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LANGER TELLS WHAT HE WILL DO IF HE IS ELECTED GOVERNOR

Wanted to Know Why Farmers of State Cannot Get Loans from Bank of North Dakota.

Fargo, N. D., June 10.—"The outstanding feature of the present campaign for the election of the anti-Townley Republican ticket is the size of the crowds which everywhere greet not only Attorney General Langer, but all of the other candidates for the various offices and the workers in the campaign," said A. W. Carlson, director of the speakers bureau at Republican Headquarters.

"Formerly the general voting public was apathetic, while the followers of Townley shunned an anti-Townley speaker as though he were a leper. Today, in the former solid league counties, audiences are composed of from 50 to 90 per cent of friends of the original program.

Mr. Carlson continued: "From all parts of the state come reports, to hold the crowds, and of over flow or open air meetings."

Apparently the campaign has awakened the league members to the actual conditions brought about at the dictation of Townley, Lemke and the others.

The story of the campaign, in fact the major issues are contained in the following excerpts from a speech by William Langer in which are succinctly set forth the cause of the present political battle:

"A few years ago North Dakota wanted certain definite specific reforms. We wanted state-owned elevators, mills and packing plants and better marketing conditions and in addition certain better tax reforms.

"We all got together, paid our money and signed the same agreement. An executive committee of five men appointed themselves and every time we signed an agreement these five men's names were at the head of it—A. C. Townley, F. B. Wood, O. S. Evans, and E. A. Bowman.

"We went out over the state and told the farmers what we would do when we were elected; we went to Bismarck and had control of all the executive offices, the house, and lacked one vote in the senate."

"But three men, Townley, Lemke and Wood, realizing the tremendous political power of the North Dakota Leader and other League papers met secretly and ran things to suit themselves. They were able to start the socialization of the state.

"It was impossible to get these men out of the executive offices because under the constitution which they themselves had framed for the Non-partisan league, they themselves met as the executive committee to re-elect themselves as successors to themselves.

"We, you and I, still have a chance to see our hopes come through. We still have a chance to get our experiment in state-owned mills and elevators, and, if elected Governor, I will do all in my power to see that we get a reasonable experiment and not an extravagant expenditure of seventeen million dollars or more.

"There never was a more harmonious convention than that at Minot. Farmers, lawyers, bookkeepers, clerks, hall-boys, bankers, stenographers, plumbers, mechanics met and named men from among themselves as delegates from the various counties. They met at Minot and they adopted as planks in the Republican State Platform—EVERY SINGLE FEATURE WHICH YOU FARMERS WANT—THAT WAS IN THE REAL AND ORIGINAL NON PARTISAN PROGRAM.

"But," he has added, "they didn't endorse Neil McDonald in a fight against Minnie Nielson; they didn't endorse a bank which is run as a private institution for the benefit of the friends of Waters, Cathro, Townley, Lemke and Frazier. They didn't endorse a state sheriff law that adds another expensive officer to the state payroll and deprives your county sheriff of their powers and duties; they did not endorse an absent voters law that would let a crooked bunch of politicians go out and buy up the votes they needed three weeks in advance of election, buy enough until they had election cinched; they didn't free love or the I. W. W. Nor did the Republicans endorse the law which would let a smelling committee come into your home and look over your personal books, or read or even make public your love letters which your wife had saved; furthermore the Republicans did not endorse the flying of the red flag of Socialism or the black flag of Anarchy.

"Republicanism," said Mr. Langer, "is not Townleyism, Republicanism is not socialism, but it is Americanism and it doesn't stand for the pardoning of Kate Richards O'Hare's. It does stand for the things which Townley promised you would get—but you didn't.

Referring to this latter subject Mr. Langer has said:

"One thing I will do if elected Governor will be to write to Woodward and in that letter I will say 'Mr. President, a few months ago the former governor of North Dakota wrote

GRASSHOPPERS HAVE STARTED TO DO DAMAGE

County Agent Gorman Says That Fully as Much Damage Will Be Done This Year as Last Unless Fight is Made.

