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CHAPTER I.

Jim Denver, the Detective, and His sibilities there for more rapid ad-Great Scheme.

"I believe this is Louis Lang?" "It is."

"Well, how are you to-day?" he replied, cautiously, eyeing his in- the case he had in view. terrogetor enquiringly. "Whom have

I the honor of addressing?" ing committed a murder!"

your 'lay' now?" he inquired.

"Still have hard feelings against youth.

against you, either," answered Lang. | death. "The arrest was made in the line of your duty-but I was innocent! You | rougher and tougher element of New can bet that you will have no further | York society, made it extremely hard cause to 'take' me!" The subject was for him to prove the correctness of very painful to Lang. He fidgeted his assertion; but after a year of inaround in his chair as if sitting on a carceration in the Tombs, with the libred-hot gridiron.

Copyright, 1905, by Morris C. Butler. case ended. Becoming interested in the windy city, and realizing the posvancement than he had enjoyed in his home city under municipal employment; attached himself to the staff of one of the leading private detect-"Oh, fairly well," replied the young | ive agencies, and settled down to priman addressed as Lang. He was sit- vate business. Five years before, when ting before a small table in one of in New York, he had arrested Lang the secluded corners of a high-class on suspicion of having committed saloon on Clark street, Chicago. When | murder. He had been attracted to the first accosted, the youth looked up young man since meeting him in Chiquite surprised at being spoken to, cage, and imagined that he could use and saw a very gentlemanly-looking him to good advantage, the stain personage standing before him. "You | upon the youth's name being more of certainly have the advantage of me," a desirable quality than hindrance in

Louis Lang is about twenty-five years of age. A broad-chested, me-The gentleman smiled, and drew up dium built German-American; fair a chair beside the youth. "I am Jim of face and features, save where the Denver, lately from New York," he marks of dissipation had begun to replied somewhat harshly, then in an show upon him. A few years before, undertone he added abruptly, "who while in a saloon carousing with a once arrested you on suspicion of hav- number of his associates. he became involved in a drunken brawl. In the It was a cruel stab, and Lang was | melee one of the participants was flustered for a moment, an angry killed, and Lang had been arrested for flush spreading over his face. A shud- the crime. At the trial, Lang admitder seemed to pass through his frame, | ted the possibility of his having killed that passing, he composed himself the man; if he had, it was in selfalmost immediately. "Well, what's defense. It was proven that the murdered man had first drawn a knife upon Lang. Lang in his defense me, I see," said the detective, as if claimed to only have wrested the surprised at the bitter tone of the knife away from his antagonist. He might have accidentally wounded the "I have no love for you, certainly | man, but was sure he had not struck and as far as that goes, no grudge a blow which would have caused

Lang's early association with the

eral spending of his brother's and his "Keep on in the way you are go- father's fortunes, he was liberated by

"I have a scheme to rob a colony of thieves of over a million dollars in gold."

than you expect." the table before him.

you?" "Not much!" answered Lang.

terested in the answer.

become respectable—wealthy," said | derer. the young man, fiercely.

-when you begin by throwing away detective of." what little respect and manhood you may have had left? You, and every- aid you, you can depend on me," earnone else, owe the world your best estly replied Louis. efforts. You are really a criminal, as much to be despised as a thief, of losing your life?"

when you sink to a low level!" "Fate!" sadly replied the youth, taking the rebuke in good part, vainly | willing to attempt almost any desperstriving to frame an excuse. "The ate scheme to prove my worth to the best years of my life were taken away | world. But, of course, you do not from me. I have no ambition to be- expect me to promise to do something about small things. One day a new gin over again. I have struggled to blindly-to run into danger without cooking stove had been provided for combat fate, but I am no better off fully realizing of what the danger con- his house, and, although the stove now than I have ever been."

