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REVIEW AND PARADE.

DETAILED ORDER OF PROCESSION, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1892.

Div. 1—Citizens' Committee.

Escort to the Commander-in-Chief.

Old Guard of Washington.

Albany Grand Army Battalion.

Commander-in-Chief.

Junior Vice-Commander. Senior Vice-Commander.

Official Staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

Aides-de-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief.

Escort to Grand Army.

Sixth Massachusetts.

First Defenders.

U. S. Signal Corps Veteran Association.
Departments of Grand Army in the order of seniority.
Naval Veteran Association of the U. S.

- 2 Dept. of Illinois.
- 3 " Wisconsin.
- 4 " Pennsylvania
- 5 " Ohio.
- 6 " New York.
- 7 " Connecticut.
- 8 " Massachusetts
- 9 " New Jersey.
- 10 " Maine.
- 11 " California.
- 12 " Rhode Island.
- 13 " New Hampshire.
- 14 " Vermont.
- 15 " Virginia.
- 16 " Maryland.
- 17 " Nebraska.
- 18 " Iowa.
- 19 " Michigan.
- 20 " Indiana.
- 21 " Colorado.
- 22 " Kansas.
- 23 " Delaware.
- 24 " Minnesota.
- 25 " Missouri.
- 26 " Oregon.



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF JOHN PALMER.—1891-92.

- 27 Dept. of Kentucky.
- 28 " West Virginia
- 29 " South Dakota.
- Wash'tn State
- Alaska.
- Arkansas.
- New Mexico
- Utah.
- 30 " Tennessee.
- 31 " Louisiana.
- Mississippi.
- Florida.
- Montana.
- Texas.
- Idaho.
- Arizona.
- Georgia.
- Alabama.
- North Dakota
- Oklahoma.
- Indian Territory
- 32 " Potomac.
- 33 " National Association Naval Veterans.

The head of the column will move at 9.30 A. M. from the corner of 1st and B streets S W., on B street south, and will continue the march on 1st street east to B street north, and thence on B street north, turning into Pennsylvania avenue on the north side of the Peace Monument. Thence it will continue the march to 15th street, and by a right wheel into 15th street, then by left wheel into Pennsylvania avenue and thence past the reviewing stands to Washington cir-

cle, which is a little less than two miles from the Peace Monument, and will thence disperse.

The President of the United States and other officers will be upon the reviewing stand directly in front of the Executive Mansion, and the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. will occupy the reviewing stand further on in front of the buildings occupied by the Departments of War, State and Navy.

THE REUNIONS.

A Comprehensive Plan for Bringing Together Old Comrades.

All the reunions will be held on the beautiful mall south of the President's grounds, known as the "White Lot," but to be called in future "Grand Army Place." On this will be erected several hundred tents for the reunions of regiments, brigades, corps and armies.

All the corps headquarters will bear the well-remembered and dear old badges. It is expected that each comrade on arriving in Washington and establishing himself in his lodgings will go to Grand Army Place and find the headquarters of his old corps. There he will be conducted to his brigade

and find himself at once at home, if not with members of his regiment then with the next best fellows in the world—the members of his old brigade. This will be his headquarters during the whole Encampment, the place to which he will resort when not with his Post, or his wife, in the parade or on an excursion. Everybody belonging to the brigade will be there at one time or another, and everybody will meet those whom he most wishes to see. His old Generals, Colonels and other officers will be at corps or brigade headquarters, so that he will be constantly among his war-time friends.

General Program, 26th Annual Encampment, G. A. R.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1892.

Dedication of White Lot as "GRAND ARMY PLACE"

Present and assisting in committees:

The President,

The Vice President,

The Members of the Cabinet,

The Chief and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court,

Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives,

Chief Justice of the District of Columbia,

General of the Army,

Admiral of the Navy,

Commissioners of the District of Columbia,

Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic,

Chaplain-in-Chief, G. A. R.

Previous to the ceremonies there will be a grand parade on Pennsylvania Avenue to the grounds, in which will appear:

Cavalry, Artillery and Infantry of the Regular Army stationed in and around Washington,

Sailors and Marines,

District of Columbia National Guard,

Independent Military Companies,

Department of Potomac, G. A. R.

Sons of Veterans of the United States under the command of Commander-in-Chief Hale.

The parade will be commanded by Brigadier General E. A. Carr, U. S. A.

Meeting of the National Council of Administration, G. A. R., at Ebbitt House.

EVENING.

Reunions on Grand Army Place.

Fourteenth Corps—"Grant Tent."

Twenty-second Corps—"Meade Tent."

Quartermasters—"Thomas Tent."

Twelfth Corps—"Sherman Tent."

National Reception to the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., and other Organizations of Loyal Women in the Rotunda of the Capitol.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20, 1892.

MORNING.

Grand Parade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

AFTERNOON.

5 p. m.—National Council of Administration, W. R. C., Ebbitt House.

EVENING.

Reunions on Grand Army Place.

Eighth Corps (including Armies of West Virginia) Grant Tent.

Shield's Division—Meade Tent.

Eleventh Corps—Sherman Tent.

Sixteenth Corps—Thomas Tent.

Reception by Potomac Corps, W. R. C., Congregational Church.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21, 1892.

MORNING.

Opening of 26th National Encampment at Albaugh's Theatre.

Opening 10th Convention W. R. C., New York avenue Church.

Parade of Union Veterans' Union, escorted by Sons of Veterans.

Opening of Union Veterans' Union National Encampment at Harris' Theatre.

Reunions on Grand Army Place.

9 to 11.30 a. m.

Fourth Corps—Grant Tent.

Tenth Corps—Thomas Tent.

Eighteenth Corps—Sherman Tent.

Twenty-Third Corps—Meade Tent.

Engineer Corps—Sheridan Tent.

AFTERNOON.

12.30 to 3 p. m.

Second Corps—Grant Tent.

3.30 to 6 p. m.—Sixth Corps—Grant Tent.

Twenty-fourth Corps—Thomas Tent.

Seventeenth Corps—Sherman Tent.

Seventeenth Corps—Meade Tent.

First Corps—Grant Tent.

Third Corps—Meade Tent.

Twenty-fifth Corps—Thomas Tent.

Army of Kanawha—Sherman Tent.

Reception at White House by the President.

Camp Fire Farragut Post at Mrs. Briggs'.

THURSDAY SEPT. 22, 1892.

Continuation of Sessions of National Encampments G. A. R.; U. V. U. and National Convention W. R. C.

Reunions on Grand Army Place.

MORNING.

Fifth Corps—Grant Tent.

Cavalry Army of the Potomac—Meade Tent.

Cavalry Western Armies—Sherman Tent.

Artillery Army Potomac—Sheridan Tent.

Prisoners of War—Thomas Tent.

AFTERNOON.

12.30 to 3 p. m.

Army of the James—Grant Tent.

Fifteenth Corps—Sherman Tent.

