seconded by Comrade Danforth of Post No. 6 and by Comrade Rowan of Post No. 72.

On motion, nominations were closed and a vote taken, which resulted as follows :

Waco 60, Houston 46, and Waco was declared the place of holding the Tenth Annual Department Encampment.

The following resolutions received the approval of the standing committee upon resolutions and were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Encampment are due, and are hereby heartily tendered to The Galveston and Dallas News for the full, able and correct report of our proceedings in those valuable newspapers.

J. C. BIGGER.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Department are due and are hereby extended to the railroads for their kindness in giving us the unusually low rate of one fare to this meeting, the lowest rate ever granted.

C. C. HASKELL.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Department is tendered to the Past Department officers for the able and efficient manner in which they have filled their offices.

JOHN ROCH.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment are due and freely extended to Comrades E. G. Rust and T. W. Manchester for their able assistance to the Assistant Adjutant General in reporting the proceedings of the Encampment.

J. C. BIGGER.

The special committee to select members of the Council of Administration reported the following, viz : Comrades Stringer, Buchanan, Conger, Rue and Bridges, and, upon motion, the rules were suspended and they were all elected unanimously by acclamation.

Comrade Stringer offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department prepare a small badge,

giving number of Post and location of same, price not to exceed ten cents.

The committee upon resolutions reported as follows on the above :

JOHN W. PARKS, Commander Department of Texas :

SIR AND COMRADE : Your committee on resolutions, to whom was referred the resolution of Comrade J. E. Stringer, suggesting a badge, giving number and location of Post, cost of which not to exceed ten cents, beg leave to report that, after due deliberation, it has badges enough, and the price to which cost is limited would not furnish a Post badge worthy of accompanying the badges we now wear, hence recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

Respectfully,

JAS. M. STEERE, Chairman,
E. KETCHUM,
A. METZLER.

And the report of the committee was adopted.

On motion of Comrade Mackay, a committee of three on pension slanders was appointed, consisting of D. Mackay, John Sullivan and Ed. Ketchum.

A resolution was unanimously adopted thanking Past Post Commander W. H. Catts for the elegant dinner provided by him for the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps at Granbury.

Comrade Ed. Ketchum was authorized to have printed a roster of the Department of Texas giving name, company, regiment and post of all our members, he generously agreeing to have the work done at his own expense.

The officers-elect were then duly installed by Past Department Commander A. G. Malloy, and no further business appearing the Encampment was declared duly closed.

ATTEST :

J. C. BIGGER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

RECEPTION AT COMANCHE.

In the afternoon a great many of the Comrades, accompanied by their wives and daughters, went to Comanche and enjoyed to the fullest one of the most pleasant visits ever made. Fully one hundred delegates went over from the Encampment at Dublin with 200 or 300 citizens of Dublin. This was in response to an invitation by the Mayor and citizens of Comanche. They were met by the citizens generally and by Capt. T. O. Moore's company of young ladies in particular and were conducted to the courthouse, which was decorated with bunting and flags, while the courtroom was decorated with large pictures of Lee and Grant, Libby prison and paintings of famous battles of the civil war.

An address of welcome was delivered by Mayor L. B. Russell, which was responded to by J. C. Bigger of Dallas.

Carriages were in waiting and the delegates were driven over the city, after which they were assigned homes by the people.

Hasty preparations had been made for an entertainment at the courthouse at night, and the large building was far too small to accommodate the people who came. The following programme had been prepared by Master of Ceremonies T. O. Moore, which was presented with success.

Address, by J. T. Tunnell, President of the Confederate Veterans' Association of Erath and Comanche counties; song, by Mary Hill, Dennie Welch and Ben Hill; address, by Gen. McCormick; recitation, "Furl That Banner," by

Miss Lizzie Mae Moodie; address, by Capt. L. E. Gillett of Dublin; mandolin duet, by Misses Beeman and Roberts; address, by Capt. Roan of Brazoria; song, by Miss Mollie Moore; speech by J. C. Bigger of Dallas; banjo duet, by Dennie Welch and Ben Hill; recitation, "Jacket of the Gray," Miss Welch; guitar quartette, Misses Roberts, Beeman, Lowry and Greene; address, by Col. John Roch of Comanche, Senior Vice Commande of the Department of Texas, G. A. R.; song by the G. A. R. delegates, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground."

The programme was closed by the audience singing, "Home, Sweet Home," and the G. A. R. boys gave three cheers and a tiger for Comanche and dispersed to witness a fireworks display, an exhibition by the fire companies and a beautiful flag drill by the young ladies.

An organization was effected at Dublin called the "United Veterans' Association," which has for its object obliteration of sectional feeling. It is composed of veterans from both sides of the late struggle between the States. This organization was the principal theme of the speakers at night, and the constant applause which the discussion elicited showed the popularity of the new movement.

Capt. Roan invited the Comanche people to eat strawberries with him at his home in Brazoria.

Comanche gave its visitors a royal reception.



