

ABOUT THE CITY.

The halls of oratory at Salem will be silent today.

The members of the Y. W. C. T. U. meet this morning.

No fires have yet stained the city's record for February.

The trees are sprouting, spring is coming, and no poets need apply.

A marriage license was issued yesterday for John O. Olson and Ulla Nelson.

The Colonial levees will be held on the evening of February 22, in honor of Washington's birthday.

They have received a series of new rubber stamps at the postoffice from the department at Washington.

Two-thirds of the denizens of Chinatown have headaches today. Too much firecrackers and other stuff.

George Noland is beginning to look happy. He is one of the few aspirants for office who have a sure thing.

Frank Minetti was arrested by an officer yesterday, on complaint of Sheriff Smith, charged with vagrancy. His case will be heard today.

The custom house officials row, and clerks of other branches, are thinking of the idea of March, and buying farming ranches.

Astoria Lodge A. O. U. W. met last night. The membership of this new branch of the order is growing rapidly. Several new applications were received last night.

Frank Carnahan, who has been in the hospital for several weeks, suffering from the effects of a fall received at Knappa Mill, is sufficiently recovered to get around, and was on the street yesterday.

The West Shore Mills Company have torn down the electric light plant and have made a sale to a firm in Portland of the old engines. These were being hauled away yesterday and shipped to Portland on the telephone.

Mr. J. H. DeFore left last night for the east where he will visit the principal oil factories and refineries to obtain information as to the latest methods of refining the oil put up on this river. He will also purchase new machinery to equip the factory he will establish on Young's river in a first-class manner.

The Oregonian says the following is the "slate" that will be likely to be successful in the Oregon offices: Collector of Internal Revenue, Henry Blackman, of Heppner; collector of customs, Portland, T. J. Black, Halsey; marshal, Henry Grady, Pendleton; district attorney, Geo. Noland, Astoria; appraiser, Pat Powers, Portland.

Monday afternoon at Yaquina bay, the body of a man was washed ashore, and picked up by the residents there. It had evidently been there a long time, being badly decomposed. The man was plainly dressed, with three pairs of overalls on. Nothing was found on him to identify him. He was probably drowned miles away from Yaquina and had probably been in the water several months.

Captain J. W. Brown returned from Washington, D. C., yesterday. He has been attending as a delegate from Astoria Harbor No. 22, the annual meeting of the Grand Harbor of American Association of Masters and Pilots of Steam Vessels. He reports a great deal of business transacted that will redound to the benefit of mariners and commerce generally, but too varied to give any detailed account.

Wade Hampton Smith yesterday made a sale of an acre of land at Fort Clatsop to a company who will erect on it a shingle mill. The buyers are Mr. Johnson, sawyer at the West Shore Mills, and a miller from Portland. They have bought the shingle mill that was running on the Lewis and Clarke river, and will remove it to the new quarters and enlarge it to a capacity of 50,000 a day. They also contemplate adding to the plant an early date machinery for the manufacture of sashes and doors.

Among the first white residents in the northwest was Mr. J. H. Covention, of The Dalles. He was in the employ of the American Fur company in 1837, and he hunted and trapped on the John Day and Deschutes in that year. He returned east in 1837, and again came to the coast in 1851, since that time he has remained. The old gentleman is now 74 years old, straight as an arrow, and quick in his movements. When he is properly wound up he can relate the most interesting stories in regard to pioneer experiences.

Last Saturday night the store of A. F. Creecy, at Scappoose, was entered by burglars and robbed during the absence of the proprietor from the city, he having gone to Albany. Very meager particulars of the burglary were received at Salem, and the amount of booty secured by the thieves cannot be learned. They have not been captured and the officers have very little clue to work on. It is thought they are members of the Portland gang, but this is not an assured fact.

The Chinamen have hit on a trick by which the small boys are kept from stamping out and stealing their firecrackers. They place a long string of a pole, and then hang above them a bunch of large bombs, and light them both together. While the small firecrackers are going off the big bombs get in their work and the small boy can no longer pack home for his own amusement, a long string of crackers which he has snatched from the blazing pile, or stamped out on the ground.

A week ago, at Chas. Matteson's place up beyond Rhea creek, near Heppner, Harrison Hale stabbed Chas. Matteson during a racket between the two, both being under the influence, more or less, of "forty-rod." Three wounds were made over the right shoulder blade. The evidence was that these were made by Hale while Matteson was stooping down to pick up a stick of stove-wood. Hale was arrested and brought before Judge Hallock at Heppner on Thursday charged with assault and intent to kill.

The late heavy snow storm has wrought a great hardship to stock throughout the country. In portions of Eastern Oregon, where the snow fell deep and the weather was cold, cattle and horses suffered very much. A Dallas exchange says that Indian cayuses are dying by the hundreds on the Unstilla reservation. The snow is reported to be three feet deep and the cayuses are unable to reach the grass, and their owners, true to Indian traditions, neglected to provide last summer for a possible cold winter. Many who

CORRESPONDENCE.

