

DR. KERR SOON TO DECIDE ON KANSAS OFFER

President of Oregon Agricultural College Returns From Visit at the National Capital.

VAST WORK BEING DONE

Government Has Accomplished Wonders in Few Months; College Working Experiments.

Just before departing for Corvallis this morning, Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of Oregon Agricultural college, said that he hopes within a short time to decide upon his answer to the invitation to become president of Kansas Agricultural college. He arrived in Portland from Washington, D. C., Tuesday evening.

A love of Oregon and the Northwest and a keen interest in the development of this region make it difficult to decide, Dr. Kerr admitted.

Kansas Agricultural college is one of the largest institutions of the kind in the country and the salary of the president, said to be \$9000 a year, is more than the presidency of the Oregon institution pays. But Dr. Kerr does not indicate that financial considerations would be a primary factor in his decision.

Radio Course Proposed While in Washington, the head of the Oregon Agricultural college conferred with government officials on ways by which the college can be used most effectively to help win the war. A result may be the establishing of special radio and signal courses for those who wish to enter these branches of government service.

As a further indication of what O. A. C. is doing to help Uncle Sam win the war, President Kerr said that with the assistance of the federal bureau of markets, Professor Dryden, of the poultry department, and Professor Beckwith, of the bacteriological laboratories, were making experiments to discover a means of preventing the present great loss in cold storage due to deterioration.

"This loss has been estimated as \$725,000 annually in the United States," said President Kerr. "On September 1 of this year there were approximately \$7,412 cases of eggs in cold storage in the Northwest, and the estimated loss on them alone will be \$700,000. Not only is the work we are doing an aid to conservation of foods, but it is also an aid to good business. Portland and Oregon cold storage men have turned their plants over to us, and are aiding in the work in every way. We hope soon to accomplish valuable results."

Great Work Being Done Speaking of his trip to Washington, President Kerr said he was profoundly impressed with the work the United States government was doing in war preparation.

"Figures were given me, and facts were told me, that I cannot give out," he said. "Yet it is almost beyond comprehension of the average man to realize what the government is doing. Just as an example I may say that complete equipments for the first million men sent to Europe will be ready before the men arrive there, and complete artillery equipment for the second mil-

lion men to go will be ready August 1. The United States is accomplishing wonders in all lines of work through the adoption of the principles of standardization and specialization. Parts and equipment are made by the hundred thousand in plants specially equipped to make them. Everything is made according to standards, and then all the parts are sent to an assembling point and put together. Nobody who has not had an insight into the way things are being done can begin to realize the great strides the United States has made in preparing itself in less than a year it has been at war."

STORY OF ALLEGED LEAK MAY RESULT IN AN INVESTIGATION

Deputy Sheriff Christofferson Testifies in Case Involving Raid on Claremont Tavern.

That Julius Wilbur had been advised in advance that a raid was to be made at Claremont tavern, of which he was proprietor, on the night of September 22 last, was indicated in District Judge Bell's court this morning when Deputy Sheriff Christofferson testified that Frank Collier, attorney for Wilbur, was at the tavern the night of the raid and told him he knew nearly an hour in advance that the raid was to be made. "He told me he had been tipped off in advance," testified the deputy.

It is understood the state will make every effort to learn who supplied Wilbur with this information, if such is the case.

C. F. Brown, a special investigator from the office of District Attorney Evans, and Miss Laura Thompson, a stenographer, testified they had visited Claremont tavern on two separate occasions, one of them being the night of the raid, and that they were served with liquor.

"We told them to bring us a drink with a 'kick' in it," testified Miss Thompson. She further said Wilbur apologized the first night for not serving them liquor when they first asked for it, but that they had no trouble in securing all the whiskey they wanted on their second visit.

Policemen Burkhardt and Schum testified concerning the raid and of the finding of the liquor—60 quarts—secreted in a loft of the barn, at the rear of the tavern. "It was brought out by Deputy Sheriff Christofferson that of the 18 'guests' who were arrested during the raid, all but two gave fictitious names. These two paid fines of \$25 each. Efforts to locate all the other people as witnesses were futile.

It is not expected the case can be given to the jury today.

WRONGFUL ARREST ALLEGED

Husband Asks for Divorce From Wife on Unusual Grounds.

