

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Tenth Annual Encampment

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,

Grand Army of the Republic

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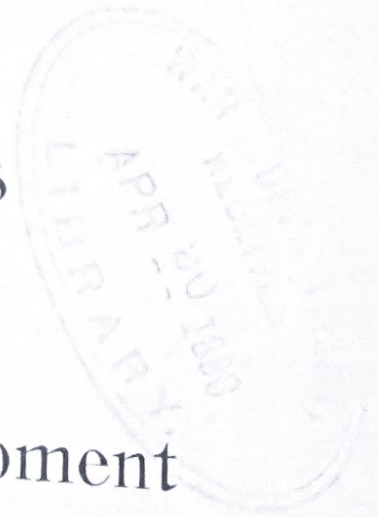
The City of Waco, Texas,

April 22, 23 & 24,

1895.

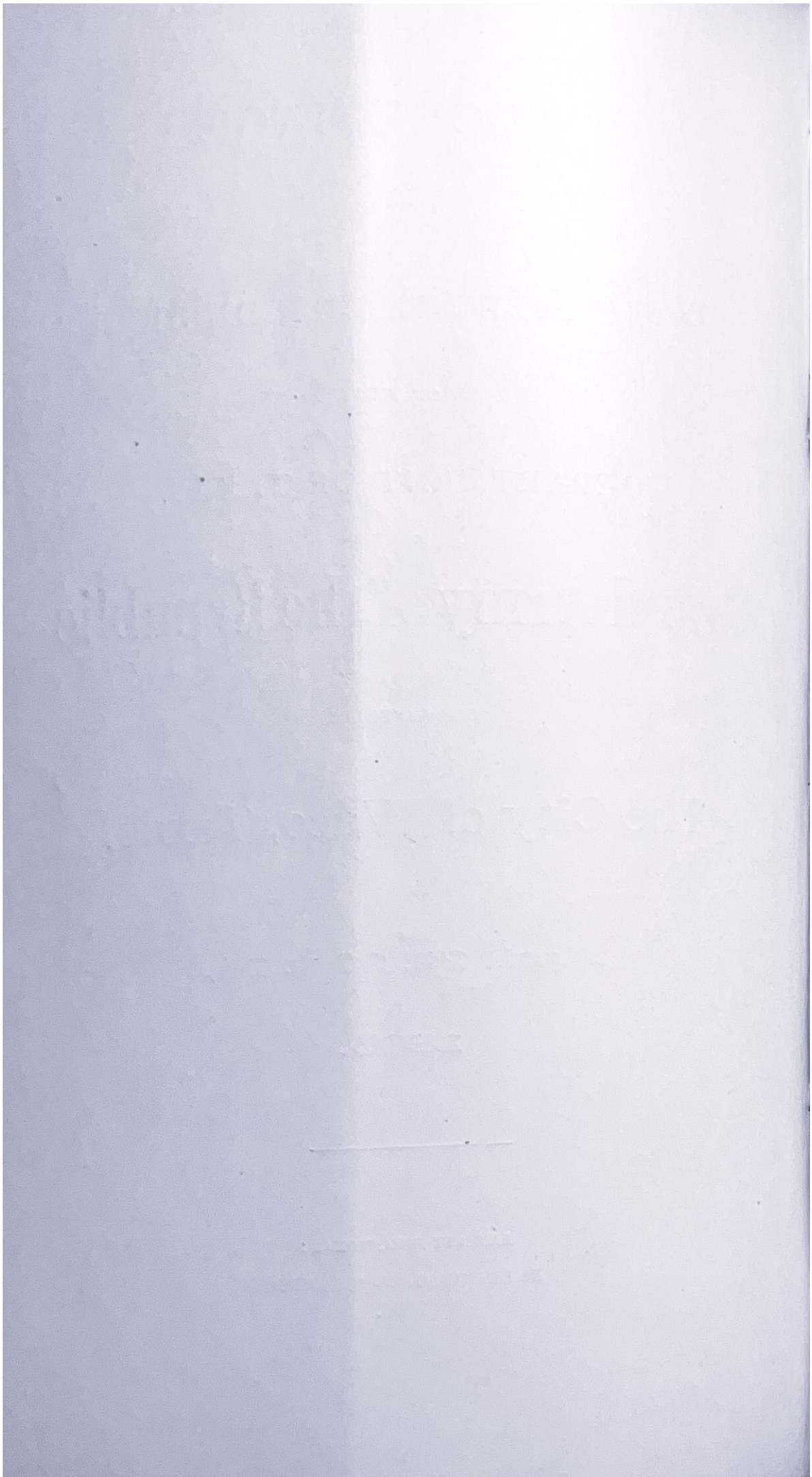
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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS :  
PRESS OF G. F. SIGMUND,  
1895.





Yours in F. C. and L.  
R. M. Moore  
Com. Dept. of Texas G. A. R.



# PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENCAMPMENT.

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## FIRST DAY.

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### PARADE AND RECEPTION.

The Tenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas of the Grand Army of the Republic demonstrated the fact that the people, year by year, appreciate more and more the value of the services of those who maintained the unity of our government, and rejoice that we are *ONE grand Republic*, and not a half a dozen rival confederacies. It showed conclusively, also, that they who fought, in our late war, to sever this government, are now really glad that they failed, and that the GRAND ARMY was successful in its defense of our *one flag*, that floats to-day in beauty and glory over our *entire* Republic.

While there was less bunting than usual at our Annual Encampments, there was, what was better, a closer touch of elbow to elbow, of heart to heart by the Blue and the Gray.

This encampment was especially fortunate in having the Commander in Chief, Gen. T. G. Lawler, and his Adjutant, Gen. C. C. Jones, both of Rockford, Ill., and Gen. W. P. Hepburn, an aid-de-camp from Ia., present, as well as that charming womanly woman, Mrs. Emma R. Wallace of Chicago, president of the National W. R. C.,

and her no less charming mother, Mrs. C. E. Gilson, known as the grand-mother of the G. A. R.

Gen. Lawler is a splendid type of the soldier of our late war, irrepressible in good nature, fertile in resources, and always buoyant in courage, one of the boys, always better than a band of music in any command. And that pure feminine, spiritual face of Mrs. Wallace is a benign sunshine.

Headquarters were at the Pacific Hotel that displayed a genuine welcome in decorations for the occasion, and there the Commander-in-Chief and staff, and Department Commander and staff were the recipients of many courtesies from some of the leading citizens of Waco. Gen. Lawler was quartered there, while Gen. Moore accepted the hospitality of his old pastor, the Rev. M. A. Daugherty, a resident of Waco.

#### THE PARADE.

The parade was in charge of Col. W. A. Carnahan of Davy Crockett Post of Waco, as chief marshal, while the column of the Grand Army was commanded by Col. W. H. Robinson, Adjutant General of the Department of Texas, a position for which his long service in the United States Army, dating several years before the war, and continued up, almost to the present time, had so well fitted him.

The column was formed at 2 P. M., the 22nd of April, opposite the court house, and moved in the following order:

At the head of the column rode the chief of police, Sam. S. Hall, with 12 mounted policemen; 2nd, Waco brass band with 50 pieces; 3rd, Commander-in-Chief and staff, Gen. Lawler and Gens. Jones and Hepburn in a carriage; 4th, Gen. Moore, Department Commander, Col. E. L.

Witman of his staff, Gen. W. H. Harvey, Junior Vice-Commander, and John H. Williams of the Department Commander's regiment, 117 Illinois, in a carriage; 5th, Gen. John Roch, Senior Vice-Commander, Department Chaplain T. K. Crowley, and others, in a carriage; 6th, President of the National W. R. C., Mrs. Wallace and her mother, Mrs. Gilson, in a carriage; 7th, the guard of honor, the Baylor Cadets, infantry and artillery, commanded by Lieut. B. B. Buck of the United States Army; 8th, Waco Light Guards, Capt. A. H. Miller; 9th, Drum Corps of Waco and Drum Corps of G. A. R.; 10th, Mayor McCulloch and city council in carriages in front of column of the G. A. R. and Confederate Veterans led by one each from the Davy Crockett Post and Pat. Cleburne Picket, walking arm in arm under the command of Col. Robinson, column 1,100 strong; 11th, the column of the UNITED AMERICAN VETERANS, composed of the Blue and the Gray, under the command of Gen. J. T. Harris, Ex-Confederate, assisted by Col. W. H. Christian, Ex-Federal; 12th, Mexican War Veterans in carriages; 13th, brass band of 30 pieces; 14th, Grand Lodge of the Sons of Herman, marching by lodges, led by their officers in carriages; 15th, Waco singing societies; 16th, students of Baylor University, public and private schools, Hill's and Toby's Business Colleges, and Kinder Garden pupils in carriages; 17th, Mrs. Annie M. Wingrove, President of the W. R. C. of Texas, and staff, and other ladies of that corps in carriages; 18th, Waco Fire Department in uniform, engines, wagons and carts splendidly decorated with flags and flowers, commanded by the Chief, A. M. Prescott; 19th, Waco Commercial Club, led by the President, Col. Sam Sanger; 20th, the Waco Cotton Palace Directory, led by its President, Col. S. W. Slayden.

There had been a gentle rain the night previous, and the air was cool and bracing, and the streets were clean, and Waco was at her best, and did her best. The parade was a splendid display, all the citizens of Waco and the Grand Army could have desired, and was a spectacular proof of how much had been done in healing the nation's wounds.

The parade closed in front of the city hall after marching through several of the beautiful streets of Waco.

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The United American Veterans met in Council after the parade, Gen. Harris presiding, the object being to cement more closely the ties of the ex-soldiers of both sides. The fraternal feeling was such as no one could have predicted thirty years ago, when Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, and it proves that the American soldiers can let the dead past bury its dead, and for this spirit the Grand Army of Texas is greatly indebted to Gen. J. T. Harris.

