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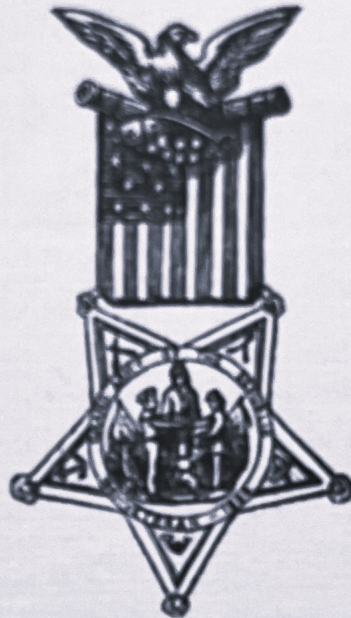
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OF THE

Twenty-Fourth
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GRAND ARMY

OF THE

REPUBLIC

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

DENISON, TEXAS, APRIL 21-22, 1909



Capt. Tom Wright

W. H. Harvey Gen. H. N. Nevius

Capt. W. O. Kretsinger

Col. P. B. Hunt

Col. J. W. Parks

W. H. Christian

Col. Elmore A. Russell

W. F. Conner

S. W. Skipworth



CAPTAIN TOM WRIGHT *Department Commander*
DENISON, TEXAS

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS OF TEXAS.

- 1892. J. C. Bigger, Jr.,
Vice Commander-in-Chief, deceased, Post 11, Dallas
- 1897. David McKay
Surgeon General, deceased, Post 11, Dallas
- 1901. A. W. Acheson
Surgeon General, Post 5, Denison
- 1902. P. B. Hunt
Council of Administration, Post 60, Graham (Dallas)
- 1903. R. M. Moore
Council of Administration, Post 3, San Antonio
- 1904. J. D. Rice
Post No. 6, Dallas
- 1905. J. S. Dunlap
Post No. 6, Dallas
- 1906. C. R. Hubbard
Post No. 20, Lampasas

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

- 1885. W. D. Wylie Deceased
- 1886. O. T. Lyon Deceased
- 1887. W. H. Sinclair Deceased
- 1888. J. C. DeGrees Deceased
- 1880. A. G. Malloy Residence, El Paso, Texas
- 1890. A. K. Taylor Deceased
- 1891. M. W. Mann Deceased
- 1892. O. G. Peterson Deceased
- 1893. J. W. Park Residence, Dallas, Texas
- 1894. R. M. Moore Deceased
- 1895. W. W. Bostwick Residence, Longwood, Colorado
- 1896. G. W. McCormick Residence, Lake Grove, L. I. N. Y.
- 1897. Ed N. Ketchum Residence, Galveston, Texas
- 1898. W. F. Conner Residence, Dallas, Texas
- 1899. John Roach Deceased
- 1900. Chas. B. Peck Deceased
- 1901. P. B. Hunt Residence, Dallas, Texas
- 1902. C. C. Haskell Deceased
- 1903. John H. Bolton Residence, San Antonio, Texas
- 1904. John L. Boyd Residence, Dallas, Texas
- 1905. Elmore A. Russell Residence, Paris, Texas
- 1906. W. H. Harvey Residence, Belton, Texas
- 1907. L. L. Whitaker Residence, San Antonio, Texas

HONORARY MEMBERS OF DEPARTMENT.

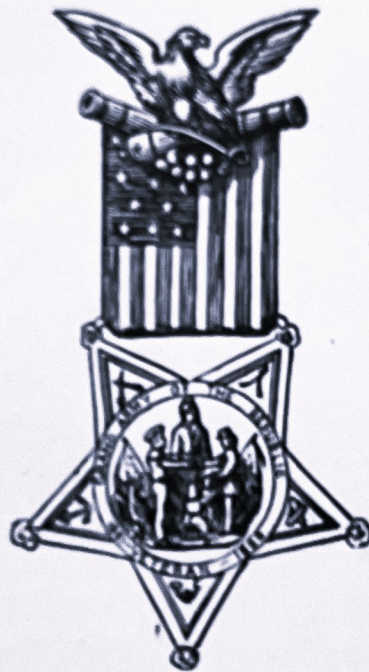
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- A. G. Weisert Milwaukee, Wis.
- Leo Rasseur St. Louis, Mo.

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President.....Sarah E. Bonnell, Houston
Senior Vice.....Alice McEwen, Fort Worth
Junior Vice.....Georgia A. King, Fort Worth
Secretary.....Maud Green, Houston
Chaplain.....Sallie Bray, Denison
Councillor.....Emma Dunlap, Dallas
Inspector.....Ella Phillips, Fort Worth
I and I Officer.....Helen Clark, Denison
Patriotic Instructor.....Mary Yingling, Dallas
Press Correspondent.....Emma Elliott, Houston

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Susan Underwood.....San Antonio, Texas
Susan East.....Weatherford, Texas
Barbara Boyd.....Dallas, Texas
M. J. S. Underhill.....Beaumont, Texas
— — O'Dowd.....Fort Worth, Texas

**AT THE BROOKSTONE OPERA HOUSE, DENISON, TEXAS,
APRIL 21, 1909.**

At the sounding of the assembly by bugle by Grover Morrell, the officers and delegates of the G. A. R. Department of Texas and the officers and delegates of the W. R. C. for Department of Texas met in joint session at the Brookstone Opera House at 10 o'clock a. m. Gen. Thos. M. Wright, Department Commander, called the house to order and introduced Col. W. F. Conner, who in turn introduced Col. N. H. L. Decker, who in behalf of the Mayor of the city welcomed the Veterans to the city; and it is a matter of regret a fuller report of Col. Decker's address could not be given as it was full of good cheer to the old soldiers and patriotic and thrilling to a high degree. Colonel Decker said that he had been called on to fill the place on the program assigned to Mayor Acheson, the Mayor having been detained by an important surgical operation then being performed on one of his patients. Colonel Decker said that he was too young to serve in the war, but that he admired the heroism of those who fought on both sides of it, and that it always gave him pleasure to meet them singly or in convention; especially was he pleased to have the honor of welcoming the G. A. R. to the city of Denison to hold its annual encampment for 1909. Colonel Decker grew eloquent in his tribute to the chivalry of the men who engaged in the Great Conflict and said that such heroism the world had never seen before and will never see again. Denison, he said, knows neither North or South, but is a cosmopolitan city, and there has never yet been an attempt to count noses to see who is in the majority. He referred feelingly to the friendship existing between the survivors of the Blue and the Gray, and paid a great tribute to the leading figures in the war, Grant and Lee.

John W. Parks of Dallas introduced Colonel P. B. Hunt, also of Dallas, who responded to the address of welcome.

