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### STUNG, BY GUM!

RECENTLY, THE NEWS, in the interest of taxpayers, asked President W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural college a number of questions, relative to financial management of that state college. These questions were asked to call out an information, which is of great importance to taxpayers; for the reason that O. A. C. is supported, largely, by money collected from the taxpayers of Oregon. Dr. Kerr, in both of his replies which have been published in the NEWS, has seen proper to answer only in a general way. Our readers could notice that Dr. Kerr attempted to answer the queries the NEWS propounded, yet not give any information of a definite character. Evidently he attempted to appease the public, but gave out no facts which might influence a legislator to examine closely into the affairs of O. A. C. before voting in favor of the big appropriation which is being asked for at this session.

As our questions only appertained to the management of a state institution and of public employes, in which we steered clear of personal matters, we supposed we were exercising only a taxpayers' right. Having paid taxes in Oregon for 37 years we, in common with every other taxpayer, have a just right to know how our money is being expended. We, also, supposed that President Kerr was capable of fighting his own battles—of defending his official management of the state institution of which he has charge. We find, however, that our supposition was wrong. A few months ago he imported, from the elastic shades of Utah, a young man, by name N. R. Moore, Moore, by some means, has secured control of the Corvallis Times and, as in duty bound, is ever ready to fly to the defense of his importer. In other words, whenever Kerr takes a snuff, Moore sneezes. If a newspaper dares to criticize Kerr's management of this state institution Moore, his man Friday, jumps into the arena ready to do battle for his master.

In the Times of January 12, Moore has seen proper to make a personal attack upon the editor of the NEWS, because of the editorial article addressed to President Kerr; but which related only to Kerr's action as a public employe of the state of Oregon. The NEWS, in the interest of taxpayers, asked for information which Dr. Kerr failed to give; for reasons best known to himself. In addition to failure of getting this information, we have aroused the ire of his poodle editor of the Times. Editor Moore lectured us in the following flippant paragraph:

"The distinguished Mr. Dugger, who but lately flaunts his euphonious cognomen at the head of the Santiam News, is respectfully referred to Saturday's Oregonian for information, and editorial reference to O. A. C. If the News, instead of indulging itself in flippancy directed at the head of this state school, would first seek in a private way to secure desired information he would probably get further and cut more ice than by his ill-timed public demands for information that any man might secure with little effort. Because Mr. Dugger hasn't the disposition to write the secretary of the Board of Regents for information, he assumes that 'the people' (oh wondrous exclamation,) the whole people, are also sweating blood for lack of that information—and he then stretches himself in a column editorial directed at the president of the school, leaving an impression that is necessarily wrong. The News may be commended for its zeal in behalf of the state, but there may be a reasonable doubt as to the method. The very fact that an increased maintenance fund is asked for, and that it is openly stated that a portion of this will be used for increase of salaries, should be ample evidence that the Board of Regents has no hesitancy in furnishing a list of those employed and the amount paid. Cheer up, old man.

Editor Moore attempts facecivness at our expense. To enlighten this scion of Mormonism, we give answer to his several innuendoes. A newspaper has been published in Scio for twenty years, thirteen of which the present editor has had charge. We have never supposed the name "Dugger" was a distinguished(?) one; though, so far as we know, it has never been associated with dishonor. The name was brought to America with General LaFayette and the bearer of which, participated in a number of battles in the Revolutionary war. Two sons of this Revolutionary sire

participated in the battle of New Orleans and during the civil war, the name could be found in the roster of the participants in nearly every battle fought West of the Alleghany mountains.

You say "because Mr. Dugger hasn't the disposition to write to the secretary of the board of regents for information, he assumes that the 'people' (oh wondrous exclamation,) the whole people are also sweating blood for lack of information, etc."

In Dr. Kerr's first letter to the NEWS, he stated that the information we asked for, if printed, would fill a volume of 130 to 140 pages. We inferred, of course, that the information we sought was confined alone to the secretary's books. Certainly we have no disposition nor desire to expert those books; nor would the secretary, probably, permit us to do so. But suppose we had the time and was permitted free access to the books. We are simply one of the people, you slurringly refer to and, unless we gave publicity to the knowledge, the rest of the people would be no wiser.

Yes, we read the Oregonian's article of commendation; yet obtained no information therefrom, except that O. A. C. was doing excellent work, etc. No detailed information has, as yet, been given by Dr. Kerr, the Oregonian or the Times. Had the Oregonian editorial appeared one year ago, or should appear two months hence, we would appreciate its excellence more highly. But, coming just two days before the convening of the legislature and, seeing that O. A. C. is asking for a large appropriation, the editorial has a sort of metallic jingle, which is unpleasant to the taxpayers' ears.

Yes, Brother Moore, the editor of the NEWS is one of the people, "the whole people" and we live in Oregon, not in Utah. Have you observed that, in Oregon, the people, the whole people, sometimes take charge of legislative matters and run the business to suit themselves? And should O. A. C. succeed in obtaining an extraordinarily large appropriation, you are liable to hear from the people, the whole people.

