

ABOUT THE CITY.

Steamer day today. Jupiter Pluvius is still squeezing the heavenly sponge. Over a hundred competitors in the school competition this week. This is the kind of rain the old lady prayed for—"a gently sizzle sozale."

Rev. Mr. Smith preaches as usual in the Congregational church at 2:30 this afternoon.

Mr. A. Gibbons has opened an office for expert bookkeeping, and will in future devote his whole time to his profession.

The regular gospel meeting of the Y. M. C. A. today at 3 p. m. will be addressed by Rev. C. Wire, of Portland. All men are welcome.

A coffee supper is to be served at the Salvation Army barracks on Tuesday night. Several visiting officers from Seattle will be in attendance.

The A. O. U. W. social last night was very largely attended by the members of Seaside Lodge and their friends. Some delightful instrumental and vocal music helped to while away the evening, and an excellent lunch rounded off the program agreeably.

The electric light works were shut down at midnight last night in order to give the company an opportunity to thoroughly cool off and overhaul the boilers that run the big machinery. The stoppage was unavoidable, and everything will be going smoothly by tomorrow.

The report of the Alderbrook public school for the month ending March 17th, is as follows: Number of days taught, 20; number of days attendance, 1103.5; number of days absence, 10.5; number of times tardy, 3; average number belonging, 55.7; average daily attendance, 55.2; Albert Williams, teacher.

Do not be deceived with cheap pictures, but get your work done at Crow's gallery and you will not regret it.

Oregon has five live ex-governors, and, strange as it may seem for a republican state, they are all democrats but one—Hon. Z. F. Moody, of Salem.

The Oregon branch of the W. C. T. U. will hold its annual state convention in this city on May 10th, 11th and 12th inclusively. As this is the first occasion on which the convention has honored this city with its presence, the local members of course wish to give the visitors a cordial welcome.

Columbia Trencher Company No. 3, will give a bal April 8th, at Columbia cannery. All invited. Here is a little comment on the late unpleasantness from the Oregon Mist. It is one of fifty of the same kind. "Editor Rathom, of the Astorian, was tried in the circuit court at Astoria last week for libeling Sidney Dell, an alleged lawyer, and discharged. Libel suits are like water—free. People should know better than to commence libel proceedings against a newspaper for publishing the truth about them. Indeed the newspaper's true mission is to show up all frauds that the people may not be imposed upon by that class of bullies, which have no character, hence could not be libeled. If some people could realize how small they are in the estimation of those who surround them the dust of the locality would be shaken from their feet in short order."

E. W. Kuykendall, the undertaker, embalmer and funeral director, has his parlors in the Welch block, No. 718, Water street. Call up telephone No. 7.

The following articles of Incorporation were filed in the office of Secretary of State McBride at Salem on Friday: The Elmira Grist Mill Company, of Elmira, Lane county; incorporators, F. M. Nighswander, H. C. Huston, J. Casebeer, J. F. Kirk and J. B. Salzman. Rogue River Lumber and Manufacturing Company, of Grant's Pass; incorporators, D. Dixon, W. H. Fayle, W. H. Gilbert, L. L. Jewell, P. H. Harth, H. E. Smith, and Frank Mee; capital stock, \$15,000; officers—D. Dixon, president; W. H. Fayle, vice-president; W. H. Gilbert, secretary; L. L. Jewell, treasurer. The Langlois Creamery Company, of Langlois, Curry county; incorporators, W. S. Marshall, C. S. Goodenough and W. R. Boise; capital stock, \$3000. Bellefontaine Cemetery Association, of Benton county.

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.

The Rescue Club's meeting last night was very largely attended. Rev. Mr. Van Tassel occupied the chair, and after a few introductory remarks by him a splendid program was rendered: Reading—"Betsy and I," Dutch version; "The Lillian," Miss Fay Andrews; recitation, "Leave the Liqueur Alone," Willie Cyrus; instrumental music, Professors Bonavia, Mackay and Conley; recitation, "The Cobbler's Secret," Master Clyde Bayles; recitation, "Hawatha," Miss Katie Wirt; recitation, "How I would Paint the Bar-room," Miss Mary Willis; address by Mr. Flynn Ford. This speech was most witty, interesting and instructive, and concluded the program. Seven people present signed the pledge. The JBPP's, The Only Restaurant.

program committee for next week consists of Mrs. S. L. Boyd, Miss Lorena Wirt and Mr. Freeman Parker. ED

The funder will be rewarded by returning to this office a small opal ring and no questions will be asked. It is the gift of a deceased father to his daughter, and is valued for its associations.

The general manager of the Western Union Telegraph office never gets flustered. He was working at his typewriter under trying conditions yesterday afternoon. Half a dozen Chinamen, new arrivals from that land where sampans and joss candles fill up the life of the average subject of his imperial and juvenile majesty, Kwong Sui, were watching his fingers fly over the machine with an appearance of bewilderment and awe. They couldn't realize how a man could be such an idiot as to sit patiently and play at a piano that wouldn't give out any music, except now and then the occasional tinkle of a bell. For half an hour they gazed on every movement of his hands, and finally, after straining their ears to catch a note or two of melody without success, turned away disgusted with the institutions of this enlightened Western world.

The masquerade ball given on the 16th inst. at the residence of D. J. Ingalls at Melville, on the Lewis and Clarke river, was a grand success, and every one present enjoyed the evening immensely. There were between forty and fifty present. The masqueraders were: Captain Rich, flower girl; Sophie Anderson, flower girl; D. J. Ingalls, clown; Mellie Ingalls, poodle dog; Mrs. D. J. Ingalls, school girl; Mrs. John Lacy, school girl; Willie Roberts, clown; Wm. Hartill, Chinese laundryman; Mrs. Hartill, snow ball; Sarah Harder, grandmother; Sophie Harder, night; Charley Harder, servant girl; Irving Sackett, servant girl; Elmer Lacy, servant girl; Lillie Dow, night; Joe Heckard, Santa Claus; Frank Dow, Aunt Dinah; Sidney Redding, uncle; Julius Fritchen, sailor boy; Fred C. Trill, Indian; E. F. Libke, old man; Fred Johnson, domino.

