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OGDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

High School.

Ogden, Utah, Apr 9 1903.

President W. J. Kerr
Logan, Utah.

Dear Sir, I am very sorry my duties here will prevent my intended visit to your college next Saturday. The facts are I have been requested to lay my plans concerning our Commencement before the Board to-morrow (Friday) evening. It is very necessary that certain details and dates be agreed upon to allow the graduating class to make necessary arrangements in time. The program as arranged at the School is generally passed on by the Board before arrangements are made for Opera House etc. I feel that I must handle the matter my self, as the class relies on me to prevent publicity at this stage. But the disappointment and regret must be mostly mine, and I hope

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that you will pardon me.

However in regard to the professorship tendered me by you in our State Agricultural College I have arrived at a conclusion. The Board of Education of this city has met your offer - as far as salary is concerned and the superintendent has urged me very much to stay. By accepting the professorship you offer I will lose \$100⁰⁰ which is paid the principal of the High School beside the regular salary as member of board of examiners for teachers of Ogden City. At \$1400 I will therefore lose financially for the first year by making the change.

I do not therefore feel that I would be justified in accepting the professorship of modern languages in your institution at less than \$1400⁰⁰ for the first year. As I would lose my summer compensation here, which is very liberal for slight services, and as I will be under heavy expense

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at the University of Chicago I would expect that my compensation begin with July if that is the beginning of the school year (legal) even though no payment be made until services rendered.

I am sorry to trouble you with such a long letter, especially since I feel so highly complimented by your offer of such a position, and know so many competent men who would answer with a brief affirmative telegram. I feel no less the responsibility and the opportunity and assume you I shall continue a harder student and a more faithful teacher and worker.

You understand, then, I will accept the position offered at \$1400.00 for the first year. In case you are willing to pay this, which

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I understood from you was possible please inform me at your earliest convenience as Mr. Allison requests me to make a quick decision. However if I am to go he would be less embarrassed in the choice of my successor if publication of fact be delayed for some time.

I have your catalogue and have made close study of same together ^{with} similar ones from Cornell, Iowa, etc. Would be at your immediate service for anything I can do.

Yours sincerely

A. E. Wilson.