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OLD VETERANS HOLD THEIR 25TH ANNUAL STATE ENCAMPMENT

Grants Pass Puts on Gala Attire and Gives the Old Soldiers a Hearty Welcome—Next Encampment Will Be Held at Newberg.

With Friday of this week closes the state encampment for Oregon of Grand Army of the Republic. The Womans Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the annual encampment of the Southern Oregon Soldiers and Sailors Association which have been held in Grants Pass. The weather was perfect, the attendance was larger than usually had, and all were well pleased with the hospitality of the people of Grants Pass and with the accommodations afforded. All agreed that Grants Pass was a most excellent place for holding the encampment. The grounds were in a spacious oak grove and well shaded and within easy walking distance of the business section of the city. As it was elderly people attending the encampment they appreciated that the streets of Grants Pass were level and they made favorable comments on the extensive system of good sidewalks and the well lighted streets. The grounds were well lighted by electric lights and the campers were well supplied with conveniences. Free transportation was given to the veterans and the ladies attending the encampment by two carryalls provided at the expense of the citizens committee.

That the visitors were so well received and so well cared for was due to the untiring efforts and active cooperation of General Logan Post under Commander H. B. Alverson, General Logan Womans Relief Corps under President Rose Weideman, the citizens committee under Chairman Geo. S. Calhoun, the reception committee under Chairman Geo. H. Dorham. And the success of the series of enjoyable musical features in the programs for each day was due to the untiring work of H. C. Kinney, director of the chorus and music.

The encampment brought no less than 600 to Grants Pass yet so ample is the hotel and boarding house accommodations and so many homes were open to the visitors that the reception committee had no difficulty in caring for all.

Last Saturday the tents were pitched, that had been supplied by the Rogue River Soldiers and Sailors Association and the finishing touches were done to the grounds, and the seats and platform. A tall staff was erected on which a large flag floated during the entire encampment.

The first of the campers arrived Saturday and by Monday there were many G. A. R. men and Relief Corps ladies in the city.

Monday and Tuesday the Rogue River Soldiers and Sailors Association held their annual reunion. This association is largely sociable in its object so the two days were spent by the old soldiers and their wives in enjoying the renewing of acquaintances and by the veterans in stories of war time days. The brass cannon belonging to the Rogue River Association had been brought down from Ashland and placed in position on the grounds and each morning a sunrise salute was fired by the artillery detail.

This old cannon was ordered by the government to be sent to General Lane's command in the Rogue River Indian War of 1856 and was shipped on a schooner from San Francisco to Scottsburg at the mouth of the Umpqua, which was the port from which all freight was hauled to Southern Oregon. Peter Boesky, a teamster of Jacksonville, hauled it to Fort Lane, near where Tolo now is, it taking two weeks with four horses to drag the heavy cannon and caisson over the new and scarcely passable road. The Indian War being over with and on Fort Lane being abandoned the cannon was taken to Jacksonville where it did duty for years at celebrations and other events. With the breaking out of the Modoc Indian war the cannon was taken to the Klamath county and at the close of the war it was brought to Ashland and ordered taken with other government property to Fort Vancouver, but the Jacksonville boys stole it and kept it hid for two years when an order was secured authorizing the war department to turn over the gun to the state of Oregon. The gun was brought from its hidings and on the organization of the Rogue River Soldiers and Sailors Association it was placed in their keeping. The veterans desire that mention be made of the generosity of James Trimble, one of the Grants Pass blacksmiths who made extensive repairs to the gun carriage on damage that some drunken men at Jacksonville did to the cannon while using it to shoot up their town after the encampment in that place two years ago. The repairs cost \$10 and Mr. Trimble made a donation of it to the old soldiers.

The exercises at the camp grounds began Monday evening when the visitors were made welcome to the city. W. M. Hair, president of the council, presided and spoke in behalf of the city, and Hon. Robert Glenn Smith gave the address for the citizens of Grants Pass. The response was made by Rev. G. L. Burbank of Central Point. The Medford band and the Ashland Drum Corps furnished the music in the evening. The Medford band under the leadership of W. L. Norling, of Jacksonville, was present during the entire encampment and took part in the various exercises at the grand stand as well as to give open air concerts each evening preceding the regular exercises that were highly enjoyed by the crowds. The Ashland Drum corps, that came with the Ashland Post, was the star musical attraction of the encampment and their stirring martial music caught the popular fancy and they were given many encores. The famous drum corps, the only one on the Pacific Coast com-

