

G. A. R. MEETS AT BOSTON

National Encampment One of the Most Successful Ever Held—Thirty-Five Thousand Old Soldiers Parade.

For days all roads north, east, south and west led to the Hub, as thousands of members of the Grand Army of the Republic and their friends were on their way to the city to attend the national encampment.

There was an attendance of between 35,000 and 60,000 at the encampment.

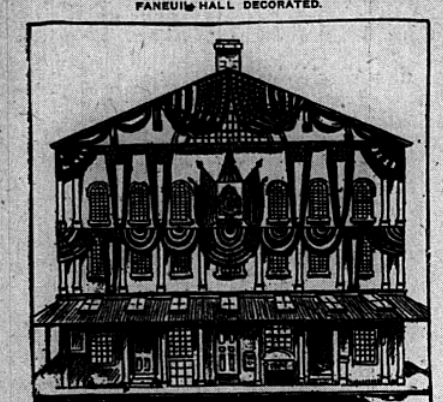
That this will be the last great encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic is the general impression. The veterans are passing away so rapidly that even a year makes it impossible for thousands to be present at these annual gatherings, and a parade of 35,000—the number in line at this encampment—probably never will be seen again.

The spectacular feature of the encampment was the parade, Illinois led the right of the line, Wisconsin fol-

lowing. One of the divisions of the parade constituted the largest automobile parade ever organized—some 700 motor cars carrying veterans too old to march. At the conclusion of the parade the automobiles continued on over the "Paul Revere route" to Lexington and Concord and back to Boston.

There were in the parade more Confederate veterans than ever before attended a Grand Army encampment in the North, special efforts having been made to secure the presence of the men of the gray.

At the national G. A. R. headquarters the attendance by states, not including Massachusetts, was reported as follows:



FANEUIL HALL DECORATED.

Faneuil hall, the headquarters of the Sons of Veterans during the national encampment, it was decided that the edifice should be the "cradle of liberty" in 1776, and in which the first note of revolt against British oppression was uttered—a banner reading "No taxation without representation" was hoisted in its interior.

But it was thought that the exterior should be adorned with something, and as the Adams Square end, facing the statue of Sam Houston, was most conspicuous, it was sufficiently decorated to call forth the admiration of the multitudes who passed by.

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At the national encampment of the S. and V., many prominent members were present, including several veterans of the civil war, among whom were R. M. J. Reed, who is chief of staff and commander of the military department; F. H. B. McDowell, commander of the Wisconsin division; F. J. Kellogg, commander of the Michigan division; E. C. Parkinson, constitutional file member; T. A. Barton, past commander of Rhode Island division, and W. B. Coffinberry, past commander of the Michigan division.

The museum of Fine Arts was open during the encampment free to all veterans.

In the Grand Parade.

The parade left the corner of Dartmouth street and Commonwealth avenue at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, and the first halt called was at Beacon street, opposite Joy street, so that the formation of the line could be perfected before passing in review.

The march then continued until the corner of Tremont and Boylston streets was reached, when a second reviewing halt was made to allow the commander-in-chief and his staff to dismount and take their places in the reviewing stand on Boylston street. Each of these stops were about ten minutes long.

Alabama	20
Arkansas	20
California	20
Connecticut	2,000
Delaware	20
Florida	20
Georgia	20
Illinois	200
Indiana	20
Iowa	20
Kansas	20
Kentucky	20
Michigan	20
Minnesota	20
Missouri	20
Montana	20
Nebraska	20
Nevada	20
New Hampshire	20
New Jersey	20
New Mexico	20
New York	4,000
North Carolina	20
Ohio	20
Oklahoma	20
Oregon	20
Pennsylvania	20
Rhode Island	20
Tennessee	20
Vermont	20
Virginia	20
Wisconsin	20
Total	55,000

There were more than 35,000 men in the line. In the parade of 1890, the last held in Boston, the route was 1/4 mile long, and from the time the march began until the commander-in-chief mounted his reviewing stand it was just two hours and ten minutes.

