

STEAMER ALERT LAUNCHED

Description of the Remodeled Craft Written up by the Dramatic Reporter.

The steamer Alert, which has been on Christensen & Johnson's ways for some time, being lengthened and repaired, was launched Wednesday afternoon. As the editorial force of the paper was engaged in watching the Republican convention, our young reporter was sent to write up the launching and the improvements made on the Alert. The following is the result:

The steamer Alert is now a fine specimen of marine architecture, and Captain Edwards may well feel proud of his boat, in remodeling which he has introduced all the modern improvements.

As her run is up the North fork of Coos river, and it is a long way to Alsea, she has been lengthened out so that she can reach that point without traveling so far. Captain Edwards figures that the distance thus saved on each trip will effect a great economy in fuel in the course of the year.

As the water is somewhat shoal at the head of the river, the bottom of the boat is provided with ring staples on the top side, into which pulleys are hooked and the bottom can thus be raised up to avoid the sand bars. In fact, the decks and sides of the steamer are all made collapsible, so that she may be adapted in size to the streams in which she runs. Her keel and skag are on detachable hinges, so that they may be folded up or taken off altogether. Capt. Edwards says that the steamer will now draw a great deal of water when a full head of steam is on, and all the pumps are working, the old method of drawing water by the use of buckets having been discarded.

Another improvement in her machinery is the introduction of condensers, which condense milk as well as water, and this will be found very convenient on the Coos river run. Her new engines are also constructed to boil water at a very low temperature. Extra strong hog-pots and hog-chains have been placed on board, as the Coos river hogs, which she sometimes carries, are very large and fierce.

She will sail by compass altogether, and thus save following all the tortuous bends of the river to find her way to Alsea.

Many other improvements have been introduced by Captain Edwards, but lack of space forbids their enumeration.

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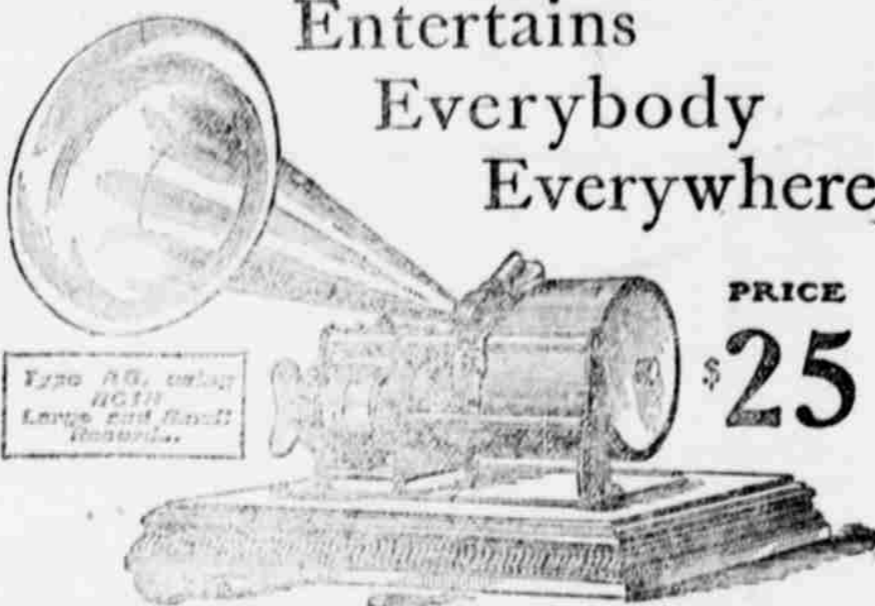
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