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COLT RESIGNS EDUCATION POST

ROSCOE C. NELSON, PORTLAND LAWYER, SUCCEEDS STARR

Vice-President of State Education Board Follows President Out—Recent Turmoil Given As Reason

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 22.—(AP)—C. C. Colt, vice-president of the state board of higher education, today submitted his resignation to Governor Meier. He declared he resigned "because it seemed impossible, under the circumstances, to harmonize the educational forces and the work of the board." Colt's action followed closely that of C. L. Starr, board president, who resigned at the request of the governor.

Roscoe C. Nelson, prominent Portland attorney, was appointed by the governor to succeed Starr, whose resignation was requested Monday. The appointment was made shortly after Colt announced his resignation. A successor to Colt is yet to be named. Named by Patterson.

Colt, who is executive vice-president of the First National Bank here, had been a member of the board of higher education since its creation in 1929. He was appointed by Governor Patterson for a five-year term. Prior to 1929 he was for 12 years a member of the board of regents of the University of Oregon.

Concerning his resignation, Colt said that "personal feelings, jealousies, institutional and community rivalries and other inimical interests have seemed to obscure the real objective."

Shares Blame, If Any. He mentioned that "it is charged by the governor that 'trifling and dissension have prevailed in the board of higher education because of Mr. Starr's administration as chairman. I share with others, constituting the majority of the board, in that responsibility and if a preponderant majority is wrong, probably the criticism might be justified."

And he continues to say that "in order that the governor and in the interest of harmony on that board, I have taken this step with the deep assurance in my mind that the state has a sound educational system worthy of the support and confidence of taxpayers and students, providing the system is maintained in the interest of our youth, and the disastrous jealousies and other obstacles are submerged."

Pleasant Duty Formerly. Colt also said "I have been interested for many years as a regent of the university and as a member of the state board of higher education, in trying to assist our boys and girls in securing higher education as an equipment for their life's work. It has been a most pleasant duty and until recently it has not been difficult. Differences of opinion have, for the most part, been harmonized in the interests of the institutions and the youth served by them."

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Confident, he said, that it is "both accurate and adequate." Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor of higher education institutions in Oregon, late yesterday transmitted to the state board of higher education a report from the executive officers of Oregon State college denying that there had been any irregularities in the conduct of the building department of that institution.

The report was a pointed rejoinder to charges made by Otto P. Kubin, head of the accounting division of the college, who recently sharply criticized the work of E. P. Jackson, building superintendent at the college.

Irregularities Indicated. The Kubin report had indicated that under Jackson's jurisdiction a quantity of linoleum had gone astray, that some window shades ordered for the college were unaccounted for, and that there were irregularities in payment of substitutes for janitorial service.

The state college report to the chancellor, signed by W. A. Jensen, executive secretary, took the Kubin report severely to task.

It will be noted, the Jensen statement said, "that Auditor Kubin states that all these 'sales of vituperative gossip involving several officials connected with the college... excepting the case of the superintendent of buildings are not worthy of any further consideration.' Therefore the only remaining points at issue are the two items revived regarding the 'linoleum deal' and the 'window shade deal'." The new general statement regarding substitutes in janitorial work, and the complaint that the college conducted a "one-sided hearing" in replying to the special report.

Linoleum Accounted For. In connection with the "linoleum deal," Jensen declared his office has "located every yard of this particular pattern," and that "all yardage has been accounted for" by systematic measuring of 11 rooms in five buildings.

Further he declared, in submitting a detailed report on all window

NRA Board Named to Probe Complaints in Medford Area

Eckener in U. S.



Dr. Hugo Eckener, skipper of the Graf Zeppelin, has come to the United States to arrange for a visit of his airship to the Chicago world's fair in October. (Associated Press Photo)

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Mike Gault Returns to Enter Business. Mike Gault, Jr., former Medford boy, who has been in California, recently returned to this city to enter business. A number of friends reported today. He will open a shoe repair shop on East Main street in the immediate future and is bringing his family with him to make Medford his home.

