

BRINGING SURVIVORS

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looking with longing eyes at the shores of Vancouver, the steamer Rupert City reached port at noon today from the north.

Briefly as told by a member of the crew of the Ohio today, the facts of the vessel's wreck was as follows:

On the deck of this ship at the time were Night Watchman N. W. Mahoney, Pilot Snow on the bridge, with Third Mate Johnson. It was captain A. Johnson's watch below.

Immediately after the vessel struck there were two or three heavy bumps as she plowed over the reef. The passengers, who were all in their berths, were awakened by the officers.

Time was not given for anyone to save anything, but all rushed to the deck, clad in whatever clothes were at hand. From below decks swarmed upward the steerage passengers, mostly foreigners, panic-stricken and fighting their way to the lifeboats, which were being quickly made ready.

Remarkable it is to note that there was almost perfect quiet among the women and children, owing to the work of the officers, who promptly checked all attempts of the foreigners to rush into the boats.

The women and children were all safely lowered into the boats and then the men of the crew and passengers were taken off.

The last man to leave the doomed vessel was the night watchman, Captain Johnson and his mate, T. Cochran.

Scarcely had the last boat left the vessel, when there was an explosion of steam and hot water, which tore the after deck apart and sent the ship to the bottom at once.

The saved passengers and crew bivouaced on the beach near the rock where the vessel struck until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, when the steamer Kingfisher, picked them up and took them to Swanson Bay. There they remained until Friday morning at 1 o'clock, when the steamer Humboldt called and took 22 of the passengers north to Juanau.

At 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning the steamer Rupert City called at Swanson Bay, and brought the remaining passengers and crew down to this city.

Anderson went down into the cabin, and was never seen again.

The body of Eccles, the operator, was recovered in the morning, after it floated ashore a distance from where the Ohio went down.

There were but 10 lifeboats and five little rafts on the Ohio, and these were successfully launched by the crew with Chief Officer Cochran standing by and a lion of courage. It was hard work, his men say, to get him to leave the sinking steamer until the very last moment when, with the captain and night watchman, he was compelled to leap into the water over the vessel's side. The three men were picked up by a lifeboat, but many of the crew, who also leaped into the water, were compelled to swim to the shore, 200 yards, in the blackness of the night to the beach.

The courage of the women stands out among the incidents of the wreck.

Purser Stephen had every chance to save his life. While standing on the deck he was urged to put on a life preserver, but refused, and finally went down into the saloon, saying that he guessed he would get his papers. He was never seen again.

None of the passengers except Mrs. Moore, wife of Captain Moore, of the steamer Dora, now in the Alaska coast service, saved any of their effects from the wreck. Mrs. Moore was lucky to get two trunks afloat, and these reached the shore safe. However, the need for dry clothes, food and shelter was not long unsatisfied.

Crew and passengers of the Ohio today are unanimous in their high praise of the steamer Kingfisher, and the work of its men. Coming along Thursday morning, the Kingfisher took the entire party to Swanson Bay, and while en route the vessel's cook supplied everyone with a good meal, and emptied every locker to provide dry clothes for the men.

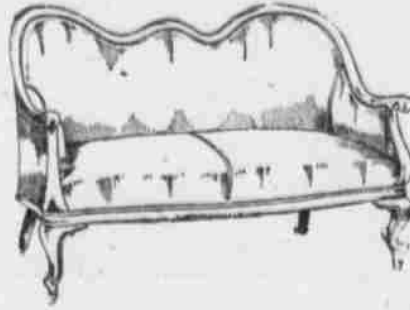
At Swanson Bay the residents of that place turned out en masse and gave up their beds, houses and clothes.

Had a Great Time.

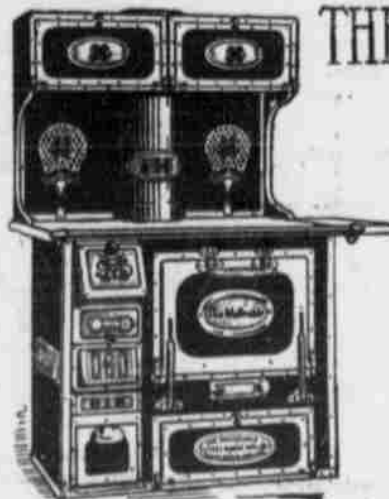
After two weeks' recreation in the mountains in the southern section of the state, Mel Baldwin, Sherman Heckman and Dave Pugh have returned to their respective homes in this city. Sherman Heckman reports that fishing and hunting was first class, but snakes were numerous. Sherman did not suffer from snake bites, however, as he carried ample medicine in a formidable looking flask and his only difficulty was keeping the flask full as Pugh and



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Baldwin were subject to a great many bites from the reptiles. Dave Pugh had the miserable luck of the party. He had not been perambulating about the brush more than a day when he encountered the detestable poison oak. Dave tried Heckman's snake medicine and several other antidotes, but all of no avail and he was compelled to let the poison oak run its course, which it did in marathon style. Mel Baldwin returned home with the soles of his shoes worn out, his hair in tatters and the rear portion of his shirt in a tangle. Mel had a longing for some bear meat which he didn't get. He tramped off alone one morning with his trusty blunderbuss over his arm and had gone but a short distance from camp when a very peevish bear took it into her head to run Baldwin off the map. She did not accomplish her purpose, however, as Baldwin, after clipping off nine or ten miles, shinned up a tree, where he sat and howled at the moon until his comrades came to his assistance. He doesn't like bear meat any more.

CONGRESS BROAD IN VIEWS

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admission of New Mexico and Arizona as separate states; the extension of the reclamation act to Hawaii and the removal of taxes from cut-over timber lands.

In the report of the committee on permanent organization, Bernard N. Baker of Baltimore, a member of the joint committee on conservation and a close personal friend of Chief Forester Pinchot, is recommended for president of the congress for the ensuing year and L. Frank Brown, of Seattle, Wash., secretary of the joint conservation committee, is recommended for secretary.

The work of the congress is to be carried on during the next year by an executive committee of a board of directors, which is to consist of the chairman of the various state conservation commissions.

Pending the appointment of this commission an executive board of five is to have full power to select the time and place for the second congress and to take any other ac-

tion deemed necessary.

The following men are recommended for this committee:

J. B. White of Kansas City; L. H. Bailey, New York; J. N. Teal, Portland; Henry E. Hardtner, Louisiana, and W. A. Fleming Jones, New Mexico.

The committee on permanent organization hopes that the plan will create a national organization as

powerful as the irrigation congress and other western conventions.

The resolution praising the forestry and reclamation bureaus also was opposed by Judge Hanford, who contended that it was unfitting to praise the heads of bureaus without mentioning the chiefs of the departments under which the bureaus operate. He held that if there was to be any praise it should be bestowed

upon the men responsible for the branches of the government.

It was denied that Secretary of the Interior Ballinger will arrive here this afternoon and probably attend the last session of the congress.

Ballinger May Attend

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 28.—At the opening of the morning session a rule was passed providing that no state

shall have more than ten votes and not less than five, no matter how many delegates are present. When there are five or less delegates present, they shall have five votes. This rule was adopted in view of the debate expected today.

It was announced that Ballinger had sent word that he expects to attend this afternoon's meeting and make an address.

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