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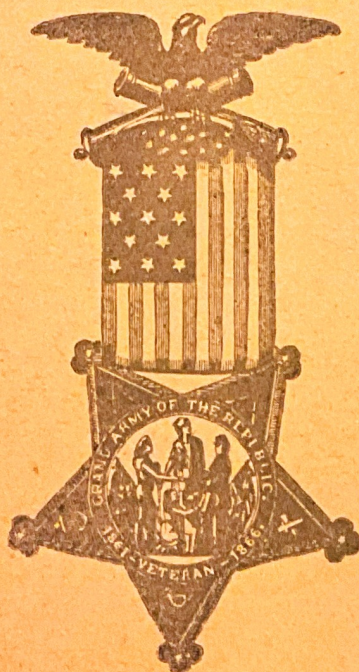
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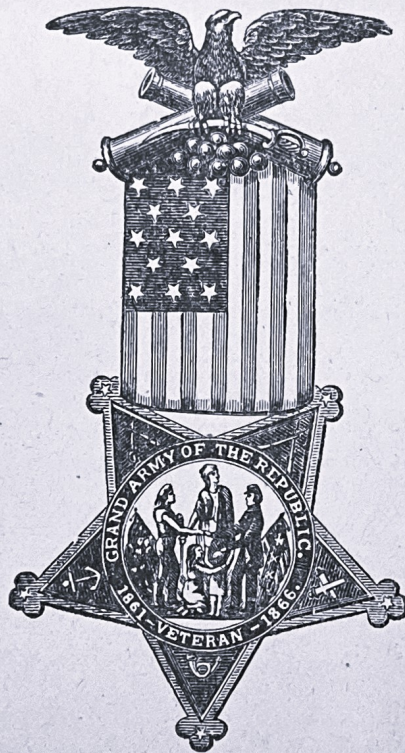
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## FIRST DAY.

### Record of the Proceedings.

The 21st Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was convened at Turner Hall, corner of Canton and South Harwood streets at 10:30 by Comrade W. F. Conner of Oglesby Post No 6 explaining its purpose and introducing Mayor Pro Tem W. D. Burke, who made the first welcome address on behalf of the city as follows:

"Fellow Citizens and Grand Old Heroes: It is with a feeling of embarrassment that I appear before you old battle-scarred veterans to whose ear the roar of battle, the scream of shot and shell was music sweet. I feel the more embarrassed when I reflect that I am receiving you as the mayor of the fairest city in the greatest country on God's green footstool. I was born in Louisiana and should I have been of age I suspect that I would have been on the other side, but the uniform that appealed to me most, even with these feelings, was that worn by Yankee soldiers. As mayor pro tem I welcome you to Dallas, and wish well for you during your stay among us."

Col. P. B. Hunt delivered the response to the address of welcome, speaking in part as follows:

"I am not surprised that the great city of Dallas, through you, her chosen representative, should extend so hearty a greeting to the Union veterans of the Civil War. Dallas is noted for her frankness, kindness and fairness, and, in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, I thank you most heartily.

"The Grand Army of the Republic is the largest organization of the kind in the world. When organized, at the close of the war, it was not with a warlike spirit, but was actuated by undercurrent of love for all men. The Confederate veterans organized a similiar society, I do not see any reason why we should not meet in one camp, under one name—blue and gray—for we are all brothers and proud of each other. We fought each other and know the sterling worth of one another. I do not believe there is a man who was a real soldier during the Civil War who would object to such a union. I for one most heartily approve it.

"The gallant Americans who met in deadly combat established the fact that no soldier living is equal to the American soldier.

"The distinguished Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the

Republic, General Tanner, honored us today with his presence, and we also have the additional honor of having Mrs. Tanner to lend her charm to the situation. General Tanner is one of the very best friends the Union veterans ever had, and he is broad-gauged and has no unkind word for any man. Few men have suffered more or gave more for his country. Tonight you should hear his address. I have a Confederate veteran friend who is a great admirer of General Tanner, who told me that he met the General for the first time some years ago, possibly twenty or thirty, in the smoker of a Pullman car, and they discussed the war. My Confederate friend said to the General, "I take it, sir, that you saw but little service during the war." To which he replied, "Possibly I did not, but I was in it long enough to have both legs shot off." My friend has loved General Tanner ever since for having so distinguished evidence of his loyalty to the old flag he offered his life to save.

"I heard a story of a Yankee soldier who had lost one leg and one arm asking aid at one time on a street corner, when an old Confederate was passing, who stopped and gave him a dollar, and it so surprised the crippled man, because no one had ever given him so much before, so he was very gracious in thanking the donor, who said, 'Never mind, I cheerfully give it, for you are the best trimmed up Yankee I have ever seen; the fact is, sir, I will say it is done to a Queen's taste.'"

"I wish, my dear sirs, to remind you that the Grand Army of the Republic has back of it the Woman's Relief Corps as an auxiliary, but the fact is it is our main dependence and our toning up, for without the ladies we would be very, very poor, indeed.

"Mr. Mayor, I thank you again and beg of you to share with us whatever we possess, and, above all, we want you tonight at our camp fire to hear our distinguished guest, General Tanner."

Comrade Conner introduced Mrs. Mary J. Scott Underhill, President of the Woman's Relief Corps, who addressed the meeting. Comrade Hunt adds to his remarks compliments to the members of the W. R. C. and their work for the benefit of the G. A. R.

Commander in Chief General Tanner is introduced with cheers and is at once called upon for a speech. He made a short talk. Referring to the work of the Relief Corps and complimenting them on its efficiency. Concluding he said:

"I want to say right here that there has been no trouble since the battle of Appomattox. Fortune sent me home early, but I have always had a great deal more respect for the Southern soldier who

firmly believed in the doctrine of State's rights and went out on the field of battle and risked his life than I have for the little dried-up soul who stayed at home and cried, 'On to Richmond,' and after the close of the war has been trying to stir up trouble. Here today, my comrades, in this fair city, let us thank God that 'the war drum beats no longer and the battle flag is furled.' "

Comrade Conner presents Mrs. Eliza J. Custer, instructor of the National Relief Corps, who favors the convention with a short address.

Capt. D. E. Grove of the Dallas Commercial club then delivered an address of welcome and said in part:

"Members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps: It is my honor to welcome you to Dallas. I say welcome in the sense it was expressed in the days of long ago by a mother's open arms, tear-dimmed eyes and smiling face upon your return to the childhood's scenes and as truly as she did, I for our people welcome you to our city. Woman's Relief Corps, you are welcome.

"To these ladies I beg to add that the men of America are acknowledged around the world as the champions of womanhood. But from no place on earth does there arise from hearts of manhood truer loyalty to and reverence for womanhood than that from the hearts of Texans. Womanhood is the guide of the hearts of the sons of the Lone Star State around the world as true as the needle to the magnet, while from the altars of these hearts arises an incense of devotion that radiates back from the sky a rainbow of hope which strengthens them and lightens the pathway back home. For these I say welcome.

"These veterans and survivors of bloody battles I would remind that Texans of today look at the monument of Goliad, the field of San Jacinto and the Alamo and realizing what patriotic love of country and heroic devotion to duty have done for Texas intuitively bow low their heads in honor of the men who upheld their flag at Vicksburg, Gettysburg and Lookout Mountain. To each and all I say again, 'Welcome.' Be at home in Dallas."

#### **Smoker in Honor of General Tanner.**

Complimentary to Commander-in-Chief James Tanner of the Grand Army of the Republic and the delegates to the meeting of the Department of Texas in session here for the past two days, a reception and smoker was tendered last night at the room of the Dallas Commercial Club. The hosts were the 150,000 Club of Dallas and the members of Sterling Price Camp United Confederate Veterans. There were addresses by Col. John N. Simpson, Dr. L. L. Whittaker of San Anto-



nio, Judge J. C. Muse, John A. Ewton and the guest of the evening, Commander-in-Chief James Tanner. The rostrum was decorated with a great silk American flag and the arm chair for General Tanner was graced with small draped U. S. flags. After addresses had been made there was a luncheon and smoker, at which sandwiches of ham and chicken and turkey, a variety of pickles and crackers, cakes and several kinds of beverages were set forth. There were cigars in abundance. A number of ladies attended throughout, and a most enjoyable time was had. Would like to embody in the Journal all of the speeches, but space forbids. General Tanner said in part:

#### Corporal Tanner's Address.

General Tanner when introduced began with: "Comrades, veterans in both kinds of uniforms, ladies and fellow-citizens." He evoked frequent cheers and much applause. He said:

"What we have here tonight is the thing for which I as a Federal soldier fought, a country reunited and able to raise millions of men for National defense without regard to the section from which they come."

He related an incident in the St. Charles Hotel in New Orleans, where Col. Blakeley, an old Confederate and a good friend of his, was entertaining a number of Confederates at the reunion. Seated in the lobby the matter of flags had come up in "joshing" each other when he said: "Seriously, boys, if the Confederates did not venerate their battleflag they would be little better than dogs. Those flags embodied the work of their women and led them in the fight for what they thought was right. Their boys had gone from home under the folds of those flags to return cold in death or lie in some distant battlefield or burying ground."

#### Advocated Return of Flags.

"I have always advocated in army post and in the halls of the Nation to send those flags back to the South, where they have been captured and let the fathers and mothers have the consolation their presence would afford in their sorrow. But it is the flag of the reunited Nation that everyone of us would appeal to were we in trouble in a foreign land. And the South has done her part to make it everywhere respected.

"There are those on both sides who complain of the neglect of the younger generation. We ought to remember that when the Civil War came up there were 33,000,000 only in the country. Since then

fully 50 per cent. have died. There are now not fewer than 60,000,000 people in our country to whom the war is history and who have little time to study even that. It is enough for us to know that they owe the whole thing to us for we of both sides brought about the condition of greatness we now enjoy with them.

#### **"Dixie" Is Emblem of Reunion.**

"It would have been easy to get rid of the South. We loved her too well and wished to retain her in the Union. We wanted you men, even if a spanking was necessary, though the spanking hurt us more than it hurt you, as the fathers say to the boys. And now we can whip the world before the soldiers of the invaders could get three miles inland. 'Dixie' belongs to us along with the other things surrendered. We are ready to let you use it, but the air is the emblem of the reunion that has taken place. It belongs to us all.

