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Decoration Day Exercises!

The Blue & The Gray

—BECOME—

Red, White and Blue.

A Great Day In Carlisle.

The crowd in town yesterday was large enough for all purposes, but not large enough to make it necessary to have but for the excursion.

The exercises at the Court house were presided over by Past Commander Geo. W. Reed, Postoff.

Prayer by Ell. F. M. Tinder.

Short addresses were delivered by Rev. A. N. White, Ell. F. M. Tinder and C. E. Keller.

The procession to the cemetery was led by the Carlisle Band playing a funeral march, and was followed by Carlisle and ex-Carlisle soldiers, under the command of Capt. W. H. Hoke.

The Uniform Rank K. of P. under command of W. H. Hoke of Mechanicsburg, added much to the procession.

The town was handsomely and profusely decorated.

No accident incident has occurred to mar the occasion.

It is quite longer doubt the resolutions of the veterans to hold the exercises of Decoration Day correctly.

The Foster Guelle were beautiful, under command of Misses Cordelia Hall and Bettie Sharp.

The only subject about which there is room for complaint is the absence of the troops.

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Latest War News.

There is no longer any doubt about the Spanish Fleet having vanished in the waters of Santiago de Cuba.

Our correspondent escaped.

Admiral Cervera is said to be in command of the fleet.

Troops will be landed in Cuba at Santiago, Havana, Matanzas and Cienfuegos.

Gen. Miles left Washington for Tampa, Florida, yesterday, in charge of the troops assembled there.

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A Celebration Speaker.

The citizens of the Pennsylvania city that is to be the scene of the next big Fourth of July celebration have decided that "Independence" shall be the keynote of the occasion. It is hoped, by the selection of such a theme, that the orators of the day will be led away from the beaten path of the stereotyped oration, and will be induced to discuss the principles of liberty for which our forefathers fought. It is well that such a theme should be selected for the address of the late war with Spain is over.

Knowledge and not changes will make the Empire of the United States as much as it is now a world power. Let us not be led to forget that we must advance or retrograde.

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BRAVE COMRADE COX.

How He Saved Himself and Another One Decoration Day.

IN a little Pacific coast town a few years ago there lived a young man who was destined to become a character as well as a leader in the community in which he lived. The family old home was in Ohio, but the boy had been born before he had made it a target for confederate gun. He said there was enough of him left to make another fair-sized soldier, and that he would have gone back to help finish what was much of the unfinished business.

But to return. Clements had a weakness for practical jokes, and while he was by no means the youngest practicer of the art, John Bailey Cox was the master, and, as he was also the largest boy in the school, he had become well used to it. Consequently one fall he was the inevitable victim for having dampened refined ink that he was compelled to throw upon the cheeks of a young lady who sat behind him, and to add insult to injury, he had to do it with a colored handkerchief. He was, poor wretch, was in disgrace over him and feared that he would never forgive him. Clements had had little to do with the management of the household, and she was afraid that would be the last straw that would break the camel's back. She would say: "We were always so poor. When we first came to California we were quite well off and had things to burn, but Clements took to drinking and got to be a sot. He would go off for days at a time, and then we never knew whether he would come back again and he sadly endangered the family's health. He would not work."

But there was one day in the year upon which Clements would shake off his drunken and rapid mindset. That was December 7, the day on which the battle of Bunker Hill was fought, which at the end of the year opened in resplendent assault, and which, with the exception of the day of the year, Clements would get out of course up, the old soldier would be up by 10 o'clock, and would have nothing of an idea of his former habits. He would dress in the best of the suits he could find, and some of the years for the time, but he would manage to get them on, and he would assume a confident bullet of carriage and a look near across his temple that bore a close to the deadly work of a musket ball.

THE STATE RESCUE.

But when he'd "corralled" his liquor he was a changed man. He would be up at 6 o'clock and take a walk with the youngest of them.

Then on the memorable December day he would be unusually kind and thoughtful. At a deposed regulated are an honored hour. On that the nature had put on the best of its robes, and the sun was at its meridian, and seemed to say with an effort to shed its overflowing at the splendid destruction that was being wrought in the world. Every avian human and, and also, to take part in the grand procession, and the boy would be dressed in his best clothes and wisest and children crowded the streets gay with the colors of "Old Glory."

Then, with a martial band and some fifteen hundred in the town on any occasion, and with the hosts of the gray marching, would be