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### DR. KERR'S WORK WELL DONE

The news columns of the state press this week not only carried an announcement by Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor of the Oregon state system of higher education, that he would retire as soon as a successor were found, but editorially commented at length on Dr. Kerr's excellent work and speculated as to whom his position would fall.

The former Oregon State college president assumed the role of chancellor in September, 1932 only with a view to getting the new unification system inaugurated and running smoothly. He was ready to retire two years ago, but stayed in the hope of rendering a final service to the state he has served so long and so well. And Dr. Kerr accomplished much. In the last year and a half of his chancellorship, great progress was made in the unification of the five state institutions of higher learning. Occasional situations have developed at times that perhaps were not conducive to the best interest of the state — but these apparently were aimed at Dr. Kerr more on personal grounds than on anything connected with his policies.

All in all, Dr. Kerr's work has been well done. The five institutions are functioning nicely at present, each competently staffed and with a responsible president at the head of each institution.

Most of the greatest difficulties, principally in the past recent years, unquestionably have been faced and surmounted. At each institution is a story of accomplishment, and the normal school here is a glowing example of progress made — much of it due to policies invoked by the state board and Dr. Kerr, and much of it due to the excellent work here of President H. E. Inlow. It is the same elsewhere. The University, the State college, the normal schools at Monmouth and Ashland are steadily going ahead.

True and admittedly, though there is and perhaps always will be room for improvement, particularly to make the facilities of higher learning more available to all who desire them, as it is not possible at this time with the foundation laid by Dr. Kerr, to gain a continued forward movement in our schools and colleges through coordinate effort of individual school executives and the higher board? Such eliminating for the time being of the position of chancellor might bring about a better harmony and understanding, and these have been difficult tasks to conquer in previous years. It is not unreasonable to think that Dr. Kerr's splendid machinery will go right on running with his retirement, and without a new man at the helm. It's worth giving much thought to, particularly in view of the savings to the taxpayers such a move would bring.

### THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

To The Editor:

A clap of lightning out of a clear sky! Which came to us through the columns of the Baker Democrat-Herald, then the Evening Observer and finally from the Portland Journal and which sounds very much like the investigation in congress of Dr. Wirt. It was of recall petitions started by an organization under the name of the Union County Better Government League. This too sounds to us very much like the sitting and advertising that the grand old county — Jackson — has been getting for the last year or so. The recall is for the true and tried officers of our county, two of whom have faithfully, honestly and conscientiously served the people of Union county for a number of years, and are still trying to do the same thing.

I have been a voter in Union county since Union county was cut away from the territory of Baker county, which was just 70 years ago this year. In the bill making the new county of Union it was provided that the then acting governor of the state should appoint the officers of the new county, which he did. The governor was Governor Gibbs. Since that time officers have been elected by the legal voters of the county and I have known all the officers that Union county ever elected. I am frank in saying in doing justice to my fellow man I have never known Union county to have a more faithful, honest and conscientious class of officers than we have today. They are capable and they are honest, they are true and tried. If the frivolous excuse for invoking the recall is due to showing favoritism in employing relatives of members of the county court on county business, then we should insist on the Union County Better Government League to be the first to invoke a national recall on the more than 300 members in our national congress for having relatives as their assistants.

While it is true we have the re-

call law on our statute books, it is there to be used only in extreme cases, and in a majority of cases where it has been used it has proved a lamentable failure, and to the disgust and regret of the ones who invoked it. It is too much like the emergency clause attached to an enacted law — it is too often abused when there is no emergency existing. In recent elections we are informed there are as much as 40 per cent of the registered voters of the state not voting, and the non-voters are the first ones to criticize. Are those who are invoking the recall registered voters in the county, and did they vote at the last election?

Tom Johnson, our worthy commissioner has been a resident of Union county since 1880, and like many other young men, his only recourse for special to pile up a competency for the future was a good, stout body and a pair of strong, willing hands, and practicing economy and industry with good, careful management he has made a success of his undertaking and for the last half century has been paying a good, bar tax in Union county. The ones who can make a success in the management of their own business affairs are the ones who can safely trust to manage the public's or people's affairs. There is no other man in Union county that is better qualified to successfully care for the business for the people of Union county. It is the duty of every voter and taxpayer of Union county to stand solidly behind those whom we with our votes have entrusted the management of our county's business affairs. (Signed) Dr. Wm. Wright, Medical Springs, Ore.

**JUNIOR 'GOLD RUSH'**  
OROVILLE, Cal. (AP)—School boys have turned their attention to constructing portable "rockers" and "stump pullers" to earn spending money by working after school hours. Working after school, boys of 10 and 12 years have reclaimed gold enough to start a juvenile association.

Quincy Rainett of the Chicago Cubs has caught more than 1200 big league games and has practically perfect fingers. His right thumb was broken in 1928—the only catching injury—but is perfectly aligned.

### A Noted Turfman Testifies Before Huey Long



Facing each other before a crowded Senate Finance committee hearing, Colonel E. R. Bradley (left) noted Kentucky turfman, is shown as he prepared to answer the questions of Senator Huey P. Long of Louisiana (right). The Senator was attempting to show that Bradley and Colonel John P. Sullivan of New Orleans were "gambling partners" and had dictated the nomination of Daniel C. Moore, of New Orleans, to be Collector of Internal Revenue for Louisiana.

### In Washington

By Herbert Plummer  
WASHINGTON — The "brains" of what sometimes is referred to as the veterans' lobby are ready to close up shop for the remainder of the present congress and either play golf or go fishing.

Substantially everything for which they have fought is "in the bag." Their attitude is aptly expressed in the opening sentence of the special bulletin issued by the national legislative committee of the American Legion after President Roosevelt's veto had been overridden:

"Over the top — with our objectives taken!"