Col. Hunt said that to respond to such a welcome on behalf of the Department of Texas was a pleasure, indeed; that the reception the Grand Army men had met in Denison not "only adds to our happiness, but to the happiness of the country, the happiness of the State and the city which extended it." He said that when he first came to Denison in 1878 Bill Scott was postmaster, and when he comes here in 1909 Bill Scott is still postmaster (cries of "Great Scott"). "We came from Kentucky," he said. "Great people come from Kentucky" ("and other things," came from an old soldier on the stage, whereat there was much amusement). "Denison," said Colonel Hunt, "is the first city in Texas—after you cross the river. I am always glad when I find myself here. The first time I visited the city it was to have a serious surgical operation performed. I sent for your present Mayor and he gave me relief. The sound of his footsteps

falling on the floor of the old Planters' Hotel was the sweetest music I ever heard. The war is over," Colonel Hunt declared. "We are a united people doing all we can to build up our common country and doing nothing to tear it down." He paid a beautiful tribute to the Woman's Relief Corps and said that without them the Grand Army would be a dismal organization.

General Wright then introduced the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., General Henry M. Nevius of New Jersey.

General Nevius said that he had attended State Encampments in the North and East, where the membership runs into thousands, but that he always finds the greatest pleasure in attending the annual meetings of the Grand Army in the Southern States. In the performance of his duties as Commander-in-Chief he had traveled thousands of miles in visiting State Encampments, and it was always a pleasure to meet Grand Army men who had moved to the South to make their homes and to make friends among their former foes. His tribute to the valor of the men who upheld both banners in the Civil War was a masterpiece of oratory, especially that point wherein he referred to the surrender of General Lee when peace was made. "When General Lee handed his sword to General Grant, General Grant said: 'Nay, take back your sword; let your men take their horses, go home, and let us have peace,' said the General, there was peace, and there is yet peace. Those who sought after the war to keep alive the bitterness produced by the war were not the soldiers, but the people who stayed home in the North and South." The war, he said, was just a family falling out; the North stood for the Government of Washington, while the South stood for the rights of the states; every organization has internal troubles, governments are not exempt from them, but "Old Glory now floats in peace at home and is honored and respected abroad." General Nevius said that having a speech to deliver tonight at the Elks' Hall he would shorten his remarks for the time. "I want to meet as many ex-Confederates at the Elks' Hall tonight as can find it convenient to come," he said in conclusion, which caused a burst of cheers.

Commander Wright then announced the conclusion of the public ceremonies and that the meeting would reopen in executive session after the visitors retired.

The stage was beautifully decorated in the National colors and flowers graced every proper nook. A number of the old army rifles belonging to Nathaniel Lyon Post of Denison were stacked at the entrance to the Brookstone, and these were adorned with flags and flowers.

Joint session being dissolved Commander Wright declared the 24th Encampment, Department of Texas, now opened for business as may come before it.

Invocation by Comrade Mikels of Nathaniel Lyon Post. No. 5.

Comrades W. F. Conner, W. H. Christian and J. C. Bonnell were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

Comrades J. S. Dunlap, A. B. Morris and J. McHail were

appointed a Committee on Resolutions, to whom all resolutions were ordered to be referred.

Comrade W. F. Connor was called to the chair and this report of Commander Wright was then read:

Comrades—Another year has been added to the History of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas, another year since the tragic days of '61 and '65.

Following the custom of my predecessors I have the honor to submit a report of my stewardship during the year just passed.

One year ago at San Antonio you did me the honor to select me as your Department Commander. It was with no ordinary feeling of pleasure and gratification that I entered upon the duties incumbent upon the office. To be at the head of the Grand Army of the Republic is an honor that should well fill the measure of a soldier's ambition. Throughout my year of duty which has been to me a pleasure, I have tried to show my appreciation by faithful service. At all times I have had the interest of our order at heart and my every effort has been to strengthen it. Throughout my term I have felt that I had the best wishes of all my comrades and the willing aid of each when called upon. There has been little call for administrative ability because all departments have worked in harmony. I have not visited as many of the Posts as I desired and had intended but those visited were found firm and zealous in the principles of our order, and what was an additional pleasure, the communities around them more and more have come to respect and approve the object of our Association. It is unfortunate that the limit of time is a consideration and the order cannot be perpetuated. In this connection let me urge upon all to be untiring in aid of the Sons of Veterans, Women's Relief Corps and kindred organizations that the good our noble order has done and is doing may live for the benefit of coming generations.

Memorial Day.

Throughout the Departments of Texas Memorial Day was observed in a becoming and reverent manner. In the cemeteries everywhere the people gathered about the passionless mounds and with loving hands placed flowers over the graves of our dead heroes as well as those of the Confederates. On this day the children are taught a lesson of patriotism and our cemeteries are made beautiful and hallowed to us.

The hearts of the living soldiers throb with pride when the brave deeds of our departed heroes are recalled.

National Encampment.

The Department was well represented at the National Encampment held at Toledo, Ohio, on August 31st to September 5th inclusive. Headquarters were established at Hotel Niagara, where we were royally entertained by the management of the hotel, and every attention given cheerfully to our personal comfort and enjoyment. Toledo and its vicinity abounding in associations of National History gave opportunity to every comrade to renew his devotion to his country and to his flag, and it is with commendable pride that I call attention to the part taken by the Texas delegation in the grand parade. There were thirty members in line, and their elegant and soldierly appearance and precise marching called for

the recognition and cheers from the thousands who lined the sidewalks, it being a continual ovation and reflecting honor upon those who marched in the line and upon the Department of Texas.

Flag Day.

The interest taken by Posts and Comrades generally regarding Flag Day throughout the Department is very satisfactory and it is generally observed that the flag is floating over more public buildings and private residences than heretofore.

Woman's Relief Corps.

The Department Commander recognizes the prompt and courteous services of the devoted body of women and offers greeting and thanks for the cordial assistance rendered. It is our earnest hope that their order may continuously grow in efficiency and usefulness.

Lincoln Memorial.

The reports show that patriotic services or programs of various kinds were observed by Posts at Galveston, Houston, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Dallas and Denison, and it afforded us great pleasure to place upon the records this attention to the notable saint which made it possible for us to have an Abraham Lincoln when we stood in need of a leader for our country.

Mothers' Day.

To the loyal mothers of America the Nation should bow with pride and gratitude. To their self sacrifice and heroism much is due in holding the flag where it floats, in sustaining the cause of our country and when the final test came, in devotion to the land they loved so well offered the richest sacrifice known to man—their own flesh and blood upon the altar of their country and silently with bated breath, waited the result and the Nation lives.

Membership.

There has not been the increase of membership consistent with the efforts of the Department, and on the part of Posts and individual members of the Department I would like to report. So many obstructions are placed in the way such as age, disease, and general apathy as well as distance and isolation from each other that our efforts are to a great extent lost.

Deaths.