Alleging that his wife twice had him wrongfully arrested and incarcerated in the county jail on charges of non-support, Herbert S. Smith began suit for divorce this morning against Lucy Smith.

He alleges that in September, 1917, she swore out a false complaint and caused his detention four days, that in October she appeared before the grand jury and preferred false charges against him, whereupon he was confined in jail five days and that he was tried in the circuit court on this charge November 17.

The Smiths married at Rochelle, Ill., Nov. 18, 1906.

Maude Clulow seeks a divorce from John Clulow on the ground of desertion.

HARPER ARREST WAS ALL ADVISED, SAYS MONTAGUE

Police Scored for Lack of Leniency for Boy Found Without Registration Card.

MORE DISCRETION IS URGED

Respectable Youth Had Simply Left His Card at Home; He Was Taken to Jail.

Much comment has followed publication in The Journal, Tuesday, of the facts surrounding the arrest and jailing of E. L. Harper, a Portland youth of native birth, with home, family and position in the city and who when arrested was wearing a Liberty bond button on his coat lapel.

Harper was taken in last Saturday night for failure to have his draft registration card on his person. He was held in jail until about Sunday noon.

Later it was shown that he was in the custom of carrying the card, but that his wife, in pressing his suit, had removed the card and had forgotten to replace it.

Discretion Is Advised The general feeling following the affair seems to be that the draft law, one of the best statutes ever enacted by any nation, would be given added strength and favor in the public mind if its administration were conducted with such discretion and judgment as would render less liable the jailing and humiliation of a respectable and law-abiding citizen.

A statement to this effect was made by Richard W. Montague, well known Portland lawyer, who is himself giving much time to uncompensated service of the government.

"A law of this kind ought to be administered with the utmost consideration and fairness," said Mr. Montague. "In the Harper case the law was apparently enforced with unnecessary brutality. No officer is forbidden to use discretion and judgment and all should possess these qualities.

Brings Law Into Disrepute "Every decent man ought to be given 12 hours in which to produce his card before being thrown into jail. The method which was used in the case of Harper was a method calculated to throw into disrepute a just and admirable law. To be treated in that way has a strong tendency to make a man an I. W. W."

"It is just because I do believe in the law, because I believe it to be wise and admirable, because I want the nation to be strong in its conduct of the war and because I abominate the Kaiser and all his works, that I do not want the law to become hated through unintelligent and heavy-handed enforcement of it."

They were married in Portland, October 20, 1906.

She asks for the custody of a minor child, \$40 alimony and \$100 to prosecute her suit.

JURY SELECTED IN PERRY CASE

Woman Suing Physician for \$10,000; Alleges Malpractice.

A jury was being selected in Circuit Judge Bagley's court this morning to try the case of Mary E. Perry against Dr. J. J. Rosenberg for damages for alleged malpractice. She is asking for \$10,000 damages and for \$2235 for loss of earnings.

Judge Bagley, who is circuit judge of Washington county, is here from Hillsboro assisting in clearing up the Multnomah county docket, which is behind its schedule largely because of the expected retirement of Judge Littlefield, who will resign to give way to Colonel C. U. Gantenbein.

Judge Littlefield, during his last few days on the bench, will hear motions and attend to ex parte matters only.

MRS. INGERSOLL ASKS DIVORCE

Rose F. Ingersoll has begun suit in the circuit court for divorce from William G. Ingersoll on grounds of desertion. They were married at Marshfield in 1913. She also alleges cruelty and drunkenness.

Eva Bobrowski wishes to be separated from George Bobrowski and to regain her maiden name of Eva Prziaszkowski. The Bobrowskis were married in Russia in 1908. She asks for the custody of a minor child.

Non-suit Is Refused

Circuit Judge George Bagley this morning denied a motion for a non-suit in the case of Mary E. Perry against Dr. J. J. Rosenberg for damages for alleged malpractice. The plaintiff is suing for \$10,000 damages for alleged malpractice.

Fuel Famine Danger In Northwest Over

Washington, Nov. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Priority order No. 1, issued August 20, for the purpose of relieving a threatened fuel famine in the northwest was revoked this afternoon by Priority Commissioner Lovett.

