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PORTENDS A GREATER FUTURE.

The Silver State is still holding her
own in the way of producing minerals
of great value, as evidenced by the
recent report of the United States Ge-
ological survey just issued.

One of the features of these reports
is their authenticity, for which the
government expends annually large
sums of money, and has constantly in
the field a corps of competent, reliable
men whose duties are to obtain facts
and figures.

In the past few months southern Ne-
vada, owing to the large number of
new discoveries, better facilities for
hauling mineral, more railroads, of
which at present there are enough in
the course of construction or contem-
plated to give every camp in the state
excellent opportunities for marketing
their resources, has slowly but surely
forged ahead, until she is now in a
fair way to distance any rival she
may have as a gold-producing state.
Also, the number of outside capitalists
whose attention and money are being
attracted in this direction surely por-
tends a greater and brighter future
than was dreamed of even in the
palmy days of the Comstock.

SIZE UP THE WRECK.

Now let us look back on the situa-
tion of Lincoln county for the last
past number of years and candidly re-
flect on the horrible condition that
confronts us. Let us size it up in all
its gravity.

Although for the last three months
we have unceasingly striven to en-
lighten the people of Lincoln county
as to the diabolical condition of our

financial conditions, the truth has not
half been told.

The years of debauchery stands out
in all of its depraved squalor. The
looting of the funds and the squand-
ering of it at the gaming table is no
news to us, or is it the latest informa-
tion coming by wire to the better
class of the poche inhabitants. The
fiendish acts of those who committed
the midnight depredations are not
vivid dreams of fancy, but the recol-
lections of a positive and a stern
reality.

Many who have set in at a game of
draw at the county seat have fondled
the county cash, and by those who
have dared the people and who
have religiously replenished those
games of chance as the more expert
one at the game would sink his win-
nings with no care or thought of the
poor, deluded taxpayers from whom
this identical cash was wrought. The
hellish instinct, the diabolism of these
men and those who had a hand in
the robbing of the county is almost
difficult of conception. The brazen im-
pudence and the careless indifference
takes the place of the greatest of out-
rages ever perpetrated in the state.

The fact that only about twenty
years ago there was no indebtedness
at all on this county or a burden on
a sparsely populated country for the
inhabitants to carry, but with crim-
inal negligence from that day to this
an enormous debt has been increasing
until it has reached the astounding
sum of \$650,000 and increasing as it
will until some disposition or com-
promise is made with the bondhold-
ers by which that debt will be either
paid or compromised.

The people have neglected to take
advantage of marvelous opportunities
and the scrip fiends have ignored the
refunding of that debt until it has
gained the magnitude of over one-
third of the entire assessed property
valuation of the county.

The people have been kept in igno-
rance, dense, ignoble and lament-
able, by those who have controlled af-
fairs, and were it not for the Caliente
Express the condition would not have
been revealed even yet. We are now
swapping truths with facts and the
people are getting educated. The
grand jury has accomplished much,
but the whitewash artists, discarded
officials and outriders are trying to
defeat the ends of justice which we,
with the mass of the people, hope will
and ignominiously for those who are
on shocking terms of familiarity and

friendship with the men with whom
they have plotted and plundered side
by side.

Is there any reason, then, why there
is that anxiety that the books of the
young lady be properly expeted and that
a true and correct accounting be made
to the people of the county?

We do not claim there will be any-
thing other than facts produced, but
we want those facts positive and be-
yond the possibility of a suspicion. The
coloring, if any can be better applied
by the grand jury, but a clear and
concise tabulated statement of the
depredations of every dollar is de-
manded. These truths can certainly
be obtained and there is no need of
the assistance of officials when there
is an accountant whom it is claimed
is able to superintend the ferreting out
of the crime and to fasten the guilt
on those who are in anyway implicat-
ed.

Sympathy in this instance is but a
mockery on justice. That wasted sym-
pathy ought to have been expended
at another time prior to neglect or
before the crime committed, not now.

The festive tramp stands equal be-
fore the law with the man trustee
with the responsibilities of confidence,
but when he betrays that faith re-
posed in him, he stands before the
people no better than the tramp, no
greater, no less. The law should deal
one with the other, fairly and impar-
tially without distinction as to class,
color, creed or condition.