Thirteenth Corps—Meade Tent.

Nineteenth Corps—Thomas Tent.

Provisional Corps, Army of the Cumberland—

Sheridan Tent.

3.30 to 6 p. m.

Army of the Tennessee—Grant Tent.

Colored Troops, Military Division of the Mississippi—

Meade Tent.

EVENING.

Grand Reception at Pension Bureau of National

Encampment, G. A. R., by Citizens

Executive Committee.

Reception at Red Cross Headquarters, Corner of

17th and F Streets, to Veterans and

Loyal Women.

7.30 p. m.

Reunion of Ninth Corps in Grant Tent.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1892.

Installation of Newly Elected Officers of the G. A. R. Excursion on Potomac to Members of National Encampment.

Excursion of Union Veterans' Union to Bay View,

9.30 a. m.

Mustering of Sons of Veterans in Grant Tent.

ROLL OF THE 26TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Commander-in-Chief, John Palmer, Albany, N. Y.

Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Henry M. Duffield, Detroit, Mich.

Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, T. S. Clarkson, Omaha, Neb.

Surgeon-General, Benjamin F. Stevenson, Visalia, Ky.

Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. S. B. Paine, Ocean Grove, N. J.

Adjutant-General, Fred. Phisterer, Albany, N. Y.

Quarter-Master-General, John Taylor, Philadelphia, Pa.

Inspector-General, John F. Pratt, East Orange, N. J.

Judge-Advocate-General, Joseph W. O'Neill, Lebanon, Ohio.

Assistant-Adjutant-General, D. U. Quick Brooklyn, N. Y.

Executive Committee, National Council of Administration.

A. J. Huntoon, Washington, D. C., †R. F. Knapp, Saratoga, N. Y.; H. C. Luther, Providence, R. I.; †Wm. McClelland, Pittsburg, Pa.; James R. Milner, Springfield, Mo.; Wm. L. Olin, Boston, Mass.; Levi B. Raymond, Hampton, Iowa.

Pension Committee.

Augustus C. Hamlin, Bangor, Me.; J. G. B. Adams, Lynn, Mass.; J. A. Sexton, Chicago, Ills.; Byron R. Pierce, Grand Rapids, Mich.; R. W. Blue, Pleasanton, Kansas.

Committee on the Seniority of Departments.

Louis Wagner, Philadelphia, Pa.; E. B. Gray, Marshfield, Wis.; P. H. Dowling, Toledo, Ohio.; James R. Carnahan, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Committee on systematic plan of teaching the lessons of loyalty to our country and one flag.

George S. Merrill, Lawrence, Mass.; Lucius Fairchild, Madison, Wis.; John P. Rea, Minneapolis, Minn.; Wm. Warner, Kansas City, Mo.; Paul Vandervoort, Omaha, Neb.

Committee for the erection of a memorial in Washington, to our late comrade, U. S. Grant.

S. S. Burdette, Washington, D. C.; Robert B. Beath, Philadelphia, Pa.; Russell A. Alger, Detroit, Mich.; Seldin Connor, Portland, Me.; W. G. Veazey, Rutland, Vt.; E. S. Grant, Middleport, Ohio.; Horace S. Clark, Mattoon, Ills.

Committee on form for services at the laying of a corner stone.

Robt. B. Beath, Philadelphia, Pa.; S. S. Burdette, Washington, D. C.; H. E. Taintor, Hartford, Conn.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Alabama, A. W. Fulghum, Birmingham.
 Arizona, Wm. Christy, Phoenix.
 Arkansas, Isaac C. Parker, Fort Smith.
 California, Magnus Tait, Los Gatos.
 Colorado and Wyoming, John B. Cooke, Greeley.
 Connecticut, John E. Clarke, New Haven.
 Delaware, W. J. Blackburn, Wilmington.
 Florida, J. DeV. Hazzard, Eustis.
 Georgia, Alfred Guiton, Augusta.
 Idaho, Geo. L. Shoup, Boise City.
 Illinois, H. S. Deltrich, Chicago.
 Indiana, Chas. H. Meyerhoff, Evansville.
 Indian Territory, Robert W. Hill, Muskogee.
 Iowa, Levi B. Raymond, Hampton.
 Kansas, J. D. Barker, Girard.
 Kentucky, J. H. Browning, Louisville.
 Louisiana and Mississippi, Chas. K. Lincoln, New Orleans.
 Maine, Wainwright Cushing, Foxfort.
 Maryland, Alfred S. Cooper, Baltimore.
 Massachusetts, Wm. M. Olin, Boston.
 Michigan, B. F. Graves, Adrian.
 Minnesota, Eli. Torrance, Minneapolis.
 Missouri, Jas. R. Milner, Springfield.
 Montana, Robert E. Fisk, Helena.
 Nebraska, J. A. Ehrhardt.
 New Hampshire, Benjamin F. Clark, Conway.
 New Jersey, J. W. Kinsey, Camden.
 New Mexico, Philip Mothersill, Engle.
 New York, †Robert F. Knapp, Saratoga.
 North Dakota, W. H. Winchester, Bismarck.
 Ohio, Ed. S. Grant, Middleport.
 Oklahoma, G. D. Mungar, Oklahoma City.
 Oregon, B. B. Tuttle, Portland.
 Pennsylvania, †Wm. McClelland, Pittsburg.
 Potomac, A. J. Huntoon, Washington, D. C.
 Rhode Island, H. C. Luther, Providence.
 South Dakota, E. W. Faidwell, Sioux Falls.
 Tennessee, W. J. Smith, Memphis.
 Texas, C. B. Stoddard, Austin.
 Utah, C. O. Farnsworth, Salt Lake City.
 Vermont, D. J. Safford, Morrisville.
 Virginia, Joseph G. Fulton, Fort Monroe.
 Washington and Alaska, Frank Clementin, Tacoma.
 West Virginia, W. H. Aspinall, Weston.
 Wisconsin, E. A. Shores, Ashland.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS.

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.

†B. F. Stephenson (Provisional) [died Aug. 30, 1871].....1866
 †S. A. Hurlbut, Illinois, [died Mar. 27, 1882].....1866-67
 †John A. Logan, Illinois, [died Dec. 26, 1886] 1868-9-70
 †Ambrose E. Burdette, Rhode Island, [died Sept. 13, 1881].....1871-72
 †Chas. Devens, Massachusetts, [died Jan. 7, 1891].....1873-74
 †John F. Hartranft, Pennsylvania, [died Oct. 17, 1889].....1875-76
 John C. Robinson, Binghamton, N. Y.1877-78
 †William Earnshaw, Ohio, [died July 17, 1885].....1879
 Louis Wagner, Philadelphia, Pa.....1880
 George S. Merrill, Lawrence, Mass.....1881
 Paul Van Der Voort, Omaha, Neb.....1882
 Robert B. Beath, Philadelphia, Pa.....1883

ROLL OF THE 26TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.—Continued.