The list of deaths throughout the Department as reported by Posts is less than usual, there being 11 casualties, but among that number we must call attention to the passing away of two Past Commanders Col. R. M. Moore of San Antonio and Captain O. T. Lyon of Sherman, and recommend that suitable resolutions be passed by the encampment. Our work for the year is nearly completed and in a short time I shall turn over the responsibility you entrusted to me one year ago and I sincerely hope that my efforts in behalf of the order have not been in vain. This year will always be regarded as one of the most enjoyable of my life. Take with you to your homes at the close of this Encampment my sincere gratitude for all the love and respect you have shown me, the honors you have conferred. Carry with you the assurance that no memory will be so sweet and beautiful to dwell upon as the remembrance of the year I have spent in companionship and service with my Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

However for whatever success I may have achieved I gladly

divide the credit with those with whom I have been associated officially and otherwise and particularly is this true with regard to Assistant Adjutant General W. O. Kretsinger. The most important officer of the Department must be competent, courteous, and affable and must be effective in his work. This Department has been fortunate in Adjutant Kretsinger and to his prompt and thorough work is largely due the success of the administration. I consider myself under lasting obligation for his untiring zeal and efficient work, and desire to extend my cordial thanks and best wishes to each and every member of the Staff, also to Past Commanders W. F. Connor, Ed Ketchum, John W. Parks and J. C. Bonnell as well as Comrades Dexter Wagon and C. R. Hubbard, who so ably assisted me during the year. I wish to thank every comrade for his friendship and fraternal feeling and through all my life my prayer will be that the closing year of our lives may be filled with peace and happiness.

The report of the Commander was referred to special committee consisting of Comrades Hunt, Parks and Russell.

The report of A. A. General W. O. Kretsinger was read and referred to special committee consisting of Comrades Johnson, Cahoon and McCormick; as was also A. Q. M. W. O. Kretsinger's report.

The following named Comrades Bonnell, Connor and Young were appointed a Committee of Greeting to the W. R. C. now in Department session at O. R. C. Hall.

On motion of Comrade Conner all resolutions should be referred to Committee on Resolutions consisting of Comrades Dunlap, Morris and McHail.

The following report by Senior Vice Commander A. L. Lockwood was received by Asst. Adjt. General Kretsinger:

HEADQUARTERS

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

Department of Texas, G. A. R.

San Antonio, Texas, April 14th, 1909.

Col. W. O. Kretsinger, Asst. Adjt. Dept. Texas, Dear Sir and Comrade: I have the honor to transmit herewith, my report as Senior Vice Dept. Commander for the past year, regretting my inability to be present to make the same in person. Please present my kind regards to Commander Wright and all his staff, and all the comrades who are so fortunate as to meet with you at Denison. Sincerely in F. C. & L.,

A. L. Lockwood,
Senior Vice Dept. Commander, Dept. of Texas, G. A. R.

San Antonio, Texas, April 11, 1909.

To the Department Commander and Comrades of the G. A. R.:
At our last State Encampment, held in the historic city of San Antonio, you conferred upon me the high honor of electing me your Senior Vice Dept. Commander for the ensuing year, which is now about to expire, for that honor I sincerely thank all the comrades who participated in that Encampment.

During my term of office, I have not been called upon to perform any particular service, but, ever bearing in mind the duties incumbent upon those who accept official position, I have humbly endeavored to spread the cause of loyalty and the "Love of our country and our flag" whenever the opportunity occurred and in this connection, have attended "Flag Raisings" at several of our public schools and sought, by delivering short addresses to those there assembled to inculcate in the minds of the rising generation, who are soon to take our places, that patriotism which knows but "One country and one flag."

The noble women, who constitute our W. R. C. and Ladies of the G. A. R., are also ever working towards this end and through their endeavors, the pictures of Washington and Lincoln have been placed in several of the schools of this city, with appropriate ceremonies, and with their assistance, in another year, we hope to see "Old Glory" waving over the roof of every schoolhouse and the pictures of our great leaders, adorning the walls of the school rooms.

Trusting that the Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment of this Department will be as successful as those of the past and regretting that ill health prevents my having the pleasure of meeting with you and with best wishes for the welfare of "Our grand and patriotic order," and the prosperity of its members, I remain sincerely in
F. C. & L.,

A. L. Lockwood,

Senior Vice Commander Dept. of Texas, G. A. R.

Report of Asst. Adjt. General W. O. Kretsinger was read and referred to special committee consisting of Comrades Johnson, Cahoon and McCormick.

**HEADQUARTERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Department of Texas.**

Denison, Texas, April 21, 1909.

Thos. M. Wright, Department Commander:

I have the honor to report the following membership of Department:

Number in good standing, last report.....	462
Gain.	
By muster in	19
By reinstatement	27
Total	46
Loss.	
By death	23
By transfer	6
Total	29
Number in good standing	409

Mead Post No. 35, Kit Carson Post No. 76, were reinstated with a membership of 18.

Respectfully submitted,

W. O. Kretsinger,
A. A. Gen.

The report of Asst. Quarter Master General W. O. Kretsinger was read and referred to the committee on A. A. Gen. report.

**HEADQUARTERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Department of Texas.**

Denison, Texas, April 21, 1909.

Report of Assistant Quarter Master General:

T. M. Wright, Department Commander:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report for 1908-09:

Receipts.

Received from my predecessor	\$ 77.97
Per capita tax from Posts	254.20
Total	\$332.17

Expenditures.

Postage	\$ 13.15
Printing general orders	15.10
Per capita, Texas	13.72
Stationery	3.55
Supplies	6.50
Printing letter heads and envelopes	9.50
Printing Journal 1908	40.00
Various express, freight, drayage items	14.83
Salary, A. A. G. and A. Q. M.	125.00

Total	\$211.35
Balance on hand	\$103.30

Supplies on hand:

21 Rules and Regulations.	
8 Rituals	
16 Officers' Card Sets.	
5 Service Books.	
52 Transfers	
1 Descriptive Book.	
2 Blue Books.	
7 Membership Badges.	
7 Rank Straps	
1 Ribbon, Blue.	
30 Ribbons, cherry.	
11 Ribbons, F. Buff.	
9½ Ribbon Straps.	
1 flag, value	\$ 10.00
1 Banner, value	30.00
2 flag belts, value	5.00
1 pair horns, value	30.00
1 Department Seal	7.50
1 Box for Horns	7.50
1 Department Banner	2.50
Cash	103.30

Total	194.32
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Respectfully submitted,

W. O. Kretsinger,
A. Q. M.

On motion Encampment took recess until 1:30 p. m.,

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Commander Wright called Past Dept. Commander Connor to the chair.

We, the committee appointed to report on Commander's Report, beg leave to commend it to our Comrades as most worthy of our faithful and loyal Commander. We believe he has splendidly and with great credit to himself and his comrades performed the duties of the position and the thanks of the Department is due and through this committee tendered him for his faithful loyal duties performed.

Committee:

Jno. W. Parks.
E. A. Russell.
P. B. Hunt.

Report of Committee on A. A. Gen. and A. Q. M. Gen. report was received as follows:

Encampment Hall, April 21, 1909.

Commander Wright:

We, your committee, appointed to investigate the A. A. G. and A. Q. M. Department of Texas, report for the year to find it correct and recommend its adoption. Committee:

C. A. Cahoon,
R. McCormick,

Committee.

Report of Committee on Credentials was received as follows:

To the Department Commander, Officers and Comrades 24th Annual Encampment, G. A. R. of Texas:

We, your committee on Credentials, most respectfully beg to report that the data furnished us on which to base an absolute report is insufficient, and we would therefore recommend that names of these Comrades to whom the A. A. G. has issued delegate badges be entitled to a vote in this encampment. We would further recommend that in the future the A. A. G shall keep on hand and furnish the several Posts with the paper blanks on which reports of officers, delegates and members are made out on. Respectfully submitted,

W. F. Conner.
W. H. Christian.
M. B. Young.

The following communication was received from Chaplain of the Department, Rev. J. L. Albritton:

Ottawa, Ill., April 17, 1909.