On the day of the parade seats were reserved on grand stands for men and war veterans. There are a few of the survivors of that war still living in New England, among the ex-

ecutive committee desired to honor. One of the inspiring sights of the encampment was the living sag, 3,000 boys and girls assembled at the head of Temple place on a raised platform. For over a month Mrs. Lou Stuart Wadsworth had them in rehearsal, and in the passage of the procession they sang the following: "America," "The Star Spangled Banner," "Marching Through Georgia," "The Battle Cry of Freedom," "Kehlers' American Hymn," "Freedom's Land," "Dixie," "Hall Columbia" and "The Red, White and Blue."

One of the most interesting features in connection with these encampments is the national reunions which take place, as at these gatherings old comrades meet and shake the hands of their old time mates and recall events of long ago.

The climax came swiftly and unexpectedly. After the military guard sent here to protect the prisoners had been overcome the condemned men were seized. They were told that they had but a short time to live and that they should confess. The mob intended to take the men to the Hodges place, but the heat was so intense that the members were scattered when two of the six miles had been traversed.

Reed made a confession, and implicated several other negroes, as he had during the trial. Several members of the mob were taken by the branches of a tree and called for ropes.

"Burn them. Burn them!" shouted the crowd. Cato begged to be shot or hanged, saying he was innocent. Some of the more humane wanted to grant his request, but they were in the minority. They rest wanted to visit the same death upon the negroes that they had visited upon the Hodges family.

A member of the mob made a speech repeating the horrors of the crime. This inflamed the crowd to a burning pitch. To a large stump twelve feet high the men were chained, and their backs to the stump. With trace chains the men were lashed to the stump.

Then a wagonload of pine wood was hauled to the spot. It was piled around the neck of the negroes and of kerosene was thrown over them.

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Cheers rent the air as men, almost crazed with hatred of the accused, saw the flames spread. Just as the match was applied the cry one of those that Reed asked Reed if he wanted to tell the truth before he died.

"Yes, sir; I killed Mr. and Mrs. Hodges," he replied.

"Who killed the children?" he was asked.

"Handy Bell," came the response, as the flames leaped upward and further questioning was impossible in the tumult. As the flames touched Reed he retained his head around in an effort to choke himself and avoid the torture. Only once did he complain. He said: "Lord, have mercy."

Sight Is Ghastly.

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Before the flames had quenched Cato's life, the rope was burned in two and his head swung from side to side as he endeavored to avoid the fiery tongue, but the close locked chains prevented. For only about three minutes was he visible to the crowd before the great pile of kerosene made a wall of flame which the wind wiped around on Cato's body and hid him from view. He was the first to exhibit unconsciousness and was perhaps the first dead. Soon his head sank forward and some of the more excited members of the party began throwing light wood on the victim.

In Hunt for Sevens.

As soon as that was seen that the men were dead the crowd began to disperse. A large number remained behind, however, piling more fuel, until both bodies were burned away the door at her house. The coroner said the body indicated that she has been dead several days. The cause of her death is unknown. She has no relatives in Marion. Friends in Loganport were notified and the body was removed to a morgue.

The mammoth structure, which was a feature incident to the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Mechanics building on Huntington avenue, and was designed by the architect and the two wings, in design appropriate to the occasion and in harmony with the architecture.

In the center was an old painting of heroic size of the man of Appomattox, for and the purpose was to show every word of his declaration of small letters on the wall of the building. The painting was a reproduction of the man and the two wings, in design appropriate to the occasion and in harmony with the architecture.

BURN THE NEGROES AT THE STAKE

Georgia Mob Overpowers the Militia and Secures the Prisoners.

BOTH HAD BEEN CONDEMNED

Victims Are Chained to Stump While Pine Wood is Piled Up About Them and Soaked With Kerosene Oil.

Statesboro, Ga., dispatch: Paul Reed and Will Cato, negroes, tried, convicted and sentenced to be hanged for a murder in the murder and burning of Henry Hodges, wife and three children, six miles from Statesboro, three weeks ago, were burned at the stake by a Tuesday.

