SURVIVORS OF A FIGHT.

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUB-LIC AND ITS FAME.

Decoration Day and the Memories It Recalls of Thirty Years Ago-A Good Deal That Is Overdone In the Expression of Patriotism-Reflections.

man carrying six or seven long staffs with graves are decorated on account of them? the remnants of miniature stars and stripes bleached and worn at the end of them, attracted some attention yesterday.

but the cld man was of peculiar interest. ed, just as many of those who fought in the He was the last of the Mexican war veterans, rebellion were killed; but along the shores in this city, and he had been placing new of the United States are hundreds of men flags over the graves of his dead comrades. who have exhibited such bravery; in the Those he carried had flaunted over the fire department of every city of the country pieces during the winter and nothing but who have done their duty, but after a the staffs remained, others were torn and momentary flutter of excitement, a suball were bleached almost white.

fluttered over thousands of graves; every chandlers shops willing to brave the waves cemetery, no matter how small, had its again, but never think of pensions, seldom quota, for the men who fought in the war of the rebellion came from every town and soon dies out, and the men themselves hamlet; returned when the war was over, show no desire to keep alive. assumed a place of more or less importance in the community, and when death it is different. Nobody objects to their came added another grave for comrades to decorate once a year.

Sunday, memorial services were held in the churches, with references to the men who went to the front in '62 and '63; and today, the survivors of that great conflict are in the cemeteries with flowers and flags, making the graves of the departed force themselves on the public 365 times a look beautiful.

Perhaps one of the most interesting ceremonies performed anywhere today, is that over the grave of the late General expelled by the national organization. Benj. F. Butler, here in Lowell.

When Butler died last January the papers everywhere pronounced him a unique character in the history of the United States; thousands admired him, thousands hated him; but here in Lowell he was the idol of the people. He was Lowell's most distinguished citizen, the people knew him, they honored him, everything was "Butler" -Butler Grand Army Post, Butler School, Butler this, and Butler that; they could not of the rebellion, and who awoke to the fact waggon." do enough to perpetuate the name; but, without all this, the name of the gruff old war horse, lawyer and politician will never

When he died, and his remains lay in state in the banquet hall in the city, haif the population walked in one door and out the other in a long and continuous procession past the casket,-all anxious for a last look at a familiar face, a face familiar to all America, but dear to the people of Lowell-tor with all his pecularities he was the friend of the people, and they were proud of him.

So to-day, the members of B. F. Butler, G. A. R. post 42, and the pupils of the Butler school, all carrying flowers and headed by a band marched to the grave and made it a bed of fragrance, and with music and ceremony honored the dead. It was doing special honor to a distinguished

Among the mounds in hundreds of other cemeteries other graves were decorated, and the number grows large and larger every year. The Grand Army of the Republic is fast dying out.

Its membership is still large enough however to keep ever before the people the stirring times of thirty years ago, for the average Grand Army man thinks the war of the rebellion was the more important event since the time of Adam, and the world was made for the special benefit of those who took part in it on the winning side.

And this is a good thing, in many ways. It disteminates patriotism, fosters a love of country which urges men to great achievements and instils in the youth of the country a desire to repeat the performances of their

But here it has been overdone. The Grand army has been made much of, it has been pampered by the people, its members have made claims on the country to which they were not entitled, and in fact war records have been worked for all they are worth. The organization has assumed a position of influence in the country and has demanded attention, with the result that a large proportion of the people who have never had an opportunity to go "to the front," and would be as willing to do so, as the men of '62, are sick and tired of grand army gush and nonsense, but dare not give public expression to it.

The decoration day services and ceremonies are right and fitting; sentiment plays a large part in the life of the nation, and in the lives of the better class of individuals; it is well to honor the brave at all times; but it is safer to honor the brave

dead than the brave living. laudations of the people, without losing those qualities for which they are honored; and showing another side of their patures. Wr. William Endicott's will, recently prov-Few men can stand the applause and and showing another side of their natures which the masses abhor. In men of great strength of character this danger is not so likely to arise, but among ordinary men, the rank and file of an army, for instance, one must expect that some will take advantage of the honors bestowed.

This tendency has developed in a large portion of the grand army, and where the people formerly applauded the victories of the rebellion, the men who took part in them now do it themselves.

They forget that the men of the present day are just as brave, are just as willing to fight for their country as their fathers were, but have never had the opportunity.

