

PIONEERS RECALL FIRST STEAMBOAT TRIP UP COLUMBIA

Good Ship Colonel Wright
Blazed Path 76 Years Ago
—Freight Earned \$80 Per
Ton in Boom Day Spurge

PLACPOLE, Wash., March 14.—(P) Plans for organizing a steamboat company to resume wheat freighting on the Columbia and Snake rivers, announced in Pendleton this week, recalled to Whitman county old-timers today the saga of the good ship Colonel Wright.

It was 76 years ago come next month that she came rampaging up-river from her birthplace at Deschutes, blazing the way on the north-west's two mightiest streams for inland navigation. They still tell of how her builders, R. R. Thompson and E. F. Coe, cashed in on her and made a fortune out of the 110-foot steamer.

Freight at \$80 Ton. They had been hauling freight between Fort Walla Walla and Celilo in Indian-powered batteaux for \$100 a ton. Placing the Colonel Wright, christened for the military commander at The Dalles, on the river, they immediately cut the rate to \$80; made three trips a week to Celilo, and loaded passengers in Portland just 30 hours from Walla Walla, by transferring them to lower Columbia steamers at the falls.

The northwest was enjoying a hangover from the Buchanan administration boom of '58, and Coe and Thompson waxed rich and ambitious. They sent the steamer up the Snake on a 30-mile reconnoitering trip, and made so much money that they added the steamboat Tenino to the service in 1860.

Conquered Clearwater. Next spring they sent the Colonel Wright up the Snake into Idaho, where she conquered the swift surge of the Clearwater river to within two miles of its forks. The current was so strong, she made the 300-mile trip in less than 24 hours, piloted by Capt. William B. Gray of Pasco.

Gray made the first steamboat landing at Lewiston, Idaho. Coe and Thompson had that ace of pioneer navigators of uncharted northwest rivers, Capt. Leonard White, in charge of the Colonel Wright, and they paid him \$500 a month—big money even in Buchanan boom days.

But it was under Capt. Tom Stump that the Colonel Wright made her last and most sensational voyage in these parts. It was in the spring of '65, and she was eight days battling 10 miles of Snake river current in an attempt to pass the rapids above Farewell Bend in the Snake river canyon. Distraught, Captain Stump turned her around and the Snake swept her back to Lewiston in under five hours.

Trip of No Value. Captain Tom reported his perilous expedition had no practical value. But he had taken a steamboat farther into the heart of the northwest wilderness than anyone before, and few since.

The Oregon Steam Navigation company retired the Colonel Wright that autumn and she was torn to pieces in a ship-breaker's yard downriver. And Captain White and Captain Stump?

Captain White pioneered in the upper Willamette, took the Cayuse above Lewiston to the north of the Grand Ronde and opened navigation farther north and east than ever before. He died in Portland in 1870. Captain Stump collapsed and died in the pilothouse of the Spokane, near Riparia, a few miles downriver from Placpole, in '81.

And Captain Gray? He lived out his life at Pasco after pioneering on the Stiecken from Pasco to the mouth of the Okanogan, first craft through Rock Island rapids.

ESPEE SHORTENS SCHEDULES EAST

Several changes in train schedules from San Francisco of interest to those planning trips east by way of the southern lines were announced today by A. S. Rosenbaum, district agent for Southern Pacific lines.

Effective April 1, the Pacific Limited, eastbound, will leave San Francisco at 8:20 a. m., arriving at Ogden, Utah, at 8:55 a. m., and at Chicago at 9:25 p. m. The shortening of this schedule will give daylight service over the Sierra Nevada mountains.

The Pacific Limited, westbound, will, under the new schedule, arrive at San Francisco at 10:12 p. m. On the Cascade lines through Klamath Falls, the Klamath train will leave San Francisco at 9 p. m. instead of 8:20 p. m., arriving at Portland at 8:15 p. m. instead of at 7:35 p. m.

NEW CHURCH OF CHRIST
NEARING COMPLETION

The new building being erected on North Court street by the Church of Christ, is nearly completed and will be ready for the first services March 24.

Evangelist McCoy will preach the dedication sermon. His subject will be "The Two Kingdoms That Will Open the Gates of Heaven."

A basket luncheon will be enjoyed after the morning service and a social time in the afternoon. All are invited.

London Cleans Up Cabarets
LONDON.—(UP)—London cabarets are undergoing an unofficial "cleaning up." Questionable songs and risqué jokes, which have recently become more frequent, have not met with the Puritanic Englishman's approval and are being banned by the management.

KILLED Two Tons of Rabbits.
HERINGTON, Kan.—(UP)—Dr. H. D. Mosler and Frank and Hogan Atkinson, who went to Hoxie, Kan., to

hunt rabbits, reported they killed two and a half tons of the animals in one week on one section of land.

Dog Guards Youth's Horse.
AUSTIN, Tex.—(UP)—Business men who speed to work along one of the principal boulevards in this city were surprised to find a boy on horseback regularly riding down the automobile thoroughfare. The lad rides to school daily, stakes his horse on a vacant lot, and orders a pet dog to keep strangers away. Each noon hour the boy brings oats and a bone to his pet.

CLEVELAND.—(UP)—Paul White-man's bandmen joshed Harry Goldfield, a trumpet player in the band, about carrying an extra horn. An emergency might come some time, he kept telling his fellow trouper. When the band appeared here, Goldfield's \$50 trumpet was stolen back stage, sure enough. Goldfield produced his "square" and played on without difficulties.

ST. NAZAIRE.—(UP)—The liner Normandie will start its trial trips April 30, after which it will be stationed at Havre between May 8 and 10 to prepare for the maiden voyage to New York on May 29.

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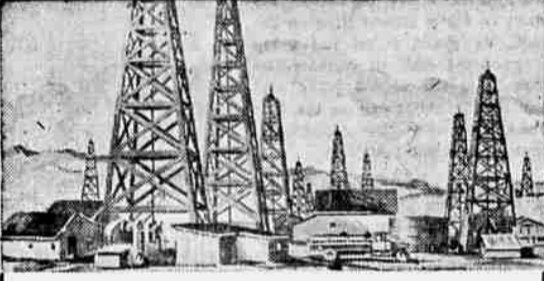


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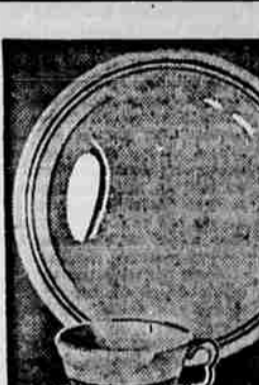
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