Bank Bandits Run Wild in Little Kansas Town. Hays, Kans., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Bank robbers, carrying machine guns, brought to this college town of 3000 people the same swift action pioneers experienced when desperadoes rode horses and Wild Bill Hickok ruled as marshal over the frontier outpost.

Twelve hostages were all subsequently released; the loot was \$3000; the bank cashier was wounded and the city marshal received a broken leg under the wheels of a car in which he attempted pursuit. The four robbers, who were pulled overalls and masks, were believed in hiding after slitting national guardsmen, hastily recruited posse and airplane observers.

A. W. Arrhoid, cashier of the Farmers State bank, was beaten over the head when he refused to open the vault and later was wounded in the leg while standing with other hostages on the running-board of the robbers' car.

Apparently Arrhoid was hit accidentally by the rifle fire of a vigilante, Prof. James Rose of a point at which they were reported.

NRA ACTIVITIES

(By the Associated Press.) Today, Hugh S. Johnson, N. R. A. administrator, studies labor contracts drafted under the soft coal code. Hearings begin on newspaper publishers' code. Officials work on code for retail trade. Work progresses on numerous other pending codes. Yesterday, Soft coal operators and United Mine Workers of America signed labor contract. William Green, president of American Federation of Labor, said employers not keeping pace with labor in supporting N. R. A. Frances Perkins, secretary of labor, attributed upturn in wages and decrease in working hours to adoption of codes.

FAMILY ROW OF LONG STANDING AIRED IN COURT

A family and neighborhood ruckus from the Derby district, in process of settlement today in Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman's court, involves Mrs. Helen Driskell and her brother-in-law, Clyde Driskell. A dozen residents of the Derby district were present. Justice Coleman heard the versions of the chief parties. Driskell is former school director of Derby. The trouble has been raging for two years.

"I am looking for an adjustment of this trouble—there might not be any—but we'll try. If we can arrange a truce it will be better all around," said the court at the start. Only the girls just gave their side.

Mrs. Driskell told the court that the quarrel was of 13-years' standing, starting on a homestead in Canada and continuing on a homestead in Jackson county. She averred "Clyde never did like me from the start." The husband has a divorce. Mrs. Driskell and her four children are homesteading in the Derby section on land adjoining the defendant, who is charged with assault and battery.

The woman alleged that the defendant "aimed slander at her," and "tormented me for years. And that she was the victim of vilifying gossip 'like strange neighbors' over a considerable period.

This week the matter came to a fistic encounter, and Mrs. Driskell charges that Clyde Driskell "knocked her flat," tore her clothing, and said "everything that could be said," and "twisted my arm until neighbors came."

Mrs. Driskell showed the court her thumb, where she claimed Driskell "had dug his thumb," leaving a deep cut. The blow came as the climax of Driskell's claim that "the boys threw rocks at him and his house on the way home from school." Mrs. Driskell said "when I got up I hit him as hard as I could with my fist."

Mr. Driskell said a road and a man "named Hart" had nothing to do with the bitterness. She said: "I am homesteading because I have always wanted a home, and am going to make one." She said she has 140 quarts of foodstuff prepared for the winter.

Driskell told the court the trouble had been under way for some time; that Mrs. Driskell was the aggressor, and that he acted only in self-defense. The evidence in the informal hearing was very conflicting and court and counsel for both sides inferred it would require a great deal of Socratic wisdom to straighten out. The state was represented by Deputy District Attorney Nelson and the defendant by Attorney Frank DeSouza.

RECREATIONAL PICNIC WILL BE POSTPONED. Due to stormy weather, the county recreational club picnic scheduled for Saturday and Sunday September 23 and 24, at Dead Indian Soda Springs, has been postponed indefinitely, according to announcement this afternoon by Mabel C. Mack, county home demonstration agent.

