

PROFESSOR DELLA CROWDER MILLER RESIGNS FROM WILLAMETTE FACULTY

Professor Della Crowder Miller has resigned her position as head of the public speaking department of Willamette University. Since her strenuous work on the program last June, Professor Miller's health has been uncertain and she feels that a change is needed.

The following is from President Carl G. Doney's letter:

"Dear Professor Miller:—Your resignation presented last week has been considered and it is with deep regret that the university accepts it, to take effect from this date. Coming to the institution two and a half years ago as the head of the department of public speaking, you have strengthened and increased the enrollment, you have sought to build permanent foundations and you have been devoted to your work. Personally and on behalf of the university, I thank you. I trust that your release from heavy burdens will enable you to take complete rest and that your strength will speedily be restored.

"Very sincerely yours,
"CARL G. DONEY."

Willamette University has been fortunate to retain the services of Professor Miller for the past two years and a half. Her thorough and modern methods of education have placed her in the front ranks of her profession both as a teacher and as an interpreter of literature. Her department has been one of the most popular in the university because the students have recognized her superior understanding of her work and they have swelled the enrollment of the department from less than fifty to one hundred and sixty during the time she has been here. Her strong Christian character has helped many a doubting young man and woman at Willamette into a new conception of life and its meaning. Her influence and inspiration will be missed in university circles and her place will be hard to fill.

Negotiations Over Railroad Wages Re-Opened Today

Washington, Mar. 10.—Wage negotiations between the railroads and their organized employees were formally re-opened today when committees from the unions and the Association of Railway Executives—the owners organization—met to begin the formation of a joint board to handle all labor controversies.

Each side was understood to be prepared to lay a definite program before the conference with respect to the wage demands which the unions last August laid before President Wilson.

Three distinct propositions to be considered by the joint board are the union demands, the reported program of the railroad executives, and the suggestion made by President Wilson.

Shipping Board Diverts 22 Ships To Coast Service

Portland, Or., Mar. 10.—A concerted demand by shipping interests of the Pacific coast has brought from the Shipping Board a definite promise to divert at least 22 shipping board vessels from the Atlantic trade to service on the Pacific, according to a telegram received by the Portland chamber of commerce from United States Senator Charles L. McNary, made public today.

What proportion of this tonnage which will come from the Atlantic to the Pacific will be available for Portland loading is not stated, though it is generally presumed that at least three of the vessels referred to are those of the Columbia-Pacific Shipping company for the establishment and maintenance of a North China line.

Sand And Gravel Rights Decided

M. W. Payne of Marshfield and the Reedport Warehouse & Supply company of Reedport were awarded the sand and gravel rights in the vicinity of Brandy bar in the Unquaga river between Gardiner and Scottsburg, by the state land board in session Tuesday.

The lessees will pay the state at the rate of 10 cents per cubic yard for all sand and gravel taken from the stream with a minimum annual royalty of \$500. The lease runs for a period of five years and is the first to be executed under the law of 1920 which gives the state land board authority to lease the beds of streams for sand and gravel purposes. Similar leases will be made on other streams, it was stated.

The price of 10 cents per cubic yard has been fixed by the board as the minimum royalty to be accepted on these leases.

Portland Veteran Fatally Injured

Portland, Or., Mar. 10.—Arthur M. Burch, 30, formerly mess sergeant company B, 81st engineers and recently employed as brakeman on the Big Creek Logging company's logging road at Knappa Oregon, was fatally injured when he fell between two cars, according to advices received here today. Burch is said to have left a widow in Seattle.

One of the greatest botanists in the world—John Grimshaw Wilkinson—is blind. But by taste, touch and smell he has been able to do more research work than when he rolled on sight.

Suit Will Test Federal Trade Board Powers

Washington, Mar. 10.—Suit to test the powers of the federal trade commission was instituted today in the supreme court of the District of Columbia by the Maynard Coal company of Columbus, Ohio, the first of several legal actions planned by the National Coal association to determine how far the commission may go in requiring private corporations to furnish information of their business.

The action instituted today took the form of a request for an injunction to restrain the commission from requiring monthly reports showing costs, income and tonnage, and an annual report, which the commission issued full instructions for the preparation of the reports, which in fact prescribed a system of accounting for coal mining operations differing substantially from those commonly in use.

Board Places Ban On Sale Of Olives

Helena, Mont., Mar. 10.—Sale of olives and olive preparations in glass containers is absolutely prohibited in Montana by a decision of the state board of health. This action was taken as a result of the deaths of five persons at Java, Mont., from bacillus botulinus.

