

# DR. JOHN ISE TO RETIRE

AT K. U. 39 YEARS, AS A FULL PROFESSOR SINCE 1920.

## Economist's Immediate Plans Are to Visit Sons in California, Then Complete His Seventh Book.

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Lawrence, Kas., Feb. 2.—One of the nation's most renowned economists, who, because he couldn't make up his mind, earned five college degrees in ten years, will retire from serv-



NEARING THE RETIREMENT AGE OF 70, DR. JOHN ISE, VETERAN PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS. —(D'Ambra photograph).

ice as a University of Kansas professor in June and then go to work to complete his seventh book.

He is Dr. John Ise, who will reach the mandatory retirement age of 70 June 5. He has been at K. U. thirty-nine years and has been a full professor since 1920.

### Book on National Parks.

Dr. Ise, one of the hardest, yet most popular, instructors at the university, plans to visit his two sons in California and then concentrate on finishing a volume, "The National Parks," after retirement from teaching.

"Beyond the trip and work on the book I have no further plans," he said. "However, I do hope to keep an active hand in the field."

Dr. Ise and economics are synonymous, but his classes sometimes deal not at all with the subject. He shoots questions of all kinds, ranging from the problems of mankind and dogs to problems of etiquette or the bad economics of rearing too many children.

Occasionally his lectures or question periods touch on material contained in the course textbook, which, he asserts, is the ultimate authority on economics. The text is his own product on the subject, now used in many schools throughout the country.

He long has taken great delight in making sly references to the revenue he gets from the books.

"Going to revise it next year," he once said. "Fortunately, the publisherst use poor paper and it falls apart quickly."

### A Widely Used Quotation.

Another saying he has made famous among K. U. students is, "That's pretty bully, isn't it?"

The shrewd professor takes a keen interest in current affairs. His opinion on current high prices is: "I'm afraid of a blow-out inflation. With the intellect of the American people what it is, they won't have sense enough to stop paying so much for so little."

When he left Downs, Kas., high school in 1904 to attend K. U. Dr. Ise could not make up his mind as to a major field of study. Thus, after four years of work he emerged with a bachelor of music degree. He stayed on to pick up his bachelor of arts and bachelor of laws degrees in 1910 and 1912, respectively. He received a master of arts in 1912 and a Ph.D. in 1914 from Harvard university.

He then went to Iowa State college as an assistant economics professor for two years.

He has served either directly or in an advisory capacity on many research and study groups and is a member of many honorary organizations.

"I hate to quit teaching," he said. "It's a great life and I have enjoyed my many years of relationship with the students."

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