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#### COUNTY DEBAUCHERY.

From The Caliente Express:

This county contains a chronic lot of office-seekers. They are imbued with an idea that it is impossible for this county to get along without them.

The official reign of some of these officials has not been at all satisfactory. The history of a brief past is sufficient to demonstrate that fact. In our opinion, nearly all the offices have been administered in a slip-shod manner. Men possessing no ability have been nominated and elected, have added debauchery and crime both to the position they have filled and to their own personality.

Some of the officials stand indicted today, and their vindication or rascality will be clearly demonstrated at a time not long hence. It is time for the taxpayers and property holders, as well as the man who labors, to take a serious view of the present situation and ask if this system must be perpetuated to gratify and to satisfy the professional pie-bighters and those who live and loot from off the earnings of the men who placed that money in the county treasury.

Some of the people set up the claim of sympathy and charity in connection with the pillaging and looting of the public funds, and jestingly remark, "Why, they only got away with so many thousand dollars; the bondsmen have made the defaultage good," Now, if that is not the essence of unlimited impudence, and if it is not compounding a crime, we would like to know what to term it.

The theft of county funds has been accomplished. The squandering of the money has been spilt with lavish knavery, and from a standpoint sympathy the thanks of a generous people, who went security for the faithful performance of a duty, are insulted after being robbed and ridiculed by the taunting insults by those who should know it is a crime to steal.

Do we want a change in the political conditions of this county? Certainly we do. Don't you? As far as the policy of this newspaper goes, we are loath to concede the nomination of a poundmaster to the brightest and best of a number who have figured in the political affairs of Lincoln County. We take no stock in any man who will make it a laughing matter to rob the county and then sneeringly make light of having done so.

That is why we so positively declare ourselves on this issue, and why we continue our policy along these lines. We denounce them for the good of the county, the people and the state. We do not care for those who do not admire our course, for we are free to admit we have no use for him or her who will declare in favor of sympathy in hopes of cleansing the dirty garments of a rascal.

The debauchery of the treasury of Lincoln County has been relegated to court and jury. Consecrate your services to a holy cause, the righting of a grievous wrong. Remember your respective primary elections at the proper time and place, perform that God-given privilege accorded to every free and unfettered American-that of perpetuating a county government free from the puerile contamination of stench and stain.

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### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* FAME AND THE NEOPHYTE

The Aspiring Shepherd and the Beautiful World's Desire—An Allegory of the Fiery Stripling and the Vanishing Ideal.

Where lordly cagles noise and plume for flight.

And bold aspiring souls may favor seek
And fain would win and wear the
World's Delight.

I am a maid and therefore must be woosed.

I am a maid, and therefore must be won.

My zest in life is that I am pursued.

From rosy morn until the day is done.

Oh follow me, for I am worth thy strife, My face is fairer than the freshening foam.
Riches I bear, and all the sweets of life,
Oh, follow, follow, I will lead thee home.

A mountain mald, my brothers are the sters—
The sentinels that shine without a stain.
My kinsmen are great captains of the

wars. My sisters are the zephyr and the rain! Oh. Shepherd. I have watched you from

afar,
Tending your flock that frolicked o'er
the plain.
No snarling fang your tender lamb may The gray wolves eye you with a fierce

A youth like you should grasp the skirts of chance.

Why waste your boyhood in this drear abode? Rise up and try the hazard of romance— Fair Fortune smiles on those who take the road.

Be bold, fair youth, be bold, and seek my side.

My side.

Long is the way and fraught with fierce alarms.

Yet you will find in me a radiant bride,

Life's guerden is imprisoned in 'my arms.

Seek mountain peaks that taper in thin For on the heights alone can Truth be found. There Sunlight makes her citadel and hir.
There's Freedom's shrine and Fame's enchanted ground.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* The World's Desire, I saunt the lofty | "O'er all the world behind her fly He strained to class her in a c

> A mocking taugh and scorn from lustre Lent courage to the youth in sanguine

> The pace grew swift, his strength began to fall, chided him with banter sweet and Press on, bold youth, for you will yet Be not a laggard when to court you

> "I spurn your suit," he cried; "my quest is vain.
> "You taunt and mock me, though I do my best.
> Your siren charms I flount with fierce disdain. I will return the only boon is Rest!

I miss my home, I miss the soft-eyed Whose rippling laughter flowed from lips Whose tawny tresses hung in girlish For these, and for my absent friends I

What care I for great captains you have - known, For warriors, poets, who have sought Their fame around the tumbling world is blown.

And still you lure us with shy rose-leaf face!"

Fame turned and flung herself upon his Her ivery face flushed like a rose in She quivered like a dove who seeks the "Take me, oh, love, take me, for I am Registry Division Chicago Postoffice.

### WHY ALL BROADWAY STARED

A certain young woman from Texas | going to stop looking up at the buildget to New York night before last. Bright and early yesterday morning she donned a new gray gown, made especially for the benefit of Manhattan Island, and started from Fiftyeighth street to see what Broadway der till she passed Forty-second street and drew near to Herr Conried's song castle. Then the young woman from rexas suddenly discovered that everybody who passed was staring at her.