"There are those who while they cheer the old soldier are ready to declare that he committed every larceny in the law books in the time of the war. A hungry soldier is not a fit fighter, and we did offer at times the chickens and pigs and geese and the like we could get hold of as a sacrifice on the altar of our country."

The speaker referred to the decoration of the graves and alluded to the fact that it is becoming a custom on both sides to decorate all of the graves, both Confederate and Federal. He said that he had, as National commander, lately issued an order for a Decoration Day in which he had called for a decoration of all the graves. "And if I had the power," he said with fervor, "you boys should for the rest of your lives, whether you are Federals or Confederates, have nothing but peace and plenty as long as God would let you live among us."

He spoke of personal friendship for General Gordon, General Wheeler, Stephen D. Lee and other Confederates, and said: "It was not on any battlefield that the Confederate soldier showed the highest courage, but when he returned on foot with all things lost to find a home in desolation and a family in want, and when he vowed that out of all this ruin he would bring success and that the desert again should blossom as the rose—it was then that he showed the manhood that was in him. And in that fight he won."

He closed with a number of humorous stories of camp and field.

Mrs. Starr V. Burrows, Junior Vice President made a short address.

Col. Abe Harris of Fort Worth, an ex-Confederate now a Union

man, introduced by Comrade Connor, was loudly cheered by those who wore the blue. He declared he would like to banish the war forever from his memory. He praised the "Yanks" for their heroism in defending the flag. Col. Harris is also a Mexican War veteran and he invited the members of the G. A. R. to be present at the meeting to be held here early in May. This closed the unofficial session.

Executive session called at 11:45 A. M. Commander Russell in the chair, appointed Robert McCormick officer of the day.

Invocation by Department Chaplain Rev. Crowley.  
Encampment declared open in due form.

On motion the Encampment adjourned until 2:00 p. m.

Encampment called to order by Commander Russell at 2:00 P. M.  
Roll of the 21st Encampment G. A. R. read as follows:

#### Department Officers 1905.

- x Elmore A. Russell, Commander, Paris, Texas.
- x P. B. Sprague, Senior Vice Commander, Dallas, Texas.
- x C. R. Hubbard, Junior Vice Commander, Lampasas, Texas.
- x Rev. T. K. Crowley, Chaplain, Denison, Texas.
- x Dr. L. L. Whittaker, Medical Director, San Antonio, Texas.

#### Official Staff.

- x J. O. Estabrook, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, Paris, Texas.
- x Horace Welch, Judge Advocate, Jefferson, Texas.
- x C. E. Farnsworth, Inspector General, Denison, Texas.
- x H. L. Brooks, Mustering Officer, San Antonio, Texas.
- John Donaldson, Sen. Aid-de-Camp, Lajitas, Texas.

#### Council of Administration.

- x McWhirk, Post 6, Dallas, Texas.
- x C. A. Cahoon, Post 2, Galveston, Texas.
- x W. A. Stoner, Post 74, Waco, Texas.
- x T. M. Wright, Post 5, Denison, Texas.
- x H. A. Johnson, Post 1, Sherman, Texas.

#### Representatives to 39 National Encampment.

- x At Large, W. A. Stoner, Post 74, Waco, Texas.
- x Alternate, T. M. Wright, Post 5, Denison, Texas.

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x Present.

- x Delegate, H. A. Johnson, Post 1, Sherman, Texas.
- x Alternate, W. H. Christian, Post 55, Dublin, Texas.

**Member National Council of Administration.**

- x J. S. Dunlap, Dallas, Texas.

Credentials of the Twenty-First Annual Encampment Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic.

**Past Department Commanders.**

- \* W. D. Wylie, 1885; W. W. Bostwick, 1895.
- O. T. Lyon, 1886; G. W. McCormick, 1896.
- \* W. H. Sinclair, 1887; Ed N. Ketchum, 1897.
- \* J. C. Degress, 1888; W. F. Conner, 1898.
- A. G. Malloy, 1889; \* John Roach, 1899.
- \* A. K. Taylor, 1890; \* Chas. B. Peck, 1900.
- M. W. Mann, 1891; P. B. Hunt, 1901.
- \* O. G. Peterson, 1892; C. C. Haskell, 1902.
- Jno. W. Parks, 1893; John H. Bolton, 1903.
- R. M. Moore, 1894; John L. Boyd, 1904.

Post 1, Commander W. A. Allen.

Past Post Commanders—Jno. Brown, Joseph Rock, xL. G. Edmondson, J. O. Wood, x H. A. Johnson, O. T. Lyons, John Donaldson.

x Representative, Floyd Thomas.

Alternate, J. Gresham.

Post 2, P. F. Farrell, Commander.

Past Post Commanders—x Ed N. Ketchum, N. L. Rich, x C. A. Cahoon, x Geo. H. Clawson, F. L. Kirk, Edward Gruis.

Representatives, James Rodgers, Chris Homprighaus.

Alternates—G. H. Evans, Toney Sheppard.

Post 3, Commander Wm. W. Morris.

Past Post Commanders—J. H. Bolton, S. M. Johnson, R. M. Moore, M. H. Redwood, Ed Meyers, E. H. Bacon, C. Melville, L. L. Whittaker, Wm. Holt, J. M. Smith, F. Fuller.

Representatives—x H. L. Brooks, G. Ripstein, x A. B. Morris, Sidney Tuttle, John Murphy.

Alternates—x L. L. Whittaker, A. I. Lockwood, B. F. Cummings, Adolph Jones, Morris Samuels.

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\*Deceased.

x Present.

Post 4, Commander E. B. Brown.

Past Post Commanders—A. N. Jack, J. W. Rouse, x A. J. Black,  
W. Z. Manchester.

Delegates—C. B. Morgan, J. M. Diehl.

Post 5, Commander E. F. Watts.

Past Post Commanders—L. B. Moore, x W. O. Kretsinger, J. H.  
Tygard, x T. M. Wright, x Z. H. Rutheau, J. H. Duncan, W. Harrell,  
W. W. Bostwick, x C. E. Farnsworth.

Representatives—J. H. Rorer, D. Wagner.

Alternates—S. B. Franklin, W. A. Weymeyer.

Post 6, x Commander R. P. Cooper.

Past Post Commanders—x W. H. Mann, G. W. McCormick, A. Mc-  
Whirk, x A. Rockhold, x T. Hitchcock, G. A. Niblo, x J. W. Parks, x W.  
F. Cottman, G. A. Knight, x P. Y. Mullen, x W. F. Thacher, x J. P.  
Clark, x J. L. Boyd, x J. W. Ayers, x Daniel Baker, x J. S. Dunlap, x  
Geo. Nash, x P. B. Sprague, x John Hunter, x J. W. Clark, x W. M.  
Galbreath, x J. W. Ridge, x L. D. Rice, x A. S. Lee, x W. F. Conner,  
x R. McCormick.

Representatives—G. W. Cotter, L. H. Roach, M. Ballwig, x H. O.  
Knight, x Fred Keith, x H. Krugal.

Alternates—x James Atherton, x J. O. Scott, x F. J. Yengling, W.  
Farley, x H. L. Mullens.

Post 9, Commander J. J. Billows.

Past Post Commanders—A. M. Engle, J. J. Scholl, Thos. Ferguson,  
W. L. Mills, H. F. Rice.

Representatives—S. Moyer, A. L. Metcalf.

Alternates S. Post, Geo. D. Smith.

Post 19, Commander O. Darwin Owens.

Past Post Commanders—W. T. Kitchens, A. G. Malloy, J. H. Ware,  
W. W. Mills, J. M. Smith, Geo. G. Briggs, Frank E. Tusten.

Representatives—J. H. Logan, W. N. Vilas.

Alternates—P. H. Durrack, H. D. McGailliard.

Post 20, Commander N. W. Charles.

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x Present.

Past Post Commanders—x W. H. Webber, C. C. Mullady.

Representative—x C. R. Hubbard.

Alternates—C. C. Mullady.

Post 25, x Commander G. A. Jones

Past Post Commanders—W. P. Flemmings, G. A. Jones.

Representative—W. P. Flemmings.

Alternate—x G. A. Jones.

Post 26, Commander T. U. Johnson.

Past Post Commanders— xE. A. Russell, R. Herz, J. A. Farmer,  
T. O. Proctor, J. O. Estabrook, John Leavitt.

Representative—J. W. Burgoyne.

Alternate—T. S. Whitlock.

Post 40 Commander J. R. Allen.

Past Post Commanders—M. F. Hiatt, Byron Bunker, x W. H. Harvey.

Representative—x W. H. Harvey.

Post 45, Commander Elisha D. East.

Past Post Commanders—J. F. Carver, Geo. W. Foster, x J. J. Penland,  
x M. B. Young, G. W. Lowery, F. J. Penland

Representative—x J. L. Craig.

Alternate—J. D. Dunn.

Post 48, Commander J. M. Brush.

Past Post Commanders—Andy Myers, Israel Stoddard.

Representative—H. W. Clingman.

Alternate—D. D. Gaycock.

Post 51, x Commander Fritz Ahrens.

Past Post Commanders—x W. H. Catts, W. L. McPherson.

Representatives—Samuel Bernett, W. L. McPherson.

Alternate—Frank Bupp, Geo. Raifsnider.

Post 53, xCommander Horace Welch.

Past Post Commander—John Grant.

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x Present.

