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## A LUMBERMAN'S LIFE

### Rafting Logs in Pennsylvania.

The post of danger is on the jams, and the most skillful men are sent. Pitfalls will open in the midst of a solid mass of timber and then close in a moment, after having dragged a man down beyond all help; a log will move a few inches slowly and unnoticed, and then with a movement like an arrow strike a luckless man, crushing the life out of him in an instant. On every side dangers are lurking, and he is fortunate that passes a spring without injury. There is something attractive in the looks of a log jam, and if the fascination that danger has been taken from it still men would rather work there than on the shore. The long, narrow sea of white timber, croaking and writhing with the action of the current; the water roaring and foaming as it escapes from its prison under the logs, and the logs themselves molded into fantastic shapes by the terrible pressure behind them, all have an attraction for men who are impressed by strength or picturesque. After a jam is formed the jam-breakers are sent on it, and the boss may be seen directing the work and examining to see what holds it. Sometimes it is one log, and again it will be several knotted together in such a way as to almost baffle the most experienced, but generally one or two "floods" will start it. The floods are made by the large floating dams, and will raise the water several feet, lifting the jam up into the air as if it were a toy boat. If a specially large flood is needed, two and sometimes three are used at a time, the flood-gates of the lower dam being opened just as the water from the dam above reaches it. In this way an immense "splash" is obtained that only the most refractory jams can successfully combat.

There are few grander sights to be seen anywhere than the moving of a large jam. The grand strength with which they move, tearing out the largest trees and forcing everything before them, and the fierce motion of the logs, like the crazy shuttles of some giant machine, and the perfection of force, compel enthusiasm from the most phlegmatic spectator. The wild hurrahs of the men on the logs add to the excitement, and the observer is quite sure to find himself running along by the side of the moving mass, cheering as if he had won a battle. The men who are at work scarcely realize the danger, they are so carried away with the excitement, and they may be seen jumping from one log to another and cheering as if perfectly safe on solid ground instead of on a dangerous sea of moving logs that are continually rising and falling and dodging this way and that, driven by the flood of water furnished by the floating dams. The skill shown by experienced floaters in riding logs is wonderful, and it seems impossible for human dexterity to reach such perfection. A jam will sometimes form where precipitous rocks make it impossible for the men to escape on either side, and they must ride the logs for several rods. In such places the water is always swift, sometimes forming rapids, and watching the logs jumping, tumbling, rolling along with a deafening roar, one wonders how men can live among them for an instant. Behind the jam breakers come the sackers with their teams, drawing the logs that jams have forced far out on the banks and bringing in those on the shores. "Bringing up the rear," is the technical term given this work

by the lumbermen, and it is no more desirable than occupying the same position in the army. It is terribly cold work, too, wading in the snow water, ice freezing on the levers and on the clothing where exposed to the air, and makes the spectators shiver to see them. But the hardy lumbermen don't mind it. They expect it, and their strength is equal to the demand.

At meal time they all come with prodigious appetites for their rations, that are as hot as they can be eaten. Hot biscuits, potatoes, eggs, meat, tea, coffee and everything else, solid and liquid, are smoking like the steam from a locomotive, while the generous draughts from the cup that inebriates add their fuel to the general fire. No cold victuals are current in log-floating time. All the chill required is found in the ice-water, and something has to be taken to counteract its influence.

The nights are spent in camps where the roaring fires, burning all night, partially dry the wet clothes that must be put on in the morning. Coming into the room where the clothes are hung, a great cloud of steam is seen that rises to the ceiling, where it condenses, and either falls down in drops or evaporates on the warm boards, and the clothes are all smoking as if engaged in a contest. When the river is reached the life changes. There are few jams to break, less wading and more riding in boats, and all the work is easier and less dangerous. If the logs stop on a rock that is out in the middle of the river, a boatman carries some men there, who may roll them off and get into the boat again without danger and without getting wet. There are logs along the shore to be rolled in, but the water is not as swift as in the runs, and in the deep water a man can stand with comparative safety. Everything is easier, and the day the river is reached is almost a holiday among the lumbermen.

Western Washington Territory has little or no open country, but with few exceptions was a forest region. Along the river bottoms are thickets of vine maple, ash, alder and willow; on the uplands oak sometimes grows, but usually fir, spruce and cedar. Along the Columbia are some rich bottoms. The Cowlitz has an extensive valley. All the region from the Cascade mountains to the sea and northward from the Columbia to Puget Sound possesses much the same character. The uplands are fir forests and the bottoms tangled thickets. When cleared they make the richest meadows and grain fields. The greater portion of this region of a hundred square miles is vacant. The Pacific division of the Northern Pacific railroad passes through it, from Kalama, on the Columbia, forty miles below Portland, to Tacoma on Puget Sound. 105 miles, and is dotted with villages. The county presents a rugged appearance, but has good soil. In a few years, when immigration shall have filled up the open wheat land east of the mountains, this timbered region will be appreciated. It can be cleared as the forests of the New England and middle states have been cleared. When cleared these lands will have especial value from nearness to market and mild climate. In time these western regions of the north Pacific will be the most valuable on these accounts; meantime, they are partially neglected. They attract con-

tinual immigration and witness constant improvements, but the great rush of new comers is towards the open country that waits only for the plow to stir the soil to produce prodigious crops of wheat.

Writing to the *Oregonian* from Clatskanie, Columbia county, "F" says: All kinds of fruit do well here. For vegetables it can't be beaten, and it may surprise some in the east to learn that an average crop of timothy is four tons to the acre, and that five and six tons are not uncommon. Wheat is not much raised here, but over eighty bushels to the acre has been raised. In fact all grains do well if cultivated. The time is not far off when all of this land will have been located, and when prospectors will have found mines of tin and other metals; when coal mines will be opened and wells flowing; and when we will have railroad communication with Portland and Astoria. There are two schools on Clatskanie, and there will soon be another. There are many children, and the way children drop down from cloud land here there will never be any lack of them for school or census purposes.

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