

FOUNDER OF NATIONAL BUREAU SPEAKS HERE

Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts Will Spend Two Days in Portland Next Month.

Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, the founder and general superintendent of the International Reform Bureau, with headquarters at Washington, District of Columbia, will spend September 14 and 15 at Portland. He and Mrs. Crafts who is Sunday school superintendent of the World's W. C. T. U., have been touring Asia during the summer and are now on their return trip.

Dr. G. L. Tufts, who is in charge of the Pacific coast district of the bureau, including British Columbia and Alaska, has gone to Vancouver, British Columbia, to meet Dr. and Mrs. Crafts and to itinerate with them for several weeks. They expect to hold mass meetings at Vancouver and New Westminster in British Columbia; at Bellingham, Everett, Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia and Centralia in Washington; at Portland and The Dalles in Oregon. Other states will then be visited by Dr. and Mrs. Crafts in company with the superintendents of the various districts as they gradually work their way back to Washington in time for the opening of congress.

The W. C. T. U. ladies of Portland are planning for a Sunday school mass meeting to be addressed by Mrs. Crafts on Saturday afternoon. She will deliver a lecture on Sunday afternoon at the White Temple on the subject, "God Made the World, and the Women, Too." At the same time Dr. Crafts will lecture before the Y. M. C. A. on "World Politics in Relation to Markets, Morals and Missions." He will preach at the First Presbyterian church at the morning hour and at Taylor Street church at night.

CLOSING CONCERT AT FORESTRY BUILDING

De Caprio's Band Plays Tonight for Last Time at Lewis and Clark Fair Grounds.

The park band will play its last concert for the summer this evening in front of the Forestry building at the fair grounds. Sig. De Caprio has selected a program that should please all, and it is expected that several thousand people will be on hand to enjoy the music and the weather which promises to be ideal.

Aside from the concert, which will be free, there will be things going on inside the gigantic log cabin. For the benefit of the Young Women's Christian association an admission fee of 25 cents will be charged to the building, where seats will be provided for those not wishing to stand up, and Miss Wilhelm Johanne will deliver a lecture on Hawaii. Miss Johanne is a young Oregon woman who has been well illustrated with excellent scenes from the islands. Following is the band program:

- Grand march, "The Cortes," from the opera, "Don Carlo".....Verdi
- Overture, "Aurora".....Flotow
- "The Celebrated Minute".....Faderwaki
- Grand selection, "Macbeth".....Verdi
- "Hearts and Flowers".....Tobani
- Intermission.
- Grand march, "Elave".....Tschalkowsky
- "Album Leaf".....Wagner
- Baritone solo, "Schubert's Serenade".....Schubert
- Signor De Caprio.
- Waltz, "Italian Nights".....Tobani
- March, "Golden Road".....McKinley
- A. De Caprio, director.

AT THE THEATRES

Ezra Kendall Tonight and Tomorrow.

Tonight and tomorrow (Saturday) night at the Hellig theatre, Fourteenth and Washington streets, the popular American comedian, Ezra Kendall, and his excellent supporting company, will present the funny comedy, "Well-Elegant Jones." A special price machine will be given tomorrow afternoon at 2:15 o'clock. Seats are now selling for engagement at box office the theatre.

"The Girl From Albany."

It would be hard to imagine a more delightful farce comedy this week at the Lyric. It presents every member of the company so advantageously that there is no particular "featuring," yet all are really feature parts. Laugh and the world laughs with you" never was more true than in the case of "The Girl From Albany."

Marquam Matinee.

Remember, tomorrow there will be a matinee of "The Second in Command" at the Marquam. This is next to the last attraction offered by the popular Stockwell-MacGregor company, and the current play is the best of the long series offered during the summer. The play will continue until Sunday night.

"That Girl From Texas."

Verna Felton will be seen in another new role next week at the Lyric, which will add more laurels to those she has already won as leading woman of the popular Lyric. "That Girl From Texas" is a play that is absolutely new to the Pacific coast, but has already more than made good in the east.

"The Carnival of Love."

Amusing comedy, with touches of heart interest, is the theme of "The Carnival of Love," which will be the attraction at the Marquam next week. This will also be the last week of the engagement of the Stockwell-MacGregor company in Portland. "The Carnival of Love" is a play new to this city, but it has had a brilliant career, and will be found delightful.

Many Big Specialties.