W. O. Kretsinger, Asst. Adj. Gen. Grand Army of the Republic,
Department of Texas, Denison, Texas.

My Dear Comrade Kretsinger:

I wish through you to send a line to the Comrades assembled at the Department Encampment next Wednesday and Thursday, April 21 and 22.

First, I salute you as Comrades dearly beloved and ever to be remembered for your works sake, and also for the uniform kindness you always revealed toward me while I had the great pleasure of mingling personally with you. I have never met a set of men whom I loved better than the Comrades of the Department of Texas. The little things I was able to do with you always seemed to be appreciated far beyond their real worth. I esteemed highly the honors you

bestowed upon me. There is no place I would rather be than in Denison during the time of the Encampment. I greet you one and all with the greetings of a friend, and may the richest blessings of heaven be your always. May every session of your encampment be interesting, profitable and enjoyable.

With my best wishes and a heart full of love for you all, am yours sincerely in F. C. and L.

J. L. Albritton, Department Chaplain.

P. S.—Remember me kindly to the Woman's Relief Corps.

J. L. A.

The following characteristic letter was received from Past Department Commander Ed Ketchum of Galveston and was recognized and adopted with three cheers:

Galveston, Texas, April 19, 1909.

Gen. Thos. M. Wright, Dept. Com. G. A. R.,

Denison, Texas.

Dear Comrade:

Please make my regrets to the Encampment for my inability to attend as I am stove up in my right hind leg with a "hip sweeney," my horse doctor terms it, causing too much friction on the sciatic nerve; while the doctors of the human animal call it sciatica.

I hope you will have a successful Encampment, blessed with harmony and usefulness.

With best wishes, yours in F. C. and L,

Ed Ketchum.

The following communication from Past Department Commander L. L. Whitaker was received with applause:

916 East Commerce Street, San Antonio, Tex., April 17, 1909.

General Thomas M. Wright, Department Commander,

Denison, Texas.

My Dear Sir and Comrade:

I regret very much that our annual encampment is to be held the 21st and 22nd of April, that date precludes my being able to attend.

We are looking forward to stirring times in our city at that time and being a member of an important committee I cannot leave home.

Delegates from our Post will be in attendance. Comrade Wright, our brothers are going fast; they are on their last march, and as an organization it will soon close. No administrator will be needed when the grim monster closes the eyes of the last Veteran, the business of the Grand Army of the Republic will be ended, but what a heritage it leaves behind. I see in the report of the Commissioner of Pensions that during the short month of February, 1909, 3,182 Civil War pensioners departed this life.

In common with all who wore the blue it preserved the union of States. It handed down to coming generations one of the best, if not the best Government which God ever permitted to exist. It kept our flag floating in the breezes. We showed the world that we could and have perpetuated a Republican form of Government.

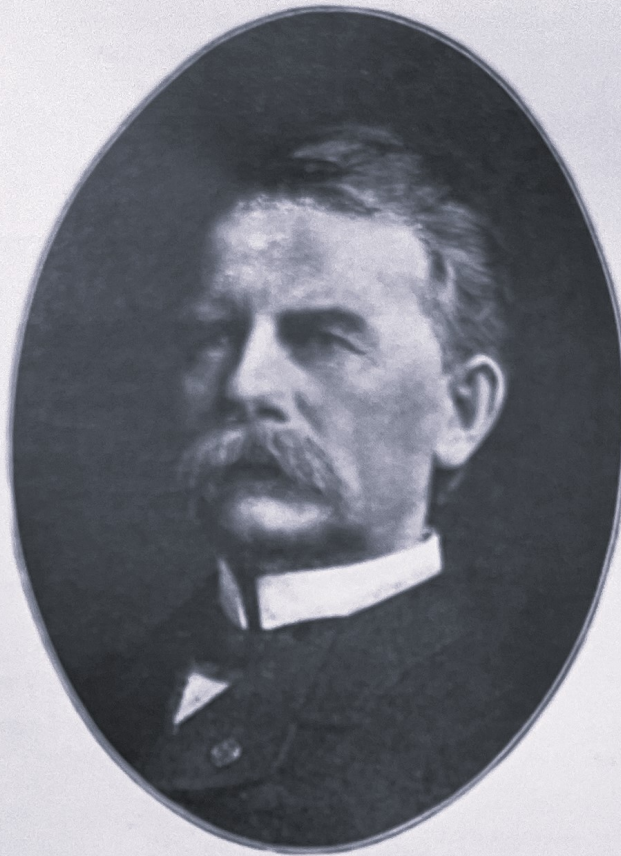
Comrade Wright, through you I want to extend my greetings to the "Boys" of the 24th Annual Encampment. Say to them I am absent in the flesh but present in spirit. Tell that young and active Conner, that solemn Ketchum, that modest Hubbard, and that old Wheel Horse, Kretsinger, that I would have been highly pleased to be with them and talk over old days past and gone.

May the State Encampment be a grand success and may God

grant the lives of the old Veterans be preserved and their declining years be full of comfort and ease.

Believe me, Commander Wright, I am yours with high regards and in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

L. L. Whitaker,
Past Dept. Commander, Texas.



Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 16th, 1909.

W. O. Kretsinger, Adjutant Gen., G. A. R., Dept. Texas,
Denison, Texas.

My Dear Comrade Kretsinger:

I am in receipt of your last General Order, and thank you for sending it to me. It would give me great pleasure to meet my comrades of the Department of Texas once more, and I hope this will occur before long.

You will find Comander-in-Chief Nevius a warm-hearted and true comrade, and I know the boys of Texas will give him a warm reception. Remember me to him as well as to Department Commander Cahoon and the rest of the dear old boys with whom I have passed so many reunions.

I will see that notices of the reunion are published in the Milwaukee newspapers as soon as I hear from you, and know the place where it is to be held, and at what hour and day.

It grieves me to think that so many of your number have answered the final summons, but they have only moved forward and taken position on the eternal heights beyond, and when the last bell of the watch shall mingle its music with the reveille, calling our naval heroes to meet their comrades of the Grand Army, they will appear for the final muster, to be "All ready for inspection in the morning." Fraternally yours,

A. G. Weissert,

Special order for 3:30 having arrived the Parks' resolution was taken up and after discussion was passed, and it was ordered that special thanks be forwarded Hon. I. R. Sherwood.

