

THE RATE OF INTEREST.

Sir Oliver Mowat's bill respecting interest reads:—Whereas on the part of some lenders of money, a practice has been obtained of charging exorbitant rates of interest to needy or ignorant borrowers, sometimes as much as 5 per cent. per diem, or at the rate of 1-825 per cent per annum; and, whereas it is desirable that the protection of the law should be extended to necessitous borrowers; Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

- 1. This act may be cited as the Interest Act, 1897.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter one hundred and twenty-seven of the revised Statutes of Canada, the rate of interest reserved or payable on bonds, promissory notes, bills and contracts of every kind shall not exceed eight per cent. per annum, and no promise or agreement to pay a higher rate of interest shall be valid.
3. If in an action hereafter brought on a bond, promissory note, bill or contract of any kind it appears that payments have been made thereon on account of interest in excess of eight per cent. per annum, the judge may in his discretion treat such excessive payments or any part thereof as payments on account of principal and render judgment accordingly.
4. This act applies to instruments and agreements heretofore as well as hereafter executed or made, but the second section shall not apply to any payment made before the passing of this act.

BI-METALLISM.

Annual Meeting of the British League Opened in Manchester.

The annual meeting of the Bi-Metallic League was held in Manchester (Eng.) 2nd inst. There was a large attendance, including over fifty delegates from labor associations. The Lord Mayor of Manchester presided and welcomed the delegates. The report said the most important event of the year was the election for President in the United States, when Bryan polled 6,000,000 votes on the platform of national bi-metallism and McKinley polled 7,000,000 on a platform pledging him to promote international bi-metallism.

NEWS NOTES.

South Australia has not realized enough wheat from her late crop to supply bread for her population and has had to import over 500,000 bushels. Spain's poverty interferes in no way with its national sport. During the bull fighting season from April 15 to Oct. 20, 1896, there were 478 fights in Spain and 1218 bulls, valued at \$300,000, and 5,730 horses, valued at \$200,000, were killed. Mexico has 169 cotton mills and five new ones are on the way from the United States. The Hercules cotton mills, three in number, have just resumed operations in Queretaro after having shut down for several months. They employ 300 persons. Miss Willis, of London Township, Ont., was engaged to marry Mr. Scarfe, of Kildgerton. Just before the day named for the wedding the young lady disappeared, and it now turns out that a former lover, Mr. Bachelor, of Hamilton, heard of the engagement, telegraphed to the young lady and got her to marry him.

By the terms of the will of the late J. H. R. Molson, the Unitarian church gets \$5,000, Montreal General Hospital \$10,000; Fraser Institute \$30,000, McGill University \$100,000, Bishops College School, Cemetery for Crematory \$100,000. The remainder of the fortune estimated at about \$2,000,000, is divided among relatives and friends.

The possibility of doing away with the smoke nuisance in some of the great English manufacturing centres is being seriously discussed.

At no previous time has there been such activity in the Mexican cattle trade as now. In the first four months of the year 825 cars have been loaded and shipped from the Deming yards, making a total of 33,000 head. In March 10,000 head were shipped out of Mexico at this point. For April the Mexican cattle shipments amounted to about twenty-one thousand head. Thousands of cattle south of the Mexican border line are still on their way to the United States markets. The prospective duty on imported cattle is largely responsible for this condition of affairs. Mexican cattle owners have felt it was now or never.

Sovereign Cocoa Wine is pleasant to take, is certain and gratifying in its effect in cases of loss of sleep and enervation.

Get the Best

The public are too intelligent to purchase a worthless article a second time, on the contrary they want the best! Physicians are virtually unanimous in saying: Scott's Emulsion is the best form of Cod Liver Oil.

Miss Aimee Cecil Jones will terminate the children's class with a party at Kindergarten Hall on Tuesday evening, June 8th, from 8 to 10 o'clock. Parents and friends of the children are cordially invited to attend. Admission 15 cents.

A PRESBYTERIAN CLERGYMAN

Takes up a Popular Subject.

HE WRITES ABOUT PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND.

Strongly Recommends it.