Perhaps it is just as well

Opportunities present themselves every day to do acts which are as brave, as noble and as praiseworthy as those performed by LOWELL, May 30 .- An old white haired the soldiers of the rebellion, but how many

How much braver were the men who went to battle, than the fishermen of Cuttyhunk who braved the sea to save the crew It was not an unusual sight at this time, of a sinking ship? Those men were drowngraves for a year, some had been blown to are men who have done deeds of daring, scription list, perhaps, they are forgotten. Last Sunday, little flags, bright and new | The fishermen, sit behind the stoves in ship think of the applause of the masses which

> With a large portion of the grand army organization, their comradeship, their thoughtfulness in decorating the graves of departed comrades. The sentiment is praiseworthy, but it does not stop at that. There are other duties to be performed. Active life did not end 30 years ago, and the people who were born since that time have rights to be respected. It is when the members of the grand army forget this, and year that the people grow weary, and are ready to applaud such action as that taken by a grand army post in New York a few days ago, and for which it was censured and

> These men passed resolutions expressing their disapproval of the way in which the government was imposed upon by their comrades, and demanding that pensions be given only to soldiers who during the war were so disabled as to unfit them for further work. The post was applauded by that part of the American public who did not have the opportunity to go to war, and it earned the everlasting condemnation of

They were men who realized that the duties of this life did not end with the war manding pay for doing their duty.

And men who want pay for doing their duty, do not deserve applause.

Life Size and Life Like Portraits. The people of this city who pass and repass ()ak Hall have been favored with an early and satisfactory view of the future governor general of Canada, Lord Aberdeen, who is supported, as it were, in the companion window by a natural and life like portrait of our own governor, Sir Leonard Tilley. Both these portraits are in crayon, executed by the artists of the Canadian Portrait company, which has offices in Walker's new building on Canterbury street. The portraits have attracted much attention, and have already proved a striking advertisement to the Canadian Portrait company. Sir Leonard's position is so natural, seated in an arm-chair, and his expression so true that passers by pause involuntarily to look at the well known figure. The Canadian Portrait company have not been in the city long, but they have secured a large number of orders to fill. It their work is all done with the same care and excellence as the portraits noted above, their customers should be satisfied.

Graduated and Found Work.

Thirty-tour students have graduated from the Saint John Business College since the beginning of the year; and, not withstanding the dullness in business, more than double as many students have found employment than in any previous year. The greatly increased patronage received, as well as the success of their students must be most gratifying to Messrs. Kerr & Pringle, as it is conclusive evidence that the thoroughness and comprehensiveness of their work are appreciated by the public.

A Reviving Industry. The silk industries of England promise to revive under the encouragement of many patriotic ladies, headed by the Duchess of Teck. The districts of Leek and Congl-ton, and Bethnal Green, are the chosen centres of those who are engaged in the working of silk, and the hopes of the workers are very sanguine, as much is promised by those who have so kindly interested themselves in the project. It has been wisely reasoned that while the raw material can be imported into this country with cheapness and facility it is absurd to leave the trade in the hands of continental manufacturers. It is estimated that a silks imported into England.

An Old Pear Tree. Governor Endicott, the famous ancestor of Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain, planted an English pear tree on his farm in Massachussets of the English settlers' plantings. Of the lic always want to see the tigers fat and ago it is the only remaining tree, and last duces to tatal liver diseases. ed in London and just filed for reference at | killed and eaten many human beings on Salem, where Hawthorne wrote his "Scar- the high-road to Hazaribagh. Other kinds let Letter." The bequests include the old of natural tiger food, such as dear and wild original English pear.

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CAPT. KENNEY WAS MAD.

HE WANTED TO BUTT THE BRIDGE WITH THE "FANCHEON,"

A Funeral Furnishes an Anecdote-Town Marshall Barker of Marysville Runs into a Crowd That Threatened to Make Matters Warm For Him.

FREDERICTON, May 31.—Capt. Kenney was mad; he was an angry man. On Friday afternoon last he wished to run his tug, the Fancheon, through the draw of the highway bridge. Ran. Foster who had charge of the draw on the occasion, was a little afraid to open it on account of the high wind. Capt. Kenney sailed his craft, after wasting a large amount of steam in whistles that took no effect on Foster, right up to the draw.

"Haul open your draw 'er I'll give 'er a butt!" he exclaimed.