We cherish the hope "Let no guilty
man escape." Let it be either tramp
or gentry, pauper or prince, merchant
or embezzler.

GOOD WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

The Needle's Eye says: The Mining
congress which has just closed its
eighth annual session at El Paso, Tex-
as, has been the most successful and
fruitful of any of the sessions of that
body. The industry of mining has
been greatly benefited. The attend-
ance was large, both in numbers and
delegates. The interest taken in it
by the mining people being greater
than ever before. Over 5,000 people
from all over the country visited the
city of El Paso during the session, and
that was as it should have been.
An industry that gives to the world's
wealth a billion and a half of money,
second only to the industry of agri-
culture, should command the attention
of thinking men from every section
of the United States. The results of
mining are furnishing the real money
for the advancement and growth of
all the other industries.

The effect of the late session of the
Mining congress is of more good than
any effort heretofore made by that
body. The deliberative and able men
which composed its counsels, gave
their efforts and ability to the consid-
eration of those matters which would
most advance the mining industry of
the country. The various papers read
and the several speeches made were
of the educational character, more
able than those of former sessions,
because of greater thought and care,
and indicate the proper advancement
being made by the congress. The ad-
dress of President Richards of the
congress, was able in every particular,
and well became the devoted man of
the congress and who presides at its
meetings. The address on "Copper
Mines and the Manner of Conducting
the Same," by Prof. Douglas, of Bis-
bee, Arizona, was of the very highest
order. The paper read by Prof. Hays,
of the United States Geological sur-
vey, as well as many other papers,
were of the most able nature.

The main effort of the congress at
present is to secure a secretary of
mines and mining who shall be a mem-
ber of the President's Cabinet, that
the industry may be properly recog-
nized by our Government. And why
should this not be done? The mining
industry gives employment to a great
number of people, as well as produces
the stable money that makes the cred-
it of our financial system so sound.
The Mining congress has done much
to advance this question and bring it
prominently before the members of
the Senate and the House of Repre-
sentatives of the United States.

The next session of the congress
will be held at the city of Denver,
Colorado, during the coming year,
and will, without doubt, be the great-
est session in the history of that im-
portant body.

It is to be hoped that those inter-
ested directly and indirectly will use
every effort to see that the different
sections of the mining country, and of
every class of mining, are well repre-
sented at the next annual session of
the congress.

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GOES AFTER HUSBAND.

Cheyenne Young Lady to Wed in Ne-
vada as Result of Romance.

Miss Bertha Taylor, a well-known
young lady of this city, left Sunday
evening for Las Vegas, Nev., and up-
on her arrival there will be united in
marriage to Mr. Ivan W. Botkin. The
wedding is the culmination of a ro-
mance which began in this city about
a year ago.

Mr. Botkin was formerly employed
in the U. P. shops here as a machinist,
and during his residence met, wooed
and won Miss Taylor. About six
months ago he moved to Las Vegas,
where he engaged in the gents' fur-
nishing business, and is making a suc-
cess of his undertaking. He is a young
man of exemplary habits and was very
popular here. Miss Taylor has resided
in Cheyenne for two or three years
and has several brothers and sisters
living here. She was formerly em-
ployed as bookkeeper at the Golden
Rule store, but for the past year has
held a similar position with Percy
Smith. The many friends of the young
couple here will join with The Trib-
une in extending congratulations.—
Cheyenne Tribune.

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healthfulness of its climate and the
chances for prospectors in the sur-
rounding mountains.

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ANOTHER "GRAFT."

From The Caliente Express:
This is the answer that Senator
Denton received at a session of the
Nevada legislature when he repre-
sented this county in the senate, the
highest of any position in the gift of
the county.

This answer by telegraph was in
reference to the refunding of the now
notorious \$650,000 indebtedness of this
county and which the senator had ar-
ranged to refund on a basis of \$181,-
000 in payment of the total indebted-
ness. Right here is where the re-
funding proposition gained its first
notoriety and gave to some of the
most eager politicians a chance to
make a dollar or so on the side. Sen-
ator Denton's measure was not acted
upon at that session, for the reason
that his colleague in the lower house
suggested that they return home and
go before the people again on a plat-
form containing those views. The re-
sult was that neither Senator Denton
nor the member of the lower house
were elected that year, and the duties
fell on others. Both having been
counted out.

