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COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, Feb. 23, '07

Pres. W. J. Kerr,
Utah Agricultural College,
Logan, Utah.

Dear Sir;— Not long since I was informed that the position of Agronomist at the Utah Station and College is vacant. I am interested, and am writing you for full particulars regarding the position and to make provisional application for same.

The following is a brief outline of my qualifications and experience such as would contribute to the requirements for such an appointment.

Was graduated from the University of Indiana with the degree of A.B. - major subject was Biological Science. For two years was assistant principal of an Indiana High School. Later entered the University of Illinois College of Agriculture where I had nearly completed the course when I accepted a position as assistant in Agriculture to the Missouri Experiment Station. Here I finished my studies for degree of B.S.A., and for two years past have been instructor in Agronomy in the College and assistant agronomist to the Station. I attended the Graduate School of Agriculture at the University of Ill. last summer, 1906.

My experience as a station worker has been largely along the line of field crops and plant breeding but have had considerable experience in connection with soils investigations such as establishing test plots on the various soil types of the State to determine the best methods of soil treatment. Have done some cooperative work with farmers with view to extending the production of well known types and varieties of grain.

Am considered a good teacher. Had three years experience before I did University teaching and have had almost three years work

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COLUMBIA, MISSOURI,

since I came here.

May I hear from you soon regarding the position as to salary and conditions under which one must work.

Thanking you for reply, I am,

Very respectfully

A. E. Grantham

March 15, 1907.

Mr. A. E. Grantham,
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

I am instructed to inform you that the matter of employing an Agronomist for this institution has been postponed for the consideration of the new Board of Trustees, which will probably not meet until the first week in June. As soon as the matter is taken up and it is decided what salary is to be paid, and what qualifications will be required of the applicant, I shall notify you.

Yours truly,

Secretary to the President.