

ABOUT THE CITY.

Cannerymen meet today. Spring is still holding off. Circuit court this morning at 9 a. m. Salmon are making for the mouth of the river. A very poor attendance of city fathers last night. Captain Gunderson was appointed harbor master last night. Mayor Crosby is not yet well enough to attend to official business. The World's Fair representative at Astoria is A. J. Johnson, the florist. The auctioneer's bill against the city for sale of taxed property may not be allowed. Several prizefighters appeared in court yesterday as witnesses in the Gragg case. Some of the councilmen think that 7 o'clock is a little too soon after dinner for the transaction of public business. Secretary of State McBride's bill for certified copies of the Astoria city charter was ordered paid by the city council last night. There were married at Grace church rectory in this city on Monday evening by the Rev. Wm. Seymour Short, Miss Nettie Johnson and Mr. M. A. Ellsworth, both of Knappa, Wash. Ex-Alderman Wickman was at the council meeting last night. He was invited to a seat within the railing, but being quite comfortable where he was, did not accept the honor. Hon. J. H. Upton, joint representative of Curry and Coos counties, elected by the populists, passed through Albany Wednesday night for home, going by way of San Francisco, being allowed mileage that way. A curious arrangement for the members of the party of economy, says the Albany Herald. The Astorian is in receipt of still one more communication from a Scandinavian church congregation concerning the Malagamba suit. This time it is from the members of the "Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran church of Astoria," who wish to deny that they have any connection with the case. The real defendants in the case are the "Bethany Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran church" congregation, an offshoot from the former. Articles of Incorporation were filed Monday in Portland, as follows: Old Ladies' Home, by H. W. Corbett, C. A. Dolph, W. W. Spaulding, Richard Williams and Charles E. Ladd; value of property, \$15,000. Modoc Tribe, No. 9, Improved Order of Men by E. R. Bush, sachem; J. E. Bauer, senior sagamore; J. J. Chamberlain, prophet; E. H. Law, chief of recorders; W. F. Koehler, keeper of wampum; J. J. Chamberlain, H. C. Allen and W. E. Prudhomme, trustees; value of property, \$500. The meager particulars of a shooting scrape that occurred at Greenhorn last Saturday have been received here, says the Baker City Democrat. For some time there has been differences between William Morris and Andy Brown concerning the ownership of mineral locations. On the day in question they met on snowshoes and Morris opened fire on Brown with a Winchester, one shot taking effect in the latter's arm. Morris is known as the original discoverer of the Greenhorn mining district and the locator of the Morris mine near the apex of the mountain, now owned by him and Charles S. Miller, of Monumental fame. He is said to be a very dangerous man. Of Brown little is known here. He is the owner of mining property in this district and bears the reputation of being a peaceable citizen. In the wreck of the north bound freight train, the other side of Dunsmuir on Sunday morning of last week, says the Ashland Tidings, "Brakeman William Stoner received injuries from which he died at the Sacramento hospital two days afterward. The train was the canyon near Slatons, and the engine struck a large rock which had rolled upon the track, was thrown from the rails and lunged toward the river. Stoner was riding on the fireman's seat in the cab, and jumped through the window. His feet caught in the cab and his body came down in the vicinity of the wheels of the tender, his left arm getting under the flange of the wheel, which crushed it from the elbow to the wrist in a frightful manner. Das. Gill and Trevloan dressed his wounds and he was taken on the southbound train to Sacramento where he died in the hospital Tuesday night. Messrs. A. J. Johnson and A. S. Miller, managers of the Oregon Horticultural exhibit to the World's Fair, are now in the city and desire to inform all residents of Clatsop county that they will be glad to receive specimens of timber of all kinds, flowers, shrubs and plants, and that they will so place them in Chicago that the various exhibits will be displayed to the best advantage. It is absolutely necessary that a good showing be made in this department by Oregon, and no where in the state is there a better collection of timber to choose from than this county. The collectors will only be able to receive goods up to the 26th inst., and the exhibits will leave here on the first of April for their destination. Any article sent in care of The Astorian will reach the commissioners promptly, and Messrs. Johnson and Miller hope and believe that they will be able to obtain a most excellent series of samples of our vegetable growth.