- Post 54, x Commander E. J. Kilmer.  
 Past Post Commanders—J. H. C. White, W. G. Holden.  
 Representative—E. J. Kilmer.  
 Alternate—J. H. C. White.  
 Post 55, Commander T. G. Baise.  
 Past Post Commanders—xG. W. Address, H. H. Address, xW. H. Christian, H. S. Williams.  
 Representatives—x F. M. Moss, x D. T. Marks.  
 Alternate—B. F. Gilbert.  
 Post 56, Commander Wm. Wilson.  
 Past Post Commanders—J. C. Hutchinson, Tom Welch.  
 Representatives—James Hutchinson, Wm. Wilson, A. L. Hutchinson  
 Alternates—W. B. Seabourn, C. Peters.  
 Post 57, Commander xDavid Doole.  
 Past Post Commanders—A. F. Glossbrenner, D. Doole, Louis Grabiner.  
 Post 60, Commander Jno. F. Orrell.  
 Past Post Commanders—x P. B. Hunt, J. T. Cunningham.  
 Representative—P. B. Hunt.  
 Alternate—J. T. Cunningham.  
 Post 66, Commander Col. Scarbrough.  
 Past Post Commanders—James Lowery, G. A. Servis, Samuel Hammer, Thos. Burk, M. Perkins, John Kershaw, W. B. Kennedy, D. W. Williams.  
 Representative—Albert Fields.  
 Post 71, Commander J. S. Upton.  
 Past Post Commanders, John Rich, J. I. Heasley.  
 Representatives—G. S. Hughes, John Voiles.  
 Post 74, Commander Geo. I. Elam.  
 Past Post Commanders—x J. McCune, x W. A. t Soner, D. L. Chapman.  
 Representative—W. A. Stoner.  
 Alternate—D. L. Chapman.

Post 89, Commander x Byron R. Underhill.

Representative—H. F. Best.

Alternate—J. P. Armstrong.

Post 82—No report.

Senior Vice Commander P. B. Sprague was called to preside, pending the delivery of the Commander's Address.

Address of General Elmore A. Russell, Commander Department of Texas Grand Army of the Republic 21st Annual Encampment, Dallas, Texas.

Comrades of the Department of Texas Grand Army of the Republic:

At our 20th Annual Encampment, I was, by the unanimous suffrage of your representatives, honored by being chosen to command the Department of Texas for the ensuing year, an honor most highly appreciated, and for which I again tender my most sincere gratitude. Since that time, another milestone in our Grand Army life, as an organization, has been reached, and brings us to the 21st Department Encampment. We meet now to review the events of the past year, to hear from the officers of the Department an account of their stewardship, and to counsel together for the best interests of our beloved organization.

The year has been one of many pleasant memories, yet sadly marred by the loss of many noble comrades, who have passed over the river to rest upon life's eternal camping ground. And now again in the beautiful city of Dallas, we meet in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, to once more clasp the hand of comradeship, touch elbows as of old, and renew again our youth as we live over in imagination, the stirring scenes enacted from '61 to '65, of which each of us may proudly claim to have had a part, a part in maintaining undiminished and undimmed, the lustre of our glorious starry emblem, that now floats so proudly over a strong, vigorous and reunited people.

### Membership.

In membership, we have about held our own, during the past year. There was a gain of one Post re-instated, and a loss of one by failure to pay per capita tax, the number of Posts in good standing remaining the same. We had a gain of 55 members, and a loss of 77, making a loss of 22 in the total membership of the Department for the year.



### Memorial Day.

May 30th, the day we have set apart as sacred, to commemorate the services of our departed comrades, was commendably observed.

This beautiful custom of meeting together and decoating the graves of those who have passed to the Great Beyond, has not only become a day of flowers and tears, but is teaching the young and coming generation lessons in patriotism. It brings to mind and impresses upon them that a grateful nation will ever hold in fond remembrance the loyalty, courage and sacrifice made by our country's defenders, in its time of peril.

Our honored Department Chaplain will report how well this day was generally observed by the Posts, throughout the Department.

### Necrology.

During the year, the Department has been called to mourn the loss of two prominent Past Department Commanders. Past Department Commander Charles B. Peck, who died in the city of Houston, December 10th, 1905, and Past Department Commander C. C. Haskell, who died at his home in Denison, February 30th, 1906. Nor has the reaper Death been idle elsewhere, the names of fifteen true and loyal comrades having been added to the "Roll of the Dead."

### Finances.

The A. Q. M. General's report will show that our finances are running rather low, and I would respectfully renew the recommendation of my predecessor, that a small raise be made in the per capita tax, and that this Encampment take action thereon. A small raise would hardly be felt by the members, and would be a relief to the finances of the Department.

### The Women's Relief Corps.

The Woman's Relief Corps is performing a work that should have the encouragement and assistance of every comrade within our Department.

Without their timely aid, many a needy comrade would be neglected, and left to struggle alone, against an adverse fate. All honor to their noble, patriotic and unselfish mission.

Let us each determine to use every effort within our means, to

assist them in building up and advancing the interests and efficiency of the Corps.

#### **Council of Administration.**

The Council of Administration held one meeting during the year.

It being represented to the Department Commander, by the committee on transportation, that reduced rates to Paris could not be obtained from the railroads, a meeting of the Council was called to convene here, in the city of Dallas, on February 22nd, 1906, to consider the advisability of changing the place of holding our 21st Annual Encampment. On assembling, the Council was tendered a hearty and pressing invitation by R. J. Oglesby, Post No. 6, the One Hundred and Fifty Thousand and Commercial Clubs, to hold our Encampment this year in Dallas. A cordial invitation was also received from H. W. Lawton, Post No. 80, to meet in Beaumont. After mature consideration of all matters as affecting the best interests of our Order, the Council were of the opinion, in view of the fact that better railroad rates could be secured to Dallas, and further, that the comrades and people of this beautiful city were better prepared to properly and fitly entertain our distinguished guests on this occasion, than could be expected elsewhere, and feeling that the good of the order would best be conserved by again assembling in this hospitable city, they so ordered.

#### **39th National Encampment.**

The 39th National Encampment convened in Denver, Colorado, September 7th and 8th, 1905.

Department Headquarters for Texas was established at the Windsor Hotel, corner of 18th and Larimer streets. Quite a respectable turnout of the comrades from Texas were in attendance, there being 35 in the line of parade, who with heads erect, eyes to the front, and with firm and steady tread, kept time to martial music, as of yore.

All were highly pleased with the gracious welcome extended by the patriotic citizens of Denver, who spared no effort to see that every veteran was comfortably placed and properly entertained. All came away feeling that the time had been most pleasantly and profitably spent.

In conclusion, comrades, I beg to offer my sincere thanks to all Department Officers, my Official Staff, and the Council of Administration, for the many courtesies extended, and the generous assistance

rendered in behalf of the organization.

Elmore A. Russell,  
Department Commander.

Department Commander's address referred to committee, composed of Comrades Boyd, Cahoon and Lee for consideration and report.

Report of the Committee on Commander's Address:

Sir: We, the committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Commander, beg leave to state that we have carefully read said communication, and wish to say: we are pleased with the suggestions made by him and commend them to the encampment; we recommended the fullest approval of the Department Commander's action.

Respectfully submitted,

Jno. L. Boyd,

C. A. Cahoon,

A. S. Lee,

Committee.

Report of Senior Vice Commander, P. B. Sprague .

To the Officers and Members of the 21st Annual Encampment, G. A. R., Department of Texas .

Following custom rather than actual requirements of the rules and regulations of the G. A. R., I submit this brief report: The position of Sen. Vice Commander is not one involving specially onerous service except that he holds himself at all times ready to respond to the call of the Department Commander for active duty.

Deeply sensible of the honor that you conferred on me by electing me Sen. Vice Commander, I have ever held myself in readiness to obey the call of the Commander, but not having been assigned to any duty, my term of office has been a sinecure.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me, I beg to remain,

Yours in F. C. and L.

P. B. Sprague,

Senior Vice Commander.

Report adopted as read.

Report of Junior Vice Commander C. R. Hubbard.

Dallas, April 26th, 1906.

To the Commander and Comrades Department of Texas, G. A. R.

It has been a pleasure to do all possible to reciprocate the honor conferred on me by election to office of Junior Vice Commander at our

last Department Encampment. Although not called on for any especial work, I attended exercises on G. A. R. day at Dallas Fair, Nov. 3d. The gathering of comrades was much lighter than expected, especially from Oglesby Post. Comrade Metzler presided and did his best to interest and please the gathering of comrades and ladies of the W. R. C. and visitors. The address of Hon. Atwell was fully up to his known ability and loyalty and was deserving of a much larger audience.

Nov. 6th attended regular meeting of Oglesby Post where Comrade Welch entertained the meeting with reminiscences of service and poetry suited to the occasion. Nov. 19th was further honored with appointment as aid on staff of our commander-in-chief still further incentive to work for good of our order.

Nov. 22 attended exercises of G. A. R. day at the San Antonio Fair when Comrade Whittaker and others had done much to secure favors and honor to comrades and ladies from the Fair Association and Transportation Co's., yet the turnout of comrades was below expectations. Past Department Commander Bolton presided and with the speaking and music of the large Mexican band, assisted by the ladies, we had a very pleasant meeting.

Nov. 27 attended social meeting of Ord Post Comrade Whittaker presided in his ever happy manner. The meeting was quite fully attended by Post members and their ladies and was brim full of interest, music and good things to eat. Would suggest more posts try these homelike social gatherings.

Feb'y. 12th visited Corpus Christi Post and met Comrades Kilmer, Holden and Patillo, the only members of the Post in town that day. Rain prevented a post meeting that night.

My more special efforts have been in line of building up our home Post No. 20 which from seven members two years since now numbers 16 in good standing.

Comrades let us encourage harmony and more social intercourse—remembering that our labors and trials of '61 to '65 has become our mantle of honor.

In F. C. and L.

F. C. Hubbard,  
Junior Vice Commander.

Report adopted as read.

Annual Report of Assistant Adjutant General.

General Elmore A. Russell, Department Commander:

Dear Sir: I herewith submit my annual report as Assistant Adjutant General.

Total number of posts .....	26
Number of members .....	541

**Gained During Term.**

Muster .....	25
Transfer .....	11
Reinstatement .....	14
Delinquent .....	5
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>596</b>

**Loss From All Sources.**

Deaths .....	14
Transfers .....	11
Suspensions .....	27
Delinquent report .....	22
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>74</b>

**Reinstatements.**

Number of Posts .....	1
Number of Members .....	7
Total Number of Posts .....	26
Total Membership in Good Standing .....	522

Comrade Ketchum asked information about Post 67 and 72, reported to be delinquent by hearsay. Comrade Conner moves the A. A. G. amend report relating to Posts 67 and 72 so as to have knowledge of standing of those posts, although they may be delinquent. Motion prevails.