The opinions of correspondents are their own. No communication appearing in this column necessarily voices the belief of the paper itself.

Editor of The Astorian: As a rule I would rather suffer misrepresentation than enter into a newspaper controversy, but in the matter of the report of a late meeting of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, I think it right and proper to make some explanation. In speaking against the building of further bridges in this harbor, which I have always opposed, I am reported as having said: "Astoria has no port, never had, vessels are constantly getting aground there." This is absurd, and creates an incorrect impression of words. As the discussion was quite unpremeditated, I cannot give my remarks word for word, but I was not discussing the relative merits of the ports of Astoria and Portland, and had no intention of casting a slur upon your port. I did say with reference to the want of room in these ports for the further development of the shipping trade, that if our port was destroyed the port of Astoria was too small for a large number of ships to lie at anchor in, and that on account of this want of room it was no uncommon thing for vessels to touch the ground. The same thing has happened here, and I have made similar remarks. I do not consider the anchorage ground at Astoria is capable of extension and believe I said so. In this I may be wrong, but it is a very different thing from affirming that Astoria never had one.

Yours Respectfully, JAMES LAIDLAW.

Y. M. C. A. regular gospel meeting next Sunday will be addressed by Prof. R. N. Wright. All men invited.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY BALL. Concomity Tribe No. 7, Improved Order of Redmen, extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend a grand ball to be given Wednesday evening, Feb. 22, at Fisher's hall. Tickets may be obtained from any of the members.

The following passengers went up on the Telephone last night. D. K. Warren, J. W. Cook, B. A. Seaborg, N. B. Powell, J. P. McGowan, N. Kilpeatt, H. S. Gile, J. G. Megler, Capt. A. Pease, M. McNight, E. A. Taylor, J. Phillips and C. Norton.

On quaint old cupboards and the long-usage things That in the years drift up, glad merriment leaps, Plays with the kittens on the floor and flings Pierce beams into the nooks where night still creeps.

It falls where Karl and Gretchen, drawn no less By love than they were fifty years ago, In rugged peace and wrinkled comeliness, Sit knee to knee in life's soft afterglow.

God's blessing on their old romantic hearts! 'Tis Ruth's sweet story she is spelling out To Karl, the while in dreams his mind departs, And Ruth is not the maid he dreams about.

He seen love cradled in the soft blue eyes Of a shy maiden, and his own glow dim As, like a humming bird his fancy flies Back to the day when Gretchen came to him.

And thence on wistful wings, his memory sweeps, Over the years that seem an unmarked plain, But where his soul within each furrow sleeps, And every foot-mark speaks of joy or pain.

That cradle—there are many such; the earth Has many little crosses on her breast. The peasant starves and has his hours of mirth, On many fields are soldier sons at rest.

Tho' Karl may sigh, his gentle sorrow Stillborn upon the threshold of his cot, And so, as hunger to sweet food, his eyes Turn to the little maid who shared his lot.

It is the voiceless love of years that speaks In one long look, as Gretchen feels him lay A hand on hers; and what his spirit seeks She gives, tho' "Karl" is all she finds to say.

—John R. Rathbun, in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The inter-continental railway commission has had prepared in fac simile a miniature of Central and South America to show the surveys of the proposed railroad intended to unite the systems of North and South America. The work was done by E. E. Court, of the hydrographic office, and is a faithful representation of the topography of the countries named.

It is about twenty-five feet long, and will be sent to the World's Fair as part of the government exhibit. In addition to the lines surveyed for the railroad the map also shows the present and prospective steamship lines from North to South America, with the names of their terminal ports and intermediate stopping points, if any.

Take our advice and have your photos taken at Crow's Gallery, the only place in the city where you can get first class work.

IT SHOULD BE IN EVERY HOUSE. J. B. Wilson, 511 Clay street, Sharpburg, Pa., says he will not be without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, that it cured his wife who was threatened with pneumonia after an attack of "la grippe," when various other remedies and several physicians had done her no good. Robert Barber, of Cooksport, Pa., claims Dr. King's New Discovery has done him more good than anything he ever used for lung trouble. Nothing like it. Try it. Free trial bottles at Charles Rogers' drug store. Large bottles 50c. and \$1.00.

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If you believe in building up your town, trade with your home merchants, who stand by you in hard times as well as when times are good.

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THE COLONIAL LEVEE TO BE GIVEN BY THE "Y'S" February 28d.

Arrangements are being perfected for the entertainment next week. A short program is in process of preparation, to be followed by an old-fashioned supper. Some old-time characters will be there, and you are all invited. Admission, 50 cents.

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