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CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.
 To-morrow will be Ash Wednesday; then penitence for forty days.
 How is Washington's birthday going to be celebrated in Astoria?
 The days grow longer; there is now nearly twelve hours of daylight out of the twenty-four.
 The Anacortes boom has burst; it was not a logging boom, but a little real estate boom!
 A post office has been established at Medley, in this county, with Wm. Medley as postmaster.
 A new addition was filed yesterday, called South Astoria, by John Adair and Mary H. Leinenweber.
 L. E. Seitz returned from Portland yesterday. He offered large sums to the Jack Opera company, but to no avail.
 The latest is: "Are you going to the funeral?" and when you ask "Whose funeral?" through the snowy air floats back the answer: "McGinty's ghost."
 "Doc" Shaw is in Pomeroy, Wash. He tendered his resignation as Capt. of Co. "H" to Colonel Beebe some time ago, but the colonel refused to accept it.
 The loggers and dwellers in outlying districts think that Saturday's and Sunday's snow was overdoing the thing, just a little. They know when they have enough.
 Louis Siebold, the editor of the Pendleton Tribune, likes the work so well that he has dug up ten \$1,000 bills out of his little pile and bought the paper. He took charge yesterday.
 Every rumor in regard to paying the employees of the construction company had proved true during the past two weeks, more money would have been paid out than the entire road will cost.
 The Seattle Press says that there are fully 800 vagrants in that city. There are 300 prostitutes, 75 professional gamblers and 100 people besides having "no visible calling or business to maintain themselves."
 There is a chance to get a good shotgun at the Occident. Percy Warren has put the gun up to be secured by the lucky winner in a raffle. About twenty have already put their names down. It will be decided to-night at 7 o'clock.
 When the juryman in the circuit court tried to be excused yesterday morning by Judge Taylor, the reasons given for not wishing to serve were numerous and amusing. Only those who gave substantial reasons were granted excuses.
 The government is generally judicious in its selections of places for various headquarters. The fact that a new revenue boat is to be constructed with this place as its general station shows the recognition of the importance of Astoria by those in power.
 Regarding an unfounded rumor given in a morning contemporary to the effect that Col. Jas. Taylor had determined to withdraw his proffer of terminal facilities, that gentleman desires to give the statement explicit contradiction. Such is and shall not be the case.
 F. E. Habersham yesterday tested some of the coal croppings from J. C. Davis's place at John Day's, and found it burned with very little ash, was full of gas, and gave every indication of being first rate coal. Mr. H. thinks that the very best coal will ultimately be found here below the water level.
 At a regular meeting of the Uniform Rank K. of P., held in their Castle Hall, the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing term: Sir Knight C. E. H. Hall; Sir Knight Sir Knight C. C. J. Trenchard; Sir Knight Herald, Thos. B. Longhery; Sir Knight Recorder, A. A. Cleveland; Sir Knight Treasurer, C. H. Cooper; installing officer, Col. Jay Tuttle.
 A man from Minnesota, recently arrived, said yesterday that he had received two weeks of our rainy weather in one or two days of a blizzard in his state. A blizzard comes and in itself doesn't last long. The next day dawn with a clear sky and a bright sun, but the cold is intense and the snow is so deep that the next two weeks are required for it to be tramped down or melted. This gentleman said we should not complain of the weather in Astoria. Suppose we do not.
 There are many people who have lived in Astoria many years and have seen vessels coming in and out of the harbor every day, who cannot describe the difference between a ship, or a brig, a bark or a schooner. An animated discussion arose yesterday about two gentlemen about a certain vessel which was in the harbor recently. One was positive it was a brig, the other equally sure it was a bark. An investigation of authority proved it to be a schooner. In this case both were obliged to treat the bystanders.
Music Pupils.
 Professor Francis is now prepared to receive pupils for instruction in piano or violin. Will also give instruction in harmony and thorough base. Residence, corner Fourth and Cass Sts.
Abercrombie & Stevens yesterday sold to Chas. Otis lots 1, 2 and 3, block 10, Warrenton, for \$750.
