

ABOUT THE CITY.

Four days more to Easter. Church decorations start tomorrow. It will take a very big flame to put out the fire that was kindled yesterday.

Several interesting letters on the gambling question are unavoidably held over till tomorrow's issue. The funeral of Mrs. A. Harris took place from the family residence yesterday. It was largely attended.

If the special program committee appointed for the Rescue Club entertainment will report to the president of the club at 120 Genevieve street the parts they have secured for the program, it will be greatly appreciated. Mr. J. B. Walker, who made so many friends during his sojourn in this city while draughtsman in the office of Chief Engineer George Goss, is now private secretary at Corvallis for the new receiver of the Oregon Pacific railroad.

Church bells today. This may bring fair weather. The Ilwaco Railway and Navigation Company are making arrangements to secure a steamer of light draught for the route between Astoria and Ilwaco, the coming season. She will be speedy and especially designed for the passenger travel.

If you want some extra fine photos, Mooers' is the place to get them. The ladies of the library will hold a library reception on Saturday evening, April 1st, at the library rooms at 8 o'clock. One of the features of the evening will be the sale of Easter eggs. Admission, 15 cents apiece, or two for a quarter. Light refreshments will be served. If you don't come you will be fooled.

Do not be deceived with cheap pictures, but get your work done at Crow's gallery and you will not regret it. The board of pilot commissioners was in session yesterday investigating the conduct of Pilots Matthews, Harriman Staples, and Neil in not taking the San Jose outside when ordered to do so. The meeting was adjourned in order to give Captain Brown, of Portland an opportunity to be present before a decision is arrived at.

Columbia Tender Company No. 3, will give a bal April 8th, at Columbia cannery. All invited. The sailors on the City of Florence threatened to mutiny yesterday, and refused to go to sea unless the steward, Longhery, who stabbed the sailor on Sunday was discharged. The apprentices also sent a deputation to the consul protesting against his sailing in the ship. The matter was fixed up and the steward paid off. The ship expects to leave today.

E. W. Kuykendall, the undertaker, embalmer and funeral director, has his parlors in the Welch block, No. 72, Water street. Call up telephone No. 7. There was a rumor on the streets yesterday to the effect that Balfour, Guthrie & Co., of San Francisco, had decided to abandon their Columbia river traffic and transfer their grain ships to Puget Sound. The Astorian telegraphed to San Francisco to ascertain the truth. The answer came back last evening as follows:

"Robert Balfour states that the report that his firm is about to transfer its headquarters for grain shipments to Europe from the Columbia river to Puget Sound is ridiculous, and that it is emphatically not so." County and state taxes are now due and payable at the sheriff's office, and will be delinquent the first Monday in April. H. A. Smith, Sheriff. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Turner gave a very enjoyable party at their home, 515 Astor street, Monday evening in honor of their daughter Florence's 12th birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing various games. Refreshments were served at 9 o'clock, after which the young people dispersed, wishing Miss Florence many such happy birthdays. She was the recipient of several pretty gifts from her little friends. The invited guests were: Misses Pearl and Lulu Estes, Florence Ross, Carrie Bosworth, Olga Noe, Mable May, Maude Kindred, Minnie Crow, Winnie Airth, Posey Heilborn, Myrtle Blynn, Bertha Fannon, Gertie Stockton, Masters Clyde Bayles and Allen Airth.

See Swope & Slater about your spring work. They are the swiftest, cheapest and best paperhangers and decorators on the coast. There was a lively affair in Chinatown at 8:30 last night. Ah Lum and Jen Shui being the principal characters. The men had a controversy over an insult offered to the wife of a mutual friend, and it culminated in Ah Lum striking Shui two fearful blows over the head with a hatchet in Ark Wo's store. The injured man got to the police station, blew the whistle, and was quickly surrounded by a big crowd. Lum was arrested by Officer Sinnott, and the wounds of his victim were attended to by Dr. Estes, after which he was given comfortable quarters in the county jail. When taken to the doctor his wounds were bleeding profusely, and it was several minutes before the flow could be stopped.

