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Upcoming Events...

January 21, General Board Meeting, G.A.R. Cemetery—Approval of the 2012 Operating Budget
February 18, WCWA General Membership Meeting, G.A.R. Cemetery
March 3, Spring Ball

Longwood House Milk Punch-

A Rebel's Recipe, Ann Clarke 10th VA.

~This Southern Alcoholic punch is attractively served in a punch bowl in which an "iceberg" of vanilla ice cream floats~

1 gallon milk

1 gallon and 1 quart vanilla ice cream

6 ½ cups bourbon

3 ¼ cups medium dark rum

1 cup crème de cacao

Nutmeg

The day prior to serving, mix milk, 1 gallon of ice cream, bourbon, rum, and crème de cacao; refrigerate. At serving time, place the remaining 1 quart ice cream in a punch bowl.

Pour the milk mixture over the ice cream and garnish with nutmeg.

Makes about 60 (6 ounce) servings.

Longwood House, built in 1815, serves as the president's home at the 3300-student, co-ed Longwood College in Farmville, Virginia; the house is used for many social functions.

Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston was born at this site. Farmville is located halfway between Richmond and Lynchburg and is also home to Hampden-Sydney College. The source of this old Virginia recipe is attributed to Longwood College, but today's regents say alcohol is not served there.

COA Mason-Dixon Township
A Washington Civil War Association Member Unit
proudly presents the second annual

Spring Ball

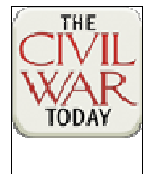
on Saturday, March 3, 2012
at the Steilacoom Town Hall

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Date November 21, 2011

To the WCWA Administrative and General Board and members,

Unfortunately, the Administrative Board has received the following resignations for 2011:

1. Al Myers, Chairman on 11/16/2011
2. Kevin Saville, Secretary on 11/17/2011
3. Anna Flores, Treasurer on 11/18/2011

With the resignation of the Chairman Al Myers, as Vice-Chairman I have assumed the position of acting Chairman of the WCWA (as per the WCWA Constitution, Article 5 paragraph 3B, "The Vice-Chairman will assist the Chairman in the performance of his/her duties and act in the capacity of the Chairman in the Chairman's absence.") until midnight December 31, 2011. At that time the Chairman elect, Don Ledbetter (Nathan Alred), will assume the office as Chairman of the WCWA. We are very appreciative of Al's, Kevin's and Anna's efforts on behalf of the WCWA.

In the meantime, Kevin Saville will publish the minutes of November's WCWA Board meeting this week.

Secondly, I have asked Anna Flores to remain as interim Treasurer and Beth Seir as interim Membership Coordinator, until Chairman elect Don Ledbetter assumes the office of Chairman. Anna will continue to pay bills, make deposits, etc. on behalf of the WCWA. In addition, Beth Seir will accept all membership applications sent to the current WCWA mailing address and deliver membership cards and membership applications to the Administrative Board. The current Administrative Board is supportive of Anna and Beth serving in these positions, respectively. And I have discussed the interim positions of Anna and Beth with Chairman elect, Don Ledbetter.

Regarding the 2012 election: At November's meeting, the General Board voted to accepted the 2012 Election Report. In addition, the General Board voted and approved a tie breaking procedure for the position of Vice Chairman. This procedure will be implemented by our election coordinator, John Caverly. Please contact John if you have any questions regarding this process.

Marc Williams and I are supportive of this tie-breaking procedure for the office of Vice Chairman.

In conclusion, I ask that this letter not be published without my permission on any electronic media website, etc. You may e-mail this letter to your unit members. This letter will be published on the WCWA web site and may be published on the Adams Legion web site. I will forward this letter to Heidi Curnutt, WCWA Dispatch Editor, Peggy Lange, WCWA webmaster.

Thank you all for your efforts. Let us not forget the mission of the WCWA. Let us all work together to perform this mission. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Your humble servant,

Howard Struve

The Story Behind "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

by Tom Stewart (editor: reprinted with permission) December 20, 2001

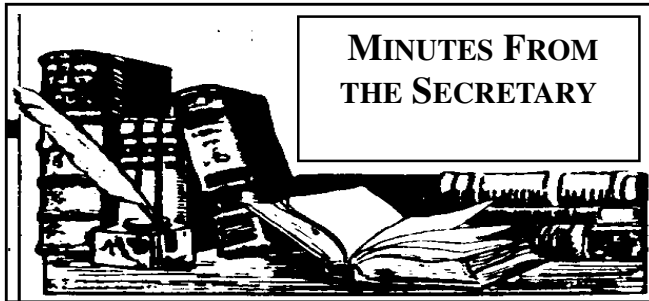
One of America's best known poets, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882), contributed to the wealth of carols sung each Christmas season, when he composed the words to "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" on December 25th 1864. The carol was originally a poem, "Christmas Bells," containing seven stanzas. Two stanzas were omitted, which contained references to the American Civil War, thus giving us the carol in its present form. The poem gave birth to the carol, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," and the remaining five stanzas were slightly rearranged in 1872 by John Baptiste Calkin (1827-1905), who also gave us the memorable tune. When Longfellow penned the words to his poem, America was still months away from Lee's surrender to Grant at Appomattox Court House on April 9th 1865; and, his poem reflected the prior years of the war's despair, while ending with a confident hope of triumphant peace

As with any composition that touches the heart of the hearer, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" flowed from the experience of Longfellow-- involving the tragic death of his wife Fanny and the crippling injury of his son Charles from war wounds. Henry married Frances Appleton on July 13th 1843, and they settled down in the historic Craigie House overlooking the Charles River in Cambridge, Massachusetts. They were blessed with the birth of their first child, Charles, on June 9th 1844, and eventually, the Longfellow household numbered five children-- Charles, Ernest, Alice, Edith, and Allegra. Alice, the Longfellows' third child and first daughter, was delivered, while her mother was under the anesthetic influence of ether-- the first in North America.

