

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT

QUINTET OF PAST COMMANDERS HERE

Of the Fourteen, Five Are Quar-
tered at the Knutsford
Hotel.

PLEASED WITH RECEPTION.

Among them is Corporal James Tan-
ner of Washington, Who Was Fac-
tor in Bringing G. A. R. Here.

Of 14 past commanders-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic now living, five are present in Salt Lake City. They are quartered at the Knutsford hotel and each had a good word for Salt Lake and its reception to the Grand Army.

Gen. S. S. Burdett of Washington, D. C., commander-in-chief of G. A. R. during 1885, said: "We are more than pleased with the reception accorded the veterans by Salt Lake. This will be one of the memorable encampments in the history of the Grand Army."

Ell Torrance of Minneapolis, Minn., commander-in-chief in 1901, expressed himself as being highly pleased with the prospects for a most successful encampment. "Your city is doing it up in the true western style," said Gen. Torrance, "and the encampment cannot but be successful."

John R. King of Baltimore, Md., was commander-in-chief in 1904. "It looks good to me," said Gen. King. "We are having the time of our lives. Salt Lake is a good town. It's going to be a big encampment."

CORPORAL JAMES TANNER.
Not least in the quintet of illustrious Grand Army men who were at the head of the organization and who are now present in Salt Lake, is "Corporal" James Tanner of Washington, D. C. "Corporal" Tanner will always be held in affectionate remembrance by the people of Salt Lake for the part he played in bringing the forty-third G. A. R. encampment to Salt Lake. At the critical moment in the Toledo encampment last year, "Corporal" Tanner delivered a speech in favor of Salt Lake that turned the tide in favor of this city, and the vote was overwhelmingly for Salt Lake for 1908.

"I am not sorry I worked for Salt Lake," said Gen. Tanner. "While this will not be the biggest encampment we have had, yet the brains of the organization—the thinking men of the Grand Army—will be here. It will be a most successful encampment." Gen. Tanner is accompanied by his daughters, Miss Tanner and Miss Antoinette Tanner.

Gen. Charles G. Burton, who was commander-in-chief in 1908, is one of the leading spirits of the Grand Army. He talked interestingly of his former visits

Who's Who and What's What.

Among the distinguished guests at the Knutsford is John McElroy, past senior commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., and past commander of the department of the Potomac. Mr. McElroy has for 27 years been the editor of the National Tribune, the soldiers' paper at Washington. He is recognized as one of the best living authorities on the history of the Civil war, and he is now engaged in writing a number of histories of different features of the war. Gen. McElroy is being strongly pushed for commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. for 1911, and he has many friends on the ground who are urging him to consent to run for the office. "The encampment is bound to be a success," said Gen. McElroy. "I am glad the Grand Army came to Salt Lake. It is a liberal education to the members of the Army who have never been west before, also to thousands of eastern and western visitors who have always wanted to come to Salt Lake."

One of the pleasing events accompanying the arrival of the Commander-in-chief at his headquarters Saturday evening was the serenade given him by the Ladies' G. A. R. band of this city. In response to the serenade Rev. John Fletcher Spence, A. M., L. L. D., Chaplain-in-chief of the Grand Army, spoke to the band in behalf of the commander, thanking them for their consideration and sweet music.

Spence is from sunny Tennessee, and besides his activity in Grand Army matters he is a well known educator in the southern state. He is the founder of the American Temperance university of Harvard, Tenn., and served from 1883, for 10 years as its chancellor.

Rev. Spence spoke from the pulpit of the first M. E. church yesterday and has accepted an invitation to address the members of the local Y. M. C. A. next Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Ida Shotts Pentreath, chairman of the national Executive board of the Women's Relief Corps, is also quartered at the Knutsford. Mrs. Pentreath expressed her pleasure at visit-

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THE MAN WHO DID NOT GO TO CHURCH YESTERDAY DECORATED



Photo By Harry Shipley.

TYPICAL HOME DECORATION ON THIRD AVENUE.

The (tiny clink of the hammer striking the tack sounded merrily throughout the residential sections of the city yesterday—and the sound was itself a sufficient and good excuse for the errant church-going husband. That it was a good one, far better than the promise of a basketful of trout, or the enticing prospect of the shade of the canyons or park resorts, was seen in the ready willingness of the good housewife and gentle mother to aid and abet in the excuse for absence from the church and to even assist.

It was all for the G. A. R. For the past week the husband and head of the house has been seeing the decorations go up down town, turning the business section into a mass of well-

coming color. He was satisfied with that, and really thought they had done fairly well—and quietly waited until his day of rest. The rest day was put in showing the business section that it could not outvie the residences.

Long before Sunday morning breakfast time the head of the house was out in working clothes, a bundle of bunting and flags in both arms and equipped with a plentiful supply of tacks. Then the tap, tap, tap, interspersed with sounds that can't well be spelled as occasionally the hammer would slip and find a resting place on the thumb. The smashed thumb, the strenuous toilsome labors to get a corner of the flag in its proper place, or the bunting to hang in draping folds as the artistic eye of the head of the house thought it should hang, just to show the helpmate that he did know what he was doing—these were all forgotten

went through the northwest, and here I am. I will remain here until about Friday.

"Salt Lake City is certainly a beautiful city, and her citizens have done themselves proud in caring for us old fellows. I want to say, also, that the organ recital which I attended made an impression upon me that will last to the end of my days. It was the grandest music I ever listened to."

Capt. W. D. McMahon, formerly a company commander in the Sixty-fifth Illinois Highlanders, and before that a soldier in Mulligan's Irish brigade from Chicago, is a prominent visitor. His regiment was "up against it" at Lexington, Mo., where it was captured by the rebel General Price, and paroled. The command was for six days and five nights without anything to eat, and all they had to drink was what water they could squeeze out of their blankets after a heavy rain.