"Fate, indeed," echoed Denver, contemptuously. "One would think, to hear you talk that you were an old ward—what would you do for a mil- but what it was expected to do. After man looking back upon a life of fleet- lion?" ing opportunities! Instead of striving and overcoming opposition, you make

"No! If I didn't dream, all hope on my hands!" would indeed be gone! I would put

hope-to become rich, if you don't owner? toil: respectable, if you do not re-

spect yourself?" to please—but to no avail. Who wants of me, why do you approach me on a ling the house of a planter, whose wife me in their employ? What kind of so- subject of such vital importance?" ciety is open to me? Answer me that. It is for this that I am dis-

couraged." ive shaking his head. "You brood over the table and looked his comover a mere fancy-yet you say you panion in the eye: still hope! How many more days of dissipation do you think you can put thieves of over a million dollars in in on the money you now have?"

"This is my last night," sadly replied the young man, as he gazed at a few stray coins brought to light from his trousers' pocket.

"Then what are you going to do?" "Haven't the least idea in the world."

"Are you open to a business proposition?" "I most certainly am."

have a foundation to work on, I think | the law?" that I can interest you. Let us retire to a private room where we will not be disturbed."

"Very well." Jim Denver was a noted New York | there exists a colony composed of 1. p.

ing," insinuated the detective, "and | a jury, who brought in the old Scotch you will end in a different manner | verdict of "Discharged for lack of evidence to convict." This was not a "Oh! I don't care what becomes of | vindication, and the stain on his repume!" said the young man, moodily | tation remained. Being unable to face toying with the empty beer glass on the ordeal of taunts and sneers which a consuming interest in all sorts of met him on every hand, the only thing "Life, then, has no attraction for left him to do was to leave the scenes of his early youth, and amid strange surroundings, attempt to live down his "What would make life of interest ignoble past. By a strange course of window of a toy shop. I stopped beto you?" asked the detective, as if in- circumstances very recently he had been enabled to prove his entire inno-"To be able to lift up my head; to cence, by discovering the true mur-

"Your vindication was a pretty "Pardon me, Lang," said the de shrewd piece of detective work," said tective, quite earnestly, "if I seem to Denver, as he took his seat before a be reading you a lecture. But do you table in the little private room allotimagine that you are going ahead in | ted to their use. "I think you are the "If there is anything that I can do to

"You would have no fear, then

"Not if the object to be gained was worth the risk. I think I would be sists?"

By way of answer, Denver replied: "Suppose a million dollars was the re-

man. "Anything save to kill a man auction. your condition worse. Your dreams in cold blood! I draw the line there! of wealth and honor, are they dead No amount of money could tempt me fer our own perplexity to another to have the blood of an innocent man

"You would have no conscientious an end to my existence now if I did | scruples against retaining any valuable plunder recovered from a thief. "How do you expect to realize this providing you did not know the

"Not at all. But why all these kins and Oxford, tells this story: An queries?" the young man rather im- old darky quack, well known in a "I don't. I have toiled, striven hard patiently asked. "If you are not sure certain section of the south, was pass-

"I am getting at it," the detective | Stopping at the gate he called to one replied calmly. He arose from his of the hands: seat, making sure that no one was "A hopeless case," said the detect- listening at the door, then he leaned

> "I have a scheme to rob a colony of gold!" he finally said.

> > CHAPTER II.

The Theory of the Convict Country. "A colony of thieves?" questioned

"Yes! A colony of thieves!" said the detective. "No doubt you have often wondered where all of our rich at night that you may never see the defaulters and criminals go to in order The detective arose. "Now that we to keep from falling into the hands of

"It is commonly supposed that they take up their residence in Canada or up I realize that I may not live to see other foreign countries."

"I have every reason to believe that detective. Recently, while engaged in hunting down a noted forger, he had been brought to Chicago where the and enlightened republic! More than clinical composed of "I do," answered the young mar "You see, I'm a baseball umpire."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

one have ninted at the possibility of the existence of such a place, and it seems to me more than reasonable. How else can we account for the many complete disappearances of such men as Snell's murderer (with \$50,000 on his head) and the mutilator of Amelia Olsen? I would not be surprised if it could be proven that they there rest secure from the law they have outraged. Bombthrowers, murderers, thieves-these are the colonists."

