

Amana

From their arrival in Iowa in the middle of the 19th Century the Amana villages have elicited frequent comments. The present issue of *The Palimpsest* contains four eyewitness accounts gleaned from a period of approximately fifty years.

The first article is by Dr. Albert Shaw (1857-1947), who was born in Ohio but received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Grinnell College in 1879 and 1882 respectively. It was while at Grinnell that Shaw visited Amana to gather material for his "Life In the Amana Colony," which appeared in the *Chautauquan* of February, 1888. This article also appeared in 1888 in Volume VI of the *Johns Hopkins University Studies—History of Cooperation in the United States*. Albert Shaw received his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins in 1884, and subsequently was closely identified with the leading historical, political, economic, and geographic societies in the United States. He established the *Review of Reviews* in 1891 and served as its editor from its founding until 1937. His contributions to a richer understanding of America continued through a long and distinguished career that ended with his death. He is buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Tarrytown, New York.

The second article is by Dr. Richard T. Ely (1854-1943) who stood at the forefront of American economists for half a century. Ely served as professor of economics at Johns Hopkins—1881-1892, head of political economy at Wisconsin—1892-1925, and professor of economics at Northwestern University—1925-1933. He was one of the founders of the American Economic Association, serving as secretary from 1885 to 1892, and as president from 1899 to 1901. His books, monographs, and texts would fill a good-sized bookshelf. Ely's Amana article appeared in *Harper's Magazine* for October, 1902.

The third article on Amana is by Millard Milburn Rice who was born in Jefferson, Maryland, in 1895. Disabled during World War I, Rice moved to Idaho Springs, Colorado, where he engaged in free lance writing. He was a frequent contributor to leading magazines, specializing in political and economic subjects. His article on Amana appeared in *Harper's Magazine* in 1938.

Lulu MacClure represents the distaff side of this foursome. Her observations date back to the mid-1880's, but neither the Society's resources nor Librarian Ada Stoflet at the University of Iowa have been able to track her down. The fact that she refers to the founding of Amana forty years before she wrote her story places the period about 1885.

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