

MEMORIAL DAY.

Blowly beats the drum, and miftly Sounds the bugle o'er the way ; Old "unreconstructed rebels" March in martial line to day But in peace, and not for lattle Meet again the "boys in gray."

Now the strains of dear old "Pixle" Through the distance proudly brenk, But the hearts bewenth our garlands Cannot at its call awake Once it cheered their drauging spirits, Raised their banners trailing low,

Urged them on to nght, and win Our own fair Mouthland from the for-Braver hearts ne'er best than these That 'neath Mount Olivet's shadows lie Nobler men ne'er fought tend bless them

Derds like theirs can never die. And we proudly do them homer. And our wrenths of inured lay O'er the enervel dust of hermes Martyred bosts who wore the gray.

Bee the gray "old guard" advancing With their mensured, stately tread, Toward the grass groves of com

Round the birmur of the dead But the ranks are growing thinner, One by one the heads of gray Bow before the last command To pit b their tents across the way. To go and join the silent forces

Biromacked on the platne of peace, To meet again the long lest comrades Death has granted full release.

Ah! that roll of names respiendent-Chestham, Jackson, Forrest, Lee, Lored communiters gone before To foin the great majority Enforgation voices call

And omeon hands across the may Becken, and the old grand follows Down through death, to victory, -Adele F. Shaw

Brave Comrade Cox

In a little Pacific coast town a few years ago lived an old Grand Army man who was as unique a character as ever shouldered a gun or wore the blue. Clemente Cox was a living relic of our Civil War. He might properly have been called a remnant, for his hardy old frame was not all that it had been before befirst made it a target for Confederate guns. He said there had been enough of l him shot away to make another fairsized soldier. And yet to see him get | sod. And fuller and promier than all the around one would not think there was I much of him missing.

ness which brought him into disrepute. He had an unappeasable yearning for It was pure patriotism and pride, and so flery drink. John Barley Corn was his full was he of his feelings that he could in the American calendar impressive bemaster, and under his baneful power not contain himself, and that was why cause they are reminders of great strugpoor Clemente's life had become well be overflowed at the eyes, and bright | gles, because they made our present condinigh a wreck. To such a pass had his drops rolled down his furrowed cheeks tion of existence prescible; happy beinsatiable thirst for burning beverages and dripped off the ends of his grizzled cause we know by them, and what they reduced him that he was oftentimes | beard. thrown upon the charity of friends and the Grand Army post in which he still claimed membership. His wife, poor woman, was in despair over him and feared that some awful end awaited him. He contributed but little to the maintenance of the household, and she was afraid that would be taken from her. With tears in her eyes she would say : "We were not | handkerchiefs. Through the principal always so poor. When we first came to California we were quite well off and had things real nice, but Clemente took to drinking and got out of work, and things went from bad to worse, until now we haven't enough to keep soul and body together. Clemente used to have some self-respect and kept himself as attaight as anybody. Folks used to call him 'Col. Cox,' but now it's 'Old Cox.' Ah, me, when a man gets to going down hill you can't stop him with a barb-wire

Thus the sorrow-laden soul would re-Heve herself of a mite of misery and enlist the aid of sympathizing friends, without which her existence would have been whelly devoid of cheer.

momentarily assert itself. He was a good one of their number remaining in the sort at the core, and in his semi-colons | path of the plunging horses. That one of sobriety would rail upon himself for was Comrade Cox. They thought his termed his waywardness. For a brief | that perhaps he was too dazed to move. dier" again, but the seductive stream his hands and grasped the bridles just as which sweeps so many human, wrecks the horses were right upon him. He was of purpose would succumb to the terrible | tion.

old shot worn suit of blue, which all the after the runaway team, which, being rest of the year reposed, in campborated | hampered in its movements by the weight security in a closet, and smooth it out of Clemente at the bits, had not made tenderly and reverentially. With it on. | much headway. The maddened animals and a general cleaning up, the old sol | were soon overtaken and brought up dier would "hist up his 60 years," and with a turn. Then the people swarmed give folks something of an idea of how shout the trembling horses, expecting to be looked when he fought, bled and all | see a maimed and broken man, but they but died for the Union. He could throw | beheld Clemente still clutching the lines. off some of the years for the time, but he and appealing to somebody to look after couldn't limber up that stiffened leg that | the girl in the carriage, who had fainted had stopped a Confederate builet, nor from fright and fallen from the seat, conceal a livid scar across his temple that bors witness to the deadly work of a couthern suber. Yet when his old Clemente. He was picked up and borne "comrades" got in line for a parade, Clemente would throw out his chest and mark time as chipperly as the youngest of them.

