

## REUNION OF 161st N. Y. VOL.

Annual Meeting of the Old Veterans at  
Bath, N. Y., Saturday, Oct. 27.

The 3d annual reunion of the 161st Regiment, N. Y. V., was held at Purdy Opera House.

The meeting was called to order by President Clark Evans, and was attended by nearly 200 veterans.

Hon. G. H. McMaster delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by President Evans, who said that 21 years ago, August 25th, he, with other members from Steuben county, met at Bath, with their wives, mothers, sisters and lady friends, who accompanied them to the depot to bid them adieu and God speed, and this was the first opportunity they had had of meeting with the same old veterans since.

After the routine of business the President announced that he had expected a gentleman from Elmira to join them and assist in singing, but as he had failed to put in an appearance he proposed to do the next best thing—he would ask the gentleman's sister to sing for them, as she was present—and appointed the Secretary, J. W. Merwin, to conduct the lady to the piano, and when she arrived at the stage President Evans introduced his wife to the audience, who sang "The Swords were Thirty Seven," which brought forth rounds of applause.

An adjournment was then announced until 2:30 p. m. for dinner, which was served at the Nichols House, by mine host Laidlaw, to which ample justice was done.

On reassembling at 2:30, Corning was chosen as the place for holding the next reunion.

Election of officers was next in order, and J. F. Little nominated Clark Evans for re-election, which was carried unanimously, who, on accepting the office, asked the assistance of every member in furnishing the Secretary with names and date of death of any member who had died since the Reg't was mustered out. W. W. Lindsay and Thos. Dillon were chosen as Vice-Presidents, J. W. Merwin, Sec'y, and Maj. Willis E. Craig, as Treasurer.

Capt. Little then gave a brief history of the Regiment from the time of enlistment until mustered out, relating many of the hardships they endured.

Speeches were then made by Hon. C. F. Kingsley, Maj. H. H. Rockwell, Maj. J. M. Losie, of Elmira, Hon. A. C. Brundage, of Bath, and Gen. J. H. Lansing, of Corning. A glee club, assisted by Mrs. Evans, of Susquehanna, sang war songs and were loudly applauded. The music was furnished by the Soldier's Home Band, and was enjoyed by all.

Letters of regret were received, but owing to the lateness of the hour were not read. Among them was one from Gen. W. B. Kinsey, of Philadelphia, and Lieut.-Col. of the Regiment, who commanded it the two latter years of the service, and who is held in high esteem by all. A letter of regret from Chaplain W. E. Jones, of Berkshire, Bucks co., Pa., was also received, and a telegram from Hon. Geo. A. Post, of Susquehanna.

The meeting was the most interesting of any yet held.

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