The department has been fortunate in the past year in holding its number of Posts, gaining Post 25 by re-instatement, and losing Post 82, it having failed to report as yet and I have failed to get a reply to the many letters I have written them. In closing my report I thank the comrades of the various Posts for the many courtesies and aid so cheerfully extended to me, and to your Commander whose every order has been more as a kind request and for the great honor bestowed on me, my profound and grateful thanks are returned.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. Estabrook,  
Assitant Adjutant General.

Referred to the following: W. F. Conner, A. J. Black, H. L. Brooks, Committee.

### Report of Committee.

We, the committee appointed, have performed the duty and fully concur therein, and move its adoption.

W. F. Conner,

A. J. Black,

H. L. Brook,

Committee.

Carried,

Report of Assistant Quartermaster General, Headquarters Department of Texas G. A. R.

Dallas, Texas, April 26, 1906.

General Elmore A. Russell Commanding Department of Texas.

Dear Sir and Comrade—I herewith submit my report concerning receipts and disbursements of my office.

### Receipts.

Received from Comrade J. S. Dunlap, former Assistant Quartermaster General .....	\$110.06
Sale of Supplies .....	14.65
Per capita tax .....	318.40
Total .....	\$443.11

### Disbursements.

Printing Journal of 20th Encampment .....	\$50.00
Headquarters Expense at Denver .....	50.00
Printing and Stationery .....	25.45
Postage .. ..	19.45
Express and Drayage .....	12.00
Supplies for Quartermaster General .....	32.65
Rent and Supplies .....	17.90
National per Capita tax .....	17.82
Salary of A. A. G. and A. Q. G. ....	150.00
Total .. ..	375.27
Cash balance .. ..	67.84
Supplies received from J. S. Dunlap .....	18.32

**Department Property on Hand.**

1 Flag valued at .....	10.00
1 Banner valued at .....	30.00
2 Flag Belts valued at .....	5.00
1 Pair Horns valued at .....	30.00
1 Department Seal .....	7.50
1 box for horns, and etc .....	7.50
1 Headquarters Sign .....	2.75
Total .. ..	\$92.75

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

J. O. Estabrook, Asst. Q. M. Gen'l.

Referred to the following committee: J. S. Dunlap, J. W. Ridge,  
A. S. Lee.

**Report of Committee.**

Your committee to whom the Assistant Quartermaster General's report was submitted have examined and found the same correct and vouchers furnished and files cover all expenditures. Therefore, we recommend the adoption of the report.

Respectfully,

J. S. Dunlap,

J. W. Ridge,

A. S. Lee.

**Report of Department Chaplain.**

To General Elmore A. Russell:

I have the honor to submit the following report for last year:

Denison, Texas, April 25, 1906.

Col. E. A. Russell, Department Commander:

Sir: I have the honor to submit the following report for the past year: McPherson Post No. 1, Sherman. Some members of the Post attended divine service on Memorial Sabbath day. No sermon preached. About six comrades present. Fifteen comrades attended Memorial day services, visited two cemeteries and decorated sixty graves. No outside organization participated, the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. alone celebrated the day.

Wm. Lintz, Post Chaplain.

**Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5. Denison Memorial Day Services.**

The annual memorial services of the G. A. R. and the Woman's



Aprs. in F. C. & L.  
J. K. Crowley  
Deft. Chaplain G. A. R.



# ROLL OF HONOR

Name	Company and Regiment	Date of Death	Post—Location
Levi Orser .....	C. 3rd. N. Y. Cav... ..	Feb. 20th, 1904 ...	W. S. Hancock No. 2, Galveston .....
Alex Kuhn .....	F. 7th N. Y. Inft. ....	Jan. 10th, 1905 .....	E. O. C. Ord No. 3, San Antonio. ....
R. W. Barton.. ..	G. 2nd. Vt. Inft. ....	Mch. 27th, 1905 .....	E. O. C. Ord No. 3, San Antonio. ....
W. J. Wisdom .....	B. 20th, Ill. Inft... ..	May 4th, 1905.. ..	E. O. C. Ord No. 3, San Antonio. ....
J. J. Regan... ..	Ensign U. S. Navy .....	June 16th, 1905 .....	G. B. McLellan No. 9, Houston.. ..
W. J. Owens .....	E. 22nd. Ind. Inf. ....	Feb. 27th, 1905 .....	Geo. W. Wright No. 26. Paris .....
George Freeman .....	E. 24th. W. Va. Inft... ..	Feb. 3rd, 1905 .....	U. S. Grant No. 45, Weatherford. ....
E. Gilley .....	.....	.....	Burnside No. 56, Springtown .....
W. R. Vandiver.....	.....	.....	Burnside No. 56, Springtown .....
John D. Davis.. ..	C. 179th. Ohio Vol... ..	Sept. 17th, 1905... ..	Emmett Crawford No. 19, El Paso .....
J. M. Alden .....	Lt. Col. 13th. Ill. Cav. ....	July 20th, 1905... ..	Richard J. Oglesby No. 6, Dallas. ....
Henry Kloekenkemper .....	I. 32nd, Ind. Inft... ..	Nov. 11th, 1905... ..	E. O. C. Ord No. 3, San Antonio. ....
John Grant .....	.....	.....	Opdyke No. 53, Jefferson .....

Relief Corps were held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. A large crowd was present and an interesting program was carried out. After an overture by the Y. M. C. A. orchestra, a male quartet rendered selection which was followed by scripture reading by Rev. Fr. T. K. Crowley. The opening prayer by Rev. F. Bishop and a medley of song and recitation, entitled, "The Star Spangled Banner," by Miss Ethel Fry and a selection by the quartet was followed by the memorial address by Mayor A. W. Acheson, who spoke briefly on the observance of decoration day. Past Post Commander Capt. T. M. Wright recited "Our Flag." Then followed a vocal solo, "The Sword of Bunker Hill," by Ernest Hockett and an address on the subject "Why I Belong to the Grand Army of the Republic, or Grant at Appomattox," by Col. H. A. Johnson, of Sherman. After a solo by W. D. Lewis the audience rose and sang "America," and Rev. F. E. Leech pronounced the benediction.

The G. A. R. and the W. R. C. will hold memorial services tomorrow, in the morning at Fairview cemetery and in the afternoon at Oakwood cemetery. Ritual for the unknown dead will be rendered and the graves of veterans will be strewn with flowers.

#### **Richard J. Oglesby Post No. 6, Dallas, held Memorial Sabbath Services**

Sermon preached by Rev. W. S. Fitch, one hundred comrades being present. Held memorial day services also, over one hundred present. Visited six (6) cemeteries and decorated one hundred and forty-four (144) graves. No outside organization participated. The Post has its own burial lot.

W. M. Galbraith, Post Chaplain.

#### **DECORATE SOLDIERS' GRAVES.**

#### **Members of G. A. R. and W. R. C. Pay Tribute to Memory of Those Who Fought in the War.**

Favoring the blue no more than the gray, members of the Grand Army of the Republic and their wives and sisters garlanded the graves of former soldiers yesterday in accordance with the annual custom on Decoration Day. Beautiful tokens of memory were strewn around the graves of departed comrades of the blue and where such were found they were also laid on the graves of the gray.

The exercises were held under the auspices jointly of Richard J. Oglesby Post, G. A. R., and the Woman's Relief Corps. There was no speechmaking other than that in the regular decoration ritual of the Grand Army of the Republic, which is elaborate and impressive.

The program began at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning at Greenwood Cemetery and quite a large crowd was present. The graves of departed comrades had been marked by small flags and upon these the committees heaped their offerings of flowers. A large monument in the center of the lot was draped with Old Glory and wreathed in flowers and upon this J. W. Ridge, officer of the day, placed floral tributes for the post.

Mrs. J. S. Dunlap began the ceremony for the Women's Relief Corps and Col. A. S. Lee officiated for the Grand Army. He first read an appropriate poem which had been written for Decoration Day by Horace Welch of Jefferson, Texas. The crowd joined in singing "America" and Adj. McWrirk read the general order of Commander in Chief Blackmar. Lincoln's address was read by Chaplain W. H. Galbraith and the ritual was read by Commander A. S. Lee. The singing of "Columbia" concluded the exercises.

By some misunderstanding guns had not been secured and the customary salute and taps were not sounded. After the conclusion of the ceremonies and the decoration of the graves the committee went to other cemeteries to find graves of departed soldiers and decorate them. One hundred and forty-four graves were decorated yesterday.

It was announced at the exercises that Comrade J. W. Fortune, who had died at the City Hospital Monday night, had expressed the desire that his remains be laid to rest with the bodies of the other old soldiers. The request will be complied with and the funeral will be held today.

Two old veterans succumbed to the heat yesterday and were taken home in buggies. They were overcome but a short time.

I have received no report from Fort Worth but I clipped the following from the Dallas News.  
Special to the News:

Fort Worth, Texas, May 30.—The memorial exercises of the G. A. R. this morning at Oakwood Cemetery were attended by about one hundred persons. Rev. Dr. George MacAdam, president of Fort Worth University, was the speaker of the day. Members of the local post met at the corner of Second and Main streets at 9:30 o'clock and proceeded to the cemetery.

The program carried out was as follows: Opening exercises by the commander; "Nearer My God to Thee"; Invocation; song by quartette, led by S. R. Green, "Scattering Flowers"; address, Dr. George MacAdam, president Fort Worth University; recitation, Dovie Brown;

song, "As the Years Roll By," by quartette; reading of Lincoln's address at Gettysburg, Comrade W. Z. Manchester; "America"; benediction.

Phil Kearney No. 20, Lampasas did not hold Memorial Sabbath services but observed Memorial Day. Four members participated; visited two cemeteries and decorated six (6) graves.

B. F. Martin, Post Chaplain.

Geo. W. Wright Post, No. 26, Paris. Did not attend divine service on Memorial Sabbath day. Memorial Day was observed, ten (10) comrades participating. Visited three (3) cemeteries and decorated eleven (11) graves.

