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### THE BESETTING SIN.

In Butler county, Ohio, they have lately had a Treasurer who has followed the example of many others of his breturen and used the public funds for private purposes.

Though this would not be such a heinous crime in Pennsylvania or New York, in Ohio it is looked upon as quite a serious crime.—But Ohio laws are sometimes evaded. Examiners sometimes warn the Treasurer when the examination will take place, and if he has been misappropriating, and he bestirs himself and secures a loan, that makes his apparently straight. The Cincinnati *Gazette* of Saturday, *apropos* of the Butler County case, thus tells how it is done:

"We were in the President's office of a Cincinnati bank some time ago, talking to the chief officer, when a gentleman entered and asked a private interview with that officer. When the stranger retired the President asked us if we knew the man. We answered in the negative. 'Then,' said he, 'I will tell you what he wanted, but you must not print it at present. He brought a letter of introduction and desired a loan of $40,000 for ten days, for which he proposed to deposit satisfactory security. I examined his collaterals and found them sufficient. I then inquired what use he proposed to make of the money. He at first hesitated, but finally said the County Commissioners were about to count the funds in the County Treasury, and that officer needed $40,000 until the count should be made.'

'What did you do?' we inquired. 'I refused,' said the President. 'Are such applications often made?' we asked. 'Frequently,' was the reply. 'But,' said the bank officer, 'I never loan money for such a purpose knowingly. Some years ago a friend of the then Treasurer of this county borrowed $100,000 in greenbacks at 11 o'clock, to be returned by 2 P. M., for which he left bonds as security. Our cashier made the loan, and hearing of it I made inquiry, and ascertained that the funds in the County Treasury had been counted that day. I had no doubt our greenbacks were deposited in the County Treasury and counted. At 3 P. M. they were returned to us, and the United States bonds given up.

The *Gazette* insists with good reason, that the sub-treasury system must be changed. While it does not prevent Treasurers from using public funds privately, it throws unnecessary obstacles in the way of their doing so. While it does not prevent Treasurers from using public funds privately, it throws unnecessary show of caution in not permitting them to deposit bonds in banks, especially. An official rogue will choose some other method than the efforts made to prevent them. A session of two days seems too frequently to occur. Corruption is only the very few who obtain offices by any other means than the vilest political trickery; it may be that the process they go through to obtain position in official life, has a legitimate result in rendering them unfit to be trusted with the public money.

### FOUND DEAD IN SNOW.

All that is known of that dirty body found in the Jordan Rolling Mill is expressed in the three words, found dead and nown. They are little words and insignificant looking enough by the side of their literary companions, that with polysyllabled audacity thrust themselves forward everywhere. Little words they are though, what a world of meaning they contain. All that is expressed by homeless, houseless and friendless, is contained in them and with all the added force of the three nouns, they sound in one breath a requiem and an epitaph.

We stand and gaze upon the senseless clay that so lately could have been its own interpreter and we wonder as we gaze. If we had met him yesterday, would we have wasted a thought on him, beyond pity for his poverty and disgust at his squalor? Why do we gaze at him with such interest to-day?

Would you know dear brethren, fellow citizens, fellow sinners? Would you know, ye who dwell at ease and in luxury, and have no thought for the want and misery around you? The answer is in this. He who yesterday was vile and mean and poor, to-day is equal with all men who have learned the great secret revealed by Death.

The great leveller,' my friend, has made that abject, dirty, wretch, to stand upon an equal footing with your dead brother and with mine, and when the flesh shall have shrunk away from the grimy skull, no man living could tell which had been the dirtiest. Oh, what a homily on pride is here, Horatio!

"Go, get you to my ladies chamber; tell her though she paint an inch deep, to this complexion must she come at last." What hopes and fears, what plans and desires may yesterday have been shut up in that poor body, no man knoweth. How he sank into such a state of hopeless, despairing poverty none can say. What suffering, sorrow, shame and want he endured, before, all his manhood beaten out of him, he crept under a shed to die—these are secrets we cannot wrest from death, but they are known to Him who doeth all things well. The poor wanderer has gone to a just and merciful Judge, who sees not as men see and heareth the cry of the needy.

### AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION.

The meeting which was held last week in the Presbyterian church was very slimly attended, and its slimness was an evidence of the apathy with which the people of this region regard the questions now agitating the minds of many earnest workers in the Christian cause. The question of an alteration of the Constitution of the United States ought to excite attention among an intelligent population of American citizens, and when it is considered that there is involved in this question the exclusion or non-exclusion of the Bible from the Public Schools, it becomes every man, who is a lover of his country and of his children, to take some interest in the matter, and stand out before the world as one who is decided on one side or the other of the question. This decision may not be arrived at yet, and indeed it would be proper for everyone to consider well before he commits himself on either side—but we call upon the people of the county to give such attention to the matter as will give them a knowledge of its merits or demerits, and not leave them standing as ignorant spectators of the actions of the world around them.

### FORGERIES IN WALL STREET.

The prosperity of a Commercial country depends entirely upon the probity and honesty of those who carry on its business. The question of National honesty and the necessity for the prompt and full payment of National obligations, is affected by the individual honesty of the Nations merchants and traders. It has been declared that dishonesty is the prevailing vice of the age, and New York the commercial metropolis of this great Nation, is, as usual, not behind hand in furnishing the full quota of instances, to make a demonstration of such a proposition. Unfortunately the venality of our Courts of Justice and the partiality with which the laws are administered, is tending rather to increase this evil than diminish it, and the continued instances of breach of trust and embezzlement of public funds, are bringing about a state of the public mind which sets every man regarding his fellow with suspicion.

If we are to keep a reputable character as a Commercial Nation, our Laws must be administered by men who can and will "be just and fear not."

### WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

If she will, she will you may depend on't,
An if she won't, she won't and there's an end on't.

The above popular statement expresses that delightful firmness which characterizes a woman with a will of her own. The woman of the period is setting the force of her will in the direction of Female Suffrage, and the world is gazing with wonder at the manly strides she is taking towards the polls. But, she who is popularly known as "the woman of the period" by no manner of means must be taken as the type of the majority of her sex Because she is eloquent and demonstrative, fluent and forcible, she gains notoriety and attracts attention, declaring herself the champion of her sex and their representative. These representations must be taken with a grain of allowance.

The woman of the period who takes the most rank in the movement, for what she calls the exaltation of her sex, has, with characteristic impetuosity dispensed with the formality of obtaining her credentials, and is entirely self-elected, and no sane man can doubt that she expresses the views of an infinitesimal minority.

Those of the sex who are engaged in the (hitherto considered) legitimate sphere of home duties and home occupations are not heard beyond that circle with regard to the question. There can be no doubt that if an experimental exercise of the right of voting by women, was on the question of Female Suffrage, and if a full vote was polled, there would be an expression of opinion on the subject that would [illegible] the question for a while by setting it down.

We have no doubt of the ability of the women of America to carry this question, if they are unanimous on the point. They rule the men, and as they will, etc. The latter part of the opening statement is true also, and "if she will she won't, and there's an end of it." [illegible] spite of Anna Dickinson, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, George Francis Train, and other estimable women, we have no doubt will be the end of it. Wedgewood Cromwell, I charge thee, fling away [illegible] By that in fell the *angels*, etc. The angels' ear bonnets will not fall by the [illegible] exciting ambition that o'erleaps itself.

### USA.

A European letter writing letter in the *Tribune* has [illegible] General Webb, lays before the public in forcible statement by an American of the conduct of the Spanish Government [illegible] Cuba, as well as a graphic description of their burning wrongs, calamities, [illegible] position.

The Spanish Government put on the [illegible] the [illegible] of the American minister, by the [illegible] of [illegible] to wrongs committed and daily practiced toward our countrymen by Spanish officials. That Spain is to [illegible] of [illegible] and hold peoples and [illegible] according or conniving [illegible] American citizens, all [illegible] which the single exception [illegible] at Washington. The [illegible] pended to an [illegible] character, and makes them [illegible] the arms of a free people and [illegible] to [illegible], while [illegible] commended suffering, [illegible] [illegible] free. This [illegible] [illegible] also used as an [illegible] [illegible] own [illegible] [illegible] demand [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]