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## Veterans' Encampment Unqualified Success

The thirty-sixth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Oregon, and its sister organizations, now drawing to a close, has been one of the most successful encampments held in recent years. The attendance was greater than last year, in spite of the fact that many of the members have answered "taps" during the past year. The writer has asked dozens of the visitors how they were being treated and all, without a single exception, stated that they were pleased with the arrangements made to entertain them. There were plenty of clean, comfortable beds; the meals were, in the main, good and reasonable in price and plenty of amusement had been provided for them. Several of the older veterans stated that their only complaint was that Tuesday's parade covered too much ground, that they were pretty well "tuckered out" when they had covered the course. All citizens will be pleased to learn that their efforts have been appreciated and the writer is certain that all local people will agree with the Express when it says it has been a pleasure to entertain the veterans and their ladies.

The visitors began arriving Monday morning, the day before the opening of the encampment, and they have been coming ever since, some arriving as late as last evening, to enjoy the closing day.

On arriving, the visitors were met at the trains by committees from the local G. A. R. and W. R. C. posts, with Boy Scouts to carry their luggage. They were taken to Vets hall, where they were registered by Honor Guards girls and were given slips containing the names of the hotels or home where they were to be entertained. Boy Scouts then saw them to their rooms.

Short business sessions were held Tuesday afternoon, the G. A. R. at Marsh hall, the W. R. C. at Masonic hall and the Ladies of the G. A. R. at K. of P. hall.

The big parade began forming on Main street and Pacific avenue shortly after 3 o'clock and at 4 began the march, in the following order:

- G. A. R. Fife and Drum Corps,
- G. A. R. Veterans, Marching,
- Girls, carrying Large Flag,
- W. R. C. Corps No. 19,
- Department Officers in Autos,
- W. R. C. Corps No. 2,
- Veterans and Ladies in Autos,
- Corps 45, Ladies of the G. A. R.,
- Forest Grove W. R. C.,
- Reno Corps No. 10, W. R. C.,
- Corps 20, Ladies of the G. A. R.,
- Corps 25, Ladies of the G. A. R.,
- Forest Grove Concert Band,
- Mayor and City Officials, in Autos,
- Forest Grove Fire Department,
- Citizens in Autos,
- K. of P. Float, with Degree Team,
- Mounted K. of P. Guards,
- K. of P. Marchers,
- I. O. O. F. Float,
- I. O. O. F. Marchers,
- Forest Rebekah Lodge, Marching,
- M. W. A. Marchers,
- Velda O'Neil on Shetland Pony,
- Four Floats of Riverside Grange, Dille,
- Campfire Girls, in Auto,
- Ross Reder, as Uncle Sam,
- Float of Assembly No. 27, United
- Artisans,
- Royal Neighbors, in Auto,
- J. N. Hoffman, with Speakers,
- Two Troops of Scouts.

The line of march was from the intersection of Main street and First avenue north, thence north to Third avenue north; thence west on Third avenue to A street, south to Pacific avenue, east to First street, south on First to Third avenue, west to Main street and north to the Central School building, where Mrs. Min-

nie Baird, department patriotic instructor of the W. R. C. presented the school with a flag. School Superintendent Inlow, in a patriotic speech, accepted the flag, which was then raised in accordance with military regulations, the band and fife and drum corps playing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Mrs. Valeria G. Benvie, department president of the Ladies of the G. A. R., then presented the school with a portrait of Abraham Lincoln and Principal G. E. Richards accepted the gift in an appropriate speech.

The parade then re-formed and proceeded north on Main street to the Congregational church lot, where the G. A. R. presented and dedicated to the Boy Scouts the big flag recently purchased by the Commercial club, the presentation speech being made by J. D. Stevens, an orator of no mean ability, who briefly recited the achievements of American armies and navies from the time of the first break with England in 1776 to the sailing of General John J. Pershing for the European battlefield. America has had some hard fighting in the past, but he predicted the real test of endurance was yet to come. He asserted that if Washington and Lincoln were alive today they would endorse the stand taken by President Wilson in his determination to stop the murdering of American citizens by the Kaiser and his butchers. He stated that a great responsibility rested upon the Boy Scouts and Honor Guard girls and he believed they would meet the occasion in the right spirit. While the band and drum corps played the "Red, White and Blue," Boy Scouts hauled Old Glory to the top of the pole, when Comrade Stevens recited several verses of the "Star Spangled Banner," after which the fife and drum corps played "Yankee Doodle."

Scoutmaster Paul M. Gilmer accepted the flag on behalf of the Scouts, making a very patriotic address.

A quartet of old soldiers then sang "Old Glory," to the tune of "Old Black Joe," which ended the program until after supper.

