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EVENING BULLETIN.

Friday, December 4, 1868.

THE HESTER VAUGHAN CASE.

The Cooper Institute meeting on Tuesday has not calculated to strengthen those political people in any conviction that woman's proper sphere is the platform or the forum. There are, and always have been, exceptional women, from the days of Deborah to the impetuous down to the days of Miss Dickinson, whose mission has been to move and act in public, but they have not succeeded in giving one to a generation. Mr. Greeley evidently recognized this historical fact when he undertook the difficult task of directing a meeting whose players were all to be the acute-minded women and the weakest minded men. In his opening speech he begged that they would not jeopard their cause by taking extreme or false sentiment. With a patience that recalls Dora Copperfield, he begged them to be practical, and, if possible, to stick to facts. Then Mr. Greeley took his seat, in a hopeless sort of way, and he strong-minded women and the weak-minded men had it all their own way. The speeches rambled all the way from the most indelicate physiological disquisitions, which must have been very edifying to the promiscuous audience, down, or up, to appeals for female suffrage and woman's rights generally. It would be difficult to select any particular speech which was more objectionable than the rest; for all were extravagant in their language, exaggerated in their statements, and often most absurd in their reasoning. We have already commented upon the impertinence of the attempt made by Tweed, with the duties of the Governor of Pennsylvania, and we trust that His Excellency, in whose hands the case of Hester Vaughan is absolutely safe already, will treat this demonstration as it deserves. We trust, on the other hand, that the Governor will not be influenced adversely to "Glorious Hester Vaughan!" as one of the Cooper Institute oratrices so ridiculously called her, by the extravagances of her illjudged advocates. At the time that this paper was urging the reprieve of Alexander, we took the trouble to satisfy ourselves that Governor Geary did not intend to hang this woman, and we cannot, therefore, sympathize with some of our contemporaries in their zeal for Hester Vaughan. We know little in no danger whatever. The evidence was very strongly in favor of her guilt, and the punishment of imprisonment which she is undergoing is very light, in view of the rapid increase of the monstrous crime of infanticide. The guilt of the man who is responsible for this unfortunate woman's ruin should be visited upon his head; but it does not constitute any reason why her after crime should not only go unpunished but be used to exalt her to a sort of social canonization. We are always advocates of executive and judicial mercy, but mercy without justice, familiarable as it is becoming, is a most mischievous element in any society.

There are three points of this Cooper Institute demonstration which deem and attention. The reckless blows upon the good name of the women of Pennsylvania, uttered by one of the speakers, deserves prompt denial and condemnation. The women of Pennsylvania "come behind in no good work," and the assertion that they are not interested in the welfare of the sinning and suffering of their sex cannot be believe in than wilfully untrue. That they have maintained their good name in this particular case is proved by the following admirable document, which is only one of the several petitions which they have addressed to Governor Geary, and which is a model of good taste and common sense, which we commend to the imitation of the orators of the Cooper Institute:

To His Excellency J. W. Geary, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

The propriety of capital punishment in any case, has been more and more questioned of late years all over the Christianized world.

In several States of the American Union its repeal has been recently secured important legislation in regard to its exercise.

Your petitioners, while clamoring for our sex, on account of sex, no exemption from any lawful responsibility, and surely, on the contrary, in the fact that we are affected by addition to the facts adverted to above, to respectfully suggest to your Excellency, on the present occasion, that in the history of capital punishment in Pennsylvania, there appears to have existed in the public mind, and on the part of the Executive, a lack of power, a most magnanimous forbearance in reference to the capital execution of the law.

The undersigned gratefully acknowledge this forbearance toward our sex generally, feeling has of the motive and reason in individual cases.

Under these views, and the facts stated, and in support of our prayer, the undersigned approach your Excellency with quite a confidence in Hester Vaughan that is convinced of a capital error in the Court of Oyer and Terminer in Philadelphia.

We select and make a review of the circumstances of the conviction, any more than to present to your Excellency that this poor girl went to her trial ill-served, with no one to counsel, and none to aid her in bringing before the jury such explanation and extenuation as her case really afforded.

But whether her conviction was in the abstract, right or wrong, and such course as here to go after.

Gave at this time is simply a proper, but holy prayer of mercy and forbearance; that your Excellency will have to the fullest extent of Heaven the frail and erring Hester Vaughan; giving her to the exercise of the power of Executive Clemency on this earth.

And as in duty bound we will ever pray.

Another important point in the charge brought against a well-known and unquestionable character of the bar, that after receiving Hester Vaughan she was neglected the case to an extent which makes him responsible for her conviction. We do not believe the story; but it is true, the Philadelphia bar is abundantly able to protect itself from the effects of such an aspersion, and is bound to do so.