Tragedy struck both the nation and the Longfellow family in 1861. Confederate Gen. Pierre G. T. Beauregard fired the opening salvos of the American Civil War on April 12th, and Fanny Longfellow was fatally burned in an accident in the library of Craigie House on July 10th. The day before the accident, Fanny Longfellow recorded in her journal: "We are all sighing for the good sea breeze instead of this stifling land one filled with dust. Poor Allegra is very droopy with heat, and Edie has to get her hair in a net to free her neck from the weight." After trimming some of seven year old Edith's beautiful curls, Fanny decided to preserve the clippings in sealing wax. Melting a bar of sealing wax with a candle, a few drops fell unnoticed upon her dress. The longed for sea breeze gusted through the window, igniting the light material of Fanny's dress-- immediately wrapping her in flames. In her attempt to protect Edith and Allegra, she ran to Henry's study in the next room, where Henry frantically attempted to extinguish the flames with a nearby, but undersized throw rug. Failing to stop the fire with the rug, he tried to smother the flames by throwing his arms around Frances-- severely burning his face, arms, and hands. Fanny Longfellow died the next morning. Too ill from his burns and grief, Henry did not attend her funeral. (Incidentally, the trademark full beard of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow arose from his inability to shave after this tragedy.)

The first Christmas after Fanny's death, Longfellow wrote, "How inexpressibly sad are all holidays." A year after the incident, he wrote, "I can make no record of these days. Better leave them wrapped in silence. Perhaps someday God will give me peace." Longfellow's journal entry for December 25th 1862 reads: "'A merry Christmas' say the children, but that is no more for me." Almost a year later, Longfellow received word that his oldest son Charles, a lieutenant in the Army of the Potomac, had been severely wounded with a bullet passing under his shoulder blades and taking off one of the spinal processes. The Christmas of 1863 was silent in Longfellow's journal.

Finally, on Christmas Day of 1864, he wrote the words of the poem, "Christmas Bells." The reelection of Abraham Lincoln or the possible end of the terrible war may have been the occasion for the poem. Lt. Charles Longfellow did not die that Christmas, but lived. So, contrary to popular belief, the occasion of writing that much loved Christmas carol was not due to Charles' death. Longfellow's Christmas bells loudly proclaimed, "God is not dead." Even more, the bells announced, "Nor doth He sleep." God's Truth, Power, and Justice are affirmed, when Longfellow wrote: "The wrong shall fail, the right prevail." The message that the Living God is a God of Peace is proclaimed in the close of the carol: "Of peace on Earth, good will to men."



WCWA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2011
G. A. R. Cemetery, Snohomish, WA

Minutes unofficial until approved at a subsequent meeting
I. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at 9:03 by Chairman Al Myers.

II. Roll Call was made by Secretary Kevin Saville. All Administrative Board members were present except T. Gulley and T. Sayler. Marc Williams represented Tobey Gulley. For the General Board, on the Confederate side, there were seven unit representatives and three proxy representatives present (ten total). On the Federal side, there were eight unit representatives and two proxy representatives present (ten total). The total eligible voting representatives were 20 out of 23.

III. Secretary's Report was made by Saville. The unofficial October meeting minutes were published in the November Dispatch. Rusty Starr requested a correction to the disciplinary action section; Starr said that for the first infraction Dan Gerrer committed at Port Gamble, Gerrer was suspended for that event (asked to leave immediately) and was on probation for the rest of the year. Starr said Gerrer had to provide restitution and attend anger management classes. **A. Myers moved that the minutes be accepted with correction. Motion passed unanimously.**

IV. Treasurer's/Membership Report was given by Treasurer Anna Flores. Flores distributed the treasurer's reports and said the WCWA is doing pretty reasonably. The current balance of \$19,436.83 sets us in a good position to cover the full insurance payment at the beginning of 2012. It was asked if there is any report back from Plain. Flores said that Plain was not treated as a regular financially sponsored event; the WCWA was "paid to play." Flores said income from the event host will show up as additional income, i.e. the WCWA got paid to perform. Flores said we have had one bounced check for dues for 2012; that will be taken care of. In 2011, there were two or three bounced checks; the fees were recouped and they were resolved. Membership Coordinator Beth Sier reported to-date, there are 98 paid memberships for

2012. She has membership cards for a number of units. Tony Lee asked about Fort Lewis income. Flores said she finally received \$500; expenses for participating will be deducted once she receives a report from Shelly Butterfield-Knight or John Strand.

V. Brigade Commanders & Civilian Leaders Reports.

Confederate Civilians: Report was not requested by the Chairman.

Federal Civilians: Report was not requested by the Chairman.

Federal Brigade: Ted Sayler was absent; there no report.

Confederate Battalion: Tobey Gulley was absent; Marc "T.D." Williams reported there was nothing to report.

VI. Committee Reports.

A. Event Planning and Activities

Spokane. Howard Struve said Bob Davisson reports the 2012 Spokane event venue has changed to Deep Creek Farm, near Medical Lake. Davisson said it is a better location with easier access, 13 miles off I-90. There is great camping and land for endless battle scenarios. The hosts are excited to have the Civil War event there. The hosts are used to having large equestrian events with several hundred horses. Struve said to contact Davisson if there are questions about the event.

Chehalis Sponsored Battle Event. Rusty Starr reported that everything is looking going good for Chehalis, the locals are excited. Starr said they are negotiating with a well known band in the area that will do a dance Saturday night. The location is private farm ground near the Veteran's Memorial Museum, one-half mile down the railroad tracks from the Chehalis steam train depot. The property has 75 acres, and old barn and house. There is one access road in/out, adjacent steam train access, and the adjacent Chehalis River for water. The property is part of a large family farm operation. The owner is into vintage motorcycles and has bike rallies on the ground. This is not a city park. No modern conveniences are seen in the background except the old farm house and barn. It is a nice piece of property to have a reenactment on.

Walla Walla. Struve said the Walla Walla event has been removed from the schedule. Event coordinator Rick Montoya reportedly said that the event was scheduled to be just a week away from Union Gap's Fulbright park event so they wouldn't get enough members there. Montoya thus elected to drop Walla Walla.

Chehalis Veteran's Museum Sanctioned Events.

