

## ..The Planet.

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## THE RATE.

The rate for this year was struck by the City Council last night at 23-1-4 mills. The rate last year was 25 mills, so that for 1901 the rate is 13-4 mills lower. Chairman Scane, of the Finance committee, carefully considered the estimates before figuring the rate, and the Council are of the opinion that 23-1-4 mills will cover all expenditures. It is to the credit of the council that they have seen their way clear to reduce the rate, if not to a great extent, at least to an appreciable degree. While not commending the action of previous councils who kept down the rate and had a deficit at the end of the year, still it is our purpose to praise any body that practices economy, and there is a feeling abroad that the rate of 23-1-4 mills, as computed by Ald. Scane, will cover all necessary expenditures and enable the city to meet all obligations for the year 1901.

## THE FASCINATION OF DANGER.

In a Michigan town an aeromant has been killed by falling from his balloon when it was about a thousand feet above the earth, says the Toronto Globe. His performance consisted in being shot from an alleged cannon which was attached to the balloon, and descending to the earth by a parachute. The cannon trick resulted disastrously. The fire burned the rope by which it was suspended, and it fell with the performer helpless within it. According to current reports, the cannon struck a floating sawlog in Lake Muskegon and was badly shattered, while the remains of the balloonist were terribly mangled. The ever-present possibility of such a result was the charm of the performance, and is the fascinating element in all spectacular balloon ascents. So long as crowds are eager to see a human life in jeopardy and are willing to pay for the satisfaction of that peculiar desire, men and women will be found willing to take the risk for the sake of the pay. The struggle for "leave to toll" is so keen that no occupation, however hazardous, disagreeable or destructive to health, is refused. And while the public taste demands that lives be exposed to danger in a fascinating way, there will be plenty willing to accept the risks. Balloons carrying fireworks are often used to make brilliant kaleidoscopic displays, but however beautiful or cleverly designed, it must be owned that they lack the attractiveness of the exhibitions which put human life in imminent danger.

The fate of the Michigan balloonist will not be a warning to others, for there will be plenty eager and willing to perform the trick that cost him his life. But it will add keener zest to all similar performances, for it will convince patrons that the danger is not imaginary, that there is always an open possibility of a tragic issue. If interest in such exhibitions wanes it is because the public get the impression that there is no real danger, and that they are being deceived by trickery into the belief that a life is in peril. A few months ago a performer sent up a balloon with some performing monkeys on an attached trapeze. The performance awakened but a mild interest, in now way comparable with what would have been aroused by the risking of a human life. But it is worthy of note human officers made a thorough investigation and were fully assured that the animals were not subjected to cruel treatment. The taste for exhibitions of cruelty to the lower orders of creation is certainly on the wane, so much so that most civilized countries have stringent laws preventing cruelty, whether in contests, public exhibitions or in the treatment of domestic animals. But the popularity of the prize-ring and exhibitions that jeopardize human life shows that there is still room for wide changes in public sentiment regarding cruelty to man.

An Englishman named Howard is in command of Filipino rebels. This is some slight return for certain attentions of our citizens in South Africa. —New York Telegraph.

Baden-Powell is returning home. If the Boers hear that it may hearten them as much as did the news of the departure of the Canadian contingents.

## PIRATES.

Letters of marque, issued by Mr. Kruger, would be simply invitations to their recipients to become candidates for the gallows on the charge of piracy. A belligerent State can turn out privateers to prey on an enemy's commerce. But Mr. Kruger is not a State, and besides, vessels preying upon a commerce protected by the British navy would have a lively time of it.

## HARD TO BELIEVE.

Brantford Courier.  
The Hamilton Spectator says that the corporation laborers there do not understand flushing streets. Ambitious cityites incapable of handling flushes? Go to.

## A POINTER FOR HAMILTON.

Owen Sound Sun.  
Speaking of the best material to use in the construction of sidewalks, a well known citizen remarked the other night that "putrified brick was as good as cement."

## HIS WELL-EARNED REST.

Toronto Telegram.  
It is not J. P. Whitney's fault if Hon. G. W. Ross is not on the eve of a longer vacation than that which will be afforded by his present trip to Europe.

## FLIGHTS OF IMAGINATION.

Hamilton Spectator.  
The Toronto Globe has an article on Toronto as a Summer Resort, which will probably be followed by another on Hades as a Cold Storage Warehouse.

## EXPENSIVE TARTE.

Mail and Empire.  
Mr. Tarte has just concluded an "inspection" on the French River. He and a jolly party went up and down this waterway by canoe. The Minister has inaugurated the plan of uniting a holiday trip with "inspection" duties. Last year he "inspected" the Paris Exposition. Prior to that he spent the summer on the St. Lawrence "inspecting." It is to be hoped that the holiday will not be too expensive.