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The Astorian has received the following letter from Mr. Frank M. Goodhue, of Seattle, Wash.: "I beg to enclose you a letter from the master of the schooner J. B. Leeds, now at Astoria, from which it would seem that a man was drowned from that vessel who may prove to be my brother-in-law. If he, he shipped under an assumed name and gave his age at 30, when it was at least 35 or 37. The captain stated that the man had a letter of recommendation (which I enclose) and gave it to the captain two days before the drowning occurred. The letter is one I gave my brother-in-law. He has for the past year or so been employed on ocean steamers, and it is quite probable that he shipped on the above named schooner in some capacity. The captain, as his letter shows, writes very poor English, and not much of that, and I would be greatly obliged to you if you would interview Mr. Laaska, the vessel's captain, and get full particulars of the accident and advise me. My brother-in-law was a short man, weighing when I last saw him, about 130 pounds; was about 37 years old, had dark brown hair, a light brown mustache, gray eyes, and usually wore eye glasses, stooped somewhat, and had a large intellectual head with features proportionately large. I am confident that he was the man drowned. (Will anybody that knows anything of this matter be kind enough to communicate with The Astorian? We have been unable to obtain any definite information concerning the whereabouts of the captain of the J. B. Leeds.) C. R. F. U. NOTICE.

A special meeting of the Columbia River Fisherman's Protective Union will be held at Liberty Hall, Saturday, March 25, 1893, at 7:30 p. m. sharp. Price of salmon for the coming season will be discussed and set. Members in good standing requested to be present and to have their receipt or book along. S. OFUS JENSEN, Sec.

MILLINERY OPENING. The ladies of Astoria are cordially invited to attend the display of spring and summer millinery at Miss McRae's store on Genevieve street Wednesday and Thursday, March 22d and 23d.

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Our School Competition.

The life of a question examiner in the school competition that the Astorian is now running, is anything but an easy one, and the task that had to be gone through this week was no exception to the rule. Whether it was that the questions set were indicative of many different answers, or that they opened up a very wide field for reply we do not know, but it is certain that the lists sent in cover a range as wide as the continent.

There were received up to noon yesterday, at which time the contest closed, no less than 117 answers, making a gain of more than double on last week's figures, and proving very plainly that the interest in the competition is gaining ground rapidly. The questions which set the wits of these 117 young ladies and gentlemen working were as follows: 1. How is the hum of a flying insect produced? 2. What is the best definition of the difference between talent and genius? 3. How did traders advertise before newspapers were known?

Which of the poets, generals, admirals, and historians, in your opinion, were the greatest that ever lived? Dealing with the last question first we find on careful examination that out of all the competitors the figures in favor of the various heroes of history run as follows: For Poet: Shakespeare, 91; Tennyson, 19; Milton, 9; Longfellow, 5; Homer, 1; Sam L. Simpson, 1. For Admiral: Lord Nelson, 86; Farragut, 30; Columbus, 1. For General: Napoleon, 36; Wellington, 35; U. S. Grant, 32; Alexander the Great, 13; Joshua, 1. For Historian: Macaulay, 51; Gibbon, 39; Bancroft, 19; John Richard Green, 2; Herodotus, 2; Josephus, 1; and three others 1 each.

Some of the answers to the questions were of course amusing. One young lady chose Joshua as her greatest general "because he made the sun stand still." Another says that "talent is what you feel and genius is what you see in your mind's eye." A boy, who ought to know better, remarks that "talent is invented and genius made." One little fellow tells us that ancient advertisers "painted their wares on rocks and all other eruptions of nature."

No less than twenty-six papers have been thrown out of the competition altogether because some of the answers bear on their face the evidence of having been directly copied from dictionaries or encyclopedias. Our announcement intimates strongly that no "cribbing" will be allowed, and we wish to call the attention of competitors to this fact once more. Four students are barred from this week's prize because their replies are all exactly alike, and prove duplication. In future our questions will be so put as to do away, as much as possible, with any attempt at dictionary work.

And now for the results. We find three of the competitors so close in the lead that it is very hard to choose between them. Their answers are in no way similar, but in giving each question a certain percentage of marks for excellence, we find that they run almost neck and neck. They are Miss Nettie Tuttle, of the Astoria Select school, and Miss Martha Gilbert and Mr. Will Levings of the High school. We do not feel justified in awarding only one prize, and so have decided to pick out two of the three leaders as joint winners of the contest. They shall be: MISS NETTIE TUTTLE, MR. WILL H. LEVINGS.

Miss Gilbert's excellent work, however, cannot be overlooked, and we shall present her with the Ladies' Home Journal for one year from date. The following competitors have been awarded honorable mention. They should not forget that this is a distinction of no mean value, when so many of their fellow students were pitted against them. Laura L. Fox, Violet Bowlby, Nella Cutbirth, Florence L. Turner, Edward M. Cherry, Lizzie C. McCann, Charles Sturgis, Floyd Dement, George L. Cherry, Bessie L. Ross, Nellie Anstadt, Bert Ross, Daisy Hill, Sarah Smalley.

The best answer contained in any paper was that of Miss Maybell M. Young, of A class 5th grade, Astoria High school. It was in reply to question No. 2. She said: "The conception of the Columbian Exposition was a work of genius. The successful completion of all the necessary details was an indication of talent." The next series of questions will be published in Tuesday's paper.

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