

MILTON A. MILLER ON THE MEMORIAL AT OLD CHAMPOEG

He Was In Washington and Helped in Urging Pending Bills In Congress

Editor Statesman:

Went to New York to attend child welfare conference. It was a very interesting meeting. Most all of the states and territories were represented and some of the foreign countries. One of the most impressive addresses was delivered by a lady representing Rumania. The meeting was under the auspices of "The Child Welfare Insurance Corporation of the United States," whose main officers are Miss Sophie Irene Loebson and Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson. The great purpose of the organization is to create a home for all the children and not place them in public institutions. Miss Loebson and Miss Wilson certainly are entitled to great credit for giving their time to this most worthy cause. These ladies raise a great deal of their funds by private subscription from wealthy people of New York and other parts of the United States. We were tendered a banquet by a Dr. Harris, a wealthy citizen of the city of New York. Many wealthy people were present and contributed liberally at the meeting of this worthy cause.

Champoeg Memorial Building

From New York I went to Washington, D. C. for the purpose of securing, if possible, an appropriation for a memorial building at Champeog. Washington City is a most interesting place. It is the capital of this great country, and we all know it is a historical, and one could spend many days there of interest and profit. To watch the proceedings of congress and see the men in action whom we read about, of course is very interesting, at least to those coming from the far west, and it is unfortunate that we on the Pacific coast are so far away from the seat of government.

The Oregon delegation are all hard workers and they are most creditably mentioned in congressional circles about Washington. They are most courteous and kind to visitors and give them every consideration. Senator McNary introduced a bill asking for \$250,000 for a memorial building to be erected at Champeog, Marion county, Oregon. Senator McNary is one of the most active and influential senators in Washington. He is a very hard worker, most obliging and courteous. Representative Hawley, who as you know, has lately been promoted to be chairman of the ways and means committee, the most powerful committee in either branch of congress, was very enthusiastic about Champeog, and introduced a bill in the house for an appropriation of \$300,000.

The Historic Meeting

Let me say right here, this is a very meritorious measure. Every

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Music Department in The Oregon Statesman, which was started on Sunday, March 11, has been meeting with considerable favor during the past two weeks. In the future questions pertaining to music will be answered by the Editor and there will be a series of articles on the general history of music.

The Music Editor spent the week in Portland attending the Grand Opera and therefore was unable to supply the necessary material for this Sunday; but will be prepared for the Sunday issue of April 1.

Others Last Session

Similar bills were introduced in the 69th Congress; one providing "for the participation of the United States in an international exposition to be held at Seville, Spain"; another "authorizing the president to invite the states of the Union and foreign countries to participate in a permanent international trade exposition at New Orleans, La.," another "providing for the United States government to have representation at the celebration of the centennial of the first meeting of the legislative council of Florida"; another "authorizing the erection of public grounds in the city of Washington, D. C. of a memorial to Jeanne d'Arc"; and another "authorizing the erection by the government of a statue as a memorial of the Lewis and Clark expedition on a site to be furnished by the city of Three Forks, Montana."

Milton A. Miller

Portland, Or., Mar. 23, 1928. (Mr. Miller is well known to all Oregonians. He has for a long time taken a vital interest in the activities of the pioneer societies of this state. He is very earnest in his advocacy of the proposed memorial building at Champeog, enough to bind. Last fall we sold and he certainly makes out in the above statement a good case for that undertaking.—Ed.)

A National Measure

This is not a local measure. It is not a state measure in any way but it is a national measure. It would be a state shrine that every man, woman and child would be proud of. Every civic body, every commercial body and every newspaper in the state should get behind this movement, and by united effort we can and will win, for our cause is just.

Someone may ask: "What precedent do we have for such action?"

In this connection, I wish to call your attention to a few interesting items. I sat in the gallery of the United States senate and heard them discuss and pass an appropriation of \$1,750,000 "providing for the participation of the United States in the celebration in 1930 of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the conquest of the Northwest Territory." This bill is for monuments and memorials in different parts of the country, one in particular in the state of Indiana. Another bill pending is one "to provide for the erection of a monument on the Kennesaw Mountain battle field; another providing for a similar appropriation for a monument in the state of Oklahoma; another "authorizing the erection

THE COMBINE IS BEST HARVESTER

Polk Farmer Was Outstanding Speaker At Combine Harvester Conference

George Cromley, a farmer who lives seven miles west of Salem, was one of the outstanding speakers at the combine harvester conference held at Corvallis on March 16, according to the sentiment expressed by the farmers present. Cromley told them plain, straightforward facts obtained from 10 years of practical experience. One farmer seemed to express the opinion of those sitting around him by the remark, "He is all right. He knows what he is talking about."

Must Keep Pace

"I realize the combine still has opposition, but I do not pay too much attention to those who will discourage, because we know that every new invention is discouraged. There is hope, however, because the farmers in the valley have agreed that the binder is better than the old fashioned cradle. The farmers must keep pace with the workmen in industry, and if a new and improved machine comes along I will buy it. When I bought my first automobile years ago, I had a little trouble on the road one day. A neighbor passed by and said that automobiles would never work and that I had better stick to good old Dobbin. However, the autos have worked, and mighty satisfactorily, too."

