ABOUT THE CITY.

The sun came out timidly yesterday to look for spring.

The gambling element is engaged in deep thought nowadays.

A girl baby was born yesterday to the wife of Gustaf Juntii, of First street.

The new furnaces of the West Shore Mills Company are in course of construction.

Judging by the daily arrivals at the Occident hotel, the travel toward this city is materially increasing.

Question competition, No. 5 class, sharp at noon today. See that your answers are in before that time.

The Northern Pacific ticket office is to be closed, and Mr. Hanson, of the auditing department is in town settling up its affairs.

The decision of the cannerymen on the question of the price of salmon for the season just about to open has not yet been announced.

The wife of Dr. T. L. Golding, of Salem died in that city on Wednesday last. The deceased was a sister of Mr. Frank Patton, of this city.

Although there is no "boom" in building just at present, the number of houses in course of construction speaks well for Astoria's onward march.

The cases of the two Chinese women arrested during Thursday night's raid of Swiltown, were yesterday continued until Monday by Justice Cleveland.

On Thursday evening Rev. Mr. Nissen met with a painful accident by falling through a rotten plank bridge in Uppertown. He will be confined to his bed for some days.

Call at the Albatross Fish Market for fresh fish daily.

Ah How, one of the two Chinese vagrants arrested on Thursday night, and on whose person was found a "knuckle-duster," forfeited his bail of $50 in the justice court yesterday.

If you want some extra fine photos, Mooers' is the place to get them.

Two more arrests were made in Swiltown last evening. They were Mrs. Baker and Mable Baker, charged with keeping a bawdy house. They were released on furnishing bail in the sum of $50 each.

Remember the Austin House at the Seaside is open the year around.

A man named J. T. Gentry, while while employed in moving a house near the Scandinavian cannery in Uppertown yesterday morning lost his balance and fell overboard. He was taken out none the worse for his unexpected bath.

Parties visiting in Portland can get The Daily Astorian at Handley & Haas' news stand, 150 First street.

One of the owners of the premises occupied as gambling dens, when arrested yesterday, treated the matter as a joke, and remarked to Justice Cleveland: "This is a pretty good joke, Judge." "No joke about it," replied his honor; "your bail will be $50."

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

The following passengers went up to Portland on the Telephone last evening: H. C. Francis, Mrs. Bennett, Miss Johnson, Mr. Harrison, Miss McIntosh, Mr. Moore, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Sprague, Mr. Merlite, Bishop Morris, Mr. Dudley, D. M. Dunne, Miss Johnson, H. Wise.

L. P. Fisher, newspaper advertising agent, 21 Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, is our authorized agent. This paper is kept on file at his office.

The San Francisco Examiner just to hand, contains a long telegram dated Washington, D. C., but undoubtedly coming from this city, abusing in a mean and untruthful manner Mr. Herman Wise. The article mentions the fact of the application of Mr. Wise for the position of postmaster in Astoria and crowds several misstatements into an alleged description of the application. It is easy to be seen that some local personal enemy of the treasurer has circulated the statement.

Columbia Tender Company No. 3, willl give a bal April 8th, at Columbia cannery. All invited.

Of the eighty-seven Chinese passengers brought to this city, says yesterday's Oregonian, from Victoria by the Haytian Republic last Tuesday, only eighteen were permitted to land by the customs authorities. Last evening Collector Lotan had the certificate present by another putative "merchant" in process of examination, and was inclined to regard it as straight. When the steamer started on her return trip at 10 o'clock last night she carried fifteen Celestials, who had evidently given up hope of effecting a landing. The remaining fifty-three are held in bond until the court can pass on their cases.

Wing Lee has just received a full line of Japanese curiosities and fancy goods. Will sell at cost. 529 Third street.

The following passengers will arrive from San Francisco today on the steamer State of California: T. H. Speedy, Mrs. H. Schuab, T. Roper, L. Sweeney, C. Calkins, J. W. Wright M. F. Martin and wife, F. W. Strowbridge, J. Monteath, Mrs. Leasy, Miss E. Gekeler, H. Gaster, C. Bunker, K. Martinet, A. Kelley, Captain McCaully and family, Mrs Defries, N. and R. Gilman, Mrs. Heidinger and child, Mrs. Dr. A. Scott, Mrs. Jay Linch, S. C. Sealburg, Miss Williamson, Miss Norburg, Mrs. W. Hemie and children, Miss Sawyer, Miss A. Bumb, B. Rouse, F. Arnold, W. Smith, Miss Kate Finn, John H. Pere, W. Deyslow, A. Nermandin, and wife and son, S. Peiser.