John S. Kountz, Toledo, Ohio.....	1884
S. S. Burdette, Washington, D. C.....	1885
Lucius Falchild, Madison, Wis.....	1886
John P. Rea, Minneapolis, Minn.....	1887
William Warner, Kansas City, Mo.....	1888
Russell A. Alger, Detroit, Mich.....	1889
Whelock G. Veazey, Rutland, Vt.....	1890

PAST SENIOR VICE-COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.

†Joshua T. Owen, Pennsylvania, [died Nov. 7, 1887].....	1868
Lucius Falchild, Madison, Wis.....	1869-70
Louis Wagner, Philadelphia, Pa.....	1871-72
Joseph S. Reynolds, Chicago, Ill.....	1875-76
Elisha H. Rhodes, Providence, R. I.....	1877
Paul Van Der Voort, Omaha, Neb.....	1878
John Palmer, Albany, N. Y.....	1879
Edgar D. Swalm, Chicago, Ill.....	1880
Charles L. Young, Toledo, O.....	1881
W. E. W. Ross, Baltimore, Md.....	1882
William Warner, Kansas City, Mo.....	1883
John P. Rea, Minneapolis, Minn.....	1884
Selden Connor, Portland, Me.....	1885
S. W. Backus, San Francisco, Cal.....	1886
Nelson Cole, St. Louis, Mo.....	1887
Moses H. Nell, Columbus, O.....	1888
A. G. Weissert, Milwaukee, Wis.....	1889

†Deceased.

†Richard F. Toblin, So. Boston Mass., [died Nov. 22, 1890].....	1890
George H. Inuls, E. Boston, Mass., [elected April 7, 1891].....	1891
PAST JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.	
Joseph B. Hawley, Hartford, Conn.....	1868-69
Louis Wagner, Philadelphia, Pa.....	1870
J. Warren Kelfer, Springfield, O.....	1871-72
Ed. Ferguson, Milwaukee, Wis.....	1873
Guy V. Gould, Chicago, Ill.....	1874
C. J. Buckbee, New Haven, Conn.....	1875-76
†William Earnshaw, Ohio, [died July 17, 1885].....	1877
Herbert E. Hill, Somerville, Mass.....	1878
H. Dingman, Washington, D. C.....	1879
†George Bowers, New Hampshire, [died Feb. 14, 1884].....	1880
C. V. R. Pond, Coldwater, Mich.....	1881
I. S. Bangs, Waterville, Me.....	1882
†W. H. Holmes, San Francisco, Cal., [died March 26, 1889].....	1883
Ira. E. Hicks, New Britain, Conn.....	1884
John R. Lewis, Atlanta, Ga.....	1885
Edgar Allen, Richmond, Va.....	1886
John C. Linehan, Penacook, N. H.....	1887
Joseph Hadfield, New York City, N. Y.....	1888
J. F. Lovett, Trenton, N. J.....	1889
George B. Creamer, Baltimore, Md.....	1890

‡Resigned.

G. A. R. HEADQUARTERS, 26TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

National Headquarters, office and rooms of Commander-in-Chief Palmer, Ebbitt House.

Dept. of Massachusetts, Ebbitt House.
“ Connecticut, the Randall.
“ Kentucky, the Randall.
“ Ohio, Riggs House.
“ Rhode Island, Ebbitt House.
“ Indiana, Riggs House.
“ New Hampshire, Riggs House
“ New Jersey, National Rifles' Armory.
“ New York, Ebbitt House,
“ Maine, the Morton.
“ Vermont, Metropolitan Hotel.
“ Illinois, Metropolitan Hotel.

Dept. of Missouri, Ebbitt House.
“ Pennsylvania, Ebbitt House.
“ California, The Everett, 1730 H St. n. w.
“ Michigan, the Arlington.
“ Colorado and Wyoming, Oxford Hotel.
“ Texas, Ebbitt House.
“ Kansas, Ebbitt House.
“ Wisconsin, Riggs House.
“ Tennessee, The Randall.
“ Arkansas, Riggs House.
“ Florida, the Arlington.
“ Iowa, Ebbitt House.

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS OF PATRIOTIC WOMEN.

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND HEADQUARTERS.

Woman's Relief Corps.

National Convention, New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, National headquarters, Ebbitt House.

Ladies of the G. A. R.

National Convention, Elks Hall, National headquarters, The Randall.

Woman's Veteran Relief Union.

National Convention, Luther Park Memorial Church, National headquarters, The Newport.

Ladies' Aid Society Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans.

National Convention, E Street Baptist Church, National headquarters, 915 E Street, n. w.

Daughters of Veterans.

National Convention, Foundry Church, National headquarters, Wimodaughsis, 1332-1331 I Street.

Army Nurses.

National Convention and Headquarters, City Hall Building.

C. C. Guards.

National Convention, National Tribune Building, National headquarters, Miss Lawler's 1307 K Street, n. w., and Wood's Apartments, 922-924 Fourteenth Street.

Ladies' Naval Veteran Association.

AUXILLIARY ORGANIZATIONS OF PATRIOTIC WOMEN.—Continued.

CITIZENS' SUB-COMMITTEE ON W. R. C., LADIES OF THE G. A. R., ETC.

Miss CLARA BARTON, Chairman.
Miss CORA C. CURRY, Secretary

Mrs. John A. Logan, Mrs. Geo. H. Shields,
Mrs. O. D. Conger, Mrs. John Joy Edson,
Mrs. Harrison Dingman, Mrs. W. G. Veazey.
Mrs. R. D. Munsey, Mrs. John Dalzell,
Mrs. W. W. Dudley, Mrs. Sara A. Spencer,
Mrs. Job Barnard, Mrs. Nellie F. Prentice,
Mrs. N. H. Weisner, Mrs. Blanche K. Bruce,
Mrs. H. C. Metzgerott, Mrs. Hosea Townsend,
Mrs. Edwin M. Truell, Miss Helena McCarthy,
Mrs. A. B. Nettleton, Miss Harriet P. Damo,
Mrs. Martha R. Hampson, Mrs. Miranda L. Tullock,
Miss Annie Talom Smith.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

National Headquarters, Ebbitt House.
Dept. of Massachusetts, Ebbitt House.
" Pennsylvania, Ebbitt House.
" Iowa, Ebbitt House.
" Minnesota, Ebbitt House.
" New Hampshire, Riggs House.
" Wisconsin, Riggs House.
" Indiana, Riggs House.
" New York, Willard's.
" Kansas, the Oxford.
" Vermont, Metropolitan Hotel.
" Maine, Morton, 513 13th St., n. w.
" Rhode Island, 1415 K St. n. w.
" Connecticut, 28 Grant Place.
" Missouri, 300 10th St. n. w.
" Nebraska, 300 10th St. n. w.
" Maryland, 620 Penna. Ave. n. w.
" Michigan, 704 10th St. n. w.
" New Jersey, 1118 10th St. n. w.
" Ohio, 1210 G St., n. w.
" Illinois, 1012 14th St., n. w.
" Washington and Alaska.
" West Virginia, Calvary Baptist Church.
" South Dakota, " " "

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Mrs. BENJAMIN HARRISON, Chairman,
Mrs. Levi P. Morton,
Mrs. John W. Foster,
Mrs. Charles Foster.
Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins,
Mrs. Ferdinand Wilmherding.
Mrs. John Wannamaker,
Mrs. John W. Noble,
Mrs. Wm. H. H. Miller,
Mrs. Jere. W. Rusk.

