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PASS THE ORDINANCE.

At the last session of the city council Mr. Burns offered an ordinance regulating the explosion of firecrackers, bombs and cannon on the Fourth of July. The measure provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to explode any firecrackers of greater length than two inches or of greater diameter than one-quarter of an inch, and likewise prohibits the use of firearms within the city limits. The law says further that firecrackers not greater in size than above specified shall not be exploded on sidewalks, but may be exploded upon the streets.

The law is a good one and should be passed just as it stands. The firecracker nuisance has become a menace, and it is time the council took some action looking to the protection of the people of the city. The license allowed on the Fourth has always been abused, with the result that there is never a celebration which does not result in the injury of some conservatiev pedestrian. Enthusiasts stand on street corners and hurl torpedoes, crackers and bombs in an indiscriminate manner, jeapordizing the safety of the crowds which are always on the streets on the holiday. It is a matter of some consideration that the terms of the measure interfere with the commercial welfare of some of us. The council's first duty is to provide for the safety of the people whom it represents. The firecracker nuisance and the snowballing nuisance are about on a par, and vigorous steps should be taken to eradicate both evils.

The firecracker ordinance is timely, and the council will fail in its duty if it does not pass this bill.

LOSSES BY RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

War is not the only great destroyer b y violence. The accidents and fatalities on the American railways during the last quarter of 1903 would compare with the losses in quite an extensive military campaign. According to the interstate commerce commission's report the number of passengers killed during the last quarter of 1903 was more than three times as many as the average killed during the nine preceding quarters. No less than 147 passengers were killed and 1148 injured in collisions and derailments, while 28 were killed and 789 injured in various other accidents. Of the trainmen and other employes, 991 were killed and 11,382 injured, bringing the total number of casualties up to 1166 killed and 13,319 injured.

A battle in which nearly 1200 were killed and more than 13,000 wounded would be regarded as an exceedingly bloody one. Something should be done to decrease the danger, not only to passengers, but especially to railway employes. The commission in its report recommends the use of the block-signal system to prevent certain classes of accidents, and declares that all of the five worst collisions during the period were due to causes which have been repeated hundreds of times and which the block system is universally expected to remedy. The commission urges the passage of a law requiring the adoption of such signals in all railroads within a prescribed period of nine years.

This recommendation is designed, however, to insure greater security for passengers. What can be done to reduce the risk of life and limb for the trainmen and other employes of the railways?

SEVENTY YEARS YOUNG.

Mr. Depew celebrated his 78th birthday by a most impressive public marshaling of the names of men of might who did their mighty work in science, art, war, politics, business, after they had reached and passed his age. He certainly proved that a good brain is at its best—in all except, perhaps, the purely creative energies—when it is at its ripest maturity. Certainly the world has suffered incalculable losses through the fact that just when men of ability are at their best in judgment and in experience they die.

And the utter folly of this appears when we remember that a good, healthy body is built to las at least 150 years, and that any body not over 50 years old can be made good enough to last 30 or 40 years unless it has received some moral injury. What a pity that men who live in their minds are so often so careless and even reckless about their bodies. Probably this will always remain true. The best chance an intellectual man has for long life is in marrying a woman who is proud of him and has sound sense, about ehalth and character, enough to make her grown-up baby toe the mark.

It is hardly necessary to add that such a woman will not sit up in bed, complaining of a frightful headache and eating carmels as fast as she can choke them down and pathetically wondering what on earth is the matter with her "nerves."

THE LESSON OF THE PRESENT WAR.

Take warning from Russia's plight, say the militarists, and employ these piping times to prepare for war. That is not very ingenious misreading of the lesson of the disgraceful spectacle now in progress in the orient. If Russia had not forced Japan to give up Manchuria when she had conquered it from the Chinese, if Russia had not then proceeded not merely to take possession of Manchuria in violation of solemn pledges, but actually to convert its harbors into huge forts and naval stations, menacing Japan's very existence, there would have been no war, says the Saturday Evening Post..

There is the only lesson of Russia's plight—don't provoke a friendly nation until it is forced in self-defense to make war. And we can be very sure that unless we do provoke some other great nation we shall get no chance to prance and gnash our teeth in the strenuous life. We are too powerful; we are too isolated. Defenses? Yes, the best, the completest. But nothing that any politicians, in fear of being turned out of office, can use for creating the situation to which they can apply the beloved proverb, "Don't swap horses while crossing the stream."

The Portland Chamber of Commerce bulletin for May, issued under the direction of Mr. Harry F. Davis, is one of the most creditable publications of the kind which has ever come to this office. The Bulletin has lately been enlarged and made more attractive in other respects. It devotes considerable space to Portland's new drydock, as well as to the various branches of industry of the entire state. The illustrations are excellent, the descriptive matter thoroughly reliable and the Bulletin generally of vast benefit.