#### RECEPTION.

The reception took place in the city hall at 8 P. M., Col. H. E. Conger, Commander of Davy Crockett Post, in the chair. The hall—a large one—was filled to its utmost capacity with a very intelligent and appreciative audience. On the stage with the presiding officer were the speakers, Mayor C. C. McCulloch, Capt. J. D. Shaw, Gens. Lawler, Jones and Hepburn, Moore and Harris, and Mrs. Wallace. Besides these also were the Past Department Commanders of Texas, and Department officers of the G. A. R. and also ladies of the W. R. C., Mrs. Wingrove and others, including Mrs. Wallace's mother, Mrs. Gilson.

The hall smiled with the badges of welcome.

The exercises were opened by prayer by the Rev. M. A. Daugherty, a minister of the M. E. Church. Col. Conger in a brief but appropriate speech then introduced Mayor McCulloch, who welcomed the members of the Grand Army of Texas, as well as the ladies of the Relief Corps to Waco. In strong and cordial words he assured them that Waco opened her heart, as well as her gates, to the nation's defenders, along with their wives and daughters, and bade them enjoy her hospitality in the fullest measure.

Capt. Shaw, the Commander of Pat. Cleburne Picket, was next introduced, and delivered a more extended address, saying in substance:

“While I did my best for the ‘Lost Cause,’ I am here to say to you victors, that flag is now *our* flag; it is now the symbol of our common country from Texas to Maine. And while I honestly believed in the cause for which I fought, but which is now no more, and did my best to maintain it, I am here to congratulate you, the Grand Army, as well as myself, and all who were with me, and all who make up this great nation to-day, that we are *one* people, *one* government, under *one* flag.”

The Department Commander, Gen. R. M. Moore, was then called on to respond to these words of welcome, and replied in part:

“I am glad to be here to-night to see what we see, and hear what we have heard. And I can assure his Honor the Mayor and Capt. Shaw and this large intelligent audience of Waco that the members of the Grand Army of Texas fully appreciate this magnificent reception, and as fully reciprocate the kind feelings expressed by both speakers. \* \* \* \* \*”

And in conclusion, turning to Gen. Lawler, he said further:



“When the war closed the real soldiers on both sides quit fighting; and those only, who did not fight, or did so little that they felt their reputations were in danger, have *continued* the war. The soldiers on both sides were glad when peace came, and we went home to convert our ‘swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks.’ And allow me to say further, that the Grand Army men in the South have fought a harder battle since the war, in the past thirty years, than any during the war. It has been a battle for peace; it was to win the respect and love of those who fought us, for this our flag, as it waves here to-night. And the demonstration to-day, with thousands of school children in our line under our flag, and our parade a year ago at Dublin with *all* the school children of that city in line, and with twenty-four young ladies, dressed in Red, White and Blue, daughters of Ex-Confederates, marching with us, bearing *our* flag as *their* flag, are proofs that we have fought a good fight. It proves that they, who fought us thirty years ago, are as ready to defend our common flag as we who bore it triumphantly through the war.”

Gen. Lawler then responded in a speech which elicited enthusiastic applause, and refuted the statement that the Grand Army was a political organization. It was composed of union soldiers who served in the war of secession, soldiers without regard to politics or religion. He had seen the star spangled banner flying over the school-houses of the South. He believed the union sentiment and love for the flag was fully restored.

Congressman H. P. Hepburn of Iowa in an eloquent speech described the charge of Texans at Corinth and the burial of Col. Rogers, who commanded the Texas advance and died on the breastworks, Gen. Rosecranz giving the gallant soldier's corpse the honors of war. Tremendous applause greeted Congressman Hepburn's speech.

Commodore A. L. Lowe of the Dupont Naval Association, and a member of Parmlly Post No. 4 of Fort Worth, gave an account of naval battles and told of the prospects of organizing a Texas naval militia.

Gen. J. T. Harris delivered an address fraught with sentiments of the good feeling and hope for the future in the perfect reconciliation of the Blue and Gray.

The closing address of the meeting to-night was made by Mrs. Emma R. Wallace, the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps. As she began she wittily said it was not her fault that she, womanlike, was to have the last word. Mrs. Wallace said the Order numbers 140,000 and has disbursed in relief of veterans \$1,013,500. She urged the placing of the national flag on the school-houses and inculcating in the hearts and minds of the children lessons of patriotic love for the union.

A male quartette and lady musicians sang and gave instrumental music between the addresses.



## Roll of the 10th Annual Department Encampment.

### DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

|                     |                           |             |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| R. M. MOORE,        | Dep't Commander,          | San Antonio |
| JOHN ROCH,          | Sr. Vice-Commander,       | Dublin      |
| W. H. HARVEY,       | Jr. Vice-Commander,       | Belton      |
| J. J. GASSER, M. D. | Medical Director,         | Austin      |
| REV. T. K. CROWLEY, | Dep't Chaplain,           | Denison     |
| W. H. ROBINSON,     | Ass't Adj't General,      | San Antonio |
| JOHN L. BOYD,       | Ass't Q. M. General,      | Dallas      |
| E. L. WITMAN,       | Ass't Inspector General,  | Denison     |
| *H. W. NYE,         | Ass't Judge Adv. General, | Ft. Worth   |
| A. McWHIRK,         | Chief Mustering Officer,  | Dallas      |
| *M. J. KEATING,     | Senior Aid-de-Camp,       | San Antonio |

### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| *J. E. STRINGER, | Denton  |
| *S. H. BUCHANAN, | El Paso |
| H. E. CONGER,    | Waco    |
| H. T. RUE,       | Houston |
| *M. V. BRIDGES,  | Mason   |

### PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| *W. D. WYLIE,     | Dallas     |
| *O. T. LYON,      | Sherman    |
| *W. H. ST. CLAIR, | Galveston  |
| †J. C. DEGRESS,   | Austin     |
| *A. G. MALLOY,    | Dallas     |
| *A. K. TAYLOR,    | Houston    |
| M. W. MANN,       | Dallas     |
| O. G. PETERSON,   | Springtown |
| JOHN W. PARKS,    | Dallas     |

\* Not present. † Dead.

## SECOND DAY.

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The Tenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas G. A. R. was opened in the City Hall at 9 A. M., April 23rd, 1895, by Commander R. M. Moore in due form. Comrade W. A. Carnahan of Post 70, Officer of the Day, and comrade Dayton, Officer of the Guard, the Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders, Gens. John Roch and W. H. Harvey being seated on the platform with Gens. Mann, Peterson and Parks, Past Department Commanders, and where were seated also the Medical Director, Dr. J. J. Gasser, and the Department Chaplain, the Rev. T. K. Crowley.

After the Officer of the Day had completed his examination of those present and had reported all present members of the Grand Army, in the temporary absence from the hall of the Department Chaplain, Father Crowley, comrade John H. Williams of Davy Crockett Post, and also a member of Commander Moore's regiment, the 117th Illinois, by request led in prayer.

The Commander finding that the Ass't Adj't General needed an assistant appointed comrade T. W. Manchester of Parmly Post No. 4 as his assistant.

Adjutant General Robinson thereupon called the roll of delegates by Posts, and delegates answered as follows:

Post 1, A. K. Johnson, Sherman.

Post 2, D. Cahone, J. E. Keenan and R. P. Sargent, Galveston.

- Post 3, E. Mayer and W. H. Robinson, San Antonio.
- Post 4, T. W. Manchester and C. B. Grabe, Fort Worth.
- Post 5, W. D. Kretzinger, James Kater, E. L. Witman, S. F. Clark, L. B. Moore, H. Hume, J. L. Tygard, S. Proud and W. W. Bostwick, Denison.
- Post 6, J. R. Harvard, W. F. Cottman, A. S. Thatcher, A. McWhirk, A. Brownlee, F. Millner, J. W. Parks and J. M. Steere, Dallas.
- Post 9, H. T. Rue and J. D. Billow, Houston.
- Post 10, A. Girard, J. J. Gasser, P. Scott and W. J. Bassett, Austin.
- Post 11, L. C. Leeds, John L. Boyd, M. W. Mann, A. Metzler, G. McKay, G. W. McCormick and F. O. Brown, Dallas.
- Post 13, H. C. Adler, Terrell.
- Post 21, J. Paul, John Rainwater, R. H. Ford, J. A. Simmons and R. L. Ferguson, Temple.
- Post 23, R. Vermillion and J. R. Lewis, Denton.
- Post 25, C. S. Jones, W. P. Fleming and G. A. Jones, Georgetown.
- Post 40, F. M. Hyatt, W. H. Harvey and J. L. Taylor, Belton.
- Post 48, J. Stoddard, Jacksboro.
- Post 53, H. Welch, Jefferson.
- Post 55, John Sullivan, W. D. Rowe, J. C. Russell, J. S. Weaver, J. Roch, W. H. Christian, J. W. Andrus, H. W. Andrews, Dublin.
- Post 56, William Wilson and O. G. Peterson, Springtown.
- Post 69, W. H. Combs, San Angelo.
- Post 70, H. E. Conger, W. A. Carnahan, A. Hoeffner, F. M. Shiek and J. McCune, Waco.
- N. E. Grindstoff, Poolville.

The committee on delegates, W. H. Robinson, E. L. Witman and W. A. Carnahan, reported the list as called correct.

Number answering, 79.

