

A WAR DEMOCRATS VIEWS

He Ridicules "G. A. R." on His Narrow Mindedness.

Was Himself a Soldier in the Civil "Unpleasantness" for Five Years and Is Not a Pensioner.

Editor Nugget:
I have waited nearly a week on some one else to reply to the silly vapourings of "G. A. R." who says he was shot full of rebel lead by Democrats 37 years ago and that he bled all over the South in defence of his country. He neglected to tell us how much pension he is drawing and also how many cords of wood he has whittled away since Lee's surrender, while engaged in sitting around fighting his battles all over again. "G. A. R." also neglected to tell us whether his wounds were in front or in his back, but I will go him two to one that he uses two mirrors to see them. He has apparently forgotten that there were more Democrats in the federal army than Republicans when the war began, and the only thing that caused them to forsake their party was that the Southerners were almost unanimously Democratic.

The writer entered the war in '61 and was in it until after Lee's surrender and for 18 more months, being in New Orleans with Ben Butler, and I am one old soldier who has never asked, nor would I accept from my government a pension; I have never missed an opportunity to vote for a Democratic candidate for president for the very good reason that it is the party of the people, not of the few, the party of the people and sinew and not of the corporations and trusts and of which Mark Hanna and his ilk are the trade mark. But do not worry, "G. A. R." Bryan will be elected, but your pension will go on just the same; at the same time there are many things now going on that will be discontinued after his election, and among them are the causes which now cause over 200,000 men in one state to be out of work while their children are crying for bread. And yet this is, we are told, the period of prosperity, of full dinner

pails and of general good times. If this is prosperity, may God deliver us from a continuation of it!

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A Most Noble Response.

Is it not in forgetfulness of all natural laws that cities are built where they appear to invite a disaster, such as has come to Galveston? Yet, so it has been, and so it will be. In 1872 the entire eastern part of Galveston was swept away by a tidal wave. In this instance the hurricane blew at the rate of 80 (or, perhaps, more) miles an hour with terrible results.

But the need of the suffering people of Galveston touched the most tender chord of our common nature and quickened responsive impulses into generous deeds. It is one of the noblest characteristics of the American people to help quickly and give liberally the moment a calamity has overtaken any city or region in our vast country. The eagerness and liberality with which the means of immediate relief were given from every community of the land makes a man prouder of his country and the favored affiliations of our national existence. Nowhere has there been a niggardly or reluctant giving, and everywhere the pressing necessity of immediate assistance has been recognized. The prompt cheerfulness of the American people in hastening to the relief of suffering brethren is a touching and beautiful American characteristic. Whether it be found in our own land or beyond the seas, whether it be fire or plague, or distress of any kind, the American readiness to help is limited only by the pressing necessity and ability. A meeting of Americans was called in Paris, and within 15 minutes 50,000 francs were given, and a committee appointed to carry forward relief work. From all parts of the United States and some portions of England many thousands of dollars are pouring in for the relief of the destitute storm sufferers. Train loads of provisions and clothing are hurrying toward Houston and Galveston, and the refugees are being made as comfortable as possible. This is practical charity, indeed.

By envious foreign critics we have been characterized as a sordid commercial people, steeped in the avarice of financial ambition, and immune to the gentler emotions. Nothing could more completely give the lie to this slander than the spontaneous uprising to succor the survivors of the terrible storm. Already nearly a million and a half has been forwarded, contributions are pouring in, and so long as aid is needed it will be supplied. There is no thought but to do what money can accomplish and compassion can suggest to alleviate the afflictions of those who would be crushed, indeed, if to their anguish for their dead should be added a cold neglect of the living.

In such a work as this the necessity of having the money disbursed where

it is most needed and will do the most good, and of allowing none of it to be diverted from the purpose for which it is given, is a plain business proposition that has not been overlooked in this instance. The character of men handling the funds in all the cities of the country and at the seat of disaster is a guarantee that moneys subscribed are promptly forwarded, and that they afford relief where relief is most needed. Commiseration now means help and it will be given until the smitten people of Galveston are again able to help themselves.—Illustrated Home Journal.

Had to Take His Tip.

An old lady of great wealth was one of the regular customers at a large store. She was inordinately fond of dress, spending a fortune thus in a year, but her chief peculiarity lay in her habit of always presenting the floorwalker with a sixpence.

This munificent gift was ostentatiously bestowed with a patronizing smile, and the formula, repeated in a loud, clear voice, heard all over the ground floor: "Here, sir, is sixpence. Put it to a good use." And the immaculately dressed floorwalker had, in the firm's interest, with red face, to accept the "gift."

Several times he tried to be "absent" when the old lady was about to depart, but on these occasions she called in a loud tone for the floorwalker who had to come and take his tip.—London Telegraph.

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