

# The Farmers Leader

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## UNION REFORM TICKET.

For Supreme Judges—  
EDMOND SMITH of Pennington county.  
JULIAN BENNETT of Codington county.  
C. B. KENNEDY of Lincoln county.

## CITIZENS TICKET.

For County Commissioner—Second Dist.—  
WILLIAM M. CUPPETT of Canton City.

Next Tuesday is election day. This is the last issue of the LEADER which will reach the voters of Lincoln county before that time. The issue is clearly made up. It is between the people of the state and the railroads. This has been the issue in the state in every election since the state was organized. It has been disguised and the railroads have found it possible to secure the election of legislatures and also of the judges and the appointment of the judges by which the law has been overridden and the laws made favorable to these corporations and against the people of the state. In this judicial election the union reform party has presented the record of the supreme court and asked the people of the state to judge of it. The republicans have not attempted to deny the charge that their candidates have always been in favor of these corporations and by their silence have admitted its truth. The truth is well known to the people; now the question is whether or not partisanship or reason and a desire for fair government at the hands of our court shall influence the people at the polls next Tuesday. Not only has the record been shown up by the citizens of the state, but also by the papers outside the state. The record is as clear as the noonday sun that the rights of the people have been attacked and our statutes have been declared void and have been construed to mean what the legislature never intended them to mean. With this record before the people it would appear impossible that a vote of confidence be given the republican candidates and that a bullwark of decisions be allowed to be built by it, and the railroads be enthroned in the state for many years to come. Each citizen, when he comes to the polls should consider this matter on its merits and vote entirely independent of partisanship. So far as Lincoln county is concerned, Hon. C. B. Kennedy should receive every vote in the county. Every man who believes in his home, in his community, and his county should vote for Mr. Kennedy. He has been a citizen of the county for twenty years, he has done as much as any other man in the county to build it up and to make it what it is, and everyone could rely upon him to see that the rights of every citizen are protected. Republicans, Democrats and Populists would stand equally before the court. He would treat them all as citizens of his home county and state and each would be accorded all the rights guaranteed to them by the laws of this state and that is all any man is entitled to. The city of Canton should give him a unanimous vote. He has lived here for nearly twenty years, he has done as much to build up the city as any other man in it, he has always been on the side of good government, he is enterprising and vigorous, and a vote of confidence by the people of the city whether he is elected or defeated will inspire him to go on and do more in the future. The way to build up a city is for every man in it to stand shoulder to shoulder with his neighbor, and when ever his neighbors interests are concerned to support those interests. Every patriotic citizen in the city of Canton who believes in its welfare will see to it that his vote is cast for Mr. Kennedy on election day. In the judicial election partisanship should not be allowed to interfere with doing the right thing and everybody in the city knows exactly what they would get if he was on the bench while with persons who are not in any manner connected with the city they have no certainty of what they would receive. We ask the citizens of Canton to show the state that when their fellow citizens are candidates they will be supported by their neighbors and we have no doubt that Canton will show a large majority for her candidate.

Will some man, like President Schurman, just inform the American people how many Moslem countries have been civilized by yielding up their religion and embracing Christianity? Such data would be interesting in view of Mr. Schurman's theory of the United States-Sulu treaty, that we are not expected to protect polygamy and slavery, only until we can educate and Christianize these Mohammedans after the English methods. We all know that the English method of converting pagans, is by garrisons and armies of occupation, and sometimes, by tying them to mouths of cannons and blowing souls to Heaven and their bodies out to sea. Wonder if this is Schurman's idea of adopting English imperialism in the Sulu islands.