posed of men who served as fifers and drummers in the Civil War, is composed of E. E. White, Jesse White, J. J. Myers and C. Z. Bush. Beginning with Tuesday each afternoon and evening exercises were held at the grounds that were a highly appreciated feature of the encampment. The programs were made up of addresses, songs, choruses, flag drills, reminiscent talks by old soldiers and music by the bands. These exercises were well attended by the residents of Grants Pass and other places as well as by the old soldiers. The evening attendance being especially large there frequently being 3000 people present. The regular business of the encampment having been completed this Friday afternoon and evening was given over to fun and to giving the visitors a parting evidence of the appreciation that the citizens of Grants Pass have for the honor of having their city the place of meeting for the State Encampment of the G. A. R. and allied organizations. A game of baseball between two teams of Grants Pass business men kept the visitors and the other onlookers in a roar of laughter at the star plays. At its close the visitors were given a generous treat of ice cream and cake. In the evening a fine band concert closed one of the most successful encampments ever held by the G. A. R. in Oregon.

The grand parade of the encampment took place Thursday evening. The column formed at the camp grounds and marched up Sixth street to E street and from there counter-marched back to the camp grounds. The column marched in two divisions, the first being led by the Medford Band and the second by the Ashland Drum Corps with the artillery between the two divisions and under the command of Capt. H. L. Reed. The cannon was drawn by four horses and with the gun squad made a prominent feature of the military display. The parade was in command of Department Commander T. E. Hills, who with Adjutant General F. M. Stewart rode at the head of the column. There were 300 veterans in line and half as many women of the W. R. C. and Ladies of the G. A. R. and it was one of the largest and best parades had for years past at a state encampment. The level street and the balmy air of the evening enabled many of the old soldiers to march that are unable to take part in parades at other encampments where the marching is made difficult by rough streets.

On arriving at the grounds the column was formed in a hollow square about the flag staff and the beautiful and inspiring ceremony of a flag presentation was carried out. As is the rule of the Womans Relief Corps, department of Oregon, to present a flag to the school of the town in which an encampment is held, the Relief Corps ladies brought a large flag to be given to the Grants Pass school. On the command coming to attention Post President Emma Galloway of McMinnville made the presentation speech, which was responded to on behalf of Grants Pass by Rev. H. A. Barden, of Portland. Then as the flag was hoisted aloft the band played the Star Spangled Banner and the spectators stood uncovered and its folds were caught by the breeze as the hearty cheers were given for Old Glory.

The opera house and the Woodmen of the World, and the Redmen's halls had been very handsomely decorated and given over to the free use of the organizations. The G. A. R. occupied the opera house and the W. R. C. the Woodmen's hall and the Ladies of the G. A. R. the Redmen's hall.

The following resolutions were passed by the Ladies of the G. A. R.: We the undersigned beg leave to submit the following: Whereas, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, have been hospitably received by the people of Grants Pass, and realize the fact that the citizens have greeted us with unusual cordiality and we wish to especially mention their great kindness in furnishing



transportation to and from the camp ground. Furthermore, be it Resolved, That the members of this department convention extend thanks to Department Commander T. E. Hills of Ashland, Oregon, who so nobly received greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, who gave this beautiful tribute of respect to our order: "Bene of our bone, flesh of our flesh and blood of our blood." Furthermore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby tender our sincere thanks to the Redmen for their donation and the beautiful decoration of their hall. And be it further Resolved, That the thanks of this convention be rendered the baseball boys for their special invitation to their ball game at 2:30. On account of a press of business, were unable to attend. Chairman, AGNES HAZE, EUNICE BONNEY.

The sessions of the Department of Oregon, G. A. R. were well attended and a fine interest was manifested in the welfare of the order. Department Commander T. E. Hills presided in a very able manner and to his energy and executive ability was due in a great measure the success of the encampment. And in the carrying out of the many duties pertaining to his position he was ably assisted by his adjutant, F. M. Stewart.

The place for holding the department encampment for next year was a matter that evoked considerable interest in the encampment. The towns seeking this honor were Newberg and Corvallis, and the former won but by only a small majority on the ballot that was taken. Prior to adjournment the following resolution expressive of the appreciation of the many courtesies that had been rendered to those attending the encampment was passed:

Be it hereby resolved that the thanks of this 25th Annual encampment G. A. R. Department of Oregon are hereby extended to the citizens of Grants Pass and Southern Oregon who have so grandly entertained and contributed to our pleasure and enjoyment during the sunny happy days of our sojourn here.

Presented and passed by unanimous vote of the department in session. Grants Pass, Oregon, June 22, 1906. F. M. STEWART, Assistant Adjutant General.

