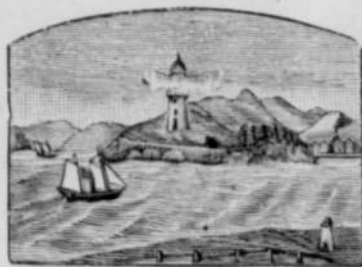


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THE BIG RAFT

The Astorian of October 12, says: "Yesterday at noon the monster raft, which for the past six weeks has been in course of construction at Stella, arrived safely in Port in tow of the tug Monarch and the steamer City of Frankfort. The Monarch dropped anchor at a point opposite the O. R. and N. dock, and held on to the raft with a lawser, both swinging with the tide and nearly blocking up the channel, for the time being, so long is the peculiar looking craft. Hundreds of people flocked to the waterfront and watched the progress of the steamers with the big tow from the moment they came in sight of the river above Tongue Point, until anchor was dropped abreast the city, after which many people visited the raft during the afternoon.

Looking at it from a distance it resembles very much the whale-back class of vessels, and appears to be very solidly constructed. In dimensions the raft is 100 feet shorter, but seven feet wider beam and seven feet deeper than the raft that was constructed last year at Coos Bay, and contains at least one third more timber. It is 525 feet in length, 52 feet beam, tapering to two feet at the ends, 27 feet deep, and draws 20 feet aft and 19 feet, 6 inches forward. It contains 9000 piles, averaging forty feet in length, in running feet a total of 360,000. A part of the raft is composed of 8000 running feet of ship's spars, which, with the piling, makes a total of 4,500,000 lineal feet. The raft is formed around a main chain 540 feet long, to which are attached cross chains which go crosswise through the raft at intervals of 12 feet on the main body of the structure, and at the tapering ends, herring-bone chains are used and are laid at right-angles to the main chain. Attached to the latter are the chains which encircle the raft, and when being towed, the tighter the strain on the main chain, the more compact are the piling held together.

There was no trouble experienced in coming down the river, except an accident near Woody Island, where they spent the night, the raft drifting against the tug's rudder and damaging it slightly. As soon as they arrived in the city yesterday the broken parts were repaired by the Astoria Iron

Works, and they left out about 8 o'clock in the evening. This raft is consigned to the Southern Pacific railroad at San Francisco, and it is expected that ten days will be consumed in towing it down. Another raft will be framed at Stella this winter and taken out in the spring. When work was started on the cradle at Alderbrook it was intended to load 300,000 feet of lumber on the raft at the Clatsop Mills, but on account of the lateness of the season the idea was abandoned. Mr. A. R. Robertson left for San Francisco on the Monarch, and Mr. W. E. Baines returned to Stella last night to supervise the construction of the second raft.

LATER:—The raft got safely out and has been sighted on her journey down the coast.

FOR SETTLEMENT.

Township 3 north, range 6 west, was thrown open for filing Monday. A number of filings were made by settlers with the register of the land office at Oregon City on that day, about a dozen going from this place. Among the number were Wm. Watrous, Dr. G. O. Rogers, A. F. Shearer, Mr. Witt and Geo. and E. J. and John Straight. This is a fine timber region and also contains much good agricultural land and is situated at the extreme head of the Nehalem river. The township was first entered by Jas. Stephenson and Geo. R. Burnett, who made a private survey of a part of it and opened up the old military wagon road about four years ago.—Forest Grove Times.

It touched the Advocate in a sore spot when the tax list was let to the HEADLIGHT. In fact, the Advocate expected to get 40 cents per line for doing the work—enough to pay for its \$350 outfit. Forty cents a line is a little over 25 times the rate that it will be done for, but when the Advocate realized that the HEADLIGHT had knocked their combination out of sight, it bid only two cents a line, just a shade over the HEADLIGHT. In fact as every printer knows both bids scraped the bottom, and were only nominal figures. It was nothing but a contest between two papers, and the HEADLIGHT got there. No use to cry because our bid was one-half cent lower. Every body understands that the Advocate was kept going only with the understanding that it would get the

tax list, and the combination never dreamed that the county court would take a hand and let the work to the lowest bidder. The HEADLIGHT does not like to cut rates, but it is willing to be out a little for the fun of bursting a conspiracy. The bidding was a great surprise to the Advocate, and after Mr. Handley read it in the HEADLIGHT he squirmed around trying to convince the authorities that his bid was the lowest. Fifty cents per column is very cheap, even if it were so, but the Advocate has several columns that it does not get one cent per column for, and the balance are not worth one cent to its readers. It doesn't even give the court proceedings. As to starving concerns,—well, the Advocate was just dying and was offered repeatedly at \$500. Finally Mr. Handley got it for \$73 in county orders, and two or three other parties whose names dare not be published took a little stock on the European plan. The thing will be to sell or give away again soon. The HEADLIGHT has the business in this country and is content with it. See which starves out first!

The Observer acknowledges a call from Indian policeman Dave Leno, of Grand Ronde. Mr. Leno and his party were on their way home from the State Fair, and he does not report that they enjoyed their stay there the best in the world. Leno is one of the largest farmers on the reservation. His farm of 360 acres is located at the junction of the salmon river and Nestucca roads. Mr. Leno was born in Oregon, near Chemawa, and was moved to the Grand Ronde reservation 36 years ago. He says there are only thirteen pure-blood Indian families at Grand Ronde, and a total population of 360.—Dallas Observer.

For the first time in his literary career Jerome K. Jerome is about to write directly for an American audience. This work consists of a series of papers similar in vein to his "Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow," but addressed to American girls and women. The articles will begin shortly in The Ladies' Home Journal, which periodical will print the entire series.

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