**RESOLUTIONS BY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
JNO. W. PARKS, OF DALLAS, TEXAS.**

Whereas, House bill No. 23244, known as "The Civil War Officers Annuity Honor Roll," now before the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C., the provisions of which is to pay to officers \$50.00 per month, and to enlisted men \$25.00 per month on arriving at the age of 70 years, and

Whereas, Our comrade in Congress, The Hon. Isaac R. Sherwood, of Ohio, will offer an amendment to this bill that officers will be paid \$50.00 per month on arriving at the age of 64, and enlisted men be paid \$30.00 per month on arriving at the age of 63 years; therefore, be it

Resolved, By this Encampment of the Department of Texas G. A. R., this 21st day of April, 1909, assembled at Denison, Texas, That we petition our Commander-in-Chief, General H. M. Nevius, to do all in his power to give honorable aid and assistance to Comrade Sherwood in his noble and patriotic effort to do justice to our comrades while living, and that he may be pleased to recommend to the National G. A. R. Committee on Pensions that they take such action that will assist in the passage of this bill as amended and advocated by Comrade Sherwood. Be it further

Resolved, That this Encampment, representing all our comrades of the Department of Texas, hereby deplore any action that may have been taken by our National Encampment at Toledo, Ohio, discouraging any legislation on the pension question at present, though we understand the wisdom of so doing was finally left with our National Pension Committee, and we hope, most sincerely, that our good comrades of that committee may realize that we are passing away, by the thousands, and that to delay justice deprives thousands of our poor old comrades of what would make their short time on earth comparatively comfortable, and would minister to their needs and wants while yet they live and bury them decently when we die. It would therefore, we believe, be entirely consistent with the action of the National Encampment for our comrades of the Pension Committee to advocate this bill and its amendment by Comrade Sherwood and to do all in their power to secure its passage and such action on their part will have the everlasting gratitude of not only the comrades of this Department, but of every old soldier who wore the blue, and thus finally settle the pension question for all time. Be it further

Resolved, That the sincerest and most heartfelt thanks of this Department, by a unanimous and rising vote, be extended our grand comrade, The Hon. Isaac R. Sherwood, for his noble, fraternal, charitable and loyal advocacy of the welfare of his comrades, and should he be successful in having the bill passed with his amendment, the joy and gladness that it will bring to his poor old comrades will, we know, be a gratification to him, and we ask our comrades and friends in Congress, through our Commander-in-Chief and National Pension Committee, that they will aid General Sherwood in his patriotic efforts in our behalf, and our reverent gratitude and love for the great service rendered us will go out of our hearts to theirs. If in '61-65 we did our duty and gave our country a new life and added glory and lustre to the flag, and its stars, and made it possible for you to

now so wisely administer the laws of the greatest and grandest government on the face of the earth, then ease our aged, feeble, afflicted, almost helpless condition. Many are tottering on the verge of the grave—many suffering for actual necessities of life. Only a short time longer and we will be as a memory. Remember that our Commander-in-Chief and National Pension Committee, to urge favor-ent enfeebled, suffering condition, is largely due to wounds, exposures and disease contracted while in the service of our country, fighting for Old Glory—and your homes—without thought or consideration of pay we left the comforts of home—sacrificed all—and rushed to the call of "Lincoln" and received thirteen dollars a month in depreciated money for services which saved the Union and made this the greatest and grandest Nation and Government on the face of the earth, giving to it the priceless boon of liberty and Union—peace and prosperity—was this incalculable service, and these great blessings paid for at \$13.00 per month? We lost opportunities of our lives, and suffered hardships, privations, sickness and wounds, and today, each day numbers of us go down to the grave, old and suffering, needy and poor, and we would not have done otherwise than peril our lives, and suffered as we did to save Old Glory, but show us by your favorable action on this matter that we have a place in the hearts of the American people and pass this bill and place the name of each survivor on this Roll of Honor for priceless service rendered.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our Commander-in-Chief, General H. M. Nevius, and a copy to the Commander of each Department in our organization, asking their co-operation in this laudable purpose and to Departments who have had their Encampments we beg the Commander will call together the Council of Administration for speedy action and petition Congress through our Commander-in-Chief and National Pension Committee, to urge favorable action by our next National Encampment and by Congress.

REMARKS ON THE RESOLUTION BY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JNO. W. PARKS, OF DALLAS, TEXAS.

Commander and Comrades:

It is a fact that legislation is largely, if not entirely, influenced by the will of the people, and we know that all loyal people of this country are in favor of a liberal pension for the volunteer soldiers, and if other Departments of our organization will join Texas in asking for this enactment of this House Bill No. 23,244, as it will be amended by General Sherwood, allowing officers \$50.00 and enlisted men \$30.00 per month at the age of 64 and 63 years, I am satisfied it will become the law.

If it is a fact that we are entitled to a pension, if it is right and just that we should receive it, then why should there be delay in granting it. If the purpose of a pension is to give relief, it is a fact that there are as many of us poor and needy at the age of 63 to 69 as we will be at 70 if we live—and for this reason it should be granted, if at all, to all at age of 63 and over. There is hardly a man of us living today—whatever our age may be—who has seen service, but is the worse for what he has passed through. I know a comrade of 65 years who for 45 years every day has dressed a bullet wound; another about the same age I saw in a field hospital down with dysentery, crawl on his hands and knees from his bunk to the sink—50 yards away—a dozen times every night for many nights—too weak to stand or walk—in day time he got attention from nurses, but at night they failed him—then he was sent to General Hospital. This same

comrade contracted malignant typhoid fever and was delirious for weeks and helpless for months. The fever left him broken down, and lumbago followed, and for over 40 years he has suffered almost daily, and he has been deaf for 15 years. These are but illustrations of most of us who are but 63 and upwards, and our condition will not improve, financially or physically. We are as poor and needy now as we ever will be. We lost the opportunities of our lives when in '61-'65 we rushed to the call of that great leader, Abraham Lincoln. We even offered our lives that the Nation, by our sacrifice, might live. A half million of us gave up our lives, perished by the bullet and disease, and because of that the Nation lives. We not only saved, but we created the grandest and most prosperous Nation on the face of the earth—**union and liberty—peace and prosperity**—the results of the deeds of the volunteer soldier. Unhesitatingly we made the great sacrifice and bore the battle; then we were the boys who marched away from the villages, towns and cities of our land—today, with bowed forms and gray hairs, through age and infirmities of years and service, our hearts are still a-flame, as much as ever, with love and loyalty, and we ask that this bill, with the amendment by General Sherwood, shall become a law, and the name of every survivor be placed upon this Roll of Honor.

It would provide only what is necessary to barely supply the reasonable needs and necessities of life, and as far as possible, relieve our sufferings—and it would be a fitting acknowledgement of our service, and the cost to the Government a mere pittance compared with the grand results of our service.

The Grand Army of the Republic less than one-fourth the survivors of the Union Army, are passing away 10,000 a year, and of the total survivors, 50,000 a year. But a short time and the word "Dead" will be written opposite the name of each on the roll. Give us a flower now instead of waiting to put a bouquet on our grave.

In the language of General Sherwood: "We cannot recall the valiant dead who sleep in seventy national cemeteries, and rehabilitate them in the robes of flesh. We cannot pour out our long withheld bounty, kept in closed coffers all the weary years since the war, but we can do justice to the living, and give to the fast-fading remnant of our men behind the guns a small portion of what is theirs by right and inheritance, and place their names on the Roll of the Republic."

We hope and trust our Commander-in-Chief, our National Pension Committee and our next National Encampment will, as with one voice, ask the enactment of the Sherwood amendment to this Bill into a law.

