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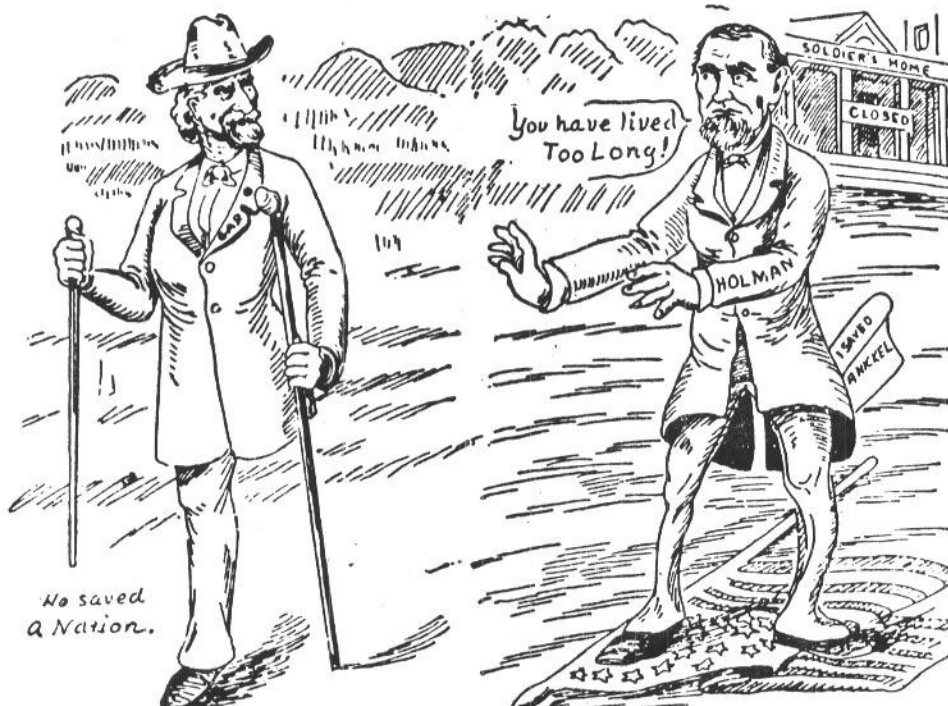
"Veterans in Politics" by Mary Dearing stands as one of the most important contemporary books on the GAR activities. Your editor has been in contact with Mary, but in October had the opportunity to visit with her at her home. Arriving in the early afternoon, time past quickly and it was time to leave much too early. Mary has recently retired from teaching and while she hasn't been actively working on G.A.R. history, she has a personal interest. She remembers fondly the days of research at the Library of Congress when she was working on her manuscript. She offered advice on many sources that may develop material for the Great Republic. Mary loaned the Great Republic two GAR related books, one of which is reviewed this month by her.

Unknown to many, the book "Veteran in Politics" has been reprinted by the Greenwood Press. Thanks to a note from a subscriber, the Great Republic can offer this book. That is the good news, now for the bad. The price of the book from Greenwood is \$29.50. The Great Republic has been offered a one time purchase of twenty volumes. The price will be \$26.50 plus 1.50 for postage, for a total of \$28.00. I telephoned Mr. Kobasa at Greenwood Press and the number of copies remaining is limited with no plans to re-print again. The first twenty checks for \$28.00 receive the books.

### Second Annual GAR Encampment

It is time to start planning for the 2nd.G.A.R. Encampment in Ashland, Ohio. The 1st. was an overwhelming success and the 2nd. appears to be twice as large. The dates are April 24 and 25. Most of those attending should plan to get to Ashland Friday, April 23 and stay at the dorms available at the college. The staff at the Great Republic

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### SHALL IT BE SO?

The Veteran and the Politician; a Cartoonist's View (Minneapolis Tribune, January 17, 1892)

# BOOK REVIEWS

*The Civil War Veteran in Minnesota Life and Politics.* By FRANK H. HECK. [*Annals of America*, Vol. III.] (The Mississippi Valley Press, Oxford, Ohio, 1941. Pp. 295. \$3.50.)