E. W. Kuykendall, the undertaker, embalmer and funeral director, has his parlors in the Welch block, No. 718, Water street. Call up telephone No. 1.

"Outdoors" is the title of a refreshing little book which it is a pleasure to read. The covers are in ten water colors, and inside are articles on lawn-tennis, by F. A. Kellogg; Yachting, by George A. Stewart, successor to Edwin Burgess; Cycling, by Julian Hawthorne; Football, by Walter Camp; baseball, by J. C. Morse; Horsemanship, by H. C. Merwin; Rowing, by Benjamin Garno; Canoeing, by C. Bowyer Vaux; a collection of authoritative articles on healthful outdoor pleasures, illustrated by Copeland, Beals, Gallagher, Young and Shute. This book, published by the Pope Mfg. Co., of Boston, for the benefit of the Columbia bicycle, contains articles without any advertising.

Water consumers will please take notice that the commissioners allow 10 days the first of each month in which to pay water rates, and if not so paid, the water will be immediately shut off without further notice. W. N. Smith, Superintendent City Water Works.

As stated by Sheriff Smith to The Astorian on Thursday night, warrants were issued yesterday for the arrest of George Hill, J. O. Hanthorn, V. Boelling, Hiram Brown, and H. B. Parker, Charged with renting premises occupied as gambling houses. Councilman Bergman was not among the number, for the reason that his houses, situated on Washington street, in the rear of Stevenson's saloon, are occupied as a bawdy house and opium joint, and the state has no jurisdiction in such cases. It is likely that when the city ordinance relative to the renting of buildings to be used as bawdy houses is enforced, Mr. Bergman will be hauled up.

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.

Mr. James Thomas in attempting to cross Mill creek yesterday evening on a log says the T. M., fell into the water and was washed down the stream a considerable distance, in one place being carried over rapids which have a fall of several feet. Mr. E. Crate, Sr., and another man saw the accident and ran to the rescue. When taken out Mr. Thomas was still a live man, but could not have remained in the water but a very short time longer without suffering fatal consequences. The creek which in summer is fordable almost any place, is now a raging torrent, and has a very rapid current. The gentleman is an old soldier, having enlisted in 1863, and having been stationed at the garrison near this city for many years. He has past the half century mark in the journey of life, but is still hale and hearty.

Martin Olsen has juct received a line of tickets—rail and steamship— between Scandinavian points and Astoria. The price will be placed at the unprecedentedly low price of $71.

Judge Cleveland's court was thronged yesterday afternoon, long before 3 oclock, the hour set for the arraignment of the denizens of Swilltown arrested by Sheriff Smith and his deputies on Thursday night. Mr. Winton appeared on behalf of fourteen of them, while the interests of the state were looked after by Deputy District Attorney Curtis. The defendants pleaded not guilty, and their cases were set for trial on Monday morning at 10 oclock. Mr. Winton stated that all of his clients would demand trial by jury, and he supposed that if a few of the cases were tried and resulted in acquittal the remainder of the accused would be discharged. Mr. Curtis, for the state, announced that every case would be tried, and that he would endeavor to secure jurors from among citizens of all classes. Bail bonds were furnished by all, with Pete Dourell and J. E. More as bondsmen for the majority of them.

The ball to be given by Tender Co. No. 3 at the Columbia cannery, promises an enjoyable time to all who may be there. The grand march will commence at 8:30. Good music and a good time is guaranteed. Admission, 50 cts., ladies free.

The declared intention of the fishermen's union, says yesterday's Oregonian, to establish a co-operative cannery, and thus insure to themselves the high price they set upon fish, is an excellent one, if it can be carried out in a practical business way. If the fishermen could combine to can their own product and pay themselves $1.15 for fish, and make the cannery pay a profit, they would demonstrate the reasonableness of the price they have set, since they certainly could not operate a cannery any cheaper than a private individual or a company of business men. They would, also, secure the double profit of producing both the raw material and the finished product. Such a scheme, however, should not rest upon the chimerical idea that the product of the cannery could be marketed with any special facility through the aid of organized labor throughout the country. It would be as dependent upon the condition of the market and the law of trade as the product of other canneries. It is better to realize in advance that a business enterprise of that kind cannot be conducted successfully upon sentiment, than to learn it by dear experience later on.

Personal Mention.

Marcus Wise went to Portland last night.

Captain Flavel leaves for San Francisco this morning.

C. J. Ludwig, of the Portland Box Factory, is in the city.

Miss Minnie Sovey left for Portland last night on the Telephone for a short stay.