President Schurman is talking too much. The administration had better repudiate "expansion," so far as Schurman's mouth is concerned, or its Philippine policy will be all out before it realizes the tragic consequences. In defending the president, he is driving him into a hole. Schurman says: "In taking over the Sulu group, we have acquired no rights, of any sort, there, except those bequeathed to us by Spain. She was bound by her agreement with the Sultan of Sulu, not to interfere with the religion or customs of the islands, and it would be most unwise for us to attempt this by force. Polygamy is part of their religion, and slavery is a mild type of bondage." He works in this as ham of the sandwich. "If we attempt to interfere with their religion these 250,000 people would precipitate one of the bloodiest wars in which this country has ever been engaged." The questions arise at once: Was not McKinley aware when he accepted this bequest of Spanish Sovereignty, and paid cash to boot, that these conditions accompanied the "gift"? Does not this reveal the truth of what the anti-imperialists have claimed, that our flag is treaty-sold, to protect polygamy and slavery? Of what honor is it to the United States, to raise the flag in territory where it cannot carry the constitution and its laws against the two blackest crimes of civil government known to the civilized world, just because Spain's sovereignty yet inheres in the islands of Sulu? If this is the sort of gift which McKinley's "all-wise Providence" has intrusted to our management, would it not be more honorable to haul down the flag and get out of the Sulu group, bag and baggage, than to stay there in helpless duress of old Spanish-Mohammedan crimes? If polygamy and slavery are to be upheld under our flag because the one was the religion of the people, and the other, one of their social "institutions," under Spanish rule, why are we expelling the Catholic friars from Guan, and proposing to confiscate every inch of church property, by reason of our purchased sovereignty? If we have no right to anything more than Spain had to sell, why are our soldiers being slaughtered, to carry the flag and the authority of the United States into that territory over which Spain's sovereignty was destroyed, entirely at the time of the McKinley purchase? Self-government was one of the institutions of the people of Luzon at the time of the treaty of peace, and if we have acquired no rights of any sort, except those bequeathed by Spain, what are we fighting the Philippines for? Is it as Schurman suggests, because they cannot "precipitate one of the bloodiest wars in which this country was ever engaged?" Is not such an excuse in the case of the Sulu islands, downright cowardice, and our war on the institutions and religion of a weaker and less war-like people, plain and undeniable savagery, under the piratical assumption that might makes right, and that the American flag may be made to wave over lawless freebooting as well as over an army defence, if the president choose to thus dishonor it?

In voting for Hon. Wm. M. Cuppett, mark ballot opposite his name and not in circle at top.

On next Tuesday the voters of the state will determine, for six years, whether we will have a supreme court before which every citizen and corporation can receive justice according to law and evidence, or whether we will have a supreme court which will first consider the demands of the corporations as against law and evidence on the part of a citizen. It is a mighty serious question for the voter to consider if he thinks of voting the republican ticket. No man in the state, the corporation crowd excepted, no matter what his political views may be, will openly admit that a corporation court should be elected, or that it is of any advantage to any party to have the curse of such a court on their shoulders. The present supreme court has made a record in favor of corporations as against justice and evidence on the part of the individual which should condemn it in the eyes of every citizen in the state. The present supreme court by its rulings and decisions has made the railroad corporations of this state masters of the people and beyond the reach of justice. Voter, are you, as a republican, willing to vote for men who consider the demands of the railroad bosses paramount to the rights of the citizen when backed by law and evidence? If you want a court of this kind vote for Messrs. Corson, Fuller and Haney. If you want a court before which every man in the state can receive justice according to law or evidence, you will have to vote for Messrs. Kennedy, Bennett and Smith.

Hon. Wm. M. Cuppett should be elected by a rousing majority. He is worthy of your votes because you know his splendid business qualifications. Let every voter in Lincoln county get out next Tuesday and vote for men whom the railroads don't own and can never own.

The Sioux Valley News comes out with a great deal of political stuff against Wm. M. Cuppett. "It is a dirty bird that will foul its own nest!" The City of Canton desires to be fair with the whole county. She has not had a county commissioner for a good many years. In justice and right she is entitled to one. Every fair man in the county will concede this. Wm. M. Cuppett is one of the oldest residents in the county. He is experienced in all of the county affairs. Everyone knows him to be an honest man, a man with a wide comprehension of the necessities of the county. It is the interest of every man in the city and every man in the county that Mr. Cuppett be elected. The office of county commissioner is not partisan and should be viewed in that light. No confidence can be taken in what Naah says. He violently attacked the supreme court showing up their records. He stated the facts. They have never been denied. The truth has been admitted that Judges Fuller and Haney were the creatures of the railroads and that the corporations were doing their utmost to elect them, he now turns around and advises the citizens of the county to support them for the simple reason that they are republicans. The same reason would apply if the devil was on the ticket. Such a claim in a judicial office or the office of county commissioner is an insult to the people of the county. Let every citizen who believes in justice and in a capable, honest and fair man, vote for Wm. M. Cuppett.

The men who championed the cause of the slaveholders, because slavery was one of their "peculiar institutions," were called by Lincoln republicans, "traitors" in the south and "copperheads" in the north. Men who now uphold the rights of polygamy and slavery under the American flag in the Sulu islands, are called the only loyal people, and those who deny such right, under protection of the United States, are called "traitors" and "copperheads" by Hanna-McKinley republicans of 1899. It cannot be that this is the same old party, whose mouthings we hear today, though too many of the old partisan bondmen and political chatters are whooping it up as such.