CITIES PROMISED SPEED IN PLACING PUBLIC WORK COIN

Mayors Told Government Anxious to Allocate Three Billion As Job Relief Throughout United States

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told mayors of the nation's largest cities today to bring in their plans for using the \$3,000,000,000 federal public works fund and the government would allocate the money with all possible speed.

The president's message was read to the United States conference of mayors just as Mayor John D. Dore of Seattle had finished a declaration that the Pacific northwest was slipping deeper into depression because of delay in allocating the public relief money.

"The impetus of recovery is collapsing," Mayor Dore said. "The reason is that we can't get help from the public works fund. I don't believe the president knows it, but the NRA, so far as the Pacific northwest is concerned, has ended."

NRA Co-operation Lauded. President Roosevelt thanked the mayors for co-operation under the NRA.

"I am glad to have this opportunity to extend my greetings to the United States conference of mayors, and through your organization to thank the mayors of the various cities of this country for the help and support they have given the national administration in carrying out its program for national recovery," said the message.

"The federal government is glad to have the co-operation of the conference. I wish you and the chief executives meeting with you all success in the discussions of the important issues confronting all public officials.

Should Come Forward. "I hope that during your deliberations you will consider carefully the relationship of your states and subdivisions to the recovery program of the federal government. Congress has appropriated three billions, three hundred millions of dollars to finance a comprehensive program of public works, in part for federal projects. Approximately one billion six hundred millions already have been allocated. We are at the point now where the states and municipalities interested in public works projects should come forward quickly with proposals which will give immediate work to their unemployed.

"We want to co-operate to the fullest possible extent and I assure you that after your projects have been passed upon by the state advisory boards, they will be acted upon in Washington with a minimum of delay.

HOME EXTENSION LEADERS CONFER HERE SATURDAY. Annual conference of home extension unit officers and project leaders will be held at the courthouse auditorium tomorrow. Mrs. Mabel C. Mack, county home demonstration agent announced today. The session will open at ten o'clock.

The program includes: "Purpose of the Day," Miss Alice Hanley, county chairman of the extension committee; singing and stunts, Mrs. Mack; "Extension Relationships, and Extent of Program and Personnel," Miss Nye. Following luncheon, songs and recreational numbers will be given, under the direction of Mrs. Mack, after which Mrs. Land will speak on the "Value of Home Economics Extension Program to Oregon Homemakers." Miss Nye will then give a program pattern for a local meeting, and parliamentary procedure.

JEAN HARLOW, HUBBY BREAKFAST



Jean Harlow, platinum blonde screen star, is shown eating her wedding breakfast with her new husband, Harold G. Rosson, motion picture cameraman. In their Beverly Hills, Cal., home. They eloped to Yuma, Ariz., for the wedding ceremony. (Associated Press Photo)

FORD BEATS NRA BY REDUCTION IN HOURS OF LABOR

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 22.—(AP)—The Ford Motor Co., now operating on a 40-hour week, shortly will place its employees on a work week within the 35-hour week provision of the NRA automotive code, which Henry Ford has not signed.

Details of the plan for reducing hours for the 50,000 Ford employees—possibly as low as 32 hours a week—are now being worked out by the company.

"Mr. Ford intends to conform with the code by working his men an average of 35 hours a week," said one Ford official today. "He does not intend to violate the NRA code."

The official, declining the use of his name, did not explain how the reduction of hours would be effected. One report, however, was that the company would go on an average of 32-hour week for several weeks, working five days on week and three days the next, on a basis of an eight-hour day. Later, indications were, the hours would be increased to 35 as production is stepped up.

J'VILLE GRANGE TO HEAR DR. SHOCKLEY

An educational program will be presented this evening at the Jacksonville Grange, it was announced today, with Dr. E. W. Shockley of Medford giving a lecture on X-rays. Because of this special feature, all members of the organization, and those interested are asked to attend the program, which will start about 9:00 o'clock.