J. A. Farmer, Post Chaplain.

Headquarters E. J. Davis Post No. 54, Department of Texas Grand Army of the Republic.

Corpus Christi, Texas, May 31st, 1905.

Rev. T. K. Crowley, Department Chaplain, Denison, Texas.

Dear Sir and Comrade: I am ordered by Department Commander and Adjutant, to report to you the proceedings of Memorial Day.

The Department officers having failed to send me any blanks to report on, I am under the necessity of writing up the proceedings, without a proper blank. The Post did not attend divine service as a body on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day. Memorial Day was rainy and in consequence there were not many people present at the Memorial Services. In the morning the Commander and Quartermaster went to the Catholic and New Bayview Cemeteries and decorated the graves in those places. Fifteen in Catholic and three in New Bayview. Rain fell in torrents while they were engaged in this duty. In the afternoon the Members of the Post and a few other people went to the City cemetery, and there decorated about thirty graves. The ritualistic work was then performed, the Gettysburg Oration was read and the Memorial Day exercises for 1906 were closed. The wet weather and consequent mud prevented many from attending, whose presence was expected. There was no audience; consequently no oration.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

E. J. Kilmer, Commander Post No. 54.

I regret that so many Posts have failed to make any report of Memorial Day. The Department Chaplain's Annual Report would contain much useful information if Post Chaplains would report promptly the proceedings of their respective Posts on Memorial Day. In conclusion, I beg to thank the Department Commander and his assistant adjutant general and all comrades for their many courtesies

and favors, and I implore the divine blessing on all my comrades.  
Yours very truly in F. C. and L.

T. K. Crowley, Department Chaplain.

Thanking my comrades for the honor conferred on me, I conclude my year of office with best wishes for the welfare of our noble organization.

Yours very truly in F. C. and L.  
T. K. Crowley, Department Chaplain.

Adopted.

Report of Judge Advocate called for, Comrade not present.

Report chief mustering officers—No report as there was no new Post mustered.

#### Credential.

On behalf of the committee on credentials Comrade J. O. Estabrook, Post 26, presented the report of the committee, the same being the roll prepared by the assistant adjutant general, which report was as follows: The committee reports that we have examined the certificates of election as forwarded by the several Posts of the Department and including the membership of officers, find it to be a correct and complete roll of all comrades entitled to seats and vote in this encampment.

J. W. Parks,  
W. H. Harvey,  
J. O. Estabrook,  
Committee.

Credential committee called on to read list of comrades present as delegates and representatives, read by Adjutant Estabrook.

Comrade Black addresses the convention, suggesting that all comrades present having interest enough to be present, be allowed to vote. Seconded by Comrade Crowley.

Ruled out of order by Commander Russell.

Comrade Jno. W. Parks offered following resolutions. Adopted by rising vote.

Whereas, a large number of Old Soldiers in this state, and other states who are in the employment of the government in various capacities, are being displaced from office and positions under the plea that they are too old, and have become a detriment to the service,

Therefore, be it resolved that we ask the National Encampment to secure an enactment of Congress enforcing the order that any old

soldier who holds office, or is in the employment of the government, who gives satisfaction to the department and to the people whom he serves, shall be retained in such position, irrespective of second or third term, until he dies or is incapacitated to fill such position. And also that all Union Soldiers who are applicants for position under the government they helped to save shall be given preference over all other applicants when they are capable and worthy as provided for by act of congress and in accordance with the declarations of President McKinley and President Roosevelt.

Moved and seconded that we proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year, at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Motion to amend by going into the election of officers at once. Amendment lost. Original motion adopted.

A motion to adjourn failed and a motion to continue in session until 5:30 p. m., and then adjourn to meet at 9:00 a. m. tomorrow adopted.

Resolution of respect on death of Past Department Commander Haskell by Comrade Parks. Adopted by rising vote.

It is given unto man once to die, and we humbly submit to the decree of a higher and more loving power than ours. Yet, in our ignorance we sometimes wonder why such a one should have been thus taken from a life of such useful and benevolent activity.

Though dead, his works shall follow him.

Whereas, it has pleased our Supreme Commander to remove from our ranks our loved comrade, Past Department Commander C. C. Haskell, and while we mourn his loss he is enshrined in our hearts.

Fraternal, benevolent, honest and true, he possessed the esteem and love of all who knew him, and his lovable nature and disposition endeared him to all. Peacefully and painlessly after a day of labor and fatigue, he passed away during the night of January 30th, 1906, and the country has lost one of its bravest defenders and the Grand Army of the Republic one of its most fraternal comrades. Loving hearts, in submissive melancholy and with tearful eyes followed him to the grave, and while memory lasts Comrade Haskell will be cherished by his comrades.

Thou hast gone, old soldier, true and brave,  
 Above the stars in mystic lands to dwell,  
 Farewell, thou hast passed beyond the grave,  
 Farewell, dear Comrade, a long farewell.

Resolved, That our sympathy and condolence go out to the widow

of our Comrade and may His spirit and strong arm comfort and care for her, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her.

Jno. W. Parks.

Remarks of Comrade Black in relation to Pensions. Asks for a Pension Comitttee of five; moved and carried. Following committee appointed: L. L. Whittaker, A. J. Black, T. M. Wright, C. A. Cahoon, and A. S. Lee.

Resolution read by Comrade Ketchum in relation to Posts delinquent. Adopted.

Whereas, There are two posts of this department, A. M Burney Post 67 of Brownsville and Wainwright Post 72 of Alvin that have never been dropped from the rolls of this department, neither have these posts received any general orders or other correspondence from department headquarters during the past year. Therefore

Be it resolved ,that the incoming administration be instructed to transmit to these two posts a copy of his resolution. And, resolved further; If these posts do not make report to the incoming administration before he close of the second quarter thereof, then said posts shall be dropped, and their charters recalled, and that all other posts of this department in this condition be so treated.

Encampment adjourned until 9 a m., April 27th.

#### Reception at Turner Hall, April 26th.

At eight o'clock a reception was held at Turner Hall, at which General Tanner was introduced to the veterans and the citizens of Dallas. The hall was profusely decorated with flags on the platform; with the officers of the G. A. R. sat many ex-Confederate veterans who were present upon invitation. During the evening a short musical program was carried out, in addition to the speeches.

Hon. W. H. Atwell was the first speaker, followed by Corporal Tanner. Speeches were then made by Henry W. Rodes of Houston, and Charles E. Martin both of whom are ex-Confederates; during his speech which followed that of Mr. Atwell, Gen. Tanner declared he had never heard a more forceful talk from mortal lips than had been made by Mr. Atwell, and he was glad the present generation was producing such accurate historians of the times. Continuing he declared that the cause for the war between the states had started way back of the time of 1861, and that nothing could have stopped it. The South stood for the Constitution and the North for the Declaration independence. Now the base had been broken, but the shrub did not die and flourish triumphantly over all.

"Young man of today, when you sit down in your chambers and revel in the portraiture history gives you of the great deeds of the North and South. Chancellorsville gives us as good an opportunity as Balaklava and Antietam as heroic an instance as Lodi. When the forces of the Union confronted the forces of the South they faced the hardest fighters in the world. After the war an American was in England and a prominent Englishman remarked that he had not thought much of the war, as we ought to have whipped the Confederates in six months. He was told that we were fighting Americans and not Englishmen.

"What do we owe to our women? You may talk about the man behind the gun, but I'll tell you it's the woman behind the man who is the man behind the gun. Don't think I put too high an estimate on woman, for the simple reason that it is impossible. If I had the power I would put this purest, sweetest, most elevating influence in the world into the public affairs of this country. I would take out our graft and chicanery by putting the ballot in the hand of woman. She has been a tremendous and powerful influence in this country and always an influence for the best.

#### Inclined to Talk Too Much.

"I believe sometimes we veterans are inclined to talk too much about the great cost of the war; we talk too much about what we suffered and too little about the compensation. The tremendous cost to the whole country was the great loss of lives prematurely; millions of the flower of our citizenship were killed. Think of the happy homes, the noble institutions, the altars to God, that would have existed had these young men lived the ordinary time. Then many of us who lived were robbed of our young manhood.

"On the other hand, I don't think there has ever been one thing that has advanced the cause of civilization more. We have accomplished much since that time. Now we are closer together. We can not arrogate to ourselves all the heroism of our country. If the tocsin of war were sounded today, we would find our sons taking their stand just as bravely on the sheeted line of death.

"What grand example of a reunited country the Spanish War has given us! Don't worry about the Philippines. We've got them. I wish Dewey could have sailed away from Manila the morning he sunk the ships, but he couldn't do it. He didn't have coal enough to take him and the interests of humanity demanded that he stay and protect the country against Aguinaldo. Now we are doing them lots of good. They



have robbers and thieves and rascals over there as they do here. Sometimes we have to lynch them in this country. Sometimes we have to shoot them over there. We have to shoot civilization into a lot of people.

"It's a pleasure to me that that flag has been rebaptized in the blood of the North and South alike. It's a great example to remember that the first sacrifice of the Spanish war was a splendid son of the South—Bagley—and in his uniform of blue he was laid beside the grave of his father, who had worn the gray.

"This Nation has been shot with a nasty greed of sufficient magnitude to appall all honest men. I have paid close attention and I want to say that in all the shriveling of character that has taken place in this not one man who wore either the blue or the gray has been smirched. Young men, study the history of your country, no matter whether your father wore the blue or the gray, and look to the future. Choose your exemplars from those who stood in the front rank and if you choose from the front rank, you won't go far wrong."

Following his speech Corporal Tanner was presented with a basket of flowers from the ladies of the Relief Corps. A little 6-year-old soloist sang and upon encore gave "Yankee Doodle."

Mrs. A. L. Harper sang a solo. Other speeches followed by Henry W. Rhodes and Charles L. Martin.



## SECOND DAY

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Encampment called to order by Commander Russell at 9 o'clock A. M., all present members of the G. A. R. Chaplain Crowley being absent the invocation was omitted.

On motion the roll call was omitted.

Invitation of the 150,000 Club to National Encampment to hold National Encampment in the city of Dallas read by Comrade Sprague spoken to by Comrades Whittaker, Black and others.