Mr. Heck's monograph on the activities of Civil War veterans in Minnesota gives evidence of his thorough study of the sources. For political aspects of his problem he has relied mainly upon the manuscript collections of the Minnesota Historical Society, but he has also made an extensive survey of newspapers and of official records of the G.A.R. and other veteran organizations. He has performed the painstaking task of discovering what Minnesota officeholders were veterans.

The author is inclined to discount the importance of veterans in Minnesota politics. The badge of military service was by no means an open sesame to political position. Unless other factors were equal, the soldier's military record "could not be depended upon to assure him a victory at the polls or with the appointing authority." The author concludes also that the degree of support given by the veteran to the Republican Party has been exaggerated. If a majority of Minnesota veterans was Republican, so was the majority of the remainder of the population. In final analysis, Mr. Heck believes that in Minnesota the Grand Army of the Republic was by no means the Republican machine it sometimes seemed to be in other states. He finds, however, "some basis for thinking that the proportions of Republicans was larger in the G.A.R. than among ex-soldiers in general," and that many Grand Army members used their contacts with their comrades for partisan advantage. The author does not state what position, if any, the Minnesota G.A.R. took on President Cleveland's flag order and his proposed attendance at the organization's national encampment in 1897. These were issues of political significance upon which most of the membership was violently agitated.

The changing issues between the two major parties had a definite effect upon the veteran problem, but fail to receive the author's attention. He overlooks also the fact that the old soldiers' importance as a political group was not static, but fluctuated considerably between 1865 and 1910. He gives little consideration to the connection in the veterans' mind between pensions and politics.

The topical organization may explain in part the author's failure to make clear these changing forces. The attempts of the parties to gain the veteran vote, the demands and partisan activities of the old soldiers, and the entire pension issue are so closely interwoven that their separation tends to produce an unbalanced picture. Moreover, at some points closer adherence to chronology would have produced a more orderly presentation. One wonders why the veterans' legislative program should have been considered as a subject entirely apart from their most important legislative demand, more liberal pensions. The author deals with the appeal of the parties to the soldiers as a separate topic after discussing the veteran's reaction to political parties.

The study contains some curiously irrelevant material. Three chapters, wedged into the middle of the monograph, deal with the actual process of Minnesota politics during the post Civil War period. This discussion presents a realistic picture of the workings of democracy in a single state, but the reader is left in doubt regarding its bearing on the veteran question.

As a whole the study, presented in clear and concise style, constitutes a contribution to the history of Minnesota and to a better understanding of the Union veteran movement. Existing works on Civil War veterans have been made on a national scale; Mr. Heck is the first to make a more intensive study of a small group of ex-soldiers.