Uniform Rank K. of P.
 Sir Knights, Attention—You are hereby commanded to meet at your castle hall on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock P. M., in full uniform for inspection. By order Col. Jay Tuttle.
 Attest: A. A. CLEVELAND, Sir Knight Recorder.
Remember the Austin house at the Seaside is open the year 'round.
Coffee and cake, ten cents, at the Central Restaurant.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
 Considerable Business Transacted Last Evening
 The chamber of commerce met last night. I. W. Case stated that he had an option from Mr. Kinney for the Twilight block, corner of Genevieve and Jefferson streets, 50 by 100 feet, for \$7,500. The option expires on the 22nd inst.
 Letters were then read from Senators Dolph, and Mitchell, and Representative Hermann, stating what they have done and are trying to do for various improvements.
 A communication was read from the Mankato, Minn., board of trade enclosing printed resolutions favoring subsidies to the United States merchant marine. A letter from the San Francisco chamber of commerce stated that they were deeply interested in the navigation improvements of Oregon and would instruct their congressmen to vote favorably on them.
 Another letter from Senator Mitchell stated that he had secured passage in the senate of \$125,000 for a new revenue cutter, and \$85,000 for a lightship tender to be stationed with headquarters at Astoria, and \$50,000 for a lightship north of Cape Hancock. A communication from Jay L. Torrey president of the organization to secure a national bankruptcy law, stating that he had appointed J. Q. A. Howley as vice president to represent Astoria.
 Capt. J. H. D. Gray presented a letter from Jno. E. Sheppard of San Francisco, enclosing a bill, and stating that he hoped to have an article in next Sunday's *Evening*, which would show a picture of the jetties. A motion was passed instructing the payment of expense of sending matter to him.
 When the consideration of sending on to our congressmen the report of the committee on the coast of improving the channels of Gray's river, Wash, Lewis and Clark's, and the Swenson channel and Westport slough of the Columbia, an animated discussion followed.
 C. W. Fulton said that he favored concentration of energy on the jetties appropriation. He feared that asking for these smaller rivers and channels might jeopardize the chances of the great ones.
 M. C. Crosby stated that this report had been secured after much trouble, and it ought to be used. He favored trusting the matter to the discretion of the congressmen. We should ask for any and every improvement needed. Portland is not backward in doing this, and Astoria should not be.
 Capt. Gray said that he, with Mr. Wingate and Dr. Estes, had labored faithfully to prepare this report. If it was to be disregarded he didn't wish to serve on any more committees. He stated that the entire amount was only \$5,515, of which \$3,335 was for Gray's river, and \$2,180 for the others. This should be brought before congress by the delegation of that state. Mr. Jas. W. Welch held that it was a bad policy to antagonize the United States congress. Major Handbury had written letters stating that the war department could do nothing towards sending the snag boat to clear out the channel to Woods' landing without orders from congress.
 Messrs. M. J. Kinney and W. W. Parker stated that nothing should be done to endanger the jetties appropriation. Mr. Thompson favored leaving the matter to the discretion of the congressmen.
 Mr. L. W. Case thought it would not be a bad plan to raise sufficient money by subscription and look for government repayment later, as the sum was only about \$5,400.
 Mr. L. Bergman said that we need not worry about the money for the jetties, all the northwest wanted that and it was sure to come. These smaller appropriations would not injure its chances.
 The motion was then put and passed to the effect that a copy of the report of Messrs. Gray, Wingate and Estes be sent to senators Dolph and Mitchell and representative Hermann and each member of congress from Washington, with copies of Major Handbury's letters enclosed.
 The report of Captain Young to the chief of engineers on the cost of improvements in the channels of Youngs and Klaskan rivers was read. Then Mr. Welch moved that the congressmen be urged to secure the appropriation of the required \$1,650. The motion was passed.
 The following hands were proposed for membership: L. G. Carpenter, G. P. Wallihan, J. A. Cook and H. Jackson. They were duly elected.
 A letter was read from the new board of trade at Yagnum by stating that they had organized.
