

**MR. SHUMWAY'S PLATFORM**

G. L. Shumway, a business man of Scottsbluff, Neb., has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for congress in the Sixth Nebraska district. Mr. Shumway has issued this statement of his position:

The candidate for office should let the people know where he stands on public questions, and that inspires the following statement:

I announce myself early, so that people may find out all my frailties in ample time to determine whether I am suitable for the position.

I believe a platform is a pledge; and any violation of such pledge should merit recall, and the public should have full opportunity to recall any officers who "embezzle power."

Cannon is the accentuated type of the despotic power initiated by Tom Reed, that is gradually usurping authority. Yet Cannon is as good as the body that tolerates him, and in my opinion many members rejoice that he is there that they may shift responsibility for their own non-action.

I favor substantial reductions in duties on imports gradually for a period of ten or twenty years so as not to disturb business, until the nation is upon a tariff for revenue basis. A prosperity built upon protection bears too great a hazard to be a permanent good business policy. It might be possible that it could be used to advantage in compelling foreign countries to open their doors, but that is insufficient use for the existence of such a system of political economy.

The products of western Nebraska that now have, or may have, protection are particularly hides, wool and sugar. All these being the products of agriculture, and this being essentially an agricultural state, I am not satisfied to consent to a reduction or the abolition of duties on these articles only to satisfy a demand for downward revision. I am not in favor of making the farmer the goat. If downward revision is horizontal, Nebraska farmers will accept their part cheerfully. There is danger in attacking specific schedules in that it arouses sectional antagonisms, and is likely to result as did the last attempt.

However, free lumber, free wood pulp, and free paper, free coal, free iron and free oil would aid much in the solution of questions of conservation of our natural resources, and abolition of duties on such articles is desirable.

I am opposed to ship subsidies for the merchant marine, but favor necessary subsidies for establishing mail lines to Pan-American countries. If it seems likely that a ship subsidy bill shall pass, it should be so adjusted that any material favors shall be only by way of reduction in duties on imports that are shipped in American made vessels and under American colors.

The interstate commerce commission should have power to prevent any arbitrary advances of rates of any interstate corporation, until that body shall have time to examine into and determine if such advance is justified by conditions.

G. L. SHUMWAY.

**BOOKS RECEIVED**

Cyrus Hall McCormick, his life and work. By Herbert N. Casson. A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Classics of the Bar. Stories of the world's great jury trials and a compilation of forensic masterpieces. By Alvin V. Sellers. Classic Publishing Co., Baxley, Ga.

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Mifflin Company, Boston and New York. Price \$1.35 net.

A Living Wage. Its ethical and economic aspects. By John A. Ryan, S. T. D. Introduction by Richard T. Ely, Ph. D., LL. D. Grosset & Dunlap, Publishers, New York.

The Power of Speech and How to Acquire It. A comprehensive system of vocal expression, consisting of thorough and practical instruction in the use and management of the speaking voice. By Edwin Gordon Lawrence, teacher of oratory and dramatic art. Hinds, Noble & Eld-

redge, Publishers, 31-33-35 West 15th St., New York City. Price \$1.25. Postage free.

The Trial Before Pilate. (Pamphlet.) By Edward Holton James. Published by Edward Holton James, Concord, Mass. This pamphlet can be purchased at the Congregational Book Store, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., or by applying to the author and publisher. Price 50 cents.

The American Transportation Problem. A study of American transportation conditions with a view to ascertaining what policy Ameri-

cans should adopt in order to effectively meet existing conditions and be prepared to continue to lead the nations in the march of progress and civilization. By John Howe Peyton. Courier-Journal Job Printing Company, Louisville, Ky. Price 50 cents.

The Adventures of Little Knight Brave. By Frances Byrne Rees. D. Appleton and Company, New York, and London.

With Those That Were. Stories of two wars. By Francis W. Grattan. Broadway Publishing Company, 835 Broadway, New York.