R. T. Stevens, C. M. Henderson, A. I. Neisser, J. H. Tieke, C. J. McDougall, J. Augustine, R. C. Pell, Miss Spencer, T. J. Ludwig, Edward F. Hunter, M. Maison, J. G. Megler and wife, Miss Tyrell, L. R. Burgree, R. Kuner, Charley Stuart, H. S. McGowan, and C. H. Jones are registered at the Occident.

The Chinese Highbinders.

A case of more than ordinary interest comes up in the police court this afternoon. It is, in fact, only a portion of the culmination of the Chinese highbinder fight in San Francisco. It will be remembered that last week Ng Lung and Ng Ah Si made a murderous attack on Chu Shet, almost killing him, and necessitating the immediate intervention of medical skill to save his life. The bonds of the prisoners were fixed by Judge Osburn at $200 each, but that official saw fit, very properly, to cancel these bonds and issue new ones for $1000 in each case. The prisoners are both members of the Bow Lung Tong, a society of the most dangerous highbinders on the Coast, and including in its ranks a large proportion of the merchants of Astoria. As soon as the trouble arose, a well-known local Chinaman was brought back home from Portland in the interests of the Bow Lung Tong, and at once engaged himself in an attempt to quash the case for good. The first work of the highbinders was to intimidate the prosecuting witness, Chu Shet, who was weak and ill from loss of blood, and who, the ring-leaders visited at the county jail on four or five occasions. Shet, however, refused to listen to them, and today the case comes up for trial. Since Wednesday last, a dozen Chinamen, representing the Bow Lung Tong, have been in this city from Portland, and have stopped at nothing in their attempts to frustrate the ends of justice. What they have done in this attempt will form a subject of some very interesting reading in The Astorian's columns at no distant date. At present it is enough to say that no stone has been left unturned by these agents.

It is to be hoped that when the medical testimony shows, as it will show, that the crime was very nearly a murder, the affair will be given the consideration and weight due to such a serious act of lawlessness in the heart of the city.

The following is a copy of a document circulated very extensively in the city yesterday.

Office of District Attorney, Astoria, Or., April 7, 1893.

To ———:

Your attention is called to the following section of the laws of Oregon:

Section 1890. If any person shall keep open any store, shop, grocery, ball alley, billiardroom, or tippling house, for the purpose of labor or traffic, or any place of amusement, on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, or the Lord's day, such person upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not less than $5, nor more than $50.

Under the statute of the state of Oregon, baker shops, barber shops, livery stables, drug stores, hotels and restaurants are exempt.

The above law will be strictly enforced. You are therefore notified to close your place of business from Saturday night, 12 o'clock m. until Sunday night 12 o'clock m., of each and every week.

C. J. CURTIS,
Deputy District Attorney.

H. A. SMITH,
Sheriff.

Wirkkala and Sehlin, arrested by Sheriff Smith Thursday evening, waived examination, and were bound over in the sum of $250 each to await the action of the next grand jury. The case of Pete Dourell, charged with a similar offense, will come up for hearing this morning.

The following communication will explain itself:

Astoria, April 6, 1893.

To the Editor of The Astorian:

Dear sir:—Allow me to state through The Astorian that in reference to the charges and insinuations against me made by the proprietor of the Budget, as published in that paper on Thursday evening, I shall reply at length in the columns of the Herald on Sunday. Respectfully, C. J. CURTIS,
Deputy District Attorney.

A GOOD REPORT OF THE A. P. L. A.

Those interested in the success of the public library will be glad to know it is still progressing. The month of March was the most active month in its history. According to a carefully kept record the librarian found that four hundred and seventy-five persons visited the library during the month. This is perhaps double the number in any other month. When you take into consideration the fact that the room is not open until 3:30 each day, the number of visitors seems remarkable. Those interested in reform or improvement in the city should turn their attention to the library. A quiet, orderly, well supplied library has an influence on the young ladies and gentlemen who frequent it, worth more than all the powers of correction. You have this library started; support it and make it live.

OUT OF SIGHT.

The traveling public are now fully alive to the fact that the Chicago, Union Pacific & North-western Line offers the very best accommodations to the public from and to Chicago, Omaha and intermediate points, not only during the World's fair, but all the year round.

Steamer R. P. Elmore will leave from Union Pacific dock, Astoria, for Tillamook bay, Sunday morning on the arrival of the Lurline from Portland.

THE QUESTIONS.

1. What is the distinction between a shrub and a tree?
2. Does knitting the brows assist the process of thinking?
3. What is the origin of the phrase "At Sixes and Sevens?"
4. Are there any means of rendering gunpowder non explosive without wetting it?

Answers must be in by Saturday noon. Please send full name, school and class you belong to.

In response to numerous requests we take pleasure in inviting all pupils of private schools to enter this competition every week.

The age of the contestant MUST be stated.