N. C. Nash on the grounds of partisanship, comes out in favor of Haney and Fuller and Corson. He admits they belong to the railroads and then says stand by them for partisanship reasons. Too thin Mr. Nash. The people propose to vote independent of partisanship to elect the supreme court. The railroad machine has abandoned Judge Haney and is making a desperate effort to save Fuller. He is their unchampioned tool. Voters, stand by your guns and the supreme court will be saved.

J. Tomlinson, Jr., is unlucky. Just as he was about to be knighted by the republican order of "W. L's" as the boldest liar of the fraternity, the campaign closes, and cuts him off from completing the final tests of his valor. He may win his spurs yet, in telling how the disastrous defeat of his candidates, in this state and others happened. The powers of so skillful a liar as Tomlinson, must reach beyond the election returns.

The Argus-Leader tells when Haney and Fuller were born, but it can't find out when Judge Corson was born.

Whoever knew slaveholders who did not protest that theirs was "mild or commendable kind of bondage?"

Judge Corson may or may not be free from railroad influence, but he is certainly too old for the bench.

If you want a supreme court free from corporation control, you know how to vote.



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## Publication of Nominations.

Of candidates for the several judges of the supreme court and county commissioner named, to be voted for at an election to be held in the voting precincts of Lincoln county South Dakota on the first Tuesday after the first Monday being the 7th day of November, A. D. 1899.

BY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, FOR JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT.

First District.  
Dighton Corson, residence, Deadwood, South Dakota; business address Pierre, South Dakota.

Second District.  
Diek Haney, residence Mitchell, South Dakota; business address Pierre, South Dakota.

Third District.  
Howard G. Fuller, residence Faulkton, South Dakota; business address Pierre, South Dakota.

For County Commissioner, 2nd Commissioner District.  
Andrew M. Ringheim, residence, Canton township, Lincoln County, South Dakota; business address, Canton, South Dakota.

BY THE UNION REFORM PARTY, FOR JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT.

First District.  
Edmund Smith, residence Rapid City, South Dakota; business address Rapid City South Dakota.

Second District.  
Cornelius B. Kennedy, residence Canton, South Dakota; business address Canton, South Dakota.

Third District.  
Julian Bennett, residence, Watertown, South Dakota; business address, Watertown, South Dakota.

CITIZENS TICKET.  
By Petition.  
For County Commissioners, 2nd commissioner District.  
Wm. M. Cuppett, residence Canton, South Dakota; business address Canton, South Dakota.

Given under my hand and seal at the county Auditor's office, in the city of Canton, South Dakota, this 19th day of October, A. D. 1899.

JONAS MINOT,  
county Auditor, Lincoln county S. D.

On Tuesday, November 7, the voters of this state will be called upon to decide who will preside over the court of last resort for the next six years. The last supreme court election was held in 1893, at the time when the people had little knowledge of the evil power which corporations were seeking to gain over the supreme court, and it has always been an open question, had Judge Bennett lived whether the corporations would have been able to gain their present power. With the death of Bennett in 1893, just after election, the first direct corporation advantage was gained by the appointment of Haney by Gov. Sheldon, and any well informed republican will tell you Haney was appointed at the direct demand of the railroad bosses. Still Haney was not enough. Sheldon hated Kellam because he beat him in the Shannon case, and Kellam refused to become a tool of the railroads, hence he must be destroyed. The woman conspiracy at Pierre was cooked up and Kellam was driven in disgrace from the state. This monstrous action made room for Fuller, who, good republicans, like Editor Nash and others, will tell you, was appointed to the bench by Gov. Sheldon, at the demand of the railroads. Gov. Sheldon was promised the United States senatorship by the corporations in payment for his betrayal of the people, but poor Sheldon was thrown overboard when his dirty work was done. Judge Corson, was always a corporation attorney before his election to the state supreme court. Haney and Fuller and their actions rule and the corporations are on top for good. Now the corporations ask the people to elect these men to the supreme court again. A few republican papers rebelled at the corporation program before and after the convention this year, but they were soon whipped into silence by threats and the bulldozing tactics of the Kittredge machine, and such insurgents as Mr. Ringsrud of Elk Point, got his railroad passes restored with promises if he submitted to the brutal dictates of Kittredge and Hunter. If you elect the machine supreme court you know full well what to expect from the influence which surrounds them. Keep your supreme court free from railroad control, if you love your state's welfare.

