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TILLAMOOK ROCK LIGHT-

rises abruptly before it to the is the bottom of the gap. Even in a calm sea the swell of the heavy swells of the sea, and it was not unusual for the passenbeats the water into foam about the rock, while in times of storm the billows dash madly against it and leap far up its sides. The water rushes into the fissure with great violence, throwing spray to the very top of the rock. often leaping over the intervening wall and sweeping down the opposite side. It is a grand sight to themselves and their supplies. witness this mighty power shatter. The rock had no deep recesses in ing itself in passionate desperation which they could take refuge, against the immovable mass that and shelter from the driving rains stops its onward course. Looking could only be had by making eastward from the rock the shore line is marked by three distinct down to bolts let into the solid headlands, whose fir-covered tops rock. After blasting out a place rise 1,500 feet above the sea, and for the main derrick, they comse bases are visible vast heaps of rocks, some in ledges laid bare by the action of the sea, some in immense broken pieces brought down by land slides from the mountain sides, and others standing in detached masses like the great rock itself. It is an unhospitable coast, and can nowhere be approached with safety in a small boat within twenty miles, suspended from bolt attachments let into the solid rock, until they save during calm weather in the had blasted out a secure foethold summer time at Clatsop beach. When first visited by the work- for themselves. In the face of men, the rock swarmed with sea dangers and hardships the men lions, which were indisposed to worked diligently throughout the eventually they retired to other the reception of the derrick and so abandon it to the intruders; but

rocky retreats further to the south. progressed with the main work The first attempt to land upon that a large force could be utilized. the rock was made June 22, 1879, Early in January the coast was under the management of H. S. visited by a terrific storm, which Wheeler. The revenue cutter caused the waves, after rebound-Corwin steamed to within a short ing from the face of the rock and distance of it and launched a surf filling the chasm on the south boat, which was boldly run close side, to be thrown by the wind to the east side, notwithstanding entirely over the rock at every the fact that the waves were dash. point continuously for many days, ing in foam against it. After con- carrying away, in their impetuous siderable trouble two men suc- descent down the opposite slope, ceeded in scrambling upon the the supply house on the lower rock; but before the boat could level and endangering even the return to them with a line, the quarters of the men above. The waves rose higher and threatened to cut them off entirely from their companions, and they therefore jumped into the sea and were jumped into the sea and the se with much difficulty rescued from towards an apparently secure system.

For sale by all Draggists and Dealers drowning. Another attempt was level higher up, but were restrained made three days later, when Mr. by Mr. Ballantyne, who well knew Wheeler succeeded in landing in that in the intense darkness they person and with a tape line meas. | could never cross over the slippery ured the most important dimen. rocks, and would be swept off by sions. On the eighteenth of the the wind into the maddened sea HARDWARE, IRON, STEEL, following September John R. below. Fortunately sufficient Trewavas and a sailor named provisions had been stored in the Cherry succeeded in gaining foot. quarters to last during the two hold upon the rock, intending to weeks that elapsed before it was make a complete survey, but Mr. possible to reach the rock with Trewayas slipped from the wet fresh supplies. The force was SHEET LEAD STRIP LEAD slope into the sea, and though then increased, and by the first of SHEET IRON TIN AND COPPER Cherry jumped in after him and May the top was leveled ready for the surf boat went immediately the buildings, 4,630 cubic yards of Carnery and Fishermens Supplies to his rescue, he was drawn down solid rock having been removed. An by the undertow and was never effort to fill the chasm on the south Stoves, Tin Ware and House The Daily and Weekly Astorian seen again. On the twenty-first side with the excavated material of October the Coroin left As. was unsuccessful. Notwithstandtoria with men, equipments and ing the large size of the pieces supplies sufficient to last several blasted out, they were removed by PER PLUMBING and STEAM FITTING months, and made fast to a spar the waves in very short order. By buoy that had been put down a the exertion of much effort and few days before within 300 skill the large derrick was landed A large assortment of feet of the rock. Two men succeed- and set in place, the mast being

ed in landing from the surf boat, forty-five high and the boom sev-

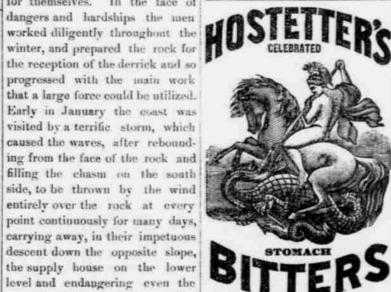
and taking the end of a cable enty-five feet long. Another that had previously been fastened large derrick, four small ones, and Tillamook rock is a bold, basal- to the mast of the vessel. This a large engine for operating them, tic mass rising abruptly from the they wound around a projecting were also landed. The material sea, one mile off Tillamook head, ledge eighty-five feet above the used in constructing the works and twenty south of the entrance water and drew it taut. On was 5,914 cubic feet of first-class to the Columbia. The water on this cable was put a large single ashlar stone, 2,880 of second-class the west, north and east is from block, called the "traveler," with ashlar, 96,664 brick, and 2,635 ca-25 to 40 fathous deep, while on a long hook suspended from it, bic feet of sand. These were all the south it shoals to 16 to 18 and this was drawn forward and prepared and shipped ready for fathoms. As it rises from the sea backward between the vessel and use, and landed from the deck of the face of the rock is precipitous the rock by an endless rope run- the vessel by the large derrick. on the west side for about 15 feet, ming through blocks at either end. It is unnecessary to follow step and then slopes gently back, All the materials and supplies by step the construction of this forming a narrow, irregular bench were transferred to the rock by important station, nor to give in extending along the north, west being suspended from the hook at- detail the thousand obstacles that and part of the south sides. tached to the traveler and then presented themselves and were

Springing from this bench and in. drawn along by the rope. Three overcome by patience and skill. clining towards the sea, it rises on additional men were landed in Enough has been told to give all the west to a total height of 120 this way, riding in a novel con- that was intended, an idea of the feet, with a rounded knob on top. veyance called the "broeches expense, danger and difficulties The north side is nearly vertical. buoy." It consisted of an ordicattending the light house system. On the east it is very steep from nary circular life preserver, slung The work was completed and the the crest for 30 feet downwards, from the traveler, to which was light first exhibited January 21, and then slopes off gradually to securely lashed a pair of breeches 1881, and the machinery was the sea. On the south side a deep cut short at the knees, the latter placed in the fog signals three fissure divides the rock into two to support the man in the proper weeks later. Considering the inunequal parts. The fissure position while in the air, and the creasing commerce of the Columruns into rock from the west, ter- former to preserve his life if he bia river and the northwestern minating against a rocky wall that should chance to fall into the coast, the light house at Tillamook water. It was impossible to keep may be reckoned as one of the height of 30 teet, the top of which the cable taut, as the vessel was in most important stations ever estabconstant motion under the action lished.

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