MARY RULKOTTER DEARING

## THE CIVIL WAR VETERAN IN MINNESOTA LIFE AND POLITICS

F R A N K H E C K



Oxford, Ohio

The Mississippi Valley Press

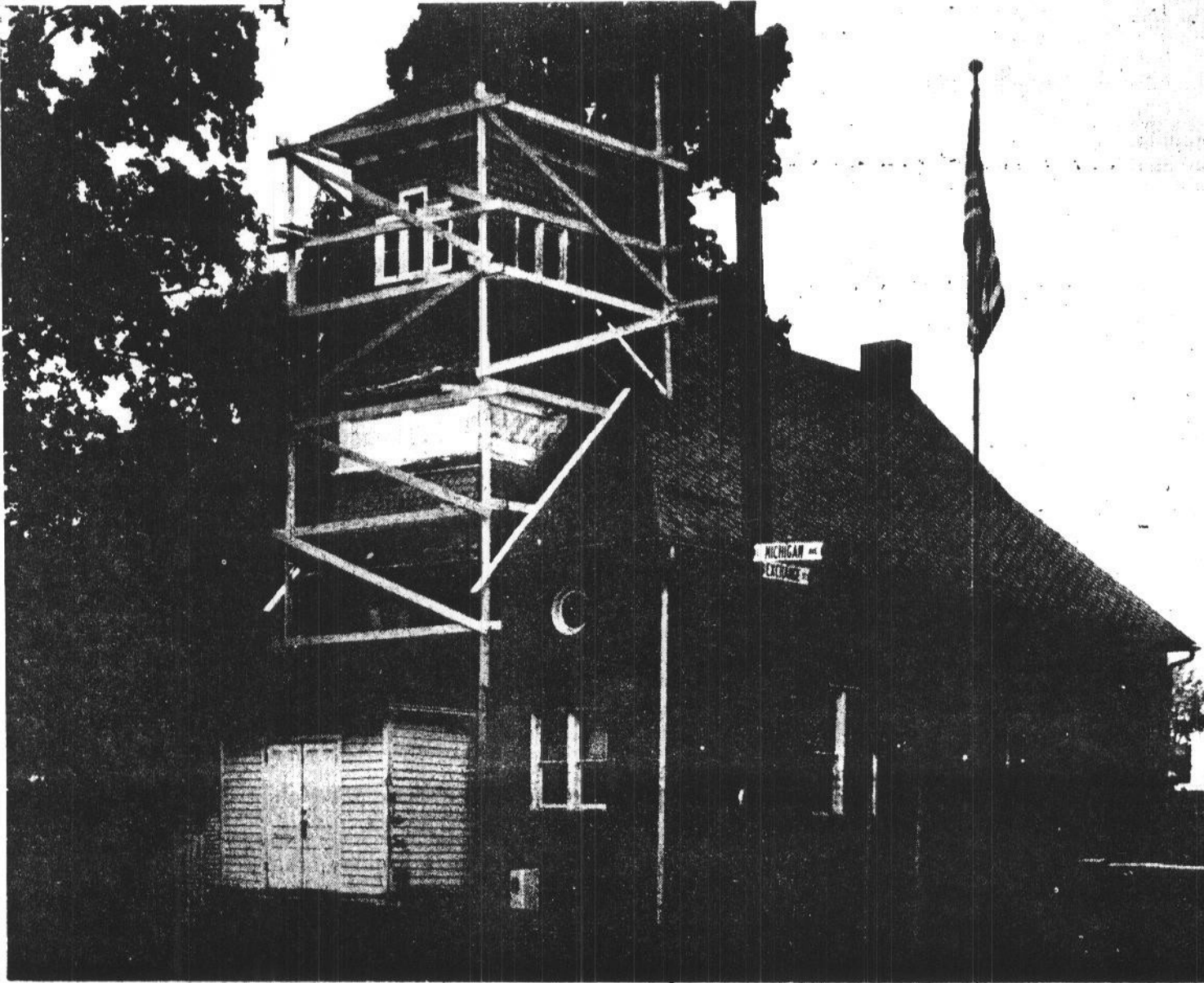
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C. COLGROVE POST No. 166, MARSHALL, MICHIGAN

The historic city of Marshall, Michigan has many beautiful homes and buildings that are the pride of Michigan. Many of these homes are featured in the annual Marshall Home Tour, a major tourist event in Michigan. A building on the east end of the business district at E. Michigan and Exchange St. that has not been a major part of this annual event. This outstanding brick structure, built by Union Civil War veterans in 1902, is one of the few remaining G.A.R. halls in the country that retains its original character, free from major changes or conversion. This unique and historic building has been well taken care of since the Marshall Historic Society purchased it from the city in 1977. The Society has made many improvements, including a new roof. The Historic Society plans to use the main floor for a meeting room - museum, and the basement for archival storage. The Great Republic is encouraging the museum and hopes it will feature G.A.R. history with special emphasis on the Department of Michigan. In January, 1982, a presentation will be made to the Society and two of the most important artifacts from the post will be displayed. These are the post silk banner and the Colegrove post picture.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HALL