During the encampment the headquarters of this committee and all its sub-committees, including Bureau of Information, Public Comfort, Accommodation, etc., will be located in the Kennedy Building, 1209 F St., n. w. Previous to and including September 17, these offices will be located in the Red Cross Building, corner 17th and F Sts. n. w.

EVENING RECEPTIONS.

Monday, September 19th.—In the rotunda of the Capitol. National reception by the Ladies' Citizens' Committee; 8.30 to 11.30.

Tuesday, September 20th.—At Calumet Place, corner Clifton and 13th Streets, n. w. Mrs. John A. Logan to the John A. Logan posts of the United States, the departments of G. A. R. and W. R. C. of Illinois and others; 8.30 to 11.30.

At Congregational Church, corner 10th and G. Streets, n. w. Potomac Relief Corps to the W. R. C. and other friends; 8 to 11.

At the Ebbitt House, corner F. and 14th Streets, n. w. Department of Massachusetts to its friends; 5 to 7.

Wednesday, September 21st.—At the White House, By the President.

At Hotel Randall, corner 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue, n. w. Reception to the National Ladies of the G. A. R.; 8 to 11.

At Wimodaughis, 1328 1 Street. Reception to the Daughters of Veterans.

Thursday, September 22d.—At the Pension Office, by the Citizens' Executive Committee, to the G. A. R., U. V. U., S. of Vs., W. R. C., ladies of the G. A. R. and W. V. R. U.

At Red Cross headquarters, corner 17th and F Streets, n. w. Miss Clara Barton to the survivors of the late war and all organizations of Patriotic Women.

Friday, September 23d.—At Congregational Church, Ladies' Citizens' Committee to the W. R. C., Ladies of the G. A. R. and other organizations of Patriotic Women; 8 to 11.

RECAPITULATION OF REPORT

Of Miss Clara Barton as National Chaplain, W. R. C., 1892.

Total number of States and Territories reported.....	47
Number of corps reported.....	2,536
Membership of corps.....	101,231
Number of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services.....	2,117
Number of members taking part in services on Memorial Day.....	59,510
Number of children taking part in services Memorial Day.....	167,053
Number of soldier's graves decorated.....	3,587
Number of corps contributing flowers.....	2,429
Number of corps furnishing refreshments....	720
Number of memorials to Unknown Dead and Battle Fields.....	1,991
Amount of expense incurred.....	\$13,140 72

SONS OF VETERANS HEADQUARTERS.

National Headquarters will be in a tent on a Grand Army Place, and tents for Divisions, etc. will be pitched near there.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

HISTORICAL REVIEW OF THE ORDER.

The credit of having originally suggested the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic is fairly divided between two men, B. F. Stephenson, M. D., Major of the Fourteenth Illinois Infantry, and the Rev. William J. Rutledge, chaplain of the same regiment. The regiment formed part of Sherman's expedition to Meridian, Miss., in February, 1864, and it was in this campaign that Chaplain Rutledge suggested to Major Stephenson the advisability of forming some sort of association that would preserve the friendships and memories of the common trials and dangers of the war. After the close of the army service this subject formed the basis of their correspondence, until March, 1866, when Chaplain Rutledge met Dr. Stephenson, by appointment, in Springfield, Illinois, and spent some time with him in arranging a ritual for the proposed organization.

The following are known to have participated in the conferences in Springfield that finally resulted in the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic: Col. John M. Snyder, Dr. James Hamilton, Maj. Robert M. Woods, Maj. Robert Allen, Chaplain William J. Rutledge,



REV. WILLIAM J. RUTLEDGE
Captain Fourteenth Illinois Volunteers, one of the founders of the Grand Army.

Col. Martin Flood, Col. Daniel Grass, Col. Edward Prince, Capt. John S. Phelps, Capt. John A. Lightfoot, Capt. (Since Colonel) B. F. Smith, Brevet Maj. A. A. Worth, Capt. Henry E. Howe and Col. B. F. Hawkes. Meetings were held in the offices of Drs. Allen, Hamilton and Stephenson and afterward in the office of Col. John M. Snyder, Secretary to Governor Richard Oglesby.

No name had been decided upon at this time, and it is probable that the name of an order started in Missouri in 1865, the "Advance Guard of America," or the "Grand Army of Progress," contained the suggestion of the title. The ritual of the "Soldiers and Sailor's League" was also used in the organization at the suggestion and with the aid of Capt. John S. Phelps, Thirty-second Illinois Infantry, who had been promoted for meritorious conduct at Fort Donelson and Pittsburg Landing. The first post of the Grand Army of the Republic was established by Dr. Stephenson at Decatur, Ill., on the 6th day of April, 1866. The charter read as follows:

**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS.**

To all whom it may concern, greeting:
Know ye, that the Commander of the De-



B. F. STEPHENSON, M. D.
Major and Surgeon Fourteenth Illinois Volunteers, one of the founders and organizers of the Grand Army and Commander-in-Chief, 1866.

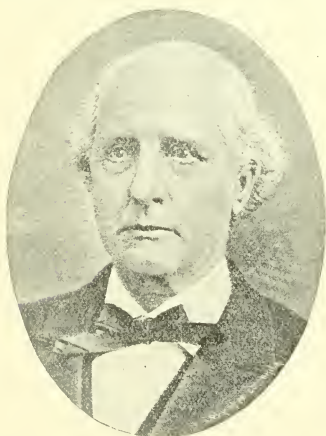
partment of Illinois, reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism and fidelity of M. F. Kanan, G. R. Steele, George H. Dunning, I. C. Pugh, J. H. Nale, J. T. Bishop, C. Reibsame, J. W. Routh, B. F. Sibley, I. N. Coltrin, Joseph Prior and A. Toland, does by the authority in him vested, empower and constitute them charter members of an encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be known as Post 1 of Decatur, District of Macon, Department of Illinois, and they are hereby constituted as said post, and to do and perform all acts necessary to conduct and carry on said organization in accordance with the constitution of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Done at Springfield, Ill., this 6th day of April, 1866.