Like scores of other clergymen who have been made hearty, vigorous and strong by the use of Paine's Celery Compound the Rev. J. D. Leishman, of Angus, Ont., with a honest and candid acknowledgment of the blessing that the great medicine confers on the one who make use of it.

Such testimony as the following should prove helpful and encouraging to every weak, ailing and broken down man and woman.

Rev. Mr. Leishman says: "I have always found Paine's Celery Compound an excellent nerve tonic, and have frequently recommended it to persons suffering from nervous debility and sleeplessness. I believe it to be a most powerful medicine. It also purifies the blood and revives the system. Give it a fair trial and it will in these cases be found helpful."

winding at Amagansett.

Away out on the eastern end of Long Island, almost as much at sea as though it were an island by itself, is the little fishing village of Amagansett. It lies directly on the ocean, and has neither harbor nor wharves nor ships, yet it is known far up and down the coast as a whaling town, for it is at this point, strange to say, that the whales come nearest to the land. They are sighted first within a few miles of Amagansett.

The weather seasoned surfmen, who fish through the breakers for food fish, will give you a dozen reasons why this is so and why their little navy is unique among the fishing fleets of the north Atlantic coast. But they are mostly guesses, and we only know that the whales have favored Amagansett thus for many years. During all the summer and fall the hardy fishermen who live in the gray cottages among the dunes set their nets for blue and weak fish, but from the end of winter to early summer they become fishermen of more heroic cast, and chase and take and land the biggest "fish" that swims—the whale. Nearly every season whales are sighted by the life savers who patrol the beach, or by the lookout at the life saving station, and when one or more of them are taken, the occasion is one to be marked with a white stone in the history of the sleepy little village.—Harper's Weekly.

Between Carthage and Stirlingville, in Jefferson county, N. Y., there is a stretch of country where the sand drifts like snow, making great banks and blinding the eyes of those who look up wind. It is a desolate, barren region, where the soil is only as deep as the roots of the grass.

Boils

It is often difficult to convince people their blood is impure, until dreadful carbuncles, abscesses, boils, scrofula or salt rheum, are painful proof of the fact. It is wisdom now, or whenever there is any indication of

Impure

blood, to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, and prevent such eruptions and suffering.

"I had a dreadful carbuncle abscess, red, fiery, fierce and sore. The doctor attended me over seven weeks. When the abscess broke, the pains were terrible, and I thought I should not live through it. I heard and read so much about Hood's Sarsaparilla, that I decided to take it, and my husband, who was suffering with boils, took it also. It soon purified our

Blood

built me up and restored my health so that, although the doctor said I would not be able to work hard, I have since done the work for 20 people. Hood's Sarsaparilla cured my husband of the boils, and we regard it a wonderful medicine." Mrs. ANNA PETERSON, Latimer, Kansas.

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WHAT WOMEN WEAR.

The use of sun plaiting is an important feature of fashion this season.

Some Parisian authority is responsible for the announcement that gloves embroidered with black are considered out of date.

Bright red silk parasols will be very popular this season, and the old Victorian styles with fringe around the edge have come back again.

Black grenadines, in various conventional patterns, made over colored silk, are very fashionable gowns this season, and the variety of fancy grenadines has no limit.

Something called astrakhan lace is set forth as a novelty, and it is made of silk, very airy and light like old-fashioned honiton, with a pattern prettily defined by close loops of silk.

It seems that ears are decidedly out of fashion for women in Paris except for hearing purposes, as the hair is drawn to cover them so completely that there is no trace of their existence left.

Very desirable hats of Java and Panama straw, trimmed with plain bands of ribbon and stiff quills, are now in evidence in the shops. They are to be worn for cycling and all other outdoor sports and are very stylish with the simple tailor made gown.

Pouched bodices have vigorously renewed their popularity, and some of the latest models are pouched at the back as well as the front. A wide folded belt is the usual accompaniment, and it should be made of black satin if you would look slender.

The English tailor made coat has no gathers at the top of the sleeve. It has a little fullness, which is arranged in small dart seams covered with fancy braiding. Many of the coats are elaborately braided, and several different kinds of braid are used on one garment.—New York Sun.