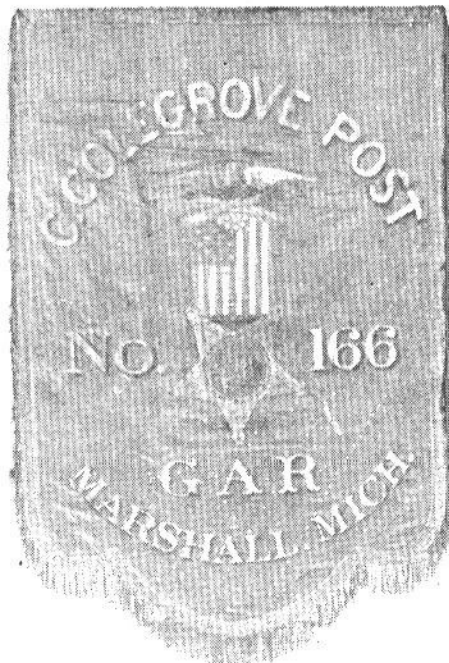
The history of the hall is interesting as it reflects the various stages so many other G.A.R. buildings have passed through. These stages of ownership change and struggle for control have caused destruction or conversion to other use with little regard to their historic value.

In 1902 the 1st. Michigan Engineers and Mechanics veterans laid out the hall and members of the post built the hall on land leased from the city. The Sons of Veterans and Womens Relief Corps assumed the control of the hall after the post was closed.

Problems developed between the WRC and Sons of Veterans concerning the use of the hall. The Sons assumed control until 1958, when the City of Marshall tried to reclaim the hall as its property. The Sons and the City fought over the hall until 1960 when the Calhoun County Circuit Court supported the City claim. This closed the door on a possible sale to a local auto dealer and an appeal from the Amer.

Legion. The City used the hall mostly for storage until the City Commission agreed to sell it to the Historic Society for \$1.00 in 1977. A protest on the sale was made by a group called the Calhoun Olympian Assoc. that was interested in obtaining the hall to use as an office and a place to house trophies. This caused the commission to place the offering of the hall to the Historic Society on the next ballot. On April 4th, 1977, Marshall voters approved the sale at less than market value to the Society. The hall was saved from non-historic use and hopefully the history of the G.A.R. and the Department of Michigan may be housed in a most significant place.

## Colegrove Post Banner - hand painted on silk



## DESCRIPTION OF COLEGROVE POST NAME

The C. Colegrove Post Number 166 was chartered August 4, 1883. It was named after Calvin Colegrove, of Company I, 1st. Michigan Infantry (3 months). Corporal Colegrove was a member of the Marshall Light Guard, which was mustered into the 1st. Michigan as Co. I on May 1, 1861. The regiment left Fort Wayne, Detroit, on May 13th. and arrived in Washington on the 16th. The 1st. Michigan was the first western regiment to arrive in Washington. A N.Y. Post correspondent in Washington wrote on May 17, 1861:

The Michigan Rifle Regiment came into town about 10 o'clock last night, marching from the depot up the avenue to Eleventh street. They were preceded by a splendid band of music, which soon aroused our citizens, and long before they had reached the quarters assigned them hundreds of people were out to give them welcome the enthusiasm of the crowd was irrepressible, for this was the first western regiment which had arrived at the Capital.

The regiment was assigned to Heintzelman's division, and at the battle of Bull Run was in the command of Major Bidwell, serving in the brigade of Colonel Willcox (38th. N.Y., 1st. Mich, Arnold's Battery) The 1st. Michigan entered the battle of Bull Run early, advancing upon Rickett's battery without success. Six men died, 37 wounded, and 70 men were missing (52 of these were captured). Corporal Colegrove was one of three killed during



Original Post portrait of Colegrove in his Marshall Light Guard uniform (1861)