On motion the resolution was adopted by a rising vote and thanks of the Department forwarded to Hon. I. R. Sherwood.

It was moved by Comrade Conner that a hundred copies of the above resolution be printed, which motion prevailed.

Commander-in-Chief Gen. H. M. Nevius was loudly called for and made his appearance and delivered a rousing and intelligent address. The character and subject of the speech offered was such as is not heard often in the South, and its effect was electrical upon the Encampment, and was applauded by hearty cheers and a rising vote of thanks.

It was announced by the Officer of the Day that a committee of ladies from the W. R. C. in session were in waiting in the Hall, and Commander Conner appointed Comrades

Cahoon, Charles and Dunn a committee to escort the ladies to the stage. The committee from the W. R. C., consisting of Mrs. Bray, Mrs. Manchester and Miss Boyd, offered cheering reports of their work and each lady offered a brief address to the Boys in Blue which was heartily appreciated, and the ladies left the Hall amid the cheers and shouts of good will from the Encampment. Commander Conner offered resolutions of thanks to the ladies of the W. R. C. which was carried with a hearty cheer.

The following resolution was passed with a rising vote:

Resolved, That the sincerest thanks of this Department is hereby extended our Grand Commander-in-Chief, General H. M. Nevius, for the honor he has done us by his visit to our Encampment here at Denison. His kind presence has done us good and given us the greatest pleasure, and we thank him most sincerely for the visit and wish him God speed and God bless him.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

Temple, Tex., April 21, 1909.

Gen. T. M. Wright, Commanding Dept.:

I have the honor to submit a partial report of the standing of the Posts within the Department. I have only the official report of the following Posts to present as my report as follows:

G. B. McClellan Post No. 9, Houston, Texas

Phil Sheridan Post No. 25, Georgetown, Texas.

G. W. Wright Post No. 26, Paris, Texas.

E. J. Davis Post No. 54, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Phil Kearney Post No. 20, Lampasas, Texas

The above Posts by their reports appear to be doing well considering all the disadvantages confronting each and every Post within this Department, and I wish to offer from non-official sources that it is a struggle, hard long and severe to keep many of the Posts alive. Death, old age and discrepancy is doing sad havoc within our ranks, for which no one man or any few men are responsible.

Yours in F. C. and L,

C. A. Cahoon,
Department Inspector.

Commander-in-Chief Nevius having the floor when special order for 3:30 p. m. arrived kindly yielded for the consideration of the resolution offered by Commander Parks and passed unanimously. General Nevius resumed his address which was replete with stirring events of the days of '61 and instructive as to the manner and record of the Grand Army of the Republic; and thrilling as to the fact of the North and South uniting now in sustaining the good Government of our country and in the united support of the grand old flag.

On motion the nomination and election of officers for Department for the coming year was taken up.

Comrade McCormick placed in nomination for Department Commander, Comrade C. R. Hubbard of Lampasas.

Comrade Cahoon of Temple seconded the nomination of Comrade Hubbard.

Comrade Rowan of Houston placed in nomination for De-

partment Commander Comrade J. C. Bonnell of Houston.

Nominations were closed and the Encampment proceeded to ballot, the result being the election of Comrade Hubbard of Lampasas.

The following comrades were appointed tellers of the vote: Comrades Dunn and Johnson.

Comrade Bonnell moved that the election of Comrade Hubbard be made unanimous, which was carried.

Comrade Hubbard was conducted to the stage by Comrade Bonnell and was loyally received and took the occasion to sincerely thank the Encampment for this evidence of their confidence in him and briefly outlined the work for the coming year.

The A. A. General was instructed by a suspension of the rules to cast the ballot for Comrade Roekhold of Houston for Senior Vice Commander of the Department.

Similar action was taken and the A. A. General was instructed to cast the ballot for Comrade Brown of Fort Worth for Junior Vice Commander of the Department.

By order the A. A. General cast the ballot for Dr. Gustine Helbing of Fort Worth for Medical Director.

Similar action was taken and the A. A. General was instructed to cast the ballot for Rev. Frank Mikels of Denison for Chaplain of the Department.

The election of delegates resulted as follows:

Comrade Cahoon of Temple, delegate at large.

Comrade Young of Weatherford, delegate to National Encampment.

Comrade Morgan of Fort Worth was elected alternate to delegate at large.

Comrade Hallwig of Dallas was elected alternate to delegate to National Encampment.

The following comrades were elected as Council of Administration:

J. C. Bonnell of Houston.

W. H. Christian of Stephenville.

Wm. Allen of Sherman.

W. F. Conner of Dallas.

A. L. Lockwood of San Antonio.

The rules were suspended and Dr. Helbing of Fort Worth, Medical Director-elect was duly installed, Past Dept. Commander Conner acting as installing officer.

On motion it was unanimously voted to hold the next Department Encampment at Fort Worth in 1910.

Report of Committee on Necrology:

We, your committee, beg to report the passing away of two of our well beloved Comrades, Capt. O. T. Lyon of Sherman, Past Depart-

ment Commander, and Colonel R. M. Moore of San Antonio; thus during the year we realize the loss of two of our very best comrades, men of character and high standing among the citizens of Texas; and we would respectfully recommend that the following resolutions be printed.

The following resolution passed by O. R. Cord Post No. 3 regarding the death of Commander Moore is hereby offered. Also memoriam on death of Capt. O. T. Lyon, all of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. Conner,

Jno. W. Parks,

W. H. Harony,

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

San Antonio, Texas, February 12th, 1909.

To the Commander and Comrades of E. O. C. Ord Post, No. 3, G. A. R. of Texas.

Comrades:

It is our sad duty to report to you that another of our band has passed away; true, in his abundant years of usefulness, nevertheless, he will be missed from our ranks, for he was an ardent member of our organization and one who was always to the front where duty and patriotism called him.

Colonel Risdon M. Moore departed this life on the 26th day of January, 1909, at the ripe old age of 82 years, beloved and respected by all who knew him. Whether as a teacher, soldier, merchant, trusted officer of the Government, or as a zealous and faithful member of his church, he always showed the sterling qualities of a man and a Christian gentleman.

As father, husband, friend he was always in the right place, affectionate, genial and courteous, and his friends were legion, in all walks of life. As a patriotic citizen he left his college and raised a regiment to serve his country and preserve the Union and uphold our flag. The Governor of the State of Illinois, having confidence in him, appointed him the Colonel of the 117th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which regiment he commanded from August, 1862, to its muster out of the service, August, 1865. Colonel Moore was the Commander of this Post in 1891, and Commander of the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, in 1894, he served as delegate at large to the National Encampment in 1892, and was a member of the National Council of Administration in 1903.

It is fitting that we should place on record the esteem we held for our comrade during his life time, and our heartfelt sympathy in the loss we have sustained.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the death of Comrade Risdon Marshall Moore, this Post and the Department of Texas, Grand Army of the Republic, has lost a zealous and faithful member, one who, by his manly and generous deeds, endeared him to us all; and be it further

Resolved, That we tender our sincere condolences to Mrs. Helen L. Moore, the estimable wife of our deceased comrade, and her children and assure them that we mourn with them the great loss they have sustained. That these resolutions be spread upon a page of our records, the flag and charter of our Post be draped in mourn-

ing for a period of thirty days, and a copy be presented to the widow of our departed comrade. Fraternaly submitted in F. C. and L.