Rusty Starr said Chehalis museum sanctioned events will be held one Saturday in April and on November 17, 2012. The April event will commemorate the Battle of Shiloh and the November event will commemorate the

Battle of Fredericksburg. Display tables will be available and all WCWA units are invited to participate in period clothing, recruit, distribute brochures, and interact with the public. There will not be any battle or skirmish but there can be drill demonstrations and artillery fire outside. These are not field events. **Myers and Struve said we don't need to vote to approve these Chehalis events because there will not be musket fire.** Bruce Smith said the Snohomish Honoring Their Memory event will be the second or third Saturday in April and asked that we not schedule another event the same weekend.

B. Living History. No report.

C. Outreach. No report. D. Publicity. No report.

E. Risk/Insurance. Myers reported that he is working on getting insurance quotes, pending the final decision on the 2012 event calendar.

VII. Unfinished Business.

Bylaws Amendment to add Sponsored and Sanctioned Event Definitions. Saville read the following from the October meeting. At the October meeting, Kevin Saville moved that the "Definitions" section be reinstated at the beginning or end of the Bylaws and that the following be listed in the "WCWA Bylaws Definitions"...

-Sponsored events are insured and fiscally managed by the WCWA. -Sanctioned events are insured by the WCWA provided the event's assigned cost of insurance is reimbursed to the WCWA. A sanctioned event, where there are expenses and/or income associated with participation, may be fiscally managed by a sponsoring entity (such as a WCWA unit) provided the entity is incorporated (incorporation current per the secretary of state). If a sponsoring entity is not incorporated, a sanctioned event is fiscally managed by the WCWA."

Myers reported that the motion was seconded in October and asked if there was any discussion on the motion.

There was none. Voting proceeded on the motion. **The motion to add sponsored and sanctioned event definitions to the bylaws passed with 18Y, 0N, 1A.**

Ferndale Sponsored Battle Event August 11-12, 2012.

Howard Struve invited Jerry Shiner, Ferndale event coordinator, to talk about the event. Struve said we did not vote on Ferndale in October because we weren't clear on the event budget. Shiner reported that the parks department has a new director who is very excited about having the Civil War event be a success. The director wants to talk about ideas to increase public attendance. Shiner said that parks department fee double-dipping is a concern for the WCWA; the park is charging for reenactor parking, RV parking, and field rent—and the field rent has gone up. RV parking has also gone up a couple bucks per vehicle. Shiner said some figures for rental charges were incorrect; rental is \$120/day for the fields. Shiner said he guess-timated 1,600 persons will

attend the event; the number has been lower in the past. Garbage fees have increased due to garbage issues at the event. Shiner said that by juggling the figures, he came up with added expenses of \$1,235. Compared to the 2010 budget, the overall costs would come down \$500 if everything else remained the same. Shiner said the discrepancy between a \$6,885 and \$8,485 is \$1,600 due to the number of public that are estimated to attend. Shiner said the new budget would be \$726 less than 2010 but with a higher estimated public attendance and increase in fees, the total costs came out to be more. Unfortunately, some misleading numbers were put into the budget. Shiner reiterated that the county parks director really wants us to be there. Shiner said he has asked if there can be a reduction in other fees but the director has been unavailable. The parks department wants more money per head; we currently pay them \$1 per public person plus parking fees. Shiner said the parks director may learn that double-dipping is not a good idea. Shiner verified that this is a county park, not a state park that would be subject to the \$10/\$30 parking permit. Shiner said the net effect in 2010 is that the WCWA made money. No matter what else, if you have a wind-driven rain event, you are not going to have a lot of public there to attend. Struve thanked Shiner for clarifying the budget details and said it would have been nice to vote on the event in October but the financial discrepancy was identified and we had to address it. Struve said the Event Planning Committee recommended in October to do no more than five major events. The Event Planning Committee recommended the following major public battle events: Spokane, Yakima, Chehalis, and Plain. Struve said that Ferndale looks fine for the budget but it adds another event the schedule. Struve said the committee is concerned that we can't support all of those events. Starr said he agrees, as said last month he worries if we don't have good attendance at an event, it looks bad for the club. The spectators will go away if we have only a few men on the field. Starr said if Ferndale would have been voted on last month [October] then the arrangement of the events may be different. Starr said we shouldn't penalize Ferndale, the event should be given a fair opportunity to be voted on like all of the others. Shiner said he's never seen budgets for other events until now and saw budgets coming in at \$15,000 and 20,000 and is thinking, should he be getting more stuff [amenities for the event]? Shiner said he is trying to keep his budget down and yet he sees these massive budgets. Shiner said either he's doing something okay or not providing something. All we really need is wood, water, and port-a-potties. Struve reviewed the budgeted fees. Chehalis is paid for by local sources and the WCWA gets 50% of the gate. Starr said more than \$6,000 is available

from local sources for the event. The WCWA is paying for WCWA insurance but will be reimbursed. Struve said Ferndale was listed at \$8,800 but it may be down around \$7,000. Bonney Lake is budgeting expenses at \$10,300; the host will get \$2,000 and the WCWA's expenses will be paid. After expenses are paid, the gate will be split 90% to host, 10% to WCWA until the host receives an additional \$8,000, then the WCWA will receive 100% of the gate. B. Sier said Spokane and Bonney Lake are three day events so they have a little bit higher expenses. Myers asked that people consider how many events they go to now; some go to all five major events in Washington and three or four events in Oregon. Consequently, if the WCW has six major events, it seems those people could go to one additional Washington event and/or reduce the Oregon count. Myers also indicated that to make numbers, there will be three events on the west side of the Cascade crest and three on east side [thus, members will not necessarily have to cross over the Cascades to make a minimum contribution.] Saville read statements from Brian Tafoya and Glen Allison. Allison wrote "The 7th [Wisconsin] thinks that there can be TOO many major local events and doesn't encourage any beyond what has already been approved. Minor local events like Chehalis are fine but required events are getting to be too many." Tafoya wrote "Ref. Ferndale the 3rd votes Yes. If Roy is put up for a vote the 3rd votes No. Should there be any reconsideration of Bonnie Lake the 3rd votes round file the event." Linda Myers said if there are more events to choose from, then everyone can choose where they want to go and get it to meet their schedule. Anna Flores said even though you only have to make half [of the major events], that's just for voting. Members should make the decision to support the club; that's why we are going to the events to do demonstrations and living history for the public, not just to vote on the board. Flores said she likes to go to events around the state and hopes that others in this would love the opportunity to do as much as they can as well. Flores said she does think the mentality to support the WCWA needs to be encouraged. A. Myers asked Shiner if the parks department is willing to block off the back entry so the church group that came in from the back side can't come in. Myers said that in years past, there was a short entry. Shiner said we cannot block off the trail along the dike, but they can put up barrier tape. Shiner said that's one of the areas that we get our water from. Flores said a scheduled group was there at the church and used the opportunity to come in for free and they said they don't have to pay. Shiner said he didn't know about them until now. The parks department would not have a problem with us putting up some sort of minimal barricade there. Myers received no additional comments, so he called for a vote on Ferndale. Flores asked if Roy is