Now Brother, you will find, in the end, that it is a good policy to take the people, the whole people, into your confidence, relative to the management of O. A. C. But enough for the present. We can probably find thicker ice to cut elsewhere.

### A WORD OF WARNING.

AS AN EVIDENCE that the NEWS man is not the only one who believes there is trouble ahead for O. A. C. under the present management, we publish the following which has recently been handed to us for publication:

"Two years ago the state university asked an increased appropriation, but declined to explain what was wanted with the money. Principally for this reason the Governor vetoed the bill. It passed over his veto, but was held up by the referendum until the people were convinced that the university management had learned a lesson, when a bare majority permitted it to become a law. This all came about because it looked as if the university wanted to hide something from the people.

"The Oregon Agricultural College is now a parallel case. An increased appropriation is asked, while the president declines to state candidly in detail what salaries are paid teachers and other employes. Everybody in Oregon can know what the Governor, the secretary of state, the state treasurer and other employes of the state are paid. Nothing of this kind hitherto has been withheld from the public. The people want to know, the granges want to know, and the legislature must know; and the press of the state should not permit the college turned into an endowment house filled with secrecy and hidden mysteries for the Oregon legislature to unfold. This sudden secrecy in a public institution that has always kept open records for the voters might, if continued, awaken needless suspicion, and create wrong impressions.

"People might be lead to believe that the school is rapidly loading up with heavy tithepayers and that the taxpayers have been viciously fooled already in important matters by those high in public esteem. They might listen to a swelling chorus of complaints from students and parents for the alleged reason that the expense of conducting the offices of the president and financial secretary have suddenly increased many thousand dollars over preceding administrations and the students have this year been taxed an additional five dollars each to make good the deficit. They might whisper that a tip in the way of traveling expenses has been handed out under President Keer's administration. They might ask whether the college paid state superintendent Ackerman \$250 or \$330 last winter to make a trip East to a teachers' convention and ostensibly pilot President Kerr about, who was also out on a large traveling expense scale, to select a few lonely schoolmarm. There are thousands of reasons why the college records should be kept open to the public in the future as in the past, and thereby prevent the public from falling into the notion that the present management is too secret and slippery for use in Oregon.

The election of Governor Geo. E. Chaberslain on last Tuesday as U. S. senator, was a victory for the people.

### Supervisors For 1909.

The County Court this morning completed the appointment of supervisors for the coming year. Districts 26 and 27 were consolidated and district 1 divided, the new district being numbered 26. 19 old supervisors were re-appointed and 11 new ones. Follow in the appointments:

1 W. C. Stellmacher, 2 Heike Ohlring, 3 C. A. Pugh, 4 John Miller, 5 D. H. Pierce, 6 Grant Cummins, 7 J. W. Wolf, 8 F. G. Smith, 9 F. M. Johnston, 10 M. L. Forster, 11 G. A. Asche, 12 R. E. Huston, 13 Thos. Perdy, 14 W. H. Hull, 15 J. A. Wallace, 16 T. M. Holt, 17 Eli Ramer, 18 W. L. Wallace, 19 E. E. Taylor, 20 W. H. Ingram, 21 J. M. Rice, 22 W. B. Thompson, 23 E. L. Gilbert, 24 W. W. Sanders, 25 S. B. Cole, 26 F. M. Mitchel, 27 J. E. Welch, 28 J. H. Reinhart, 29 A. E. Ziesing, 30 G. M. Harold.—Democrat, Monday Jan. 18.

### JURY LIST.

The following named voters, residents of precincts in the Forks of the Santiam, have been drawn to serve as jurors during the year 1909.

Fox Valley—F. Trask, W. R. Surrey, Jordan—Henry Shank, F. T. Thayer, A. R. McCall, C. R. Irvine, D. Algerter.

Kingston—J. C. Leffer, J. T. Follis, Lacombe—C. E. Soule, H. C. Eccert, M. W. Yoeman, E. B. Downing, B. F. Raines, Fred H. Blanchard, W. T. Hamler, H. H. Hearn.

Scio—O. B. Cyrus, C. A. Warner, Chas. Wesley, A. E. Randall, Wm. May, J. H. Poindexter, C. H. Wain, Henry Ray, Ed. Myers, B. F. Titus, Wm. Brenner, John Holt.

Shelburn—Geo. Keech, J. T. Furb, H. Montgomery, Jas. Johnston, C. W. Beard, E. D. Jones.

Santiam—F. M. Smith, E. S. Buckner, S. J. Keehaver, H. E. Mullen, Frank Stacey, Eli Rainier, J. N. Jones, H. Kinzer, Eugene Eastin.

### Administrators Final Notice

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account as administrator of the estate of Wilda Goodfellow, deceased, in the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, and that said court has duly set the hearing of objections thereto and the final settlement thereof for Monday, the 15th day of February, 1909, at 1 o'clock P. M. of said day, in the court room of said court at Albany, in said County and State.

Dated this 2nd day of January, A. D. 1909.  
FRED GOODFELLOW,  
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Frank A. Turner, Attorney.

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