Proved Their Case

"After we had operated our machine for several years, the neighbors began to admit it would save as much grain as the binder-separator method. Those who followed the machine all said it was saving lots more grain, and they began begging us to do their grain and clover harvesting for them. "They told us the land would get foul. A binder had been used on the farm for 60 years. I told them if a combine can scatter any more, or any different kinds of weed seed, I certainly would like to see how it works in order to do it. While we have some weeds, our weed problem is not nearly so bad as it was 10 years ago. Some years ago when we do not care to plow the ground, we plow a furrow around the field, then touch a match to the scattered straw. This kills all the weed seeds on the top of the ground. Canadian thistle, French plink and wild oats are in perfect shape to scatter out over broad grain ripe enough to find. Last fall we sold a car load of oats that was especially free of weeds, and the weed difficulty is a myth the same as the wet season argument."

Conserves the Straw

"It always used to hurt my feelings greatly to burn a straw stack. I knew the advantage of plowing it under, because our heavy winter rains cause it to become dissolved into the soil very quickly. It is expensive to spread on the land by hand, and hence the reason so many burn it. The plowing under of the straw that was scattered by the combine has added a great deal of humus to our soil. It has loosened it up and has made it farm much easier."

About Clover Seed

"Clover seed is small and difficult to separate. It must be thoroughly dry. You cannot save all

EXPLORER PLANNING TRIP TO HIMALAYAS

Globe-Trotting, Botanical Wanderer Plans New Trip at Age of 80

STOCKHOLM. (AP)—A globe-trotting, botanical explorer at 80 is the Rev. Sven Johan Enander of Lillherald, Sweden, who despite his age is preparing to start on another expedition, this time to the Himalaya mountains. Enander has for 40 years collected various species and hybrids of the willow family, trees similar to the willow, and his adventures have carried him around the world.

In 1883 Enander was invited by Swedish botanists to collaborate on a new textbook on the Swedish flora. He then discovered that the studies of the willow family had been neglected and this started him on his quest to classify and to trace the origin of the various species, many of which he has brought home from distant places, keeping them in water and improvised flower pots while crossing oceans or continents. Some years ago he returned from Central Asia with a bucket-full of saplings which he had carried half way around the globe. Enander also is pastor in the small community of Lillherald in northern Sweden. His trips have carried him into many experiences. He once was shipwrecked in Greenland and lived for three days on a deserted island until rescued by none less than the Danish king who was cruising aboard his yacht. Once he landed in the United States with but one dollar in his pocket and made his way to Canada.

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DAM MATERIAL EYED BY JURY

CRUMBLES BETWEEN FINGERS ON EXAMINATION

Organization Completed With View to Assisting Devastated Areas of Valley. LOS ANGELES, Mar. 23.—(AP) The cold eye of official inquiry seeking an answer to the St. Francis dam disaster of March 18, Friday looked down from the hillsides and up from San Francisco canyon at the wreckage of the structure that took the toll of more than 400 in dead and missing when it gave way.

The jurors found that in places on the rock sidewall of the canyon, a line with the broken end of the dam could be crushed readily under their blows, made with small hammers. The also found that there was no sign left of an excavation into the canyon wall, in which the concrete dam was declared by some witnesses before the coroner's jury to have been set. The terrific rush of water appeared to have sheared the rock off clean, leaving not a trace of the dam's concrete abutments existing for examination by the jurors.

QUAKE'S TOLL NOW FOUR

Fatalities Reported in Wake of Mexican Catastrophe

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 24.—(AP)—Four dead and numerous persons injured make up the list of casualties in Wednesday night's earthquake as reported today from various towns in the region affected.

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SHIP BLAST KILLS FOUR

Gasoline Explosion Destroys Boarding Destroyer Tenders

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—(AP)—Four men are dead as the result of the gasoline explosion aboard the destroyer tender Whitney at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Wednesday morning. The navy department was advised today that the third and fourth deaths, those of F. Narr, machinist's mate, and Mount Royal, N. J., and John J. Easterling, seaman of Streator, Ill., were reported.

MT. ANGEL NEWS QUILTS

Publication Yesterday Marks Close of Paper's Activities

MT. ANGEL, Ore., Mar. 24.—(AP)—With the issue of March 23 the Mount Angel News, a weekly newspaper edited by J. M. T. since May 5, 1921, will suspend publication. The paper's publication yesterday marks the close of its activities.

GARDENING

"The only work Jed Jensen, the neighborhood gossip, ever does on his farm," says Grandpa Grueson, "is to rake up the past."—Farm & Fireside.

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Veteran's Column

Two special events are scheduled for the American Legion of Salem and the citizens of this community during the following two weeks. The first of these will be Tuesday evening, when a gigantic Post meeting will be held at the armory with the general public invited.

The second will be on April 9, when the national commander of the American Legion will visit Salem.

Capitol Post No. 9 of the American Legion will hold an open meeting Tuesday evening, March 27 at the local armory at eight o'clock. Mayor T. A. Livesly will be present and speak as well as several state Legion officers. Reports of committees will be made and there will be the public initiation of fifty candidates for membership in the American Legion.

National Commander E. E. Spafford of New York is scheduled to arrive in Salem on the evening of April 9 for an American Legion rally which will bring delegates here from many Posts of the valley. There will be a dinner during the early part of the evening for which reservations now being made.

One of the special features of the occasion will be the parade. The Portland drum corps, the Sheridan band, the Albany band and the Salem drum corps will participate. Other interesting features will be added.

In the evening there will be a meeting at the armory at which Commander Spafford will speak. In addition there will be a short program followed by a dance.

McMINNVILLE.—(Special)—National Commander Spafford of the American Legion will visit the Salem Legion post the second week in April, and McMinnville Post No. 21 will be represented at the banquet, meeting and dance held in his honor. Commander Locke Mardis is already making plans for a good sized delegation from McMinnville. A parade in which various legion musical organizations will participate, is planned in Spafford's honor.

SILVERTON.—(Special)—The 5th annual Silverton Community

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