

ABOUT THE CITY.

April 1st.
New spring dresses tomorrow.
School directors will meet on Monday.
The pamphlet craze seems to be spreading.
County and state taxes become delinquent on Monday.
That big "fake" should have been published on All Fools' Day.
Sullivan and Johnston meet tonight in a friendly glove contest.
Many beautiful carols will be heard at the Easter services tomorrow.
Miss Hattie Ralston and Mr. Duncan Stewart are to be married next week.
Don't be an April fool today. Look out for the telegraph boy and the door bell.
The steamer Elmore went out on a trial trip yesterday as far as Smith's Point.
True to the old adage, March which came in like a lamb, went out like a roaring lion.
The Good Friday services were all well attended yesterday despite the inclement weather.
Easter choral services will be held tomorrow at the Old Adventist church at Ilwaco in the morning and evening.
Call at the Albatross Fish Market for fresh smelts daily.
At the guardian sale at 10 o'clock this morning twenty acres of land on the John Day river will be disposed of.
If you want some extra fine photos, Mooers' is the place to get them.
The school contest closes sharp at noon today. Will pupils recollect that they should if possible, have their answers in before that hour?
A new lot of silver ware just arrived at J. G. Neim's. See adv't.
There are about a dozen pilledrivers lying idle near Sand Island, waiting for the weather to clear so that they can commence putting in and repairing fish-traps.
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.
The Ladies Guilds and societies of all the city churches are busy decorating today, and the taste that is invariably shown on these occasions will no doubt be displayed this Easter. Many beautiful flowers have been ordered from Portland, and the profusion of wild lilies in the hills will be utilized to the fullest extent.
Parties visiting in Portland can get The Daily Astorian at Handley & Haas' news stand, 150 First street.
The commencement of the fishing season at Ilwaco will be three or four weeks later this year than usual on account of the weather. But very few of the traps are in a condition to commence operation. The rest need repairing, but the bay has been too rough for pilledriving to operate, and a large amount of trap web is lying waiting for fine weather before it can be tarred.
Sing Lung, 25 Third street, carries a full line of Japanese and Chinese goods, novelties, curios, ladies' underwear made to order, at low prices.
Tonight the ladies of the Library Association will hold a reception at the library rooms at 8 o'clock. Easter eggs will be displayed and every available novelty has been called into use for the enjoyment of visitors. Light refreshments will be served during the evening, and recitations and songs will be rendered by local talent. The usual small admission fee will be charged.
Wing, Lee & Co. carry a full line of Japanese and Chinese fancy goods, novelties and curios. Ladies' underwear made to order. 623 Third street.
The Rescue Club entertainment next Tuesday evening at Liberty Hall promises to be one of the musical treats of the season. The best literary and elocutionary talent has been tendered for the occasion, and the evening will be filled by vocal and instrumental solos, duets and choruses, recitations, readings and tableaux of the highest order. No pains have been spared by its promoters to make the affair a thorough success.
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.
Fish Commissioner Myers paid a flying visit to the city yesterday. He came to ascertain what kind of a show the fishermen and canners of Astoria intended to make at the World's Fair. Before returning home last evening he expressed himself delighted with the interest that is being taken by all connected with the fishing business, and he assured a representative of The Astorian that the salmon display from this show would make a most wonderful showing.
Swope & Slater will be pleased to furnish estimates on interior decoration to all who call or address 459 Fourth street.
The late affray in Chinatown promises to develop into a very pretty highbinder war, and last night a warrant was issued for the arrest of Ah Si, who with Ng Lung, the man at present out on bonds assaulted Chu Suet and came very near murdering that unfortunate individual. The wounds in Suet's skull are more serious than were at first supposed, and he is very weak from continuous loss of blood. It appears that Ah Si and Ng Lung four years ago were in serious trouble in Portland on the occasion when two men were murdered in a highbinder's fight in that city. The Bow Lung Tong, a society numbering among its members many local Chinamen, is interesting itself very greatly in this matter. Both of the accused are members of the society, and telegrams were passing all day yesterday concerning Astoria and Portland concerning the case. Three up-river highbinders are in the

city for the purpose, it is alleged, of preventing Chu Suet prosecuting his assailant. Considerable feeling has been stirred up in Chinatown over the matter, which will before long in all probability result in a general row.

Men Whose Names Carry Weight.