## MAY NOT RECOVER FROM SHOCK OF LIGHTNING.

George Wear, an old colored man residing on Tuscarora street, Windsor, was struck by lightning Friday evening and it is thought by the attending physicians that he cannot recover from the shock. Wear, who is 75 years old, was sitting on the front porch when the storm came up and when his daughter, Emma Wear, went to call him she found him lying unconscious on the stoop. She summoned a physician, who discovered that Wear had been struck by the lightning, there being a small hole around which the skin was badly burned. He was also paralyzed all through the body.

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## BACK FROM ENGLAND

W. E. Hamilton has an interesting Chat With W. Campbell of J. L. Scott's Office.

The latter has just returned from a Pleasant Tour Through the United Kingdom.

Mr. W. Campbell, manager for J. L. Scott, has returned after his tour in the three kingdoms, 20 pounds heavier than when he left us. His time was too short to allow of his calling on some friends of ours to whom we gave him letters. He left on the Elder-Dempster steamer Wassaw from Halifax, and returned by the Cunarder Etruria to New York. The States still take the bulk of the old country immigration. Out of 140 second cabin passengers, there were only two Canadians, one being a doctor returning from the Cape to Toronto. He had a good opportunity of observing Irish conditions, which show a surprising change for the better. He was at the Ballina races and with the exception of a few professional beggars, the people were all well dressed and apparently well fed. Farm help hard to get. Laborers paid 25c a day and their board, good board at that, not potatoes and buttermilk. Fifty years ago, they used to get 25c, a day or less and board themselves, and when an English landlord in Wicklow gave 7 shillings, sterling, per week, the other squires hooted him for "paying his men for Sunday." The Irish houses are also much improved, thatch roofs largely replaced by slate and the "pig under the bed," described by Miss Edgeworth, a thing of the past. Land working into large stock farms. In New Ross they were building a Roman Catholic cathedral, with polished granite pillars; cost \$100,000. Col. Tottenham, Protestant, gave site and \$500.

New Ross is about 5,000 and Ballina 4,500. There is a good deal of ignorant sympathy with the Boers among the common people, which means early antipathy to England. The dark lining to social prosperity is whiskey. In New Ross, about half as populous as Chatham, there are 99 licensed taverns. Such a tavern is a general grocery or other store usually, with liquor counter. Mr. Campbell spent the Sunday before embarking in Dublin. A large body of Lancashire and Yorkshire excursionists were fraternizing with the natives on the streets and a bedlam of drunken carousal. The country stores showed a much more modern appearance than formerly. The little panes had disappeared from the windows and in Ballina there was a boot and shoe store fully equal to any in Chatham. The Irish constabulary are a magnificent and soldierly body of young men. Much interest was taken by leading men in Mr. Campbell's description of our Kent peat compressing machinery, which bids fair to solve the problem of the possible establishment of Irish manufacturers in spite of remoteness from coal. Efforts have been made to utilize the millions of acres of Irish peat by compression, for the last 60 years, but vainly from an economical standpoint. The traffic of New York is great, but after all New York is not London. Mr. Campbell took a walk at 7:30 a. m. over one of the minor bridges, and even at that early hour such was the streak hurry-rush from coal. Efforts have been made to utilize the millions of acres of Irish peat by compression, for the last 60 years, but vainly from an economical standpoint. The traffic of New York is great, but after all New York is not London. Mr. Campbell took a walk at 7:30 a. m. over one of the minor bridges, and even at that early hour such was the streak hurry-rush from coal.

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## THE YOUNGER BROTHERS MAY BE FREE IN A FEW DAYS.

St. Paul, Minn., July 6.—The board of pardons will on Monday consider a long list of applications for pardon or parole, the most important being the case of Jas. and Coleman Younger, who were sentenced in 1878 for life for complicity in a robbery and accompanying murders at Northfield, Minn. A special bill was passed by the late legislature making possible the parole of life prisoners, the Youngers being the intended beneficiaries. Such paroles are to be granted by joint action by the prison managers and the pardon board.

## BATTLE OF THE BOYNE.

The Orangemen of Windsor and Detroit are preparing to celebrate the anniversary of the battle of the Boyne next Friday by a grand demonstration at Leamington. They will be joined there by members of the order from Essex and Kent counties. The chief attraction will be the address of N. Clarke Wallace, M. P., grand master of the order. A program of sports has been arranged. The Detroit contingent will leave the hall at 47 Monroe avenue at 7 o'clock Friday morning.

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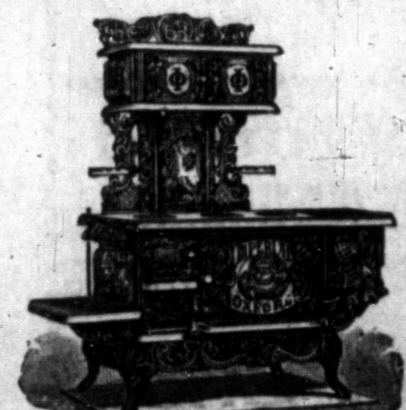
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