 President Bowley said that money had been raised outside sufficient to pay a year's advertisement, covering a half of the last page of the *New York Herald Tribune*, a German magazine. The advertisement could be changed once a month. President Bowley appointed the following committee to prepare the wording: for March, M. J. Kinney, B. Van Dusen, E. C. Holden; for April, C. W. Fulton, J. W. Welch, L. Bergman.
 Mr. Van Dusen suggested that one advertisement be the account of the proceedings of the last meeting of the A. & S. C. R. I.
 Capt. Gray asked the courtesy of the chamber while he read a letter from F. H. Osborn, of Portland, suggesting careful action in regard to cable roads. Mr. Osborn represents the Thompson-Houston electric railway system and may make a proposition for building a line in Astoria.
 The meeting then adjourned.
PERSONAL MENTION.
 F. H. Surprenant goes to California on the Oregon for a month's sojourn.
 Wm. Arnold, of Eagle Cliff, is stopping a few days in town.
 U. S. deputy marshal Roberts came down on the Telephone yesterday afternoon.
 Mr. N. J. Levinson is in the city. Since resigning the city editorship of the *Oregonian*, Mr. Levinson has been engaged in the real estate business in Port Townsend, Wash., greatly to the advancement of his bank account and the interests of the community he so ably advocates.
Weinhard's Beer.
 And Free Lunch at the Telephone Station, 5 cents.
No. 9 Now on Deck.
 We are now ready for business, and have some first-class bargains in real estate, both inside and outside property.
 We have a fine bargain in a two-story house, with an eight-year lease, situated on Third street near the Central hotel. We have at a bargain a fine residence and two lots just five blocks from our office—No. 9.
 We also have lots in all parts of the city and acreage in all parts of the state.
 We have timber claims and farms in Clatsop county.
 We do not propose to misrepresent any property that we have for sale, but to establish a safe and reliable business. Mail and see us at the corner of Main and Third streets, Real Estate Co., No. 9, DUBBAR & HARBERTY.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS.
 The First Day of the February Term.
 The circuit court met yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The roll call of jurors summoned was read, and the following were excused: William True, W. L. Uhlendorf, G. W. Shively, J. W. Slaughter and D. E. Stafford.
 T. G. Boelling and F. Oberg were sworn as bailiffs.
 The following are the grand jury as sworn:
 Andrew Young, S. B. Crow (foreman), J. C. Lidwell, J. Miller, J. Davis, J. W. Coffey, Thos. Christian.
 The list of cases was taken up and disposed of as below:
 J. H. Reddington & Co. vs. C. T. Thomas, and J. E. Thomas; continued for the next day.
 Fleckenstein & Meyer vs. Frazier & Harrison; continued for service.
 T. M. Warren vs. J. M. Doyle; continued for service.
 Manie Epley vs. Joe Epley; dismissed.
 Marx & Jorgensen vs. J. Landstrom; continued for service.
 W. W. Wherry & Co. vs. W. G. Ross; continued.
 G. W. Wright vs. N. Watrous; dismissed.
 Wilson & Fisher vs. G. G. Smith, et al.; continued for service.
 Trenchard and Uplshar vs. Neil Campbell; continued for service.
 E. Johnson vs. H. P. L. Jeffery.
 Thos. Longhery vs. R. C. L. Jeffery, dismissed.
 E. L. Mitchell vs. J. O. Howell; continued for service.
 G. W. Sanborn vs. Robert Grant; judgment given.
 Astoria Packing Co. vs. C. Mortensen and C. Mortensen & Co.; dismissed.
 F. L. Parker vs. Sophia Daggett; judgment and sale of property.
 Lion Fire Insurance Co. vs. J. O. Bozorth, et al. settled and dismissed.
 Astoria Packing Co. vs. T. Helgeson; settled and dismissed.
 Fleckenstein & Meyer vs. Wherity & Gilmore; default and judgment.
 James Joseph vs. O. R. & K. Co.; dismissed.
 John Cyr vs. Alex. Ollis; demurrer to reply overruled.