Adopted unanimously.

Dallas, Texas, April 23rd, 1906.

At a meeting of the General Committee of Arrangements for the 21st Annual Encampment, Department of Texas, G. A. R., Comrade J. S. Dunlap, Chairman, Mr. Jno. A. Ewton, Manager, 150,000 club of Dallas was present and made the statement that he was consulting with the club and business men generally as to the advisability and practicability of extending to the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held in Minneapolis an invitation to hold their next Encampment in 1907 in this city, and that if it was decided to extend the invitation and make the Campaign, he desired the earnest co-operation of Richard J. Oglesby Post No. 6 of this city, and that such action as is deemed wise shall be taken at our coming Department Encampment on the 26th and 27th inst., as recommended by our Post.

At a meeting of Richard J. Oglesby Post held in their Post Room April 24th, 1906, it was resolved that this post earnestly second and recommend the efforts of the 150,000 Club to secure the National Encampment for 1907 for the City of Dallas, and that these resolutions be presented to the Department Encampment now in session, asking its endorsement of above and that our delegates to the National Encampment be so instructed and to co-operate with Mr. Ewton, the manager of the 150,000 Club to the end in view.

Letter received from Comrade Weissart regretting his inability to be with us, a resolution by Comrade Parks to make it part of the proceedings.

April 25, 1906.

J. W. Parks, Dallas, Texas.

My Dear Parks: I received your very kind letter and even though

I had passes I could not leave Milwaukee at the present time, as my matters in court will be on every day for a week at least, commencing with several days ago. I will make a strong effort to be with you next year. The disappointment to me is great as it would have given me great pleasure to meet with you at the same time our Commander-in-Chief is with you.

Kindly remember me to him, as well as to all the officers and comrades of the Department.

Yours truly,

A. G. Weissert.

Give the Commander-in-Chief a good reception. He deserves it. W.

Commander—I move that this kind message from our loved Past Commander-in-Chief be spread upon the records of our proceedings and that a resolution be passed expressive of our disappointment and regret that Comrade Weissert is prevented from being with us, and that we most heartily endorse his reference to our noble and honored Commander-in-Chief General James Tanner, and that the thanks of the Department be extended our Commander-in-Chief for the honor he has conferred on this Department by his visit to us which all so highly appreciate.

Jno. W. Parks.

Approved.

Rules suspended while W. A. Eldredge, Private Co. E. 5th Tennessee Infantry is mustered into the order, and assigned to Oglesby Post No. 6.

Moved by Comrade Johnson that committee be appointed to wait on ladies of the W. R. C., to extend greeting of the 21st Encampment now in session. Carried.

The committee: Whittaker, Hunt, Ketchum.

Report of J. S. Dunlap, Custodian. Adopted on motion that the Records and Papers be left in his charge in the future.

General Elmore A. Russell, Commanding Department of Texas, G.A.R.

At our 21st Annual Encampment, I was elected custodian of Department Historical Records.

No special instructions were given me, though it was the unanimous opinion of the comrades present, expressing their views, that no expense should be incurred, except for storage of the Records.

Am pleased to report that no expenditure has been necessary, as I have them stored at my residence 197 Grand avenue, this city, and no charges therefor are made. In my opinion, however, these valuable records should be placed in some fire proof building, if we wish

to be absolutely sure of preservation of the same. Thanking my comrades for honor conferred, I am

Very truly in F. C. and L.

J. S. Dunlap, Custodian.

Resolution offered by Comrade Connor.

Whereas, The membership of this Department is constantly decreasing, while the expenses seem to be on the increase the sources of revenue are less,

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the salary of the Assitant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General jointly be limited to \$100.00 per annum.

W. F. Connor.

Referred to committee composed of Comrades C. A. Cahoon, W. H. Christian and W. O. Kretsinger who amended same by inserting \$125.00 in lieu of \$100.00 and recommended its adoption. Resolution adopted as amended.

Election of officers taken up at 10:15 A. M.

Comrade Parks presents name of W. H. Harvey Post No. 40, for next Commander. Comrade Nash seconds nomination.

Comrade Ketchum presents name of L. L. Whittaker.

Whittaker declines nomination and seconds Harvey.

Mann seconds Harvey.

Connor seconds Harvey.

Moved rules be suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General cast entire vote of the Encampment for Comrade Harvey. Spoken to by Comrade Welch and others.

Motion withdrawn.

Comrade Kruger nominates Comrade Horace Welch, Post No. 53 for Commander. Sprague seconds Welch.

Comrade Johnson moves to close nominations and proceed to ballot. Carried.

Comrades Johnson and Black appointed tellers.

Vote stood. Harvey 41, Welch 17.

Harvey declared elected for following year as Commander of this Department.

Comrade Stoddard nominates H. W. Clingman, Post No. 48 for Senior Vice Commander.

Seconded by Comrade Allen.

Comrade McCormick nominated W. F. Cottman for Senior Vice De-

partment Commander of Post No. 6. Seconded by Comrade Christian  
Nomination closed and ballot taken.

Cottman 41, Clingman 14.

Election of Cottman made unanimous, and declared duly elected.  
Rules suspended to muster in recruit. The Department Command-  
er detailed Comrades Boyd, Adler and Hunt to perform that service  
and Henry Wagner was introduced and duly mustered into the G. A.  
R., and assigned to Oglesby Post No. 6.

Comrade Clingman nominated for Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade Brooks nominated for Junior Vice Commander.

Clingman withdraws.

Assistant Adjutant General authorized to cast entire vote of the  
Encampment for Brooks. Brooks declared unanimously elected.

Comrade T. K. Crowley nominated for Department Chaplain, and  
Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast entire vote of Encamp-  
ment for Comrade Crowley, the vote being cast, Comrade Crowley was  
declared duly elected Chaplain for ensuing year.

Comrade McCormick nominates Comrade L. L. Whittaker for  
Medical Director. Motion made and carried that rules be suspended  
and the Adjutant be instructed to cast vote of Encampment for Com-  
rade Whittaker, and he was declared duly elected for the ensuing year.

Comrade Whittaker responded in his usual happy and graceful  
manner by making a short speech.

Comrade Sprague placed in nomination C. A. Cahoon for Delegate  
at Large.

Rules suspended and Adjutant cast vote of Encampment for Comrade  
C. A. Cahoon.

Rules suspended and the entire vote of Encampment cast by the  
Adjutant for Comrade J. M. Jones for alternate at large.

A committee from the Womans' Relief Corps, consisting of Mrs.  
Sallie Bray, Mrs. Helen Clark and Mrs. G. A. Knight, was here an-  
nounced and was escorted to the platform, introduced to the Encamp-  
ment and presented the compliments of and a report from their order.

Comrades W. A. Stoner and M. B. Young nominated for delegate  
to National Encampment.

Nomination closed.

Vote Stoner 28, Young 12.

Stoner declared elected.

Comrade M. B. Young elected as alternate.

Comrade W. O. Kretsinger offered the following resolution, which was seconded and passed.

Resolved, That the delegates to the National Encampment be, and are hereby instructed to place in nomination for Chaplain-in-Chief of the G. A. R., the name of Father T. K. Crowley, and urge his election by all honorable means.

Resolution of respect to Past Department Commander Chas. B. Peck read by Comrade Ketchum, adopted.

Whereas, it has pleased an all wise Providence to remove from our midst, our beloved Comrade Past Department Commander Chas. B. Peck of McClellan Post No. 9, And

Whereas, in the death of Comrade Peck, McClellan Post No. 9, this Department and our Grand National Order, has suffered the loss of one of the most efficient, pains-taking, zealous and enthusiastic members; and one whose fraternal comradeship and wise counseling will be missed by every member of the Department of Texas,

Therefore, Be it resolved by this the 21st Encampment of Texas, that while bowing to the will of Almighty God in his wisdom, we individually as comrades, and collectively as a department, express our most heartfelt sorrow and regret at our loss, and that these Resolutions be spread upon a page of our Journal and a copy thereof, be forwarded to the family of deceased.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

Encampment called to order at 2:20 P. M., Commander Russell in the chair.

C. A. Cahoon, W. H. Christian and W. O. Kretsinger, committee on resolution submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That as a Department, we desire to express our appreciation of the tone, loyalty and generosity as soldiers, manifested by Richard J. Oglesby Post in so cheerfully inviting the Department to meet with them in Dallas at this time, and that we as a Department, wish to say that they have "made good" in every instance and have by their cordial action, again placed us as a Department under lasting obligations.

On motion of Comrade Jno. L. Boyd the following resolution was passed unanimously.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment are due, and are hereby tendered to Comrade C. R. Hubbard for his official assistance rendered the Assistant Adjutant General in keeping the minutes of the Encampments of 1905 and 1906.

On motion of Comrade Parks duly seconded and adopted.

The Department Commander and Council of administration were authorized to select the place for holding the Encampment hereafter. Comrades Boyd, Lee and Christian were appointed a committee to select five comrades to serve as Council of Administration for ensuing year reported the following names: J. S. Dunlap, M. B. Young, W. F. Conner, W. O. Kretsinger, Ed N. Ketchum.

Report adopted .

Resolved, That the sum of \$25.00 be, and is hereby donated out of the funds of this Department, to the Department of California for relief of comrades who suffered in recent earthquake. Adopted.

Report of Mrs. Mary J. Underhill, President of Woman's Relief Corps received and placed on file.

Dallas, Texas, April 26, 1906.

Colonel E. A. Russell, Commander G. A. R. Department of Texas:

Sir: I have the honor to report to you, and through you to the Encampment, the condition of the Womans' Relief Corps Department of Texas.

When assuming the office of Department President Nov. 17, 1905, there were five corps with a total membership of 201.

Since that time one corps has been revived and reinstated with a membership of 11, making now six corps with a total membership of 229.