At first she thought it must be a mistake-but it wasn't. Undoubtedly comething was the matter. Panicstricken, Miss Texas began to revolve like a dancing Dervish and looked over her shoulder to see if the trouble was with her clothes. She could discover nothing to warrant the curious, d glances that were cast at her With every step she got more nerv-

Broadway?" she asked herself. "I'm New York Times.

But it didn't do any good. Still the people stared at the little woman in the gray dress. Her course to Thirtyfifth street was all misery and gloom It was impossible to get away from those looks. Her face began to take on a hunted expression. All at once she was overjoyed to see the face of a woman with whom she had dined in her Fifty-eight street boarding house the night before. The fellow-boarder stared at her, too.

"What is the matter with me?" wailed the Texan, rushing up to the other woman, "What makes these awful people stare at me so?" other woman gurgled:

"Don't you see all those posters? Everybody thinks you are part of the parade," she said.

bearing a large placard, reading: "See "The Little Gray Lady." The woman "How in the world do these people from Texas, in her gray gown, had know this is the first time I ever saw | walked five blocks behind them .--

### STORY ABOUT LI-HUNG-CHANG

time of the Boxer outbreak Earl Li was in Canton as viceroy of the Two-Kwangs, says a writer in the Chautauquan. While there he made a contract with a syndicate of native merties on local commerce. The terms were one-fourth cash and the balance in equal quarterly installments. The syndicate made their first payment and then attempted to reimburse themselves by collecting the tax from their competitors in business while passing

their own goods free. This resulted in riots so fierce that the syndicate was forced to abandon its efforts to collect the tax. They then appealed to Earl Li for the return of their money and insisted that he should take over the collection of

It will be remembered that at the members of the syndicate for the other payments as they came due.

At this time the earl was called to eign powers, and the syndicate, having been unable to secure the return chants to sell to them the privilege of of its money, made arrangements with collecting the likin tax or mileage du- a band of pirates that they should waylay the earl on his trip up the coast and take back the bullion paid him by the syndicate, for which service the pirates were to receive a percentage.

The earl, however, heard of the arrangement and therefore refused to make the trip in a Chinese vessel, knowing that the crew would be in sympathy with the pirates, if in fact a large number of the crew were not made up from the pirate band; so he remained at Canton, surrounded by his retainers, refusing to go to Pethe tax, which was properly a govern- kin until an English war vessel was ment function. The earl refused and sent to convey him and his ill-gotten intimated that he would hold the gains to a place of safety in the north.

### AND DAVE "HADN'T BEEN"

Two old farmers, next-door neighbors, named respectively Lou Hyde and Dave Styles, live within a radius of ten miles of Ossipee, N. H. They are wont to vie with one another in telling of their wonderful luck fishing.

One hot June day Dave helped Lou cut his hay. Next day Dave sauntered into the village postoffice and gave an account of his doings the day previous in this manner:

"Went fishin' yesterday. Luck? Well, by snum, guess I did have luck! Got forty beauties; biggest one weighed two pounds if it did an ounce; littlest feller quarter of a pound, sure as God made little ap-

The audience of native wiseacres was duly impressed. - During that same afternoon Lon Hyde droye up to

the store to get the mail (one circular of a new brand of spavin cure and the weekly paper).

The conscientious postmaster duly recounted the great luck Dave had had fishing the day before, hoping to pique Lon's pride. Lon listened in silence to the entire recital. Then rising slowly from his rush-bottomed chair, he unhitched his trusty nag from the kerosene barrel in front of the store, expectorated carefully to ward the court house, and asked:

"Dave caught all them, did he?" "Sartain," affirmed the postmaster. "Yesterday?" "Sure, yesterday."

Lon climbed into his buggy, picked up the reins, chirruped to the horse, and then crushingly flung over his

"The devil; he hain't been."

### BUTLER WANTED THE BRIEF

While E. C. Carrigan was in Gen. F. Butler's law office a lady came in to ask some advice. As the general was not in, Mr. Carrigan questioned her, and told her he would submit her case to the general, which

The general was to leave the next day for Washington, and told Mr. Carrigan to prepare a brief of the ledy's case and show it to him the

Mr. Carrigan sat up half of the night writing his brief. The next morning, about fifteen minutes before utler was to take his carriage for the train, he told Mr. Carrigan he would look at his brief and give his

Mr. Carrigan began by saying: "General, I have made a most careful study of this case. I have the points all in my head, and can state them to you in three minutes."

"Let me have the brief," again said the general, somewhat sharply.

"But, Gen. Butler," said Mr. Carrigan, "I had a brief prepared, and in-tended to show it to you, but I left it at home on my table. However, as I said, I have all the points of the case in my head."

"Young man," said the general "the next time you have a brief to prepare for me bring me the brief, and leave your head at home on the

ome of the vagaries of the weather inditions on the ocean. Certain nots are shunned because of their lown wickedness, from an unknown known wickedness, from an unknown cause, and certain routes, like the northern lanes of the Atlantic, with its blows and bergs, and the great circle of the Pacific, are known to be "nasty." It is this consistency of cussedness, the reliability that may be placed on blows, that used to enable the old sailing masters to make time. But in these days of steamships the passengers are not expected to re-joice in such conditions.

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leserve, Nevada. Register and Receiver, Carson City,

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