The third point is the broad insinuation by one of the speakers that she knows the man who is the author of all this trouble. In her history of Hester Vaughan she said: "She then went to service in a private family, and proved a capable, faithful, honest servant. A bachelor, attracted by her beauty, gentle manners and tidy appearance, conceived a strong passion for her, which she did not return. But he was not to be turned from his purpose, etc." Another speaker locates him in the neighborhood of Jenkintown. We have good reason for expressing the belief that this insinuation is totally false. All parties agree that the man who has brought all her wretchedness upon Hester Vaughan should not escape the consequence; but it is very doubtful whether his crime is much worse than that of men and women who by charge, and winks, and insinuations set afloat such imputations as these upon the characters of respectable citizens. If Mrs. Stanton or Mrs. Kirk or any other of these women know the name of the father of Hester Vaughan's child, and can prove their knowledge, they are bound, by all the laws of right and honor, to make it known. But if, as one of them confesses, Hester Vaughan has steadily refused to identify him, and they cannot prove their assertions, these vague insinuations ought to have great weight in discrediting this whole Cooper Institute demonstration.

THE TAX RATE.

The Finance Committee of Common Council yesterday reported in favor of fixing the tax rate at $1 80. The Committee does not express the opinion that this is sufficient to meet the expenses for 1869, and the excellent minority report of Messrs. Littleton and Dilworth proves very conclusively that $2 20 is the lowest rate that will really do so. The committee excuse the $1 80 rate, principally on the ground that Councils are averse to imposing heavy taxes upon the people, but it is certainly hard to see how the burdens of the people are lightened by the continual increase of indebtedness, which follows this bad system of fixing the tax rate below what is needed, and then coming out at the end of each year with a heavy deficiency. The exposure of the mismanagement of the Democratic minority, in refusing to vote for loan bills to meet necessary permanent improvements, is proper and just. But if a factious minority can, in this way, prevent the payment of the City's just debts, it is the greater reason why the tax-rate, which does not require a two-thirds vote, should be fixed at such an amount as will render loan bills, so far as practicable, unnecessary.

The fact that no adequate rate has been fixed since 1864, is not very strong argument for continuing a bad practice. The people of Philadelphia simply ask two things: every possible retrenchment and economy in expenditure, and a just and prompt payment of their debts. If our legislators will grapple boldly and fairly with these two ideas, we shall hear no more of the people's aversion to adequate tax-rates.

If "conscience does make cowards of us all," it does not always impel us all to make restitution when a wrong is done. But the conscience business is beginning to afford a nice little revenue to the United States Government. It appears that the anonymous receipts of "conscience money" at the Treasury, from November, 1863, to July 14, 1867, have reached $16,000, and during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1868, they amounted to $49,000. If the one-hundredth part of the money (out of which the Government has been swindled since it was established) was restored as "conscience money," there would be a handsome reduction of the national debt. But virtue of this kind must be improving when $49,000 are restored in a single year.

Johnsonism seems to have dem ralized the whole administration, even to the lowest grades of the department clerks. It appears that copies of both the President's message and the report of the Secretary of the Treasury have been stolen, in spite of the utmost precaution, and the main points in both documents are in the hands of speculators in New York, who doubtless paid liberal rewards to the thieves employed by the Executive and Mr. McCulloch. It is not to be wondered at that stealing is practiced under an administration that has done its best to make the greater crime of treason respectable, instead of making it "odious" as was promised.

Mr. Disraeli, profiting by the lesson of the late English elections, has resigned, and has tendered also the resignations of his associates in the Ministry. Because he refused to resign when defeated in the House of Commons, he was condemned by many. Now that he has resigned after suffering a still worse defeat on an appeal to the new constituencies, his conduct might be expected to receive the approval of the press of England. So it does, in most of the journals; but the *London Times*, which never spares a fallen man, condemns his resignation as cowardly. The "leading journal" always was a trimmer, and in denouncing the defeated statesman evidently hopes to secure the confidence and favor of the new ministry.

A writer in a Delaware paper, discussing of the New Castle floggings, ventures to the statement that our description of them lacked truthfulness. Of course, this assertion, if correct, would not afford any excuse for the simple existence of the whipping post and pillory, and of the code of laws which inflicts such barbarous punishments upon criminals. But is it this defender of the Delaware system that is unveracious. The account published in this paper was true in letter and spirit, and, whatever Delawarians may think of it, all the rest of the world read it as a revelation of a condition of things that is disgraceful to the civilization of this country and of this century.

Select Council did a good thing, yesterday, in passing the ordinance for a temporary loan of $160,000 for the new City Hall Bill. We only regret that the vote was not unanimous. This loan should have been made and the money furnished long ago. The delay has retarded the completion of the boat, but the passage of the loan will stimulate the builders to additional efforts, and we are informed, that the boat will be ready for service early in January. The old boat, "Ice Boat, No. 1," will go into commission on the 15th of the present month.

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