The Quartermaster General, John L. Boyd, then read his report, viz:

### REPORT OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

#### CASH ACCOUNT.

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Balance on hand March 31, 1894..... | \$267 52 |
| Per capita tax.....                 | 708 45   |
| Supplies.....                       | 90 62    |
| George Crook Post, No. 49.....      | 5 60     |
| George Robie Post, old account..... | 30       |
| J. W. Timby Post, old account.....  | 30       |

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

|                   |           |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Expense.....      |           | \$873 52  |
| Supplies.....     |           | 48 81     |
| Cash on hand..... |           | 150 36    |
| Total.....        | \$1072 69 | \$1072 69 |

#### SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| On hand March 31, 1894.....           | \$196 23 |          |
| Louis Wagner.....                     | 23 92    |          |
| John W. Burst.....                    | 10 14    |          |
| J. C. Bigger, returned.....           | 14 75    |          |
| Gain.....                             | 22 28    |          |
| Supplies sold.....                    |          | \$107 62 |
| Supplies on hand.....                 |          | 155 80   |
| Supplies condemned and destroyed..... |          | 4 00     |
| Total.....                            | \$267 42 | \$267 42 |

#### ASSETS.

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Cash on hand.....                  | \$150 36 |
| Supplies.....                      | 150 80   |
| Wainwright Post, No. 72.....       | 15 50    |
| Burnside Post, No. 56.....         | 1 50     |
| Department banner.....             | 54 50    |
| Headquarters office furniture..... | 30 00    |
| One pair horns.....                | 35 00    |
| Total.....                         | \$437 66 |

The statement of expenses for the year ending April 20, 1895, showed a total expenditure of \$922.33.

The indebtedness of Posts of per capita tax is as follows: Houston Post, No. 68, \$4.50; Merrick Post, No. 69, \$4.50; Crockett Post, No. 70, \$6.00; Ransom Post, No. 71, \$3.00. Total, \$18.00.

Appended to Quartermaster General Boyd's report is the following report of the committee:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 WACO, TEXAS, April 23, 1895. }

*Commander and Comrades:*

We, your committee on reports of officers other than Commander and Ass't Adj't General, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the Quartermaster General's report, and compared with the books, and find them correct and well kept. We respectfully recommend that Hooker Post, No. 68, \$4.50; Merrick Post, No. 69, \$4.50, Crockett Post, No. 70, \$6.00; Ransom Post, No. 71, \$3.00, be remitted.

JOHN ROCH,  
 W. H. CHRISTIAN,  
 JOHN SULLIVAN.

The report as read was accepted and referred to the committee designated in general orders No. 9, John Roch, W. H. Christian and W. H. Combs.

The Adjutant General, W. H. Robinson, read his report, which was referred to E. L. Witman, W. H. Harvey, T. K. Crowley and W. W. Bostwick, with instruction to eliminate some portions.

#### REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, G. A. R., }  
 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, April 22, 1895. }

*R. M. Moore, Department Commander, D. of T., G. A. R.,*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: I beg leave to submit the following as a report due from this office to the 10th Annual Encampment of this Department.

## MEMBERSHIP.

In good standing as per report of A. A. G., Dec. 31st, 1893, 56 Posts, 1,457 members.

*Statement for 1st Term, ending June 30th, 1894.*

## GAINS.

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| By muster in, .....            | 79        |
| Received on transfer, .....    | 9         |
| Reinstated, .....              | 2         |
| From delinquent reports, ..... | 8         |
| Total, .....                   | <u>98</u> |

## LOSSES.

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| By death, .....                  | 16         |
| By honorable discharge, .....    | 3          |
| By transfer, .....               | 13         |
| By suspension, .....             | 135        |
| By dishonorable discharge, ..... | 8          |
| By delinquent reports, .....     | 312        |
| Total, .....                     | <u>487</u> |

Showing 1,068 in good standing on the report of June 30th, 1894. A supplemental report was forwarded to National Headquarters, showing 3 more Posts of 76 comrades, making a total of 1,144.

*Statement for 2nd Term, ending December 31st, 1894.*

## GAINS.

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| By muster in, .....            | 25         |
| Received on transfer, .....    | 14         |
| Reinstated, .....              | 29         |
| From delinquent reports, ..... | 151        |
| Total, .....                   | <u>219</u> |

## LOSSES.

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| By death, .....                  | 10         |
| By honorable discharge, .....    | 3          |
| By transfer, .....               | 8          |
| By suspension, .....             | 29         |
| By dishonorable discharge, ..... | 1          |
| By delinquent reports, .....     | 78         |
| Total, .....                     | <u>129</u> |

Showing 1,085 in good standing on the report of December 31st, 1894. A Supplemental report was forwarded to National Headquarters, showing 5 more Posts of 73 comrades, making a total of 1,158.



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## RECAPITULATION.

## GAINS.

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| By muster in,.....            | 104        |
| Received on transfer,.....    | 23         |
| Reinstated,.....              | 31         |
| From delinquent reports,..... | 159        |
| Total,.....                   | <u>317</u> |

## LOSSES.

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| By death,.....                  | 29         |
| By honorable discharge,.....    | 6          |
| By transfer,.....               | 21         |
| By suspension,.....             | 164        |
| By dishonorable discharge,..... | 9          |
| By delinquent reports,.....     | 390        |
| Total,.....                     | <u>619</u> |

## SUMMARY.

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| In good standing December 31st, 1893,.....           | 1457        |
| Gains during 1894,.....                              | 317         |
| Aggregate,.....                                      | 1774        |
| Losses during 1894,.....                             | 619         |
| Remaining in good standing December 31st, 1894,..... | <u>1155</u> |

Number of Posts in good standing, forty-two. Making a loss of 299 comrades, of which 29 was by death. Not any Posts have been mustered in since the date of the 9th Annual State Encampment, although several Colored Posts could have been mustered in.

During the current year the following Posts have been dropped on account of delinquent reports, viz: Nos. 15, 16, 18, 27, 35, 50, 62, 63, 56, 72, composed of 114 comrades. The Ass't Adj't General's report of December 31st, 1893, showed 56 Posts in good standing; of these 56 Posts 12 were never heard from.

During the current year the following Posts have surrendered their charters:

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Joe Hooker Post, No. 68, A. J. Smith Post, No. 52,.....                             | 2         |
| Posts dropped from delinquent, Nos. 15, 16, 18, 27, 35, 50, 62, 63, 65 and 72,..... | 10        |
| Delinquent Posts are Nos. 59 and 60,.....   | 2         |
| Posts in good standing,.....  | <u>42</u> |

EXPENDITURES DURING THE CURRENT YEAR IN THIS DEPARTMENT.  
(Nearly 13 months. 12 $\frac{2}{3}$  months.)

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Postage account,.....  | \$ 41 00        |
| Printing account, also letter heads, paper, books, envelopes,<br>etc., telegrams,..... | 52 95           |
| Rent account,.....   | 76 60           |
| Salary for A. A. G., 12 $\frac{2}{3}$ months,.....                                     | 319 32          |
| Total, .....   | <u>\$189 87</u> |

At an average of \$37.68 per month.

INVENTORY OF DEPARTMENT PROPERTY ON HAND.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Desks,.....   | 1 |
| Receptacle for papers, (worthless),.....            | 1 |
| Department banner,.....                             | 1 |
| Official seal, (never used because worthless),..... | 2 |
| Gavels,.....  | 1 |
| Trunk,.....   | 1 |
| Cash box,.....                                      | 1 |
| Horns, prs.,.....                                   | 1 |
| Endorsement Book,.....                              | 1 |
| Letter sent book,.....                              | 1 |
| Order book,.....                                    | 1 |

Twenty G. O. from National Headquarters, and ten G. O., one S. O., three circulars have been distributed through the Department during the year, and over 1000 letters written.

The numerical strength of this department is to-day in round numbers 1,155, making an actual loss of 299, and 29 of those by death. I am persuaded there are veterans of the war for the Union within the limits of the State of Texas over eight times that number that are entitled to be members of the G. A. R. The greater number of all the veterans living in the State of Texas to-day, have, at one time or another, been members of the G. A. R., but have, for reasons best known to themselves, dropped out, some by transfer, a proportion of which have been allowed to lapse into a discharge, the greater majority by suspension, which has come to them through their utter indifference to everything connected with the Order, or by the neglect of their Post Officers. The very hard times, and a consequent inability to pay the necessary Post dues, accounts for the large number suspended; yet, I know, an appeal to any Post for a remission of dues on behalf of any comrade who is temporarily unable to pay has never been refused when the facts in the case have been understood by the comrades.

A glance at the record of the Posts in this department for the

second term of 1894 will throw light on this subject, so that every comrade may arrive at a conclusion.

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| Posts reporting an increase of members,..... | 12 |
| Posts that have held their own,.....         | 12 |
| Posts reporting a loss,.....                 | 18 |
| Posts not reporting and are delinquent,..... | 2  |

A number of Posts during the first term informed me by letter it was impossible to collect dues from the comrades on account of hard times but hoped, before the expiration of the year, they would be able to meet all dues; quite a number of those delinquent Posts have paid their per capita tax to include December 31st, 1894.

The Headquarters of this department, located at 1726 N. Hackberry street, San Antonio, during the past year, has been visited by a number of comrades from Texas and other States in the Union. They were welcome. A call at Headquarters should be considered the duty of every comrade when visiting the city in which they are located.

Comrade Seffel of the E. O. C. Ord Post No. 3, G. A. R., very kindly made and presented a double sign for Department Headquarters that could be read a distance of 100 yards.

The W. R. C., so far as I have been able to learn, have done well by the comrades of the G. A. R., and have been the means of ameliorating much suffering. I cannot speak too highly of those noble women of the E. O. C. Ord Corps, much of their work having come under my own observation, having had the honor of being the Commander of Post No. 3 during 1894. I wish every Post in this department had a W. R. C. attached, it would accomplish untold good to our Order.

I invite a close inspection of my books and records, all of which I have brought to this encampment to turn over to my successor.

