

BAR, BAY AND RIVER ROCKS ARE TOO BIG

Benson Log Raft Will Leave Out for San Diego.

Duane Street Improvement Not According to Specifications.

DAUNTLESS WILL TOW IT DOWN

COUNCIL WILL INVESTIGATE

Schoon A. L. Coats Departs For Redondo—Oil Tank Whittier Arrives from South—Jane L. Stanford in Stream Awaiting Crew.

City Attorney at the Adjourned Meeting of the City Council Urges More Careful Inspection of the Streets—Ordinances Passed

The marine event of the day, yesterday, was the arrival of the big sea raft of the Benson Log & Lumber Company, from Wallace's Slough on the Columbia river, and bound for San Diego, Cal. The huge cigar-shaped mass came down on the hawsers of the bag-tug Wallula, with the steamers M. F. Henderson, and Jones of her flanks to keep her in the channel. She is 600 feet long and 44 feet beam, with a draught of 22 feet, built on the identical lines of the Hammond rafts, and is bound with 23 tons of mooring chains; and contains 4,000,000 feet of lumber, and about 5,000,000 feet in raw logs. She is the first of the new venture started by the Benson people in their project to ship the raw material in this wise, and work it up at mills to be erected on the lower coast of California in this special behalf; this raft going direct to San Diego. She has, in her core, a large amount of shafting and mill gear and tools for the new mill. She was taken to the lower harbor, and anchored, and will leave out on this afternoon's flood, on the towing lines of the fine Spreckles' ocean-going tug, Dauntless, under command of Captain Jack Darrah. That doughty mariner says he expects to be at sea 13 or 14 days, and will tow clear through if he finds he has oil-fuel enough when he gets off San Francisco; if not, he will signal for relief, and some other of the Spreckles' fleet will come out and take the big thing on down the coast. All Astoria hopes good luck may attend the voyage, on the score of saving the Benson Company a big loss, and saving the shipping of the world, hither-bound, the danger and loss incident to a disruption of the monster.

The barkentine Jane L. Stanford went to the stream yesterday morning, and will leave out for Sydney as soon as she can fill her crew. Captain Mollstad is anxious to get to sea, now that he is all fixed up after his rough deal with the steamer Stetson.

The four-masted schooner A. L. Coats left out yesterday afternoon, for Redondo, with 825,000 feet of lumber.

Rocks a foot or more in diameter, sprinkled over a street, are not thought by the city council to be the best means of making a road either smooth or substantial, and a street so improved is not apt to be paid for by the property owners without some protest.

At an adjourned meeting of the council last night the subject of constructing streets in the manner above mentioned was brought up by City Attorney Smith, who stated that the improvements being now done on Duane street between Sixth and Tenth streets, was of a very poor kind, and not as the specifications called for. He substantiated his assertions by exhibiting a number of boulders taken from the street which were far too large to be used with good results on a roadway.

The rocks hauled by the contractors were said by Attorney Smith to be large and flat, and which would require but a few weeks to work to the top through the screenings. The matter he said should be looked into and the contractors should be compelled to live up to their contract.

Councilman Stangland of the street committee in this connection said the contract required that no rocks more than 2½ inches in diameter should be used on the street. "An inspector is employed to look after the work," said he, and it looks like he has been negligent in his work in this case.

Councilmen Robinson and Hansen of the street committee both agreed with their colleague that the work should be done according to the specifications, and that if the facts were as stated, it ought to be investigated, and remedied at once. "It's the street committee that is always blamed," said Robinson, "if anything goes wrong, and I think we had better do something at once, before trouble arises."

The matter was finally brought to a head by Councilman Logan, who moved that the Auditor notify the contractors improving the street to see that the work was done according to specifications or if not the street would not be accepted.

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that the inspector in charge of the work should also be informed to properly inspect the rock used on the street, and see that no boulders larger than the contract called for were used.

The contract for the improvement in question is being done by Dill & Young. Thomas Lowry is said to be the inspector. In the course of the discussion it developed that there are a number of other streets in town, where the work is not done according to contract requirements, and in some cases, the property owners had refused to pay for the improvement.

A resolution authorizing the street superintendent to construct a bulkhead where required on the west side of Eighth street between the residence of J. E. Higgins and the summit of the hill, to protect the sidewalk from sliding earth, was adopted. Material from the Harrison avenue improvement will be used in the work.

A resolution to repair a drain in McClure's Astoria from a point 10 feet east of the west line of Ninth street to a point 100 feet west of the west line of Ninth street, was adopted.