Swope & Slater will be pleased to furnish estimates on interior decoration to all who call or address 459 Fourth street. The sailor David Wolf, who was arrested on Sunday charged with assault with a dangerous weapon on the steward of the British ship Birkdale, was tried in Justice Cleveland's court yesterday. C. J. Curtis prosecuted for the state, and Frank Spittle defended the prisoner. The evidence showed that the prisoner was drunk, and wanted to fight anybody on the ship. The steward obliged him by knocking him down several times on the wharf, and when

they got aboard Wolf threatened to have satisfaction. He came out of the forecabin with a knife and the steward ran away and called the mate, who quieted Wolf. The steward then knocked Wolf down again and swore out a warrant for his arrest on a charge of assaulting him. The mate testified that Wolf had his hand behind him, but showed no fight and did not attempt to strike anybody. On this evidence the prisoner's counsel moved for a dismissal, but the motion was overruled. Defendant then pleaded guilty of simple assault and was fined \$30 or fifteen days in the county jail.

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.

In Conclusion.

The following appears in the last edition of the Evening Budget:

"I will state that I went to the Astorian office on the evening before the last meeting of the council to obtain some information regarding the passing of the license ordinance, and Mr. Rathorn, editor of the paper, told me that eight of the councilmen were going to vote for the ordinance, and that one of the councilmen had been influenced for the consideration of \$100, or words to that effect."

A. W. UTZINGER. This matter is only a very secondary concern in relation to the real question at issue. Incidentally it is an outrageous lie. Mr. Utzinger came into this office not to obtain some information regarding the passing of the license ordinance, but to get a little bit of money. He went away from here he left behind him a little billet doux. Let us try to jog his memory. Mr. Utzinger visited this office on the night of Monday the 20th inst. He was a total stranger to the editor and introduced himself. He explained the object of his visit very briefly. These are the words he used: "I've got a little article here. I want you to run it in your editorial columns. Read it."

The editor took the paper. It contained some lines written in lead pencil, warning the city councilors that "a public office was a public trust," and cautioning them against advocating the passage of the ordinance in what was meant to be mysterious language. "What do you want me to do with this?" asked the editor. "Run it in your editorials, I told you," said the individual. "What will it come to? I'll foot the bill," and he dived down into his pocket with the air of a man that owned The Astorian and anything else that came along. He was told in pretty round language of the little error he had fallen into, and went away. Unfortunately for himself, however, he left his "editorial" behind him. That document the editor now has in his possession.

And Mr. Utzinger only came "to obtain some information." Mr. Utzinger came in with the purpose of attempting to shamefully buy the editor of this paper, for his own ends. He came in and offered to pay a sum of money as a bribe for the use of The Astorian's editorial space on behalf of himself and his swarm of companions, who with the Evening Budget, a tool in their hands, are fighting, tooth and nail, to defeat the gambling ordinance.

And he has the boldness to assert that the editor of this paper, who had known Mr. Utzinger for just three minutes, opened his heart and told him that "a councilman had been bribed with \$100."

And Mr. Utzinger only came into the office to obtain "some information." But he forgot the tell tale writing he left behind him, that stamps his statement as a base fabrication, and that shows up the cause he is advocating in its true light.

The Astorian wishes no further controversy on this subject. The best way to tell a crooked stick is to lay a straight stick alongside it.

If Julian Wilberg will call at Herman Wise's store he will get "Ein Sedens Tashentuch," because he sent in the best answers.

1. Who Licked John L. Sullivan? Answer. His mother, father, liquor, and Jim Corbett.

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3. Who sells men's and boys' goods the cheapest? Answer. Herman Wise, the live clothier and hatter.

4. Who will build the first transcontinental railroad to Astoria? Answer. ?

There were forty-six answers sent in, and as each of them showed considerable originality, Herman Wise offers each of them a slight token, if they will call at his store.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. F. R. Stokes is in Portland today.

J. R. A. Bennett went to Ranier last night.

George Carmichael, of Salem, is in the city.

Dr. Belt came over from Warrenton yesterday.

