

## The Farmers Leader

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The Sioux Falls Press, while deprecating the indiscriminate conferring of honorary degrees, merely because of exalted position or riches, pays, however, a very high compliment to our townsman, P. C. Shannon, and indirectly to the University of South Dakota. The Press, the leading daily paper of the state, speaks as follows:

"Within a few days passed the honorary degree of LL. D. has been conferred on Judge P. C. Shannon of this state, Grover Cleveland of Princeton, N. J., and Lyman J. Gage, secretary of the treasury. It is safe to say that the honor was most merited by Judge Shannon, who is an able lawyer, a good scholar and a clear thinker. The fact that Cleveland has been president of the United States and is a lawyer of some ability probably justifies the action of the Princeton college, though the ex-president is not a man of scholarly attainments in any line. For conferring the degree on Lyman J. Gage there can be no justification. He has never given evidence of any considerable knowledge outside of the counting room. That he understands loans and discounts, no one doubts, but if his speeches and writings are to be taken as an indication of his scholarship he is not up to the standard of the average sophomore. Such toadying may pay in dollars and cents, but it is an injustice to real scholarship. If a degree is worth anything it stands for hard study, wide information, masterful knowledge. It stands for a kind of an intellectual aristocracy founded on merit. No rich interloper should be allowed to assume its guise. Bribes cannot be bought nor learning measured in money of any standard."

"No educational institution deserves respect that will thus recklessly confer degrees. It would be quite as justifiable to confer M. D. on Lyman J. Gage as LL. D. Such prostitution of honorary degrees should be discontinued everywhere. Let every man climb Olympus who would wear the laurel crown. The glitter and the tinsel belongs below."

The Sioux City Journal shows anxiety born of desperation concerning the few middle-of-the-road Populists who were not satisfied with the result of the Des Moines silver convention. The Journal is getting to be an organ of the middle-of-the-roads. It advises them to kick and howl and vote the Republican ticket for revenge. The kickers were not satisfied with anything. They just wanted to "go it alone" and play into the hands of the Republicans. Reformers are fighting for principle and the welfare of the people. If the great reform movement can be divided and split up, there will be no hope for the people, and plutocracy and aristocracy will continue to ride rough shod over the miseries of the people. The reform movement can only hope for victory through a thorough union of forces. The gold bugs hope to see the reform forces divided and will do everything to accomplish this end. No honest reformer or lover of justice will fly the track because he can not have his notions satisfied or desires dovetailed into a platform. The Sioux City Journal sees no hope for Republican victory next fall only through a division of the silver forces, hence its deep interest in the success of the few kickers, who were perhaps bought to kick.

Hon. B. A. Plummer of Forest City, Iowa, was nominated for Lieutenant Governor at the union convention of the silver parties at Des Moines on the 24th of June. Mr. Plummer is president of the First National Bank of Forest City, an old soldier and an earnest patriot. The LEADER firmly believes that the entire silver ticket will be elected in Iowa this year, and no man in the state is more deserving of the confidence of the people than Hon. B. A. Plummer.

It is hoped in behalf of the people of the nation and especially the people of South Dakota, that nothing serious will result from the recent illness of Senator Pettigrew. Almost any other man could be spared better than Senator Pettigrew. He is a champion of the masses. May he be spared to fight the battles of the people for many years.

A. D. Tinsley of Sioux Falls, has at last been presented with an official berth, and that from Senator Kyle as Kyle's private secretary. Tinsley is the man who Kyle and Kittredge were trying to work in on McKinley for a government appointment.

Mrs. S. V. Arnold of Ipswich, Mrs. Anna Simmons of Huron, and Mrs. O. H. Smith of Dell Rapids, have been appointed by Gov. Lee as the woman's board of inspection of state penal and charitable institutions.

Horace L. Chapman was nominated for governor of Ohio on the silver ticket Wednesday. John R. McLean's forces had full control of the convention.

J. H. Kipp assumed the duties of Insurance Commissioner on the 1st.

## NEEDS EQUAL LAWS.

Senator Mills Says We Are Building Unwisely--The Taxpayer Forgotten--Millionaires Multiply.

From the speech of Senator Mills on the tariff question: "I come, sir, to speak for the forgotten man—the taxpayer. I come to speak for those from whose pockets this vast sum is to be raised, from whose labor and sweat day and night this vast contribution is to be taken. They have some right to be heard in the councils of the nation when their property is to be taken by an act of legislative rapine and distributed among men who have paid no consideration for it."

"What are we doing? Building up a vast and solid plutocracy in this country. Somebody asked the other day how many millionaires there are in the United States. You could count them on the fingers of one hand before 1860. The policies and measures adopted by the democratic administrations before the war did not permit the growth of such monsters in this country. Republican policies have fostered and fattened them. They now insolently refuse to be taxed and insolently demand that other people shall work out their lives to pay them tribute."