off the table. Struve said if Ferndale is voted down, then Roy could be up to a vote. **The motion to approve Ferndale proceeded. Motion to approve Ferndale passed with 16Y, 2N, 0A.**

VI. New Business.

Election Results. John Caverly, election coordinator, said there were several contested races with some heated debate between candidates and their supporters. Caverly said ballots were not put in the Dispatch; every unit commander was given a copy of the ballot to distribute and the voting booth was used at Plain. Caverly said he submitted the ballot to be put in the Dispatch but it was not included. Caverly addressed his preliminary election report which includes lessons learned. The final election report will be made available when the election is over. Caverly said we have a tie vote for the position of Vice Chair, between Marc Williams and Howard Struve. Caverly said the election committee consisted of Mark Fisher, Court Fraley, and Carol Fraley. Caverly said the ballots were counted six times. Copies of the preliminary election report were distributed. The election results were announced; per the report they are as follows.

Chairman: Al Myers, 127 votes, 47%. Nathan Alred, 145 votes, 53%.

Vice Chairman: Howard Struve, 135 votes, 49.6%. Marc Williams, 135 votes, 49.6%. Write-in Rusty Starr, 2 votes, 0.7%.

Secretary: Kevin Saville, 275 votes, 100%.

Treasurer: Anna Flores, 270 votes, 99.3%. Beth Sier, 1 vote, 0.4%. Write-in Bonnie Starr, 1 vote, 0.4%.

Federal Battalion Commander, Ted Sayler, 67 votes, 74.4%. Ryan Wilder, 22 votes, 24.4%. Write-in Josiah Struve, 1 vote, 1.1%.

Confederate Battalion Commander, Tobey Gulley, 56 votes, 100%.

Federal Civilian Leader, Erena Heino, 12 votes, 34%.

Derrick Sturgill, 23 votes, 66%.

Confederate Civilian Leader, Linda Myers, 20 votes, 100%.

Caverly said if he is asked to do this again next year, he will make changes. Even with the instructions written on top of the ballot, people voted for two or three people [battalion leaders and civilian coordinators]. Ninety (90) votes representing 30% of the ballots had votes for both the Union commander and Union civilian leader. Caverly said he will recommend going to separate ballots in the future. The voting station at Plain worked well. Caverly said he will recommend a ballots redesign. Caverly said our election rules suck; the Constitution says in accordance with bylaws and vice versa. There are no directions as to what to do in case of a tie. Caverly said there is a procedure that the election committee has decided on. To solve the tie, prior to the January board

meeting, they will have an election meeting. Each unit will get one vote. Unit representative will mail or email Caverly, stating “we vote for “x”.” The votes will remain sealed until the meeting. Caverly said votes will be accepted from recognized units; this body [the General board] will have to decide if they want to accept probationary units. A. Flores said unit status is not considered when members vote for Administrative Board positions. Rusty Starr said everyone has a vote, you cannot restrict voting to certain units. Starr said this needs to be published in the Dispatch and put on the website. Caverly thanked Starr and restated his position of having unit representative vote, not every member revote on the Vice Chair tie. Caverly questioned how an election can be rerun with all members voting and said if there’s a tie in Congress, it goes to the House of Representatives to decide. Caverly indicated there is insufficient time and resources to put out ballots and count the hundreds of returns. Sandy Burwell said she has the right to chose and vote for her commander. Starr said every unit should be allowed to vote regardless of probationary status. Caverly said he agrees, every unit should be allowed to vote. Linda Myers said without looking at a timeline, when the vote started, there were no units on probation. A. Myers said the probation status doesn’t matter. Caverly said they will call a role of units and will call a vote. This will be equitable and time-saving. Caverly said he is not going to do the election again. Peter Jensen said the first vote was by individuals. Some units have a lot of members and some have a few, so we should move to a system like the electoral college. Everyone that’s a member should have a vote. Jensen said that in 1998, we did it the WCWA election over, did it correctly, and it came out fine. Jensen said everyone that’s a member should vote, period. Marc Williams said that he and Struve [Vice Chairman candidates] spoke and agree that every unit should have a vote and they agree to handle the vote that way. Caverly said he doesn’t want to let everyone vote this time because not everyone voted the last time. Caverly said he knows people close to him that said they would help and then they didn’t vote. We have a tie; if we put the ballots back out, we will get 500 ballots back with 250 people voting that didn’t vote the first time. By unit representation, we have full membership representation. Starr said the situation sends a clear message that we can’t cut costs on elections. Starr said he has problems with the ballots, there should have been two distinct ballots. At Plain, people were told how to vote but things still got messed up. Starr said we have never had a polling place at an event site, he is opposed to politics at an event, and it was wrong to do it [have the polling place at Plain]. Caverly said he was given the ballot design from the previous year. He said there is not a stitch in the Bylaws that said we couldn’t have voting

at an event. There is no order in the Bylaws, it is just in Confederate orders, to not have politics at events. Starr said as a long time member, no politics at events has been the standing policy. Caverly said he looked for unwritten rules and they didn’t exist. Caverly said he understands that people aren’t happy and he doesn’t want to be in this position. However, it is not an option to settle the situation immediately. Jensen said he didn’t understand what Caverly had in mind before the voting occurred. It was not clearly defined, the rules were there by Caverly but they were not there for the membership, for the 1,000 people in the club. Williams said by our bylaws, we could have a different set of rules for each election. Williams indicated the bylaws should be rewritten so that the rules don’t change by the election coordinator. Caverly said he was told that there would be a polling station at Plain; it was something they want to see going forward. Caverly said the ballot design sucked; if he had of realized [the ballot’s shortcomings], he would have had one ballot for Federal and one for Confederate. Caverly said this is what he hopes to get codified. Caverly said he went with past precedent.