At 7 o'clock there was music on the church square by the band and fife and drum corps, after which the visitors and home folks filled Marsh hall auditorium to the topmost seat in the balcony to hear the program, which was as follows:

Selection by Walker's orchestra, followed by a song by a chorus of 36 voices, led by Thomas Isaacs; prayer by Rev. A. B. Patten and address of welcome by Senator W. H. Hollis. The senator was very cordial in his welcoming address, which breathed the spirit of patriotism and hospitality.

Mrs. F. W. Jones delighted the big audience with a vocal solo, after which Mrs. Jaca B. Willoughby, president of the W. R. C., and Mrs. Valeria G. Benvie, president of the Ladies of the G. A. R., responded to the address of welcome.

After a delightful violin solo by Miss Maude Craft, Dr. Joseph E. Hall, department commander of the G. A. R., made his response to the address of welcome. The commander is a pleasing speaker and his remarks were patriotic to a marked degree.

After a patriotic song by Messrs. Isaacs, Ferrin, Underhill and Richardson, Wallace McCamant, judge of the Oregon supreme court, made the principal address, which was a gem of English rhetoric, burning with the fires of patriotism. After paying a glowing tribute to the bravery and

loyalty of the members of the G. A. R. and its sister organizations, the speaker called attention to the fact that Oregon, Nevada and Utah were the first states to fill their quota of the National Guard for the present war. He stated that it was hard, indeed, to measure the character of a man like Abraham Lincoln, the idol of the veterans of the civil war, for there was no one with whom to compare him. He hoped, however, that the present crisis would develop another Lincoln in America. He envied the old soldiers their places in history and congratulated them on the fact that, after the terrible war of the rebellion, they went home and became empire builders. He stated that there was in use in the grade schools of Portland a history that was an insult to the union armies and to America and he asked the veterans to use their influence in having this book thrown into the scrap heap. Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin was characterized as a filibustering demagogue, who was playing for votes by tying the hands of President Wilson in these trying times. Judge McCamant's address was vigorously applauded from time to time and did much to stir the fires of patriotism.

Both the W. R. C. and Ladies of the G. A. R. held memorial services Tuesday. The first-named organization lost by death 42 members during the past year and the Ladies of the G. A. R. lost 12.

The reports of the G. A. R. show that at the beginning of this year there were 1778 members in good standing in the department, notwithstanding 143 passed away during 1916.

The event most pleasing to the eye was the parade of baby buggies, doll buggies, toy wagons and wheel barrows, pulled off between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. There were seven baby carriages, twelve doll buggies, three wagons and three wheelbarrows and so many of them were worthy of prizes that the judges had a difficult task to award the prizes.

First in the baby carriage division went to Marjorie Gilmer, second to Evelyn Ahlgren and third to Gertrude Smith.

Alice Johnson won first in the doll buggy division, with Clara Kauffman second and Alice Inlow third.

In wagons, Bruce Brookbank won first place, Betty Clark and Walter Dyke (in partnership) were second and Johnny Fuqua third.

Tommy Norton's wheelbarrow was adjudged best, with A. B. Todd, jr., second and Edwin Secour third.

First prizes for the best make-up was awarded to Roberta Sayres, with Orville Kappel second and Lenora Putnam third.

The parade was under the auspices of the Woman's club, with Mrs. Hurley, Mrs. Whitehouse and Miss Forbis in charge of arrangements.

After the parade each entrant was given an ice cream cone, donated by S. G. Hughes, who appeared to enjoy the giving as much as the youngsters enjoyed the eating.

**New Officers Elected**

The W. R. C. elected department officers yesterday as follows: Mrs. Minnie Baird, Union, department president; Mrs. Emily Anderson, Forest Grove, senior vice president; Della Eley, Portland, junior vice president; Mary Minnick, Union, department treasurer; Harriett Hendee, Portland, chaplain.

The members of the executive board are Clara T. Lyle, Pendleton; Anna Roesch, LaGrande; Esther Pursel, Union; Maude Hallett and Julia Stevens, Portland.

The appointive officers are Cora M. Davis, Union, department secretary; Violet Morgan, LaGrande, department inspector; Jaca B. Willoughby, Eugene, counsellor; Chris-

tia Carpenter, Lebanon, I. and I. officer; Florence Mutch, Astoria, patriotic instructor; Alice Mallory, Grants Pass, press correspondent.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. did not get to their election until just before noon today, when they re-elected Mrs. Valeria G. Benvie of Portland as department president, Mrs. Loretta Williams of Milton as senior vice president, Eva Carnegie of Albany as junior vice president, Belle Elwood of Portland as treasurer, Anna Parker of Albany chaplain, Ella G. Himes, Portland, counselor; Emma Thompson, Salem; Katherine Smith, Eugene, and Anna Kernhett, Portland, council of administration.

Yesterday afternoon the G. A. R. department elected the following officers: Department Commander, J. G. Chambers, Portland; Senior Vice Commander, J. E. Peterson, Grants Pass; Junior Vice, C. E. Reynolds, Tillamook; Medical Director, Dr. J. F. Hall, Portland; Chaplain, N. E. Wade, Portland.

