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BUILDING SOCIETIES AND THEIR MANAGEMENT.

While the failure of one building association in West Washington is not a cause for panic as to the condition of build ng societies in general, it suggests some reflections which may be of use to the officers of such societies and to persons who think of joining one of them. If it be true that the society which has just failed provided in its constitution or by-laws for the payment of eight per cent. interest on money withdrawn for shares surrendered to the society, its failure is not a matter of surprise. It is true that building society profits have in general been large enough to encourage the organizers of new societies in the making of liberal provisions upon this point. But as the number of lending members increases—that is, the number of those who enter building societies with a view to the profits to be made by the investment of their money in shares and not with the intention of borrowing—the tendency is for profits to fall to what we may call the fair and normal rate.

It is well-known to those acquainted with building society affairs that the premium paid on advances, or, as it would be expressed in common parlance, the interest on loans is now much smaller than it used to be. The change is a healthy one, since it is in the direction of a fairer relation between borrower and lender, and is the natural result of increased competition in lending as compared with the competition in borrowing. But while this is the case, it is a change that has to be borne in mind in making provision as to the rate of interest to be paid on withdrawals. Moreover, if the tendency of profits is downward, the rate of interest, which seems justified by past experience at the time when a society is organized, may cease to be justified before the time of its maturity, and if provisions for a fixed rate have been made in its constitution that rate may consequently prove higher than the results of its own business will warrant, and in such a case the results which have followed in the case of the Georgetown society are precisely what might be expected.

A more judicious arrangement, and one far more in accordance with sound business principles, would be to make the rate of interest on withdrawals dependent on the earnings of the society, as declared in its quarterly financial statements, and to make it *somewhat* lower than the earnings might seem to justify, in order to afford a margin for insurance against risks. It should, moreover, be remembered that, while building societies afford an excellent means of saving money, they are not savings banks, still less ordinary banks of deposit, and that the expectation of being able to put money into them and draw it out on call, or after a short notice, without fail is not a reasonable one. The nature of their business generally renders it practicable to take up the shares of a member wishing to retire, and pay him their par value with a fair interest, but it should be distinctly understood that he has no absolute right to this accommodation; and the organizers of building societies, who hold out positive promises upon this point, commit, in our opinion, an error which is liable to prove serious.

A purchase of building society shares is not a *deposit* of money, but an *investment* of it; and the most that a society can safely promise to do for retiring members is to take up their shares and pay them back their money with moderate interest, so far as may be found practicable. The fact that it almost invariably is found practicable to do this may afford the investor a strong encouragement that he will be able to get his money on call, but, under the conditions of building society business, no positive pledge that he shall have the *right* to do so can safely be made.

The excessive rate of interest paid by the Georgetown society is an exception to the general rule. Some of the societies pay only four per cent. It may also be remarked that hitherto the number of failures of such associations has been comparatively small. We doubt if half a dozen could be mentioned that have failed in this District, while some idea of the number of societies that have been operated here may be formed from the fact that at a local convention of building society officers, held about a dozen years ago, no less than seventy-five societies in existence in the District at that time were represented.

Hence, while the difficulties of the Georgetown society may suggest no cause for general alarm or distrust, it may be regarded as an admonition to the officers of such associations to exercise due precaution and to intending investors to carefully inform themselves in advance as to methods of management pursued, the security proffered and the returns to be reasonably expected upon their investment.

THE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION.

The Senate has passed Mr. Hoar's Presidential Succession bill, which provides, in case of the deaths of the President and Vice-President, that the duties of the Chief Executive shall devolve upon members of the Cabinet in the order of their precedence, beginning with the Secretary of State. The bill is substantially the same as the one introduced by Mr. Hoar and passed by the Senate at the last session, but it contains a clause which repeals those sections of the Revised Statutes that provide for holding a special election for President.

The bill will now go to the House, where the chances are in favor of its adoption, but it will be more fully discussed in the lower than it was in the upper branch. That it is not universally acceptable to members of the House there are already proofs. Such a prominent member of that body as Mr. Randall evidently does not prefer it, for he will introduce a bill having the same purpose, but reaching the end desired in an entirely different manner. Under this bill in the case of the death, removal or disability of the President, the Vice-President would become President and the electors choose a Vice-President. In case of the death, removal or disability both of the President and Vice-President, and in case no Vice-President had been elected, the Secretary of State would act as President until an election could be held. In the event of there being no Secretary of State the Acting Presidency would go in turn to other members of the Cabinet.

Mr. Randall's bill has its merits, as has also the similar measure proposed by Mr. Dibble of South Carolina, but neither possesses the simplicity of the bill which has just passed the Senate. We cannot see, in fact, why the question is not as likely to be as well settled—settled so far at least as to relieve the public mind of further apprehension on the subject—by the adoption of the Hoar plan as by any other that can be devised; and as time is one of the important elements to be considered in the matter, no good is to be accomplished by complicating it with new propositions or long debats.