HORSE TALK.

Afrite, 2:07 1/2, has been jugged all winter and is looking well this spring.

There will be a wide difference in the free for all trotting classes of this and last year.

Owing to the bad financial results of last year's meetings there will be fair or racing meetings held in 1897 at Helena, Mon.

Game little Sir Walter, who is expected by Rollins to capture a great many races this year, appears to be improving every day.

There is nothing uncertain about the warmth of the welcome given the entrance of the Glens Falls association to the grand circuit.

The big trotting stallion J. S., 2:16 1/2, exported last year, is doing well in Albion, and already several very fine colts by him have been foaled.

Julia Patchen, the dam of Sea Girl, 2:18 1/2, and Shadeland Leona, 2:28 1/2, is dead. She is also the grandam of Shadeland Bellewood, 2:54 1/2.

Payne & Proctor, Boston, have added to their stable the bay horse Le Simmons, 2:15 1/2, that Joe Thayer had out last year and gave his present record.

The reported accident to Ed Geers proves to be all too true. The broken arm and injured ankle did not keep him indoors but a couple of days, however.

The great brood mare Cricket, by Mambrino Abdallah, dam of Vera Capel, 2:07 1/2, pacing, and Jim Young, 2:26 1/2, died recently at the farm of her owner, Richard Curtis, Lexington, Ky.—Horseman.

MURRAY & LANMAN'S FLORIDA WATER advertisement with diamond logo: THE SWEETEST MOST FRAGRANT MOST REFRESHING AND ENDURING OF ALL PERFUMES FOR THE HANDKERCHIEF, TOILET OR BATH. ALL DRUGGISTS, PERFUMERS AND GENERAL DEALERS.

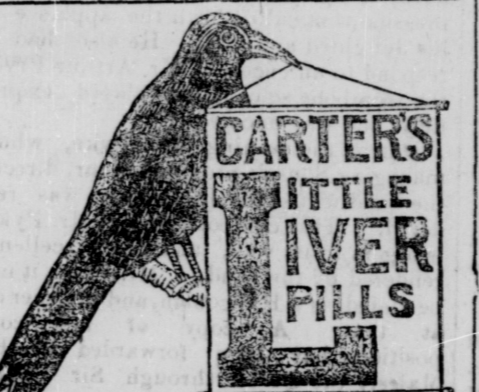
DENTAL PARLORS advertisement: North Side Queen Square. You can have your teeth extracted free of pain by the means of either general or local anaesthesia. All kinds of work done satisfactorily. DR. J. H. AYERS

Death Through a Tarantula.

One of the quickest and most complete and justifiable killings that ever I saw came about through a tarantula. It was at a mine camp, and the camp bully had a tarantula impaled on a stick. A man newly arrived from the east stood gazing, fascinated with horror, at the squirming reptile, working its black fangs in the effort to reach something that it could fasten them into. Suddenly, without warning, the bully thrust the tarantula straight into the tenderfoot's face. His whiskers saved him from the fangs, but he let out a yell as if he had actually been bitten and jumped back, I fully believe, ten feet. Then, as the fellow came poking the tarantula toward him again, the tenderfoot drew his revolver and turned loose on his tormentor. His first shot would have been enough, as it went straight through the fellow's body, but the tenderfoot had his excitement to work off, and he never stopped shooting until his revolver had been emptied and the man with the tarantula was a sieve. "Served him right," was the verdict of the coroner's jury, and the case never went to court for trial.—New York Sun.

Wesley Is There.

One of the most beautiful English church edifices is Barnet church, Herts. In this church, according to The Methodist Times of London, are grained niches in which respectively are appropriately placed well considered and cleverly modeled statues of England's six greatest preachers. The list is as follows: St. Augustin of Canterbury, the apostle of England; St. Aiden, bishop of Lindisfarne; St. Hugh of Lincoln; Latimer, the martyr; John Wesley and Canon Liddon. So far as we are aware, this is the first time John Wesley has been placed in an Episcopal church on a level with such goodly company.



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