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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 evi. dence that their intention was to do a publle or a private wrong, is to assert and believe that they have been "badly advised." Bad advice is a species of charitable mantle which, although it may not in every instance cover a multitude of sins, yet has much to answer for in the conduct of public business. It is not every person who is capable of giving advice. The weaknesses of human nature are most generally freely mingled with the donation. For instance, men generally give such advice as benefits their friends, and but few men have the magnanimity, in the giving of advice, to do justice to an enemy or forget a prejudice. The opportunity of "getting even" with either, sometimes even overcomes the discretion of the willest and most prudent politician who has generally conducted himself in such a manner as to cause it to be believed that his likes were legion and his dislikes were only known to himself. Advice gratis is rarely ever well considered or given without ulterior motives, and seldom fails to get the recipient into hot water. Besides, this kind of advice is almost always given by persons who could make a legitimate competency by strictly minding their own business. The foregoing reflections are induced by the peculiar action of W. F. Payton, County School Superintendent, in regard to School District No. 5. That the a:tion of the Superintendent in this mat. ter must have been based on able legal advice, our respect for the Superintendent, and the gravity of the position he has assumed, (that of violating the criminal law of the State), forbids us to doubt, and that such advice was not in accordance with law or justice is beyond question.

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. By that apportionmeat School District No. 5 was entitled to the sum of \$409 out of said Fund then in the Treasury Up to and until the 24th of April he refused to draw an order on the treasurer in favor of School District No. 5 or transmit the same to the Clerk of said District, and then drew an order for only \$300, retaining in the treasury \$109. Sub-divison 4, of Sec] 25, of Title 3rd of the law relating to Common Schools Code, page 506, provides:

most secret drawers.

One of the srincipals engaged in this business was Jerome J. Hines, recently appointed United States Marshal in Arkansas, upon the advice of Clayton, Dorsey, and the carpet-bag crew who have fattened upon the spoils of that State since 1870. He put in fraudulent bids for service in Arkansas in a false name, and then gave himself as security. Contracts were awarded on these bids. but as they would not take effect until the 1st of July, they would of course be cancel. jail.

The Postmaster-General was fully informed of all the facts more than ten days ago, but like a prudent patriot he suppressed them until after the Connecticut election, without, however, having gained much by his Yankee trick; and he now attempts to make a virtue of a necessity when silence is no longer possible.

During the term of Creswell, the 'system of straw bidding was perfected, and enormous frauds were perpetrated by which millions of dollars have been stolen from the Treasury. Earle, the former law partner of Creswell, was made his first assistant, and remained in the department just long enough to acquire the knowledge needed for the business in which he was to engage. Then he resigned, and controlled all the great contracts through his relations with Creswell. These transactions could not be concealed

absolutely from the clerks, who saw five or six persons always monopolizing the large contracts; saw them doubled, trebled and quadrupled for their benefit; saw failures condoned: saw extras granted; and saw everybody excluded but the Ring, which was in effect headed by the Postmaster-General himself.

Some of the subordinates were admitted to a share of the spoils, for fear of exposures which might lead to the overthrow of the system. Others combined among themselves to use their opportunities, and on a smaller scale to follow in the footsteps of their late chief. This is the explanation of present scandal.

Creswell was investigated by two committees and whitewashed to his own satisfaction, He owned them, and dictated the reports by which he was shown to be a model Postmaster General. Then, with the knowledge that the next House of Representatives would be apt to explore his official conduct from top to bottom, he discreetly resigned with a million or more to his credit, and the President made him counsel for the Government before the Alabama Claims Court, in order to illustrate his devotion to the man and his defiance of public opinion.

The official practices at Washington are revealed in this Post Office matter. While there are of course honorable exceptions, the departments are rotten and the public service is openly prostituted to venality. Justice must be purchased. Every good claim is taxed, and will not be considered until the colluding outsider gives the wink to or makes the mysterious mark for the confederate insider. To support this monstrous vilainy, the people are not only taxed exorbitantly, but they are asked to support a third term of such thievery .- New York Sun.

handful of fish hooks.

There are only thirty-seven daily papers in all England, Ireland, and Scotland, and yet the people are comparatively happy. It is not generally known that the butter crop of the United States is now greater in value than the wheat crop. Yet such is the case.

The Chicago Times sold 20,000 extra copies on the strength of of the Editor going to

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 break ing an egg, found therein a serpent five inches long. The hen that laid that egg must have had the delirum 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. He looks with a sort of contempt at the cars as they pass him.

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 citizons, taken by Mexicans; and four times that amount for property destroyed by "greaers."

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

Boynton 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

How Rich Men began Life.

Australia, for \$3,525.

John C. New's autograph looks like a 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, and Congress idemnified him against harm for the robberies by bis chosen and most confidential clerks. But as the office is to be overhauled in every part, it is only fair to withhold any opinion on the subject until the result of the investigation is known.

