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Reminiscences of Old Time and Military Operators.

Sketch of the United States Military Telegrapic Corps.

Its Services During the Civil War—An Old Timer's Recollections—Races Between Steamboats and Telegraphy in St. Louis.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The rotunda of the Laclede hotel was filled this morning to overflowing with old-time telegraphers. No one is eligible to membership in this organization whose acquaintance with the wires does not extend back of the troublous times when the civil war was at its height. None of the old timers are young men, but many of them are in the prime of life, and others have reached the half-way station and their hoary heads and bent forms indicate that they are going down the hill on the other side, and the hands that once deftly manipulated the keys are too stiff and feeble to keep pace with the vigorous young men who are taking their places. There are two distinct organizations represented in the city, the United States Military Telegraph Corps, which is the smaller body, are members of the Old Time association, and their banquets and programme of entertainment are common, but the business meetings are distinct, the Old Timers meeting to-day and the military operators to-morrow. The members of the two societies spent the morning renewing acquaintances and

DISCUSSING REMINISCENCES

of early times in the telegraphing business.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CORP

is Mr. Wm. R. Plum, who is at present an attorney in Chicago, but who was identified with the military service during the war. He has written a history of the work of telegraph operators during the war, and of the first organization of the corps, and probably has taken more interest than any one else in the labors for recognition of the corps by the federal government. In a chat with a Post-Dispatch reporter Mr. Plum gave a sketch of the work of the corps. Before the late war there had been but little use of a telegraphic service of the war, and none in this country, although the telegraph was used with effect by Germany, England and France to some extent and in a desultory manner. It remained for American operators to form the first organized corps, and to prove that a regular trained branch was absolutely essential to the proper conduct of the operations of war. The first man to suggest and put in operation a plan to make use of the wires in active service was Thomas Scott, the assistant secretary of war under Cameron, and the president of the Pennsylvania railroad. At the breaking out of hostilities he called to Washington five of the most skillful operators on his road which formed the nucleus of what afterwards became the telegraphic corps of the federal army.

ABOUT THE SAME TIME

Gen. John C. Fremont, who was stationed in St. Louis, called to his aid George H. Smith, superintendent of the wires here, and directed him to form the basis of a military telegraphic battalion. Several companies were enlisted and regularly drilled and these companies built the earliest military lines and city lines in and around St. Louis. At this time, also, Anson Stager, superintendent of the Western Union at Cleveland, was made superintendent for military purposes of all the lines in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and in those parts of Kennucky and West Virginia comprised in the military division of Gen. McClellan. When it was soon afterwards found necessary to have one head, Mr. Stager was called to Washington and was placed at the head of the telegraphic war service. This was in November, 1861. He remained in charge throughout the war and was commissioned a brigadier-general at its close. No commissions were made at first, but it was found necessary afterward and Gen. Stager was made captain. Later he was commissioned colonel and his subordinates were commissioned to the rank of captain or major. None but the officers had any military status, the operators being retained on the civil list and retired at the close without recognition. There was in the service altogether an aggregate force of 1,200 operators and twice as many builders and repairers, who constructed and operated thousands of miles of telegraph lines.

IMPORTANCE OF THE SERVICE.

Every general in the army has testified to the value and brilliancy of the telegraphic service and to the patriotism and devotion of the men. As an illustration of the responsibility of their positions it may be mentioned that the keys of dispatch ciphers were placed in the hands of the operators, and no one else, not even officers, were allowed to see or handle them. One brilliant achievement of the corps was the construction and operation of lines in battle, so that the different divisions could communicate with each other during an engagement. This was frequently done and lines were removed and put up with every change of the army. The military telegraphers are almost as full of reminiscenses of danger and narrow escapes from shot and shell as the soldiers. Several operators were killed at work and frequently in the building and repairing of lines lives were lost

The organization of the corps was first broached in 1881, at a meeting of the old timers, and the first meeting was held in 1882, at Niagara Falls, with an attendance of fifteen members. The next meeting was held at Chicago last year and the membership now numbers 213 men.

Since the organization of the corps efforts have made to obtain suitable recognition from the government as a regular arm of the military service. At the close of the war the operators, who had been as much in the military service as the soldiers, were dismissed without recognition. At the last session of congress a bill was introduced for this purpose, and the society means to push the demand for the same rights and privileges as soldiers. It is asked that the operators be recognized as officers with the rank corresponding with the pay, and the builderr and repairers as soldiers. The meeting of the corps takes place to-morrow.

