

Odds and Ends.

A Communication.

We publish the following from a former Tillamook boy by request.

July 6th 1898, Camp Merrett, San Francisco Cal.

Mrs. Nellie Harris, Dear Sister,

As we arrived here all right, I will write to you. On the way down we had good bunks and plenty to eat, for the people in Woodburn and Salem gave us all we wanted to eat and more too, also the State gave us \$1.50 to buy with on the trip down, which we had clear. The Red Cross gave us a meal when we left the ferry. We changed cars at Sacramento, from there we ran two full trains on the ferry, crossed the bay.

We are clear out of town. We got here the forenoon of the 4th, and didn't get any dishes until to-day. We will stay here a good while I guess. We sleep in a barn with the soft side of a plank for a tick and shoes for a pillow. As luck would have it we got blankets the first day and a double one at that. As for the stuff we eat, that is all right, never want anything better. We will move into tents some time this week. There are 13,000 men here so they say. Those duck uniforms look like a hayseed's coat, they don't have even brass buttons on to look military, and fit like a blanket. It is cold and the wind blows the sand, which is good and deep here. The Catholics and Christian Endeavor's people have free paper to write on and free papers to read. The C. E. gives a free lunch every night. The women of Woodburn gave us a fine supper the night we left. Just tell the girls that when I get back I will come over in uniform so they can see a real and live volunteer, just for once. I have seen Fred and Arthur Stillwell.

I am well, but my face feels like fire for the wind and sand cuts like a knife. The Cavalry are drilling now so I will close and go and watch them. Good bye.

July 12th.—I am well excepting a cold and I got medicine for that, so I will be all right in a few days. I hope you are all well over there. I don't believe that we will ever go to Manila, unless things change some. I was on guard last Sunday and who should come along but Norcan Olsen, a boy that I went to school with on Hoquarton, he belongs to Co. G. U. S. Infantry, he joined here at Frisco the day after Jim Lawrence left for Manila. There are two brothers here that met and had not seen each other for years. Several years ago when their father died they started out to seek their fortune, one going East and the other West, when the call came for volunteers they both joined, one in Tennessee, the other in Iowa, when they were drilling the other day their regiments came close together and the boys recognized each other. The deaths, average one man every three or four days. The Tennessee regiments are perfect devils, they have a fight at most every day and among themselves too, sometimes ending in a shooting affray. The New Yorkers called them moonshiners and the next night, if it hadn't been for the police, they would have killed the New Yorkers for when they were stopped they were on their way to the New Yorker's camp with fixed bayonets and they meant business. No more this time.

Your Brother, Private, W. H. Barrett.

Rafts and Rafting.

ASTORIA, Or., July 15.—The fourth ocean log raft built by H. R. Robertson at Stella arrived down tonight. It scales between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 feet of lumber. If the raft was made of sawed lumber it would contain about 12,000,000 or 13,000,000 feet, about twice as much as the raft recently sent to San Francisco by the Inman-Poulsen company. It is 600 feet long, with a 53-foot beam, and draws 20 feet 6 inches. It is cigar-shaped like those sent down by the Robertson Raft Company, and is protected by a heavy plank bulkhead at each end, held in place by four steel cables 1 1/4 inches in diameter. It is towed by a hawser 16 inches in circumference and 150 fathoms long, connecting with a chain 75 fathoms long at the end of the raft. This chain is connected with another chain which runs through the whole length of the raft, and wherever the strain comes on the hawser it pulls the raft together. On the ocean by this means the raft is tightened more securely.

The Spreckels company has the contract for towing the raft from here to San Francisco, and the Mackinaw is now waiting for it outside. The raft is fully insured, the insurance company taking the risk at less than half the rates charged on the other ocean rafts.

Mr. Robertson, who accompanied the raft to this city, said there was no reason why it should not arrive safely at its destination. Another raft is being built on the same plans by Mr. Robertson, at Stella, and will be ready in about two months.