Doings of the City Council.

The regular meeting of the city council was held at the council chamber last night. There were present, Councilmen Welch (in the chair), and Bergman, O'Hara, Lewis, McGregor, Langworthy and Webber. Petitions for liquor license from Alexander Gilbert, G. Capello & Co., were granted. From twelve residents of the swamp lands near Jack creek asking for a plank walk. Referred to the street committee. From all the barbers in Astoria with the exception of two, asking the council to pass an ordinance compelling the closing the barber's shops on Sundays. Councilman Lewis moved that this petition be laid on the table. Cleanliness was next to Godliness, and legislation of this character was opposed to the state laws. If a stranger came to town on a Sunday morning he had a right to be able to get shaved before going to church. Councilman O'Hara was opposed to class legislation of this character. If all trades were included it would be a different matter. He believed in all men having one day's rest, and if people went and got shaved on Saturday nights, instead of playing poker, they would have no cause to grumble. Councilman Bergman said that this was a free country, and that if a barber wanted to close up his shop on Sunday it was his privilege to do so. If a man wanted to keep his store open he also had a right to do as he pleased. The petition was laid on the table. Captain Philip Johnson handed in his resignation as harbor master of the port. The resignation was accepted, and on motion of Councilman Welch, Captain C. S. Gunderson was appointed to the position. The following report was received from the committee on public property. It was referred to the city attorney: "Your committee on public property to whom was referred the bill of Martin Olson, amounting to \$41.90, for about three days' work as auctioneer for the chief of police, would respectfully report, that in our opinion chapter 10 of the charter, gives the chief the same power in relation to the collection of taxes that is given by law to the sheriff, and that it is the duty of the chief to make such collections without expense to the city. We therefore return the bills without our approval, and recommend that the matter be referred to the city attorney for a written opinion. JAS. W. WELCH, W. F. MCGREGOR, Committee on Public Property. The committee on streets and public ways brought in the following report: "Your committee on streets and public ways has requested me to recommend a suitable grade for Lafayette street, at its intersection with Bay avenue. In accordance therewith I respectfully submit the following recommendations, viz: That the grade at the crossing of Lafayette street and Bay avenue be fixed at twenty-five feet above the base of grades. In connection with this matter I deem it proper to call your attention to the fact that the official maps of the harbor line show the bulkhead line to be very nearly co-incident with the south boundary of Bay avenue, and that the survey for the final location of the Astoria and Eastern railway passes over the crossing in question. Whether or not these facts are entitled to any consideration in the matter of the establishment of the grade is for your honorable body to determine. RICHARD HARRY, City Surveyor. Several ordinances were read a third time and passed, among them being that of ordering a monthly allowance for the fire companies of this city, as follows: Engine Co. No. 1, \$240. Rescue No. 2, \$240. Columbia No. 3, \$240. Hook and Ladder Co., \$125. All previous ordinances bearing on this question are now repealed. The ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$1,168.24 for paying the present indebtedness of the respective fire companies, was read a third time and passed. The various accounts are as follows: Engine Co. No. 1, \$321.81. Rescue No. 2, \$475.50. Hook and Ladder Co., \$370.93. An ordinance authorizing the auditor to purchase necessary stationery supplies for the city offices, was read a third time and passed. The sum of \$594 was appropriated for the construction of the Lafayette street sewer. The ordinance reestablishing the grade of the crossing at the intersection of Astor and Jefferson streets in McClure's Astoria, was read a third time and passed. The police report of electric light service for the month was treated as usual. The sexton of the cemetery reported five burials for the month. The reports of salaried officers of the various city departments were all received and ordered paid. Several claims for the month were ordered paid. It was resolved on motion of Councilman McGregor that the committee on streets and public ways confer with the contractors on Fifth street, Adair's Astoria, and have their portion of the contract, which calls for the building of sidewalks complied with at once when the same is practicable. It was resolved that 250 copies of the new city charter be printed under the supervision of the auditor of the auditor and the city attorney. It was resolved that the auditor be authorized to give public notice of the proposed improvement of Jefferson street, including a ten-foot sidewalk. Resolved that the superintendent of streets be instructed to enforce the provisions of ordinances 1754, and 294, relating to the littering up of streets by goods belonging to mercantile houses. Three-quarters of an hour were spent