It is alleged that the deputy sheriffs were in league with the lynchers and aided them in overpowering the soldiers. Capt. Robert H. Hitch, commanding the troops, was seized by a stalwart deputy and hustled down the stairs and out on the lawn where a crowd massed about him. His revolver and sword were taken from him. When he fought his way back upstairs the prisoners were gone.

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FIND LONE WIDOW LYING DEAD

Woman Who Lived by Herself Meets Strange Fate at Marion, Ind.

Marion, Ind., dispatch: Mrs. Cora Rhodes, 45 years old, a widow who lived alone, was found dead on the floor at her house. The coroner said the body indicated that she has been dead several days. The cause of her death is unknown. She has no relatives in Marion. Friends in Loganport were notified and the body was removed to a morgue.

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STATE WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN

Good Weather for Thrashing—Fine Yield of Corn is Assured.

The weekly crop bulletin for the week ended Aug. 15 says: Very favorable weather prevailed for thrashing operations and considerable fall crops have been done. Corn has reached the stage of development where a good crop is assured with, reasonable weather, but the crop is beginning to suffer for rain and unless showers come soon injury will ensue.

The thrashing of oats has proceeded and is nearing completion. In the northern section the yield is good, but in the central and southern districts the output is below the average. The quality of the grain is good. Wheat thrashing is nearly over, with yields below average. The quality ranges from fair to good. Rye and barley are giving good results. Buckwheat continues putting in a fair crop of excellent quality has been secured. The outlook for timothy seed is promising. A large potato crop is indicated. Tomatoes are well developed and ripening fast.

Grapes and plums will be abundant; pears are fairly promising; in some places apples are better than anticipated, but the general condition is very disappointing.

SHIRTS ARE FIRED AT ZIEGLER

British Takes Place as Result of the Importing of Men.

A skirmish has taken place at the pumping station on the Little Muddy River, where the water for the town of Ziegler is secured. Three wagon loads of men and several on foot were traced from the point of attack. Men at work at the station were fired on from across the river. Three men were killed and three were wounded. The emergency guard at the central station in Ziegler was called, and on arriving forced the river and captured a man.

Sunday School Convention.

The sessions of the Coles county Sunday-school convention were held at Lerna, with a large attendance. The following county officers were elected: President, C. R. Adair, Charleston; vice president, George T. Rogers, Jacksonville; secretary-treasurer, Miss Marietta Neel, Mattoon; president of normal department, C. N. Finley, Cooke Mills; president of primary department, Mrs. Finley Collins, Mattoon.

Demand Pump Inside Levee.

Farmers the southwestern portion of the Santa Fe drainage district have complained that surface water has damaged several hundred acres of corn, and they demand a pump inside the levee to obviate any further damage. The board of levee commissioners have the matter under consideration.

Good Price for Land.

D. A. Taylor, a well-known farmer of Sangamon valley, has purchased the Kibler land near Ashland. There are fifty-three acres in the tract, for which Mr. Taylor paid \$123 per acre.

Starts on 105th Year.

"Daddy" Frank Spilon, who is said to be the oldest person in the state, passed his 104th milestone in the race of life Aug. 9. He has kept a tavern in Vernon for over fifty years.

Seeks to Recover Money.

George Nash of Palmer has commenced suit in the circuit court here to recover \$200 from George Beck, M. J. Elliott and Oscar Vandever, which he says he lost gambling.

Southern Illinois Reunion.

The twenty-second annual reunion of the southern Illinois soldiers and sailors will be held in the grove at St. Johns on Sept. 14, 15 and 16.

Hotel at Kenney Burns.

The depot hotel at Kenney, a large frame building, the oldest landmark in town, was totally destroyed by fire at 1 o'clock Sunday morning.

Boxer Has Ribs Broken.

While boxing with a friend at Quincy, Joseph Sheridan, 26, had two ribs broken. He was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Improves the Schools.

The Decatur school board has ordered new systems of heating to be installed in all the school buildings in the city.

Gets Federal Job.

Dr. W. L. Cohaner of Taylorville has been appointed a government meat inspector, with headquarters at St. Louis.

Leaves Big Estate.

The will of the late A. G. Barnes was filed for probate in the county court at Taylorville. The estate is valued at \$400,000. D. W. Johnston and R. L. Barnes are named as executors of the will.

