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LICENSE NOT UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

The supreme court of the United States last week rendered a decision which declares that licensing the sale of liquors is a matter which does not come within the scope of the federal constitution or laws, and hence is to be controlled wholly by the states.

The case was taken to the court from California. A retail liquor seller in San Francisco applied to the police commissioners for a renewal of his license. The application was denied on the ground that his place of business had a bad reputation. He continued selling, however, and was arrested for violating the state law which forbids the sale of liquor without a license.

The decision of the supreme court, Justice Field delivering the opinion, reverses the decision of the circuit court, and declares that the right to sell intoxicating liquors is not an inherent right of the citizen; that the right of citizens to pursue any lawful business under the equal protection of the laws is subject to such restrictions as may be deemed essential by government to the safety, health, peace and good order of society.

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WYOMING'S FIRST SENATOR.

The new state of Wyoming elected her first United States senator Saturday in the person of Hon. J. M. Carey of Cheyenne. The choice is a worthy one and much above the average of our new states, which the democratic press of the east contemptuously describe as pocket boroughs and mining camps.

With the growth of the territory and its admission to statehood was more his personal triumph than that of any other man. He has represented Wyoming at Washington as a delegate for several years. A year ago he realized that the time for an aggressive fight for statehood had come, and he left Cheyenne for the national capital with the determination of accomplishing it if successful energy could do it.

The senator from Wyoming is a large-brained man, in the prime of life, an able lawyer and a strong public speaker. He is thoroughly imbued with the enterprising western spirit and a profound believer in the ultimate greatness of Wyoming.

Comparative Passenger Fares. Railroad statisticians have from time to time produced columns of figures to show that freight and passenger rates have been steadily reduced until now they have reached a point as low as those prevailing in Europe. Indeed it is no uncommon assertion that American railroad rates, service and equipment considered, are in many respects cheaper than in the old world, even where the roads are operated by the government.

At a recent meeting of the manufacturers' club of Philadelphia, Prof. Edmund J. James delivered a lecture on passenger fares in Europe and produced figures to prove that no railroad in the United States has yet reduced fares within fifty per cent of those prevailing in portions of the old world.

A year ago the government of Austria ordered a sweeping reduction of the already low passenger fares in Hungary, and the success of the experiment was sufficient to warrant its introduction throughout the Austrian empire. The usual fare for third class is equal to six and a half cents per mile. A thousand mile ride in Austria costs six dollars and a half, instead of about twenty dollars as in the United States.

The possibility of a coal famine along the lines of the Union Pacific railroad is a matter of very serious concern. According to our advisers the present supply of soft coal is very short on the line of the road, and the incoming supply is unequal to the demand in spite of the fact that the mines are being worked on half time.

The only rational explanation is that the Union Pacific railway lacks sufficient transportation facilities. An ordinary winter blockade of a few days will cause the public to pay dearly for the Union Pacific's failure to provide necessary transportation facilities for the conduct of its business, which is equally the business of the cities and towns along its lines.

JAY GOULD'S figures on railroad earnings are interesting, if true. He declares that the western and southwestern systems have lost twenty-two and a half million dollars during the past eighteen months through the failure of the companies to maintain rigid rates.

There are several loose planks in Chaffee's political lumber pile. But friendly corporations are diligently spiking them down. This immediate and permanent welfare of the city demands honest and reputable men at the helm of municipal affairs.

The old guard of political looters in these parts are donning their ascension robes in response to Jay Gould's trumpet. The Central American revolution has ended, as usual, with the funeral of the leader who was vanquished.

VOICE OF THE STATE PRESS. Peru Gazette: The amendment was badly defeated but please don't tramp on the remains. Nebraska City Press: The defeat of prohibition by such an overwhelming majority is largely due to THE OMAHA BEE and John L. Webster.

Boatrace Democrat: Jay Gould will operate the Union Pacific system as a branch of the newly-acquired Wyandotte, with headquarters at Beatrice. Charles Adams, who has been president of the Union Pacific system, will be retained in a position as baggage-master in this city.

Chicago Mail: Charles Francis Adams will not neglect to note that the first fatal accident on the Union Pacific road for many years came immediately after the advent of Wrecker Gould.

The monetary policy of the alliance-labor party is very shaky. The leaders do not all, want the government to start presses and print money day and night continuously "for the people." They don't want a metallic basis. These "cheap money" fellows would hardly think of their scheme after it had been in operation a year or so.

At the late election in Nebraska, prohibition was snuffed out. We think a great deal of the credit of that was due to Mr. Rosewater of THE BEE. He gave up his business and went out and canvassed the state, making speeches day and night for two months. He is a bright man, a gifted man, one of the most eloquent men in the profession, and his energy is simply inexhaustible.