Councilman McGregor and wife are in Portland.

Miss Barrow went up on the Telephone last night.

Mrs. Geo. Noland is recovering slowly from her illness.

Miss Greer is in town from Baker City visiting some friends.

G. B. Hegart came up from the jetty yesterday and went up to Portland.

G. B. Hegart, W. McGregor and wife, J. R. A. Bennett, William Baumgarten, L. A. Loomis, Mrs. F. R. Stokes, R. R. Winters, and William Jones went up on the Telephone last night.

C. W. Syfers, James Crawford, F. R. McIntyre, J. P. Gately, P. Eldridge, and wife, C. N. Miller, H. P. Flint, L. R. Flint, P. J. McGowan, Thomas Foss, R. B. May, M. J. Hunt and wife, N. H. Webber, A. R. Creigh, J. N. Taffie and wife, F. Hood and wife, A. Catlin and M. Barker are at the Occident.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Mr. Editor: I am not given to writing for the Press, but upon the question of licensing gambling, I do not feel that I can consistently remain silent. So by your permission I will give my views on this subject in the columns of The Astorian.

I was very much surprised today in reading The Astorian to find the proprietor and editor placing themselves on record in favor of the proposed ordinance. I supposed from the history of The Astorian that it could always be found on the side of morality and good government, and in favor of the better elements of society. I cannot now believe that The Astorian has any purpose to go over to the side of the vicious classes, but is acting purely upon mature conviction in this matter.

As has been said the question first to be considered, is the one of morals. In reality the question of dollars or revenue should cut no figure. Incidentally however, the revenue question is being used as a strong argument in favor of this ordinance. It is claimed that gambling cannot be prohibited, and hence should be made to pay its way. One says "the state law cannot be enforced." It is claimed by another that "gambling is on the increase, and the existing laws a failure." Now I ask in all candor when any positive and determined efforts have been made to enforce the existing laws? Why did the city council fail to pass the ordinance prohibiting gambling in the city?

I have lived in Astoria eighteen months, and to my certain knowledge no earnest effort has been made to close the gambling houses. A little while ago the county sheriff took a reform spasm and ejected a great many gamblers from the city and closed their places of business, but somehow he has entire recovery from his paroxysm and gambling goes on as before. If the mayor, and city council and chief of police know the law is being openly and flagrantly violated, why don't they make some effort to enforce the law? It can be done if the effort is made.

Another argument presented in favor of the license is that "men will gamble." Yes, I suppose that is true. Men will steal. Men will commit murder. Men will commit outrage on the person of innocent girlhood. Men will advocate anarchy and treason, but who ever heard of the editor of a respectable newspaper advocating the licensing of these evils. That argument is worn threadbare and should be laid on the shelf.

The idea that licensing gambling and prostitution and other forms of vice and crime "places a city in the race for a perfect civilization" is preposterous. There can be no perfect civilization where these vices and crimes have the sanction of civil law. They must be outlawed the same as theft, arson, murder, rape and kindred crimes. We do not expect that any law can be perfectly enforced or that any crime can be entirely prohibited, but we do expect a reasonable effort on the part of those in power to enforce existing laws to prohibit crime.

It is claimed that "it will restrict gambling down to municipal supervision" and control the results inasmuch as the city will be bound to keep a "daily watch on the methods employed," etc. Now, sir, if gambling is not under municipal supervision now, where is it? If it is not under such supervision now, why not? If the city can keep a daily watch over the business under a license and prevent swindling and prohibit gambling in cigar stores and other unlicensed places, then it is in the power of the city, just as effectually to prohibit gambling altogether, and if the city council fails to do it the councilmen are culpable in this matter.

I have failed to see any argument in favor of license but what can be turned to good account on the opposite side. That gambling and prostitution and the saloon curse are not in a great measure prohibited is the fault of the people. There is power in the city council and police force to enforce any law if they are supported by the people. In the name of humanity and common decency let the city council refuse to pass this ordinance and set to work at once to suppress this evil and protect the youth of this city. Yours, etc., G. A. LANDEN.

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