Three points of the legion's four-point program in the main have been translated into law.

Former service-connected disability compensation to World war veterans has been restored. The 29,000 "presumptive" cases have been restored to the rolls at 75 per cent of their old payments, except for those in which the government can show disability was incurred before or after service. Hospitalization for needy disabled veterans also is provided.

**Bonus Issue Dormant**  
All references to immediate payment of adjusted service certificates (the bonus) which has passed the house and now is pending in the senate are dismissed summarily.

They are quick to point out that the American Legion is on record as opposed to this proposition. As far as the national legislative committee is concerned its interest in the proposition rests at that point.

"The American Legion has spoken

on this question," they say. "However, that doesn't mean that its spokesmen are duty bound to go out and oppose the bonus openly." Privately expressed opinions are that the success with which the veterans' cause has met thus far will go a long way toward dampening the ardor and enthusiasm for payment of the bonus at this time.

"Point No. 4" Shelved

As a matter of fact there seems to be no particular urge on the part of some spokesmen for the veterans to push for enactment of Point No. 4 of the American Legion program.

This is the proposal that "in no event shall widows and dependent children of deceased war veterans be without government protection."

Senator Steiwer of Oregon, recognized spokesman for veterans in the senate, purposely omitted offering this point along with the other three. He and other veteran supporters frankly were afraid of it. Point No. 4, more than any other in the program, is credited with having done most to stir up the tremendous opposition the veterans encountered in their efforts to liberalize the economy act.

If the leaders have their way, Point No. 4, as well as other legislation affecting veterans, will be pigeon-holed at least for the time being.

### "BROWSING" LIBRARY WORKS

EMPORIA, Kan. (AP)—A "browsing" library at the College of Emporia, with no librarian to check books in and out, shows fewer losses of volumes than the regular school library. Students sign for books when they take them out, and cross off their names when the books are returned.

### Termed Lobbyist In Air Mail Fight



That William I. Denning (above), lobbied for cancellation of air mail contracts so that organized independent airline operators which he represented might have a chance to bid, was what Senator Austin tried to prove at a hearing before the Senate Airmail hearing. Denning, a Washington lawyer, is shown on the stand.

A bit of "standard equipment" on the bed of Francis A. Schmidt, new Ohio State football coach, is a notebook and pencil, hanging on a string so as to be available for jotting down new grid formations he thinks up at night.

### The Garden

**ALL ABOUT THE RADISH**  
The most popular small garden vegetable is undoubtedly the radish. This is so, perhaps, because of its tart freshness that epitomizes the spirit of early spring, and it is so because this early little radish can be planted as soon as the ground is workable, and harvested three weeks later.

Plant the radish in the full sun on a plot of ground of light and rich texture with not too great a content of nitrogen. The olive and globe-shaped varieties are the earliest. A good thing to remember with the earlier varieties is that the later they are picked the more pithy and strong they will be—pull and eat them as soon as they mature.

The general rule is that the longer they take to mature, the hotter the flavor; they also take on an oblong shape like the carrot. Most of the summer varieties are like this, among them being Strassburg and Chartier. There is an exception among the summer varieties, and is rather mild.

This question of mildness has been the problem of seedmen in developing new varieties, and it has been met by shortening the season. The early globe type is noted for its mildness, and with a succession of plantings every week in the spring, a continuous crop may be had. They cannot be grown on into the summer.

Radishes used as table decorations may be grown in red, yellow or white colors and are very effective for this purpose. The fall varieties should not be neglected, for they will supply a quantity of huge, mild edibles far into the winter season.

A common fault in planting radishes is to sow them too thickly. The best results will be obtained by thinning them to 2 inches apart in the row. This crowding is especially detrimental where the earliest crop is desired. Plants should be thinned out as soon as they appear above the surface. With the larger varieties, 6 inches of space is needed. Remember, they are one of the first spring vegetables, and can be sown as soon as

### He'll Sign Codes



As new manager of the NRA of fees in Washington, Lieut. Col. George A. Lynch will hereafter sign the codes. A former West Point classmate of NRA Administrator General Hugh S. Johnson, he is shown at his desk after his appointment.

the ground is workable.

Glowing Ball radish, a round, early red variety, received a gold medal in the All-America trials of new varieties for 1934. It represents the latest improvement in the quick growing, mild, round type for earliest planting.

### The Weather

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
Oregon: Tonight and tomorrow, cooler in western portion, but with little change in the east; generally clear.

#### LOCAL WEATHER

Thursday: Maximum 84, minimum 44 above, Clear.  
Today: Minimum 44, 7 a. m.—56 above, Clear.

The University of Michigan may have a 29-year-old guard on its football team next fall in Stephen Leonard Platkowski, member of the Polish Olympic boxing team in 1932.

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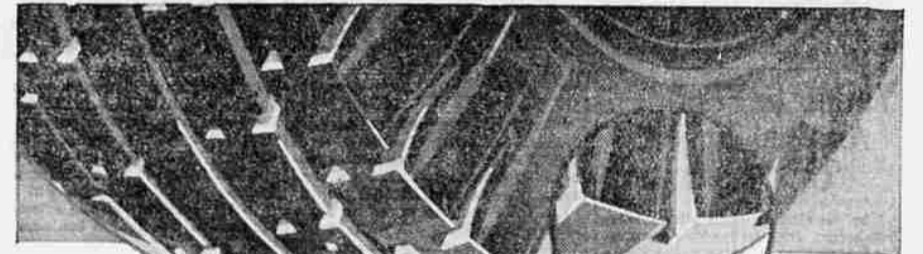
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