"I read from a paper written by Thomas G. Shearman, one of the ablest lawyers in the United States. It was published and republished again in the magazines. It was published in 1890. It has never been questioned. It has been sent broadcast; it has been commented upon everywhere, and I never heard one breath of contradiction or criticism of the article. I will read what he says and he gives the names of some of them in his discussion and they do not deny it:

"There are 200 persons worth \$20,000,000 each—\$4,000,000,000.

"There are 400 persons worth \$10,000,000 each—\$4,000,000,000.

"There are 1,000 persons worth \$5,000,000 each—\$5,000,000,000.

"There are 2,000 persons worth \$2,500,000 each—\$5,000,000,000.

"There are 6,000 persons worth \$1,000,000 each—\$6,000,000,000.

"Twenty-four billion dollars owned by 9,600 persons.

"Then he puts 15,000 people who own \$500,000 each, making \$7,500,000,000.

"Thus these 24,000 people owned \$31,500,000,000, or more, at that time, than one-half of the national wealth of the United States."

"Startling as are these figures, the work of creating and multiplying millionaires still goes on and today the people are confronted with a bill proposing to levy \$100 taxes and \$200 taxes and \$800 taxes on a hundred dollars worth of the necessities of life—not to raise revenue and pay the debts of the government but to raise revenue for the private pockets of a favored class, and to an amount estimated at nearly \$2,300,000,000 a year."

"Now, Mr. President, what is all this for—this building up of great fortunes—this enormous fund-creating and multiplying millionaires? Have we not been witnessing for the past few years a thing that must be humiliating to every lover of the institutions of this country? Have we not seen the daughters of the millionaires, endowed with money wrung by legislation from the pockets of the forgotten taxpayers of this country, shipped to Europe like fatted heifers and peddled for titles? What a spectacle to see American women exported and sold like so many carcasses of mutton or fresh beef for titles forbidden by the constitution of their country—to titles to be at deadly enmity within its institutions. And yet we are constantly beholding it."

"Of what moment was it that the fathers of the republic, bearing the wounds and the blood stains of the revolution, fought to secure their liberty and the liberty of their posterity? Of what use was it for them to declare that titles of nobility should not be conferred in this country? It was natural that they should do so. It was the democracy of a free government that they were creating—a free, popular government, whose whole power came from the governed. It was a government of the governed; a self-government, a free government; and there was no place in our system for titles and titled classes. And yet we see as soon as these people get this inordinate wealth their daughters are shipped over to Europe and put on the market, hawked and peddled and sold with American money to become princesses and duchesses and countesses and marchionesses, and we are here levying upon the pockets of the poor laboring people \$200 and \$300 and \$400 to enable this girl to make the trip and to buy a title."

"If we are in favor of equal taxation and of equal and just laws, why should we not require the protected industries of the country, into whose pockets we pour this enormous bounty, to contribute money enough at least to support the government that does it? Five per cent on \$9,300,000,000 would support the government and give you nearly \$500,000,000. While we are creating this enormous fund, nearly \$2,300,000,000 of pure bounty every year to build up these enormous fortunes, can we not ask these gentlemen kindly and justly to submit to a taxation of just 5 per cent instead of 100 or 150 per cent?"

## THE SOLDIERS HOME.

Col. Dewey Talks About the Soldiers Home and the Appointment of Arthur Linn.

In copying the following extract from the Watertown Public Opinion, the LEADER desires to say, by way of introduction, that Governor Lee did not send Mr. Linn's name to the senate for confirmation, nor did the Governor ever think of such a thing. He was thoroughly conversant with the duties of the Soldiers Home Board and appointed two new members in March. This will be sufficient answer to the foolish story started by some irresponsible newspaper penny-a-liner. Gov. Lee in appointing two new members of the Board, ought to be credited with knowing what their duties were. Col. Dewey's interview in Public Opinion is worth reading, and here is the article in full:

"The man whom Gov. Lee nominated to be commandant of the soldiers home at Hot Springs was finally selected by the board. It will be recalled that the Governor, supposing that he was vested with the authority to nominate a commandant of the home, sent to the senate the name of Arthur Linn, the Canton newspaper man. The governor subsequently ascertained that the selection of the commandant rested with the controlling board of the home. But Linn gets there just the same, Captain Lucas, retiring. Captain Lucas, by the way, has made a most excellent record as commandant. He is peculiarly fitted for such positions. It is hoped that Mr. Linn will prove equal to the task assigned him."

Col. O. E. Dewey, who for the past seven years has been secretary of the board, calls the attention of Public Opinion to an error which has been going the rounds of the press for several months concerning the circumstances and conditions attached to the action of the governor and the board in the selection of Mr. Linn. Mr. Dewey says that he has every reason to believe that the governor never sent the name of Mr. Linn to the senate at all and never contemplated sending it to the senate, knowing that the appointment of a commandant was solely in the hands of the board.

