Pierce, Hon. Gilbert March 10, 1885 Hill to Pierce, Bismarck Recommends J. E. West and Capt. Alex. Griggs [for new Railroad and warehouse commission]: "I have known Capt. Griggs for 25 years and he is one of the oldest representative men in North Dakota. When he first went into the country there were not ten settlers in the Red River Valley, and he has seen the country

as any man in the Territory."

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grow up and has personally aided, in an intelligent way, in bringing in settlers as much