The Old-Time Telegraphers' association was called to order at 11:30 in the ladies ordinary of the Laclede, by President George M. Dugan of Jackson, Tenn., over fifty members being present. The president briefly welcomed the association, reviewing its progress from its formation at Cincinnati in 1880, up to the present time. The object of the union, he said, was not to discuss politics but to meet old friends in social reunion.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved; after which J. S. Burton, C. W. Hammond, Chas. J. Osborne, Henry L. Hall, R. Bohle, T. J. Whitehead, F. Harvey, A. Prescott, F. H. Boyd, R. W. Duggan, A. T. Harvey, F. Smith, H. P. Hall, H. C. Benedict, L. T. Sheldon, J. M. Fortenbury, A. H. S. Bliss, J. M. Fairchild and George Gardener. Letters of regret were read from mony absentees, among them from C. C. Hines, New York; Col. Clowry, Chicago; John Van Horn, New York; Superintendent Compton of Nashville, Tenn.; Col. Van Duzer, Michigan; J. D. Reid, E. C. Bush, F. M. Coleburn, and from other prominent telegraphers in various parts of the country.

Vice-President Ed. Rosewater, of the Omaha BEE, delivered an eloquent address, reviewing the perilous service performed by pioneer operators in transporting the first wires across the Rockies and in serving at the army front with the fidelity of soldiers. He suggested that the old-time telegrapher be requested to furnish reminiscences in order that a history of telegraphy could be written, and the chair added that specimens of old style apparatus ought to be procured. A committee consisting of Messrs. Plum, Taylor and Bunnell was appointed for the above purposes.

Mr. Plum, chairman of the committee on resolutions, spoke feelingly of the death of O. H. Booth, of Mansfield, Ohio, George W. Trabue, of Nashville, Mo., and L. M. Painter, and resolutions embodying the sentiment of the society were adopted, and will be engrossed and forwarded to the families of the deceased.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year, President Chas. W. Hammond, St. Louis; Vice President, Chas. E. Taylor, Frankfort, Ky.; secretary and tresurer, S. B. Fairchild, St. Louis.

ON THE RIVER.

In the afternoon both associations went down the river upon the Charles Morgan. The saloon was tastefully decorated for the occasion and there were about 100 members of the association and their friends present. The boat ran down the river as far as Sulphur Springs, where a large proportion of the party debarked and drank of the waters for which the place is famous. The steamer left Sulphur Springs shortly before 8 o'clock, and as soon as it was under way, the guests sat down to what was reported to be a sumptuous banquet.

The boat stopped at the barracks for upwards of an hour to give the orators of the party an opportunity of enlarging upon the marvellous achievements of the electric telegraphy. The festivities were brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and the homeward journey was resumed. The city was reached at 1:30 o'clock this morning.

St. Louis Republican.

The society of the United States Military Telegraph Corps met in annual reunion at 11:30 this morning in the ladies' ordinary of the Laclede hotel, the president, W. R. Plum, in the chair, and Mr. E. P. Whitford acting as secretary. There were present: E. P. Whitford, G. M. Farnham, A. H. Bliss, H. W. Plum, J. N. Crittenden, A. W. Nohr, and W. R. Plum, of Chicago; Cain Culbertson, of Tracy, Iowa; J. D. Crinse, D. A. Williams, W. D. Gentry, H. Lethgow, of Kansas City; P. J. Murray, of Jackson, Tenn., H. Benedict, Marshall, Texas; R. B. Hoover, Springfield, Ill.; T. B. Knapp, Papillion, Neb.; Chas. H. Palmer, Jefferson City, Mo.; E. Rosewater, Cornelius Dwyer, Omaha; T. B. Fairchild, C. W. Hammond, Sol Palmer, L. E. Macklind, of St. Louis, Mo.; E. C. Armstrong, Omaha; H. Browerman, Kennard, Neb.; L. F. Sheldon, Mo., J. H. Bunnell, New York; T. Barwick, Pleasanton, Kan.; H. P. Hall, Little Blue, Mo.