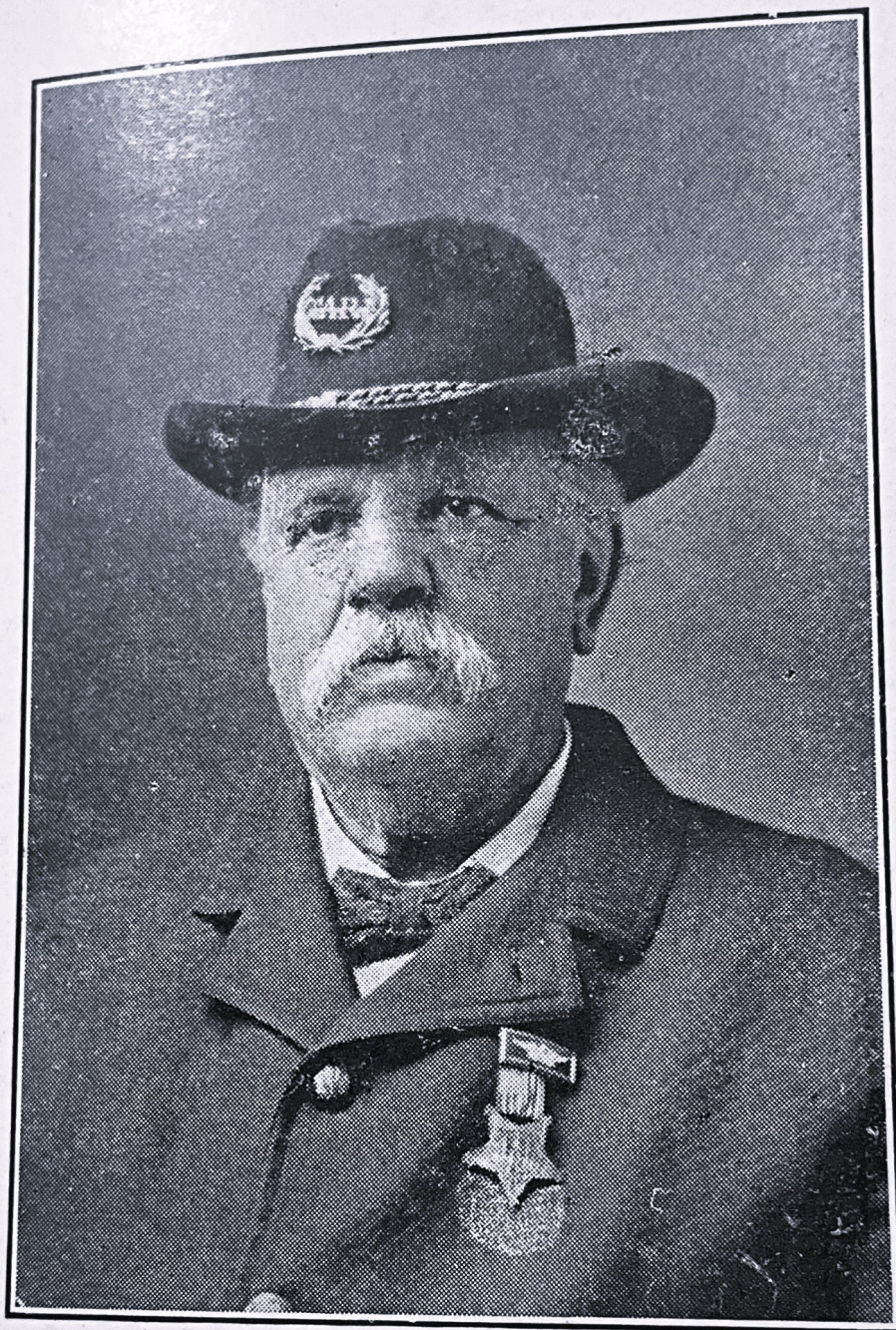
The losses and gains being as follows:

**Gained**

By invitation .....	20
By transfer .. .	2
By reinstatement ..	12
By delinquent reports .....	11
Total .. .	45

**Losses.**

By death ..	4
By honorable discharge .....	1
By transfer .....	2
By suspension ..	10
Total .. .	17
Net gain ..	28



DR. L. L. Whittaker,  
Medical Director,  
Department of Texas,  
G. A. R.





Womans' Relief Corps at Maccabee Hall and witness their installation  
Adopted.

**Installation of Officers by Past Department Commander W. F. Connor**

Comrade W. O. Kretsinger presented Department.

Comrade W. O. Kretsinger presented Department Commander-Elect W. H. Harvey, who was installed as Department Commander of the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade W. F. Cottman of Oglesby Post No. 6, Dallas Texts, was installed as Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade H. L. Brooks of Ord Post No. 3, of San Antonio, was next presented and installed a Junior Vice Department Commander.

Department Chaplain Rev. T. K. Crowley and Medical Director L. L. Whittaker, having been elected to succeed themselves, were not required to be installed.

Department Commander W. H. Harvey announced Comrade J. S. Dunlap as Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Quartermaster General, and he was duly installed.

The installation ceremonies being concluded the 21st Annual Encampment Department of Texas adjourned in due form, and the Comrades proceeded to Maccabee Hall to attend the installation of the Woman's Relief Corps.

#### **W. R. C. Officers.**

The Womans' Relief Corps held their Seventeenth Annual Convention in this city on same date as Grand Army of the Republic.

Meeting in Maccabee Hall.

President—Emma Dunlap, Dallas.

The following named officers and representatives were elected and appointed:

Senior Vice President—Elma Kline, San Antonio.

Junior Vice President—Malinda Rainey, Denison.

Treasurer—Barbara Boyd, Dallas.

Chaplain—Mary C. Yingling, Dallas.

#### **Staff Officers Appointed.**

Secretary—Anna L. Carton, Dallas.

Counselor—E. A. Williams, Denison.

Inspector—Lizzie Durham, Denison.  
 I and I Officer—Martha B. Leeds, Dallas.  
 Patriotic Instructor—Susan Roach, San Antonio.  
 Press Correspondent—Annetta Van Horn, Houston.  
 Executive Board—Susie Underwood, San Antonio; Marie Patterson, Galveston; Starr Barrows, Beaumont; Maud Green, Houston, Clara Allen, Sherman.

#### Representatives to National Convention.

Delegate at Large—Sallie Bray, Denison.  
 Delegate—Helen Clark, Denison.  
 Alternate—Rosalie Lacy, Dallas.  
 Alternate—Elizabeth Houston, Beaumont.

#### Program of the 21st Annual Encampment and 17th Annual Convention of G A R and W R C Department of Texas.

#### FIRST DAY.

April 26.

At 10 a. m. all members of G. A. R. and W. R. C. and friends will assemble promptly at Turner Hall on Harwood Street, where the addresses of welcome will be delivered by the Mayor of Dallas.

Response by E. A. Russell, Department Commander, and Mary S. Underhill, Department President of W. R. C.

Adjourn at 11 a. m.

#### OFFICIAL.

11:30 a. m.—Encampment will be called to order by Department Commander E. A. Russell, for regular order of business.

The W. R. C. C. Convention will be called to order at 11:30 a. m. at Maccabee Hall, Main Street, by Mary S. Underhill, President.

Reception 7 to 8 p. m. at Turner Hall, tendered by the local G. A. R. and W. R. C. to Commander-in-Chief Corporal Tanner, Department Officers, visiting Comrades and Ladies of the W. R. C.

Concert Valse.....Mrs. A. R. Harned  
 Piano Solo.....Miss Ada McWhirk  
 Selection.....Ethel and Stella Niblo

Camp Fire at 8 p. m. Immediately after the reception the meeting will be called to order by W. F. Conne. r

Introduction by Department Commander E. A. Russell, of Command-  
 er-in-Chief Jas. Tanner, who will deliver the opening address.  
 Song, "A Soldier's Dream".....Miss Florence M. Wright  
 Address .....Hon. W. H. Atwell  
 African Love Song ..... "Neain"  
 Miss A. Harper, accompanied by Miss Olga Starkloff.  
 Song, "Rain Drops".....Edith May Harned  
 Address .....H. A. Johnson  
 Song, "America".....Prof. H. A. R. Horton

## SECOND DAY.

April 27.

Regular order of business of Encampment.  
 Election of officers and delegates.  
 Installation of officers.