Capt. W. A. Garner of Trinidad, Colo., represents the Second Tennessee Mounted volunteers, at this encampment, the only member of that command, it is believed, present.

The only Nevada veteran visible yesterday was R. H. Connor of McDermit mining camp, who served in the Thirty-seventh Indiana infantry. He looked as though he felt lonely.

Three Vermont men are in town, veterans of the war. They are Rodgers, formerly of Pittsfield, Mass., and of the Forty-ninth Massachusetts infantry, Frank Goodman, of the First New Jersey cavalry, and Charles McMahon of the Fifty-eighth Ohio infantry. Mr. Goodman has not seen another member of his regiment for many years.

New Mexico sends less than a dozen veterans to the encampment. A prominent member of the delegation is Ed Johnson of Albuquerque, who has been in the territory for 20 years.

Former Attorney General W. A. Ketchum of Indiana, and a veteran of the Thirtieth Indiana infantry, is at the Knutsford from Indianapolis. Col. Ketchum is a prominent candidate for the office of the commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., and is making a strong fight. At the age of 19 he was a company commander in his regiment, and saw long and active service during the Civil war. He is also a graduate of Dartmouth college, class of '67, and is therefore a classmate of Rev. Dr. Mc-Niece of this city, who showed the visitor about town yesterday afternoon.

Col. Phil Cheek, past commander of the department of Wisconsin and one of the national Grand Army officers, is at the Knutsford, which is the headquarters of the department. He has not missed an encampment since the organization was formed. As usual, he is making his comrades and visitors to his headquarters as comfortable as possible. Between times Col. Cheek is darting about the city seeing the sights.

Corporal James Tanner of the Eighty-seventh New York volunteers, who lost both his legs in the second battle of Bull Run, is attending the encampment. He left the tailor's bench when he was an apprentice to join the army and to his occupation he contributes the loss of his legs. He was sitting cross-legged when a shell fell in his lap and exploded. He was carried to the hospital, where he lay for months before he recovered. He is now known as a clever politician and a wonderful orator.

L. E. O'Donnell of Chicago, who fought through the war with the Sixty-fourth Ohio infantry, is making badges as usual for his comrades. He has attended 25 encampments and every year he meets some of his old friends who order badges from him. He made

BIG CROWD TO WELCOME CHIEF

Five Thousand at Depot to Greet
Gen. Henry M. Nevius
And Staff.

COMPLIMENTS SALT LAKE.

And Predicts One of the Best if Not
The Largest Encampment
In G. A. R. Annals.

The arrival of Commander-in-Chief Henry M. Nevius, and his staff over the Oregon Short Line at 9:30 Saturday evening was the signal for the throwing out of the latch string of every house in Salt Lake City in welcome of the veterans and visitors to the forty-third encampment of the G. A. R. The train was four hours behind schedule, but there were nearly 5,000 people at the depot to meet the commander. The official delegation to extend welcome to Commander Nevius consisted of a delegation from the department of Utah, headed by Department Commander Lucian H. Smyth. Traveling direct to Salt Lake from New Jersey, the commander-in-chief and the members of his party were worn and fatigued and as soon as possible the party was driven to the national headquarters of the G. A. R. at the Knutsford hotel, but not before Commander Nevius took occasion to compliment Salt Lake upon the welcome she had extended to the party and to the G. A. R. in its forty-third encampment.

"I am simply delighted with Salt Lake," said he; "I cannot put it too strongly. Your city has outdone itself in preparing for this encampment. I am satisfied with everything, and I am confident that this will be one of the best, if not the largest, encampment in the history of the Grand Army."

LIST OF STAFF.
Accompanying the commander-in-chief were the following: Adjutant General Frank O. Cole and wife of Jersey City, N. J.; Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits of Buffalo; Chaplain-in-chief John F. Spence, Knoxville, Ind.; Assistant Quartermaster General J. Henry Holcomb of Philadelphia; William J. Patterson of Pittsburgh, member of the national executive committee; Past Commander-in-Chief, Ell Torrance of Minneapolis; Past Commander-in-Chief C. G. Burton, Nevada; Miss Clara F. Koober of Chicago, president of the Daughters of Veterans; Mrs. Genevieve Hager Longfield Lane of Chicago, president of the Ladies of the G. A. R.; Mrs. Mary E. Gilman of Boston, president of the Woman's Relief corps; J. R. Wees and wife of Jersey City, N. J.; S. H. Valley of Denver, past commander-in-chief; D. C. King of Baltimore, and Mrs. Nellie Roberts of Kansas City.

Joel Hume, a mining man from Osceola, Nev., and a member of company I, One Hundred and Thirteen Illinois, is watching every train for his brother, John H. Hume of the Fourth Illinois cavalry, whom he has not seen in 20 years. Hume is at the Wilson hotel.

Every veteran is a story teller of more or less merit, and one of the most interesting to reach Salt Lake City is Gen. Benjamin F. Bryant of La Crosse, Wis., past commander of the department of Wisconsin, and one of the best informed authorities on Civil war affairs in the country. As he sat in the Knutsford hotel yesterday he told of the dramatic aspects of the battle of Chickamauga and the "Mad" Gordon Granger's troops and how they saved the day. The story as told by Gen. Bryant shows how Gen. Granger broke orders and came to the assistance of Thomas' army just as it was about to break. The howling yelping and under Granger came over the hills like a pack of wolves and 3,500 strong they swept down to the assistance of the beleaguered troops and the day was carried.

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