Having called the meeting to order the chair made an address in which he said that they were a peculiar fraternity, and their corps was unique. Their service was an era in war and the example of their work in the civil war had been copied since by the armies of Europe. Several members of the corps had died since their last meetinn and there were many who were more dead from hardships endured in the service than alive, being unable to earn a living or to

OBTAIN A PENSION,

and it was the silence of the government on this subject, the manipulations of unjust discriminations as well as a longing to renew the friendships of the days that tried men's souls, which occasioned the organization. A bill had been framed and introduced into the house for the relief of members of the service who had suffered in the war, and the speaker had prepared in support of it a report which showed that during the war twelve of the army telegraphers were killed, twenty-three died in the service, ten were wounded and 154 captured. There was no doubt that many more than the number mentioned died in the service, and probably 100 more were captured, making the losses of the corps 322, not counting deaths occurring out of the service in consequence of diseases contracted therein. A history of the hitherto unsuccessful effort to secure the passage of the bill was a very interesting part of the chairman's address. The bill stands on the calendar for the next session of congress, and it was hoped that sooner or later, perseverance would result in its passage, and themselves and their comrades, dead and living, recognized de jure, what, according to Gen. Sherman, they were de facto, a part of the army of the United States in the war of the rebellion.

The following were elected members of the society: C. F. Bart, New York; J. E. Zeublin, Chicago; C. Culbertson, Tracy, Iowa; L. E. Macklind, St. Louis; W. W. Smith, H. B. Hull, H. C. Sprague and Thomas Barwick, of Kansas City.

Mr. Ed. Rosewater, chairman of the congressional committee having in hand the care of the bill in recognition of the services of the United States military telegraph corps,

REPORTED WHAT THEY HAD DONE,

showing that they had met with many difficulties, but expressing a belief that they would still succeed in their object.

On motion the present committee on congressional action, consisting of E. Rosewater, W. R. Plum, Wm. B. Wilson and John C. Van Duzer, was reelected, and they were authorized to draw upon the society for such money as they might require, such drafts to be looked after by the secretary.

On motion of Mr. Rosewater it was resolved to ask the members of the society to contribute $1 each to the work of helping on the congregas bill.

On motion the annual assessments of the members were fixed at $1 each.

Several letters of regret for absence were read, among them one from J. B. Morgan of Fort Scott, Kan., inclosing the following from

GENERAL U. S. GRANT:

LONG BRANCH, N. J., July 23, 1884.

"DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst., asking something from me in acknowledgement of the services of the telegraph corps during the war of tee rebellion. In the course of some articles I am now writing for the Century Magazine, I will endeavor to show how indispinsable the telegraph was to our success, and how uniformly well the service was performed by the operators (sic) in the field. The telegraph and the signal servsce, its coordinate, were as necessary to the success as the railroad is to commerce. Very truly yours, U. S. GRANT."

"J. P. Morgan, Esq."

The following telegram was received during the session of the society:

"LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 21.—Train dispatchers assembled at Louisville send greetings to old timers and United States military telegraph corps, and tell C. W. Hammond to see that their battery material does not run short.

J. B. CLARK."

An answer was sent expressing a hope that the railroaders would not be side tracked for more than twenty-four hours.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, W. R. Plum; vice president, E. Rosewater; secretary and treasurer, Jas. E. Petit.

A committee was appointed to confer with the old time telegraphers' association to arrange for the place and date of the next meeting. The place will be New York City but the date has not yet been decided upon. The convention then adjourned.

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The interior of the house, however, will be its chief feature. It has many rooms, and they are large, airy and high-ceilinged. The halls are so wide that a wagon-load of hay could be driven through them. They run through the center of the house, and arranged with a sort of L at the back, so that every room on each floor opens into its respective hall. The carpenters were busy at work here several days ago when I passed through the house in company with Senator Sherman. We went together through the three stories, carefully stepping up the partially made stairs, stooping low as we moved around through the scaffolding, and going through a number of large-windowed rooms, giving a series of views which extended far and wide over the rich farms and wooded hills of Richland county. The house itself is situated on some of the highest ground in the state of Ohio. It has a large lawn filled with shrubbery, a fine orchard and fields surrounding it, making up an estate of about fourteen acres. It fronts on Market street, the finest in Mansfield, and is well to the west of the city. Several of these windows overlook the city, and there are none of them but give beautiful country views as well.