Nathan Alred moved to approve the election report with units voting on the vice chair outcome. Motion passed with 17Y, 1N, 0A. Al Myers said we will do what John Caverly said. Caverly said every existing unit can send a written ballot from their unit representative, either emailed or mailed, to Caverly by December 31st. John specified his email address: Caverlyj@gmail.com Caverly asked that the email state “Unit x votes for candidate x”. Caverly reiterated that he will accept email and physical mail. Caverly said he will accept one vote from each unit. Saville asked, and Caverly clarified, that physical mail needs to be postmarked by December 31, 2011.

Caverly said he wants to work with people to rewrite and codify the election law, to specify what to do in case of a tie, how to do the ballots, etc. Linda Myers said years ago when Al and she did the election, the ballot was different and this current ballot is way too confusing. Caverly said his committee will make a final report to the club. Alred said Caverly is correct, we need four ballots. Caverly said he wants this clearly defined. Caverly added that there’s nothing that directs how to count ballots. Caverly restated that unit votes for the Vice Chair tie are acceptable if they are postmarked by December 31. Caverly said all of those votes will be in the final report. Flores said that in spite of the difficulties, last year’s [2010] voting turnout response was dismal. Comparatively, the number of votes received for 2011 were higher; we cannot discount the methods used. Flores thanked Caverly for doing a great job.

David Imburgia moved that the chair establish an



WCWA 2012 Event Schedule

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January 21, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery.
(Approval of the 2012 operating budget)

February 18, WCWA General Membership meeting, Snohomish GAR Cemetery

March 3, Spring Ball, Steilacoom Town Hall, Contact Linda Myers, lmeyers52@wavecable.com

March 17, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery.

April 7, Honoring Their Memory Ceremony & General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery, Sanctioned (skirmish). Contact Bruce Smith, babrsmith@peoplepc.com, (425) 483-0351.

April (TBD), Chehalis Veteran's Memorial Museum living history event commemorating Battle of Shiloh. Indoor exhibits. Contact Kevin Saville, Kevin@saville.net (360) 292-0966 and Rusty & Bonnie Starr (425) 743-9851

May 10-11, Whatcom County Education Day, Hovander Farms, Ferndale, Sanctioned (firingdemo) Contact Karrin Porret, skporrett@verizon.net, (360) 384-3089

May 12, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery.

May 19, Lilac Day/Armed Forces Day, Spokane, Sanctioned (no skirmish).

Contact Lisa Tharp, floydh3mvi@sisna.com (509) 998-9936.

May 19, Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade, Bremerton, Sanctioned (no skirmish).

Contact Howard Struve, hstruve@wavecable.com (360) 874-8548.

May 26-28, Battle of Deep Creek, Medical Lake (near Spokane), Sponsored public battle.

Contact Bob Davison, bob@14thvirginiacavalry.org (509) 995-8619.

June 9-10, Fort Simcoe, Sanctioned (skirmish). Contact Bruce Frazier, BFrazier@SageFruit.com

June 16-17, Battle at Fullbright Park, Union Gap, Sponsored public battle.

Contact Rich Bright, brightnot66@yahoo.com

June 30, Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad Living History/Skirmish, Elbe, WA., Sanctioned (skirmish). Contact Bob Carter, bnkcarter@msn.com

July 14, General Board Meeting (Appoint election coordinator), and

Echoes of Blue and Gray, **Evergreen Cemetery, Everett.** Sanctioned (skirmish). One day battle event followed by the memorial service. Contact Bruce Smith babrsmith@peoplepc.com, 425-483-0351.

July 14-15, Little Diamond Resort Living History/Skirmish Event, Spokane area. Sanctioned (skirmish) Contact Gary Michie, michiegr1@msn.com

July 21-22, Battle of Chehalis River, Chehalis, Sponsored public battle.

Contact Kevin Saville, Kevin@saville.net (360) 292-0966 and Rusty & Bonnie Starr (425) 743-9851

July 28-29 Gold Dust Days, Gold Bar, Sanctioned (firing demo). Contact Ernie Sherill, e_sherrill@hotmail.com, (360) 548-8007

August 11-12, Battle at Hovander Farm, Ferndale, Sponsored public battle.

Contact Jerry Shiner, shiners10@msn.org

August 18, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery.

August 18-19 Wheatland Community Fair Grounds, Ritzville, Sanctioned (skirmish) Contact Ronald and Laura Evans, ronf4n@ritzville.com, 509-659-0594

September 1-3 St. Maries, Idaho Living History Encampment and Skirmish event. Sanctioned (skirmish). Contact Terry Mourning, dixiefifer@yahoo.com, (509) 536-4252.

September 8, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery.

September 15, Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad Living History/Skirmish, Elbe, WA., Sanctioned (skirmish). Contact Bob Carter, bnkcarter@msn.com

September 29-30, Plain Campaign, Plain, Sponsored public battle. Contact Bruce Smith, babrsmith@peoplepc.com, 425-483-0351.

October 20, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery. (Vote on the 2012 WCWA schedule)

November 3, WCWA Grand Harvest Ball, Bellingham. Sanctioned. Contact Karin Porrett, skporrett@verizon.net, (360) 384-3089

November 10, Veteran's Day Parade, Auburn, Sanctioned (no skirmish). Contact C.B. Zohn, zohnster@yahoo.com, (206) 909-7831

November 17, General Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery. (WCWA Administration Board Election results announced).