"Butt and be hanged!" came the re-

Again we say it, Capt. Kenney was mad, in the words of the old song "As he paced his quarter-deck his cheeks were white with rage," and turning to that rebel (Foster) in a thundering voice he said: "Open up er I'll report you!"

"Report and be hanged, I waited on you and now you'll wait for me," came the

The captain had to wait till the draw was opened, and Foster is also waiting for the severe reprimand which must tollow the captain's report.

A story is going the rounds respecting a recent funeral. A gardener was undertaker, sexton, in fact the whole business combined, except, of course, the corpse. When the gardener went to the house of mourning to attend the funeral he found no one present, so he secured a horse and wagon from a neighbor, got the remains aboard and drove to the cemetery where the master of the house was waiting, who

"What kept you so long?"

"Kept us so long?" said the gardener, 'well if you expected the corpse to walk to the grave you should have explained it to him before he died, he wouldn't walk for us so we had to take time to hunt up a

The excursion from St. John on the 24th May appears to have been ill-fated from the start. "After," as one excursionist said, "scraping all the butter off their bread to grease the machinery," they got as far as Hampstead where they were transferred to the David Weston. But the landing at Fredericton was where the fun came in. The crowd on the wharf to greet the party had broken down the cord-wood piles, and wood, barrels, horse hoes and other agricultural implements strewed the wharf. As the visitors stumbled over the wood, or broke their shins on the machinery the crowd made such pleasant enquiries as:

"Did you hear something drop?" "There goes another Musquash," etc. St. John excursionists will not care about

making another such visit.

None of the reports respecting the University sports mention the gigantic jump made by Major Street. Had the chair not slipped as it did he would have certainly broken the record or something else.

Many are wondering what Alds. Mc-Pherson and Duffy will find to engage their attention now that it has been definitely settled that Mr. Morrison has secured the contract for city coal. The business has taken a great deal of their valuable time and they have wasted a very large amount of eloquence over it, all for naught. Supt. Burchill has accepted the coal and calls it a

Town marshal Barker, who occasionally wanders from his beat to the town of Marysville, almost got into a fuss at the launching of Mr. Gibson's schooner on Saturday. Tom McDonald, of Carleton, St. John, got a rap on the nose from S. Coppertight of Gibson, and when Barker intertered there was a sign of blood in the air. The boys knew he was off his range, and it W. H. White and his big brother Moses had not put in a tew words, Alt would have got a severe handling, so the boys say Alf thinks otherwise, however.

FRED. RICKTON.

Man Eating Tigers.

As many people regard the lions and tigers as the most important part of the show, says a circus proprietor, I may here say something more about the tigers and million a month is paid for foreign-made lions that we managed to collect for the Calcutta Zoological Society. In India, as the land of tigers, there was no difficulty in procuring them; we were only obliged to limit our numbers to seven or eight, for want of room and on account of the expense of feeding them. We lost several tigers in 1630. It turned out one of the thrittiest | at first from overfeeding them. The puborchard to which it belonged two centuries | fleshy, but such a condition usually con-

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Negroes and the Victoria Cross.

Three negroes have received the distincion of the Victoria Cross. Seaman W. Hall, of H.M.S. "Shannon" a negro, was decorated November 10th, 1857. He pertormed some remarkable feats of bravery in the Indian Mutiny. Private S. Hodge, 4th West India Regiment, was decorated with the Victoria Cross on June 30th, 1866, by his commanding officer, Colonel D'Arcy, who spoke of Hodge to his comrades as the bravest soldier in the regiment. Hodge greatly distinguished himself by bravery at the storming and capture of Tubabecolong, River Gambia. Corporal Schiess. Natal Native Contingent, received the Victoria Cross for bravery at Rorke's Drift, Zululand, January 22nd, 1879.

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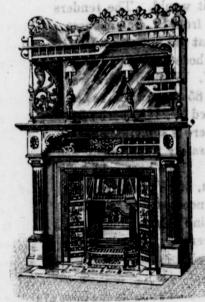
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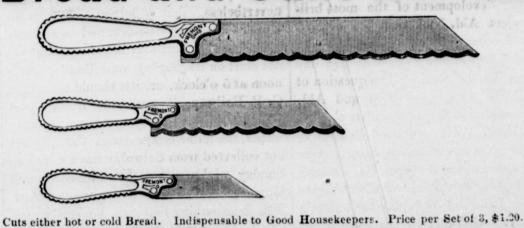
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