

LONGCAREENDED

Colonel William Crooks, Veteran Railroadman, Dead.

IN SERVICE A LIFETIME

Commanded Minnesota Regiment During Civil War and Later Became One of the Builders of the Great West.

Colonel William Crooks, for 19 years assistant to the general manager of the O. R. & N. and the allied Harriman lines in the Pacific Northwest, died at his apartments in the Imperial Hotel at 10:20 o'clock yesterday morning.

Colonel Crooks was one of the best posted railroad men in the country. His worth to the various interests he served was evidenced by the great services he rendered the O. R. & N. Company.

Built St. Paul & Pacific. Colonel Crooks built the first railroad in Minnesota, being the St. Paul & Pacific, running between St. Paul to St. Anthony, the first 11 miles of this system being built under his personal direction.

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Death Came Suddenly. For years a sufferer from kidney disease, the condition of Colonel Crooks did not become alarming until about six weeks ago, when he contracted a severe cold.

Numerous telegrams from prominent railroad officials throughout the country, including one from Mr. Harriman, attesting the worth of the deceased and expressing sympathy for the bereaved family were received yesterday by General Manager O'Brien.

CHICAGO MEN ORGANIZE

Portlanders Who Lived in Illinois Metropolis to Form Club.

Steps were taken recently to organize a Portland-Chicago club by the following ex-Chicago residents at a chance meeting on Chestnut Street.

G. F. Martin was designated as temporary secretary. Former residents of Chicago now established in Portland are requested to at once mail to the temporary secretary, G. F. Martin, 469 Couch building, their name, present address, phone number, Chicago connection, and duration of residence in that city.

Fans Feasting on Peppert.

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GLEE CLUB NEXT SUNDAY

University of Oregon Students to Appear at the Hellog.

The advance seat sale for the annual concert and entertainment of the University of Oregon Glee and Mandolin Clubs to be given at the Hellog Theater next Sunday night will open tomorrow at the box office.

The following is taken from The Capital Journal of Salem for December 14: The University of Oregon Glee and Mandolin Club appears here last evening at the Grand Theater before a fairly good house.

A quartet, "Won't That Be Joyful," made a great hit with the audience, and the four must have spent some time in getting it into the shape they gave it.

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RECEIVER CUTS EXPENSES

Title Trust Bank Will Be Moved to Marquam Building.

Just as soon as E. C. Mearns, the receiver, can arrange it, the Title Guarantee & Trust Company will be removed from its present quarters, at the corner of Washington and Second streets, to the Marquam building.

Receiver Mearns has been active in collecting accounts due the bank, and has succeeded in taking in over \$5000.



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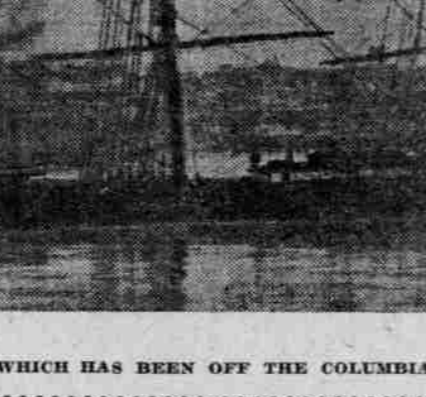
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OFF THE BAR FOR 32 DAYS

Vessel Is in Ballast and First Reported Outside on November 16. Was Last Seen Eight Days Ago—News of Waterfront.

Local shipping men fear for the safety of the British bark Castor, which has been off the Columbia River bar for the past 32 days.

The weekly concert at the Seaman's Institute, Front and Flanders streets, will be given this evening under the direction of Mrs. W. A. E. Bushong.



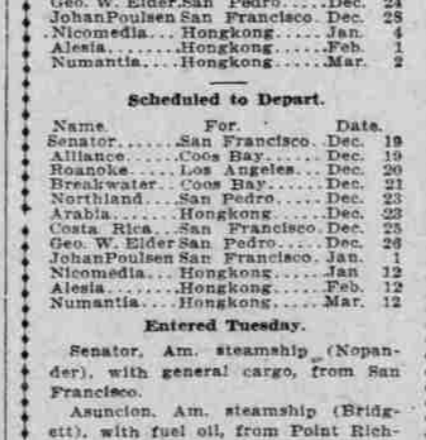
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COL. ROESSLER TO OPEN BIDS

Two Vessels Will Be Built Here for the Government.

Bids for the construction of a stern-wheel steamer for use on the Upper Columbia River by the United States Engineers will be opened in the office of Colonel S. W. Roessler at the Customs-House building, December 20.

