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### EXPLANATIONS WHICH DO NOT EXPLAIN

The recent action of the Marion county Pomona Grange in passing resolutions condemning the action of President Kerr, of O. A. C. ought to bring out the truth of the controversy. Neither President Kerr's reply nor that of the Benton county Grange answers the question at issue. In fact the neglect of President Kerr to answer the query squarely and which would settle the entire controversy, is implied evidence that he cannot answer the matter in a manner satisfactory to himself nor to the honor of the college over which he presides.

Now he was either made a tender of the presidency of the Kansas college, or he was not. The president of the Kansas college, if associate press dispatches are true, denies that the offer was made and that President Kerr's name had never been considered at a board meeting in that relation. President Kerr says the offer was made. Here is a flat contradiction. Both cannot be true.

If the offer was made officially by the Kansas board, it certainly would appear in the minutes of the board meeting and President Kerr should have the letter in which the offer was made. But he does not produce the letter, when it is absolutely necessary to substantiate his verbal statement. The inference is that he cannot produce the letter which, indirectly, substantiates the denial made by the president of the Kansas board of regents. The people of Oregon, who provide financial support for the agricultural college, are entitled to know the facts. The statement of the O. A. C. board of regents, the resolutions of the Benton county Granges, nor President Kerr's published reply to the Marion county Pomona Grange, attempts answering the question at issue squarely and honestly. Moreover, the neglect to make a positive answer from these three sources, when a positive answer is absolutely necessary, increases the doubt among the people that the offer was made.

Until this unfortunate and unnecessary matter is cleared up, President Kerr stands before the people of Oregon in the light of a common grafter and that the French word "camouflage" can be properly used relative to the reputed offer.

President Kerr stands to profit \$1400 per year as a result. Can he afford to accept the profit under the existing conditions? And if the Kansas denial is true, can Oregon afford to have a man at the head of her leading college who would stoop to a subterfuge of this character for the evident and successful purpose intended?

President Kerr has manifested unusual ability in his conduct of O. A. C. during the nearly eleven years of his presidency. He has placed our Farmer college on a high plane as among other like institutions.

Yet this one act will destroy his usefulness in his present position and greatly injure the college, unless this matter is cleared up. No attempt at whitewashing can cover up the blotch. It is a question of fact or falsehood which will not down.

### SECRETARY BAKER

There is a deal of complaint about the slowness in the administration of Secretary of War Baker. Much of these complaints are due to partisanship, yet there seems to be too much just grounds for criticism.

President Lincoln's first secretary of war was Senator Simon Cameron, who had nothing to recommend him for the office other than that he was a successful Pennsylvania politician. But few months only were necessary to demonstrate that Secretary Cameron did not possess the necessary executive qualities to make him a successful war secretary. He might have been a good war secretary in time of peace, but he was wholly unfit to comprehend the big things required when, next to the present war, the biggest war of the world was on. He gave way to Secretary Edwin M. Stanton, who proved to be the man for the hour.

Right now we need a Stanton in the war office. Secretary Baker may have the faculty to become such an one, but the investigation of his office now going on does not indicate that he has. Personal or political favoritism should not keep him in office one hour, if a man of more capability can be found. Nor should President Wilson confine himself to his own political party to find the man. This is not a democratic war nor a republican war, but it is an American war in which republicans are interested as well as democrats. We do not inquire about the politics of the registrant when we induct him into the army. We assume that he is an American and that the matter of winning the war is a question vital to the American citizen and not a question of democratic or republican politics.

So, if Secretary Baker proves to be inefficient and is not big enough for the job, it is President Wilson's duty to get a man who is big enough. And, The Tribune believes, that when a new secretary is selected, if a man of sufficient ability can be found in the republican party, such an one should be selected.

During Civil war days when the campaign of 1864 was on, it was thought wise by the republican party to nominate a democrat for vice president. It was deemed a just courtesy to the large number of union democrats who were vigorously helping to prosecute the war. The selection of Andrew Johnston, of Tennessee, for the place, was unfortunate. He was not big enough for the president job to which he succeeded. But the act of courtesy towards union democracy was generally applauded at the time.

So, if President Wilson should deem it wise to select a republican to replace Secretary Baker, it will add power to his administration and will be generally applauded by the people.

What the people want is to win the war and to do so as quickly as possible. If any member of the president's cabinet or officials lower down, patriotism and the welfare of the country demands that, if he is inefficient, he shall step down and out. The people want every influence brought to bear which will bring the war to a successful conclusion. They are not partisan on this one supreme emergency, nor should the president be partisan in the selection of men upon whom he chiefly depends to conduct the war successfully. He should remember that the truly loyal American citizen places the welfare of the country

before partyism. We can quibble about issues in time of peace, but in time of war, patriotism demands that we shall be of one mind.

### CENSORSHIP

It is an easy matter to understand that information of the movements of our army or navy should not be given publicity, which would be of advantage to the enemy. We can see why the time and place of the leaving of a troop ship should be concealed, etc. But we cannot see why the safe arrival of the troop ship at a French port should not be promptly announced so that the anxieties of the relatives of the soldiers, here in America would be relieved as soon as possible. President Wilson, Secretary Baker and General Pershing should consider the anxieties of the people at home as well as to conceal unimportant facts from the enemy. We believe the anxieties of the thousands of mothers, whose boys are being sent across the waters, is a matter which should receive deep consideration.

Nor can we understand why the soldier boy in the trenches may not describe in home letters, something about the hardships and vicissitudes of trench warfare. Our soldiers in the trenches know about these matters, the enemy across "no man's land" know about it and why should not the people at home know about it at first hands?

When our American boys take up a section of the trenches at the battle front, the Germans will know about it, never fear. If their observation balloons do not ascertain the fact beforehand, they will find it out when our boys go "over the top," which they are sure to do in a short time after things are fairly well located.

It is a fact that when some of our American young men are given shoulder straps and a little authority they are inclined to extend their authority out of bounds. They seem to think it adds to their dignity to be over officious. An army censor should be a man of, at least, good horse sense. He should feel that there is an obligation due the people at home as well as the soldier in the field. The American fathers and mothers have given and are giving their boys to do the fighting and are supplying the money with which to conduct the war. Surely they are a good-sized silent partner in the business.

Another feature about this censor business which we people on this side of the big pond do not like, is the fact that after press dispatches have been passed upon by American censors, the French censor officer must pass upon them as well. The American people are, probably, as much interested in the ultimate success of the war as are the French and would be as clear of giving out forbidden news. Surely an American censor's O. K. should be sufficient.

### Local Market Report

Wheat per bushel	\$ 1.88
Oats " "	.85
Bran per ton	44.00
Wheat chop per ton	65.00
Oat chop " "	60.00
Barley Chop " "	50.00
Flour per sack	2.65
Eggs per dozen, cash	.46
Butter fat per lb	.61
Chickens, hens per lb	.15
" " spring " "	.15
" " roosters " "	.10
Turkeys " "	.10
Geese " "	.10
Ducks " "	.15
Beef " "	.08
Veal " "	.13 1/2
Hogs, live per hundred lb	14.75
Hogs, dressed " "	.17 1/2
Mutton " "	11.00

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Arrival and Departure of Passenger Trains

Woodburn-Springfield Branch  
WEST SCIO  
North 7:50 a.m.  
South 5:31 p.m.

Corvallis & Eastern  
MUNKERS  
To Albany 12:25 p.m.  
From Albany 9:22 a.m.  
Motor to Mill City 10:05 a.m.  
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