

Southwest Missouri Veterans Association

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Southwest Missouri Veterans, El Dorado Springs, Mo., Aug. 20. In spite of a heavy rainfall yesterday the streets were crowded with enthusiastic old soldiers, who came to attend the Southwest Missouri Veterans' association, which commenced the 17th and closes the 22d. William Warner, of Kansas City, and William J. M. Hanc[?], of Clinton, addressed 5,000 persons yesterday afternoon at the large tent erected at the encampment grounds.

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Southwest Missouri Veterans, Nevada, Mo., April 21.
Commander Henry Speer, of the Southwest Missouri Veterans' Association, today called a meeting of the association, to be held in Nevada on May 11, for the purpose of selecting a permanent place for the annual meetings. The Grand Army posts of seven counties are included in the association.

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GRAND ARMY VETERANS OF SOUTHWEST MISSOURI.

Delegates From Various Posts Meet in Nevada. To Select a Place for their Annual Meetings. Nevada and Eldorado are Strong Bidders. Nevada Wins on the First Ballot.

The delegate convention of the Grand Army Posts of the Southwest Missouri Veterans Association met in the hall of Gen. Joe Bailey Post, in this city this afternoon.

The convention was held for the purpose of selecting a permanent location for the annual encampments of the association and a time for holding the same.

Delegates were present from the following G.A.R. Posts

Bates County – Adrian one delegate, Rockville 1, Rich Hill 1, Butler 4.

Vernon County – Joe Bailey Post 4, Moundville 1, Harwood 1, McGregor 2.

St. Clair County – Appleton City, J.B. Steadman Post, 2 delegates.

Cedar County – Col. Leonard Post No. 25, Eldorado Springs, 3 delegates.

Commander Henry Spears, of Butler, presided over the convention and H.L. Richardson of Eldorado Springs was secretary.

Some discussion was had as to the advisability of receiving bids, it being finally decided to receive same. An invitation was accepted to visit White Sulphur Lake in a body.

It was determined to call the roll of the counties embraced in the bounds of the Association in order to hear any propositions to be made.

Only two propositions were submitted, one by Nevada of \$700 in cash and the Artesian Lake grounds and one by Eldorado Springs of \$1,000 in cash and all the grounds needed. Speeches were made by Congressman Burton, Major Harry Mitchell, John T. Byrdseye and H.C. Moore, favoring Nevada, and by the mayor of Eldorado Springs for that place and other members of the Eldorado delegation.

The discussion was warm for both towns, and it was urged by one gentleman from Appleton City that the matter of permanent location should be postponed till the regular annual meeting when there would be representatives present from every G.A. R. post in the district.

NEVADA WINS.

Nevada was selected on the first ballot, the vote being as follows Nevada, 16; Eldorado 3. Four votes were cast against locating at this time.