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ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS LICENSE FOR SALOONS.

MANY of the saloon-keepers of Portland want the privilege of keeping open all night. A very large proportion of them, whether through official connivance or otherwise, now keep open after the prescribed hours.

This is a poor confession to make, but let us accept it. There are now altogether too many saloons in this town and entirely too many which are disreputable in character. It would be a good thing for the whole community if a large percentage of them could be wiped out.

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NOW LOWER THE INSURANCE RATES.

THE INSURANCE RATES in this city are outrageously high. It looks as though "all the business would bear" had been saddled upon it and the property owners, being practically defenseless, have been forced to stand it.

JOHN W. FOSTER.

He Is Now in Charge of New Diplomatic Negotiations.

The selection of Hon. John W. Foster as president of the American organization for the promotion of arbitration treaty with Great Britain, is only a deserved recognition of the work he has done along that line already.

A straightforward man like Foster might be expected to be entrusted at every turn with the conduct of peace negotiations.

show their hands and give some indication that they are ready to meet these efforts at least half way.

ABOLISH FOURTH OF JULY TERRORS.

IT IS to be hoped that the ordinance prohibiting the sale of fireworks will not be turned down because of the opposition on the part of a few merchants who will lose money if it carries.

It is safe to say that none of the merchants interested want to see anyone maimed or killed through the agency of their fireworks.

The life or limb of one child should outweigh the money loss. It is no proof of patriotism to shoot off firecrackers, revolvers or toy pistols or explode a few pounds of dynamite.

There are many more civilized ways in which we can show our patriotism besides making a hideous noise and risking the lives of ourselves and our children.

Such a program might be utilized here, enlarged upon if desired and made to serve the purpose of giving the citizens of Portland an opportunity to look back upon one really enjoyable Fourth of July.

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN DEAD.

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN at 75 is dead in New York. For a full dozen years or more he has not been a factor in the world's great enterprises.

Train was an extraordinary character. For many years he filled the amazed and wondering eyes of the "great American public. His rise was rapid and from the very bottom.

With all his breadth he lacked balance. Back of the big brain which teemed with bold conceptions, there was a screw loose somewhere and as he grew in years it got looser and looser.

THE AMISH COLONY.

A tract of Colorado land has been bought by the Amish colonists covering 2,000 acres, and the price is said to have been \$20 an acre.

When the Amish sect first settled in Illinois they bought their lands for a nominal amount, but since they have been tilling the soil the value of their property has so increased that farming on it does not yield a commensurate return for the value of the land.

The Amish sect do not believe in the American flag; they will not vote; they do not believe in laws beyond the few they have made, and they will not permit their children to go to public schools.

SQUABER OF THE SQUARE.

From the New York Tribune. "You said a southwestern representative. 'I know a good many square men, but there ain't no squarer man than Jim Chambers.

Victor Smith in New York Press. "Isn't he the living image of his father?" said an old soldier, looking admiringly upon the mayor.

McCLELLAN-PATNER AND SON.

Victor Smith in New York Press. The nearest thing about paying a tailor's bill is you always know you are helping to pay somebody else's who doesn't and is better dressed than you are.

The Chinese Are Still Sore Over the European Lootings

Elisa R. Scidmore's Letter in Chicago Tribune. The looting of art treasures of the forbidden city after the relief of the legations in 1900 has been exploited until all the world is familiar with the story.

When Prince Tuan burst in early on the summer morning and hustled the emperor and empress dowager into common carts with one dough cake apiece for their day's picnic towards Nankow, they had no time to save an article.

All this luxurious plunder was occupied by the emperor, his family, and the eunuchs. The fan lay when the imperial palanquin dropped them, the pipes and cups of tea were barely cold, and the last books and papers were untouched.

There are beautiful temples around the north end of the lake, in one a colossal gilded image of Buddha over 10 feet in height. In another compound a temple whose walls are all engraved in green and yellow tiles.

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A Calm Survey of the Results of the Kishenev Trials

From the Outlook. The trial of 37 Russians accused of murder, or felonious assault, in the case of the Kishenev riot, must be regarded as an extraordinary miscarriage of justice.

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Mrs. Jack Gardner Pays \$200,000 to Bar Public From Her Museum

Boston Dispatch in New York World. A new Mrs. "Jack" Gardner sensation, and one of that lady's making, was launched today. It was discovered that the United States government had informed Mrs. Gardner that she had no right to exhibit her collection of Venetian art treasures in the Fenwick museum in the Fenwick, as the palace is known according to the articles of incorporation, is a thing of the past.

Secretary Shaw ordered an investigation. He asked Mrs. Gardner, who had refused to pay the fine, to guarantee the payment of the duties if the law was not complied with, for an explanation. He referred to her the complaints, which said that the "museum" was open for only two hours on only two days of each month, that a paid ticket, and that there was such favoritism in the disposition of the tickets that the "public museum" feature was a farce.

WANTED A RECENT DECISION.

From the Washington Post. Representative "Sam" Powers, of Massachusetts, tells of a judge in that state who always was eager to have the very latest decision of the higher courts. "An attorney whom I knew," said Mr. Powers, "was once in a case where a question was pending in the United States supreme court, and as luck would have it a decision sustaining my friend's contentions was handed down two days before his case came to trial.

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