An ordinance re-establishing the grade on Exchange street from Eighth to Ninth streets was passed after the first and second reading on suspension of the rules.

A communication was received from the regatta committee asking the council to participate in the parade. The invitation was accepted.

A communication was read from the street superintendent relative to the blocked drain in McClure's Astoria, which was ordered filed.

An ordinance providing for the regulation and manner of constructing macadamized streets in the city, was read the first and second time and referred back to the street committee, the City Engineer, and the City Attorney to report at the next meeting.

This ordinance provides that a 12-inch macadam street shall be constructed first with a layer of rock four inches deep, the rock to be of cubical dimensions so that the largest will pass through a four-inch ring. Upon this layer of rock screenings or fine rock not more than one inch in diameter, shall be placed, and this layer shall be rolled when dry, and the second layer shall consist of four inches of rock three inches in diameter. This second layer shall be rolled after being wet. The third layer shall be cubical rock two inches in diameter upon which two inches of screenings shall be placed, the rock in these screenings to be not over one inch in diameter. This is all required to be rolled after being watered.

In a nine-inch macadam street the first layer shall be rock four inches in diameter and covered with screenings to the depth of one inch, the rock in these screenings to be not more than one inch in diameter. This is to be rolled dry. The second layer will be to the depth of four inches with rocks not to exceed two inches in diameter, and screenings of crushed rock one inch in diameter; this is to be rolled wet. The whole is then to be thoroughly rolled with the steam roller.

The ordinance providing for the leasing of the steam roller was passed.

Dell Scully was present at the council and explained to the council his plans for giving a dance during the regatta. It seems the regatta committee had objected, on the grounds that he was usurping their privilege. After some discussion it was arranged that the regatta committee would receive half of the receipts of the dance, and bear half the expense. The council extended Mr. Scully a vote of thanks for conceding this to the regatta. An adjournment was then taken.

PORTLAND BEATS VANCOUVER.

VICTORIA, B. C., August 23.—The Portland cricket team defeated Vancouver yesterday in the cricket tournament by a score of 88 to 79 runs.

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FROM GOLD FIELD TO HIS HOME CITY

PETER GRANT EXPRESSES HIS VIEWS ON THE LABOR DAY FIGHT BETWEEN NELSON AND GANS IN PLAIN, TELLING TERMS

Among the visitors at the office of the Morning Astorian, yesterday was Peter Grant, who is homing here for a few days with Mrs. Grant and the children. He expects to leave for Goldfields, via San Francisco, on Saturday evening next, and will be at the ring-side in the Gans-Nelson battle along with his friends and partners, and fellow-citizens of that famous camp.

In the course of conversation Mr. Grant was asked for his opinion of the theories put forth by "The Knave" in the Oakland (Cal.) Tribune, and reproduced in these columns yesterday morning, and he responded by declaring his conviction that the author of the strictures alluded to, must be addicted to a new brand of hop; that it was not worth deliberate notice and he was not disposed to speak of it at length.

This allusion to the great fight due to come off at Goldfields on Labor Day, led Mr. Grant to aver his unqualified interest in the Gans end of the combat; and though he has his fixed prejudices in the matter, he spoke in genuine terms of commendation of both the pugilists, saying they were good, clean men, skilled and manly, and determined upon a fight to the finish. That nothing but the straightest goods they had to deliver would go in that particular neighborhood; that Goldfields had put up its money for a square fight and no monkey-business would go there for a single minute; both men realized this, and their trainers as well, and the first false break made in the ring would be the signal for such an uproar and prompt reprisals as were never known in any sporting event of the kind in all history before. He was confident that the contest would be pulled off without misunderstanding or dubious action of any kind, and that it would be among the greatest and cleanest in the records, simply because the miners who were putting up the \$30,000 would stand for nothing else. The champions were game to the core and knew all that was expected and were able and willing to contribute what they had, and do it right.

He was of the opinion that the latter was a purely business speculation on the part of the Goldfields community, for the immense volume of world-wide advertising that would come of it. Goldfields, at the close of the fight would be known in every land as a great and live camp, and this would be worth millions to her in a commercial way.

He is devoutly sanguine of the future of the great gold camp and unhesitatingly pins his faith to the possibilities that are now unfolding there, and speaks by the card in telling of the fine properties under development and the assurances held by the men whose millions are at work in the vast exploitation of the mines there, and thereabout.

METCALF SAILS.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 23.—Captain Metcalf representing the Lloyds and the Pacific Mail, sailed today on the Ventura for Honolulu. He carries a complete wrecking outfit as did also Captain Pillsbury representing the San Francisco Board of Marine Underwriters.