I desire to make one recommendation, that the cumbersome, useless, ugly and worthless repository for reports be condemned, for the following reasons:

1st. To save the expense of transportation from one city to another.

2nd. A small trunk will answer the same purpose so much better for five, ten or twenty years to come. This useless repository is about 6 feet high, 6 feet broad and 12 inches through, containing eighty pigeon-holes. If the department papers are properly endorsed and filed away, a very small space would suffice for the records and papers of each year's administration.

In closing my report for the current year, there is present with

me the consciousness that again there will be a parting and sundering of those ties of close companionship that have, during the past year, existed with all that I have come in contact.

My relations with yourself and the other officers of the department, the council of administration and the staff, have been pleasant; I have received at your hands and theirs so much kindness and consideration that separating has the significance of the sundering of family ties.

I feel especially grateful to comrades J. L. Boyd, A. Q. M. Gen., and E. L. Witman, Dept. Insp., for courtesies at all times extended.

I have not been unmindful of the fact that I have received more of honors and respect than could have possibly been, under any circumstance, my due. I have had enough common sense, I hope and believe, to place the credit where it properly belongs, to the exalted position of Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Texas, G. A. R., to which I had the very great honor of appointment at your hands.

W. H. ROBINSON, A. A. G.



## Death Roll.

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| JAMES F. HARRIETT,.....                       | Post No. 2  |
| WM. TOLAND,.....                              | Post No. 2  |
| W. W. HULL,.....                              | Post No. 3  |
| JAMES GARBUTT,.....                           | Post No. 4  |
| BREWER EDGET,.....                            | Post No. 5  |
| C. FISHER,.....                               | Post No. 5  |
| J. KUBLER,.....                               | Post No. 5  |
| F. YOUNG,.....                                | Post No. 5  |
| C. REIK,.....                                 | Post No. 6  |
| HUGH C. SMITH,.....                           | Post No. 9  |
| F. FASTER,.....                               | Post No. 9  |
| J. C. DEGRESS,.....                           | Post No. 10 |
| A. B. GUERINERRE,.....                        | Post No. 10 |
| J. T. PURNELL,.....                           | Post No. 10 |
| JOS. ENNISON,.....                            | Post No. 11 |
| T. R. H. RUCKMAN,.....                        | Post No. 19 |
| F. BIAS,.....                                 | Post No. 19 |
| DAVID SPENCER,.....                           | Post No. 19 |
| S. W. POMEROY,.....                           | Post No. 19 |
| H. F. GASKEY,.....                            | Post No. 19 |
| W. D. WRIGHT,.....                            | Post No. 19 |
| D. W. BINGEMERZ,.....                         | Post No. 26 |
| JOHN SHUBERT,.....                            | Post No. 32 |
| T. P. GARRETT,.....                           | Post No. 47 |
| Post No. 48 reports one death, gives no name. |             |
| JAMES PATTERSON,.....                         | Post No. 49 |
| WALTER HIPPI,.....                            | Post No. 54 |
| M. M. HIDGES,.....                            | Post No. 56 |
| J. A. BROWN,.....                             | Post No. 56 |
| ALBERT DEAN,.....                             | Post No. 67 |

The Commander then handed to the Ass't Adj't General some suggestions in the interest of the encampment, the first being in behalf of our Woman's Relief Corps, as follows:

"I want to call your attention to the importance of the Woman's Relief Corps. They are really what the name implies—a relief corps. Organize them wherever you can and sustain them, for the reason that they are sustaining the Grand Army. In the annual proceedings of the Grand Army of the Republic for the past year, among other items will be found the following from the Woman's Relief Corps: Expended in relief during the year, \$64,156.59; turned over to Grand Army Posts, \$30,181.71; value of supplies as relief, \$55,739.10. Total, \$150,072.40. Again, moneys received for decorating National cemeteries from all Grand Army Posts in the year, \$196.05; from the Woman's Relief Corps, \$815.97. These items are sufficient to call your attention to woman's work in giving relief to the needy members of our order. She is ceaseless and tireless in good work."

The other suggestions, the application for muster of posts, methods for holding our posts together, and our last National encampment, by some oversight of the committee, were not reported on.

The Commander then began his annual address, with Past Commander Mann in the chair, and after reading a few minutes comrade McKay of Dallas moved to suspend further reading. This was seconded, but the motion was lost. The commander then read his address as follows:

COMRADES:

We have met again in another *annual* encampment, one year nearer an *eternal* encampment. For details of the campaign of the year, I refer you to the reports of the executives of my staff, and to that of your Department

Chaplain. I bespeak for these a careful inspection, as each one fully explains the needs and condition of his department. I fully endorse all the suggestions of his officers, and I take occasion here to thank all of these personally for their efficient support, so kindly rendered me during the year: Col. W. H. Robinson, your Adj't General; Col. John S. Boyd, your Q. M. General; Col. E. L. Witman, your Inspector General; Col. H. W. Nye, your Judge Advocate; Col. A. McWhirk, your Chief Mustering Officer, and your Department Chaplain, the Rev. Father Crowley. They have all been untiring in their efforts to promote the welfare of the Grand Army of the Republic. I am especially indebted to the Adj't General for his unwearied support at all times. You will find in his report a *complete* and *exact* account of the year's work. Each document *received* has been properly filed, and each one written or issued neatly copied and briefed, so that anyone can easily understand the transactions of the year.

The year for us, comrades, has been one of *fatigue*, *hardship* and *peril*: of *fatigue*, under the increasing burden of years; of *hardship*, in the lack of much that renders a campaign *successful* and *pleasant*; and of *peril*, under the increasing temptations, amid accumulating trials, to fall out of ranks on the march.

The *fatigue* is due to the resistless march of time, that breathes on the roses of youth, and they fade; unsleeves the brawn of young manhood and we are men, ready to run through a troop or leap over a wall; and then touches the sinews of age, and we halt, and the grass-hopper is a burden. The *hardships* of the year come out of the general distress and deathlike stagnation of business, as the wolves of famine that consume our supplies and cause our march to be a struggle for life. The *perils* come of our increasing infirmities, causing *exhaustion*, *hopelessness*—the *burdens* too heavy, the *hardships* too great, and the *camp-fires* too far away.

So we stack arms to-day 299 less than a year ago. Thirty have died and 269 fell out of ranks. Some of these

missing may come into camp later; but probably never. We have passed the water-shed of strong manhood, and are on the sunset side of life, and near its close.

The above is a result of a muster to-day, 1,155, rank and file, as compared with the report one year ago, 1,457. The number of Posts reported then were 56, and now 42. But of these 56 Posts 10 were never heard from during the year in any shape whatever, and 2 were in a dying condition and no remedies we could use prevented death, and then 2 suspended during the year.

At Pittsburg in September last, at our National encampment, a roll-call showed 371,555, a *loss* of 71,180 in one year. Of these 45,512 were *suspended*, and 25,668 *dead* and *missing*. So our National Army is not so large, and our column of parade is not so long as it has been; but the admiring throngs are increasing year by year, showing that the *people* regard the *Grand Army of the Republic* as a *real* Grand Army, as it is, such as history, heretofore, had no page for.

Some of our fellow-citizens of the present age have not fully appreciated the market value of this army, or the cost of this government, as it is to-day. The present government with all that is, and is to be, is the price of your hardships in campaigns, and of your courage in battle. No more do dollars and cents, coined of the gold and silver and copper in our mints, represent labor—the brawn and muscle of toil, than do our freedom and happiness, peace and prosperity represent victories, minted of hardships, of courage and blood on the fields of death. Not more certainly do harvested wheat and baled cotton tell of the toil of plowman and reaper, of hoeing and picking and ginning, than do freedom, man's rights in his mailed armor of law, and the fleecy white peace of homes tell of valor, of suffering and of victory in the wager of blood. In fact all of man's rights and self-government have come out of *struggles*, out of the crucibles of war, winnowed by *suffering* and purified by blood. All that we possess to-day, our civil rights and our self-government is the price of suffering and bloodshed on 500 battle-



fields in our late war. But blood and suffering *then* do not tell the *whole* story of wounds that never healed, of pain that palsied limbs and rendered life a burden.

Over fields where we once fought and suffered and where our comrades died, harvests of wheat annually wave, or where blooms and bolls the cotton plant with its silken fiber; but more precious than the golden wheat is the golden freedom we won there; and more valuable than the fleecy cotton is the fine spun fiber of the legally woven web of law that clothes us to-day, all from the same field where grows the wheat we eat and the cotton we wear.

When the issue was made in our late war, *Union* or *disunion*, disintegration and death, our American manhood, from his high lookout, hearing the cry of liberty for *help*, for *life*, said: "*Here am I, send me!*" For, fellow-comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, we went not alone in defense of *ourselves*, *our wives and children*, or even in defense of our *children's* children, but in defense of *man*, in defense of his Ark of Liberty, his refuge from *oppression*, the world's dearest citadel of manhood.

This was the temple we went to defend, then threatened with destruction by disunion. The peril was great, as the issue was uncertain; the skies of our darkness were heavy and low; fierce mutterings of wrath were heard all around on our sulphurous horizon. Men, holding high positions in public esteem, in State, were alarmed—in despair, and in the paralysis of their manhood said, *patriotism is dead, self-government at an end*, because they saw not in our citizen youth armies such as they had seen in Europe, or generals such as they had read of in history.

But the genius of freedom, by some lucky throw of the dice of fate, had called for a man of courage and wisdom to command our ship of State; and as this man paced the deck of his storm-shaken ship, he was like Columbus steering out on his unknown deep, surrounded by his half mutinous crew, blanched with fear:

Behind him lay the gray Azores;  
 Behind, the gates of Hercules;  
 Before him, only ghosts of shores;  
 Before him, only shoreless seas.  
 The good mate said: "What shall I say,  
 If naught we sight, but seas at dawn?"  
 "Why, you shall say, at break of day,  
 Sail on, sail on, sail on and on?"