There is grave cause for anxiety, however, in regard to the various issues of the United States and Treasury notes, and, as well as the conflicting statements concerning the public debt, which have never been satisfactorily explained. Mr. hind a peculiar method of book. keeping, apparently invented to confuse the public mind and to hide transactions which would not bear scrutiny. It is well known that the forgeries of bonds have been extensive and successful. To what extent the Treasury may have suffered by these fraudulent issues remains to be revealed. Whether the officials wholly ignorant. Silence has been the policy pursued by the department, under the pretext that speech would injure the public credit.

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 balances have 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. And it may be doubted, with all the power of the next House of Representatives to investigate, whether the actual condition of the Treasury in its various branches and vast operations, can be developed at the next session of Congress, with the utmost energy and disposition to push an inquiry to the fullest extent practicable.

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 conv cealing process has been carried on

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Baker City, Dec. 24, 1874.n35tf





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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 freasury, among the several school dis-tricts of his county that have reported to him as required by this chapter, in pro-portion to the number of persons in the district over the age of four and under 20 years. As soon as he shall have made such apportionment, he shall draw orders on the treasurer in favor of THE DISTRICTS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE SHARES, AND IMMEDIATELY TRANSMITTHE SAME TO THE CLERKS OF THEIR DISTRICTS

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. That report is to be made by the elerk of the School District, and must be made by the first Monday in March in each year. His apportionment can only be made upon that report. In the case of School District No. 5 this apportionment was made upon that report, or it could not have been made at all. The apportionment pre-supposes a proper report-made at the right time, and an apportionment of the School Fund in accordance with that report, and an IMMEDIATE order in favor of the District. Why was not that order IMMEDIATELY drawn and sent to the clerk of the School District ? Why has Schol District No. 5 to beg a public official to do his plain duty before it can get an order for anything, and by what authority of law does the County Superintendent retain in the treasury ONE HUND-RED AND NINE dollars of the School Funds belonging to School District No. 5? Under what statute does he attempt to exercise the discretion, or indiscretion rather, of splitting up the amount it is entitled to into two sums of money, giving one, and withholding the other ?

For the sake of the Superintendent we sincerely hope there may be some explanation of this matter consistent with a due regard, on his part, to the law, common sense and common justice All other questions are entirely beside the matter .-Until we hear such an explanation, we that eight more witnesses will be examined shall be forced to the conclusion that he has been "badly advised."

THE LATEST RASCALITY AT WASH-INGTON.

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. They serve to show that the entire department is demoralized, for in this instance it is the clerks and messengers who have been caught swindling and following the example of their distinguished chiefs.

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. The | is 160 miles; the distance from Soda Springs rogues outside bought their way inside, and to Snake River is 110 miles; from Corinne had access to every source of information, to Soda Springs 130 miles.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

WE take the following news summary from the Owyhee Daily Avalanche : Gold shows no signs of weakness, closing

in New York yesterday at 1154. Legal tenders in San Francisco weak at

8712 buying and 88 selling. The resignation of Geo. W. Cross, Presi-

dent of the Northern Railroad, was accepted in New York yesterday, and Charles B. Wright, of Philadelphia, elected to fill the vacancy.

Dr. Kenealy'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. Extra police had to be stationed around the building. The doctor made a motion for the appointment of a Royal Commissioner to investigate the case, and made a powerful speech in its behalf. After much discussion the motion was los: by a vote of 433 to 1.

Ex-Governor Cook, of Colorado, and Congressmen Garfield, are on their way to the Pacific Coast.

There was a \$75,000 fire at Bennington, Vermont, last night.

There was a Cabinet Leeting 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.

A telegram received this morning states on authority of one of Beecher's counsel on his side, but that most of them will give very brief testimony. Cleveland was under cross-examination yesterday, and Moulton was called again in regard to the evidence of Charles W. Partridge.

The Lompoc Record suggests the nomination of Governor Pacheco for Congress

One firm in Pottsville, Pa., credited the strikers with goods to the amount of \$43,-

The fourth saloon has just started in Sutro, making one saloon for every twenty-five inhabitants.

The Ogden Junction propounds the following interrogatory : "Shall we raise broom corn and make brooms for home use?" Of course.

A constable recently interfered with a fight between two men at Walla Walla, when one of them threw the officer over his head and was fined next day for showing him a new trick.

The Helena, Montana Independent gives a column of "Ten Mile" items. Pretty long.

The spring fights have opened briskly at Elko, and it is thought that gouged eyes and lopped ears will soon be a drug in the mar-

The distance from Corinne to Snake River

Cornelius Vanderbilt began life with an old pirogue running between Staten Island and New York city, carrying garden stuff to market. With two or three thousand dollars from that source he entered upon steadily increasing enterprises, until he amassed the enormous sum of \$50,000.000.

A. T. Stewart first bought a few laces at auction, and opened his way to success in a dingy little shop in Broadway, near the sight of his wholesale establishment. Years of rigid honesty, shrewd management and wisdom in things both great and small, have made him the monumental merchant of the nineteenth century.

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. Claffin, 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 munificently 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.

