

**Purge the Pension Roll.**  
 Honest pensioners and worthy G. A. R. men, of all parties, desire to see justice done by the government to all old soldiers, but deprecate the frauds that have been perpetrated through dishonest claim agents. With the latter it is merely a matter of making money, no regard being had at all to the merit of the claimant.

In the language of the Grand Army Gazette, thousands of applications have been forced where the applicants themselves felt dubious in regard to the merit of their claims. They have been cajoled and worried into the endeavor to secure something from the government. And this class of cases make up the unprecedented appeal for help thirty years after the war.

The old veterans themselves are awakening to the wrongs that have been perpetrated in their name, and are protesting against the practices which have prevailed so long. They see that the majority of the pensions laws that have been placed upon the statute books within the past few years have not been made that the truly deserving might be benefited, but rather that the few might grow wealthy at the expense of the old soldiers. The country has been scoured from end to end and the agents of these sharks have infested every village, hamlet and city, roaming into the woods searching the bystreets to find those whom by any conceivable reason they could make applicants for a pension.

These now desiring to see justice done demand that the pension list shall be minutely examined. That the rolls be printed and distributed where the names can be seen. Let the cause for the granting of the pensions, for wounds, for other disabilities be affixed to the names, and the amount paid by the government for this is a government matter, not personal, and then let the people who know of fraud irregularities tell the story. Where fraud is charged let examinations take place, under the proper auspices, so that personal spleen shall not prevail or injustice done to those charged. Give every benefit of counsel, but examine.

The following is taken from the Grand Army paper mentioned above: The latest decision of Comrade Lochren, the pension commissioner, and Hon. Hoke Smith, secretary of the interior, his official superior on the pension question, in line with the course taken by the Gazette for years, and a vicious ruling, which was vigorously attacked by the Gazette, has been reversed. The law will now be carried out without fear or favor, many fraudulent pensions will be stopped, and the army of pension sharks driven from one of their retreats.

The Gazette has always fought for honest pensions to worthy veterans, and against the raids of claim agents, whenever a comrade was incapacitated from earning his living at mutual labor because of wounds or other disability, even if incurred since the war, so long as the soldier saw actual service, even if only for thirty days. This law and the secretary now agree to be correct, and so order.

From these sentiments, coming from the head of Grand Army quarters, it may be reasonably surmised that the fraudulent pension agent has about run his course, and that the present administration will have the unqualified support of the soldier and worthy pensioner in its effort to purge the list now on the pension roll. If President Cleveland shall carry out his implied purpose of raising the entire pension revenue by an income tax, it will have the effect of stimulating the investigation of the roll to a still greater extent. At all events, by the general uprising, all over the land, against this gigantic fraud, too long endured, it looks as if the unworthy pensioner would have to go.

**Why They Have Corns.**

"Corns are bad," said the philosophic boot-black. "Yours seem to hurt some. Strange that lots of people have corns. Over 90 per cent of the men who come to get a shine have corns. How do I know it? How do I know you have corns? By finding it, of course. Gently? All right I won't hurt you governor. As I was saying, ninety out of every 100 have corns. People say their tight boots, but I don't believe it. Those who have the worst corns wear boots that are too large for them. What gives them corns, then? Well, I'll tell you. It is wearing boots all day long. Sel-dom do you see Europeans bothered with corns, especially Englishmen. Nearly every American has them. The former never wear boots all day long. They have walking boots to the office. Once there they put on a thin house boot. When they go home about five o'clock in the evening the first thing they do is to put on their slippers. The result is that the feet are always cool, the pressure never constant and no muscle tired beyond its power. Far otherwise the American. He goes down to work at eight in the morning and is hurrying and scurrying in the same boots until six o'clock. Then he hurries home to dinner, hurries through dinner and, still in the same boots, goes to his lodge

or elsewhere and returns at midnight, his feet having been cramped up for fourteen hours out of the twenty-four in one pair of boots. The result is corns and bunions."—Chicago Mail.

**Herman J. Schulteis.**

We clip the following from the report on European immigration to the United States of America compiled by Mr. Herman J. Schulteis, a member of the European Immigration Committee:

"The American people are not responsible for the conditions which obtain in Europe and are under no obligations to relieve the strain thus caused by admitting those who have become so pauperized and degraded that they are not wanted at home, especially those who colonize and will not affiliate or assimilate with us, but serve only to destroy our homogeneity and to breed labor troubles which ought not to have been heard of in our land for a century yet to come. The theory that we need this class of labor for our 'rough' work is fallacious to the degree of absurdity in the face of the fact that we have today nearly 2,000,000 idle laborers in the land, most of whom are unskilled, and that there are two additional million of colored laborers in the Southland who are willing and anxious to do this work. They are here to stay and are our wards; their distribution would solve a vexed problem and be a distinct benefit to all concerned. The garden spot of the earth, the South, would then receive its share of agriculturists from the abandoned farms of the East, its machinery and skilled mechanics from the Middle and Western states and its share of desirable emigrants from the frigid North and Northwest, as well as those who are desirable and come from Europe, none of whom are now willing to go South and compete with what they still call 'slave labor.' We have more than enough 'rough workers.'"

**Hunting the Mountain Lion.**

While making the descent to secure the game the hunters came suddenly to a huge rock on the mountain, extending toward a like mass on the opposite side of the chasm. On reaching it, Don Felipe uttered a cry of precaution, and pointed across the canon. There, in its sanctuary, stood, in strong relief against the rock, the great cat of the Sierras,—the mountain lion,—its head raising in a listening attitude. The whole position was so noble and impressive that it was some seconds before the rifles cracked, and the fiercest yell of the wounded animal broke the stillness. It turned quickly and savagely, snarling and biting at the wound in its flank; then, being struck, again, whirled, and blinded by pain and fury, sprang or rolled over the precipice, and went thundering down the side of the canon, lodging dead in the chapparal far below.

"That chap was a-lying for the doc," said the old mountaineer, as later he came up the mountain, with the skin of the lion over his back. "They kill more deer in and out of season than all the hunters in California put together; and when you folks say a mountain lion ain't up to the mark, don't you take any stock in it. No, I never knew one to kill a man; but they will tackle a grizzly, and I've seen 'em tear a horse so that the owner didn't know him when he saw him. I've killed the mountain lion from the Rockies down to San Bernardino, and when they're cornered they are as bad as a regular lion, from all I have read."—Charles Fredrick Holder, in May Californian.

**What's in a Name?**

T. S. Keeps, cashier of the bank of Forest Grove Or., is visiting friends in the city. Mr. Keep is constantly obliged to run a gauntlet of commentary on the appropriateness of his name to his calling. "While Keep was in Portland," said a friend of his yesterday, "he met President Steele of the Merchants' National Bank. Mr. Steele suggested a partnership in a new banking business, with a sign that should read like this:

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**Will Fight for the Pensions.**

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