

that they also decided, although they "regretted the difficulty and censured him for his want of judgment in the matter," to continue him in his position as treasurer. Feeling, however, the grave responsibility upon them as guardians of the public, they passed a resolution rendering it impossible for him in the future to misappropriate any larger sum at any one time than \$3,000. It is gratifying to know, however, that the sureties of this officer have made good the stolen funds, and that "he will now devote himself to recouping his sureties for their loss."

Now, we desire to say that this tale, as it appears in a daily paper, almost in the above words, is not told as a joke. We presume it states the facts correctly. If it is intended as a satire upon our municipal system, we have no suggestion for any improvement; although, if it is intended either as a satire or a joke, it was not hard to connect it with the name of a real living county treasurer. Less than two months ago a customs official in Ottawa, and a wealthy man, who, out of pure carelessness and with no intent to misappropriate, did not promptly pay into the department a few hundred dollars of public money that had been paid to him, was forthwith arrested and sent to jail for a year. But, then, he was probably not "very popular" with the head of his department, and it was not necessary to keep him in his position "to recoup his sureties," for he paid up his deficiency himself.

We do not desire to say one harsh word about the very popular treasurer, but we would respectfully suggest to the members of the county council to consider whether (even if it were not necessary in the public interests to institute criminal proceedings) it was consistent with the duty which they owe to the public to condone so serious an offence by continuing the delinquent in office.

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THE proceedings of the Bar associations in the various parts of the world inhabited by the great Anglo-Saxon race are always of more or less interest. We have before us the report of the Territorial Bar Association of Utah. This territory is now becoming a state, and the Bar there venture to give their opinion on various subjects of importance in its development into statehood. Amongst other subjects which engaged their attention relating to the administration of justice was whether the constitution