Heretofore, it has been the custom to call in some banker or well known citizen to witness this proceeding, while the subordinates actually counted the coin and notes, sometimes by weight, or average, or packages accepted to contain a given sum. Now the case is wholly different, and Mr. New will personally superintend the whole operation, both for his own satisfaction and for the safety of his bondsmen.

The counting, therefore, will not be a formality by any means, but a rigid and thorough examination, such as has not been known for years. Whatever may be the result, it cannot be concealed; because the coming Treasurer has an interest for his own protection in disclosing the facts and the country is entitled to the information.

It is not reasonable to suppose that the rumors of large deficiencies in gold or notes are true, because no Secretary of the Treasury with any

as well as the frauds committed un. der it. Whenever this is done fully and honestly, the public may prepare for a genuine sensation.

-----Beecher-Tilton-ics.

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 hundreth 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. The sympathies of the The Singer Manufacturing Company, audience were with him, but the rigid cross examination to which he was subjected afterwards knocked out several props and left the Be. cherites in not such a pleasant frame of mind.

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. The Singer Machine is a Shuttle He even forgot at what livery stable the carriage had been obtained, and whether they had stopped anywhere on the road. "Give the old man a chance.'

Mrs. Beecher was around the other day looking for the reporter who The Singer Machine is sold at \$10. remarked that she was old enough to be her husband's mother.

the Tilton-Beecher trial be put aboard the vessel that is going to The Singer Machine will do any 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. Some of Tilton's acquaintances express fears that he will take her back.

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

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 it is not "Beecher's Life of Christ" been knocked higher than a kite."

too freely given to kissing in the recently been enjoined from so do ing by order of the court. Such an injunction as this a few years ago in The Singer Machine uses the finest Brooklyn would have saved much trouble which we now see.

Those two Kentucky lady hotel clerks are winning commendation The Singer Machine is no cheap afdaily. They possess no single characteristic of the males of their The PATENTS on the Singer Machine profession save the one feature of parting their hair in the middle. -St.

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The Singer Machine will sew from the finest cambric to the heaviest beaver.

- The Singer Machine has a reputa. tion which no other Machine can excel.
- The Singer Machine for family use is named the NEW FAMILY.
- copy. This will be very high. But The Singer Machine for Tailor's use is named the NEW MEDIUM.
- though that is supposed to have The Singer Machine for Shoe makers is named the No. 2. STANDARD. A New York man, who has been The Singer Machine for Saddlers' is
- namied the No 3. I. V. P. household of his acquaintances, has The Singer Machine is going to be
 - sold in Eastern Oregon, on easy terms to suit every person.
 - cotton and heaviest linceed thread or silk twist.
 - The Singer Machine should be seen to be appreciated.
 - fair but a genuine live article.
 - in said estate are hereby notified to appear at said place on or before said day and file bolds good for five and seven years yet, regardless of all others.

amount of tools for wagon and buggy work, and light and heavy forging, all in good order. There is one bench and three fires and a good run of custom. Terms to suit the times. For further particulars enquire on the premises of

March 10th, 1875.n44tf.

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Notice of Dissolution of Copartnership

The copartnership heretofore exist-ing between the undersigned in the Hotel business in Baker City, Baker County, Oregon, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business hereafter will be con-ducted by O. H. Clement who will pay the indebtedness of the firm and who alone is authorized to collect and receipt for debts due the same.

Dated at Baker City this 10th day of March 1875.

O. H. CLEMENT. A. SICORD.

Administrator's Notice.

In the County Court, Baker County, Oregon. In the matter of estate of D. J. Spencer, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that James W. Dugdale, the Administrator of esta e of said D. J. Spencer, Deceased, has presented for settlement and filed in said Court his final account of administration of said estate, and that Monday, the 3d day of May, 1375, being at a regular term of said Court, at the court room in Baker City, in said County and State, at 11 o'clock A. M., of said day, has been duly appointed by or-der of the Judge of said Court for the settlement of said accounts, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions in writing to the said account and contest the same; and at which time and place the Court will hear objections to said nnal account and the settlement thereof.

By order of J B. Scofield, Judge of said Court, dated March 31st, 1875, this notice is to be published four successive weeks in the BEDROCK DEMOCRAT.

JAMES W. DUGDALE, Adm'r. I. D. HAINES, Att'y for Adm'r.n47n52.

Administrator's Notice.

In the County Court, Baker County, Oregon. In the matter of Estate of Christopher Saunders, Deceased. TOTICE is hereby given that

N Joseph Weckert, the Administrator of the estate of said Christopher Sanders,

Deceased, has presented for settlement, and filed in said Court his final account of ad-

ministration of said estate, and that Mon-

day, the 3rd day of May, 1875, being at a reg-

ular term of said Court, at the court room in Baker City in said County and State, at 11 o'clock A. M., of said day, has been duly appointed, by order of the Judge of said Court, for settlement of said final account, at such times and show the final account,

at such time and place the Court will hear

objections to said final account and the set-

tlement thereof, and all persons interested

their exceptions in writing to said account

By order of D. B. Scofield, Judge of said

and contest the same.