It was while on parade one Decoration Day that Clemente was suddenly transformed from a despised vagabond into an honored hero, and his course in life changed for the better. On that day nature had put on her best garb as if in evictoration of the event, and seemed to tie with men in efforts to fittingly emblazen the earth with brilliant tributes to the glory of the departed heroes of the nation. The town was gorgeous with beautiful blossoms and bright banners, and the boliday spirit presided over all. Civic and military authorities had made responsitions for a record-breaking celebrution, and the Grand Arms posts turned out to a man.

The city hall was the first center of interest, as it was there that the patriotism of the public speakers was to be on tap at the beginning of the day's program. Red faced, load voiced orators recaled the populace with lefts flights of pyrotechnical elequence, and proudly puffed and panted amidst the rolling waves of applause that all but overwhetmed them. Prominent citizens were out in force, in carriages and afoot, to take part in the grand procession which was to be the principal feature of the day, and women and children thronged the streets gas with the colors of "Old"

Truly, such a turnout had never before been witnessed in the town on any occasion, and the hearts of the gray vetcraps were filled to overflowing at the splendid demonstration in honor of their old-time comrades who slept beneath the rest was Comrade Cox as he took his place in line when the procession was Sad to relate. Clemente had a weak- forming. But it was not with the juice of the corn that he was full this time.

"Attention, company," was the command, "Forward, march!" and the creaky joints of the old campaigners limbered no to the inspiring strains of "Marching Through Georgia." Crowds of cheering people lined the streets on both sides, and doorwars and windows were choked with women waving flags and thoroughfares marched the procession and out toward the main cemetery, just the life and the union of the States. beyond the outskirts of the town.

While the enthusiasm of the people was at its highest there came agonizing screams from a number of women who were seated in a family carriage at the intersection of one of the cross streets. The horses became frightened at the hand and the general aproar, and reared is a printed slip to denote the ownerup and boited, nearly operating the carriage, throwing its occupants to the ground. All but one, a young girl of about 12 years, who clung desperately to the seat as the team dashed wildly into the midst of the procession.

There was a wild scramble in the ranks of the old veterans as the horses plunged | tive device of the owner's peculiar and At rare intervals Clemente would brace through their section of the line. The up without the aid of spirituous stimula- broke ranks in the wildest disorder and vorite motto, if desired. In Europe his "hog-headed low-downishness," as he | "Wilderness leg" had anchored him, or period he would be "a man and a sol- But no, that wasn't it, for he threw up owner's signature. down into the sea of sorrow would swirl | swept along by the animals in their wild around and his sadly impaired strength charge to what seemed certain destruc-

A sudden hush came upon the people, But there was one day in the year and for a moment they gazed awe-struck mon which Clemente would always be at the tragedy that seemed to be impendfound sober and right minded. That was | ing. In another instant the cooler minds Decoration Day. He would bring out his | began to act, and several men sprang

When it was found that nobody was Fire Insurance (six first-class cominjured a tremendous shout went up for

another step that day. A platform was extemporized and carried by a dozen veterans, upon which he was borne like a wish to know about swmers Gr ve property. No conquering hero. After the exercises at the cemetery he rode back to town in the carriage of his post commander, and was the recipient of marked attention upon every hand. But the greatest honor to his mind that was conferred upon him was the set of resolutions and a badge for life saving presented to him by his post, and a return to full membership. That was the turning point in Clemente's downward career, and old as he was, he said he was going to begin life all over again. He stuck to his guns, and the man who thereafter absently invited Comrade Cox to "have something" not with a very blunt refusal.

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tween May 20 and July 4.

There is far too little relation maintained between Independence Day and Sharpen all edge tools, lawn-Memorial Day, the is the natural se quence of the other, and the celebration of both should be observed with due solemnity as well as with comely and becoming rejoicing. A sacred service to lwgin the day, a service of thanksgiving, of grand and appropriate music, then with the congregation pouring out into the highways and byways of the earth, the spirit of peace and good-will might so merged into a feeling of forousness and a giving way to all forms of hilarious sport and innorent amusement. We have in one of these days honored our Office: forefathers through whose wise and determined efforts the country was established, and in the other we have remembered those who rescued us from danger and saved us for a great and glorious future. These days are the red-letter days typify, that the spirit of patriotism, selfsacrifice and the great and all-comprehensive spirit of divinity that was originally planted in the hearts of men has neither been dimmed nor extinguished. It has only simplered and smoldered; the living fire is there, and needs but the breath of treason or the slightest blow from an assembling hand to bring it full-grown to its feet, a stalwart roung giant able to cope with any adversary that threatens

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