 C. Hansen vs. Hodges & Deval; demurrer overruled. To be considered to-day.
 W. H. Warren vs. George M. Rowe; demurrer overruled.
 Worsley & Carruthers vs. J. Kazanich; allowed the motion to make the complaint more definite.
 Ang. Becker vs. W. E. Howard; demurrer argued and submitted.
 Bergman & Marion vs. H. A. Smith; motion argued.
 J. Lesser Cohen vs. J. Strauss & Co.; demurrer overruled by consent and judgment given for the plaintiff. Adjourned.
MARINE NEWS AND NOTES.
 The *Riverside*, *Norma* and *Lakue* went to sea yesterday.
 The *River Falloch*, which has been in port for some time, has been painted, but the constant rains have prevented us to wash the new coat partially off. If the weather permits she will be made to look better than she does now.
 In passing out from San Francisco harbor Saturday morning the steam whaler *Orea* collided with the bark *Oregon*, anchored off Union street wharf. The mizzenmast and smokestack of the *Orea* was carried away and the steamer was badly damaged. The bulwarks of the *Oregon* were also carried away.
 An Emphatic Denial.
 We, the undersigned pupils of the Upper Astoria school do positively deny the statement made in Monday's *Pioneer*, that "There has been trouble brewing for a time past between the pupils and their teacher Mr. C. C. Brewer, and we affirm that there has always been good will existing between the same. Maggie Lake, Emma Hall, Andrew Holmes, Alfred Bell, Ray Morton, Fred Leinenweber, Cora Young, Eva Holmes, Esther Stone, Logie McEwan, Oliver Bell, Caroline Young, George Pike, Sigfred Young, Magnus Gallinger, Jacob Utzinger, Francis Peaks, Albert Underwood, Carl Knutsen, Clark Bell Alma Holmes."
 The pupils of Mr. Brewer's room, realizing the injustice of the statement in Monday morning's *Pioneer*, presented to us the foregoing, with the desire that it be published, and we the assistant teachers in district number 9, believe it to be a true statement of the relations between pupils and teacher.
 MRS. KATE B. LAKE,
 MISS HELEN W. DICKINSON.
 Bound Over to Appear.
 The case of the state vs. James Petty for gambling came up yesterday before Justice May. The case is of special interest because no white man has been arrested for gambling for some time. The arrests have been confined to the Chinese. Peter Lander was the unfortunate fellow who claims to have been fleeced by Petty. He is a carpenter from Hoquiam, coming to Astoria on business, he spent his spare hours in the gambling resort. One night he lost about \$40 and made complaint.
 That will be a pretty good thing for a starter. Your 20 acres will or should yield 50 tons, for which you ought to get from \$1,000 to \$1,250.
 Rheumatism originates in lactic acid in the blood, which settling in the joints causes the pains and aches of the disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures rheumatism by neutralizing the acidity of the blood, and giving it richness and vitality. Try Hood's Sarsaparilla.
Here's a Good Chance.
 Lots in city limits from \$300 to \$300, for eight days, at the real estate office of Stockton & Welch.
Do You Like a Good Cigar?
 Call at Charley Olsen's, east of C. H. Cooper's. He will suit you. A fine stock of cigars to select from.
 All the patent medicines advertised in this paper, together with the choicest perfumery, and toilet articles etc., can be bought at the lowest prices at J. W. Conn's drug store, opposite Occident hotel, Astoria.
ADVICE TO SUFFERERS.
 MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, relieves pain, cures the wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.
Telephone Lodging House.
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For Fine Photographs.
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 The latest style of Gents' Boots and Shoes at P. J. GOODMAN'S.
Meals Cooked to Order.
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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

PAYING THEM ALL OFF.
 A Good Many Thousand Dollars Being Disbursed.
 D. B. Cummings was a busy man yesterday. He had P. W. Week's office building, and was paying off all the Pacific construction company as fast as they presented in the claims. The idea was to pay those who held in first hands time checks for work performed on the road. In this way \$14,000 was disbursed yesterday. The payment of those claims would have been begun on Saturday last, but it took longer than was expected to get the accounts all made up.