"A select gathering," said Lang. And you imagine, because these gentry cannot be traced to Canada or Mexico, that they have formed a colony in some secluded part of the United States. Bearding the lions of the law in their dens, as it were."

"That's my idea exactly. And the thing which is most to my liking," exclaimed Denver, "is the fact that these colonists must have a world of gold money in their possession!"

"Where did you get your idea?" "From a dying criminal, who confessed to having a knowledge of such a place, though he could not tell me where it was located. It was described as a barricaded town. For a certain sum of money prisoners or accused persons are assisted to escape from custody, and taken to this place to live. The sum demanded as an admission fee is so large that none but criminals of renown and wealth become 'colonists,' and as they can hardly have use for money in a place undoubtedly supported by co-operative effort, I estimate that they must have accumulated about this sum of money. Even if this is not so, a vast fortune could be made by capturing or killing ten or twenty of those rascals for whom extra large rewards are offered, Tascott, for instance, and the abductor of young Cudahy, there's a hundred thousand dollars right there for some brave man to pick up. I want you to help me discover this

"These 'colonists' must have a powerful clique on the outside-agents in every city of importance in the United States," said Lang, "to recruit the colony in the way described by you."

(To be continued.) SOME IDEAS ABOUT WOMEN.

By One Who Imagines He Knows the

Softer Sex. The woman who knows Greek will still spend an hour and a half in dressing her hair for a party. I calculate that if women wore their hair short a million unemployed hours

would be thrown daily upon the world. The young couple with the grains apolis team. of rice still upon them start blithely across the marriage links. Much depends on the way they negotiate their first disillusion-or bunker!

Passion wins maids and perseverance widows.

The rejected lover should never lose hope. In addressing the lady his tone should be soft, mellifluous-a south wind rustling over orange trees. Orange trees-not cypresses!

The man who sums women up in a sentence is the man whom women can fool with a phrase.

It is a woman's most delightful quality that she is not interested in politics.-From "Mollentrave," popular London play.

A Precocious Sportsman.

"The Americans are great Sportsmen," said Sir Thomas Dewar, in recounting his impressions of America. "From their earliest years they take contests and races.

"I remember one cold afternoon in New York seeing a poor little, ragged lad, with his nose glued against the side him and looked down. But he paid no heed to me. His clear young eyes were intent on the window's bright and inviting contents.

"Without a word I slipped a penny into his cold little hand. He looked at the penny, and then he looked at

"'Well, if this ain't luck,' he said. the right direction—to attain all these right kind of a man to make a good 'I've been wishin' for a cent, and here's one dropped right in me fist.' "'What did you want the cent for,

my lad?' said I. "The urchin answered: "'I wanted to get a night extry to see wot's won. I've got a dollar on

Swallow in the third race."

Ralph Waldo Emerson's Stove. Ralph Waldo Emerson was a man of rare integrity, and very particular came very highly recommended, it proved thoroughly unsatisfactory and most provoking, as it did everything a while the family were in despair. "Anything!" exclaimed the young and some one suggested sending it to

"What!" exclaimed Emerson, "transpair of shoulders? No, never! Unless the stove is labeled 'imperfect.'" And so, "imperfect" it was labeled,

and sold at a great discount. Familiar With the Disease.

Dr. William Osler of Johns Hopwas reported to be dangerously ill

"I say, Rastus, how's the missus?" "Well," replied Rastus, "the doctah done say dis mawnin' dat she convalescent.

"Humph! Dat ain't nothin', chile," said the old quack, with an air of superior wisdom. "Why, I've done cured convalescence in twenty-foah hours!"

