

LEGGE, Alexander, 1866-1933. Wis. farm born. Of Scotch stock. "Self-made." The first power thresher in his home county of Colfax, Neb., was operated on his father's ranch; and he was responsible for its introduction. Farm machinery, his passion. Became President of The International Harvester Company. His constantly strove for: farm machinery more efficient, simpler to operate, and more economical to maintain. Stout 4-H Club supported, holding that "The problems of the future must be met by the coming generation." In depression days, sent banks in Schuyler and Omaha, Neb., \$110,000 for loans to small farmers not eligible for regular bank loans; and gave a \$5,000 loan to a cooperative not eligible for a Federal Farm Board loan. By a gift of \$400,000 for its endowment and by a bequest of \$500,000 in his will, he led in establishing the Farm Foundation for the advancement of the rural people. Fuller details in "Alexander Legge.....," by Forrest Crissey; and in Ralph H. Woods article, above, p.

-- R. W. Stimson

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