We have a personal acquaintance
with Dr. Campbell, the gentleman who
was the senator from this county at
the last session of the legislature, and
we have found him a pleasant and
affable gentleman; but the fact re-
mains that there was a "nigger" in
the wood pile, as there was at the
term preceding his, when Senator
Freudenthal was representing this
county in the same body. The fact is
this: If the debt could have been re-
funded for \$181,000, what in the world
was the reason of passing a law au-
thorizing the payment of \$225,000,
when \$181,000 would have answered
all of the requirements of refunding
the bonded indebtedness, unless there
was some one who wanted to get a
rake-off?

In 1905 Senator Campbell reported
a bill to liquidate the debt of Lincoln
county, and as soon as the taxpayers
had an opportunity to get posted on
the measure, a whirlwind of disap-
proval went up from every fireside
in the county, to defeat the Campbell
funding bill, but the protest did not
reach Carson in time to prevent our
assemblymen from voting for the mea-
sure, but through the veto of our
present governor the bill that would
have plunged the taxpayers into a
financial abyss was defeated.

When it was found that the tax-
payers were opposed to the measure,
another bill was framed by the pow-
ers behind the throne, and presented
by Senator Campbell to bond the coun-
ty for \$400,000, to bear interest at the
rate of 5 per cent, when it is a well-
known fact that the bondholders, ever
since 1903, have offered to cut the
debt of \$650,000 in two, making it a
debt of \$325,000, with interest at the

rate of 4 per cent, payable in fifteen
or twenty-five years. All that they
have wanted was to have their in-
terest guaranteed, and they have al-
ways shown a disposition to meet the
county half way.

This second bill passed both
branches of the legislature, and Gov-
ernor Sparks, the true friend of Lin-
coln county, and the people as well,
came to the rescue and once again
consigned the measure to the waste
basket.

If the doctor will permit us, and as
he is one of those popular gentlemen
who has been favored with the high-
est and most responsible position in
the county, we do not believe that he
will offer any objections, we would
like to ask, who was to receive the
benefit in the difference asked by the
bondholders and the amount of money
to be issued in compliance with mea-
sure, had it become a law? We do
not say for a minute that this hon-
orable gentleman was in on any
scheme to further razzle-dazzle the
people of Lincoln county, but from the
tone and the intent of the bill it cer-
tainly went to show that some one
was to be a big financial gainer, had
the Campbell bill succeeded in becom-
ing a law.

The doctor meant well, no doubt,
but he was very improperly influenced,
and it did not take the chief executive
long to determine, that if there ever
was a measure that came before him
for his severe condemnation and cen-
sure, this very identical Campbell bill
was the thing, and it was killed dead-
er than the proverbial mackerel, and
well did it deserve it.

The Denton measure was a just and
an honorable one. It had no holes in
it. It was a matter of fair dealing be-
tween the bondholders and the coun-
ty. The schemers, scrip-fiends and
others, could get no rake-off from the
Denton bill. They wanted just such
a measure as the Campbell bill, for
there was a difference in cash, were
that bill to become a law, that some-
body was going to get, the county
could not figure on it, then if the
county was to be left out in the cold
on the surplus over and above com-
plying with all of the requirements of
the bondholders, who was to be the
notorious grafter the gentleman from
Lincoln county speaks about, for, ac-
cording to the opinion of the Express,
they were grafters abroad in the land,
and they hoped to get in their "graft"
on this very identical Campbell bill,
but they didn't.

It is nothing new to hear the word
"graft" applied in this county, but it
appears to us that even the air is
impregnated with the very elements
of a "graft," and this is the greatest
disease-breeding germ, with which this
county has been afflicted.

We trust that the honorable senator
from Lincoln county will dwell fur-
ther on the merits of that notorious
senate measure, and own up that it
certainly had all of the ear-marks of
a "graft."

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