Uncertainty of Life. "Young man," said the clerical looking passenger, addressing the beardless individual across the aisle, "do you ever consider when you lie down

sun rise again." "No," replied the party at whom the query had been fired, "I can't say that I do; but every morning when I wake another sunset."

"You do?" queried the surprised c. "I do," answered the young man.



National League News. Homer Hillebrand, though left-

handed, bats from the right. Manager McGraw has turned over Neal, his utility man, to Baltimore. Joe Kelley declares that the Cincinnati pitchers outclass those of the Pittsburg Club.

Del Howard is authority for the charge that Heinie Peitz coaches himself while running bases. The Brooklyn Club has released

pitcher Eddie Poole and catcher Jacklitsch. Both have signed with Providence. Harry Arndt may not go back to Louisville. The Boston Nationals are

third sacker. high compliment.

Manager Joe Kelley is unable to | President Holland is anxious that His injury is mending but slowly.

ton Nationals, President Soden, of Boston, having come to the pitcher's terms. Pitcher Willis last week made himself an outlaw by joining the Altoona

club. He says his salary will be far more than \$3,000 and that he has it guaranteed. Brooklyn fans are enthusiastic over the work of their new infielders. Batch, Owens, Lewis and McGamwell. has been sold to Evansville.

praised for their fast work. Fred M. Knowles, secretary-treasurer of the New York Giants, is empowered to bet \$1,000 to \$10,000 that the champions repeat their performance of 1904 and that the National League pennant again floats over the Polo Grounds.

Batch and Lewis are particularly

American League Notes. Dick Cooley will play right for De-

troit.

Ban Johnson says the Washingtons are all right.

Three-I League Tips. Seitz, the young pitcher who was given a trial by Decatur, has been signed by Dubuque.

Pitcher Jesse Ruby, formerly captain of Purdue, has joined Rock Island. He will pitch and do utility

After a lively scrimmage with Manager Connors, of Bloomington, Manager Nicol, of Peoria, has secured the services of first baseman Elton, from Minneapolis.

Manager Belden Hill, of Cedar Rapds, signed a new infielder, C. R. Cave, last week. He has been playing in Kansas and is said to be fast. He said to hanker a little bit after the | will be given a trial on third.

Rock Island has signed another in-According to Pittsburg critics, first | fielder. Shirley Reeves, of Knightsbaseman Clancy is the quickest base town, Ind. He was in the Copper ball thinker in the business, a very | State League last year and was given a trial by Minneapolis this spring.

gain any definite information as to his staff of umpires present a good apwhen he may get into the game again. | pearance on the diamond and has ordered each man to provide himself Pitcher Willis has jumped the Al- with a uniform of dark blue to consist toona club and gone back to the Bos- of trousers, blouse and cap.

> Central League Chatter. The Fort Wayne club claims pitcher Farrell, released by Cincinnati to Grand Rapids.

Summerlot, who was tried out for the initial sack by South Bend, has been released. Coggswell, the red-headed right fielder of last year's South Bend team,

Manager Grant, of South Bend, has released first baseman Summerlot and outfielders McKee and Tiery.

Manager Watkins, of Indianapolis, has loaned Wagner, a former American Association twirler, to Dayton for the season. Dayton has brought Tommy Hawkins to time and the well-known

by the Vets. The Cincinnati club has turned

catcher has accepted the terms offered

"Billy" McCoombs, Wheeling's former pet for second base, has been



WILLIAM R MARSHALL

Catcher of the New York National League Club.

Young Knight is doing some fine | signed for 1905 and "Stogiedom" hitting for the Athletics. greatly rejoicing. Boston will probably turn Pitcher Perry Sessions back to St. Paul. The Athletic club has released

Pitcher Pete Noonan to St. Paul. first opening game in three years. "Jimmy" Williams is going it some. dicitis. He stole four bases in Washington.

Kittredge.

