

## To Fight Rockefeller Influence

D. C. Cole, of Osceola, Neb., and Louis Lightner of Columbus, Neb., democratic nominees for regents of the state university, have issued a public address, which is reproduced in the Omaha World-Herald as follows:

"To the voters of Nebraska: The undersigned candidates for regents of the state university of Nebraska think it proper to state plainly to the voters the opinion we hold and the policy we would advocate if elected members of the board to govern Nebraska's university.

"First—We condemn the secret meetings of the board of regents and pledge ourselves, if elected, to favor open sessions of the board of regents.

"Second—We pledge ourselves to favor the return to John D. Rockefeller the money recently donated by him to the state university and not yet expended.

"Third—We condemn the relations existing between Chancellor Andrews of the state university and John D. Rockefeller, and if elected, we will endeavor to rescind the resolutions of the board of regents by which Chancellor Andrews was permitted to serve on Mr. Rockefeller's educational board to distribute the \$10,000,000 recently donated by Mr. Rockefeller to educational institutions. We believe that the head of a great, free university, such as that of Nebraska, should himself be free from all entangling alliances and should represent only the people of the state of Nebraska.

"Fourth—We stand for the fullest liberty of thought and speech, but we deny to the chancellor of the Nebraska university the right to use his position in an institution of the people, for the purpose of apologizing for predatory wealth, whatever the personal obligations of the apologist may be to the benefactor.

"Fifth—We make this plain statement of our position so that the voters may know where we stand, what we stand for, and what policy we will advocate, if elected.

"D. C. COLE,  
"Osceola, Neb.  
"LOUIS LIGHTNER,  
"Columbus, Neb."

Mr. Lightner's explanatory communication is as follows:

Mr. Lightner's Letter.

"Columbus, Neb., Oct. 17.—To the Editor of the World-Herald: I am joining with Mr. Cole of Osceola in a joint statement of our attitude as candidates for regents of the university of Nebraska with reference to certain issues that have arisen in the recent history of that great institution. In connection therewith I desire to make a personal statement, which I ask you to give place in the World-Herald.

"I was myself a student at the university at the time the Rockefeller donation was tendered, the condition being that Mr. Rockefeller would contribute two-thirds of \$100,000 provided the people of Nebraska would raise the remaining third. Yielding to pressing solicitations and not having had time to give the matter thought on account of the press of studies and other duties I, myself, made a small contribution to the amount to be raised by popular subscription.

"Like many others, as I have rea-

son to believe, who acted as I did, I have since regretted that I did so. I heartily condemn Mr. Rockefeller for the methods he has used in acquiring his great wealth, and deplore the conditions which have made his career possible. I am not in favor of honoring him by receiving his ill-gotten gains, nor would I have given seeming countenance, by my small contribution, to the acceptance of his donation, had I stopped at the time to consider what it meant.

"I believe that the people of Nebraska are abundantly able and generously willing to support their own state university, and am not willing to see them or their magnificent school placed under any obligation whatever to Mr. Rockefeller or any other of his ilk.

"LOUIS LIGHTNER."

### BOOKS RECEIVED

Tales of the Road. By Charles N. Crewdson. Published by Thompson & Thomas, Chicago, Ill. 12mo cloth. Price \$1.50.

A Study of John D. Rockefeller. The wealthiest man in the world. By Marcus M. Brown, Cleveland, O.

Louisa Varena or Love's Recompense illustrating Christian Science. By Eliza Houk. Published by the United Brethren Publishing company, Dayton, O. Single copy \$1.00. Five copies, 75 cents each.

Reform and Nature Verse. By William Hoffman. A little book of Democratic verse and a number of poems based on nature subjects. Price 35 cents. Democrat Publishing company, Johnstown, Pa.

Floyd's Flowers or Duty and Beauty for Colored Children. Being one hundred short stories gleaned from the storehouse of human knowledge and experience. By Prof. Silas X. Floyd, A. M., D. D. Published by Hertel, Jenkins & Co., Atlanta, Chicago and Boston. Cloth, \$1.00. Half Morocco, \$1.50. Full Morocco, \$2.00.

Jimmie Moore of Bucktown. By Melvin E. Trotter. The Wiona Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill. Price 75 cents net.

Constructive Democracy. The Economics of a Square Deal. By William E. Smythe. The Macmillan company, New York. Price \$1.50.

Religion and Politics. By Algernon Sidney Crapsey. Published by Thomas Whittaker, 2 and 3 Bible House, New York. \$1.25 net.

Germs of Mind in Plants. By R. H. France. Published by Charles H. Kerr & company, Chicago. Price 50 cents.

The Divine Comedy of Dante. Four Lectures. Intended especially for those who have never read the poem but would like to know something about it. By Walter L. Sheldon, lecturer of the Ethical Society of St. Louis. S. Burns Weston, publisher, 1415 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pa. Price 50 cents.

The Giants. By Mrs. Fremont Older. D. Appleton and Company, New York. Cloth, \$1.50.

The Young Man and the World. By Senator Albert J. Beveridge. D. Appleton and company, New York.

Socialist Songs, Dialogues and Recitations. (Pamphlet.) Compiled by Josephine R. Cole, San Jose, Cal. Charles H. Kerr & Co., Chicago.

Forces That Make for Socialism in America. A lecture at Cooper Union, New York City. By John Snargo. Charles H. Kerr & company, Chicago. (Pamphlet.)

Vital Questions. Questions of society and the individual, such as Poverty, Inequality, The Child, Health, Education and Success. By Henry Dwight Chapin, M. D. Thomas T. Crowell & Co., New York. Price \$1.00 net. Postage 10 cents.

### COURT QUOTATIONS ON KISSES

A Virginia police justice has fixed the price of stolen kisses at \$20. In Missouri the last court quotation is \$35. In New York a recent kisser was fined \$10. What constitutes an unwilling kiss? The kisses which the girl at least pretends to resist are many. In the Virginia case the girl was kissed in presence of her married sister. If the fine was imposed for the conduct of the young man in kissing before a witness it could be justified, but the mere fact that the girl protests is not always strong evi-

dence that the kiss is unwelcome.—New York World.

### BLUE PENCIL NEEDED

In appointing a trained newspaper editor to be chief of the literary bureau of the Isthmian canal commission at a salary of \$10,000, Chairman Shonts has evidently acted wisely. It has been apparent for some time that the interviews and statements of the various members and officers of the commission sadly need the intelligent editing which, presumably, they will now receive.—Providence Journal.



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