R. D. Inman, president of Inman, Paulson & Co., returned on the 14th from

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San Francisco, after a voyage on one of the tugs which towed the big raft built and shipped by this firm. Although some 5,000,000 feet of lumber were lost by the breaking of the raft, he is well satisfied with the venture, a fact which is amply demonstrated by the beginning of a second raft at his mill the same day he returned.

The lumber raft of the North Pacific mill at Portland has been completed and towed into the river, where it will remain until its owners decide to start it for San Francisco. Counting the timbers used in clamping the raft together, the mass contains 5,010,000 feet. Since the news has been received of the parting at sea of the Luman-Poulsen raft, the owners of this one have been studying how to strengthen their structure fore and aft, to keep it from breaking in two across the middle. There is no danger of any other accident, practical men think, but whether to fasten a system of chains or wire ropes longitudinally on the huge structure will be decided later. The raft will not be dispatched for about three weeks.—Budget.

Mothers of Presidents.

The following is a complete list of the maiden names of the mothers of the presidents of the United States: Washington, Mary Ball; John Adams, Susanna Bolveston; Jefferson, Jane Randolph; Madison, Nellie Conway; Monroe, Eliza Jones; J. Q. Adams, Abigail Smith; Andrew Jackson, Elizabeth Hutchinson; Van Buren, Maria Hoes; Harrison, Elizabeth Massett; Tyler, Mary Annistead; Polk, Jane Buox; Taylor, Sarah Strother; Fillmore, Phoebe Millard; Pierce, Anna Kendrick; Buchanan, Elizabeth Spear; Lincoln, Nancy Hanks; Johnson, Mary McDonough; Grant, Hannah Simpson Hayes; Sophia Birchard; Garfield, Eliza Bailou; Arthur, Malvina Stone; Cleveland, Annie Neal Harrison; Elizabeth Irwin; McKinley, Nancy Campbell Allison.

Real Estate Transfers.

- July 5 Hope Nolan to D. A. Blodgett S E 1/4 of S E 1/4 of sec 11 N E 1/4 S W 1/4 S 1/4 S W 1/4 of sec 12 Tp 1 N R 7 W.
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James McNair to David G. White several tracts of land in Tillamook county.
Ben Higginbotham to E. R. Thompson lots 3, 4, & 5 S W 1/4 of S E 1/4 of sec 29 Tp 2 N R 10 W.
U. S. of A. to Thomas J. Owens S E 1/4 N E 1/4 of sec 30 Tp 4 S R 9 W.
Willard Johnson to Thil. Lam. Co. timber on John Rupp's claim on Tillamook River.
Mary T. & Geo. Squire to Alie Seelye tract in Garibaldi.
State of Ore. to Henry A. Ely S W 1/4 of S E 1/4 of sec 16 Tp 3 S R 9 W of Will. Meridian.
Nicholas & Elizabeth Franz to Jacob Franz Und Int in S W 1/4 of sec 15 & N E 1/4 of sec 22 Tp 3 N R 8 W.
Jacob Franz to Fredrick Laseher same.
U. S. A. Patent Elbridge L. McNeal E 1/2 of N E 1/4 and E 1/4 of S E 1/4 sec 10 Tp 1 S R 7 W.
Mary K. Bendixon to Christina Bendixon 62 acres in C. H. Hains donation land claim.
J. Samuel Signor et al to Carrie H. Clough various tracts in Tillamook county.
N. Colton to W. C. King N 1/2 of N W 1/4 of sec 23 Tp 3 S of R 10 W.
U. S. of A. to O. W. Olson N E 1/4 of N E 1/4 of sec 8 & W 1/2 of N W 1/4 of S E 1/4 of N W 1/4 of 9 Tp 2 S R 9 W.
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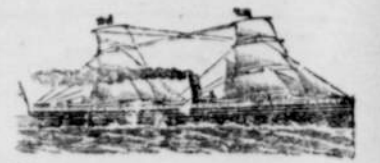
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