

## REGENTS OF O. A. C. EXPLAIN INCREASE GRANTED DR. KERR

No Request Made by Educator, Says Statement, but Value to State Considered.

### OFFERS OF RAISE DECLINED

Agricultural College Head Asked That Date of Advance Voted Be Delayed.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 12.—Answering criticisms on its action in advancing the salary of the president, the board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural college has issued a statement in justification of its action. This statement was prepared by a special committee consisting of J. K. Weathered, president of the board; J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, and C. E. Spence, master of the state grange, and was unanimously adopted by the board at its regular mid-winter meeting, held at the college Wednesday afternoon.

This statement is as follows: Text of Statement. Answering certain attempts to discredit our action in advancing the salary of President W. J. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college, we, the members of the board of regents, make this statement to the people of Oregon: We had full knowledge of all the facts before and at the time President Kerr's salary was advanced. No deception of any kind was practiced by anybody upon us or upon the people of the state. President Kerr did not request any increase in salary. Our action was taken on mature judgment, reached after careful study of the entire situation. The board has ample corroborative information that President Kerr was urged to consider the presidency of the Kansas Agricultural college, an increased salary, any statements to the contrary notwithstanding.

Confidence is expressed. The board of regents renews its expression of confidence in Dr. Kerr. The members of the board have had him and his work under personal and official observation for nearly 11 years. Representing different occupations, holding various opinions in other matters, public and private, and coming from widely separated parts of Oregon, the board nevertheless are united in understanding and appreciation of the value of Dr. Kerr's services to the institution and to Oregon, and have conviction that his departure would be a distinct public loss.

Largely under his wise and faithful guidance, the Oregon Agricultural college has grown from comparatively small beginnings to be one of the great institutions of the country. The work that it has done has been invaluable to the entire Northwest. The work it will do, if its growth shall continue, will, in our opinion, repay the state many fold for its investment, and the public for its confidence. We pledge Dr. Kerr as president for the future the same measure of support we have given in the past.

Increase Never Requested. In the nearly 11 years that he has been with the college, President Kerr has never asked for increased compensation. With the exception of the advance voted by the board last month, President Kerr, in that long period, has received but one increase in salary. On several occasions the members of the board proposed to increase his salary, with objections by President Kerr, who insisted that the conditions at the time would not justify the increase.

Because of such objections, the original increase proposed by the board was delayed two years. At the board meeting last June the matter of an increase was broached, and the willingness expressed by members to vote an advance. On the advice of President Kerr himself, however, the matter was dropped, and was only taken up when a condition arose which resulted in the increase voted last month.

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During his residence here Mr. Dunlap took an active part in civic affairs. During the Red Cross drives of last summer he was one of the most active and efficient. A farewell reception was given in his honor which was largely attended. All churches were represented.

When Rev. Dunlap was just out of college he preached at Cornelius, this county, and for several years he was in Southern Oregon where he served as a presiding elder of his district.

## Benton Committee May Direct Drives

Corvallis Commercial Club Is Asked to Take Up Question of Naming Board to Pass on Genuine of Appeals.

Corvallis, Or., Jan. 12.—The Commercial club of this city has been asked to take up the matter of naming a board to decide on how many and what activities shall be aided in this city and county, and that all wishing to solicit for funds shall first have the endorsement of the board.

President Kline of the Commercial club is taking the matter under consideration and no doubt some action on the matter will be taken, as, no doubt, the proposition to have a permanent organization to handle the successive drives for the larger war activities, instead of having a new board named each time. Preachers, business and professional men, lodges, societies and newspapers are besieged with requests to get behind some fund in connection with war work. They get very tired of the appeals and they want some organization that has time to investigate, to take all these propositions over and pass on them. They say that this will weed out the ones not strictly necessary.

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