B. F. STEPHENSON,
Commander of Department.
ROBERT M. WOODS, Adjutant General.

The minutes of the first meeting contain the following:

"At an informal meeting held April 6, 1866, for the purpose of organizing an Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the following-named persons were mustered by Major Stephenson, and constituted charter members: I. C. Pugh, George R. Steele, J. W. Routh, Jos. Prior, J. H. Nale, J. T. Bishop, G. H. Dunning, B. F. Sibly, M. F. Kanan, C. Reibsame, I. N. Coltrin, Aquilla Toland."



2.—S. A. HURLBUT, 1866-67.



3.—JOHN A. LOGAN, 1868-69-70.

At the meeting on April 10, N. G. Burns, Henry Gorman, N. E. Winholtz, W. H. Andrews and W. H. B. Rowe, were mustered in due form, and thus became the first recruits after the organization of the post.

Orders were issued by Dr. Stephenson dated in April, 1866, appointing staff officers. A call dated June 26, 1866, summoned the "Grand Army of the Republic" and Illinois soldiers and sailors to a convention in the hall of the House of Representatives at Springfield on July 12. To this call some well known names were signed. Among them were those of John L. Beveridge Colonel of the Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry and afterward Governor of the State of Illinois; Gen. William Birney, Colonel of a colored regiment, and son of the famous James G. Birney, who with Thomas Earle of Philadelphia formed in 1840 the first Presidential ticket of the Liberty party, and Gen. John M. Palmer, ex-Governor of Illinois and now Senator of the United States. The last named was elected First Department Commander of Illinois.

The election of a Department Commander by the Springfield Convention relieved Major Stephenson of any further responsibility for the work of organization in Illinois, and he turned his attention to other States, acting as Commander-in-Chief, without other authority than that first assumed, as the organizer of the Grand Army of the Republic. In October, 1866, Departments had been formed in Illinois, Wis-

consin, Indiana, Iowa and Minnesota, and posts in Ohio, Missouri, Kentucky, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania.

FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

In an order issued by Major Stephenson as Commander-in-Chief, dated October 31, 1866, the order was instructed to meet in First Annual Encampment at Indianapolis, Ind., on November 20, 1866. On that occasion the first national officers were elected as follows:

Commander-in-Chief, S. A. Hurlbut, Illinois;
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, J. B. McKean, New York;
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, R. S. Foster, Indiana.

Adjutant General, B. F. Stephenson, Illinois.
Quartermaster General, August Willich, Ohio.
Surgeon, Gen. D. C. McNeil, Iowa.
Chaplain, William A. Pile, Missouri.

The famous war Governor of Indiana, Oliver P. Morton, was present and was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

THE SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

of the Grand Army took place in the Assembly Buildings, Tenth and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, January 15, 1868.

The following were elected officers:

Commander-in-Chief, John A. Logan, Illinois.



5.—CHARLES DEVENS, 1873-74-75.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Joshua T. Owen, Pennsylvania.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Joseph R. Hawley, Connecticut.

Adjutant General, N. P. Chipman, Potomac.
Inspector General, Edward Jardine, New Jersey.

Quartermaster General, T. C. Campbell, Ohio.
Surgeon General, Dr. John Bell, Iowa.
Chaplain General, Rev. A. H. Quaint, Massachusetts.

THE THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

was held in Cincinnati, O., May 12, 1869. The report of Adjutant General Chipman opened with a brief reference to the formation of the Grand Army, followed by a thorough review of the condition of the departments, numbering thirty-seven, with about 2500 posts. The Adjutant General made no estimate of the membership on account of the meagre and unsatisfactory returns of several large departments.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Commander-in-Chief, John A. Logan (re-elected) Illinois.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Lucius Fairchild, Wisconsin.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Joseph R. Hawley, Connecticut.

Surgeon General, S. B. Wylie Mitchell, Pennsylvania.

Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. A. H. Quaint, D. D., Massachusetts.



4.—AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, 1871-72-73.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

assembled in Washington, D. C., May 11, 1870, Commander-in-Chief, John A. Logan presiding.

The following officers were elected.

Commander-in-Chief, John A. Logan (re-elected) Illinois.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Lucius Fairchild (re-elected) Wisconsin.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania.

Surgeon General, Samuel A. Green, Massachusetts.

Chaplain-in-Chief, George W. Collier.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the National Encampment was held in John A. Andrew Post Hall, Boston, May 10, 1871, Commander-in-Chief, John A. Logan presiding. Seventeen departments were represented by sixty-eight delegates.

The following officers were elected:

Commander-in-Chief, Ambrose E. Burnside, Rhode Island.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania.

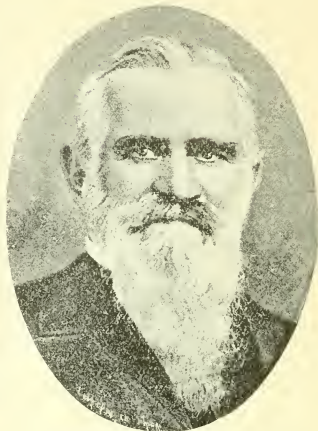
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, James Coey, California.

Surgeon General, Dr. Samuel A. Green, Massachusetts (re-elected).

Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Wm. Earnshaw, Ohio.



6.—JOHN F. HARTRANFT, 1875-76-77.



7.—JOHN C. ROBINSON, 1877-78-79.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the National Encampment was held in Cleveland, May 8, 1872, Commander-in-Chief, A. E. Burnside presiding. Sixteen departments were represented by sixty-two delegates.

The following officers were elected.

Commander-in-Chief, Ambrose E. Burnside, Rhode Island (re-elected).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania (re-elected).

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Gen. J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio, afterward Speaker of the Lower House of Congress (session of '81-'83)

Surgeon General, Dr. Samuel A. Green, Massachusetts (re-elected)

Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Wm. Earnshaw, Ohio. (re-elected).

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the National Encampment met in the hall of the House of Representatives, New Haven, Conn., May 14, 1873, Commander-in-Chief, A. E. Burnside presiding.

The following officers were elected:

Commander-in-Chief, Charles Devens, Jr., Massachusetts.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, John R. Goble, New Jersey.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Edward Ferguson, Wisconsin.

Surgeon General, Dr. Hans Powell, New York

Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Augustus Woodbury, Rhode Island.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the National Encampment assembled in Harrisburg, Pa., May 13, 1874, Commander-in-Chief Charles Devens, Jr., presiding. Fifteen departments were represented by fifty-one delegates.

The following officers were elected:

Commander-in-Chief, Charles Devens, Jr., Massachusetts (re-elected).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Edward Jardine, New York.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Guy T. Gould, Illinois.

Surgeon General, Dr. Hans Powell, New York (re-elected).

Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Augustus Woodbury, Rhode Island, (re-elected)

THE NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the National Encampment assembled in Chicago, May 12, 1875, Commander-in-Chief Charles Devens, Jr., presiding.

The following officers were elected:

Commander-in-Chief, John F. Hartranft, Pennsylvania.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, J. S. Reynolds, Illinois.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Charles J. Buckbee, Connecticut.

Surgeon General Dr. John W. Foye, Massachusetts.

Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Myron W. Reed, Wisconsin.



9.—LOUIS WAGNER, 1880-81.

THE TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the National Encampment met in the hall of Post No. 2, Thirtieth and Spring Garden Sts., Philadelphia, June 30, 1876.

The following officers were elected:

Commander-in-Chief, John F. Hartranft, Pennsylvania (re-elected).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, J. S. Reynolds, Illinois.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Charles J. Buckbee, Connecticut.

Surgeon General, Dr. James L. Watson, New York.

Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Joseph F. Lovering, Massachusetts.

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the National Encampment met in the armory of the First Light Infantry, Providence, Rhode Island, June 26, 1877. Commander-in-Chief, John F. Hartranft presiding.

The following officers were elected:

Commander-in-Chief, John C. Robinson, New York.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Elisha H. Rhodes, Rhode Island.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, William Earnshaw, Ohio.

Surgeon General, Dr. James L. Watson, New York (re-elected).

Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Joseph F. Lovering, Massachusetts (re-elected).



8.—WILLIAM EARNSHAW, 1879-80.

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the National Encampment met in Springfield, Mass., June 4, 1878.

The following officers were elected:

Commander-in-Chief, John C. Robinson,

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Paul Van Der Voort, Nebraska.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Herbert E. Hill, Massachusetts.

Surgeon General, James L. Watson, New York, (third term).

Chaplain-in-Chief, Joseph F. Lovering, Massachusetts (third term).

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the National Encampment met in Albany, N. Y., June 17, 1879.

The following officers were elected.

Commander-in-Chief, Rev. William Earnshaw, Ohio.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, John Palmer, New York.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Harrison Dingman,

Surgeon General, Dr. W. B. Jones, Pennsylvania.

Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Joseph F. Lovering, Massachusetts (fourth term).

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the National Encampment met at the National Soldiers' Home, Dayton, O., June 8, 1880.



10.--GEORGE S. MERRILL, 1881-82.



11.--PAUL VAN DER VOORT, 1882-83.

The following officers were elected:

Commander-in-Chief, Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Edgar D. Swain, Illinois.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, George Bowers, New Hampshire.

Surgeon General, Dr. A. C. Hamlin, Maine.

Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Joseph F. Lovering, Massachusetts, (fifth term).

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the National Encampment assembled in Indianapolis, Ind., June 15, 1881. Commander-in-Chief, Louis Wagner presiding. Departments were represented by 126 delegates. The number of members in good standing as reported by Adj. Gen. Robert B. Beath, was 60,678 against 15,876 the previous year.

The following officers were elected:

Commander-in-Chief, George S. Merrill, Massachusetts.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Charles L. Young, Ohio.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, C. V. R. Pond, Michigan.

Surgeon General, Dr. Charles Styer, Pennsylvania.

Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Joseph F. Lovering, Massachusetts (sixth term).

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the National Encampment met in Baltimore, June 21, 1882. Commander-in-Chief George S. Merrill presiding. Adj. Gen. William M. Olin reported:

Members in good standing December 31,	
1880	60,678
Members in good standing December 31,	
1881	85,856
Gain for the year.....	25,278

The following officers were elected:

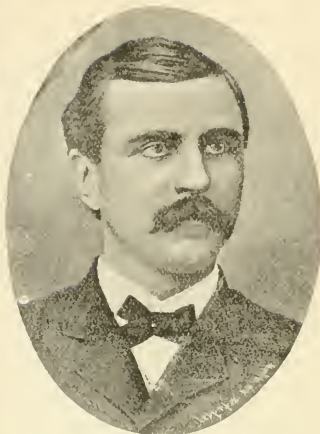
Commander-in-Chief, Paul Van Der Voort, Nebraska.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, W. E. W. Ross, Maryland.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I. S. Bangs, Maine.

Surgeon General, Dr. Azel Ames, Jr., Massachusetts.

Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. I. M. Foster, New York.



13.—JOHN S. KOUNTZ, 1884-85.

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the National Encampment met in Denver, July 25, 1883. Adjutant General F. E. Brown reported:

Members in good standing, Dec. 31, 1881,	85,856
Members in good standing, Dec. 31, 1882,	131,890
Gain for the year.....	46,034
Members in good standing, March 31, 1882	90,166
Members in good standing, March 31, 1883	145,932
Gain for the year.	55,766
Total gain since Dec. 31, 1881.....	60,076

The following officers were elected:

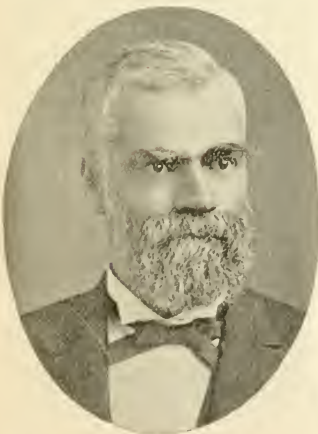
Commander-in-Chief, Robert B. Beath, Pennsylvania.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, William Warner, Missouri.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Walter H. Holmes, California.

Surgeon General, Dr. Azel Ames, Jr., Massachusetts, (re-elected).

Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. I. M. Foster, New York, (re-elected).



12.—ROBERT B. BEATH, 1883-84.

THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

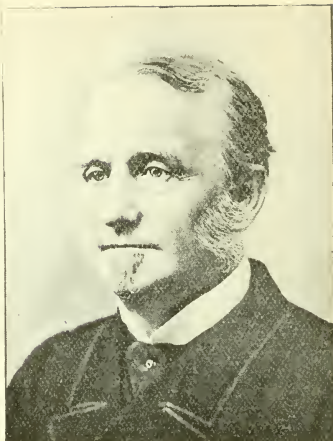
of the National Encampment met in Minneapolis, Minn., July 23, 1884. Thirty-two departments were represented by 362 department officers and representatives. Adjutant Gen. John M. Vanderslice presented a report showing:

Members in good standing, March 31, 1883.....	146,183
Members in good standing, March 31, 1884.....	233,595
Membership reported June 30, 1884.....	253,895
Number of Posts March 31, 1883.....	2,575
" " " " " 31, 1881.....	4,325
Net gain in membership during the year	87,418
" " Posts.....	1,748

The following officers were elected:
 Commander-in-Chief, John S. Kountz, Ohio.
 Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, John P. Rea, Minn.
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Ira E. Hicks, Conn.
 Surgeon General, W. D. Hall, Pa.
 Chaplain-in-Chief, T. M. Shanafelt, Mich.



14.—S. S. BURDETT, 1885-86.



15.—LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, 1886-87.

THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the National Encampment met at Portland, Maine, June 24, 1885. Thirty-eight departments were represented, and 497 department officers and representatives were present. Adjutant General W. W. Alcorn reported the following:
 Members in good standing, March 31, 1884, 233,824
 Members in good standing, March 31, 1885, 269,684
 Number of Posts reported March 31, 1884, 4,256
 Number of Posts reported March 31, 1885, 5,026
 Net gain in Posts during the year..... 992

The election of officers resulted as follows:
 Commander-in-Chief, Samuel S. Burdett, Washington, D. C.
 Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Seldon Connor, Maine.
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, John R. Lewis, Ga.
 Surgeon General, J. C. Tucker, Cal.
 Chaplain-in-Chief, L. H. Stewart, Ohio.

THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

of the National Encampment assembled in San Francisco, August 4, 1886. Thirty-eight departments were represented by 489 department officers and representatives. Adj. Gen. John Cameron reported as follows:

Members in good standing March 31, 1885.....	269,694
Members in good standing March 31, 1886.....	295,357
Number of posts reported March 31, 1885.....	5,026
Number of posts reported March 31, 1886.....	5,765
Net gain in membership during the year (in good standing).....	25,643
Net gain in posts during the year.....	739

The following officers were elected:

Commander-in-Chief, Lucius Fairchild, Wis.
 Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Samuel W. Backus, Cal.
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Edgar Allan, Va.
 Surgeon General, Ambrose S. Everett, Col.
 Chaplain-in-Chief, T. C. Warner, Tenn.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION of the National Encampment met in St. Louis, Mo., September 28, 1887. Thirty-seven departments were represented by 585 officers and representatives. Adjutant Gen. E. B. Gray reported as follow:

Members in good standing, March 31, 1886.....	295,337
Members in good standing, March 31, 1887.....	320,946
Number of Posts reported March 31, 1886.....	5,765



17.—WILLIAM WARNER, 1888-89.

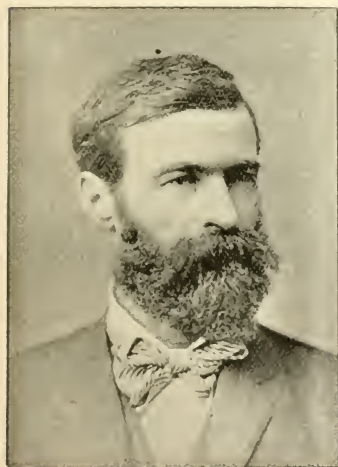
Number of Posts reported March 31, 1887.....	6,312
Net gain in membership during the year (in good standing).....	25,609
Net gain of Posts during the year.....	540

The following officers were elected:

Commander-in-Chief, John P. Rea, Minn.
 Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Nelson Cole, Mo.
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, John C. Linehan, N. H.
 Surgeon General, Florence Donohue, Washington, D. C.
 Chaplain-in-Chief, Edward Anderson, Conn.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION of the National Encampment met in Columbus, Ohio, September 12, 1888. Adjutant General Daniel Fish presented the following report.

Members in good standing March 31, 1887.....	320,936
Members in good standing March 31, 1888.....	354,216
Net gain in membership in good standing.....	33,280
Net gain in posts reporting.....	472
Net gain in chartered posts.....	393



16.—JOHN P. REA, 1887-88.

Total in suspension..... 31,750
 Members in good standing..... 354,216

Total membership..... 385,966
 The following officers were elected:
 Commander-in-Chief, William Warner, Mo.
 Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Moses H. Neil, Ohio.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Joseph Hadfield, N. Y.

Surgeon General, R. M. DeWitt, Iowa.
 Chaplain-in-Chief, S. G. Updyke, Dakota.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

of the National Encampment met in Milwaukee, Wis., August 28, 1889. Forty-two departments were represented by 641 department officers, representatives and past Department Commanders. The Adjutant General reported as of June 30, 1889, that the number of posts was 6711 and of members in good standing, 382,598, a gain in membership of 28,382 over the 31st of March, 1888.

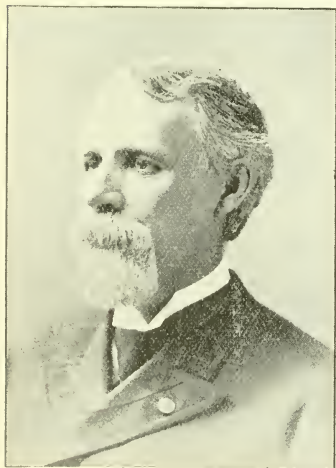
The following officers were elected:
 Commander-in-Chief, Russell A. Alger, Mich.
 Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, A. G. Weissert, Wis.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, J. F. Lovett, N. J.

Surgeon General, Dr. Horace P. Porter, Kan.
 Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. W. H. Childers, Ky



19.—WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY, 1890-91.



18.—RUSSELL A. ALGER, 1889-90.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the National Encampment met in Boston, Mass., August 13, 1890.

On June 30, 1890, the total number of comrades in good and regular standing was..... 427,982
 Total membership borne on rolls..... 458,230
 Number of posts reported June 30, 1889.. 6,711
 Number of posts reported June 30, 1890.. 7,175
 Number of deaths during the year..... 5,476

This was a gain in membership in good standing of 45,383, and in posts of 464. The total membership on the rolls June 30, 1890, including members delinquent, in suspension and out on transfer cards, was 458,230. 1072 delegates were present.

The following officers were elected:

Commander-in-Chief, Wheelock G. Veazey, Vermont.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Richard Tobin, Massachusetts.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, George W Creamer, Maryland.

Surgeon General B. F. Stephenson, Kentucky.
 Chaplain-in-Chief, Myron Reed of Colorado.

Detailed Tabular Statement of the number of Posts and membership of the G. A. R. to June 30, 1891.