Wilbur Yake of Jacksonville will sing, and Irma Niedermeyer will play a piano solo, as a part of the program. A short business meeting will be held preceding the program, according to Doris Conger, lecturer. Refreshments will be served by the committee, of which Mrs. Otto Niedermeyer is chairman.

SMOKE SCREEN USED IN BOLD CHICAGO ROBBERY

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Five machine gunners, laying a smoke screen, robbed four federal reserve bank messengers of mail sacks in the heart of the financial district early today, and later killed a policeman as they wrecked their speeding car.

W. C. Bachman, cashier of the Federal bank, said the bags contained "nothing but cancelled checks, worthless to anyone but the banks."

Postal inspectors, city and state police quickly threw guards around the city to prevent the exit of the daring band, and government criminologists studied the two automobiles abandoned by the robbers and the elaborate equipment they contained in the hope of finding clues.

Suspicion focused on George "Machine Gun" Kelly and Verne Miller, southwestern bandits. Highway mappers still thumbed in the Texas-Oklahoma region were found in the bullet proof car that crashed a mile west of the loop. In the writ and daring execution of the robbery the police saw the possibility that the notorious outlaws were seeking defense funds for Harvey Bailey, on trial for kidnaping.

JUDGE TOU VELLE HEADS GROUP TO ENFORCE CODES

Few Complaints Registered Will Be Investigated and Recommendation Made to Administrator Johnson

In accordance with a request received from General Hugh S. Johnson, national recovery administrator, the local N. R. A. committee has organized a committee of seven which will be known as the NRA compliance board. It was announced this morning. The duties of this committee shall be education, conciliation, and mediation in handling:

(a) Complaints of non-compliance with the president's agreement. (b) Petitions for exceptions under paragraph 14 of the president's agreement. (c) Petitions for permission to operate on the longer hour schedule of existing union contracts, instead of the maximum hours of the president's agreement.

B. E. Harder, general in charge of the local NRA committee, made the following announcement this morning regarding NRA work in this community:

"As I see it our duties so far have been confined to two specific projects: first, to obtain the signatures of employers that they have complied with the president's re-employment agreement and, second, to make a house to house canvass in order to obtain the co-operation of the consumers. Both these jobs have been completed." Mr. Harder continued, "and now it has been made mandatory upon us to carry out an important duty in order that NRA shall be successful in this country."

Name Compliance Board. "We have been requested to organize a compliance board composed of seven persons representing employers, employees, consumers and legal representation. We have organized this group and a permanent chairman has been selected. The personnel of this compliance board is as follows: Judge F. L. TouVelle, chairman; Mrs. A. E. Reames, Floyd Hart, C. S. Stuart, Leon B. Haskins, H. A. Fredette, and H. K. Hanna.

"This board will be responsible for investigating all complaints and I feel very confident that the work is in capable hands. It is my understanding, according to instructions received from Washington that the work will take approximately 45 days," Mr. Harder continued.

Act Immediately. The board will immediately take under consideration all complaints which have been filed with the local committee and which have not so far been acted upon. The few complaints which have so far been reported will be investigated and the employers will be contacted to inform them of the nature of the complaint and ascertain their conception of the facts.

(Continued on Page Four.) State police reported this afternoon that Joseph Lucas, 24, who escaped from the state penitentiary dormitory Wednesday night, is still at large. Although Lucas has a number of sisters and a brother here, no reports of his whereabouts in this section have been received.

WILL ROGERS BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 21.

To inflate or not to inflate that is the Democratic question. Whether it's nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of Southern politicians or to take up inflation against a sea of economists, and by opposing, and them.

To expand, to inflate, to inflate, perchance to dream. Aye, there's the rub. For in that sleep of inflation, what dreams may come, puzzle the will, and make us doubtful whether to bear those ills we have than fly to others we know not of.

Will Rogers
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