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THE NEW PAPER MONEY.

The treasury department has about decided to make smaller paper money and to have all paper money uniform in design. According to present indications the plan will probably be carried out. The face of George Washington will be seen on all the \$1 bills. This much is due to George, the father of his country. The children will thus see him frequently, for there is hardly anybody, even in the most strenuous times who doesn't catch a fleeting glimpse of a \$1 bill once in a while. The \$2 bills will bear a picture of Thomas Jefferson, the father of Democracy, who drafted the Declaration of Independence. People will get a chance to see Thomas only about half as often as they see George, but perhaps this is as it should be. The treasury department, being expert in such matters, ought to know.

The \$5 bills will bear the portrait of Abraham Lincoln and the \$10 bills will portray the late Grover Cleveland. A good many young men working on salary will probably see Grover for a few minutes before their wives or the bill collectors arrive and in this way they will be able to keep a sort of bowing acquaintance with the portrait of that notable Democrat. Andrew Jackson's picture will adorn the \$20 bills, and the superintendents, department heads, expert engineers and a few others, will have an excellent opportunity to keep polished up on the personal appearance of the strenuous old general. General Grant's face will illumine the \$50 bills and few outside of the bankers and lumberers will ever get a chance to see him. Franklin will adorn the \$100 bills and the picture of Alexander Hamilton, the father of the treasury department, will be found on the \$1,000 bills. Franklin will be seen once in a while by a favored few, while Hamilton will rarely be seen excepting by newspaper men on salary day.

However it is a pretty good system. There may be many who will grow to think that Washington was the only great man who ever lived in this country, but they can learn of the others by reputation and by reading history.

If the treasury department could also devise means whereby there could be more bills as well the public would be greatly obliged.

THE COURTESAN CROAKED.

(J. D. Gillilan.)

"Belle croaked last night." That's the way the male habitués of her resort, the hangers-on about the saloon,

and the loafers on the street corners said it. And they laughed when they said it. And some of the fellows who made the remark had assisted in damning her to those depths, for none who had ever visited her or her kind ever did a thing to help her to a better life but the contrary.

I never saw Belle. Perhaps it is to my own shame I say it, but I never did. But this I say to people everyone of whom knows me: She was infinitely better than any man who ever visited her room. She was the creature of men's animal lust. She did not choose that road that everybody concedes leads to hell. Some man placed her there and then society, law and every devil that could get to her helped to keep her there.

Society curses these women, but says we must have the curse; society blasphemes them in daylight and blesses them at night. When one of them whom we have all cursed dies, who blesses her? She is given a burial in potter's field; no hearses, no flowers, no prayers, no mourners. Sometimes two or three faithful friends from her own kind accompany the dead-wagon to the cemetery. Let one of the hundreds of men who contributed to her continued downfall die and what is the result? Fine casket, flowers, often the funeral from a lodge room (sometimes from a church), music, carriages, eulogies, etc., etc., to your nausea. Why this difference when she is the lesser sinner? The answer is contradictory: Man is a lord, woman is a vassal, and the logic of the world is "As it was, is now and ever shall be." Thus the lesser becomes the greater.

Some time ago in Weiser, Idaho, a woman whom some men had degraded was pursued to her room (her only refuge) by a man of family whom she had told must never visit her. In desperation she shot and killed him and then suicided. His lodge sent him to heaven, a martyr with a crown of glittering gold. She lived some days under guard at the hospital, calling for someone with whom she might speak; not an acquaintance, minister or other was called or permitted to see her. I was asked to attend her funeral. Not a dog that had ever hounded her haunts in the darkness was there. Like the coyotes they are, they (some of them) stood afar off and watched the half dozen of us start for the unhalloved grave.

I never have seen of these bruised beings, however low, but I have been willing to take the no longer terrified and tearless face between my hands and plant a joyful kiss of forgiveness on the forehead and help her by taking her to my own home, or placing her elsewhere, to get into the better life.

God have mercy on them! Society will not. Who can pray for the people who destroy them?

Dean Trial Progresses.

New Westminster, B. C., Aug. 20.—Charles Dean, accused of the robbery of Bank of Montreal here on September 11, 1911, when nearly \$300,000 was secured, was arraigned before a magistrate today and remanded for trial August 28th.

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IN ORDER THAT AMPLE EQUIPMENT BE PROVIDED, THOSE INTENDING TO GO SHOULD GET FULL INFORMATION FROM AGENT J. H. KEENEY AT ONCE AND LET HIM KNOW HOW MANY WILL JOIN THE CROWD ON AUGUST 21ST.