This week the Grand is scarcely large enough to accommodate all who wish to see the vaudeville show now holding the boards at this house. The bill is generously supplied with big acts, one act alone, the Fremont Zouaves, containing 17 people. "How the Fixa Fixed It" is the headline offering by Alice Morlock, and "Is Marriage a Failure?" is the question which Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray Smith undertake to solve.

Matinees at the Star.

"The Tie That Binds" will be given at the matinee tomorrow by the stock company at the Star theatre. This final Reid play has been meeting with the approval and patronage of the Star clientele this week, as it is one of the best dramas Reid has written. Comedy is plentiful, although the heart interest is the strong point.

Portland a Summer Resort.

F. T. Clay, first vice-president of the firm of Sherman, Clay & Co., has brought his family to Portland for a stay of four or six weeks. He believes Portland is destined to assume a greater standing as a summer resort than the new possessors. "San Francisco is rapidly securing her old proportions, and in fact is certain to become a much more beautiful city than ever, but being located on the second level, she is a little harsh at times," said Mr. Clay. "The climate of Portland, he continued, is the only one in the surrounding country that is superbly grand."



Franklyn Underwood, Who Is Appearing in "The Second in Command" at Marquam Grand Theatre.

RAILROAD MAN'S SONS HAD JOKE ON DAD OVER BANK FAILURE

William McMurray tells a good story on the cheerful side of the suspension of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank, in which his two young sons had deposited their savings. Wishing to impress upon their minds that they should meet with cheerful fortitude the ups and downs of this life, he said to them at the dinner table:

"My boys, it is my painful duty this evening to inform you that you are a busted community. The bank is gone."

But there was no paling of boyish faces. He watched them closely and curious to note the effect, yet no change of countenance could be discerned on either one of the hopefuls. Seeing that they utterly failed to realize their condition, the father, with a grim determination to bring home to them a sense of their first financial calamity, went on gently:

"Don't you understand? The bank, where you banked your surplus, has suspended."

"The calm, unruffled gaze was returned from each youth, and then one of them remarked placidly:

"Maybe you didn't know it, pa, but before we went to California on that visit we went down to the bank and drew out nearly all the money."

ALARM CLOCK AND EARLY COMET FAILED TO MAKE CONNECTIONS

The old man who calls himself the observer of the north and decided that science could not be properly served lest he wake himself at the unseemly hour of 3 a. m. and take a look at the comet with a tall 100,000,000 miles long.

He accordingly set his alarm clock at the hour when the fiery orb elongated by terrific speed, sweeps gracefully across the eastern horizon to perform the function popularly believed by children and others to belong to the old woman with her broom. Before retiring he notified the other members of the household he would waken them should his cometship be visible.

"But everything went wrong," said the old man this morning as he sleepily stretched his arms and yawned. "In the first place the alarm clock acted as all alarm clocks do when you want them to perform at an unusual hour. Instead of ringing me out of my nap at 2 o'clock, the bell—it sounded like a fire alarm gong—commenced ringing at 12:30. I got up, shut off the clock and started for the window when I heard a streetcar whizzing by. Then I looked at the clock, swore softly, readjusted the mechanism and went back to bed.

"An hour later the instrument that would have been popular with the Spanish inquisition roused me again. But I heard the owl car going by and again set the alarm. The next time was the third and proved to be the charm, although instead of going off at 3, the clock buzzed forth at 2:45.

"Well, I got up. Partially dressed, for I expected great things to follow, and went to the window. Did I see the comet? Not a comet, nor a star, nor even a moon. But clouds? There were enough clouds in the sky to discourage a rainmaker. From east to west and from north to south, the clouds lay in banks so close to the earth they cast a reflection of the city's electric lights. I waited 20 minutes and then went back to bed after setting the alarm clock for 6:30.

"Then what do you think happened? That alarm clock that seemed so anxious to go off every hour of the night, didn't explode until 7:05. I missed my cold bath, hastily swallowed my breakfast in gulps and nearly had a fight with the conductor on the car coming to the city."

"Will you get up tonight to see the comet," was innocently asked.

"Maybe, if those clouds don't shoot forth rain before I go to bed."

Fall Clothes for Men and Boys

ALMOST THE ENTIRE FALL STOCKS ARE NOW ON DISPLAY—THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO INSPECT THE ELABORATE SHOWING OF HIGH CLASS NOVELTIES, BOTH OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN WEAVES. GENTLEMEN WHO APPRECIATE ELEGANT TEXTURES WILL BE ASTONISHED TO FIND SUCH RICH NOVELTIES MADE UP IN CLOTHES READY FOR SERVICE.