Car Door Injures Man.

William Melvin of West Alton was badly hurt as a result of the door of his car striking him. He was walking between two railroad tracks, when the door of a car swung open and struck his head.

FARMERS ENTER PHONE FIELD

Seek to Enter into Competition With Bell and Kindred Companies.

Farmers living in the vicinity of Alton may enter into active competition with the Bell and Kinloch telephone companies, according to a statement made by John S. Culp of Fosterburg when he appeared as spokesman for a committee before the Alton city council, asking for a franchise for the new farmers' telephone system. The farmers have been unable to get concessions they desire for making connections with the existing telephone lines leading to Alton, and the new company plans to build into Alton, for the accommodation of establishments that desire to be connected with the rural districts. Mr. Culp said that the farmers' company had 1,500 subscribers, and that its system forms a network about the city of Alton. The council deferred action.

Recover His Property.

A remarkable incident has just been reported at Geneseo. Joseph Stafford is an aged resident of that place. He deeded to a son the homestead, with the alleged understanding that the son should be taken care of. No sooner was the deed recorded than, according to report, an effort was made to send the old man to the country farm. He secured an injunction and also a court order directing the property back to him. If the deed is not made as provided by the court's decree, the master in chancery is directed to make the deed. In the meantime a conservator has been appointed to look after the affairs of the old gentleman.

Heavy Fine for Saloon Man.

Steve Kwiatkowski, a saloonkeeper, was before Squire Wehmyer at Nashville charged with selling intoxicants to a minor. The jury returned a verdict of guilty and Squire Wehmyer assessed a fine of \$200 and costs. Habeas corpus proceedings were immediately instituted by Kwiatkowski and Circuit Judge Charles T. Moore released him from the city jail on an appeal bond.

From an Episcopaloid.

Francis Edwards, principal of the Oakville Evangelical parochial school, has resigned to accept a similar position in Chicago.

Washington County Schools.

From the annual report of County Superintendent C. L. Edwards, the following important facts concerning the Washington county schools are taken: Number of children of school age, 6,570; total number of schools in hilly county, 38; teachers employed, 114; number of districts having libraries, 25; highest salary paid, \$115; estimated value of school property, \$82,880; estimated value of libraries, \$1,560; amount of bonded school debt, \$10,055.15; district tax levy, \$30.993.2.

Rural Carriers Organize.

The rural letter carriers of Sangamon county met in Springfield and effected an organization to be known as the Rural Letter Carriers' association of Sangamon county. They elected the following officers: President, Edward L. Mowery, Springfield; vice-president, Frank R. Springer, Springfield; secretary-treasurer, L. C. Byers, Rochester; sergeant-at-arms, John R. Wolgamot, Springfield.

Sabbath School Meeting.

The Sunday school convention of Ashley township will be held in Ashley on Saturday, Sept. 15. P. R. Glotfelty of Oakville will lecture, and Miss Margaret Smith of Oakdale and James P. Courtney of this city will be the speakers. Rev. J. W. Allen of Ashley will be superintendent of the convention.

Practical Case Victim.

George Cochran, who has been working on a farm on the Caseyville road for the past few months, was arrested at East St. Louis, charged with stealing a horse. He says that the owner of the animal gave him permission to ride it and he said that then telephoned ahead to have him arrested.

Burglars Chloroform Family.

News has just been received of the killing of J. Burns at Thebes, Ill. It is alleged that he was beating his wife, when she seized a revolver and emptied the contents into his body. They were formerly engaged in the restaurant business at Mill Creek, and he shot a constable there.

Lightning Kills Cane Man.

Arthur Holman of Cane was killed by lightning. Deceased leaves a widow and five small children. He was insured in the Modern Woodmen for \$1,000.

Builds Temporary Dam.

Sept. 15th, 1904, of Centralia, with a large force of men, is constructing a temporary dam across Crooked creek above the old Illinois Central stone dam, which has developed a bad leak. The dam is to be repaired.

Demand Heavy Damages.