The large halls and easy staircases are finished in beautiful red-cherry, highly polished, and in places elegantly carved. Each of the rooms is finished in a different kind of choice wood, and each of them contains a fireplace and mantle trimmed in the same material. The dining-room for instance, is of a rich oak, with its sideboard to match. The kitchen is finished in yellow pine of a beautiful grain and highly polished. The sitting-room, I think, is mottled or bird's-eye poplar, and the library in some other rich wood. The shelves of the library are built close up against the wall, and their chief ornamentation is the books resting upon them. A large library table sits in the center of the room, and this to-day was covered with books and papers. Before this time, Senator Sherman has had his library in the third story, but now he has removed it to the ground floor, putting it in the northeast corner of the room adjoining Mrs. Sherman's sitting-room, which lies between it and the parlor. It is a large room, well lighted and airy, with several windows looking out upon the lawn. Every room in the house has an electric bell, and all the chambers are furnished with modern conveniences. It will be a splendid place for entertaining, and it will continue for many years as one of the historic mansions of the country. It is a remarkable house and is rich, without being extravagant or gaudy. That which constitutes the soul of the house is still to be added. As yet no curtains have been put up, and the glitter and polish of furniture and brass work are absent. In two weeks, however, all will be complete. The pictures will be on the walls, the fine rugs will partially hide the well-joined floors, and bright chandeliers will throw their rays over a thousand and one things which, so much more than woodwork and masonry, go to tell the character of the inner life of a home or the tastes of its inmates. As it is, it compares well with the other homes of great statesmen. Clay Webster and Calhoun had but ordinary homes, and Buchanan's Wheatland, near Lancaster, though located much the same as Senator Sherman's home, possessed no elegance worthy of remark.

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Career of John King, Jr.

There will no doubt be a great deal of surmise indulged in as to the inducements offered John King, Jr., to accept the presidency of the Erie. Mr. King has time and again stated that he would not take the position if it were offered him, and that he had given up railroad work altogether. His long and very able services of fourteen years as vice president of the Baltimore & Ohio road have shown that he is in every way fitted to perform the duties of his new office, but the impression gained after his return from Europe, that he would accept no position thereafter tendered him. He said then: "I have been asked to take prominent positions at different times with one or more foreign railroads, and with American railroads as well. I refused each and every one, and if I continue a sane man, in full possession of my faculties, I will continue to refuse any and all such offers. I broke down my health and nearly killed myself by overwork as vice president of the Baltimore & Ohio. I have recovered my health, and I do not propose to sacrifice it again. I have ammassed sufficient wealth to enable me to spend the rest of my life in ease, comfort and quiet, and so I propose to end them." In the light of these statements there is no doubt that Mr. King must have been offered something very handsome. The salary is $30,000 a year. Mr. King is a portly man, of commanding presence with genial face. He was born in Baltimore, was there educated and is now 52 years old. He was brought up in a hardware store, and was afterward for two years in the office of the Adams Express company. In 1854 he entered the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad as ticket agent at Camden station. Two years later he was made paymaster, and one year after that he became auditor. Subsequently the duties of general freight agent devolved upon him. In 1867 the office of vice-president was created for him. He continued in that office for fonsteen years. He retired in 1881, on account of his health, and went to Europe. At the time of his retirement he was receiver of the Marietta and Cincinnati and Ohio and Mississippi railroads, and president of the Pittsburg and Connellsville railroad. Mr. King returned to this country July 4.

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The following story comes from Michoacan: An Indian went outside the town of Cherantxieurin, state of Michoacan, to look for some fuel in the mountain near by. While cutting up a dry oak he felt a bite on the calf of his leg, given in the fraction of a second. A moment later he felt coiling around his body the terrible folds of a boa constrictor. Instinctively he leaned his head over toward the wounded leg, and was almost fascinated by the glare of two bright basilisk eyes that gleamed like fiery coals in the head of the serpent. Quicker than a flash the Indian ducked his head and caught the neck of the reptile in his teeth, clinging to it with the desperation of the dying. The huge serpent lashed its tail and tried to twist his head to bury his fangs in the Indian, but the latter clung on and began to chew away at the neck of the boa, which is the thinnest and softest part of it anatomy. After chewing for a long time the Indian succeeded in beheading his antagonist, the folds dropped off, and the Indian was free.

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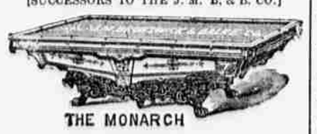

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