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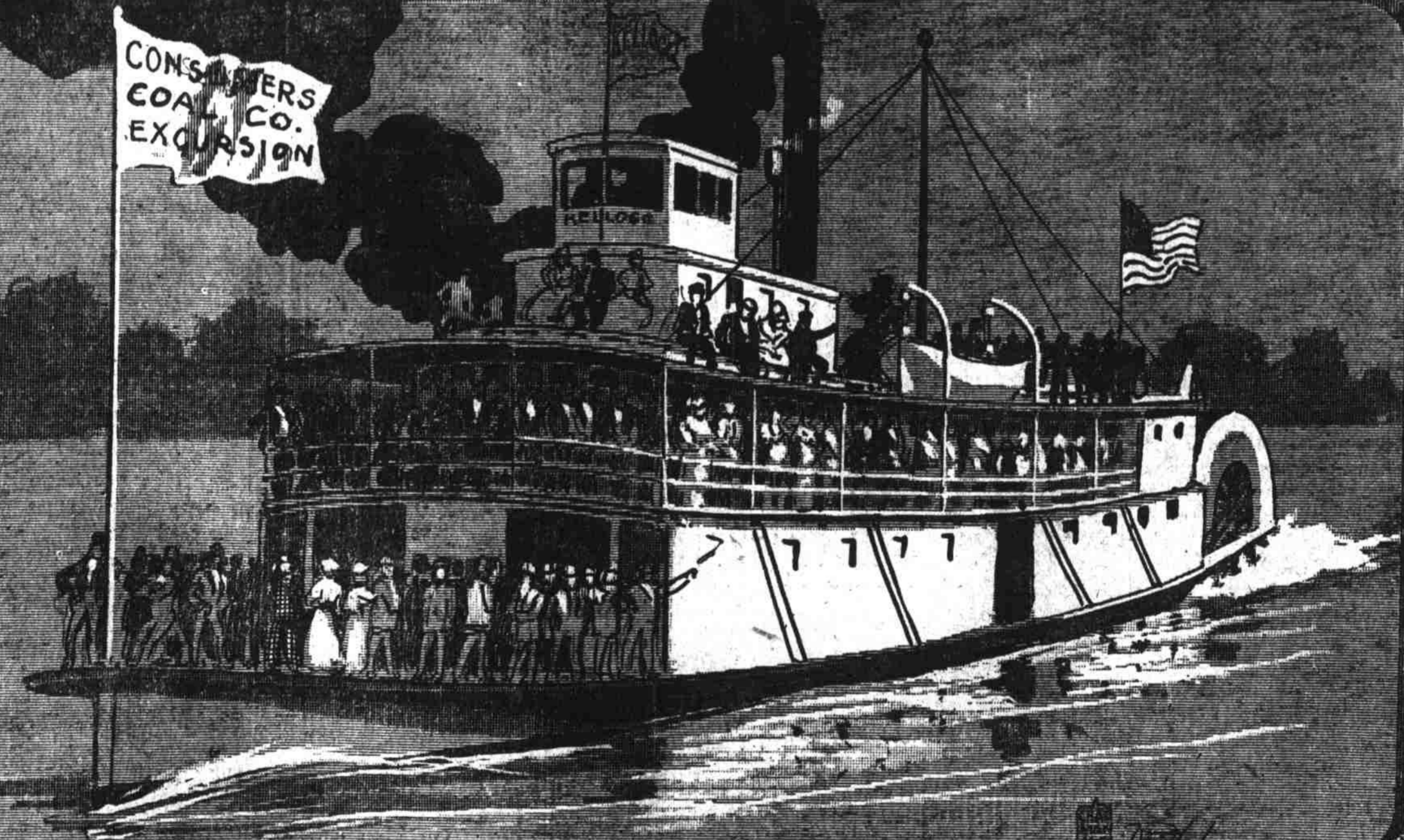
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STOCKHOLDERS' free excursion down the Willamette, down the Columbia and up the Cowlitz to the properties of the Consumers Coal Company, will leave the foot of Salmon street at 7 o'clock Sunday morning. The steamer Kellogg has been chartered. Those who are not stockholders may obtain a free ticket by calling at our office and making a deposit of \$10.00, to apply on whatever amount of stock they may wish to purchase Monday at \$16.00 per share. In case the investment is found to be unsatisfactory the deposit will be returned Monday. The price of the stock will positively be advanced to \$17.00 Tuesday morning.

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