So, to this calm man of courage, came statesmen in the  
 storm of war, with chattering teeth and knocking knees,

Who said to him: "What shall *we* say,  
 If naught *we* sight, but seas at dawn?"  
 He said: "Why say, at break of day,  
 Sail on, sail on, sail on and on?"

Think of this marvel of a man, with marvelous vision  
 of seer, nurtured in poverty, schooled in want, educated in  
 toil, earning his bread in the sweat of his face, yet lifting  
 himself out of the pit of poverty, out of the depths of  
 obscurity without the aid of any adventitious circum-  
 stance, such as war, revolution, or accidental wealth, up  
 from the low level of drudgery, up to the high plain of  
 exalted citizenship, an orator without a rival, up to the  
*head* of a nation, and that nation *among* the first, if not  
*the first* in the most intelligent age of the world.

The world's history contains records of its great men—  
 its Alexanders, its Caesars, and Napoleons; but they were  
 not children of poverty, sons of toil, self educated, and  
 no one of them rose from obscurity with the wisdom and  
 selfpoise of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. And no one of them and  
 no one else in all the annals of time, answered the great  
 call of humanity as he the call of God, "*here am I.*"

He grew as a giant tree of his adopted State on the bank  
 of the Mississippi, stately and majestic, taller and stronger  
 out of each storm that strove with its branches, rooted in  
 the solid earth of truth,

"While round his breast the rolling clouds were spread,  
 Eternal sunshine settled on his head."

So rose this unique man of all history, a modern Mel-  
 chizedek, a princely man of peace, out of a door of his

*opportunity* that opened to him and closed forever. Tinctured as he was with a touch of melancholy, he yet was an *optimist*, with confidence in himself and faith in his fellow-man. But looking out over the field of life, and seeing its *wrongs* and *oppressions* he was sad. Honest and conscious of the power of right and justice, he was hopeful; yet endowed, as he was, with keen and tender sensibilities, he was far from being happy. There was much about him to touch a nature like his with sadness, and very little to cheer it. A man of peace, living in an age when *manhood* was measured by *prowess*, he yet commanded the respect and love of all who knew him. Religious by nature, and living in a community of Christians where so many were so unchristian, he passed for a skeptic because he followed not them.

An incident in his life reveals his *hopefulness* as well as his religious faith. A political opponent had made a speech in Charleston, Coles county, Illinois, dwelling chiefly on the wisdom of our fathers, and contrasting unfavorably the *want* of wisdom of modern statesmen, especially of Lincoln's party; with the statesmanship of Washington, Jefferson and Jackson. Lincoln in reply said in substance that God was in all movements in government for the improvement of man's civil and religious conditions, and that He, by His providence in each crisis raised up leaders, much as He raised up Moses and Joshua in Israel. As instances he referred to Paul and Luther in Church reforms, and to Cromwell and Washington in State reforms. "When a king dies," said he, "the cry is: 'Long live the king!' When Saul, the stalwart king of Israel, stood mute with fear in the presence of Goliath of Gath, at the head of a Philistine army, David, a shepherd lad, went out with his sling and slew him." This was the tone of Lincoln's reply. It was hopeful.

Some years afterwards, and after he had been elected President, but before his inauguration, and while the ship of State was being tossed hither and thither by the mad waves of secession under the irresolute hand of Buchanan, one who had heard his Charleston speech, wrote him as

follows: "Abe, you remember what you said at Charleston," giving the date and occasion, "now do you believe you are the man God has raised up for this occasion?" Lincoln's laconic reply was: "No, but I believe if God wants to MAKE me that man, He can do so."

In these few words we have the key note of Lincoln's character and life, growth under a conscious sense of duty and under an unshaken faith in the triumph of justice. His self-possession was so strongly developed in him that during the four years of fierce fratricidal strife, he said no unkind word of any one, though often under strong provocation to do so. In this respect, as a leader of men, he is without a parallel in all history. He is even the one exception to the rule, given by Him who spoke never as man spoke, that "a prophet is not without honor, save in his own country and in his own house." Lincoln was honored, almost idolized, by his own neighbors, by his own city, his own country, his own State and finally by his own nation, if not by the whole civilized world. He was the most American of all Americans, the kindest, the truest, the wisest and greatest. Taken all in all the world had never known his like, and probably never will again.

Such was Lincoln, our martyred president.

Grant, the dormant ex-captain, with the genius of a Napoleon and the iron will of a Wellington, rose in three years from the unknown tanner of Galena, Illinois, to a rank unsurpassed in the annals of war. Sherman quit his Louisiana professorship, and in the same time became second only to Grant, a restless, nervous, daring leader, unsatisfied until he went from Atlanta with his intrepid legions smashing things to the sea. And then little Phil. Sheridan, as quick as Caesar, as daring as Napoleon, and as reckless as the Black Prince, dashed into fame at the head of his gallant troopers.

So they that said *patriotism was dead*, that we were without *generals and armies* were false prophets. But high as I hold our generals in estimation, I yet hold the soldier with a gun in your hand as the "*ne plus ultra*" of

soldiership. And in speaking of the soldier, I include the Gray with the Blue; both Americans, the Blue righteously right, the Gray radically wrong. The Gray had more *dash*, the Blue more *staying* qualities, both prime requisits of soldiership. His was the task of *defense*, ours one of *attack*; his inspiration was *home*, ours *union*. But back of his home was *slavery*, and back of union *self-government*. There was enough in each cause to develop the highest type of soldiership, *obedience, intelligence, courage, endurance, strategy, daring*. Again and again the soldier of the ranks thrown on his own resources exhibited capacity and genius. Instances of such genius in the ranks of both sides would have left us armies of heroes, but for the high average of heroism in almost all battles that robbed the chief heroes of their laurels. The deeds of Hector and Achilles were more than matched a hundred times over; but the heroes, as yet, have had no Homer, and the records of their deeds of daring lie yet buried in the archives of the government, *unsung*.

The famous charge of the 600, immortalized by Tennyson, was tame compared with any of these acts of heroism.

Grant's blockade runners at Vicksburg, Pickett's command at Gettysburg are sample heroes of the war whose laurels are fadeless.

The lesson to us of our late war is that the *citizen soldier* can be relied on at any time to save *self-government*. The only serious peril is the dumping of pauperism, anarchy and nihilism on us from the other side of the sea. The honest man who earns the bread he eats is welcome, but the man whose hard lot, it may be, has caused a wheel in his head to slip a cog, and has turned his heart to hate, and the wild eyed Asiatic whose ways are dark and whose tricks are vain, are not wanted! The anarchist is insane, and the dead civilization of Asia is poison to Western life!

It has been said that great opportunities come to men and nations once, and once only. If they meet them they succeed, if not they fail.

It should be the pride of our life that we met our *opportunity*, and planted our banner of self-government

higher than it had ever been borne by hand of man and left it entrenched, unassailable, we hope forever.

It was then the American soldier dashed up the heights of fame, and in history he stands in the front rank to-day. It is our duty to hand down the lesson of our late war.

When Israel crossed the Jordan under Joshua they reared a monument, that in after years when their children should ask what mean these stones? they should reply: They are to teach you that our fathers came over Jordan *dry-shod*. Our duty is to point to our monument, this flag, that when our children's children ask what mean these stars and stripes, those questioned can reply: Our fathers came out of a bondage to kings through a Red Sea of revolution, then passed through a wilderness of fiery trial of rebellion, and crossed over Jordan into a land of peace *DRY-SHOD*, with *no stain* or *sting* of the serpent from the wilderness!!

It is a proud lesson we can leave for the rising generation to learn, but it is one they will learn and appreciate more and more as time passes.

To this end I would urge you, comrades, to maintain ranks heroically, nobly to the end, until the last "taps" are sounded!!

R. M. MOORE,

*Department Commander.*

The Commander's address was referred to Past Commanders Mann, Peterson and Parks.

Resolutions were offered and referred to the several committees appointed in general order No. 9, and all others not provided for in said order were referred to comrades Roch, Combs, Christian and Sullivan.

It was moved by comrade Brownlee of Dallas, and seconded by comrade Robinson of San Antonio, that the special order of business at 4 P. M. be the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year. This motion was amended by comrade Parks, with a second, that

*nominations* be made at 4 P. M., and that the *election* take place at 9 A. M. to-morrow.

Carried.

The Department Commander appointed comrades Peterson, Parks, Mann and Sargeant a committee to confer with the Woman's Relief Corps.

The Commander-in-Chief, Gen. T. G. Lawler, and his Adjutant General, C. C. Jones, here entered the hall and were received by the encampment with the proper salute, and were then escorted to the platform by Department Commander Moore.

General Lawler addressed the encampment in a very happy vein, congratulating it on the healthy influence of the Grand Army so manifest, and recalled the words of the Past National Commander-in-Chief, Adams, at Pittsburg: "We want to plant our flag so high that the South will love it as we do."

It was this sentiment that drew from the eloquent Watterson this response:

"I can say amen to every word uttered by your Commander-in-Chief. I have come here to-day—an undoubting American—to lay at the feet of American manhood the tribute of respectful homage. I have come—a willing witness—to bear testimony to the genius of American soldiery. I have come with a message from your countrymen who dwell on what was once the nether side of the line, but whose hearts beat in ready response to your hearts, and who bid me tell you they want to see you. Candor compels me to say that there was a time when they did not want to see you. There was a time when—without any invitation whatever—either written or verbal—without so much as an intimation of hospitality—you insisted upon giving us the honor of your company, and, as it turned out, when we were but ill pre-

pared to receive you. It were a pity, now that we are prepared—now that the lid is off the pot and that the latch string hangs outside the door—you should refuse us the happiness of entertaining you, of greeting you, not—

“With bloody hands to hospitable graves,”

but as friends and brothers, as fellow-citizens, who learned how to value one another amid scenes that left no time or room for equivocation, and transactions applying to human virtue the very highest tests. I know that whatever your decision may be you will give me credit for entire sincerity when I add that I was never happier in my life than I am in finding myself the vehicle for such a communication—the spokesman for such men to such men—the first of many voices to be raised, in good will and in good faith, entreating the Grand Army of the Republic to come South, to bring its knitting and stay all day.”