November 17, Chehalis Veteran's Memorial Museum living history event commemorating Battle of Fredericksburg. Indoor exhibits. Contact Kevin Saville, Kevin@saville.net (360) 292-0966



election procedures committee to review and codify the election process and report back by March 1, 2012. Williams seconded the motion. Starr said this should be an effort separate from the current election committee. The election procedures committee needs to take the best practices from all elections. **Motion to establish an election procedures committee was approved unanimously.** Myers said the WCWA Chair will decide the Election Procedure Committee chair. Myers said after this meeting, he's not the chairman. Williams said as a point of order, Myers is WCWA Chair until December 31. Alred asked that they please meet and decide who will be on the committee. **Nathan Alred moved that the general board tender a letter of thanks to John Caverly. Marc Williams seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.** Myers asked Alred if there are volunteers for the committee. Alred encouraged those to volunteer. Myers said just because you volunteer does not necessarily mean that you will be on the committee. Those volunteering at present: Rusty Starr, Beth Sier, Sandy Burwell, Peter Jensen, Scott Hatch, and John Caverly.

Bylaws Amendment for Calendar Schedule

Conflicts. A. Flores said she took notice on the event schedule, that a sanctioned event was established in Idaho [St. Maries Paul Bunyan Days] on the same date as a sponsored event in Western Washington [Bonney Lake]. Flores requested the bylaws be revised to state that there shall be no WCWA sanctioned calendar event that directly interferes with a WCWA sponsored event. Flores said sponsored events are where we try to rally participation. She said she thinks it's wrong that we have skirmishes etc. that conflict with a sponsored event on the same date. Flores said the bylaws should indicate that other events can be added on the calendar where nothing else [no sponsored event] is scheduled. It is not in good form to have a conflict with a sponsored event. **Flores moved that the Bylaws be amended to read that there shall be no calendar sanctioned event scheduled for the same date as a WCWA sponsored event. Motion was seconded.** Myers requested to hold discussion until the motion until the next meeting.

Bonney Lake, Battle at Kelley Farm. Nathan Alred said he has had lots of people talk to him about Bonney Lake and recommended that we consider a vote to open discussion on Bonney Lake. Struve asked how can we remove an event that's been approved? Alred expressed that we are obligating our club for a

lot of money. Discussion proceeded on the cost of sanctioned events. Myers said the WCWA does not make money off sanctioned events, so we need to make money for the sanctioned events from sponsored events. Marc Williams expressed that people on the east side of the state are concerned that only twelve units voted in favor of the event. The concern is that the event will cost \$10,000 and people are worried if we will break even, let alone make money. Myers said we have had the same thing occur with Steilacoom, that event passed by one vote. Brad Jones of the 4th U.S. suggested a supermajority should be considered in the future. **Alred moved to open discussion on Bonney Lake. Motion passed with 15Y, 2N, 0A.** Discussion was opened.

John Caverly said he was not at the past [October] meeting. On that weekend of Bonney Lake, we will run into conflicts, with crowds going to other local events, having nothing to do with Fort Stevens. There is Bumbershoot, Bite of Tacoma, a car show, etc. We have larger festival events going on that weekend that charge both less and more. We will have maybe half of our club there. Caverly said the locals have closed down two night clubs in that area because they are kind of noisy. Caverly said we need to look at this \$10,000 event. B. Sier said we are on the hook to the park for \$2,000. M. Williams said we have to make \$10,000 to break even. A. Myers said the proposed budget totals \$10,000. Sier said it's a three day event, so it will naturally cost more than a two day event. The St. Maries event won't make money for the WCWA the way the Bonney Lake event may. Caverly said we could catastrophically lose money on Bonney Lake. Williams said he has no problem supporting a Labor Day event if we have three-quarters of the club saying they will be there. Williams said half of the units said they won't make Bonney Lake. R. Starr said he has no problem with the Bonney Lake event; he has a problem with the date. He would love to see a Labor Day weekend event, but it's been traditional to have Ft Stevens that weekend and a lot of our units have gone to Stevens. Starr said if we don't have good participation from our club, it makes our club look ridiculous. He would like Bonney Lake on another weekend when we can have more guaranteed support from the club. A. Flores said 1) The events of this club get voted on all the time; a lot of units that vote for them don't show up for the event. Ferndale has lost \$3,000 over the past three years. This [Bonney Lake] is a new event. If you take \$10,000 over three days, it averages it out to be the same cost as other events. 2) It was the people [WCWA members] that said they want a Labor Day event. We have a place that is putting out bucco advertising because it's in their best interest to get a large

spectator turnout. 3) Commanders need to promote the event. It is wrong to penalize the event coordinator by re-voting on the event and this sets precedent that we can revoke on any event. Plain could have been re-voted and it was not fully attended. Flores said you are opening up a can of worms to vote something down now despite the thin margin. Unless you require a supermajority, some events may be voted in by a thin margin. Struve said it's hard to know when units vote for or against events, if it's for cost or attendance reasons. Units could plan to attend but vote against the event because of event cost, and vice versa. Addressing Caverly's concern, some events have had poor attendance. Struve thinks Bonney Lake is different. Struve said it's fair to open up the topic for debate. The site is in a pretty good location. The Renaissance Faire at that location has drawn a lot of people. A WCWA event at this site cannot happen prior to August, as it will be more than we want to spend. The Renaissance Faire has the site for three weekends of show plus prep time so all of August is taken up. They don't want us there earlier, it could be wet so June and July are out of the question. Labor Day weekend offers the best, reduced cost. Struve said it is not a Port Gamble location but for the amount of traffic that goes by there, it could be very good--everyone knows about Kelley Farm. Scott Hatch stated that some other events don't attract kids but this event will be a kid magnet so parents will bring them. Peter Jensen said he goes back to Rusty Starr's comment, how many people in our club of 1,000 people really look forward to Fort Stevens. Jensen said they went back for the day and it was very nice. Jensen said we will miss out on that if we have Bonney Lake that weekend. Jensen said a lot of people are going to miss Fort Stevens. Starr said he is worried that people will go to Fort Stevens and miss Bonney Lake. Marc Williams said he sympathizes with Flores' comment regarding a revoke; does this set precedence that we can go back next month and vote out Spokane? Williams said if Bonney Lake is reconsidered, we set the schedule for 2012 now, state these are the events we are going to do, and not go back [to reconsider other events]. Williams said since we extended the vote on Ferndale, we made it an October-November meeting discussion [on 2012 events]. Flores said the Bonney Lake event coordinator may have signed a contract. A. Myers said we have been going to Stevens for six years, the club makes no money on it and Oregon makes no money on it. If we are going to have events that are going to make money, then we need to go to those events. Bonney Lake has the potential to make money. D. Imburgia said his first gut reaction is that we are a nonprofit organization and the focus on dollars is a concern to him. Imburgia