The order gave priority to bituminous coal over a score of railroads for trans-shipment over the lakes. It was cancelled at the request of Fuel Administrator Garfield. The order has accomplished its purpose and there is no danger of a coal famine in the northwest, Judge Lovett said.

The revocation of the order is effective at midnight November 30 except as it affects coal already en route, loaded for shipment or ready for loading.

Man Arrested Here Wanted in Illinois

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 28.—(U. P.)—Governor Lowden today signed a requisition for the return from Portland to La Salle county of E. W. Michael, wanted there on a charge of working a confidence game.

Michael was arrested for the Illinois authorities some days ago and is being held in the Multnomah county jail pending arrival of an officer.

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Throats Cut; Five In Family Are Dead

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Nov. 25.—The bodies of Michael Kelley, his wife, Verna, and their three children were found today with their throats cut in their home at Rose Lake, near here. A butcher knife covered with blood was found in the kitchen and a blood-stained razor was found in the living room of the house, which, according to men who found the bodies, had not been broken into.

The bodies of Mrs. Kelley and the children were found in bed. Kelley's body was found in the dining room. The children were a boy, 5 years old, and two girls, 3 and 1 years of age. Kelley had been employed by the Rose Lake Lumber company for two years. He was 29 years old.

CITY COUNCIL WILL TRY ONCE MORE TO SELL DELINQUENT PROPERTY

Commission Decides It Will Not Levy Special Tax of One Mill for Purpose.

Instead of levying a special tax of 1 mill to cover delinquencies on bonded street and sewer assessments, the city council may make further attempts to sell the property on which delinquencies exist and care for shortages by loans

from the general fund and money borrowed from the banks.

The question was before the city council today in the form of reports from the citizens' committee appointed by Mayor Baker to investigate and recommend means for caring for the delinquencies. The council, however, postponed until Friday morning action on the ordinance fixing the 1 mill levy.

The committee had suggested that the city commissioners take steps to sell property on which delinquencies may exist at a price the property may be reasonably worth notwithstanding the purchase price may be less than the assessments.

Commissioner Bigelow said, however, that the charter prohibits the sale of property for less than the assessments and interest. As question exists as to whether this is a charter or an ordinance restriction the matter was referred to the city attorney to report Friday.

The committee had also suggested that, instead of levying the whole 1 mill tax, the commissioners make every effort to get funds from 1918 appropriations by eliminating all unnecessary expenditures. The reading of this brought an explanation from Bigelow.

"Apparently," he said, "the committee did not know that the council did everything possible in considering budget estimates to eliminate all unnecessary items. I think the council is satisfied that everything was done which could be done."

Commissioner Kellaher said today he would oppose the 1 mill levy. He proposes to have the owners of delinquent property give the city an offer to buy the property and let the city sell the land outright for whatever it can get. The charter provides for a method of selling the delinquent property and gives the owner the right to redeem. Kellaher would have owners waive this, however.

The council discussed the matter in special session Tuesday afternoon. Mayor Baker and Bigelow were for making further attempts to sell the property rather than passing the ordinance fixing the 1 mill levy.

Commissioner Barbur insisted that sales were failures and that the special tax was the only way to get the funds.

Bigelow declared that the public had the impression that the city has not done everything possible in trying to sell the property, and to correct this impression a list of delinquencies should be prepared and another sale attempted. He put this in the form of a motion which the council finally adopted.

DAY OPPOSES CITY PLANT

I. N. Day of the Oregon Independent Paving company objected before the city council today to the proposal to purchase a municipal paving repair plant. He said if the city contemplated paving Terwilliger boulevard it should do it with a real paving plant and not a repair plant. And that to get a repair plant to pave Terwilliger boulevard was a subterfuge.

Commissioner Barbur had an ordinance before the council transferring

\$2000 from present year balances to be used toward the purchase of a plant until Friday. Commissioner Kellaher said he wanted to investigate further before voting.

Day said he would sell his own plant for 30 cents on the dollar. He also objected to the municipality competing with private concerns. He spoke against the public market, the municipal docks and the city's wood venture, declaring that all injured private concerns.

Villistas Capture Chihuahua Suburbs

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Villista forces had captured suburbs of Chihuahua and are working toward the center of the city, according to announcements made this afternoon by the Cientificos. The report is denied by the Carranza officials here. United States government officers have received no confirmation.

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