John H. Bolton,
Sidney Tuttle,
L. L. Whitaker,

Committee.

Capt. Otis Taylor Lyon, Past Department Commander of Texas G. A. R., passed away at his home in Sherman in the latter part of January, 1909. His life was one of activity and enterprise. When he was scarcely out of his teens he joined the 2nd Maryland Infantry and at the close of the war was in command of Companies H and I of the 2nd Maryland. He was born in 1840 at Fort Depoint, Maine. Married Miss Lydia Dorris Dupont of Savannah, Georgia, in 1868, and lived to see his children occupy places of trust and influence. He was Department Commander of Texas at a period of history of Texas when it required men of nerve and bravery to hold the place he held at the head of the Grand Army of the Republic of Texas, and none know better than his comrades how well he performed that duty. Of later years he had been an invalid from paralytic stroke, and wherever wheeled by his body servant he was greeted heartily and responded cheerily. Thus passed away a good citizen, a loyal patriot and a generous neighbor. His memory will live in his home and State.

Committee on Resolutions submitted the following which was passed by rising vote:

Resolved, That the Encampment as a body without any mental reservation declares itself under renewed obligations to the City of Denison in general for their effort to express their cordial welcome accorded us during our stay.

To the business men who so generously afforded aid.

To the Elks' Club in furnishing us with the hospitalities of their home and the use of the auditorium.

To the Board of Trade in furnishing the delegates and ladies with the beautiful interurban excursion to Woodlake and the Cotton Mills.

To the school children who so patriotically assisted in making our stay so pleasant and their sweet songs and beautiful display on the stage will ever be a sweet memory to us.

To our beloved Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Henry M. Nevius for his visit. His presence was an inspiration and may "God speed him on his way."

And to our friends the "boys who wore the gray," we heartily appreciate every act of soldierly courtesy expressed, to whom we say good, and come again.

There being no further business before the Encampment by motion it stood adjourned sine die, and an hour or more was taken up in social enjoyment of the kind which old Veterans take delight in.

EVENING OF FIRST DAY.

The lodge of Elks of Denison very generously offered their elegant home for the entertainment of the Encampment and the hospitality offered and loyalty manifested by the Elks, lead by such enterprising young men as W. J. Mathis, Exalted Ruler; P. J. Brennan, assistant cashier of the National Bank; Prof. Frank Hughes, Supt. of Schools; Hon. James P. Haven, Attorney at Law, and many others, made the event one of great interest and enjoyment. The following program was rendered to the satisfaction of all present:

- Overture, Morrell's Orchestra.
- Vocal solo, Mrs. Sidney Elkin
- Medley, Morrell's Orchestra.
- Address, Gen. Henry M. Nevius, Commander-in-Chief.
- Vocal solo, Miss Crum.
- Trombone solo, Lawrence Morrell.
- Quartet, Miss Klopp, Miss Burgett, Mrs. E. E. King, Mr. C. E. King.
- Instrumental solo, Miss Josie T. Barnes.
- Address, Hon. W. H. Atwell of Dallas.
- Address, Gen. T. M. Wright, Commander of Department.
- Address, Mrs. S. E. Bennell of Houston, President of W. R. C.
- Address, Father Maginn.
- Selection by Orchestra.
- Address, Hon. James P. Haven.
- Address, Hon. N. H. L. Decker.
- "Home Sweet Home" by Orchestra.

SECOND DAY, APRIL 22.

The event of the morning was the visit of the school children to the comrades of the Grand Army at 10 o'clock a. m. The scene is described by the Denison Herald as follows:

Children at the Encampment.

Thursday morning brought a gala event to the school children when four hundred girls ranging from the smallest tots in the public schools to the young ladies of the graduating class, gathered on the High School campus and formed in line. Then they marched to the Brookstone Opera House to pay their respects to the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic assembled there in annual State Encampment. The girls were dressed in white with colored sashes and bright hair ribbons, and carried small flags. Master James Murphy from Room 1 of the Washington School was the only boy in the number, and as color bearer led the long procession with as much dignity as a general heading his army on the battlefield. He, too, was dressed in spotless white. He carried a beautiful silk flag, leading the school girls to a position in the Opera House. The children sang in splendid rhythm a patriotic song familiar to all students, "Columbia," a greeting to the veterans of the blue who carried "Old Glory" through victory. The assemblage of children was a beautiful sight well worth seeing, and the members of the Encampment showed their appreciation of the representatives of the first free public school in Texas in an appropriate manner.

Address of Miss Eunice Strehorn:

"Comrades of the Grand Army and W. R. C.: We do ourselves the honor to call on you and ask you to pause in your work a moment and receive a hearty, cheerful welcome from the school children of the city of Denison. We are glad you came. We have been watching and waiting for you. While we are too young to fully understand the cause of the great Civil War, we are beginning to realize its effects upon our whole land, for we see it has made brothers of all who were engaged on either side. We can see that we are proud of our land, of our glorious flag, of our State and city, our High School building, the first public school building erected in Texas, and we are proud of you, Grand Army of the Republic."

For once in their lives the boys in blue were completely surprised and captured and surrendered without capitulation, for it was a most beautiful and patriotic scene and an object lesson of loyalty long to be remembered, both by the visitors and also by the citizens of Denison who added so much to the occasion by their presence and evident satisfaction. Prof. Hughes was loudly called for and came to the front with one of the prettiest little speeches imaginable, which added still greater charm to the hour. Thus passed one of the most pleasing features of the Encampment, being closed by the hearty singing of "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," led by Miss Hazel Morrell with Miss Alta Stone at the piano.

AFTERNOON OF SECOND DAY.

At 2:30 p. m. the entire Encampment and W. R. C. were placed on board cars and trailers and taken by the Interurban Railway to Woodlake and the Cotton Mills, fully 250 of the delegates and members availed themselves of the royal offer. The movement was under the management of the Board of Trade with Secretary Coons and Tony Hill Jonz in command, and these well known gentlemen covered themselves with glory for the careful and polite manner in which they pulled off this excursion. The fact was revealed that the members of the Encampment had no idea of the extent and progress of civic improvements which Denison possesses and each one was hearty in commendation for the manner of their entertainment and the efforts made to please on the part of the Board of Trade was certainly appreciated as the excursion started out to be gone an hour, but was gone 3 hours and then loth to return.

EVENING OF SECOND DAY.

