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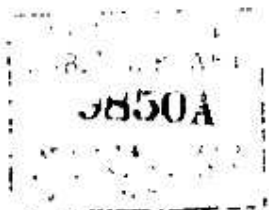


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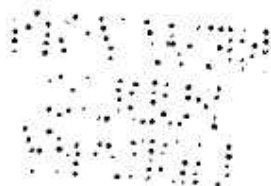
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Dedicated to
Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt:
A North Dakota Man of the Old Days;
Whose Memory Shall Ever Live
in the Hearts of North
Dakota People.

*A Prince of Israel has fallen—
The news has reached the West—
The place of his old stamping ground,
The land that loved him best!*

PREFACE

THIS book is North Dakota's tribute to the memory of Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt—the dedication of which appears on another page. North Dakota people will never forget the great man who lived in their midst during the early, and romantic period of the State's history—when the prairies resounded with the stamping of thousands upon thousands of herds of bison, and the plains re-echoed with the merry pranks of the cowboys—he is too deeply enshrined in their hearts for that. Colonel Roosevelt paid North Dakota the greatest compliment when he said: "That if it had not been for his experiences in North Dakota, he never would have become President of the United States."

And always in his heart he treasured a fond remembrance for North Dakota. When in April, 1918, the writer was compiling the early history of the state, and wrote to him asking for the loan of his photograph to head chapter: "Roosevelt In North Dakota," he not only sent his photograph, accompanied with his good wishes, but on it he also inscribed a message of greeting to North Dakota people, consisting of the following words:

*"Good luck to the people of North
Dakota, from a North Dakota man
of the old days."*

—Theodore Roosevelt.

April 27, 1918.

This message in his own handwriting, together with his photograph will be printed in the book of history that is

about to be published under title: "Out Where The West Begins." It was his last message to the North Dakota people, and for that reason will be treasured by them for generations to come.

To meet a most urgent need in our public schools and libraries for reference material bearing on North Dakota, the following authentic present-day history was compiled. The historical facts of the following pages are all of unimpeachable veracity, same being derived from such authentic sources as: The North Dakota Blue Books, various geological and topographical reports, etc., as well as a state-wide correspondence campaign, and personal interviews with some of North Dakota's most reliable citizens. The author wishes particularly to thank those mentioned below, who so generously responded to my requests for information and for photographs; as well as for private interviews granted.

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