It is said that Manager Griffith will | 1904 team. have first pick of the Indianapolis players next fall.

looks like a find. He has a neat position at bat and swings hard. "Herman Long," says Jim McGuire,

'was the greatest of them all on making plays with one hand." Pat Flaherty has the nerve of a burglar-a sterling quality good ball ball will be abolished. players require in their business.

Southern Sayings. The Nashville Club has received signed an Indianapolis contract. pitcher Harry Nickens back from the Louiville carries but two back-Indianapolis club.

third baseman Jeffries, formerly of the K.-I.-T. League. Grantland Rice figures that fifteen big league teams spent over \$80,000 in the land of cotton this spring. Dale Gear says first division honors will not satisfy either him or Little | means.

Rock patrons, the pennant being his Shortstop Williams is back with Charlie Frank, whom he jumped to again. become a Cardinal. The ex-Memphian is New Orleans' manager.

Third baseman Edward Beecher is again a full-fledged member of the Memphis club, having placed his signature to a Memphis contract last week, immediately after Brooklyn turned him back.

Following are the nicknames of the teams: Birmingham-Steel Magnates and Barons. Atlanta-Crackers, Fire Crackers and Colonels. Little Rock-Travelers. Nashville - Fishermen. New Orleans-Pelicans. Montgomery -Legislators. Memphis-Champions. Shreveport-Pirat-

lowa League Items. Mullin, the Detroit pitcher, lost his pital of Waterloo, on the 15th from of the house for twenty years, and Thursday and Friday, September ?

Ford and Thomas, the new twirl- Manager Owens, of the Burlington and finally found himself with no re- be given at this time, but all of the ers with Detroit, are hard workers in team. The deported are: Outfielders sources and no chance of employment. passenger associations have acted on Fleming and Bowman, shortstop Carl Clarke Griffith wants to trade Fultz, Bond, Pitcher Friedlein and catcher of doors, of being without friends, and rades can depend upon one cent per Puttmann and Kleinow for Patten and Killian. A new man has joined the of being hungry, affected him strange. mile for the round trip from any point squad for trial, Murphy, of Keokuk's ly, and, noticing my Grand Army but | in the United States to Denver.

playing of Sunday base ball has put his desperate mood my suggestion Outfielder Jackson, with Cleveland, new life into the reports that the struck him as being much better than Quaker city would be dropped from suicide. I secured him employment the Iowa League circuit and Clinton substituted. It may be said upon the well that he was regularly engaged most reliable authority that there is nothing but fiction in the story, that came to my office looking so much neither Oskaloosa nor Sunday base

> American Association Affairs. Pitcher Tate Cromley has at last

stops-Captain Dexter and Popper Bill the position and for the general brac-The Memphis club has released Schriver. The Kansas City club has turned

pitcher Ralph Gibson over to St. Joseph for this season. The Toledo infield will be made up same brigade as myself, and he reof Doyle, Demont, Clingman and Mo- called an exploit in which he and riarity, not a weak bunch, by any

Larry Quinlan has been elected to cover short for the Colonels, and Orville Woodruff will elbow Roy Mont

K.-I.-T. League News. Cy Swain of Dennison, O., has signed to pitch for Princeton.

gomery off third base.

Mike Donovan and Henry Freeman. played on Vincennes last season and titles him to wear. As everybody will not make good.



With arms reversed the ranks pass on. The muffled drum makes faltered tread, A muster roll reads simply, "Gone," One more is numbered with the dead-A crash! The parting volley rolls A requiem among earth's souls.

The flags hang drooping from the mast, Faint echoes come and go and die; Tears fill the eyes, welled from the past, Of those who see a comrade lie Where memory must be a name. And tablets praise a hero's fame.

What then? A soldier gives his life For love of country, valorous deeds, And lies as one whom carnal strife Marked for its own among its seeds, Ah, yes! ere yet a flashing blade Was drawn or sheathed his grave was

Who calls the names of those to fall? Ask of the God of Battles, who? But they are known, and some of all Who go to war to dare and do Know that the piercing shot will bring To him his altar's offering.