said the 15th Alabama has a 15 year history of attending Fort Stevens. The only time we had a Labor Day event, it was an utter disaster. It was a Hovander event and we walked away saying what a disaster, everyone went to Fort Stevens. Imburgia said we must be realistic; we are jingoistic if we say we're Washington and we should have a Washington event [on Labor Day weekend]. Think of the politics that could come out of it if we lose money on the event. Myers said we have to make money at events in order to have other events; we can't continue to operate in losses. Caverly said yes, we have to make money, and he understands as event coordinator at Orting, we had to pull the Orting event in the past because we couldn't make money. If a place [event site] caught fire, we would have to pull the event off the calendar. Contracts could now be signed but he would rather sign out than deal with people going to Spokane [Paul Bunyan Days] and Fort Stevens. Caverly said there is no vendor support [for Bonney Lake]. There are too many questions for a budget over a three day event. The site said they want more gate if you [WCWA] make money over expenses. Caverly said he lives in that community, and does not think a WCWA event there will be the draw that everyone thinks it will be. Brad Jones said we don't want to incur losses. Starr said we have canceled a major event [Marymoor Park, Redmond] that was on the schedule just two weeks before the event was supposed to happen. There was a financial (insurance) issue that evolved regarding the event. Saville was event coordinator for that event and said we needed twice the insurance than what the WCWA could provide. Starr said we got a lot of grief for pulling Marymoor. Caverly said we have had a history where an event that's been approved has been canceled. He would be afraid to put in the Bylaws that we can't cancel an event. Flores said in regard to Plain, there were a lot of other events in the area happening at the same time. That event made big bucks, with competing events—more than any other event the WCWA has done in three years. Flores said you never know how much you will draw away from events. Flores said shame on any unit that goes and supports another state's events when your own state has an event. Every new event is a risk. How do we know Yakima is going to break even? Caverly said we don't know any event is going to make it. How many events have we had in the 75 square mile area around Bonney Lake? Zero. How many in 75 radial miles from Bonney Lake? Caverly said Steilacoom is 18 miles away. Orting is five miles away. Flores said Bonney Lake is scheduled for a different time of year [than Steilacoom]. A will be a lot of draw because it is not uncommon to have an event there. Struve said we



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could talk on and on; we need to come to some resolution. Plain is in a town of a couple hundred people. Struve said it's called publicity. When there's lots of publicity, you see more people come to the event. Struve said \$10,300 is budgeted for Bonney Lake; Spokane is at \$10,150 and it's in a new location. Peter Jensen said when we did Plain, he was really on the hot seat for getting a good turnout for the club. We voted last time to participate at Bonney Lake and should proceed to do the event.

Kevin Saville moved to reapprove Bonney Lake as a Labor Day weekend, 2012 event. A. Myers said he has a question on a revote, in that some people that voted last time are not here to vote this time. Alred said we carried event discussion over for Ferndale. Myers said there were more units here last month that voted on the schedule. If you vote on this now, you are overturning a previous decision. Myers said that since now there is a smaller number of units voting, a revote should be held over until January. Myers said he does not think we should vote this month. Caverly said January should be a well attended meeting. **John Caverly seconded Saville's motion.**

Myers asked if we are going to hold a revote until January or vote on it now. Tony Lee said at the last meeting, those units on probation were allowed to vote. Williams said there was a motion to place them on probation at that board meeting so you would have to counter that. Myers said you are taking people's votes away because now they can't vote on the revote. **Starr said he makes a follow-up motion that all units that voted before on Bonney Lake be allowed to vote now on Bonney Lake.** Williams said we could withdraw the motion, carry it over to January, and allow units on probation to vote. Once the vote occurs in January, this will be it for changing the calendar; we need to have some security. Myers said we will vote now.

The vote to reapprove Bonney Lake proceeded. A roll call vote was requested and recorded, as follows.

Yes, 3: Mason-Dixon Twp., 1st La. Inf., and U.S.S. Tahoma Marines.

No, 13: Union Civ. Corps, 1st C.S. Eng., 1st Va. Cav., 2nd S.C. Inf., 7th S.C. Inf., 7th Tenn. Inf., 15th Ala. Inf., 26th N.C. Inf., Cobb's Batty., 1st Mich. Lt. Art'y., 3rd Mich. Inf., 4th U.S. Inf., and 20th Me Inf.

Abstain, 3: C.S.S. Sumter/Marines, 7th Wis. Inf., and U.S.S. Tahoma.

Absent, 4: U.S. Medical, U.S. Marines, 12th U.S. Inf., and 21st N.C. Inf.

The motion to reapprove Bonney Lake failed and Bonney Lake is off the calendar. Williams moved to set the calendar for 2012. Myers and Struve said the calendar is now set.

Bylaws Amendment for Cavalry Troop Count. Marc Williams said Col. Gulley moves to present a Bylaws

amendment to Section F, Unit Formation, Recognition, and Rank Structure. For cavalry, it will be acceptable for an established cavalry unit to drop to two mounted riders provided dismounted cavalrymen offset the loss of mounts. It will be necessary to have two horses. Williams read the proposed revision to Section F, Para. 4, with subsequent revision by Williams, as follows.

4. A fully formed and recognized cavalry troop is a unit with at least four (4) paid up combatant memberships with certified mounts for the current year, with WCWA Board approval. A cavalry troop may fall below the requirement of four (4) riders and four (4) certified mounts where dismounted cavalry may be counted as combatants. However, for dismounted cavalry to be counted the troop must have a minimum of two (2) combatant members with certified mounts. In a cavalry unit, troopers and certified mounts are counted towards the unit's strength whose combatant count may not fall below eight (8). No cavalry troop shall be established without mounts. To be recognized, a newly formed cavalry troop shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, shall maintain at least four (4) paid up combatant members with certified mounts, and shall pass a period of probation before being eligible for voting and surplus funds distribution(s) privileges. Recognized probationary troops shall be allowed to maintain individual camps but shall be attached to similar-type units for battle reenactments.

