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MASTER OF FIRE SHIP HARDY MAN

Hot Lake, March 31.—(Special)—Capt. W. H. Whitcombe, Master of the Portland fire boat George H. Williams, is a guest of the Hot Lake Sanatorium taking the baths and consulting with the doctors.

One of the oldest river captains in point of service now on the river. He is a native son of Oregon and claims Milwaukee as his birth place. He has been constantly on the river since 1872 and since 1876 has held a Master's commission. During all these years of active steaming he has encountered no serious accident, nor has a single man been lost off his boat. His first boat was the Rip Van Winkle, long since forgotten and consigned to the boneyard, but a boat well known and thought of in those first days on the river. As a matter of fact Capt. Whitcombe has seen many of his boat worn out in service, but not one wrecked, sunk or burned, an exceptional record of more than 34 years of river navigation. He has navigated the Columbia and its tributaries from the mouth to the Clearwater above Lewiston.

He accompanied Capt. J. W. True when he took the Harvest Queen over Cascade rapids. This was at a time thought to be almost an impossibility, but they accomplished it successfully and since then have followed their example. It is not unusual for boats to be brought to the lower river when the water is extremely high.

The Captain was for eight years connected with the government service. Master of a tug that was towing barges from Fisher's Landing, 12 mile above Ft. Vancouver to the jetty at the mouth of the river, a distance of 116 miles. For eight years he made the round trip each day, and often towed as many as eight loaded barges. This record has never been equalled by anyone in the government service.

The Captain comes from a family of Ship Masters. At one time the father and six of the boys were all Masters and sailing Western waters. Now Whitcombe has four brothers commanding ships.

When the City of Portland placed the fire boat Geo. H. Williams in commission Capt. Whitcombe was selected to become master and has continued such since. The Captain says that so far as a fire fighter the Geo. H. Williams has no superior, and since she was changed to an oil burner it is doubtful if her equal can be found on the coast. Her pumps are rated at 350,000 gallons per hour.

Capt. Whitcombe says that conditions are much changed on the river but that there is now more business than ever. He says he used to carry hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of goods, but that was the extent of the business, but now industries have been developed and the salmon business is but one of the many sources of revenue of the river.

He says he has seen the river grow from a river landing the pride of every native the Mecca of the enterprising investor and business man of other states.

Normal School Question

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