It will always be a matter of congratulation on the part of Nathaniel Lyon Post for the manner in which the citizens of Denison so cheerfully and substantially came to the support of the Post in entertaining the Encampment, which resulted in breaking the record of any previous event at Denison. The Woman's Relief Corps were equally fortunate and

are thoroughly appreciative of the assistance and encouragement received by them. This being the last evening of the Encampment, the event was brought to a close by one of the most satisfactory camp fires ever attempted within the State. O. R. C. Hall was decorated handsomely and the throng which crowded halls, vestibules and audience room attested the good will which prompted the large attendance. Morrell's Orchestra was at its best and everybody was happy and the following program was carried out:

Opening Hymn, "America."
Invocation, Rev. G. M. Jeffrey
Music by Orchestra.
Public Installation of Officers, W. R. C.
Public Installation of Officers, G. A. R.
Music by Orchestra.
Reading, Mrs. Fitzgerald.
Reading, Miss Burbank of Dallas.
Vocal solo, Miss Gwendolynne Edwards.
Reading, Col. H. A. Johnson of Sherman.
Vocal solo, Mrs. Joe Fritz.
Vocal solo, Mr. Leo Short.
Short addresses by Comrades of the Blue and Gray.
Address, Capt. W. O. Kretsinger.
"God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

The program being long the banquet hall was thrown open after the reading by Mrs. Fitzgerald and as announced by Comrade Kretsinger, Master of Ceremonies, the Blue and the Gray were given places of honor, and marched arm and arm to the banquet hall. In the mean time the program was being carried on in the audience hall.

The public installation of the Officers of the Department and Corps was a new feature to the audience and highly enjoyed by all. Thus ended one of the most successful Encampments of the Department.

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE ON ENTERTAINMENT.

F. A. Glackin, Chairman; Sam Shone, Dr. S. W. Smith, N. H. L. Decker, R. C. Foster, H. Kachel, L. B. Moore, E. A. Thompson, P. H. Tobin, John Suggs, James Boyd, A. L. Jones, Jake Gerlach.

SKETCH OF GENERAL NEVIUS.

Eventful Career of Soldier, Politician, Jurist and Lawyer.

General Henry M. Nevius, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who is attending the State Encampment here today and tomorrow, has had an eventful career. Though he has crowded more into one life than is usually put into two, he is hale and hearty and looks to be nearer forty-five than sixty-five. He was born in Monmouth County, New Jersey, in 1841, and educated in Freehold Institute, New York. After graduation he entered the law office of General Russel A. Alger of Michigan. In July 1861 he enlisted as a private in the First New York Lincoln Cavalry, on Dec. 31 he was mustered out with the rank of Sergeant Major. He was promoted to Second Lieutenant of Company D., Seventh Michigan Cavalry. On July 11, 1864, he lost his left arm while engaged in resisting the attempt of

General Early to enter Washington. After the war he resumed the practice of law, which he has continued to the present time. In 1887 he was elected to the Senate of New Jersey; in 1896 was appointed Judge of the Circuit Court of Hudson County, which position he held for seven years. Afterward he was district attorney for five years. In 1884 he was elected Commander of the Department of New Jersey and re-elected in 1885. In 1908 he was elected Commander-in-Chief at the National Grand Army at Toledo.

Tomorrow General Nevius will leave for Salt Lake City to attend the Utah State Encampment and from there will go to San Francisco. Since his election as Commander-in-Chief he has traveled 25,000 miles in visiting State Encampments, to which will be added a few more miles by the time he reaches his home at Red Bank, New Jersey, from Frisco.—From the Denison Herald.



A. L. LOCKWOOD, San Antonio, Texas

ROSTER OF ENCAMPMENT.

McPherson Post No. 1, Sherman.

Commander—W. A. Allen.

Representatives—Floyd Thomas, A. Labille.

Past Post Commanders—O. T. Lyon, John Brown, Joe Rock, L. Q. Edmiston, John Donaldson, H. A. Johnson.

Hancock Post No. 2, Galveston.

Commander—Geo. D. Douglass.

Representatives—H. M. Waters, T. A. West, Tony Shepard, J. A. Johnson.

Past Dept. Commanders—Ed Ketchum, F. L. Kirk, P. H. Farrell, E. Gravis, W. H. Boyd, C. A. Cahoon, G. H. Clawson, Thos. Poole, N. L. Rich.

ORD POST No. 3, San Antonio.

Commander—Leon Garza.

Representatives—L. A. Hiel, A. Mosher, Pat Kinney, J. F. Miller, A. B. Morris, J. A. Wiley, A. R. Avery, R. F. Yantis, R. H. Nickols, John Murphy.

Past Post Commanders—J. H. Bolton, R. M. Moore, M. H. Redwood, E. Myers, E. H. Bacon, Chas. Melville, L. L. Whittaker, Nat Underwood, C. S. Broadbent, S. Tuttle, J. K. Powers, H. L. Brooks, W. Holt, C. R. Rump.

Parmley Post No. 4, Fort Worth.

Commander—Gus Helbing.

Representative—E. R. Brown.

Nat. Lyon Post No. 5, Denison.

Commander—S. W. Skipworth.

Past Post Commanders—L. B. Moore, W. O. Kretsinger, T. M. Wright, J. H. Dunn, W. W. Bostwick, N. Harrell, E. F. Watts, J. H. Rohers, S. W. Skipworth.

Oglesby Post No. 6, Dallas.

Commander—R. C. McCormick.

Past Post Commanders—W. F. Cottman, G. A. Knight*, J. M. Steer, W. D. Wylie, W. F. Thatcher, J. S. Thatcher, J. S. Dunlap, P. Y. Mullens*, R. McCormick, J. P. Clark, W. F. Conner*, A. Roekhold*, D. Mackay, P. B. Sprague*, A. McWhirk*, John L. Boyd, George S. Nash*, D. M. Baker, John W. Parks*, G. W. McCormick*, J. W. Ayers, Theo Hitchcox, M. W. Mann, W. M. Galbraith*, J. W. Ridge*, John Hunter, L. W. Clark, Henry Niblo*, J. J. Weiler, J. D. Rice, H. C. Adler, A. S. Lee*, R. P. Cooper*.

McClellan Post No. 9, Houston.

Commander—W. A. Rowan.

Representatives—J. Emerades, S. Post, G. L. Smith, E. Lester.

Past Post Commanders—J. J. Billow, P. W. Henderson, J. J. Scholl, J. H. Berry, A. M. Engle, A. Metcalf, N. L. Mills, J. C. Bonnell, J. H. Agen.

Crawford Post No. 19, El Paso.

Commander—O. D. Owens.

Representatives—S. W. Woodwork, Joseph Ware, J. M. Smith, E. W. S. Neff.

Kearney Post No. 20, Lampasas.

Commander—W. H. Webber.

Representative—N. W. Charles.

Sheridan Post No. 25, Georgetown.

Commander—J. M. Page.

Representatives—J. M. Page, W. P. Fleming.

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

Wright Post No. 26, Paris.

Commander—T. S. Whitlock.

Representatives—John Keller, C. C. Smith.

Past Post Commanders—E. A. Russell, T. A. Johnson, J. A. Farmer, T. O. Proctor, John Leavitt.

Meade Post No. 35, Decatur.

Commander—Geo. D. Howell.

Representatives—T. J. Clegg, W. J. Stokes.

Past Post Commander—D. F. Davis.

Grant Post No. 45, Weatherford.

Commander—M. B. Young.

Canby Post No. 48, Jacksboro.

Commander—John Smith.

Representatives—H. W. Clingman, M. Hoeffle.

Past Post Commanders—Isaac Stoddard, J. M. Breach.

Opdyke Post No. 53.

Commander—Horace Welsh.