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June 1, 1903.

Hon. William Glassman,  
Mayor of Ogden City,  
Ogden, Utah.

My dear Sir:-- I received your telegram of May 25th, asking that Mr. E. A. Wilson be released from his engagement with the Agricultural College as Professor of Modern Languages for next year, that he may continue as principal of the Ogden High School.

I have given the matter very careful consideration, and I very much regret that I cannot consistently release Mr. Wilson. After he was elected by the Board of Trustees of the College, Mr. Wilson took about a week to consider the matter, and after advising with the Ogden City school officials, he accepted the position tendered him by this institution. About three weeks later, Supt. Allison telegraphed me to withhold Mr. Wilson's name from the catalogue until he had an opportunity to send a communication relative to Mr. Wilson's release. After ten days or two weeks, not having received any further word from Mr. Allison, the copy for the College catalogue was sent to the printers, and the catalogue is now all in type and will be ready for distribution about June 10th.

At the time of Mr. Wilson's election, there were a number of applicants for the professorship of modern languages in the College. Without exception, these applicants are now employed in other institutions. Under the circumstances, it would be inconsistent with my duties as President of the College to release Mr. Wilson and attempt to find another capable person to take his place.

I am very much interested in the Ogden City schools, particu-



Hon. W. G. #2.

June 1, 1901  
larly in the High School, and as far as it is possible, I am always  
pleased to do anything I can to assist in the good work that is  
being done. The Ogden City Board of Education will no doubt be  
able to secure a good man for Principal of the High School.

I regret exceedingly that I am unable to act in accordance  
with the wishes of the citizens of Ogden, and I assure you that  
it is only because my duty to the College will not permit me to  
grant their request.

Very respectfully yours,

President.