LOUCKS, HENRY LANGFORD, 1986-1928
PAPERS, 1916-1934
(bulk dates, 1916-1919)
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History

Henry Langford Loucks was born in Hull, Ontario, Canada on May 24, 1846. He ran mercantile businesses in Michigan and Missouri before claiming a homestead in Deuel County, Dakota Territory. Loucks arrived in 1884, at the beginning of an economic depression. The Farmers’ Alliance (which eventually became the Populist Party) grew out of the economic depression and Loucks became its president. Loucks was a natural leader and took great interest in agrarian politics. He established and edited the Dakota Ruralist, a newspaper that promoted the agrarian opinion. Loucks was the Populist candidate for South Dakota Governor in 1890 and also for United States Senator in 1891.

Loucks was married to Florence McCraney on May 2, 1878. They had seven children. Loucks died December 29, 1928.

Scope and Content Note

The Henry Langford Loucks Collections contains four series: Correspondence, Printed Materials, Typescripts and Ephemera.

The Correspondence series contains four outgoing letters to concerning the South Dakota Farmers' Alliance and a letter from John T. Belk secretary of the Farmers Co-Operative Association to the membership of the association.

The Printed Materials includes a large selection of Newspaper Clippings concerning farming and state utilities and several political pamphlets written by Loucks.

The Typescript series contains copies of political writings by Loucks.

The Ephemera series contain handwritten notes, most likely written by Loucks, and a hand drawn political cartoon.

Subjects:

Agriculture and politics

South Dakota – Politics and government
Additional Resources

*Dakota Ruralist*, Microfilm, 2nd floor, Learning Resources Lab (LRL), University of South Dakota

Henry Langford Loucks Papers, Special Collections, Manuscript Collections, South Dakota State University

South Dakota Farmers Alliance Records, Manuscript Collections, Special Collections, South Dakota State University

Guarnieri, Thom. H. L.  
*Loucks and the Dakota Ruralist: Voices of Reform*. Thesis (M.S.)—Journalism and Mass Communications Dept., South Dakota State University, 1981  
South Dakota State University: Archives/Upper Level LB2385 .G932

Loucks, Henry Langford  
Chilson Collection and Circulating Collection HG 2481.L7 1916

How to restore and maintain our government bonds at par. Watertown, S.D.: The Author], c1921.  
Chilson Collection HJ8117 .L68

The mythical gold base: or, Standard of the Federal Reserve System compared with our farmers land loan and sub-treasury plan. Watertown, S. D.: American Honest Money League, 1922  
Chilson Collection HG297. L68x  
Dewey Books - 3rd Fl Southeast 332.42 L925m

The new monetary system as advocated by the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union. *The Ruralist Quarterly*, v.2, no. 2, March 1895 Edition: Rev. ed. [s.l. : s.n.], 1895.  
Chilson Collection HG 529.L68x
Box No. Description

**Box 1**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Outgoing**
- Anderson, J.M.
  - 1916, Aug. 1
  - Editor Public Opinion
  - n.d.
- Kerr, Charles H.
  - 1916, Aug. 8
- Spence, C.E.
  - 1916, Nov. 28

**Other**
- To the Co-Operators of South Dakota from Belk, John T., n.d.

**PRINTED MATERIALS**

**News Clippings**
- *Argus Leader*
  - “Tugwell Reviews Aims and Accomplishments of Farm Adjustment Act”, 1934, June 29
- *Bookings Register*
  - “Complete Text of Speech of Dr. R.G. Tugwell”, 1934, July 3
- *Daily Public Opinion, Watertown, SD*
  - “Loucks in the field”, n.d.
  - “Public Ownership of Utilities”, 1925, Nov. 27
  - “State Sale of Gasoline”, 1925, Nov. 28
- *Garden City Tribune*
  - “From Producer to Consumer at Minimum Expense”, n.d.
- *Organized Farmer*
  - “Wheat and Why the Prices Change”, 1917, Apr. 19
- *South Dakota News*
- *South Dakota Union Farmer*
  - “Facts About the Yoakum Plan and Others”, 1924, May 21
  - “Concerning the Principles Honest Money”, 1924, May 21
- *Vineland Independent*
  - “Axiomaticus Profundum”, 1925, Dec. 24

**Miscellaneous**
- “Calls on City to Resist Attack by New York Exploiters”, n.d.
- “Citizen Calls Attention to Present Drive Against City’s Light Plant”, n.d.
- “Dangerous Trap for the People”, n.d.
- “From Producer to Consumer at the Minimum Expense”, 1917, Apr. 1 and 15 (2 copies)
- “German Anti-trust Law Pro-trust Instead of Anti-trust”, n.d.
- “Gunderson Sells Gas Equipment”, n.d.
- “A Logical Letter”, 1917, Feb. 5
- “Loucks Goes into contest for U.S. Senatorship”, n.d.
- “Loucks Petition Short Necessary Number of Names”, n.d.
- “The People’s Forum”, n.d.
- “Question Box”, 1923, Nov. 21
- “State Gasoline Dead Forever”, n.d.
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PRINTED MATERIALS, cont.
News Clippings, cont.
   Miscellaneous, cont.
      “Why We Must Pay Reasonable Dividends”, n.d.
      “Withdrawals on LaFollette Slate Unite Factions”, n.d.
      “Women’s Department”, n.d.
Pamphlets
   “Rural Credits and State Development” by H.L. Loucks
   “Will the Farmer be the ‘Goat’ Once More?” by H.L. Loucks
   Untitled Pages

TYPESCRIPTS
Loucks, Henry L.
   “Capital Control a Failure”
   “A Dangerous Trap!”, 1917, Jan. 20 (2 copies)
   “Public Ownership of Public Utilities”
   “South Dakota Association for the Public Ownership and Operation of Public Utilities”
   “State Aid of State Ownership and Operation of Public Utilities”
   “State Gasoline Sales”

EPHEMERA
Notes
Political Cartoon