Henry Needles, of Centralia, the licensee who was killed by a live wire about two weeks ago, has filed suit for \$10,000 against the Bellville Gas and Electric company.

NEGRO WOMAN IS STABBED

Serious Result of All-Day Drinking Bout Between Blacks.

Edna Martin, colored, was stabbed in the abdomen by William Thomas, also colored, on Broadway near the viaduct in East St. Louis. Directly after the stabbing Thomas started to run in the direction of St. Louis, but was pursued by Detective Logan of the East Side and captured near the center of Eads bridge and locked up in the East Side police station. The woman was sent to St. Mary's hospital, where her wounds were pronounced as fatal. It is known of her in East St. Louis, but it is believed that she came from Alabama several weeks ago. It was stated that she was cutting up the fruit of a disturbance that occurred in an East Side saloon, where the man and woman, together with a number of other negroes, had been drinking. It was claimed by witnesses that the woman struck Thomas before he cut her.

Breach of Promise Suit.

Miss Ollie Atchinson of Grand Tower has filed suit for breach of promise against Patrick H. McCann, a wealthy railroad contractor now residing in Monroe county, Indiana. Mr. McCann lived at Grand Tower until one year ago, and Miss Atchinson avers in her bill that he had asked her to marry him and that she has promised to do so. She says they kept company for a long time. In April, 1904, McCann was married to Miss Ella Teresa Kerr of Indiana, and she is now visiting in Grand Tower. Miss Atchinson asks \$5,000 damages.

Short-Change Charge.

A woman giving her name as Miss Jennie Smith, but who refused to divulge her place of residence, is a prisoner in the county jail at Nashville. On the complaint of a merchant of Ashley she was given a preliminary hearing before Squire Munday in that city and bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$400, charged with making the "short change racket." Mrs. E. H. Sawyer, wife of a merchant at Beaucoupe, has sworn out a warrant against the Smith woman on the same charge.

Centenarian in Poorhouse.

Mrs. Caroline Edwards of North Alton, who claims to be 109 years of age, was taken to the Madison county poorhouse at her own request. Supervisor Elble has been giving her assistance for many years, but recently she became totally incapacitated to do anything for herself. She walked to the depot and was taken to Edwardville by Assistant Supervisor Russell. Mrs. Edwards has no children.

Fails Attempt at Suicide.

Grieving over the disappearance of his son, who was killed some time ago, Joseph Weber, of Springfield, attempted to end his life by drinking carbolic acid. Before going to his room he kissed all the members of the family good night. One of them happening to enter his room later saw Weber in the act of swallowing the bottle of acid, and he knocked the bottle out of the man's hands.

Bonus for Electric Line.

The citizens of Mount Vernon have subscribed for many years for the Southern electric railway, which is to be built from East St. Louis to that city. The bonds of the company have been contracted to a New York banking firm, but the bankers are not giving an indemnifying bond that the road will be constructed.

Banner for G. A. R. Post.

At meeting at Stephenson post No. 30, G. A. R., at Springfield, Gen. Alfred Oresford, in an eloquent speech on behalf of Mrs. B. H. Ferguson, presented to the city of Quincy a banner, which will be given as a permanent banner. It will be carried by the post on its trip to the national encampment at Boston, Mass.

To Appraise Condemned Property.

The Nashville city council has passed an ordinance empowering the mayor to name an appraiser of condemned property in the city if the owner refuses to do so after due notice. This ruling is made with a view of removing several unightly buildings on prominent streets in the city.

For Better Streets.

The Decatur city council has authorized the street and alley committees to purchase \$5,000 brick for street paving purposes.

Old Settlers' Reunion.

The annual reunion of the Montgomery County Old Settlers' association will be held at Hillsboro on Thursday, September 1.

Ranch Company Elects Officers.

The Quincy Ranch company, with headquarters at Captain, N. M., has been incorporated for \$50,000. George R. Stewart and J. W. Jewell of Quincy were elected president and secretary, respectively.

National Farmers' Meeting.

The next national convention of the Farmers' social and economic union, an organization which originated in southern Illinois, will be held in Champaign the fourth Thursday of June, 1905.