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## DEDICATION.

With intense pleasure and abiding goodwill, the Author hereby dedicates this book to a man whose friendship for Alfred Beard Kittredge never wavered—the man who first appointed him United States Senator—Honorable Charles N. Herreid, of Aberdeen, ex-governor of South Dakota.

—O. W. COURSEY

## P R E F A C E.

Those who have read in various newspapers and magazines during the past few years some of the articles that have appeared from my pen, as well as having read one or more of my former books, must be impressed with one Herculean fact, to-wit: that I prefer to write of the Living rather than of the Dead. However, in writing the Biography of Senator Kittredge, I have written of one who has crossed the Dark River; therefore, I approached the task with mingled feelings of sadness and reverence; for, to me, he was almost a father—a foster parent, so to speak: I idolized him.

Mr. Abel, in his speech (See Chapter VII.), says: "All the history of any state or nation that is really worth while is the biography of its great men." This is true. The history of every country is largely the history of the leading men and women who have made it. Natural causes such as volcanoes, earth-

quakes, tornadoes and floods, do their part; the rest is the record of individual achievements. Just so with A. B. Kittredge: his biography and the history of our state for twenty-five years, are one and inseparable.

Realizing full well, because I was writing the life of an active politician, that I was writing both political and civil history, and that, therefore, this book, when done, would have to run the newspaper gauntlet and stand the acid test of public criticism, I struggled hard to overcome my own political prejudices, so as to be entirely fair with everyone; and, from an historical standpoint, to be absolutely accurate.

After completing the manuscript, I submitted it for review to several substantial men of the state, and I earnestly requested each of them to be as cruel as possible in their criticisms of it. The book has, therefore, in its present form, successfully withstood the "attacks" of several competent minds.

The preparation of this biography has been a reverential duty—a pleasant task; and I now hand it over to the public in the hope that it may be given a cordial reception.

—THE AUTHOR.