The sentiments of the gifted Kentuckian have been repeated in other words, in the same tenor, in perfect accord, at Waco.

Commander Lawler spoke with feeling of the addresses delivered last night by comrades J. T. Harris and J. D. Shaw of Waco, confederate veterans, whose soldierly hearts beating in their bosoms that were so often bared against the bullets of the Union, are now responsive to the patriotic appeals and are now most loyal to that which they once fought.

Adj't Gen. C. C. Jones described the growth and condition of the Grand Army. For the six months ending December 31st, 1894, there were 3,500 deaths. This was the chief cause of the falling off compared with the report of the previous six months, amounting to a diminution of 2000 in a total membership in the National Grand Army of 365,000. The foregoing figures Adj't Gen. Jones takes



from the reports in hand from forty-one Departments. Adj't Gen. Jones said:

“ We take from notes of our tour the following figures: Twenty Departments taken as we reach them, without discrimination, contain 26,000 school-houses. These school-houses are daily attended by children to become the future citizens of our Republic. Of these 26,000 school-houses 19,000 had ‘old glory,’ the star-spangled banner, the flag we love, floating above them, nailed to the masts by juvenile hands which in days to come will be ready to defend that flag against its foes. We hope to see the flag on the other 7000 school-houses in those twenty-one Departments. We hope to see it on every school-house in the United States.”

This circular was received and read from the Chaplain-in-Chief:

OFFICE OF CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF, }  
ST. LOUIS, MO., APRIL 19, 1895. }

*Commander and Comrades of the Department of Texas:*

Permit me to congratulate you as comrades in the great fraternity of the Grand Army of the Republic, the most endearing in this nation, whether in the Empire State of Texas or in the rocky coast of Maine, it is all the same a bond of fraternity, whose links were welded in the hot fires of a most cruel fratricidal war. But, thanks to God, the great ruler, one which has come to an end, and the roses of fragrance and peculiar beauty are now blooming in the mouth of the cruel engines of war.

Glad that the Commander-in-Chief is to be with you, with his words of cheer and counsels of wisdom. His vision is as broad as the wide shores of our heaven-favored land and his visit can but do you good. You will give him a hearty welcome as one soldier does another. You will gladden his heart, large as it is, with your assurance of fraternity, with every lover of our old flag and loyalty to every good work in building up our glorious country. Remember that our country can be builded alone on true foundations of truth, justice, industry, economy, temperance and faith in God, who rules over all. Other nations may in some instances build on despotism

and crushed hopes and fortunes of men, but not so in America. We must build on different foundations. You have a mighty empire in your own State as to boundary, climate, products of soil and possibility of the inhabitants. Use these boundless blessings, as God intended they should, and you will be the greatest State in this family of sisters. Disregard these principles and your greatness will only be the sure means of your certain death. Good soldiers knew what constituted the elements of efficiency in the army. The same principles of virtue will ever insure success in citizenship. We look for much from Texas in the future of this nation. Comrades, let us touch elbows in all good things and thus march on to glory and final glory.

I would gladly look in upon your encampment, but that is not necessary. You will look well after the interests of F., C. and L. in the great Southwest, and we will try to keep the watchfires of liberty brightly burning in the center of the land of liberty.

Hoping for you a grand and glorious encampment and a successful journey to Louisville next fall,

I remain yours in F., C. and L. most truly,

L. H. HAGERTY, *Chaplain-in-Chief.*

Comrade Boyd moved a resolution of thanks to Commander-in-Chief Lawler and his staff, Generals Jones and Hepburn of Iowa. They were rendered by three cheers and a salute.

Gen. Mann had read a request from the War Department for missing numbers of our proceedings, and then the encampment adjourned until 2 P. M.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 P. M. Commander Moore called the encampment to order with the gavel.

The following telegram was read:

NEW ORLEANS, LA., APRIL 23, 1895.

*Gen. R. M. Moore, Dep't Commander, G. A. R., Waco:*

Would that I could be with you. Cordial greeting to all the comrades, including Illinois and Iowa.

CHARLES H. SCHUTE,

*Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.*

The reports of the Chaplain and Inspector General were read, and reported on favorably by the committee:

### REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

TO THE TENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF TEXAS, G. A. R., HELD AT WACO, APRIL 22nd TO 25th, 1895.

*Gen. R. M. Moore, Commander Department of Texas, San Antonio:*

COMMANDER: Thirteen Posts have sent in reports of the observance of Memorial Day, May 30th, 1894, as follows, viz.: Alvin, Abilene, Corpus Christi, Denison, Dublin, Fort Worth, Galveston, Georgetown, Granbury, Houston, San Angelo, San Antonio and Waco.

Wainwright Post, No. 72, Alvin. Held Sunday service, sermon by Rev. W. Dunlevy. Confederate Veterans participated in Memorial Day exercises. 200 people; oration by Mr. Shirley, ex-confederate; music, and flowers. General good feeling prevailed. One grave decorated; one soldier buried in the past year.

Travis Post, No. 66, Abilene—Moses M. Norris, Chaplain, reports: "There are only a few of us here, and as no minister of this town would consent to conduct services for us we made no attempt at a public celebration, but held the day sacred in our hearts."

E. J. Davis Post, No. 54, Corpus Christi—D. A. Seely, Chaplain, reports: Memorial services held; address by E. J. Kilner, poem "Memorial Day" by Elizabeth F. Blanding. Post attended M. E. Church in a body; Rev. J. F. Webb preached at the request of the Post. Graves decorated with flags and flowers. Some members of other Posts and some Ex-United States soldiers joined in the exercises. A respectable concourse of citizens at cemetery. The day passed off creditably.

Nathaniel Lyon Post, No. 5, Denison—Thos. Stanley, Chaplain. Sunday memorial service at opera house. Prayer by Rev. W. A.

Cooper, sermon by Rev. W. S. Hills, patriotic songs by choir. Memorial Day oration by Gen. J. C. Bigger, Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. Grand parade, 4,000 in line. W. R. C., Denison Rifles, Stanley Rangers, school children, Excelsior Band, citizens in carriages. Graves of Blue and Gray decorated alike. A more patriotic display could not be seen in any Northern city of equal population.

Gen. Sam. Houston Post, No. 55, Dublin—M. Barr, Chaplain. No Sunday service. On Memorial day the Post, accompanied by a number of citizens, marched to the cemetery, decorated graves, marched back to the hall where dinner was served by W. R. C., and speeches made by Mayor Gilett, ex-confederate, and others. The day was solemnly and appropriately observed.

W. S. Parmly Post, No. 4, Fort Worth—Thos. J. Lynch, Chaplain. Sunday memorial services in St. Paul's M. E. Church, sermon by Dr. Fisher, President of Fort Worth University. Post marched to church accompanied by R. E. Lee Camp U. C. V. On Memorial Day, procession to cemetery, composed of fifty comrades, W. R. C., 25 R. E. Lee Camp U. C. V., Dupont Naval Association, A. L. Low, Commander. Ritual observed, graves decorated, addresses delivered by Capt. C. C. Cummings, Commander R. E. Lee Camp U. C. V. Remarks by comrade Gibson of Abilene, Kansas; comrade Dickerman, Ashley, Illinois; A. L. Lowe, Commander Dupont Naval Association, Fort Worth. Column re-formed and returned to the city.

W. S. Hancock Post, No. 2, Galveston—R. P. Sargent, Chaplain. No Sunday service. Memorial Day exercises conducted by the regular officer of the Post which convened in hall where flowers were brought. Post proceeded in a body to various cemeteries where graves were decorated and services held.

DECORATION DAY.—W. S. Hancock Post, No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic, on Wednesday proceeded in a body to the cemeteries and, after the ceremonial services prescribed for the occasion by the rituals of the Order, decorated with sweet flowers the resting places of all soldiers, with equal and seemly reverence for those who wore the Gray as for those of their comrades who wore the Blue. After the ceremonies at the cemeteries the Post marched to the Ursuline Convent, and after reverential and solemn prayer, spread its floral remembrances upon the grave of Mother St. Pierre, whose gentle ministrations to union soldiers wounded at the battle of Galveston, January 1st, 1861, has endeared her memory to all good soldiers of either side. The beautiful custom of thus placing our tributes of respect upon the resting places of Mother St. Pierre and of Father Chambodut, who shared with the good mother in his kindly offices

to those stricken soldiers, was inaugurated by W. S. Hancock Post, G. A. R., and in a like manner conformed to by our friends of Magruder Camp, Confederate Veterans, upon their memorial occasions. A committee visited the grave of Father Chambodut in the cathedral, and after a simple service placed flowers upon the tablet to his memory in the chancel, and the Post quietly dispersed.

FRANK L. KIRK, *Adjutant.*

Phil. Sheridan Post, No. 25, Georgetown—W. A. M. Smally, Chaplain, reports as follows: "Our members were so scattered at the time, so many away from home, we could hold no services."

W. T. Sherman Post, No. 51, Granbury—Geo. W. Raifsnider, Chaplain. Sunday memorial services conducted by M. E. minister. Formed and marched to court house: speech by comrade Catts, also remarks by ex-confederates Neely and Moore. The chaplain remarks as follows: "Our services are not looked upon with much respect by the old confederates of this place. A few are pleased and will attend our services at the cemetery." Twelve comrades and one hundred others participated.