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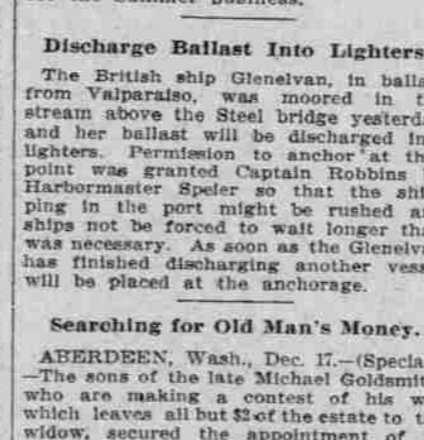
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PORTLAND ARRIVED LAST NIGHT

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Sailed—Steamer America Maru, Jap. for Hongkong; schooner Wascator, Eulalia River; schooner Espada, Gray Harbor; Arrived—Steamer Yellowstone, Astoria; steamer M. F. Plant, Coos Bay; steamer Daisy Freeman, Astoria; Roveric, Chemainus; steamer Bushman, Seattle; steamer Mayfair, Willapa; steamer Washington, Portland; steamer Daisy Mitchell, Willapa.

Tides at Astoria Wednesday.

High. 9:25 A. M.—7.0 feet; 9:07 A. M.—2.8 feet; 11:55 P. M.—9.0 feet; 6:58 P. M.—6.0 feet

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—Maximum temperature, 47 degrees; minimum, 34. River rising at 8 A. M., 6.9 feet; change in last 24 hours, —1.4 feet. Total rainfall, 5 P. M. to 8 P. M., 0.29 inch; total since September 1, 13.31 inches; normal, 15.96 inches; deficiency, 2.65 inches. Total sunshine December 16, 5 hours 18 minutes; possible, 8 hours 30 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) at 8 P. M., 29.81 inches.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

Table with columns: STATION, Maximum Temp, Minimum Temp, Wind, Direction, Force, Weather. Rows include Baker City, Boise, North Head, Pocatello, Portland, Roseburg, Spokane, Tacoma, Tatonah Island, Walla Walla.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A high-pressure area of great magnitude overlies the North Pacific States and the temperatures are everywhere below normal and decidedly so in the inter-mountain sections of the district.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Probably fair; easterly winds; light rain or snow.

AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND

Portland's Famous Theater—Phone, Main 6. Tonight and Remainder of Week Matinee Saturday

"QUINCY ADAMS SAWYER"

The Greatest Rural Comedy Ever Written Don't Miss This Delightful Play. Evenings, 2:30, 8:30, 10:30; Matinee, 2:30, 5:00

HEILIG THEATER

14th and Washington. LAST TIME TONIGHT \$15. Henry E. Harris Presents Charles Klein's Great American Drama

THE LION AND THE MOUSE

Prices, \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c, 50c. Phone—Main 1 and "A" 1122.

HAMLIN

TEATR. HEILIG THEATER. Thursday Evening, DEC. 19TH. Direction Lois Steers-Wynn Coman.

BAKER THEATER

Phone Main 3. GEO. I. BAKER, General Manager. Home of the famous Baker Stock Company.

EMPIRE THEATER

Phone Main 117. MILTON W. SEAMAN, Manager. Tonight—Every Night This Week.

LYRIC THEATER

Both Phones; Main 4685; Home, A 1026. Week commencing Monday, December 16, The Allen Stock Company Presents the Thrilling Detective Drama,

THE STAR PHONES

A 1408 M 5486. Entire week of Dec. 15th. The E. E. French Stock Company Presents "FROM FARM TO FACTORY"

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Fourth and Stark Sts. THE ORIGINAL and ONLY AMERICAN NEWSBOYS QUARTETTE in Comedy Singing, Comedy Dancing and Grand Chorography.

THE GRAND

Prices—Evenings, 15c and 25c. Three performances daily, 2:30, 7:30 and 9:15. Matinee Sunday, 2:30, 5:00 and 7:30.

Grand Central Station Time Card

Table with columns: Southern Pacific, Northern Pacific, Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co., Astoria & Columbia River, Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Southern Pacific. Rows list various routes and departure/arrival times.

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To Heat a Cold Corner. Don't sit in the cold—a touch of a match—a steady flow of genial warmth and in the corner that's hard to heat you'll have real solid comfort with a PERFECTION Oil Heater.

The Rayo Lamp is the best all-round lamp made. Equipped with latest improved central draft burner. Made of brass throughout, nickel plated. Just the light to read by—bright and steady. Every lamp warranted.

The Putman Boots. "Go on like a Glove and Fit all over." PUTMAN BOOTS are the oldest and best known line of boots on the market.

THE NEW POLICIES OF THE COLUMBIA LIFE & TRUST CO. Are Ideal Life Insurance Contracts Issued by a Home Company. LOW NON-PARTICIPATING RATES HIGH CASH VALUES.

Jefferson-Street Station. Southern Pacific. Leaving Portland—Tacoma and Seattle Express, 8:50 a.m. North Coast & Chicago Limited, 9:00 a.m. Overland Express, 11:45 p.m.

OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO. Leaving Portland—Pendleton Passenger, 7:15 a.m. Chicago-Portland Special, 8:30 a.m. Spokane Flyer, 7:00 p.m. Klamath City & Portland Ex., 7:40 p.m.

ASTORIA & COLUMBIA RIVER. Leaving Portland—Astoria & Seaside Express, 8:00 a.m. Astoria & Seaside Express, 6:00 p.m. Arriving Portland—Astoria & Portland Passenger, 12:15 p.m. Portland Express, 10:00 p.m.