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City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month.

A Terrible Tragedy.

Saturday evening in Portland Conrad J. Smith, book-keeper for Levy, Spigel & Co., was shot and probably fatally injured by C. H. Gove, a real estate dealer. Gove then shot and killed himself. About all that is known as to the cause of the tragedy is contained in the following letter found upon the person of the deceased:

Saturday, March 23, 1893.

To Whom It May Concern:— Since I am about to attempt a somewhat desperate feat, at some risk to myself, my life perhaps, I pencil the following for the information of those who are interested or think they are.

"Five years ago next August, about the 14th, C. J. Smith, while I was out of the city, began rooming at my home. At the said time said Smith was a business partner of mine. About a week after he began rooming at my home, he entered my wife's bedroom after she had retired, and attempted to rape her person. He was immediately and unceremoniously dismissed from her room, but fearing business entanglements, she failed to do entirely as she should, but allowed him to remain in the house until my return, when she told me all. I kicked him out at once, but did not do more, because I wished to avoid entangling my wife in a way which might reflect more or less upon her. I of course knew all concerning the matter, and I hereby swear by the Almighty God that I know (so far as my intellect allows) that my wife told me all, since she informed me at once regarding the matter. I have brooded on the fact of a business partner so basely acting until I am nearly wild.

"I now propose to castrate said Smith or kill him tonight, entirely optional with him. In case I must take his life, I will also, to avoid further entanglements, take my own.

C. H. Gove."

Smith denies having assaulted Mrs. Gove. The latter, who was away from home at the time, has thus far refused to talk about the awful deed at all.

Another Trunk Mystery.

The Pendleton Tribune says: From Mr. John Thatcher, conductor on the run between Pendleton and La Grande, is learned the details of the finding yesterday of a body in the last stages of decomposition at the La Grande depot, the body being packed in a trunk.

Among the late arrivals at La Grande was a woman of the class commonly known as "fast." The woman brought with her trunks which she ordered left at the depot baggage room until she secured for herself a house. The desired location having been found, the services of a drayman were engaged and the trunks brought to the house, and here the mystery commences. Both the drayman and baggageman had noticed and remarked on the peculiar odor arising from one of the trunks, without, however, suspecting its ghastly contents. The woman also detected the stench before the trunks were inside the house, and complicated matters by denying all knowledge of or ownership in the trunk and refusing to accept it. Nothing remained for the drayman but to return the trunk to the depot.

Here it was opened and the mutilated remains of a human being, so advanced in the last stages of decomposition as to make identification impossible, were disclosed to the gaze of the horrified on-lookers. The leaving of Mr. Thatcher's train prevented him from learning further details as to the disposal of the remains or the solving of the mystery connected with the arrival of the trunk at La Grande.

At New York at the national telegraphic contest, in John W. Mackay's message class, open to all receivers—A. B. Durkoc, of Portland, Or., won first prize, a gold medal valued at \$120; John H. Jones second prize, gold medal valued at \$100. It is an interesting fact that Mr. Hearn, formerly of Lebanon, tied with Durkoc, for the privilege of going east.

Weather Bulletin.

Winter, so called, is yet with us. The temperature varies from 35 to 60 degrees, but the weather is cloudy and the rains are frequent, though not heavy.

Throughout the state the temperature is from two to five degrees a day below the normal, and the rainfall is deficient for the period from July last to date— from 15 to 30 per cent. The winter was devoid of any marked low temperatures; about January 1st the lowest temperatures were recorded in the mountains and higher elevations of Eastern Oregon it was from 3 to 21 degrees below zero. West of the Cascades it was from 5 to 20 degrees above zero. The marked feature of the winter was the heavy snowfall, especially West of the Cascades from December 20, to the 25, and from Jan. 27, to February 5. The snowfall in sections was unprecedented. Over the wheat area of the state the snow fell and formed a covering for the fall-sown wheat, during the period of the extreme cold.

The snow was generally lighter over the stock county, and reports indicate the stock to be in good condition and that there has been a very small percentage lost. More were lost by being killed by coyotes and wild rats than those that died from the lack of food and shelter.

The acreage of wheat has generally increased, in some counties to a large extent. The amount of wheat seeded or that will be, will make an acreage larger, even, than the immense acreage of 1891, when it was 655,000 acres, from which fourteen million bushels of wheat were harvested.