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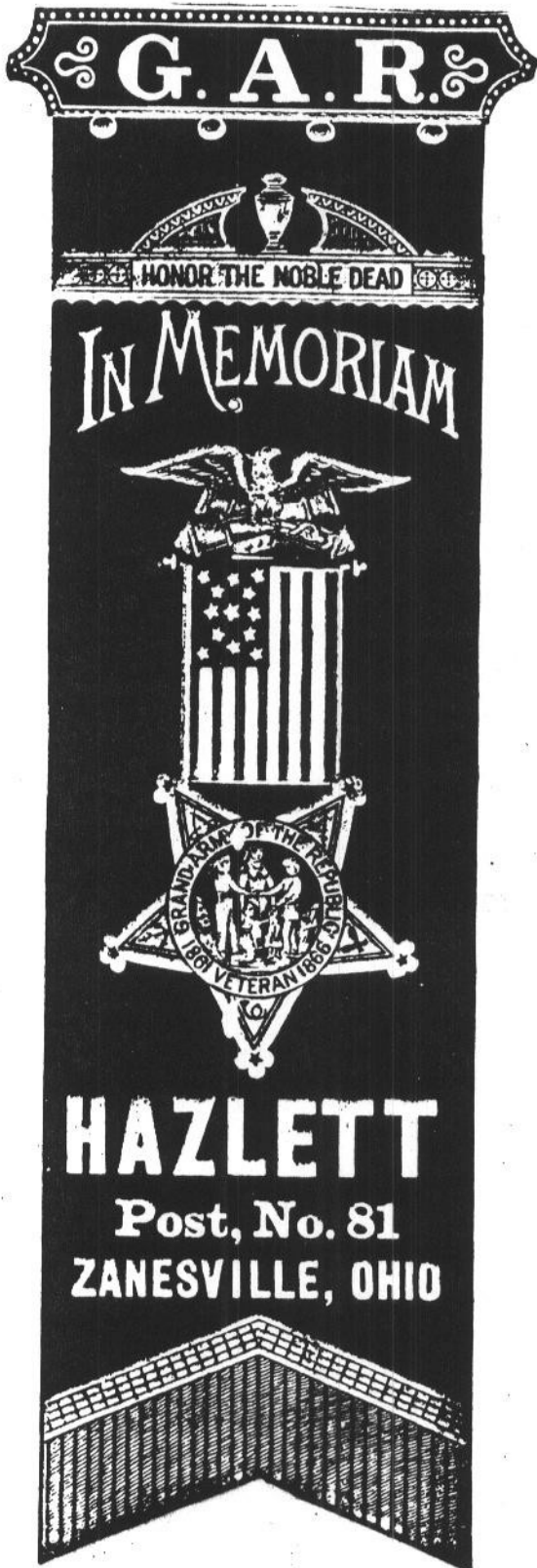


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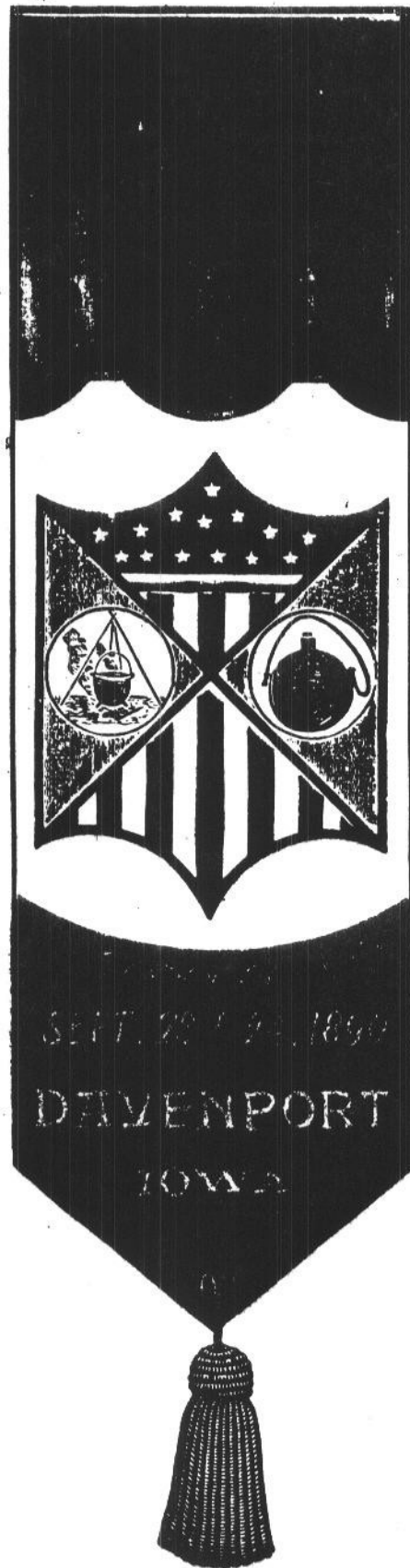
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The bottom of this badge is NOT REAL fringe. It is an imitation of fringe stamped upon the ribbon.

