

## SLAPS AMERICAN SINGER



LUCIENNE BREVAL

Paris society is greatly stirred up over the latest sensational episode. Mme. Leyguer, wife of the minister of public instruction in the late Waldeck-Rousseau cabinet, has long been jealous of the cabinet minister's attentions to Mme. Lucienne Breval, the well known American opera singer. Recently the irate wife came upon the singer just as she was leaving Minister Leyguer's private office. She proceeded publicly to slap Mme. Breval several times on the face in the presence of several statesmen, university professors and scholars. Divorce proceedings are expected to follow. Above is the latest picture of Mme. Breval.

### The Country ... Delegate

Strange as it may seem it is oftentimes the strictly temperate man who gets full when he goes away from home. State conventions, lodge rallies and even large gatherings devoted to philanthropic or religious ends furnish numberless examples.

When a convention, political rally or social reunion meets, the curious trait of the righteous man comes to the surface. He meets his friends and immediately it is suggested that everybody should have a good time. This meets with universal approval. Away goes the crowd under the unconscious guidance of a veteran leader. The boys "have something."

A social chat follows. They "have something" more. About this time the moderate but sensible boozier in command gracefully slips away. Still the good time goes on. Somebody else suggests visiting another place. The gang marches on.

Now if there is a kind hearted drinker in the gang of revellers he will weed out the novices and lead them hotelwards. But as a usual thing the men who drink rarely ever notice the other fellows unless they are bent on having a little malicious sport by "tanking" some man who has an immaculate reputation at home.

A couple of trips up and down the street and the virtuous delegate gets bewildered by the glare of the electric lights. The streets do not suit him. He has objections to sundry arrangements made for the comfort of the city folks.

He is also tormented by the regret that the large share of the municipal population does not care a straw about him. There is no widespread curiosity to find out where he came from, when he got in and what he is going to do. To remedy this indifference he begins to yell.

The righteous visitor is—well slightly intoxicated. Generally it is the very first time in his life.

This thing happens times innumerable during every state convention. It could be plainly seen last Wednesday.

The same peculiarity will be manifested when the delegates pour in again.

Of course the populace gets the idea that many politicians are boozers and heavy drinkers. A close analysis would convince the inquiring that the bibulous ones are not bad men but good, not winetipples, but persons unaccustomed to the cup. Having led temperate lives for years they think

that to have a good time they must do something unusual. They must drink.

All the horrors of the intoxicated visit them as a result. But they have their modicum of joy. The "fellows" allude to the occurrence in a mysterious manner when they get home. No one can ever find out just what Jones did but all his friends know that something happened. And they talk about it for years.



C. G. SHEELEY.

C. G. Sheeley was born in Dallas county, Ia., February 18, 1871. He passed rapidly through the public schools and at an early age engaged in the business of bridge building, from which he became at once an expert and has followed that vocation ever since. He removed to Nebraska early in 1893, where he has since followed his business on an extensive scale. He has built bridges in Saunders county four years; Butler county, five years; Sarpy county, five years; Cuming county, seven years; Cass county, five years, and in Lancaster county for five years. He employs a large number of men and has the reputation of paying his employes promptly. His work is not by any means confined to any one state, as he has had large contracts in Iowa, Colorado, Montana and Wyoming.

Mr. Sheeley returned from Texas last week, where he accepted a contract aggregating \$25,000 for bridge work to be done for the Frisco line of railroad. Mr. Sheeley is one of the most successful bridge builders in the west. He is a republican in politics and lives at 2846 Q street, where he has a comfortable home.

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