### Committee on Program.

W. F. Cottman, Chairman  
 A. McWhirk  
 R. McCormick

### Committee on Arrangement.

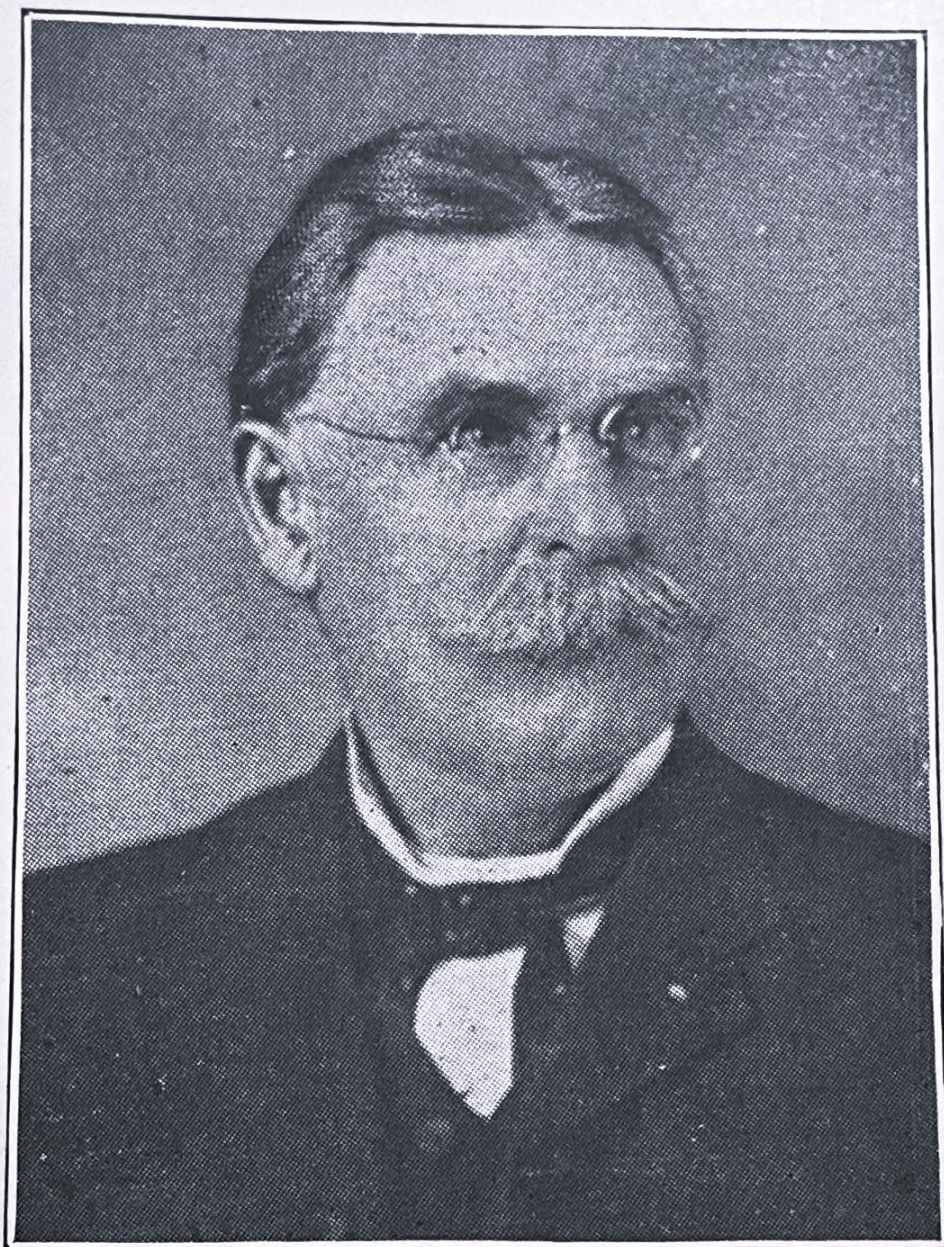
J. S. Dunlap, Chairman	Emma Dunlap
R. P. Cooper	Mary C. Yingling
W. F. Cottman	Anna L. Carton
R. McCormick	Julia Harned
A. McWhirk	Minnie Krugal
M. W. Mann	Marie LaMaroux
W. F. Conner	Barbara Boyd
P. Y. Mullen	Martha B. Leeds

### Committee on Badges and Printing.

W. F. Cottman, Chairman  
 A. McWhirk  
 R. McCormick

### Committee on Reception.

J. S. Dunlap, Chairman	Marie LaMaroux
R. P. Coper	Barbara Boyd
W. F. Cottman	Martha B. Leeds
R. McCormick	Annie Clark
A. McWhirk	Anna L. Carton
M. W. Mann	Rosalie Lacy.
J. L. Boyd	
J. W. Parks	



Wm. H. Harvey,  
Commander, Department of  
Texas, G. A. R. 1906.

**Committee on Finance.**

W. F. Conner  
R. P. Cooper

M. W. Mann, Chairman  
A. Metzler  
J. L. Boyd.

**Committee on Decoration.**

A. S. Lee  
R. McCorimck  
H. Krugal

Nellie Hickerson  
Mabel Michell  
Minnie Krugal  
Barbara Boyd  
Maud Nolan  
Annie Honig.

Officer of the Day, Robert McCormick.

Officer of the Guard, H. Krugal.

**Special Reception.**

Committee for Commander-in-Chief, A. Metzler, John L. Boyd, M. W. Mann.

**Invitation Committee.**

John W. Parks, Chairman.

**Additional Music.**

For Reception and Camp Fire, Brown Brothers Orchestra.

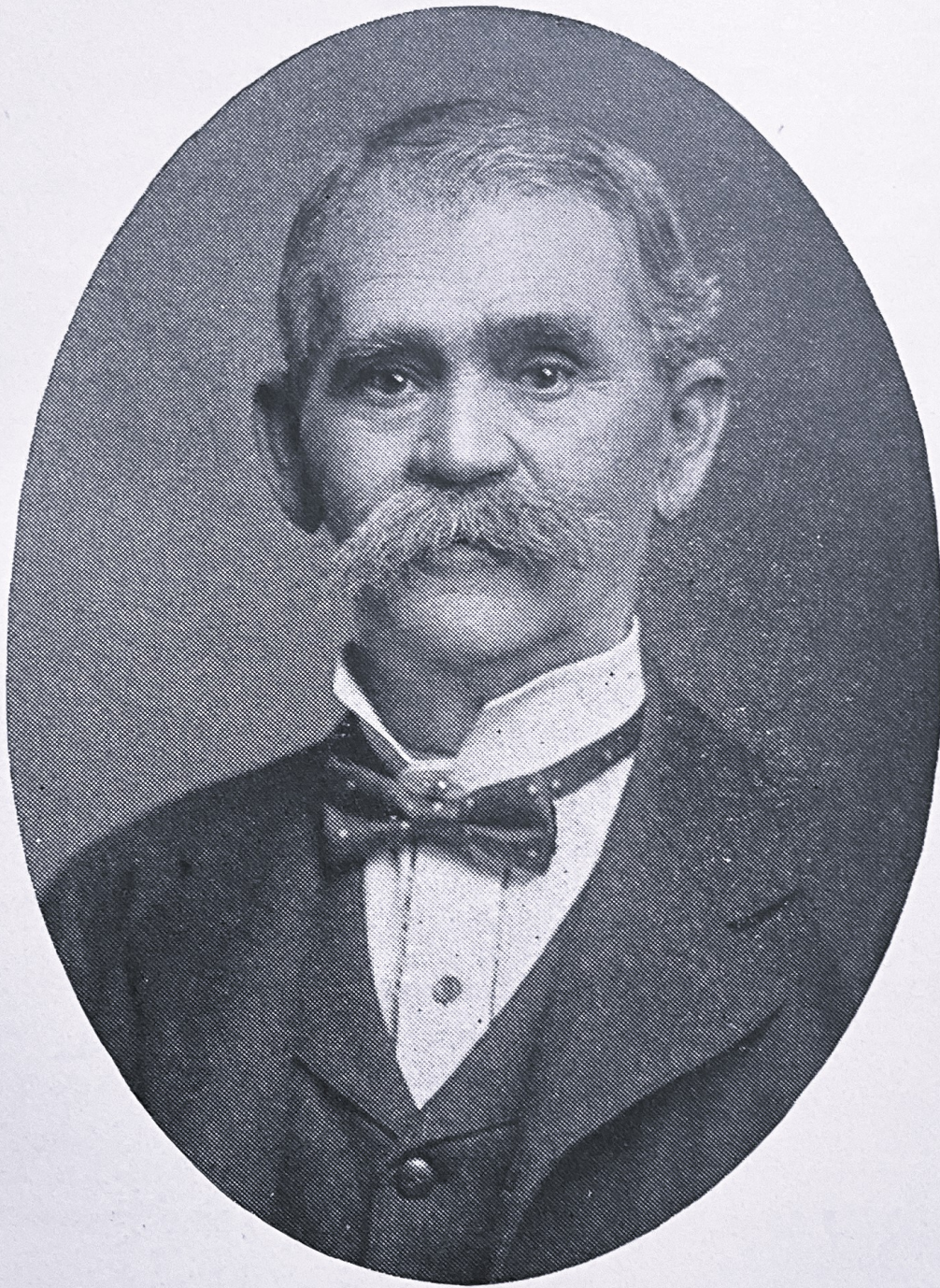
**PERSONNEL.**

Geo. Conner .....	1st Violin
J. W. R. Brown .....	1st Violin
Bob Hamilton .....	1st Violin
B. P. Brown .....	2d Violin
R. Davis .....	1st Cornet
C. P. Brown .....	2d Cornet
R. Mackie .....	Clarinet
Watson .....	'Cello
Miss Nellie Brown .....	Piano

**Department Officers**

Elmore A. Russell .....	Commander
P. B. Sprague .....	Senior Vice Commander
C. R. Hubbard .....	Junior Vice Commander
J. O. Estabrook .....	Ass't Adj't Gen'l
Father T. K. Crowley .....	Chaplain
L. L. Whitaker .....	Medical Director

Invitations have been extended Confederate Veterans who will be represented at Camp Fire by speaker selected by Sterling Price Camp, U. C. V.



W. F. Cottman,  
Senior Vice Commander, Department  
of Texas, G. A. R.

1906

## Report of Department Inspector

Commander and Comrades:—

I have the honor to present the following summary of the consolidated report of the inspection of the Posts of this Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905.

Total number of Posts .....	26
Total number of members in good standing, .....	522
Number of Posts inspected.....	16
Number of Posts not inspected .....	10
Attendance of officers and members at Post Meetings. 12 report good attendance.	
Number of Posts in which the Ritual is properly exemplified. 12 report partly.	
Number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped. 4 partly.	
Number of Posts where members are fully uniformed.....	2
Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept....	16
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax have been forwarded .....	26
Number of Posts having a relief fund .....	7
Aggregate of Post relief funds .....	\$116.21
Aggregate expenditure by Posts for relief .....	106.18
Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermasters .....	608.18
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts .....	877.05
Number of Posts with Women's Relief Corps attached .....	5
Number of Posts with Sons of Vetrans attached .....	

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

C. E. Farnsworth,

Department Inspector.



# Report of Medical Director

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 31, 1905.

Gen. Elmore A. Russell,

Commanding Dept. G. A. R.

Paris, Texas.

Comrade:—

I have the honor to submit the following report, as Medical Director of this Department, for the year ending December 31, 1905:

No. of reports received from Post Surgeons, Commanders or Adjutants .....	13
No. of deaths during year .....	15
No. who presumably died of wounds received in the service .....	2
No. who presumably died of disease contracted in the service .....	2
No. who presumably died from other causes .....	2
No. of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge.....	3
The reasonable money value of such service.....	\$20.00
No. of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines .....	4
The reasonable money value of such service .....	\$9.75
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnished by physicians, posts or relief corps, or by other organizations or comrades .....	\$6.80
Total money value of above mentioned service and supplies .....	\$36.55
No. of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pensions.....	6

Less than half the Posts in this Department have made reports, some of the reports were blank with no name neither dated or signed—hence the report of your Medical Director is incomplete and of very little value.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

Dr. Lyman L. Whitaker,

Medical Director.