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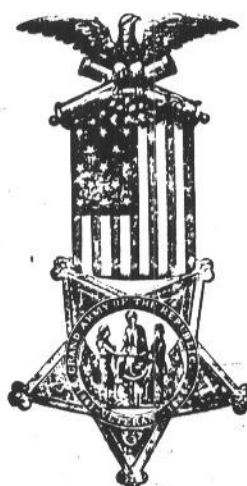


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Has my New G. A. R. Silver-Plated Pin at the top, cut fish-tail at bottom.

In quantities of 25 or more... 19 cents each.  
Less than 25 or over one doz... 23 cents each.

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Has no pin at top, but plated bullion fringe at bottom, 1½ inches long; in other respects same as Style A.

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**STYLE D.**

Fine Satin Ribbon; Silver-Plated G. A. R. pin at top; Silver Bullion Fringe 1½ inches long at bottom; stamping same as Style A.

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This is the same badge which you pay other houses 30 and 35 cents each for.

**STYLE E.**

Is trimmed with Silver or Gilt Star, 1 inch in diameter at top, with pin attached; silver or gilt fringe at bottom.

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WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 14, 1867.

## "A GIGANTIC PLOT!"

The "Grand Army of the Republic" is the name of a formidable Radical military organization which has been for some time forming to back up Congress when the Radical leaders think the time has come to depose President Johnson. It seems the organization was first started to help Union soldiers, and, after a sufficient number of veterans of all parties had been roped in, the machinery was seized upon by the Radicals, who have been secretly but efficiently enrolling their followers until now they claim to have half a million men pledged to take the field when the signal is given. This is, doubtless, an exaggeration, but they are strong enough to issue general orders, the first of which appeared in their organ, the *Tribune*, yesterday.

It is noticeable that the leaders of this dangerous body are all anti Grant men. Butler is understood to head the organization in New England, and General Rush C. Hawkins, who has published his dislike of the Lieutenant-General, is the Head Centre in New York. The conspiracy is evidently aimed at the whole civil and military power of the republic. Chaos is coming.—*New York World*, Feb. 9.

The *New York World* of Saturday last contained the above unwarranted and gross attack editorially upon the Grand Army, and a column article on the same subject, with a flaming caption, pretending to reveal what it pleased to style "A Gigantic Plot." We do not know whether to admire most the affected alarm of the *World* or the ingenuity of its attempt to get up a sensation.

The publication in the *Tribune* of General Order No. 6, G. A. R., Department of New York, which will be found in another column of this paper, is made the occasion of the *World's* pretended startling disclosures. The most charitable supposition in the matter is that the *World* thought to get up a momentary sensation by the publication of this *canard*, and thereby make sale of a few extra copies of that copper-faced sheet.

If the *World's* misstatements and false representations were coverable by the cloak of ignorance, they might be forgiven, even that unpardonable copperhead organ, but it is not to be supposed that a daily newspaper published in the city of New York is so ignorant as to believe the statements made by the *World*, to be true.

