

An Act

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To Punish Vagrants, Vagabonds, Dangerous and Suspicious Persons.

[Approved April 30, 1855.]

The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

§ 1. All persons except Digger Indians, who have no visible means of living, who in ten days do not seek employment, nor labor when employment is offered to them, all healthy beggars who travel with written statements of their misfortunes, all persons who roam about from place to place without any lawful business, all lewd and dissolute persons who live in and about houses of ill fame, all common prostitutes and common drunkards, may be committed to jail and sentenced to hard labor for such time as the Court, before whom they are convicted shall think proper, not exceeding ninety days.

§ 2. All persons who are commonly known as "Greasers" or the issue of Spanish and Indian blood, who may come within the provisions of the first section of this Act, and who go armed and are not known to be peaceable and quiet persons, and who can give no good account of themselves, may be disarmed by any lawful officer, and punished otherwise, as provided in the foregoing section.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of any Justice of the Peace, on knowledge or on written complaint from any creditable person of the State, to issue his warrant to apprehend such person or persons, and upon due conviction to send such person or persons to jail, as prescribed in section first of this Act; and on a second conviction for the same of

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scribed in section first of this Act; and
on a second conviction for the same of-
fense, any offenders may be sentenced
to the County Jail for such additional
time as the Court may deem proper, not
exceeding one hundred and twenty days,
and in case of a conviction for either
of the offenses aforesaid, an appeal may
be taken to the Court of Sessions, in
the same manner as provided for by law
in Criminal cases in this State.

§ 4. The keeper of the jail, or such
other person as the Sheriff of the coun-
ty may appoint, shall be master or keep-
er of such prisoners after conviction,
and shall employ them at any kind of
labor that the Board of Supervisors of
the county may direct, and each and
every person so convicted, shall be se-
cured whilst employed outside of the
Co. Jail, with ball and chain of sufficient
weight and strength to prevent escape.

§ 5. When the Board of Supervi-
sors of the county shall be of opinion
that any person, who may have been
committed under the provisions of this
Act, has so conducted himself or herself
whilst so confined or employed, that he
or she should be no longer held, said
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giving bond with two or more good and
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§ 5. When the Board of Supervisors of the county shall be of opinion that any person, who may have been committed under the provisions of this Act, has so conducted himself or herself whilst so confined or employed, that he or she should be no longer held, said Board of Supervisors may discharge such person from confinement, upon his paying what may remain due of the costs of prosecution and commitment, including his support whilst so confined, or upon giving bond with two or more good and sufficient sureties in the sum of five hundred dollars for future good behavior; *provided* that the Board of Supervisors shall have power to discharge any person committed under the provisions of this Act without such conditions, when the health of said person is such as to require his or her discharge.

§ 6. This Act shall go into effect thirty days after its passage.

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...TY, CALIFORNIA, SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1856.

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Boet's Corner.

Memories—To my Sister.

BY MONADNOCK.

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doesn't yer 'ear the lady?—ha, ha, ha,
don't vant hany hinyuns!"

The donkey was about moving for-
ward, when a scream was heard upon
the sidewalk, and a plump, buxom

Miscellaneous

THE REAL INVEN
STEAMBOAT.—From ad