

ABOUT THE CITY.

Council meets tonight. Circuit court again today. L. G. Carpenter appeared in court yesterday. Campbell, Trullinger, and Fulton, welcome home. Let us swear off talking about a railroad during Lent. Judge McBride gets through business with a rush. The jury at the circuit were excused until Thursday at 10 o'clock. Messrs. Sears and Adams represent the Portland bar at the circuit court. Let the city councilmen deprive themselves of long meetings during Lent. Judge Milton Elliot came up from San Francisco to attend court yesterday. Will the city fathers get through business this evening as quickly as they did last session? Why will a man wear a light hat all winter and don black headgear at the first sign of gentle spring? Nothing was done yesterday in the case against L. G. Carpenter. It will probably be acted on this morning. Both the circuit judge and the prosecuting attorney are recovering from sick spells. Luckily, the criminal cases are not numerous. There are five or six scarlet fever cases in Pendleton, three of them being in the family of Dr. E. F. Guyon, whose wife and two children are sufferers from the disease. A review of the field of battle, after the smoke has cleared away, reveals the fact that Astoria has fared about as well as any city in Oregon at the hands of the legislature. Court street school is not forgetting patriotism from its list of work done. A special Washington-Lincoln program is being prepared for next Friday. It promises to be quite interesting. Can it be true that rubber boots and mackintosh coats have gone from us for a season? If spring isn't here she isn't far off, and like an overture steamer, may now be looked any day. Ex-Captain McKeitt, of the police force, was arrested yesterday and placed under bonds to appear this morning before Judge Cleveland, to answer to the charge of assault and battery preferred against him on Saturday. Word came to Salem on Saturday that Daniel Durb, at his home on Howell prairie, had drunk a cup of carbolic acid, supposing it was water. He was thrown into intense agony and expired before medical assistance reached him. He was an old resident, about sixty years of age. It is believed that Ed Hallock, for several years head pack man for A. Booth & Co., has been appointed captain of police. The new officer will doubtless fill the position with credit to himself and the city. He is one of the most trustworthy and honorable young men in the community, and has hosts of friends to wish him success. The following officers of Astoria Division No. 1, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, were duly installed last night at the lodge room: Sir Knight Captain, A. A. Cleveland; S. K. Lieutenant, H. A. Smith; S. K. Herald, T. H. Loughery; S. K. Recorder, E. C. Hughes; S. K. Treasurer, C. H. Cooper; S. K. Guard, M. Olsen; and S. K. Sentinel, W. McCroskey. The ice which has been floating down the river since yesterday, says The Dalles Chronicle, all stops at Crate's point, and is now piled up there as high as the Umatilla house. The river there makes a sharp turn, and as it is frozen solid from there to the tunnel, the ice is hindered from going farther. It makes a very beautiful sight. Ice is still floating by the point in huge masses. Here is something from the Hillsboro Independent. The local authorities might act like Captain Cuttle, and "when found, make a note of." "The school authorities in the Hillsboro district require a clean bill of health from families having been afflicted with a contagious disease before the children will be readmitted to school. While this seemingly appears to be a hardship, yet taking the whole community into account it is a wise regulation." The heavy fall of snow about Nehalem played sad havoc with barns and other coverings in this valley. At least a dozen buildings have collapsed within the past week in this neighborhood. The vast quantity of snow which fell was sufficient to crush ordinary buildings while it was dry, and since it has begun to pack and receive the occasional rains which have fallen when the temperature is high enough, it has become very dangerous. Pendleton business men are preparing for the organization of an association to be known as the commercial club. Its object is to promote a better acquaintance and harmony of purpose on all questions of public interest. One of the principal subjects for consideration will be that of securing more favorable freight rates from the railroads. Since Spokane's victory in securing a general reduction in freight rates, the business men of Pendleton believe they can accomplish something in the same direction. Bids for furnishing 100,000 tons of rock on board of government barges for the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river have been submitted as follows: Maxwell & Huber, Spokane, 67 cents per ton; Daniel Kern, Portland, 65 cents; Perry Hinkle, 78 cents; W. Jacobson, 65 cents per ton. Fifteen bids in all were received, those for the storehouse ranging from \$1,796 by Perout & Smith, to \$3,390, and those for the wharf ranging from \$11,500 down to \$3,925, by Fustabed & Sanderson, of Astoria. The two lowest bids were recommended for acceptance. The men employed at Bays & Jeffery's quarry on the Barnes road near Portland, some time ago, noticed the heads of two Angora goats protruding from a snow bank on the side of a hill about 200 feet above the road. The poor creatures were nearly starved, having been completely buried until the snow melted off sufficiently to expose their heads. The quarry men shoveled out a path to them and dug them out, and Mr. Bates took them home and put them in his stable. It is evident that they have an owner somewhere, and he is requested to come to the front and get his property. Harrison Hale was arrested and brought before Justice Hallock Tuesday at Pendleton charged with assault with intent to