DEPARTMENTS.	June 30, 1890.		Sept. 30, 1890.		Dec. 31, 1890.		June 30, 1891.	
	Posts.	Members	Posts.	Members	Posts.	Members	Posts.	Members
Alabama	10	302	10	350	10	332		
Arizona	8	300	8	248	8	295	11	334
Arkansas	67	1,749	50	1,611	72	2,002	9	203
California	117	6,280	100	6,323	107	6,181	77	2,200
Colorado & Wyoming	71	2,663	57	2,719	67	2,940	99	5,812
Connecticut	69	6,805	69	6,897	70	6,946	65	2,901
North Dakota	30	820	16	553	26	711	21	6,807
South Dakota	14	2,095	56	1,882	94	2,783	91	535
Delaware	21	1,217	21	1,332	10	1,328	25	2,769
Florida	16	480	16	346	17	414	19	1,280
Georgia	9	407	7	385	9	432	10	471
Idaho	17	429	18	447	19	454	10	455
Illinois	591	32,355	592	32,568	596	32,641	19	439
Indiana	524	25,400	524	25,209	523	25,173	600	32,329
Ind. Ter'y & Oklahoma			20	634	17	605	523	24,726
Iowa	434	20,339	428	20,123	437	20,324	14	552
Kansas	484	18,238	478	18,315	480	18,427	440	20,174
Kentucky	130	4,081	109	4,645	136	5,780	446	17,516
Louisiana & Mississippi	17	1,122	17	1,063	17	1,051	96	3,973
Maine	158	9,584	159	9,666	161	9,676	17	1,093
Massachusetts	201	22,460	203	23,458	205	23,592	161	97700
Maryland	42	2,338	44	2,352	47	2,522	206	23,781
Michigan	373	20,810	362	20,158	378	20,742	38	2,423
Minnesota	105	7,556	145	7,096	176	8,201	339	19,280
Missouri	426	20,317	428	20,732	437	21,028	473	7,947
Montana	18	662	18	675	16	689	443	20,822
Nebraska	252	8,111	251	8,194	255	8,137	15	626
New Hampshire	93	5,041	93	5,127	93	5,127	221	7,144
New Jersey	112	7,629	113	7,707	113	7,732	94	5,211
New Mexico	12	340	12	309	10	299	115	7,798
New York	636	39,770	638	40,688	634	40,865	11	292
Ohio	712	46,440	725	46,119	733	46,011	631	40,444
Oregon	50	1,698	46	1,774	52	1,905	736	45,522
Pennsylvania	598	44,379	598	44,390	593	43,820	52	2,052
Potomac	13	3,136	14	3,240	14	3,205	594	45,168
Rhode Island	21	2,814	23	2,682	23	2,921	14	3,312
Tennessee	78	3,669	79	3,605	80	3,697	25	2,856
Texas	42	897	38	994	36	1,165	87	3,719
Utah	3	161	3	167	3	188	48	1,305
Vermont	105	5,272	107	5,391	109	5,473	3	184
Virginia	40	1,289	41	1,348	42	1,388	110	5,487
Washington & Alaska	60	2,215	58	2,321	59	2,512	44	1,422
West Virginia	82	2,651	80	2,614	82	2,971	65	2,783
Wisconsin	264	13,811	264	13,767	264	13,775	75	2,623
Totals	7,185	397,941	7,138	400,554	7,339	409,489	7,219	398,270

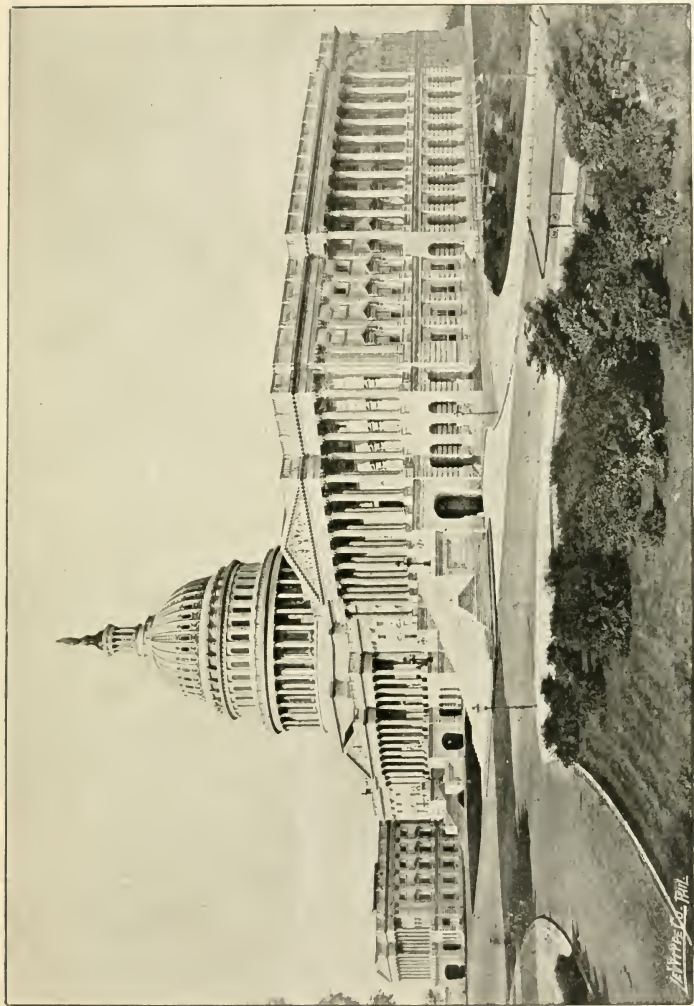
The Order showed a steady, healthy growth and increase up to and including December 31, 1890, the net gains to that time for the two remaining quarters of 1890 being 11,548 members.

The returns for June 30, 1891, received at the time of printing the last annual report, exhibit an apparent net loss of 11,422, which is manifestly not a correct showing. Indeed, many of the Departments claimed large gains, but the time was too limited to get the reports from all Posts since the close of the semi-annual period. The reports for the period ending December

31, 1891, being the basis of representation in the National Encampment, were expected by the Adjutant General to show not far from 425,000 in good standing, and possibly a much larger number.

THE 26TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

By a vote of 368 against 340 for Lincoln, Neb., Washington, D. C. was chosen as the place for the 26th Annual Encampment of the G. A. R., the date fixed for the opening of the Encampment being Sept. 20, 1892.



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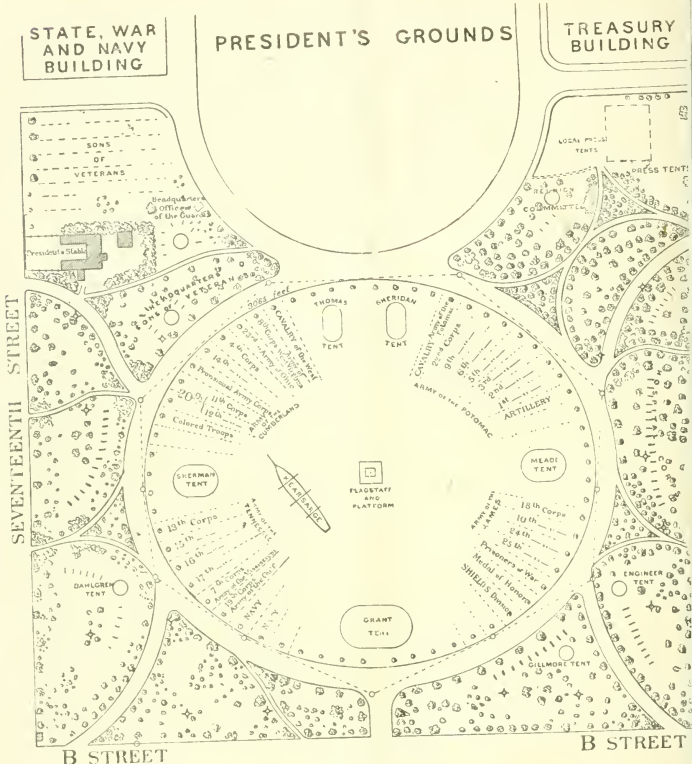


DIAGRAM
 Showing Location of Reunion Tents, on White Lot - Grand Army Place -
 during Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic
 at Washington, D.C. Sept. 19th to 24th 1892.

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