over a war of words that resulted in nothing. A petition for an electric lamp at the corner of Madison and Jefferson streets was granted. The council then adjourned. Circuit court met yesterday morning in regular session at 9:30 a. m. The following cases were a judicated upon. State of Oregon vs. Israel Gragg, balance of jury obtained an 11 trial resumed. Verdict of guilty brought in. Prisoner given until Friday to file exception. Henry F. Nurnberg vs. Mary H. Lehenweber, default allowed and decree for plaintiff. Special venire called for the 6th of March discharged for term and all jurors excused till today at 3 a. m. Circuit court was crowded yesterday during the hearing of the case of the state vs. Israel Gragg. The state was represented by the district attorney, assisted on behalf of the prosecuting witness by Hon. C. W. Fulton. The defendant was represented by Geo. Noland. The whole of the day was consumed in the trial, and the arguments of counsel were not concluded until after 5 o'clock. No defense except the denial of the defendant was made, and the jury after being out a hour and a half returned with a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment. The defense was given until Friday to file bill of exceptions. Murdoch McDonald, a lather by occupation, living on Sixteenth and Hall streets, Portland, disappeared from his home between 7 and 8 o'clock Saturday evening, and has not been seen since. McDonald had been sick for some time and was rather despondent, and it is thought that he wandered away and became lost in the woods. His family does not suspect foul play or suicide. When he left home McDonald appeared to be in possession of his mental faculties. Previous to his disappearance he complained of the noise of the cannon which was being discharged near his house, and which seemed to trouble him considerably. His family surmised that he left home to escape the noise, and thought no more of the matter until late that night when he failed to return. McDonald is 50 years of age, of medium height, weighs about 150 pounds and wears a full dark beard tinged with grey. Any information concerning his whereabouts will be thankfully received by his family. Ryan & Co. 537, Third street, have just received a full line of 1893 patterns in wall paper, and comprising all the latest designs and shades, at the lowest prices. Call and see them. Captain Kane Olney was seriously injured on the steamer No Wonder in this city about three years ago by a broken chain flying back and hitting him in the forehead and making a dent in his skull. He has suffered greatly from the effects of the pressure of the skull upon the brain, and has been subject to fits, and his mind has been at times affected on account of the injury to his skull. It was evident that unless something was done to relieve him he would soon succumb, and a short time ago he went up to Good Samaritan hospital, in Portland to have an operation performed. A piece of the skull, about as large as a dollar was cut out, and this completely relieved Captain Olney. A silver plate has been placed over the hole in the skull and the flesh stitched over it, so that the silver plate is entirely concealed and the forehead is very slightly disfigured by the operation. Captain Olney may truly be said to have had his "mind" relieved of a great load. Water consumers will please take notice that the commission allow the first ten (10) days of each month in which to pay water rates, and if not so paid, the water will be shut off without further notice. W. N. SMITH, Superintendent of the City Water Works. SCHOOL ELECTION. Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the school district comprising the city of Astoria, that there will be held in the said district an election on the second Monday in March, being the 13th day of March, 1893. Polls to be kept open from 2 o'clock p. m. till 6 o'clock p. m., of said day. This election is called for the purpose of electing three directors to serve said district. Polling place in First Ward, Engine house of Rescue Engine Company No. 2. Judges: John Hobson, C. S. Wright, C. H. Stockton, Clerk, B. S. Worsley. Polling place in Second Ward, Engine house of Engine Company No. 3. Judges: J. H. D. Gray, J. C. Dement, D. H. Welch, Clerk, P. C. Cook. Polling place in Third Ward, at the office of the Astoria Box Company. Judges: T. S. Cornelius, W. F. McGregor, John Enberg, Clerk, G. A. Nelson. By order of the board of directors of School District No. 1. C. W. FULTON, Chairman, H. B. FERGUSON, Clerk. Dated at Astoria, Oregon, this 25th day of February, A. D. 1893. Do not be deceived with cheap pictures, but get your work done at Crow's gallery and you will not regret it.

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