The motion to amend Bylaws Sec. F, Para. 4, was seconded. Myers said this will be voted on at the January board meeting. P. Jensen said they will have to make their quota at the same number of events as other units. Caverly said it will allow horses to be left at home, Marc said it allows more dismounted troops to count. Myers said it conflicts with another section that states you can't have dismounted in a cavalry. Mike Heino said that [Para. 4] is the only paragraph in the bylaws that specify cavalry requirements.

IX. For the Good of the Order.

A. Past Event Reports.

Leavenworth. Bruce Smith said the Leavenworth newspaper had wonderful coverage of the Leavenworth event.

B. Upcoming Event Reports.

Autumn Ball. Jerry Shiner reported a ball is happening next weekend and they have 50 preregistered participants.

C. Unit Reports.

4th U.S. Brad Jones announced that Bernie Moscow is their new chairman, Lance Jurwosic is 1st Sgt., and Brad Jones is Bvt. 2nd Lt.

D. Announcements.

JBLM/Fort Lewis Armed Forces Day Insurance. K.

Saville reported Armed Forces Day insurance information received from Ms. Kate Laverents, JBLM Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Special Events coordinator, via email 11/9/2011. Ms. Laverents wrote

“The long and short is that you are responsible for your own liability insurance- the exact verbiage from the regulation is: “Contracts for entertainment will require that the contractor provide and maintain, during the entire performance period, adequate amounts of insurance for public liability, property damage, motor vehicle liability, and bodily injury insurance as required by state and local law. At a minimum, state insurance requirements will be met.” JBLM is insured, but the insurance, I believe, only covers employees and agencies of JBLM.”

Saville said we thus need to have insurance at Armed Forces Day. Myers said we should now vote on JBLM because it requires insurance. Myers said the Fort Lewis event will be put on insurance when we didn't think it would need to be. Myers said insurance is a flat rate, we cover insurance. Myers said skirmishes is what takes the insurance cost up; we get charged more for skirmish events. Saville said that he thought we want events to cover a portion of the insurance cost. Myers agreed, the skirmishes are what take the cost up. P. Jensen asked how many people got to JBLM? Kevin said the WCWA had 34 people there, not including the 1st U.S. Mounted Riflemen that had six and the 4th U.S. that had nine [49 WCWA members total, but the 1st U.S. and the 4th U.S. had separate contracts directly with JBLM]. Jensen said if we vote no and then members go, then do they need their own insurance? Myers said they have to go as their own unit. Williams asked of units that do go, would you go with the WCWA if we voted to have it, provided we pay for the insurance? It doesn't benefit the WCWA to pay insurance if units act on their own. Williams said if we vote yes, are the companies going to reenact for the WCWA or for themselves? Flores said she has issued out and divvied up money for Cobb's battery etc. that represented the WCWA at Fort Lewis. The other units are representing themselves. If they are going to have a separate contract, then they can keep their money and have their own insurance. John Strand asked, when was the last time we donated anything to the military? Bob Davisson said that's a separate issue, we need to vote on this event. Flores said there should be one rider for the event and one contract for the WCWA. Saville agreed that there should be one contract for the WCWA and its units. Myers said the WCWA is competing for contracts with units.

Myers moved to approve Armed Forces Day as a sanctioned event. Nathan Alfred said in light of the number of WCWA members that aren't part of the

Mounted rifles and the 4th U.S. those units need to get their own insurance and the WCWA can step out of it. Jensen said if we look at it properly, the insurance will be higher than the amount taken in. Saville said we could have made \$500 and the insurance would have been \$300+. Myers said six units may earn \$500 each and the club is paying the insurance so they can make money. Flores said if it's coordinated, you can let us know that you are representing your unit at the event. The WCWA can provide the insurance rider, split the cost of insurance among all the contracts, and your unit can keep the money you make. That can be done and would be fair. Williams said if the insurance is x amount, then divide that cost among the units. Myers said the cost of insurance is supposed to be 10% of what's made on an event. Caverly said JBLM is a community event. We need insurance for units to show up that may or may not have a contract. Myers said why is the WCWA paying money for a unit that is a part of the WCWA, to make money? Why do we spread it out among all units so that a few units can make money? Williams said the units can use it as a money-making event. He has no problem as long as we share the burden of the WCWA among the units. Anna said for all events that are making money for units and when units are utilizing our insurance, the club needs to be paid for insurance. Myers said he is not sure reimbursement is the whole issue. He sees the club paying for one unit to make money. If something happens, the club is dissolved. One unit could make money with the potential to dissolve the whole club. Alfred agrees, if the club is going to be on the hook, there should be one contract for the WCWA. Separate units should be separate. Caverly said the traditional agreement has been that units got stipends. If we get 1,000 people out there, then we should divide it the income. Flores said Fort Lewis changed the rules this year. When they contacted her, everything was to be direct deposit into the WCWA account. Flores said Fort Lewis is still getting their act together. Myers said they are requiring us to have insurance for this event. **Vote proceeded to approve Armed Forces Day as a sanctioned event. The motion failed with 3Y, 13N, and 2A. The WCWA will not be represented at JBLM Armed Forces Day.** Saville said he or other members can contact a unit such as the 4th U.S. to see if they may host the members at that event. John Strand said it's sad that the WCWA won't support a community event.

X. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m. by A. Myers.

Next Meeting is January 21, 2012, 10:00 a.m., at the Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Christmas Bells"

(The original poem, complete with all seven stanzas)

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
 Their old familiar carols play,
 And wild and sweet
 The words repeat
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,
 The belfries of all Christendom
 Had rolled along
 The unbroken song
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
 The world revolved from night to day,
 A voice, a chime
 A chant sublime
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black accursed mouth

The cannon thundered in the South,
 And with the sound
 The carols drowned
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent
 The hearth-stones of a continent,
 And made forlorn
 The households born
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;
 "There is no peace on earth," I said;
 "For hate is strong,
 And mocks the song
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
 "God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!
 The Wrong shall fail,
 The Right prevail,
 With peace on earth, good-will to men!"