Some meet the shock within the fray, Some fail within the nurse's tent. Maimed, weak and gaunt they waste

Yet to its end each way is bent; The end? Deserved promotion calls To higher life each one that falls.

-Clifford Kane Stout. OLD SPIRIT STILL STRONG.

Veteran in Desperate Straits Adopted Reckless Suggestion. "Two or three years ago," said the doctor, "I was living in New York, and was engaged in a profitable business. One evening I was seated at a table in a restaurant when a welldressed, elderly man came in from

the street, walked straight toward me and said in a low voice: "I am in great distress. I am at the end of my string. I have no money, no place to sleep, and I am hungry. would you advise me to do?' "Of course, I was annoyed, and showed my annoyance. There was no eagle and star of the G. A. R. badge reason why the man should have appear at the top and bottom of the singled out me for such a speech, ex- disk. On the reverse is a wreath of cept, possibly, that I wore the Grand

Army button. However, that did not occur to me at the time, and I said jecularly, 'I know what I would do under like circumstances. I would go outside, look for a good-sized stone. pitcher Bert J. Farrell back to Grand | clutch it firmly in my right hand, find Jesse Stovall has joined the Minne- Rapids, and pitcher James Feeney to a large plate glass window, and hurl the stone through it. After that I would be sure of board and lodging for some weeks at the expense of the "The stranger said with jaunty politeness: 'You are very kind. Thank,

you, sir. I will act on your suggestion.' Thereupon he walked straight to the door and went out, and I ordered my supper. In less than five minutes there was a crash in front, a tinkle of broken glass and a clamor of voices. I went with others to the street and saw that my acquaintance, of five minutes before had taken my advice with a vengeance. He had thrown a stone through the window of a jewelry store and was awaiting ar. | laurel encircling the "little bronze buttest. There were all sorts of theories | ton." The pin, from which depends on the lips of men who were awaiting | the disk by a cherry ribbon, is also the second move in what they regard. of bronze, bearing the names of the ed as a daring scheme of robbery.

"Meantime several policemen were | ment. closing in cautiously on the man who had thrown the stone. They evidently regarded him as a dangerous character, or insane. Divining this, the Headquarters of the Grand Army of stone-thrower said, 'Oh, I will go with | the Republic, says: you. No trouble on that score. In and I feel in a measure responsible.'

"The upshot of the affair was that I agreed to pay for the broken glass and | than two miles in length. The Depart to take charge of the man who had | ment of Illinois, by right of seniority. broken it. I paid for the supper of the | will have the right of the line; other stone-thrower, secured lodgings for departments will follow in order of him, and told him I would listen to his | seniority of date of charters. The enstory the next day. I never expected | tertaining department will take posito see him again, but he kept his ap- tion on the left of the line. The busi-Manager George Cole, of the Water- pointment the next morning and told ness session of the Thirty-ninth Na loo club, died in the Presbyterian Hos- his story. He had been in the employ | tional Encampment will be held on the effects of an operation for appen- when it failed thought he would have and 8." no difficulty in securing other employ-Five men have been released by ment. But he found no other place portation to the encampment cannot

ton as I went into the restaurant, he Agitation in Oskaloosa against the decided to lay his case before me. In the next day on trial, and he did so the next week. In six months he better that I did not recognize him. He said the jeweler of the broken window had told him that I paid a bill of \$70 for replacing the glass, and he had come to repay the money.

"He said he had a good position and was abundantly able to pay the bill; that he was indebted to me for ing up he received in following my advice, and that he wanted to be a comrade in good standing. Then it came out that he had seen service in the some of my own regiment had been engaged-to their credit. I understood Nobody in Toledo is able to tell then the reckless, devil-may-care spirit whether Wyatt Lee's arm will be good of the fellow who threw a stone enough to allow him to try pitching through a window on my advice."-Chicago Inter Ocean.