 Mr. Cummings goes to Portland this morning, on important business. He is a director of the Portland and Willamette Valley railroad and his presence is necessary there to make a quorum at a meeting of that company to be held in Portland to-night. He will return here on to-morrow morning's boat and resume the payment of the rest of the claims. It is thought that it will take about \$35,000 to liquidate all the claims.
 The Chinese suits and other suits begun have all been settled in full, and the period of the claims in the circuit court to-day. The Chinese suits amounted to \$5,335; Leander Anderson's claim to \$2,100, and minor claims aggregating between \$8,000 and \$9,000 for work to the first inst., have been paid.
 This clears off all the outstanding indebtedness.
THE PACIFIC RAILROADS.
 The Report of The U. S. Senate Committee.
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The senate committee on Pacific railroads, after many hearings, thorough investigation and careful consideration, have finally accepted the reports of Senators Frye on the Union Pacific, and Senator Davis on the Central Pacific, and agreed to a bill providing for the refunding of their debts. The report on the Union Pacific reaches the following conclusions:
 1. That the policy of building or acquiring branch lines was wise and economically carried out.
 2. That the main line has derived immense advantages from the branches and there is no foundation for the charge that the latter have derived undue benefit at the expense of the main line.
 3. That the building of the Oregon Short Line, and the subsequent acquisition of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company lines, instead of being a menace to the interests of the government, have proved a decided advantage.
 4. That the recent consolidation of several branches under the name of the Oregon Short Line and the Utah Northern Railway company simplifies the system of the Union Pacific, makes possible more effective and economical management, and in no regard evidences any purpose to evade its obligations to the government.
 5. That the branches, instead of being maintained at the expense of the main line, contribute at least \$3,000,000 a year to the treasury of the government.
 6. Improvements have been, for several years past, greater on the main line than on the branches, some of them important and expensive.
 7. That the interests of any purpose of the part of the company to surrender that portion of their road over which the government has a statutory lien; on the contrary, there is every reason tending to satisfy any candid person that no such purpose exists.
 8. That this is a capable, well managed road, abundantly able to pay its debts, and requiring only, like every other railroad, time in which to pay.
 9. That the management is honestly trying to effect a fair adjustment with the government.
 10. That the interests of the government and of the railway company will be promoted by a settlement, and that one can be made now under which every dollar due the government, with interest, will be paid.
 Putting Him Onto a Good Thing.
 T. H. Laughlin writes from Freeport, Ill., for THE MORNING ASTORIAN to "put me onto a good thing" out this way. He wants to come to Oregon, has a little money, and is desirous of getting on his feet.
 Let's see: Well, T. H. L., get your money together, come here, buy, borrow or lease or rent or somehow get hold of 20 acres within fifty miles of here; let the grass grow on it; just let it alone and have the grass grow; when the grass gets high enough, cut it down, let it dry, then when it is good and dry pile it somewhere that it won't get wet. Keep it there: when the grass grows up again, later in the summer, do the same thing. The dried grass, (we call it hay out here) will cost you about \$7 a ton, making big allowance for all contingencies.
 Then, about January 10th, when the ground is covered with snow, and people talk about never having seen such weather before or behind, just let it be known that you have a barn full of good dry hay and it'll be snapped up at \$20 to \$25 a ton.
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Old Reliable Clothier and Hatter
 Occident Hotel Building.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS, FEB. 17.
 As Filed in The County Recorder's Office Yesterday.
 J. H. Mansell to Annie M. Powell, lots 1, 2, 7 and 8, blk 113, McClure's \$ 2,000
 C. J. Hall to Felix Wildy, lot 7, blk 6, Columbia 65
 Maxwell Young and wife to E. D. Griffin, lots 3, 4 and 5, blk 13, Young's, Alderbrook 225
 Josephine M. Robb to J. H. Mansell, lots 1, 2, 7 and 8, blk 113, McClure's 1
 J. H. Johannsen to David Morgan, part of sec 5, and part of sec 6, T 5 N, R 7 W 1,000
 Previously reported this year \$ 803,856
 Total to date \$807,147
 Snow Twelve Feet Deep.