(Continued.)
Below will be found the opinions of a few more of the most reputable citizens of Astoria who have expressed themselves as follows on the gambling license question:
J. H. Mansell—I am in favor of the ordinance and think that it would decrease the evil, as besides keeping minors from acquiring the habit, there are hundreds of men who will play in saloons and cigar stores, but who will never enter a regular gambling resort, or play with a professional gambler.
Mr. F. C. Reed—I do not believe in gambling, but if the imposition of a license will lessen the evil in our midst, let the ordinance be passed. It will at least have the effect of regulating it, and keeping it within such bounds that boys will have no opportunity to visit houses where it is carried on. It is the young we have to look after; the older people have the discretion which comes with mature age. So if the gambling ordinance will result even in decreasing the number of pitfalls, it is a well-advised step.
During the past two days several efforts were made by an Astorian representative to get the opinion of Hon. J. H. D. Gray on the gambling license question but until yesterday the gentleman could not be found. Considering that Mr. Gray was one of the most prominent figures in the citizens' movement, his views will be especially valuable in that they represent, it may safely be said, the opinions of the best of those who participated in that movement. "It is a subject requiring grave reflection," said he to the reporter, "and one upon which I would not care to commit myself without mature deliberation. There is certainly merit on both sides of the question. The position of The Astorian that to abate an evil that the law has failed to suppress is certainly sound, while on the other hand it is urged that a monopoly would or might, be created. Under the circumstances our municipal lawmakers are placed in a position the duties of which if an attempt is made to discharge them honestly and for the best interests of morality and the city, are difficult of discernment. Were I a councilman I would be compelled to seriously ponder over the matter. I repeat that both sides of the question have merit, but that is all I am at present prepared to say."
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.
A gaping crowd assembled around Signal Officer Grover yesterday forenoon when that gentleman was seen to hurriedly approach the bulletin board at the Occident hotel, and paste the following startling announcement:
"Hoist signal at 11 a. m. Storm stationary off Vancouver Island. Southerly gale along the coast. Storm expected to move eastward Saturday. (Signed.) PAGUE.
"Who is Pague?" inquired one verdant stranger of another of the number who with eyes distended and mouths open were reading the telegram.
"Who, don't you know him?" replied a gentleman who has been a student for many years in this city of meteorological phenomena. "He is a side partner of Mr. Pluvius, constituting the firm of Pague & Pluvius, rain-makers."
"But how does Pague know when the rain is coming?" was asked. "Why," said the meteorologist, "easy enough; by just such means as he learned today. You see, Pague doesn't know anything about the rain, but his side partner does and Pluvius always 'puts Pague on' in an unmistakable way, so that he (Pague) gets all the credit.
With this the inquiring one slowly wended his way toward the Gray's river boat, wondering how easily some people gain reputations for knowledge of atmospheric conditions.
See Swope & Slater about your spring work. They are the swiftest, cheapest and best paperhangers and decorators on the coast.
A short time ago Major Handbury, U. S. engineer, received instructions from Secretary of War Lamont to have all trespassers removed from the military reservation at Tree Point on the Columbia. The government acquired a square mile or 640 acres of land at this place some years ago with the intention of erecting fortifications there when necessary, this being a favorable spot for works for the defense of the Columbia. A cannery with the accompanying buildings was built on the reservation some time ago, and several persons have squatted on the reserve and built small houses there. The cannery buildings are now owned by Mr. Kersage who was given permission to remove them. When he went there for that purpose persons who were living in the buildings refused to allow him to remove them, and threatened him with bodily injury if he attempted to interfere with them. Mr. Kersage went up to Portland and stated the condition of affairs to Major Handbury and it will not be long till the persons who have attempted to hold possession of a government reservation by force will find that they cannot hold that fort.
Columbia Tender Company No. 3, will give a bal April 8th, at Columbia cannery. All invited.
JEFF'S, The Only Restaurant.

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 thank you for the publication of my article in yesterday's issue of your paper. I now ask your indulgence for a few words more on this important subject. You say my "position is absolutely and absurdly wrong throughout that I deal in the theory that humanity should consist of demigods or angels." There is no intimation of any such theory in my article and such a statement does not detract in the least from the right of my arguments. I state very plainly that we do not expect that any law can be perfectly enforced or that any crime can be entirely prohibited. If such a thing was possible then there would be no need of courts of justice and the city and state would be freed from the enormous expense of prosecuting criminals. We realize fully the weakness of human nature and do not believe in pandering to these weaknesses, but we do believe in, as far as possible, protecting the weak by bulwarks of civil law. We realize too the viciousness and avariciousness of human nature and believe in curtailing these by the power of law.
I am glad Mr. Editor, that you realize that "religion is a progressive power, keeping in the van of advancement." Do you intend the intelligent people of Astoria to understand by your position on this question that you consider the license of gambling or any other evil as an advancement in morals? If you do you have failed thus far to convince them of the correctness of your position. It is true that religion has never swerved from its course in the onward march of progress but has been uncompromisingly arrayed against evil of every name and nature. The ideal civilization then is where vice and crime have been reduced to the minimum not by the sanction but by the enforcement of civil law. You say that "it is filthy bestial criminality, acquired by years of degradation and nurtured by vile associations that prompts men to murder or rapine." Does the writer mean for one moment to class the weakness of gambling on a level with these? Does he intimate that murder is prompted from the same source as gambling? Does he not know that while one is a crime the other is a passion? What is it that prompts murder? Does it not grow out of one of two things as a rule? First, the desire or inordinate greed for gain—secondly, the result of anger, a passion of the human soul. We have but few Jack's "the ripper" who commit murder for fun. What is it that leads men to gamble? Is it an inherent principle planted in human nature? Not by any means. It is the desire for gain, this desire gratified becomes after awhile a passion. There is not then so great a difference in the source of these two evils as my friend, the editor, would try to make out. Take way from gambling, the glimmering hope of gain and it is robbed of its attraction at once.
If I am not mistaken, under the laws of Oregon and almost if not every other state of the union gambling is placed under the ban of the law and punished as a crime and the plea of human weakness no more avails them than in a case of murder.
Now sir if any key is pitched "a couple of notes too high" yours is certainly a couple of notes too low; suppose then you come up a little and let us meet on a common level and join hands for the suppression and not the legalizing of this blighting curse in this city. We are not after the "unobtainable" or the "gliding of dross and calling it gold," nor are we willing to throw away the gold because there is a little dross in it but we are in favor of applying the purifying fire of civil law and making the gold as pure as possible. Yours truly,
G. A. LANDEN.
Mr. Editor:
In today's paper you state that "Mr. Landen, Mr. Dilworth and Mr. Staver represent by no means the rank and file of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches, as may be seen from interviews published in this paper." In your published interviews there has not appeared the name of a single member of the Methodist church. While I spoke as a single citizen in my first article, I happen to know that I do represent the rank and file of the Methodist church on this question. Now, Mr. Editor stick to the facts and keep sweet or give up the fight. Yours for fair play,
G. A. LANDEN.
The ladies of the library will hold a literary 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.
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