The royal family of Great Britain, receive from the government, \$2,895,000 and from the Duchy of Lancaster, \$250,000, a total of \$3,145,000. Wouldn't it be a grand thing to form a perpetual alliance with a nation that pays over three million of dollars per annum, to one family of royal loafers, and try to keep up our standing in society, with our little \$50,000 spent on a royal family of one, while he acts as "President of the United States, Emperor of all the Philippines, Sultan of Porto Rico, and Amir of Cuba." We don't speak the three-million-dollar-per-annum kind of English yet, but we will get up to that figure in a few years, when we get under way with our new, imperialistic vocabulary, now being arranged by the republican, national committee.

This charge of the News has been denied, it is true. It is also true that Haney was appointed at the recommendation of A. B. Kittredge, it has never been denied. Both these appointments were made by direction of the railroads. Will the people ratify them in view of this terrible record? There is no partisanship in this campaign. The issue is shall the people or the railroads elect. Voters, which side are you on?

According to the Argus-Leader it is not known when Judge Corson was born. The A. L. gives the age of Fuller and Haney, but Corson has no age date which would be safe to publish.

## Notice of Dissolution.

The petition for the voluntary dissolution of the corporation known as the Farmers Publishing Company, incorporated under the name of the South Dakota Farmers Advocate, having been duly filed in my office by order of Hon. Joseph W. Jones, Judge of the Circuit court. Notice is hereby given that said corporation will be dissolved at the time of the expiration of the publication of this notice to-wit: November 8, 1899, unless any person interested should appear by filing their written objection or objections in this office on or before said 8th day of November, why said corporation should not be dissolved.

E. S. BECK,  
C. O. KNUDSON, Clerk of the Courts.  
Sept. 29.

## Notice of Application for Probate of Will.

State of South Dakota, ss.  
County of Lincoln  
In county court. Notice of time appointed for approving will, etc.  
In the matter of the estate of William Sinclair deceased.  
The State of South Dakota sends greeting to Margie Hewitt, (nee Sinclair), Evelyn Sinclair and Edith Sinclair, heirs and next of kin of William Sinclair, deceased.  
Pursuant to an order of said court, made on the 23d day of Oct., A. D. 1899, notice is hereby given that Monday, the 13th day of November, A. D. 1899, at one o'clock p. m., of said day, at the court room of said court, at the county house in the city of Canton, in the county of Lincoln have been appointed as the time and place for the proving the Will of said William Sinclair, deceased, and for hearing the said petition for probate thereof and the issuance of Letters Testamentary therein, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

Dated at Canton, South Dakota, the 23d day of Oct., A. D. 1899. By the court,  
AMOS E. JAMIESON,  
Judge of the county court.

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## Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given that on the first Tuesday after the first Monday being the 7th day of November A. D. 1899 an election will be held in the several precincts of Lincoln county South Dakota to vote upon the following named officers:  
Three Judges for the Supreme Court of the State of South Dakota.  
One County Commissioner in the second commissioner district of Lincoln county South Dakota.

The election to be held in the following named voting precincts as follows:  
Eden Township in school house of school Dist. No. 84.  
Norway Township in Rise school house of Dist. No. 22.  
Pleasant Township in school house of Dist. No. 56.  
Brooklyn Township in school house of Dist. No. 42.  
Delaware Township in school house of Dist. No. 31.  
Lincoln Township in school house of Dist. No. 80.  
Highland Township in school house of Dist. No. 7.  
Fairview Township in school house of Dist. No. 49.  
Canton Township in township hall.  
Lynn Township in school house of Dist. No. 58.  
Grant Township in school house of Dist. No. 75.  
Perry Township in Bedford school house of Dist. No. 62.  
LaValley Township in school house of Dist. No. 43.  
Bayton Township in Dayton Hall.  
Springdale Township in school house of Dist. No. 44.  
Delaware Township in school house of Dist. No. 60.  
Lenox in band hall.  
Forbthing in opera house.  
City of Canton at Court House.  
City of Hudson at Fitch & Cassell's office.  
The polls of said election will be open at eight o'clock in the morning and continue open until five o'clock in the afternoon on the same day.

Dated the 9th day of October A. D. 1899  
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County Auditor.

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