 In an interview with Mr. Ad. Edgar, the well-known stage man, who has been wrestling with the snow on the Wenatchee road during the present winter and particularly so during his last trip of two weeks, the following interesting facts were learned: During the period of his last trip, a little less than two weeks, fifteen feet and three inches of snow fell. "In fact," said he, "it snows more or less every day. The snow, of course, settles very fast, but there is now a solid, hard bank of snow of 12 feet. We have four men, including myself, and eight horses at work. Horses get along pretty well except when they get off the old road, and then they flounder in the deep snow. The road from the summit down to the foot of the mountain on this side is in tolerable fair condition, and the whole road can be gone over except about a mile and a half, which we will have completed in a few more days, provided it does not storm in the meantime. Mr. Edgar thought by a little assistance from the county commissioners this road could be made passable so that travel would continue uninterrupted, as he thought the great storm of winter most over. The snow on the banks of the Columbia has mostly disappeared. He reports horses doing well on the range. —Ellensburg Register.

Twenty Per Cent Off
ON ALL OVERCOATS!
FOR TEN DAYS.
 Now is the time, don't wait. All these goods are marked in plain figures. The above percentage will be deducted on all cash purchases.



This is no Peter Funk business, but straight goods.
Pythian Building C. H. COOPER, Third Street.
ANNIVERSARY
FOURTH
FOURTH
BENEFIT!
INSIDE PROPERTY!
The Mikado. YOUNG'S ADDITION!
CANDY MANUFACTORY.
N. J. BERGMAN, Prop'r.
Fine Chocolate Bon Bons
 FRESH MADE DAILY.
 AS WELL AS
Lots Only \$80: \$20 Down and \$10 Monthly.
 THIS PROPERTY commends itself to all as being the Best Addition on the Market. Good water and good drainage. Streets partly improved. YOUNG'S ADDITION joins other additions where lots are selling at \$125 to \$150 and are advertised as being ten minutes ride by street car line from postoffice.
One Hundred Lots For Sale at \$80!
 Balance of Tract will be sold for \$100 to \$125 per Lot. Buy before the advance.
Marshall & Co.,
Salmon Net Twines
GEO. A. CLARK & BROS.,
 NEW JERSEY.
 For Sale by D. SMITH, Agent,
 Office at Wherry & Co's.
DO YOU WANT TO MAKE
A GOOD INVESTMENT?
Thompson & Ross
 Carry a Full Line of
Choice Staple and Fancy Groceries.
 Give Us a Call and Be Convinced.
Carnahan & Co.
 SUCCESSORS TO
I. W. CASE,
 IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN
GENERAL MERCHANDISE,
 Corner Chenamus and Cass streets,
 ASTORIA - OREGON
Morgan & Sherman
GROCERS
 And Dealers in
Cannery Supplies!
Elmore, Sanborn & Co.
 GO TO
LARSON & HILLBACK
 FOR
J. P. HYNES,
 DEALERS IN—
GROCERIES
 AND FRESH FRUITS.
 Groceries & Produce.
 Water Street, Astoria, Oregon.
 TELEPHONE NO. 7. P. O. BOX 906.
 Orders Delivered Free of Charge. Country Orders Solicited. Third Street, next to Pioneer office.

HOW TIME FLIES!
 It's 4 years since I started a small clothing establishment in the Occident Hotel building, and thanks to God and my friends, I can now boast of having one of the
Largest and Finest Clothing Emporiums
 IN THE NORTHWEST.
 In consideration of their liberal patronage, and thanking them with all my heart, I have concluded to offer to my trade,
FOR THE
NEXT TEN DAYS!
 Everything in my store at
JUBILEE PRICES!
 This I intend as a
Special Benefit to the People of Astoria,
 And will be a sale you all will remember for some time to come.
RESPECTFULLY YOURS,
HERMAN WISE
 Occident Hotel Building.