BIOGRAPHY OF SENATOR ALFRED BEARD KITTREDGE; HIS COMPLETE LIFE WORK

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649292189

Biography of Senator Alfred Beard Kittredge; his complete life work by O. W. Coursey

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd. Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

O. W. COURSEY

BIOGRAPHY OF SENATOR ALFRED BEARD KITTREDGE; HIS COMPLETE LIFE WORK

BIOGRAPHY OF SENATOR ALFRED BEARD KITTREDGE HIS COMPLETE LIFE WORK

BY

o. W. COURSEY

AUTHOR OF

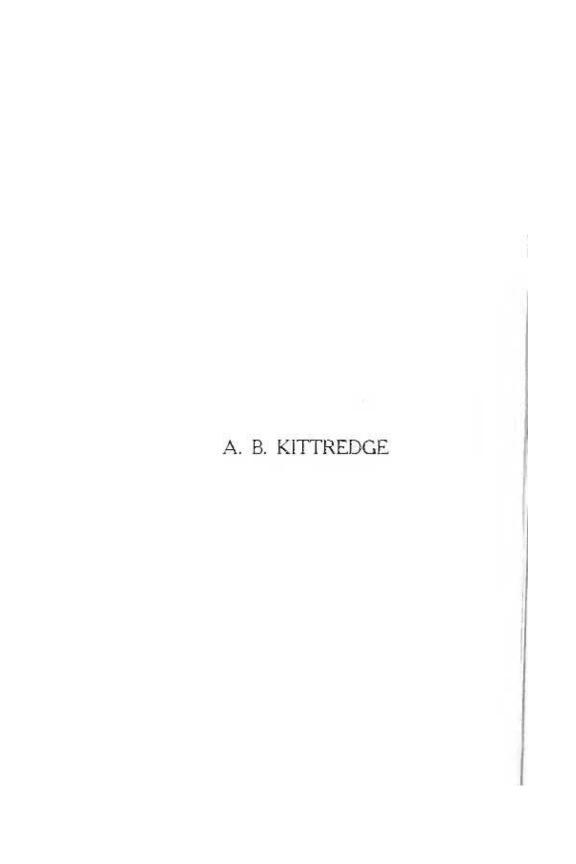
"The Woman With A Stone Heart"
"The Philippines and Filipinos"
"Biography of General Beadie"
"Who's Who in South Dakota"
"School Law Digest"

These books are all published and are for sale by THE EDUCATOR SUPPLY COMPANY Mitchell, South Dakota COPYRIGHTED 1915 BY O. W. COURSEY

JUN 14 1915

3324181336

61.51 N . 16.13



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, exgovernor of South Dakota.

-O. W. Coursey

PREFACE.

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 carnestly 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.