Council of Administration—B. F. Pike, Newberg; Frank Moore, Oregon City; W. N. Morse, Portland; H. W. Spear, Portland; H. E. Dosch, Hillsdale.

The delegates to the National Convention, to be held in Boston next August, are D. W. Sawtelle, McMinnville; A. A. Drake, Portland; J. M. Shelley, Eugene; C. E. Cline, Portland; A. A. Belden, Portland; G. R. Castner, Hood River; J. L. Marshall, Newberg.

After serving a year as department commander, Dr. J. E. Hall goes back as medical inspector, the position he held two years ago.

C. A. Williams of Portland was appointed for his eleventh term as assistant adjutant general and assistant quartermaster general.

After the election of officers, the department received a visit from a delegation from the Spanish War veterans, who are holding an encampment in Portland. The visitors came to extend greetings and to talk over, on invitation, a proposition to equip and maintain, jointly with the old soldiers, a rest room in Portland for the use of enlisted men who may be sojourning temporarily in the city. No definite action has been taken so far. The visitors were accompanied by the third regiment band, which stirred every heart within hearing as it played "Dixie" and other martial airs on the streets. The delegation was headed by Chaplain Gilbert, who made a stirring address to the old soldiers, promising that such Spanish-American war veterans as were eligible would take their places in the trenches under Pershing. He spoke feelingly and proudly of the fact that if the east had responded like the west with recruits, no conscription would be necessary.

Last evening the program was rendered on the church lot, under the spreading oaks, and was attended by more than a thousand people.

Mrs. Harvey of Astoria opened the program with a patriotic song of her own composition and made a hit with the old boys and girls; Rev. Dunlap invoked the divine blessing; the G. A. R. Quartet sang a patriotic song; Judge C. G. Burton, a past commander in chief, made a stirring address; an organization called the "Veterans' Quartet," sang several songs and then Governor Withycombe made a very fervid address, during which he told how proud he was of Washington county for its excellent entertainment of the encampment visitors and of Oregon for its liberality in giving men and money to the nation in the struggle with the Prussian butchers. America has never shown the white flag, he said, and never would. He declared the war in Europe was not a European war, but a world-war for and against democracy. Democracy would

## U. S. REGULARS ON FRENCH SOIL

A telegraph dispatch from an unnamed port in France announced that the first detachment of United States regular soldiers has arrived to take the field against Germany. The trip across the Atlantic was uneventful.

## Money Comes Easily For the Red Cross

When it became known that the national Red Cross officers had asked the western half of Washington county—Forest Grove, Hillside, Thatcher, Kansas City, Gales Creek, Verboort, Gaston, Dille, Cornelius and Laurewood—for \$5,000 many people gasped with astonishment, doubting whether there was that much money in the world. But their gasps were premature and unfounded, as figures given the Express yesterday by Secretary Dunlap show that almost double \$5000 has been raised or pledged. Following are the figures to date:

Forest Grove	\$4,550.00
Cornelius	1,153.75
Dille	1,059.00
Hillside	211.50
Thatcher	210.00
Kansas City	185.00
Gales Creek	584.00
Gaston	619.50
Laurewood	219.85
Verboort	70.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,862.60</b>

The Forest Grove collection is not complete, as several lodges have sent word that they will contribute at their next meetings. It is probable that some of the other towns will also send in more money. This makes it probable that the sum may reach \$9,000, a remarkable showing, when it is considered that the Encampment held here this week has interfered considerably with collections.

If the collectors missed you, you can make your contribution to Secretary Dunlap today or tomorrow.

win in the end, though it would cost lots of money and some lives.

After a song by Mrs. Fred Jones and short talks by J. D. Stevens, George Drew and J. F. Beytien and a song by the chorus and a solo by Thos. Isaacs, the audience joined in singing "America" and everybody went to their resting places, tired but happy.

Next year's encampment will be held at Albany.

The three orders are holding joint installations at Marsh hall this afternoon and the Woman's club will give the outgoing officers a reception at Herrick hall at 3 o'clock, which will be the last scheduled act on the program.

Four hundred and eighty-eight men and 482 women registered, but this does not include all who attended, for many did not register.

The work of the Boy Scouts and Honor Guard Girls was a great help to the officers of the Commercial club.

The fife and drum corps is composed of the following energetic old boys: Fifers—J. T. Butler, Forest Grove; W. H. McClellan, Oregon City; C. A. Stockwell, Marquam; T. M. Kellogg, Portland; J. W. Chase, Wilsonville. Drums—J. S. Vaughn, Hillsdale (bass); E. B. Grant, John Kelley and John A. Confer, Oregon City; W. H. Brooks, Newberg; D. J. Horsman, St. Johns; John Baldwin, Forest Grove; Chas. T. Basque, Independence.

Hurry and get that new suit for the Fourth of July. John Anderson is saving it for you and it is up-to-the-minute in style, at a reasonable price.