That paper knows, or ought to know, that the leading men connected with the Grand Army are not "anti-Grant" men. It knows or ought to know that General Butler does not "head the organization in New England." It knows or ought to know that General Hawkins is not the chief officer of the organization in New York. It ought to know and does know that the Grand Army of the Republic is not a "conspiracy aimed at the whole civil and military power of the Republic." The whole of this is mere bosh, and the *World* knew it when it gave utterance to the above libel upon the soldiers of the loyal Army.

That General Hawkins is a member of the Grand Army is true; that General Butler will be is quite possible. They were both soldiers in the Union Army, and it is quite natural that they should sympathize with the patriotic and charitable objects of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is equally natural that the *World*, whose malignant hatred for the Union cause and the Union Army while it was battling in the field for the preservation of the Republic is still fresh in the memory of many, should now assail the same band of Union soldiers, associated in a peaceful brotherhood to take care of their disabled comrades and provide food and clothing for widows and orphans whose homes were made desolate by an accursed rebellion.

The *World* but proves itself true to its instincts in this instance. It maligns the Union

soldier who fought to uphold the Government, but it is the ready champion of the traitors who tried to destroy it. The *World* can in no way damage General Grant so much as to speak in his praise, and the same is true in regard to the national volunteer army which served under him.

"Chaos is coming" to copperheads and traitors, that's all.

If the editor of the *World* wished to dash out his own brains, he has exhibited great sagacity in selecting the Grand Army of the Republic against which to throw himself; Gibraltar would not have served his purpose better.

## RAPID GROWTH OF THE G. A. R.

No organization in this country ever had so rapid growth in numbers and influence as the Grand Army of the Republic. Its encampments and posts are springing into existence all over the land, and it will not be long before every State which sent soldiers into the field to defend the Republic will be fully organized, and have enrolled as members nearly all its returned soldiers. These veterans have shared together the toil and hardships, the exposure and fatigue of the camp and the march, and the dangers and the glory of the battle-fields, and their experiences have bound them together by the strongest ties.

Tens of thousands of their comrades have fallen by their sides, fighting for the cause of liberty and their country, and the widows and orphans of these fallen heroes demand of the country protection and tender care. It is among the first objects of the Grand Army to provide for the wants of those whose natural protectors have given their lives a sacrifice on the altar of our country. No more sacred obligation could be imposed upon a people than this; no more worthy object could enlist the soul-sympathies and earnest efforts of the patriotic.

It is most natural that soldiers should be among the foremost in this great and good work. Every true man must not only wish them God speed, but aid them to the extent of his ability and the necessities around him. The enthusiasm with which the work of organized effort has been entered upon is an earnest that the citizen soldier will not forget his obligations to his country or to the families of his fallen comrades.

A GOOD IDEA.—A correspondent suggests that every soldier of the Union Army ought to be supplied with a badge of honor recognizing his services in the late war, to be worn on the front of his coat, and says the country is not safe until the Union soldiers can wear this badge and pass unmolested in any part of the Union. The idea is not a bad one, and tried by this test the country can hardly be considered safe at the present time.

KANSAS.—Comrade JNO. N. MARTIN, Commander Department of Kansas, G. A. R., in a letter from which we publish an extract in another column, speaks encouragingly of the prospects of the Grand Army in that Department.

A bill has been introduced in the Indiana Legislature to exempt soldiers' widows from taxation.

[Published by Authority.]

HEADQUARTERS  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
SPRINGFIELD ILL., January 27, 1867.

[General Orders No. —.]

Comrade L. Edwin Dudley is hereby appointed Provisional Commander Department of the Potomac, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of S. A. HURLBUT,  
Official. *Commander-in-Chief.*  
B. F. STEPHENSON,  
*Adjutant General.*

[Published by Authority.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, February 6, 1867.

[General Orders, No. 6.]

I. The following named Comrades are hereby detailed and announced as members of the provisional staff of the Department on duty at these Headquarters:

Major George T. Stevens, aide-de-camp and assistant inspector general.