Recognition for the South. If Tammany shall name the next democratic candidate for the presidency, the solid south ought to name the vice-president and the speaker. It is high time that the south should have full recognition.

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

Nebraska. Fairbury's steam laundry has been destroyed by fire. Rev. P. M. Forbes has resigned the pastorate of the Congregational church at Nebraska City.

Wellfleet, Lincoln county, has just voted \$5,000 in bonds for the improvement of the precinct roads. N. C. Hart, an old veteran of Campbell, has been admitted to the national soldiers' home at Leavenworth, Kan.

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POWERS IS AT THE CAPITAL.

He Says He is on Hand to Look After Fair Play. Latest About the Proposed Contest. The Foster Burglar and His Doings - Work of Horse Thieves - All will Be Made Welcome - The Lightning Rod Man Gets Left.

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While Eugene Parks, a twelve-year-old lad, was fooling with a revolver yesterday he shot himself in the hand, inflicting a most painful and ugly wound. New York Morning Journal: A turkey on hand is worth two in the woods. Indianapolis Journal: At twenty a man thinks he knows all; at thirty he merely thinks he could have known it all if he had tried.

New York Herald: Customer - Is the manager I want to buy some doors. Boy - Yes he's here, but he's out of doors. Somerville Journal: Brigham Young, Jr., says that Mormonism is not a moral question. True, it isn't. It's an immoral question. Washington Post: "So's yer's back from votin'?" "Yesser; dey tells me dat our candidate presented yob wuf seven dollars."

Chicago Times: Bristol, England, prides herself upon a young man who paints with his mouth, but the prodigy is so common in America that no one thinks of boasting of it. Somerville Journal: There is no money in poetry - excepting for the fortunate compositor, who can stick in big quads to fill the vacant spaces at the ends of the lines and get paid just as much as if he filled them out laboriously with the leanest nonparol. Jeweler's Weekly: Martha Washington (continues): "What's that big diamond wuf?" Jeweler: "That is a carat stone and I could not sell it for less than \$300." Martha Washington: "What's that o' t'han un, 'bout fashions as big?" Jeweler: "Oh, I can let you have it for \$2.35." Kate Field's Washington: "Why is Berlin the most desolated of towns?" "Give it up."

"Because it is always on the spree." "But why is St. Petersburg free from such scandal?" "You've posed me." "Because its river Neva gets high." CHUEL EMPRESS CATHERINE. A Smile Which Cost a Young Officer Life and Happiness. The Veritizes were nobles of enormous wealth and power, says the New York Chatter. Paul had held a high office in court. One night, glittering with jewels and orders, the young prince, who was one of the handsomest men in Russia, danced in a quadrille opposite the Empress Catherine.

As she passed him in the dance she fancied that his eyes scanned her gross figure with covert amusement. After the quadrille she beckoned to him, and with a smile handed him her tiny ivory tablets, containing seven pages, one for each day in the week. On the first was written: "The imperial ballroom, St. Petersburg." On the last day, says the record, "Paul Veritiz, in rags and barefooted, chained to a post, was seen in eternal farewell to his home and departed to a dark and icy north. He was soon of men no more."

Tontine Systems in Life Insurance. The Russian ministry of finance has formed a plan to prohibit the operation of the tontine and semi-tontine principles of life insurance throughout the empire, says the Boston Commercial Bulletin. But since there is no systematized set of laws in Russia regulating the work of insurance, the new plan will be held in abeyance until the imperial council meets during the autumn and enacts such a set of laws. As soon as the new laws are put in force, all the insurance companies will be revised with a view of preventing the operation of the tontine principle.

This is in line with the Massachusetts law which prohibits any state companies from doing tontine insurance, though companies organized in other states are illegally permitted to write tontine policies in this commonwealth. A very large proportion of the policies written in this country embrace the tontine idea in some form or degree. Especially in the west is the speculative feature of insurance attractive. It is not often that we can look to Russia for reforms, but in this matter she is certainly leading the way to correct principles in life insurance. If life insurance is to be regarded as a beneficent institution for the protection of the widow and the orphan, and not as a business enterprise, all speculative features should be rigidly excluded. On this basis the tontine systems are wrong. Those who take these forms of policies simply gamble on their lives or endurements, and they persist in surviving, receiving in addition to the accumulated dividends on their own policies, those which accrued on the policies of holders who lapsed or who deceased before the expiration of the distributive term.

Love's Labor Lost. New York Morning Journal. I loved her best of all my loves, For I was madly smitten; We killed and cooed like turtle doves, And I called her my "kitten." I gave her many pairs of gloves, And she gave me the mitten.

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