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DECK AND DOCK NEWS.

The steamer Yosemite left Vancouver for Warrenton yesterday, and will be down this morning, and load out lumber from the Old Oregon Lumber Company.

The fine steamer Hilonian came down from Portland yesterday morning and went to sea and the Sound at 10:30.

The steamer Northland, now loading at Rainier, is due down the river today, enroute to San Diego.

The steamer T. J. Potter came down at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon with a good crowd of people for the northshore beaches.

The oil-tanker Monterey, from San Francisco, came in yesterday on the hawsers of the tea tug Defiance, and went on to Portland.

The oil-tank steamer Whittier arrived in from the Bay City late yesterday afternoon, and went directly on to the metropolis.

The steamer Alliance came into port yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock with 76 people in her cabins, and all the tonnage she could stagger under. She was at the Callender pier for half an hour and then went on to the metropolis.

DONE BY DEED

Marie Dean et. ux. to A. G. Johnson, lot 7, block 110, McClure's Astoria \$900

M. D. Staples and wife to M. S. Ingalls et. al., lot 7, block 75, McClure's Astoria 2000

United States to Andrew Peterson, patent for S. E. 1-4 sec. T. 9 N., R. 4 W. 1

G. L. Colwell and wife to Mrs. M. J. Wright, 300 feet square in sec. 27, T. 7 N., R. 10 W. 1

Katie Camp to John W. Welch and Gracie M. Sundleaf, N. 115 feet of lots 1 and 2, block 21, Shively's Astoria 1

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Jenny.—Treatment for pimples and blackheads calls for absolute cleanliness. Pimples show that the body is absorbing poisonous substances and needs Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Tea or Tablets, 35 cents. Frank Hart, druggist.

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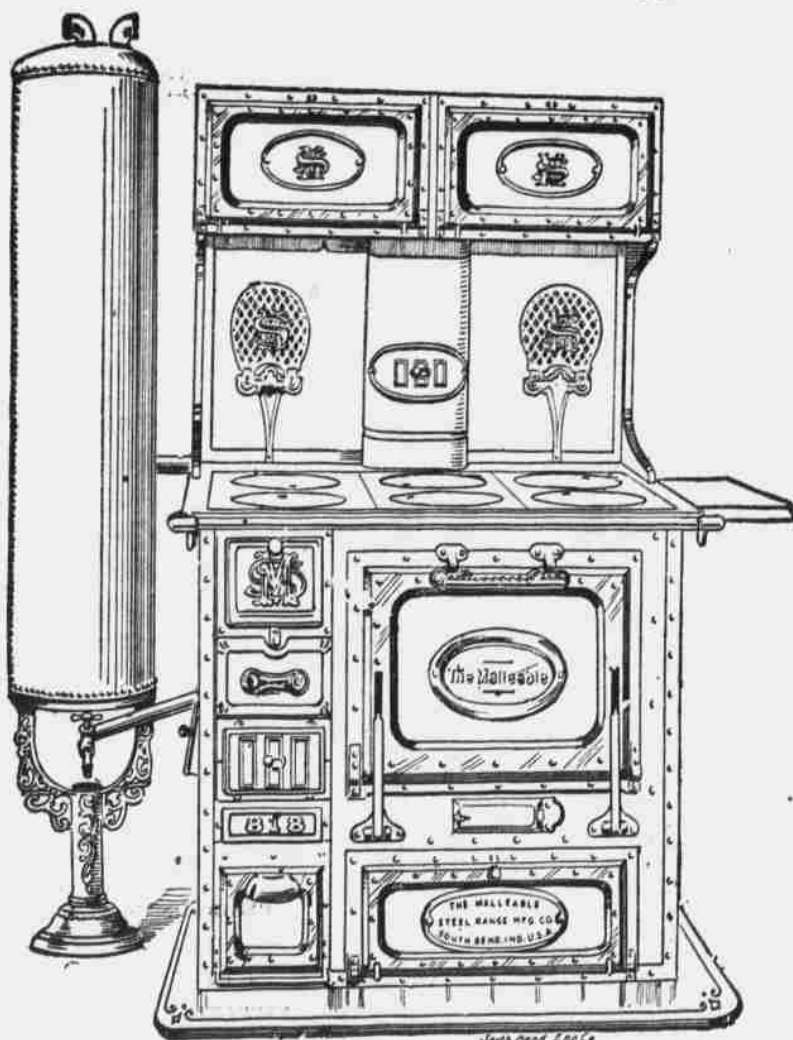
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