The most beautiful volume in the congressional library at Washington is a Bible which was transcribed on parchment by a monk in the 16th century. The general lettering is in the German text, each letter is perfect, and there is not a scratch or blot from lid to lid. Each chapter begins with a large illuminated letter, in which is drawn the figure of a saint, some incident in whose life the chapter tells. The book is in a perfect state of preservation.

Kawakami, a Japanese actor, once played in St. Petersburg and met with such favor that the czar gave him a gold watch with the imperial portrait engraved on it. The watch was stolen by a pickpocket, who, when he saw the engraving, returned it to the actor. A Japanese journalist in commenting upon the incident says that even a "pickpocket" has no use for anything that is Russian.

In the mint at Philadelphia 24 tons of gold are now under the process of speedy transformation from bullion to double eagles of the coin of the realm. This circumstance prompts the Call to remark that it is always well to know that there is plenty of money in the country. This knowledge fortifies our endeavors to secure some of it.

It is claimed that if Broker Wooden could have sold his racing stable for anything like it cost he might have pulled through. And yet some people insist that the horse is man's best friend.

J. Pierpont Morgan speaks of retiring from active life. It must make some of the minor European potentates jealous to see how easy it is for a king of finance to abdicate.

A colored pastor is out with the statement that all men were originally created black of color. On the same hypothesis, it is to be presumed that doves were originally chickens.

The Panama stockholders have not as yet expressed the slightest regret over their decision to take the $40,000,000 and let this country have the glory.

The trusts may as well make up their minds to have some very sarcastic things said about them by members of both parties this summer.

Mr. Devery is speaking again in New York. This fact guarantees that the summer will not be without its amusements.

Scientists still insist that people eat too much in spite of the efforts to scare them so that they will lose their appeites.

The transfer of the scene of war in Asia causes new consternation among the people who are compelled to struggle with the proper names involved.

JUST FOR INSTANCE.

There is method in Seattle's madness. If she wants to add to her population by bringing a bogus Kansas City employment agency to her aid, however, that's her business.

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General Shakharoff had a mania for telling the czar that he will report something important in the near future. And the worst of it is that he can not Shakharoff.

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The final word was spoken,
The final answer said;
Upon his manly bosom,
She rests her curly head.
"Should a doubt e'er come between us,"
She murmured, with a pout—
But the young man moved up closer
And left no room for doubt.

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An absent-minded mother left her baby on a street car in Columbus, and the company made her sign a receipt before they gave it back. Babies are apparently valuable in Columbus and subject to the law of supply and demand.

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Extra! Extra!

Berlin, May 19.—Emperor Wilhelm is again suffering from a cancer.

D. AM. PHULE.

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Editor J. F. L.—Kindly tell me the proper manner in which to entertain a young lady. CRAY Z. MANN.

(Go into the parlor, turn down the lights, select a corner filled with a setee and sofa cushions, sit thereon with the young lady in question—if there is any question—and stay there until the spirit moves you.)

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A lady of questionable reputation is generally one about whose reputation there can be no question.

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Extra Awful!

Cheefoo, May 19.—Japanese prisoners here state that those two ships reported sunk at Port Arthur were not sunk by the Russians but by the Jap Hobson in another attempt to put a cork in the bottle. As this is is about the only bottle available in Port Arthur at the present time the Russians are sensitive.

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Prince Frederick has been arrested by his father, Emperor William, for being a bad boy and has to remain shut up in the house—a dingy affair of some thousand rooms—for the space of three days. Such anarchy deserves an insurrection!!! McCUELEY.

RELIGIOUS STAMPEDE.

Presbyterian Convention Takes On Political Airs at Buffalo.

Buffalo, May 19.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian church was this afternoon stampeded for Rev. J A. Henry of Philadelphia, for moderator. Henry was elected unanimously almost before the other leading candidates for the position knew what was going on.

California Fire.

Chico, Cal., May 18.—The yards and the greater part of the plant of the Sierra Lumber Company were burned today; loss $250,000.

A Queen's Poverty.

The visit of Wilhelmina, queen of Holland, to Italy recalls her life in Florence with her mother in her girlhood. They lived in a modest way, going out daily on foot. It is related that one day they were going along the Lung Arno, when they were accosted by a beggar. The queen regent wanted to push on, fearing that her daughter might catch some fearful disease, but the little queen, having a will of her own, insisted on stopping. She questioned the man in broken Italian, believing herself quite unknown, and on proceeding gave him half a france. He looked from the sliver in his hand to her, and then back again, and at last said, with an air of impertinence: "So your subjects keep you as short as that! Poor queen!"

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