First Badge of the G. A. R. The history of the Grand Army is an old story and one that scarcely needs retelling at this late day. But there is one thing connected with the organization 'hat will bear telling about, and that is the familiar bronze star that The Henderson club has released every comrade wears and which only of a badge which should serve to part.

identify its members, but it was not the bronze star which is so familiar to-day. It was a silver shield which was fastened directly to the breast of the coat by a pin clasp. This statement will undoubtedly be a surprise to 99 out of every 100 comrades in the order to-day, and probably not one in 10,000 ever saw one of these shields. In a six months' searching after one of them the writer has asked scores of comrades if they knew where one of "original" badges of the Grand Army could be obtained. "Oh, yes," was frequently the reply; "I have one myself." and the comrade would proudly exhibit one of the bronze stars that

were issued along in the 70s. "But that is not what I mean," the writer would say: "I want one of the badges in the shape of a shield."

"Why, I never heard of any such badge of the Grand Army," would be the surprised rejoinder, and many of those comrades had been in the order for thirty-five years or more, and some of them had occupied high official positions in it.

But Past Commander-in-Chief Robert B. Beath, in his "History of the Grand Army of the Republic," published in 1888 under the auspices of the national encampment, gave a brief description of the badge in question and also cuts showing what it looked like. It appears that the badge "was adopted in 1866 on the recommendation of a committee consisting of Adjt. Gen. Webber, A. O. Behm of Lafayette, Ind., and Maj. O. M. Wilson, Indianapolis.

Badge of Colorado and Wyoming. The badge adopted by the depart ment of Colorado and Wyoming is of bronze and consists of a heavy disk having upon it, side by side, the official seals of the two states. The



two states constituting the depart-

Next General Encampment. General Orders No. 5, from the

"At a meeting of the Executive Comfact, I broke the glass that I might be | mittee of the National Council of Adarrested.' As a policeman grabbed ministration, held in Denver, the date him, I said, 'Wait a minute. I am for the assembling of the Thirty-ninth afraid I am to blame for this. I said | National Encampment was fixed for to this man when he asked for assist- the week beginning Monday, Septemance that I would throw a stone ber 4. The annual parade, in connec through a plate glass window, and in | tion with the National Encampment, that way secure board and lodging | will be on Wednesday, September 6, from the city. That was a joke, but | and will be composed exclusively of he seems to have acted on my advice. Grand Army organizations and the usual military bands. It will be over asphalted streets and will not be more

Full information in relation to trans-"The sensation of being turned out | the question of rates and the com-

> Colored Man Post Commander. For the first time in its history the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, at its last annual encampment, held at Boston in February, elected a colored comrade as department commander-Joseph H. Wolff of Brighton. The election was practically unanimous. . Commander Wolff is a well known attorney. The number of deaths among the members of the G. A. R. in the Department of Massachusetts during the past year aggregated 683, but notwithstanding this loss and the losses by honorable discharge, transfer, suspension and surrendered charters, which show a grand total of 1,121, the department actually gained in membership thirtynine comrades.

Ruling on Widows of Veterans.

According to a recent decision or ruling of the Pension Department a widow pensioner under the general law who has been dropped from the rolls because of her remarriage may have her pension restored by application, subject to the following conditions: That she was the wife of a soldier during his military service: that pension had been allowed her under the provisions of the general law. and that she is dependent within the meaning of the act of June 27, 1890.

Centenary of Abraham Lincoln. A movement is on foot to hold in Washington a magnificent celegration service in the army or navy of the of the 100th anniversary of the birth The work of Clyde Goodwin, who United States during the rebellion en- of Abraham Lincoln, which will occur Feb. 12, 1909, four years hence. Nothwho is now in Indianapolis, is being knows, the Grand Army originated in ing can be on too grand a scale for closely watched by Vincennes fans, Illings in 1866, and almost coincident this occasion. Every State in the and there is not one who believes he with its organization was the adoption Union ought to, and probably will take