Brevet Lieutenant Francis W. Parsons, aide-de-camp.

They will be respected accordingly, and are hereby authorized to establish and organize Posts in localities not under the jurisdiction of district commanders, announced in orders from these headquarters.

II. The following named Comrades are hereby detailed and announced as temporary Commanders of their respective districts, which are designated as follows:

District of Manhattan, comprising the city and county of New York, with headquarters at the Bible House, Brevet Brigadier General Rush C. Hawkins.

District of Oneida, comprising the county of the same name, with headquarters at Utica, Major David E. Ritchie.

They will at once assume command, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. To prevent informality in the muster-in of recruits in this Department, it is hereby announced for the information of this command that recruits will be mustered only in regularly constituted Posts, and by District Commanders in the establishment of Posts, except by the Grand Commander, an officer of his Staff, or by special authority from these headquarters. The attention of officers is particularly called to articles 5, 9, 11, and 15, of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the strict enforcement of its provisions especially enjoined. Staff officers will be enrolled as members of Posts, and reported by the Posts to which they belong as upon detached service.

By order of the Grand Commander.  
FRANK J. BRAMHALL,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

Official.

D. VAN SCHAICK,  
*Aide-de-camp.*

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.—The good people of Blair county, Pa., know how to appreciate the services and keep in memory the fallen braves. The total amount received at the late fair at Altoona was \$4,208 18; which is to be appropriated for the erection of a soldiers' monument in the Altoona Fairview Cemetery. It is hoped the monument will be completed and ready to dedicate on the 4th of July next.

Illinois is to give \$20,000 for a picture of the battle of Mission Ridge, because many soldiers of the State were engaged there.

Robert Lyon, a soldier of 1812, died on Thursday last, at Lewisburg, Pa., in his eightieth year.

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the battle with three more to die of wounds later. Colegrove was reported to have been the first man killed in the battle from the 1st. Michigan, giving him the distinction of being the first man from Michigan to die in the Civil War. A survey of the field after the battle discovered the fact that the Michigan dead were found nearest the enemys works. General Keintzelman's report stated, "The 1st. Michigan on the extreme reight held 'he most advanced position we occupied that isastrous day."

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encourage all GAR people to purchase a table and be a part of the show. Bring some of your choice items for display and share your special area of collecting with others. When other collectors know of your speciality many new sources develop. A six foot table is only \$14 for two days and will give you part for display and part for trade. Table holders receive free admission for two for both days (value 6.00) and a special pack from local merchants. During the 1st. Encampment, almost one-half of the items changed hands because of trades. If you can only use one-half of a table, contact this office and we will try to send a name of another subscriber to share it with. On Saturday night we are planning a meeting. If any one has material to help with a GAR presentation - please write. If we can bend Bob Marcottes arm, we will have an 8mm film clip of a GAR veterans fife and drum group with sound. (It is in good hands Bob, don't worry) *RLH.*

AUGUST WENTZ POST No. 1. — G. A. R.  
WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY!

GRAND BALL and CAMP FIRE!

February 22d, 1884,

At the GERMAN THEATRE.

MUSIC BY STRASSER'S UNION BAND.

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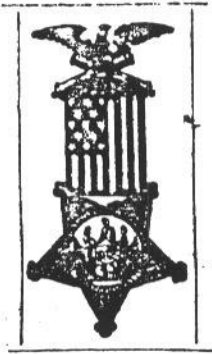
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I have this day forwarded to you the Charter ~~and~~ Rituals belonging to Stansell Post. I am sorry to say that our Post has disbanded a few of us has carried the Post for the past five years. Election night we could not get enough of the <sup>Post</sup> boys out to call to order. It was thought best by comrades present to make one more effort to get enough to gather at our next Regular meeting to settle the matter. We succeeded and it was decided by a majority present to disband. We have endeavored to close up the Post affairs honorably ~~and~~ in accordance with the Rules ~~and~~ Regulations of the G. A. R. - Yours in G. A. R. C. V. K. Pond