Geo. B. McClellan Post, No. 9, Houston—David Perkins, Chaplain. Post has a cemetery lot of its own. Held Memorial Day exercises, thirty comrades took part. A number of comrades from other Posts joined; also Dick Dowling Camp U. C. V., by invitation; city schools, singing clubs, and citizens generally; about 1,500 in all. Orations by Hon. Mr. Lubbock, Major Peck, G. A. R. Poem by Miss Bessie Warren; songs and solos, concluding with "America."

Wesley Merritt Post, No. 69, San Angelo—John A. Barnett, Chaplain. Post held public exercises on Memorial Day; seven comrades took part.

E. O. C. Ord Post, No. 3, San Antonio—Henry Minnett, Chaplain. Post held Sunday service conducted by Rev. J. I. McLaughlin. Held Memorial Day services jointly with Belknap and Crook Posts. Exercises participated in by city officials, United States troops, infantry, cavalry and artillery, Fire Department, German Veteran Association, Christopher Columbus Societies, United Veterans of America. Capt. Thos. P. Winthrop, Orator of the Day. Adj't Robinson was Chaplain of the Day. It was a grand and patriotic display.

Davy Crockett Post, No. 70, Waco—Wm. Harlin, Chaplain. Sunday memorial services conducted by Rev. Chas. E. Giddings. Post met at hall, formed in line, marched to church with flags draped and furled. On Memorial Day comrades to the number of 27, joined by Pat. Cleburne Camp U. C. V., Daughters of the Confederacy, and W. R. C., marched to the city hall; comrades arm in arm with

U. C. V. Exercises in city hall, opening prayer, recitations, singing and orations. Revs. Giddings and Page, and comrade Redwood were the orators; Miss Nellie Conger, poet. "We closed with a true reunion of the Blue and the Gray."

The fulness and accuracy of the Department Chaplain's report depends on the reports received by him from Post chaplains. These reports are very important, showing, as they do, the manner in which Decoration Day is celebrated, indicating the spirit which animates a Post, hence, every Post should exert itself to the utmost to make Memorial Day "the day of days," not only for the surviving veterans, but for our deceased comrades.

In closing, I hereby return heartfelt thanks to all comrades for the honor conferred on me by their suffrages at the last annual encampment. My associations with our honored Department Commander, and with all Department officers and comrades have been very pleasant, and I sever these associations with deep regret; but the tie that binds me to every comrade of our glorious Order, death alone shall sever. And even in death, such is the beautiful sentiment of our comradeship, that it is only partially severed, as is fully proved on Decoration Day in its annual rounds. Wishing you, beloved commander, and all comrades, God's choicest blessings.

Very respectfully,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

T. K. CROWLEY, *Dept. Chaplain, G. A. R.*

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## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

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DENISON, TEXAS, MARCH 20, 1895.

Col. W. H. Robinson, *A. A. Gen., G. A. R., Dep't of Texas, San Antonio, Texas:*

DEAR SIR: In compliance with Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit the following Inspection Report for the year ending December 31st, 1894; also, consolidated report of said inspection, viz:

Is the work of the ritual committed to memory and properly performed? Yes, 4; No, 26; Partly, 3.

Are the members uniformed and equipped? Yes, 2; No, 24-7.

How many muskets are owned by the Posts? 26 have no muskets; 7 are armed.

Are the officers regular in their attendance? Yes, 26; No, 4; Not very, 3.

Are the members regular in their attendance? Yes, 13; No, 10; Not very, 10.

Do they exhibit any interest in the Post? Yes, 22; No, 5; Not much, 3; Some, 3.

Are the records complete and well kept? Yes, 27; No, 1; Fairly, 5.

Are orders received regularly and read to the Post? Yes, 32; No, 1.

Are they duly observed? Yes, 33.

Is there relief fund for charitable purposes? Yes, 9; No, 24.

What are the prospects for the future? Good, 15; Not good, 5; Fair, 8; Bright, 1; Poor, 4.

Of the 18 Posts reporting the number of flags, 104 school districts are reported, 22 as having flags and 82 without any.

But 20 Posts report the value of property owned by the Posts, the sum total being \$989.70, while 17 report the total amount in hands of Quartermaster as being \$509.84.

I have personally inspected a number of the Posts and wrote to every Commander in the Department urging them to be prompt in forwarding their reports of inspection. The majority complied with my request, but a number being tardy I again addressed them and in a few instances received a response, while others have taken no notice of my communications. This I much regret as I had hoped by persistent efforts to have had a report from every Post in the Department. I am only able by this disregard to General Orders from Department Headquarters to report 33 Posts. Our losses from this appear to be greater than they really are as a number of Posts have forwarded their per capita tax and failed in those of inspection.

During the year I visited both the Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Quartermaster and found the books, records, stores, etc., in excellent condition, and in this connection beg leave to say, I have given no previous intimation of my visit of inspection.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

E. L. WITMAN, *Dept. Inspector.*

A letter inviting the encampment to Houston was received from E. G. Rust, read and filed.

The Rev. Rufus Burleson, D. D., President of Baylor

University, Waco, through Commander Moore, invited the members of the encampment to visit the University to witness a parade and drill of the cadets under Lieut. Buck at 4 P. M. to-morrow. A vote of thanks was tendered for the invitation and a desire expressed that all attend the parade and drill who could do so.

The committee on the Adjutant General's report, W. H. Robinson, was read and approved.

WACO, TEXAS, APRIL 23, 1895.

*To the Department Commander Gen. R. M. Moore, and members of the Grand Army of the Republic:*

We, your committee on Ass't Adj't General's report, beg leave to report that we recommend the Ass't Adj't General's report as herewith presented be adopted.

We further recommend that the receptacle spoken of be turned over to the new Department Commander, and that he be authorized to store the same with one of the stronger Posts of our Department, without expense to the Department for keeping and storing said archives of our Department.

E. L. WITMAN,  
W. H. HARVEY,  
W. W. BOSTWICK,  
T. K. CROWLEY.

The Council of Administration reported on the Adjutant's books and papers as follows:

We, the Council of Administration, respectfully report that we have examined the books and papers of the Assistant Adjutant General of this Department, G. A. R., and find them complete in all respects, and in appearance reflecting great credit upon his ability as an executive officer.

H. E. CONGER,  
H. T. RUE,  
A. MCWHIRK,  
T. W. MANCHESTER,  
*Council of Administration.*



Here the Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Lawler, and staff entered and were greeted with three cheers and a tiger.

Commander Moore announced the committee on transportation for the coming year as follows: John L. Boyd and J. R. Harned of Dallas, and H. E. Conger of Waco.

A recess of twenty minutes was then given for the photographer to take the annual photograph of the encampment.

The report of Chief Mustering Officer, A. McWhirk, was read and approved.—No Posts mustered.

The committee on the work of the Woman's Relief Corps, W. D. Kretzinger, W. J. Bassett and H. E. Conger, reported and were greeted with applause. Thereupon comrades Mann, Peterson, Parks and McCormick were appointed to bear our greetings to the W. R. C. This committee soon returned escorting a committee of ladies of the Relief Corps to our platform, where Mrs. Annie M. Wingrove, President, won a round of applause by a very graceful speech.

The next item of business was the selection of a place for the next annual encampment. Rust's letter placed Houston in nomination. Austin sent a bid as follows:

AUSTIN, TEXAS, APRIL 12, 1895.

*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 of Joseph A. Mower Post, No. 10, in extending to you an invitation to hold your next annual encampment in this 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,

HENRY A. LINN,  
*Acting Mayor, City of Austin, Texas.*

JOHN McDONALD,  
*Mayor.*

Moved by McKay that the offer be filed and referred to the committee.

And the Mayor of Dallas sent the following invitation:

THE CITY OF DALLAS, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
FRANK P. HOLLAND, MAYOR. }  
DALLAS, TEXAS, APRIL 20, 1895.

*State Encampment, G. A. R., Waco, Texas:*

GENTLEMEN:—In inviting the members of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Texas to hold their next annual encampment in 1896 in Dallas, I am not only speaking for the city as her official representative, but also for every citizen that is within her confines. Dallas is broad gauge at all times. Dallas will feel only too honored to be able to hold out the hand of welcome to the heroes of the North, as she has often held it out the heroes of the South.

I need not speak to you of the many advantages Dallas possesses as the convention city of the Southwest. Our magnificent hotels, our great convention halls, our beautiful city are too well known to need describing. As the railroad center of the State, as the metropolis of Texas it is meet and right that every convention should look to Dallas. There may be many held here in 1896, but the G. A. R. can feel assured that none will receive a warmer or heartier welcome than the State Encampment.

Believe me, gentlemen, with many wishes for the success of the G. A. R.,

Yours very sincerely,

F. P. HOLLAND.

After some speeches on the above nominations, Houston was withdrawn and a vote taken on Austin and Dallas, resulting in a large majority in favor of Dallas.

An invitation, through comrade H. T. Rue, was received from Houston to the encampment, requesting the members of the Grand Army to attend the annual reunion of the UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS, May 22nd, 23rd and 24th next. Thanks were tendered for the invitation, and the members of the encampment requested to attend.

Committee on Commander's address received and approved.

Here a deputation from the W. R. C. was announced by the Officer of the Day. The rules were suspended and the ladies admitted and escorted to the platform, Mrs. E. A. R. Williams and Mrs. T. W. Manchester. They were welcomed by Commander Moore, and then Mrs. Williams addressed the encampment as follows:

*Commander Moore. Commander-in-Chief Lawler and Comrades of the Tenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Texas.—Greeting:*

We, a committee appointed by the sixth annual convention of the Woman's Relief Corps now in session in this city, appear before you to tender you a formal greeting, and in compliance with this pleasant duty we assure you we esteem it an honor second to none to be members of your auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, and we come again to pledge our lasting fealty and unswerving allegiance to the Grand Army of the Republic, recognizing the fact that before us is a part of the grandest organization in existence, and history tells of none greater.