The officers for the ensuing year for the Department of Oregon, G. A. R. are as follows:

Department Commander, Harman Setcliffe, Portland; Senior Vice-Commander, John Patrick, Grants Pass; Junior Vice-Commander, S. W. McReynolds, Cottage Grove; Medical Director, Dr. O. R. Downs, St. Johns; Chaplain, Rev. H. A. Barden of Portland. R. V. Pratt of Portland was appointed adjutant and the other appointive officers will be filled later on by the new commander.

Those chosen on the council of administration—Enos Swan, Portland; E. Martin, East Portland; Gideon Stalte, Salem; James Tufts, Oregon City; B. F. Allen, Astoria.

Delegates to the national encampment—Wm. Baker, Athena; S. A. Skinner, Hood River; E. F. Chapman, Eugene; H. S. Allen, Portland; A. C. Edmunds, East Portland.

Alternates—J. H. Will, Ashland; J. E. Peterson, Grants Pass; J. S. Foss, Portland; G. St. Clair Segus, Portland; R. Waggoner, Hillsboro.

The sessions of the Womans Relief Corps had a larger attendance than is

THE WOMANS RELIEF CORPS AND LADIES OF GRAND ARMY

Hold Interesting Sessions, Transact Large Amount of Business and Elect Officers—Grants Pass Gets the Head Offices.

usually had at a state encampment and the deep interest shown indicated that the order was in a prosperous condition. As a tactful presiding officer and skilled parliamentarian, the department president, Mrs. Jennie V. Harding of Oregon City, earned the hearty commendation of the delegates and her enthusiasm and tireless work was a most important factor in the success of the encampment.

The officers of the W. R. C. for the following year are as follows: Mrs. Mary Hildreth, Grants Pass, department president; Mrs. Bertha Gillman, Heppner, senior vice-president; Mrs. Mamie Clinton, Astoria, junior vice-president; Mrs. Jennie Harding, Oregon City, past president; Mrs. Henrietta Zoller, Grants Pass, treasurer; Mrs. Rose S. Wiedman, Grants Pass, secretary; Mrs. Marguerite Thompson, Portland, chaplain; Members of Executive Board—Mrs. Hattie Calvert, Grants Pass; Mrs. Casey, Ashland; Mrs. Estelle Berry, Grants Pass; Mrs. Jennie Stanton, Roseburg; Mrs. Julia Brodie, Roseburg.

Delegates at Large—Mrs. Hellen M. Packard, Portland.

National Delegates—Mrs. Elsie Shaer, Portland; Mrs. O. Cooper, McMinnville; Mrs. Susan Willis, Ashland; Mrs. Eastman, Portland.

Alternates—Mrs. Ada Soule, Toledo; Mrs. Emma Galloway, of McMinnville and Mrs. Jennie Harding of Oregon City were elected as a committee to visit the Soldiers Home at Roseburg and inspect the cottages erected by the Department Relief Corps.

Resolutions endorsed by the 25th annual convention department of Oregon, W. R. C.

Grants Pass, June 20-22. To the officers and members of the 25th annual convention of the W. R. C., department of Oregon: We, the committee on Resolutions,

desire to submit for your approval and endorsement the following:

We wish to express our hearty thanks to the members of Gen. Logan Corps No. 25 for their untiring efforts to make this convention one of the most pleasant and successful in the history of our order and to the committee who have provided such comfortable homes for everyone.

Also to the citizens of Grants Pass who have made our stay so enjoyable and have entertained us so delightfully at the camp ground.

Our thanks are due the transportation companies for the special rates given us.

The decorations which have added so much to the already beautiful city deserve especial mention, particularly those in the convention hall.

Respectfully submitted in F. O. and L. BERTIE M. SMITH, BERTHA D. GILMORE, MILLIE MORSE.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic had the largest attendance at their session at this encampment ever had in Oregon and the order is in a prosperous condition as shown by the report of the officers. The past year has shown a good increase in membership due to the efforts of the department president, Mrs. Olive Van Orden, of Portland, and she proved herself a most capable and energetic presiding officer.

The officers elected for the ensuing year for Department of Oregon Ladies of the G. A. R. are Department President Clementine Reiser, Eugene; senior-president, Clara E. Thompson, Woodburn; junior vice-president, Margaret Noah, Roseburg; secretary, Nellie Gossett, Eugene; treasurer, Katherine Smith, Eugene; chaplain, Sadie A. Kemp, Woodburn. Council of administration, Nettie Krouse, Eugene; Isabella Frater, Roseburg; Isabella Beeson, Albany, National delegates, Mary Prink, Portland; Katherine Smith, Eugene; Maggie Schomp, Portland. Alternates, Nettie Krouse, Eugene; Nellie Gossett, Eugene; Anna Douglass, Astoria.



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