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BADLY ADVISED.

The safest rule to apply to the conduct of public officers who have failed to do their duty where there is not clear evidence that their intention was to do a public or a private wrong, is to assert and believe that they have been "badly advised."

The matter may be stated thus: On the third Monday in March the County Superintendent made an apportionment of the entire School Fund then in the County Treasury.

He shall, on the third Monday of March, and may on the third Monday of September of each year, make an apportionment of the entire school fund then in the County Treasury.

It will be seen from this statute that no apportionment can be made by the County Superintendent unless a proper report had been made to him by the School Districts.

Dr. Keeney's motion in the House of Commons yesterday impugning the verdict of the jury in the Tichborne case created much excitement and drew a large crowd.

There was a \$75,000 fire at Bennington, Vermont, last night. There was a Cabinet meeting in Washington yesterday, but it is not reported what was under consideration.

Parker, the defaulting State Treasurer of South Carolina, has been committed to jail in default of \$250,000 bail.

The last disclosures of fraud and forgery in the Post Office Department have excited no special wonder, since they form but a part of the systematic corruption and robbery which have made it notorious since the first year of Grantism.

It appears that certain bidders for small routes in Texas and Arkansas, by corrupt collusion with various clerks having charge of the bids, were enabled to ascertain the lowest offers, then to put in proposals and to authenticate them with the official stamp as if regularly made, which had been forged for the purpose, and by means of false keys to enter rooms and abstract papers necessary to the successful fabrication of these frauds.

Of course such operations required many accomplices among the subordinates, but there was no difficulty in finding them with a sufficient temptation in greenbacks.

John C. New's autograph looks like a handful of fish hooks. There are only thirty-seven daily papers in all England, Ireland, and Scotland, and yet the people are comparatively happy.

The Chicago Times sold 20,000 extra copies on the strength of the Editor going to jail. The Union Pacific officials advise travelers for Utah and California, not to start till notice of the blockade being broken is given.

Mr. Clark, of St. Peter, Minn., upon breaking an egg, found therein a serpent five inches long. The hen that laid that egg must have had the delirium tremens.

Fast steamers are to be placed on the route between San Francisco and Los Angeles. They are to make the run from wharf to wharf in twenty-five hours.

A Georgian near Atlanta cultivates a twenty-thousand acre farm. He raises corn and cotton, and employs above 800 laborers.

An opposition line of steamers between San Francisco and Portland is talked of. The mining fever has extended into Maine. Penobscot county boasts of a silver mine which pans out well.

A resolute pilgrim has for several weeks past been migrating from Omaha to California with a wheel-barrow in front of him filled with blankets and provisions.

The three political parties of California will hold nominating conventions in June, which will leave only two months for the canvass.

Over 20,000 pounds of giant powder are stored in a magazine in the canyon below Virginia City. A Chicago paper estimates that Mexico is indebted to this country in the sum of \$12,500,000 for the lives of American citizens.

In the Safe Deposit Company's office, San Francisco, is a safe weighing 800,000 pounds—the largest fire and burglar proof safe in the world.

The Chicago directory man intends to make the next census of that city tune up to 600,000, which will be about one-third larger than it ought to be.

Boytown failed to perform the feat of swimming across the British Channel, but proved the value of his life-saving dress.

Germany's military forces, including those of Bavaria, comprise at this moment 31,830 officers, 1,329,600 men, 214,970 horses, 2,700 field and 820 siege pieces or cannon.

A pure bred merino ram was lately sold in Australia, for \$3,525.

How Rich Men began Life.

Cornelius Vanderbilt began life with an old pirogue running between Staten Island and New York city, carrying garden stuff to market.

A. T. Stewart first bought a few lace at auction, and opened his way to success in a dingy little shop in Broadway, near the sight of his wholesale establishment.

Daniel Drew, in his early life, was a cattle driver at the munificent rate of 75 cents a day, and he has now driven himself into an estate valued at from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

George Law, at 45 years of age, was a common laborer on the docks, and at present counts his fortune at something like \$10,000,000.

Robert L. and Alexander Stuart, the sugar refiners, in their boyhood sold molasses candy, which their widowed mother had made, at a cent a stick, and to-day they are worth probably \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 a piece.

Marshal O. Roberts is the possessor of \$1,000,000 or \$5,000,000; and yet until he was 25 years of age, he did not have \$100 he could call his own.

H. B. Clafin, the eminent dry goods merchant, worth, it is estimated, from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000, commenced in the world with nothing but energy, determination and hope, and see how magnificently he has invested them.

Counting the Public Money.

The New York Sun says, the retirement of Mr. Spinner as Treasurer of the United States, will make it necessary to count all the gold and currency of every denomination in that office so that his successors may start fairly with an exact knowledge of the amount of money for which he will be held responsible.

Mr. Bristow is not the man to remain passive, with the credit of his department involved, if he thought there was reason for distrust in this respect. There may be discrepancies or defalcations, because they have happened before under Mr. Spinner more than once.

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Of course there must come a day of settlement for all these things, when the whole truth will be told, no matter whom it may hurt. That balance has been forced at the Treasury: that the books exhibit the marks of manipulation; that immense frauds have been perpetrated; that interest is now paid on forged bonds; and that large sums of money have been stolen, is and long has been an open secret.

Possession of the department itself, with access to every office, and willing hands to aid the work, seems to be indispensable to success. Experts of the highest character, too, will be needed, so that the system shall be explored by which the concealing process has been carried on as well as the frauds committed under it.

The interest in the Beecher Tilton trial is diminishing so rapidly that the general public almost begin to lose sight of the fact that it is still in progress and will soon reach its one hundredth day.

Speculations as to the probable result has not been indulged in much recently. In the early days of Beecher's evidence it was conceded that he had made strong points in his favor.

Mr. Beecher has confessed to having ridden out with Mrs. Tilton frequently but declined to state whether it was in a close carriage or not. He even forgot at what lively stable the carriage had been obtained, and whether they had stopped anywhere on the road.

Mrs. Beecher was around the other day looking for the reporter who remarked that she was old enough to be her husband's mother.

The Milwaukee News suggests that the Tilton-Beecher trial be put aboard the vessel that is going to search for the North Pole.

A person who knows Mrs. Tilton has made a bet that within six months she will publicly confess her sin, and beg to be restored to her husband's favor.

It has been suggested that some charitable society get up a spelling match between Beecher and Tilton. Ye gods, how the money would come in.

It has been intimated that the trial may last into July. It would be a "big thing" to have it run into 1876, and have it constitute one of the extraordinary features of the centennial.

They are talking of publishing a Life of Christ that is to cost \$100 per copy. This will be very high. But it is not "Beecher's Life of Christ" though that is supposed to have been knocked higher than a kite.

A New York man, who has been too freely given to kissing in the household of his acquaintances, has recently been enjoined from so doing by order of the court.

Those two Kentucky lady hotel clerks are winning commendation daily. They possess no single characteristic of the males of their profession save the one feature of parting their hair in the middle.

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