It will certainly be much to the credit of Congress to have disposed of one of the most urgent and important measures of the session prior to the holiday adjournment.

THE decision of Judge McCay at Atlanta, is not only a victory for the Prohibitionists, but carries the matter further than ever they intended. Judge McCay has dismissed the temporary order which he issued sometime ago, restraining the proclamation of Prohibition in Atlanta, and declares the recent election legal in all its respects except one. The Prohibitionists voted to suppress the sale of all intoxicating beverages in Atlanta except Georgia wines. That exception is declared by the judge to be unconstitutional and Georgia wines must also go. It is thought probable that if the Prohibitionists had not, before the election, made an exception of wines made in the State, they could not have been victorious.

MR. GLADSTONE says that what has been announced as his Irish programme is premature and was published without his authority. Taking all the testimony so far, it is pretty safe to presume that Mr. Gladstone is at least pretty fairly reported. The principal point in contention among the politicians interested in the Irish settlement seems to be in determining who made the first overtures, Mr. Gladstone or Mr. Parnell. That is a matter of little moment to Ireland, it being ascertained with tolerable clearness that Mr. Gladstone is willing to grant to Ireland nearly as much independence as the Canadas enjoy.

THE CHICAGO *Mail* has just completed its sixth month under the management of ex-Postmaster-General Hatton, and, very appropriately, has a few remarks to make about its deserved success. Says Mr. Hatton: "Our readers will bear testimony to the fact that we seldom refer to our own business affairs and we do so now with that timidity and modesty so characteristic of the *Mail*." A little further on our esteemed contemporary gives us the evidence of the timidity and modesty so characteristic of it, in the following bashful terms: "On Saturday, December 19, the *Mail* will consist of sixteen pages, or 112 columns. It will be the largest, as well as the best, one-cent newspaper ever issued in this wide world."

THE Chicago *Inter-Ocean* remarks that the President's message "strangely enough overlooked every interest of the freedmen of the United States." We do not see the point of the criticism. There is no particular class of citizens in this country outside of the people. The Constitution permits no discrimination, and the President speaks for all without regard, &c. Under the new dispensation white folks are as much freedmen as colored folks, and the interests of none are overlooked in the message unless it be of those unreconstructed Democrats who do not believe in civil-service reform.

A CORRESPONDENT of the New York *World*, having mentioned Senator Sherman as "one of the owners of a good interest in the First National Bank of New York," Mr. Sherman, through a card printed in that paper this morning, denies the soft impeachment most emphatically. He says: "I do not now and never did own any stock or interest in the First National Bank of New York, and never had any personal business relations of any kind with it."

THE Secretary of the Interior is evidently determined that the cattle men must comply with his order. It is not at all probable, however, that he will carry it so far as to subject the cows and calves now browsing in the Indian Territory to the horrors of a winter drive. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals will make common cause with the cattlemen on this point.

AS A MATTER of justice to the employes of the Government Printing Office, why should not these hard-worked individuals be paid twice a month, as is customary in other branches of the public service? If it is right and proper in the one case, it certainly is in the other. The claim is a just one and the injustice should be rectified.

ONE of Pittsburg's officials says admiringly that the people of that city are learning something about natural gas every day. We should think as much, seeing that it blows up a block or two of houses there about three times a week. Natural gas education in Pittsburg really seems to be compulsory.

CHARLES POPE of St. Louis proposes to star next season in John McCullough's old roles, and he has even gone so far as to buy some of McCullough's stage costumes. Mr. Pope is a clever actor and a good manager, but he is hardly the genius to work up a McCullough renaissance.

THE snow this winter is not so laggard as is generally supposed. We have had one or two flurries of that feathery visitor already, and a gentleman who runs a diary informs us that the first snow in this city in 1884 fell exactly one year ago to-day.

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MR. WINSTON, the new Minister to Persia, says he intends to see what can be done towards building a railroad in that country and improving her trade relations with the United States.

The Supreme Court Bar-Room.

Says Crawford in the *World*: "The Supreme Court, too, has its bar-room. It is next to the dressing-room of the Justices, where those ponderous gentlemen go for the purpose of putting on and taking off their rich robes of shining black silk. This room is a plain one, with an entrance from the clerks' office besides the one from the dressing-room. It has a genial, open grate, over which hangs an old-fashioned, black iron tea-kettle, with a nozzle huge, black and thick. This is the kettle which has been used for heating the water employed in mixing hot punches since the days of John Marshall. There is a smart yellow man in attendance in this room, who has a fine cabinet of assorted liquors and who is an expert in making all kinds of fancy drinks. The furniture is of the plainest, the chairs and sofa being upholstered in black horse hair, but the room is so quiet and so well stocked with good things to drink that it is one of the most delightful suggestics about the Capitol.

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In public duty and in private thinking!
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