The winter and first month of spring, taken as a whole, have been decidedly cooler than usual, with a deficiency of precipitation; these conditions have materially retarded the advancement of vegetation and also retarded the sowing of spring grain.

PRESENT CONDITIONS.

Reports from all parts of the state show that there is not even an almond tree in bloom yet. In 1889 on March 22nd, the peach, almond, cherry, apple and plum trees were in full bloom; in 1890 the fruit trees were in bloom on April 2nd; in 1891 the buds were backward, but on March 28, many fruit trees were in bloom, and 1892 on April 2 the fruit trees can be said to have been in bloom. Pruning of fruit trees is about done, but few orchards, if any, have been so far cultivated. The buds are swelling now and in a few sections color can be seen on the ends. Present conditions and indications point to a most favorable fruit year. The acreage of fruit has been greatly increased, this is especially true of peach, prune, pear and apple trees. Spraying has been commenced in Jackson county.

Very little plowing has been done so far this spring. The soil is very wet and quite cold. The rains considerably delay spring work.

The principal increase in this year's growth will be wheat, fruit and hops; the latter appears to be very generally increased. Reports all indicate unusual activity in agricultural and horticultural operations, and both start out under the most favorable auspices for a successful year. The cold, damp season retarding bloom as it is, will materially assist the fruit production of the year; it prevents growth to grain, but allows of its stooling and rooting.

While the present looks favorable for a successful year, it should be borne in mind that in years past, April frosts have injured and a few days dry, hot winds in June have cut the expected yield in wheat from 30 to 10 bushels per acre.

Lawyer Joseph M. Choate has confirmed the report from San Francisco to the effect that the Chinese Six Companies had retained him to fight the Geary law. Ex-Assistant United States District Attorney Maxwell Everts will be associated with Choate in the effort to defeat the law. It is reported that New York and Brooklyn Chinamen have already subscribed \$38,000 to fight the law, and can raise as much more should the necessity arise.

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 Middlings—\$1 00 per cwt.
 Potatoes—50c.
 Apples—Dried, 7c per lb.
 Plums—Dried, 6c.
 Onions—2c.
 Beef—Dressed, 3@4c.
 Veal—4@5c.
 Pork—Dressed, 6@6.5c
 Lard—12@15.
 Hams—12@15c per lb.
 Shoulders—10c.
 Sides—12@15c per lb.
 Geese—\$5 per doz.
 Ducks—\$5 00 per doz.
 Chickens—\$3 00@4 00.
 Turkeys—10c per lb.
 Eggs—15c per doz.
 Butter—30c per lb.
 Hides—Green, 2@3c; dry, 6c.

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 Jan. 24, 1893. }
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JASPER D. ROLFE,
 Pre. D. S. No. 7114, for the W. 1/2 of S. W. 1/4, N. E. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4, N. W. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4, Sec. 10, T. 13 S., R. 1 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William J. Morgan, Orlando Pickens, Arthur Stitt, and John Rinehart, all of Sweet Home, Linn Co., Oregon.
 J. T. APPERSON,
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1 A--LE	Tree bearing round fruit.	6 --IN--	A lofty tree.
2 PE---	Tree, fruit large, 21 foot or end.	7 PAN----	Flowers handsome, of purple or other colors.
3 TUL---	Plants, with flowers of bright colors.	8 BAN--A	Tropical tree, with fruit in bunches.
4 --R--NO	Tropical tree, with round yellow fruit.	9 ROS---	Flowering bushes.
5 --RAP-	The fruit is good to eat.	10 --ATE-	Tropical fruit bearing trees.

EXPLANATION Each dash indicates the absence of a certain letter, and when the proper letters are supplied the original word will be found complete. Example: B-b-a. A book which every one should read. The omitted letters are l and i, and when properly inserted the complete word is bible.

REWARDS Are paid in cash the very day any answer is found to be correct. To prevent even any appearance of irregularity or collusion, a copy of the original ten words has been deposited in a safety vault under seal, to be opened March 31st, '93, in the presence of witnesses, whose sworn statement as to the correct words will be published in the April number of the Golden-Rod.

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