

*For the Beacon.*

**"FERNENTZ" THE GOVERNOR,**

Gov. Weller, in his Message, makes a huge cut at the management of our Indian Reservations, whereupon V. E. Geiger, of Nome-Lackee, pitches into him annihilatingly. The Governor says that, from the most reliable information he is able to obtain, there are not upon all the Reservations more than three or four thousand Indians; but Mr. G. says that he has more than that number on his Reservation alone; and he thinks (and we agree with him) that it was very unkind in his Excellency to interfere. We could not say positively, that there are thousands of diggers at Nome-Lackee; but this we know full well, that there are at least *two squares* to each white male *attache*, who are "well clothed and fed." We know too that the diggers there have the privilege of catching just as many grasshoppers as they can, when there is nothing else to do. They also have the pleasure of seeing large fields of wheat growing, and extensive bands of cattle roaming over the fields; and if they are taken off and sold, what is it to the Governor's business. Then, if hundreds of bales of Blankets are purchased with the Government money for the Indians, what right has Weller, or any other man, to put in his jaw if they are disposed of otherwise, instead of being given to the Indians. The

of being given to the Indians. The digger is not used to such comforts; ~~too many blankets would soon kill him.~~ And it is certainly not the policy of our humane (!) Government to kill off the "poor devils."

Our friend, Mr. G., hits his excellency in one place, where he lives. He says, that he will take his three or four thousand Indians that he "comfortably feeds and clothes," and compare, (according to number of course), on the score of expenses, with his Excellency's State Prison convicts?

When we consider the expensive food fed to the Indians—grasshoppers, wheat-bran, and murrain cattle, we cannot but consider the proposition magnanimous. And then, if half the convicts were ladies, and the Governor and every one else connected with the management of the prison, were in duty bound to take one or more of them to "wife," and support them as such out of the State Treasury, where would he be?

Come, Gov., old fell, gum it up; come out, and acknowledge the corn!

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