In the investigations made by the state board of health in the laboratory at the capital one of the containers in which olives were offered for sale in Montana was found to be contaminated.

BANK STOCK INCREASED

The capital stock of the State Bank of Rainier at Rainier, Columbia county, has been increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000, according to a certificate filed with Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks. A certificate filed by the Clatskanie State bank of Clatskanie, Columbia county, shows an increase in capital from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

GAS SALES ARE BIG

A total of 205,219 gallons of gasoline and 67,319 gallons of distillate were sold by the Union Oil company in Oregon during February, according to a report filed today with the secretary of state's office. Accompanying the report was a check for \$3388.79 to cover the state tax imposed on fuel oil sales.

Former Emperor Charles of Austria has now in his own right less than \$500 a year on which to support himself, his wife and six children.

Uncle Joe Cannon is the only man living whose name appeared on the same political ballot with that of Abraham Lincoln.

ROTARIANS HEAR DISCUSSIONS ON LABOR PROBLEMS

Harmonious labor conditions, amicable relations between employer and employe and the value of arbitration in labor disputes, formed the topics of discussion at the regular weekly meeting of the Salem Rotarians in Hotel Marion this noon. One peculiarity of the meeting was that each member of the club brought one of the employes from his establishment to derive the benefits from the talks on these vital subjects.

The solution to the labor problem of today, Addison Bennett newspaperman, said, is the education of both workmen and the employer of the problems that confront both. From this education comes an understanding from which must rise accord and harmony, he asserted.

The watchword of the Salem Central Trades and Labor council is co-operation, L. J. Simeral, president, told the Rotarians. He spoke of the aim of the council at all times to preach co-operation and harmony, and lauded the arbitration principle that is gradually becoming an integral part of labor's existence. He said that the Central Trades and Labor council, so long as he had a voice in its control, would aid at all times in keeping down discord and disputes.

Salem is unique in that it is, so far as he knew, the only city in the United States having an arbitration board to settle labor disputes, T. E. McCroskey said.

Harmony between the workingman and his employer comes only when there is a feeling of partnership between them, T. B. Kay, of the Thomas B. Kay woolen mills, declared. He said that it is the duty of the employer to give good wages, good working conditions and to provide care for employes in case of accident. The employe must associate with the employe, gain their good will and respect, if they are to expect complete support and service in return, he said. The closed shop and the sympathetic strike were flayed by Mr. Kay.

SOLDIERS OPPOSE ARMY OFFICER FOR PRESIDENT

Davenport, Ia., Mar. 10.—A widespread poll among returned soldiers of this vicinity brought an overwhelming decision against a military man for president. The soldiers also are against prohibition by a large vote and the score on military training was close.

JOURNAL WANT ADS PAY

LaRose Planned To Give Himself Up, He Declares

Jack LaRose, Portland "gaspipe" murderer, who was returned to the state prison here Tuesday after a year's absence as a fugitive from justice, had planned to return to Oregon soon to give himself up to prison officials with a view to seeking a pardon, according to the story he told to F. W. Snyder, state agent who brought him back from Shawnee, Okla., where he had been arrested.

LaRose at the time of his arrest and for six months previous thereto had been running a hotel in Shawnee under the name of Roy Cassie. Some three months ago, according to his story, he was married to a Shawnee

girl, to whom he had told the story of his crime and his prison record and who, according to his story, had prevailed upon him to return to Oregon to "square his account" with the state. It is expected that Mrs. LaRose who is reputed to be wealthy in her own right, will come to Oregon soon to intercede for her husband in an attempt to secure his release.

LaRose escaped from the prison wood camp March 5, 1919, after serving ten years of a life sentence for manslaughter, killing a Portland pawnbroker with a length of gaspipe.

MEDFORD MAN FILES

H. A. Cansday of Medford today filed his nominating petition with the secretary of state's office for a place on the republican primary ballot as a candidate for district attorney of Jackson county.

Marvin Witte Is Called By Death

Death claimed the only son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Witte, at 2:45 a. m. Wednesday when Marvin Albert Witte, four years old, died following a brief illness from brain fever. The family residence, 1944 Court street. The funeral will be held at the chapel of the Webb & Chase company at 2 p. m. Thursday. Rev. Gross in charge. Burial will be in City View cemetery.

Besides his parents, Mr. George J. and Mrs. Ella Witte, little Marvin leaves a sister, Marian Emily Witte, to mourn his untimely death.

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