kill. A week ago last Saturday Hale had a row with Chas. Matteson at the latter's place on Rhea creek. Both were under the influence of liquor, and in the melee, says the Tupper Record, Hale drew a knife, striking Matteson with it several times and inflicting three wounds over the right shoulder blade. The wounds were not of a very serious nature, however, and after hearing some evidence, pro and con, Justice Hallock considered it about an equal thing on both sides and dismissed the case. The festive burglar has not yet ceased from "burgling" in Portland. A day or two since he took advantage of the absence of the family of Thomas McCarthy to enter the residence on Davis street, and carry off Mr. Davis' best suit, a lot of jewelry, etc. The adjoining house is vacant, and the burglar probably laid in wait there for the opportunity he found, as in one of the rooms Mr. McCarthy discovered some evidences of a man having tarried there. Mrs. McCarthy noticed a man prowling about the place the day of the robbery, which took place between 5 and 6 p. m., while she had gone out on an errand. A woman's foot was found on Thursday by George Bump, county assessor of Island county, while duck hunting on Ue-less bay, near Seattle. Mr. Bump and several companions were walking along the beach when they made the discovery. The foot had apparently been torn from the leg just above the ankle, as indicated by threads of flesh hanging to it. On the foot was a lady's No. 3 shoe, and when this was cut and removed only the skin came with it, showing the flesh in a good state of preservation. Diligent search was made for other remains, but without success. It is not known that anyone has been lost in that vicinity. One of the \$2 currency notes changed to a \$10 note by Parker, in Portland, who was recently sent to the penitentiary, was passed on the conductor of a City Suburban car a few days ago. It is probable that there are quite a number of them in circulation, and people handling money should look out for them. While a person unaccustomed to handling notes might be deceived by one of these, almost any one would notice the change at a glance. The number 19 posted on over the 2 should attract any one's attention, as it is of a sickly greenish-gray color and quite different from the color on any bank bill. A person who gets fooled on one of these changed bills will never take another. The Salem Capital Journal remarks that "It was a corrupt legislature in this respect: That nearly half a million dollars of appropriations were looted out of the public treasury before the legislature ever met. Deals were made by which an asylum was given to one part of the state, a normal school to another, a jail mill to another, etc., etc., and these deals bound men to vote by whole sections, by groups and counties. Few men were left free from the clutch of boodie in either body to vote upon measures of general interest upon their merits. The Willamette and Columbia rivers were left in the grasp of transportation monopolies while members fell under the fatal sway of appropriation boodie. The port of Astoria has not yet been troubled with the conflicts now raging so bitterly on Puget Sound and in San Francisco between union and non-union sailors, but the result of such fights was shown vividly on Saturday night when the schooner D. B. Leeks arrived in from California. She had a non-union or "scab" crew on board, and half of them were thoroughly green hands, two never having been to sea before. One of the latter, a young fellow 22 years old, C. O. Clark, became heartily sick of his venture the day after leaving San Francisco. On reaching the mouth of the river, the schooner tacked about for eleven days. On the sixth day Clark could stand the strain no longer, and threw himself overboard. He was never seen again. The trouble from washouts at bridges near Hay station, on the Spokane branch of the Union Pacific, will, it is reported, continue for a day or two longer. A few bents in bridges Nos. 14 and 16 have been washed away. Five carsloads of ties were sent up Friday from Pendleton, and a pile driver and piling were dispatched to the scene from Bridal Veil, via Umatilla to repair the damage. A train arrived in Pendleton on the branch at 1:40 o'clock Saturday with passengers who left Spokane last Thursday and were delayed by the damaged bridges. They were transferred by team and wagon around the obstruction a distance of half a mile or more. This train was brought in by Conductor Frank Willis. Transfers will be made each way until the bridge is repaired, and trains will run regularly. Everything is clear on the main line of the road. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shearer, says the Dalles Chronicle, are visiting relatives and old home friends in Nicholville, New York. His consignment of wool has now arrived in New York. Mr. Shearer shipped from The Dalles 275 tons of wool via the Columbia river to Astoria by the Regular line, where it was placed on the ship Tillie E. Starbuck, which sailed from Cape Horn to New York, where it arrived before January 21, 1893, in care of Deany, Rice & Co. It is to be transferred to New York and takes three steps of the Metropolitan line to take it to Boston. This is the first year Mr. Shearer ever sent his wool to Boston by the water route. The distance is 14,800 miles; time, three months; rate paid per ton, \$35. He has formerly sent his wool to Boston by the Union Pacific railway. Distance, 5,362 miles; time, one month; price paid per ton, \$22. The wool is insured for \$75,000. After it is sold they will return to their Oregon home. Complaint was made by a gentleman a day or two since that a bank in Portland had paid him half the value of a check in silver. He did not want so much white metal and remonstrated, but he was told that if he wished gold he must pay a

discount. He imagined that the silver question had come to a head right in Portland, and was much dissatisfied. On inquiry it was found that there is no superfluity of silver here—in fact there is hardly enough—and the banks are sometimes obliged to go out and hunt up silver. At one of the principal banks it was stated that out of \$500,000 on hand there was not \$500 in silver, counting in all the dimes and nickels, and other bankers said they had no more silver than was necessary, and never offered it in any great amount unless it was asked for. The particular bank above mentioned may have been overstocked with silver, but if so, it is probably the only one in the city so glutted. Mrs. Charles Norton died near Yaquina ten days ago under very suspicious circumstances, says the Corvallis Times. Her husband is a brakeman on the Union Pacific railroad with headquarters at Walla Walla. Two weeks before the death of his wife he went to Yaquina to attend the bedside of a sick child. Up to the day she died Mrs. Norton was in her usual health. Sometime in the forenoon she became suddenly ill and in a few hours was cold in death, having died in convulsions. Her husband was alone in the room with her and the first information the other persons in the building were afforded concerning her condition was the announcement of her death. When they went to dress her for the grave a newly born six months' babe was found in the bed. A physician well informed in the symptoms attending Mrs. Norton's death, states that they were the same invariably manifested in arsenic poisoning. Norton's real name is Masonfield, and his reasons for calling under an alias are unknown. Sufficient suspicion attaches to the affair that Deputy Sheriff Martin came out last Thursday, and is said to have returned with instructions to exhume the body and cause an examination of the contents of the stomach. The "Y's" have spent a good many dollars this winter in flowers and fruit for the hospital, and in clothing, etc., for several poor families. Now the young ladies need more money to be able to carry on this work, and you can help them by attending the Colonial Levee next Thursday evening. Only 50 cents for both entertainment and supper. 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.

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