But the main point upon which Col. Dewey laid stress is that, so far as he is individually concerned, and he thinks he can speak for the whole board as well as for himself, the governor made no effort whatever to influence the members in favor of Mr. Linn or any other man for the position to which Mr. Linn has been appointed. The selection of Mr. Linn was by unanimous vote of the board, the president of which is Col. Clough, formerly a resident of Watertown.

Against Capt. Lucas Col. Dewey had not a word to say. He freely remarked that the Captain had made an efficient commandant and that he is well qualified for the position. The soldiers home has been getting along very well indeed, said the Colonel. Captain Lucas is to be complimented upon his management of it.

In selecting Mr. Linn to succeed the Captain, the board believed that it was securing a gentleman eminently qualified for the place—possibly no better than Capt. Lucas, but believed to be as competent and reliable and efficient. In governing the home, said Col. Dewey, the aim of the board has been and still is to subserve only the best interests of the state and of the old soldiers who may find it, owing to the necessities of events and health, to seek relief at South Dakota's home for her disabled and enfeebled soldier citizens. The board's aim, further remarked Mr. Dewey, has been to eschew politics and all political considerations in the management of the home and to do what may be deemed best for all concerned—the people as a whole and the old soldiers who may become inmates of the institution.

Col. Dewey, by the way, has been a member of the board for many years past and he volunteered the remark that he had never in his life worked with associates in any undertaking or enterprise who seemed more universally good men and more staunch and patriotic citizens than have been the various members of the soldiers home board with whom the Colonel has cooperated in the management of the institution. He had nothing but praise for the men with whom he has associated on the board.

## SOLDIERS HOME BOARD.

The Brookings Register says: "The state soldiers home board was organized by the election of E. E. Clough of Hot Springs, president, A. L. VanOsdal of Mission Hill, secretary, and Harvey Gunderson of Vermillion, treasurer. O. E. Dewey was proffered the position of secretary, but declined for personal reasons. Arthur Linn of Canton, was chosen commandant of the home to succeed Capt. Lucas, who will remove about the first of July, when the change in officers is made to Chamberlain."

It may be stated parenthetically that both the president and ex-secretary were Watertown people, Mr. Clough having been the Methodist minister here. Col. Dewey being still a resident. Col. Dewey's work as secretary was especially commended by the board and by the state auditor. Mr. Dewey having declined to continue longer as secretary, the board, in expressing regrets that he

should not feel able to act in that capacity in the future as in the past, unanimously adopted the following:

"Be it resolved, That, whereas, for the past seven years Col. O. E. Dewey has faithfully and carefully discharged the duties of secretary of the board of commissioners of the South Dakota Soldiers Home; and, whereas, owing to sorrow and overwork, finding the necessity for rest and recreation for recuperation, he has declined the re-election offered him; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we tender him our sincere appreciation of the faithful services rendered and offer the hope that his release from his various cares may restore his health and secure him a long and happy life."

## ROMANCE VERSUS REALITY.



THESE SENATORS POSED FOR A GREAT HISTORICAL PICTURE—

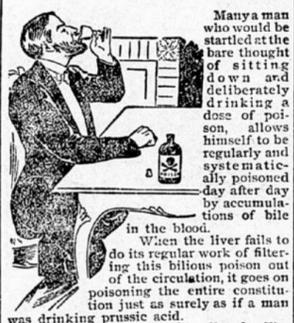


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New England is much concerned about free hides. Some of her biggest industries, especially that of boots and shoes, have been built up during our quarter of a century of free hides. She now sells boots and shoes in all parts of the world. Taxed hides would cripple this and other industries. Her leading senators pretend to represent her and to put up a fight for free hides. In reality they will, if necessary, sacrifice free hides to obtain high duties on sugar with plenty of margin for trust profits. Just why this is so should be a matter for senatorial investigation, if such investigation would only investigate. Fortunately for the sugar trust, but unfortunately for the rest of us 70,000,000 people, the sugar trust understands well the art of making friends where they will do the most good. It has able attorneys to advise it how to distribute its sweets to politicians and lawmakers and at the same time to steer clear of jails.

In this way and in this way only can we account for the attitude of not a few prominent tariff makers at Washington. The situation is interesting—decidedly so.

Trust "Cuts More Ice." "Forty-one leather firms in Chicago portest against the duty on hides. But the Beef trust cuts more ice," says the Boston Transcript (Ind. Rep.).



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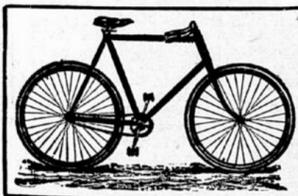
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