Your name implies hardships on the field of battle, where perchance long lines of brave boys have melted away before the enemy's guns like snowflakes in the noonday sun, and those of you who were spared from the fearful carnage came marching back proudly to your homes and loved ones, bearing aloft that dear old flag for which you had made so many sacrifices and defended so bravely, without the loss of a single star, which fact proclaimed to all the world one flag, one country, one people and liberty to all.

As a reward for your service you have the love and receive the homage of a grateful people, and in ages to come your deeds of valor and heroism will stand as a beacon to light the way to liberty and freedom to the oppressed of every land.

We come bearing greetings from 295 members of the Woman's Relief Corps, a mere infant in number, but full grown in our patriotism and fidelity to those left us to cherish and protect, but as the infant can only become strong by the nourishing care of the parent, so we can gain strength and influence only through the encouragement and protection of our parent organization, the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is for you, dear comrades, to decide whether or not we as an organization in Texas shall keep step with you in the march of exemplifying our motto, fraternity, charity and loyalty, and may we not hope that your sixth set of annual encampment resolutions to go home and organize a Woman's Relief Corps at once take a deeper root than on former occasions and grow up into a strong working corps, which if not exactly a thing of beauty will be a joy forever. Try it, and observe the beneficent effect it will have upon the old comrades, especially the widowers and bachelors. I speak from actual facts, as some of Nat. Lyon Post comrades present can testify.

“And while you live our grateful hearts  
 Shall still this pledge renew:  
 All honor and love for those  
 Who wore the union blue.”

MRS. E. A. R. WILLIAMS.

On the conclusion of her address she was highly complimented by Commander Moore and a rising vote of thanks was given her. After the retirement of the ladies a committee was appointed to wait upon the ladies of the W. R. C. and thank them for their hearty co-operation during the past year.

When the hour of 4 P. M. was reached, comrade Parks moved to reconsider his motion for nomination made in the forenoon and amend so as to go into election as well as nomination now. The motion to reconsider was seconded, discussed and carried. The motion to amend, so as to elect now, was made and seconded and thoroughly discussed and passed.

Comrade Sargeant of Galveston, Post No. 2, as the Posts were called, placed W. W. Bostwick of Post No. 5 in nomination. Comrade Sargeant first declined a nomination himself, but warmly and strongly advocated comrade Bostwick's claims.

Comrades Kretzinger and Crowley of Nat. Lyon Post,

and McCormick of Post No. 11, Dallas, seconded Bostwick's nomination with enthusiasm.

Comrade H. C. Adler of Post No. 13 of Terrell placed John Roch of Post No. 55 of Dublin in nomination for Commander, in a cordial and forcible speech.

Comrade H. E. Conger of Post No. 70 placed comrade W. A. Carnahan of the same Post in nomination for Commander. Comrade Carnahan declined.

Tellers were appointed, and while ballots were being prepared comrade Roch urged his friends to allow him to withdraw, but they refused to do so.

#### RESULT OF BALLOT.

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| W. W. Bostwick..... | 60    |
| John Roch.....      | 15    |
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| Total.....          | 75    |

The Commander announced the result that Bostwick was elected Commander for the ensuing year.

Roch then moved to make his election unanimous. This was done with a hurrah.

Commander elect Bostwick then came forward and thanked his comrades for the honors conferred.

The next office to be filled being that of *Senior Vice-Commander*, comrade McCune of Davy Crockett Post of Waco nominated H. E. Conger. The rules were suspended and the Adjutant General directed to cast the vote of the encampment for comrade H. E. Conger which was done, and he was declared the Senior Vice-Commander of the Department for the coming year.

Past Commander Mann then nominated R. P. Sargeant of Post No. 2 of Galveston as *Junior Vice-Commander*, and the vote of the encampment was cast for him by the

Assistant Adjutant General and he was declared the Junior Vice-Commander.

Comrade McKay of Dallas nominated Dr. W. P. Fleming of Post No. 25 as Medical Director, and he was elected and so declared by order of the encampment.

Comrade Roch placed the Rev. T. K. Crowley, the present Department Chaplain, in nomination for Department Chaplain again. He was elected with applause, and so declared.

#### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Commander Moore appointed comrades Mann, Peterson and Boyd a committee to nominate a Council of Administration. This committee recommended comrades H. E. Adler of Terrell, A. McWhirk of Dallas, M. F. Hiatt of Belton and T. W. Manchester of Fort Worth, and they were elected by the encampment.

*Delegates to the National Encampment* were then elected as follows: Horace Welsh, Delegate-at-Large; John Roch, Delegate; J. L. Tygard, Alternate-at-Large; H. T. Rue, Alternate.

The encampment then adjourned to meet at 9 A. M., the 24th, having practically completed its business in one day's session, a result never accomplished before.

After adjournment the Commander-in-Chief and staff, and Department Commander and staff, attended the drill and parade of the Baylor cadets, when Lieut. Buck fired an artillery salute.

At night a grand campfire was held. It was given by comrade Gardner Work at his home at College Heights. Comrade Work resides on a cedar-covered plateau overlooking the Brazos river. The cedar trees were dangling and sparkling with incandescent lights and the grounds, of

several acres in extent, were covered with tents. The Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps together, confederate veterans and ladies made up the immense crowd. There was speaking, music and dancing and a bivouac supper with hot coffee from camp kettles served with hard tack. Comrade Work and his wife were assisted in serving the guests by the local ladies of the Relief Corps and several members of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

The hard tack for the occasion was furnished by Gen. Frank Wheaton, Commander of the Department of Texas at San Antonio, to remind the boys of *auld lang syne*.



### THIRD DAY.

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Commander Moore opened the encampment in due form at 9 A. M., the 24th.

A telegram from the BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB of San Antonio was read as follows:

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, APRIL 22, 1895.

*To Col. R. M. Moore, Pacific Hotel, Waco:*

The Business Men's Club, in session to-day, sends warm greeting to the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and invites them to meet in San Antonio next year.

H. L. BENSON, *Secretary.*

This was received and filed with a vote of thanks, and a further statement that had the invitation come sooner, the encampment would have been glad to have entertained it.

The committee on resolutions read the following:

*Resolved,* That the Adjutant General and Commander are hereby authorized to compile and publish the PROCEEDINGS of this the Tenth Annual Encampment, and that the sum of \$20 be allowed for said services.

Carried.

*Resolved,* That a vote of thanks is hereby tendered T. W. Manchester for his efficient services as an assistant to the Assistant Adjutant General.

Carried.



The following resolutions were all enthusiastically endorsed :

WHEREAS, The members of this encampment have every means of knowing concerning fraudulent cases of pension, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we solemnly declare that to our knowledge not a single case of fraudulent pension drawing exists in the whole State of Texas. Further,

*Resolved*, That we hold and have ever held ourselves ready to publish any such cases that may come to our information.

MCKAY.

*Resolved*, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to the WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS OF WACO, to the PAT. CLEBURNE PICKET, and DAVY CROCKETT POST of Waco, and particularly to comrades Conger, Carnahan, McCune and Hoeffner, for their ardent and effectual efforts in making this one of our most successful encampments;

*Resolved*, That the tenth encampment hereby tenders to Mayor McCulloch, the common council, and the citizens of Waco our sincere thanks for their generous hospitality. We, the old soldiers, feel that

“When death's dark river is ferried o'er—  
A time that surely will come—  
In heaven itself we ask no more,  
Than just a Waco welcome.”

*And, resolved further*, That we tender our thanks to the Press of Waco, and to the *Dallas News*, for their kind, liberal and fair reports of the proceedings of our encampment.

*Resolved*, That we hereby request the Commander-in-Chief to place comrade Carnahan on his staff.

A collection was taken to reimburse the comrades of Davy Crockett Post for expenses incurred in publishing the Grand Army Encampment Gazette.

#### INSTALLATION.

The business of the encampment having been finished Commander Moore requested Commander Mann, as the

Senior Past Commander present, to install the newly elected officers.

Past Commander Mann then took the chair, and appointed comrade James M. Steere of Dallas Officer of the Day and directed him to present the officers elect, and at the same time requested the Commander elect to name his Assistant Adjutant General, and Assistant Quartermaster General. He appointed E. L. Witman Assistant Adjutant General, and John L. Boyd Assistant Quartermaster General.

Thereupon all these officers, except the Medical Director, W. P. Fleming of Georgetown, not present, were duly installed, as follows:

W. W. BOSTWICK, ... Denison, ... Dep't Commander  
 H. E. CONGER, ... Waco, ... Senior Vice-Commander  
 R. P. SARGEANT, ... Galveston, ... Junior Vice-Commander  
 T. K. CROWLEY, ... Denison, ... Dep't Chaplain  
 E. L. WITMAN, ... Denison, ... Ass't Adj't General  
 J. L. BOYD, ... Dallas, ... Ass't Q. M. General

At the conclusion of the installation the old boys broke out in joyous songs of the long ago.

Comrade E. H. Mayer of San Antonio recited a poem that recalled the days when we were young, and others followed with like reminders.

Comrade Greene of Wichita Falls sang: "We drank from the same canteen." His rich melodious voice captured the boys, and he was called out again and again, and the hall rang with the old melodies of war-times until time, that waits for no man, bade us separate. So Commander Bostwick called order with his gavel and commanded parade rest, and called on Past Commander

Moore to close with prayer, with which request he complied. So the Tenth Annual Encampment closed. Then the historic pipe of peace was passed around for each one to take a whiff.

W. H. ROBINSON,  
*Ass't Adj't General.*