County Agent N. D. Gorman is receiving reports daily of damage that is being done by grasshoppers in various sections of Ward county and he predicts that unless steps are taken at once to eradicate the pests, fully as much damage will be done as last year. Mr. Gorman is right on the job and when seen by an Independent representative this morning, had scarcely time to make a statement but gave this paper a short statement. He says that Ward county, anticipating trouble, invested in 10,000 pounds of arsenic last winter and is well prepared to give battle.

Mr. Gorman makes the following statement:

"Numerous reports from over the county are coming to my office in regard to grasshoppers. They are hatching out in large numbers and from all indications they will be as damaging as last year. I have investigated the reports and find that not all the eggs are hatched out yet. We are better prepared to handle a campaign this year than we were last season and it is the duty of every farmer in Ward county to extend every effort to eradicate the pests. The prospects for a big crop are excellent and we should do all in our power to save it."

"FALL OF BABYLON" TO BE SHOWN HERE

D. W. Griffith's "The Fall of Babylon," produced on an even more elaborate scale than "The Birth of a Nation" and "Hearts of the World" comes to the Orpheum Theatre, starting June 24 for three days.

Some idea of the startling magnitude of this latest of the Griffith super-pictures may be gained from the statement that it cost more than \$650,000 to produce, is presented by a company totaling 125,000 men and women, and has 7,500 horses taking part in the great chariot races and pageants attending the Feast of Belshazzar. The great walls of Babylon, with their giant height of 300 feet and the spacious boulevards built upon their tops; the wonderful halls in the Temple of Belshazzar, halls a mile in length, with giant elephants of alabaster rising up along their sides; the vari-colored lights that play and glow upon the fountains of perfume and wine; the dancing girls, the High Priestesses, and all the mighty splendor and luxury of those ancient days—these are but the outstanding features of Griffith's "The Falls of Babylon."

As to the players who interpret the various characters are mentioned: Constable Talmadge, George Fawcett, Mildred Harris (Mrs. Charlie Chaplin), Tully Marshall, Pauline Stark, Seena Owen, Alma Rubens, Kate Bruce, Alfred Paget, Elmo Lincoln and others who have long been identified with the higher grade motion pictures.

A special musical score by Louis Gottschalk adds to the further enjoyment of the spectacle, and the photography by G. W. Bitzer is of the same artistic standard reached in "Hearts of the World" and other Griffith features.

New Member for Burns Club
A son was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Swigart. The proud daddy is preparing to bring his little lad to the summer picnic of the Burns club as Exhibit 1.

you a letter asking you to pardon Kate Richards O'Hare. You pardoned her. I wish to tell you that the people of North Dakota do not thank you for having pardoned her."

The Courier News and other Langer papers have been ascribing to Langer some weird statements concerning his pre-election promises. How ever true statement he has been making concerning the affairs of the State Bank of North Dakota is:

"I say to you fellow citizens of North Dakota, that if I am elected Governor, that before the sun sets on the first day I am in office, I will see that there is a committee appointed to investigate the Bank of North Dakota."

He has hurled the challenge to his audience:

"I want to know, I want to find out why farmers in North Dakota could not get loans from the State Bank when a man in St. Paul got \$50,000 of your money? I want to find out why a friend of Jim Waters living in Wisconsin got \$20,000; why Ray McKaig, who is in Idaho working for Townley got \$7,500 on land that the assessor stated was only worth that amount at its fullest value? I want to find out about all these things."

"I want to find out why the farmers could not cash their hail insurance warrants when this money was being handed outside the state?" Then he has added, "I will make this pledge to you that if I find anything crooked in the State Bank of North Dakota, every man implicated in it will go to the penitentiary."

HENRY M. WILSON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE

Henry M. Wilson was elected President of the Minot Association of Commerce, at a meeting of the board held Tuesday.

E. A. Shirley was elected first vice president and Fay N. Fuller, second vice president. Chas. Zehring was elected treasurer and Wm. Dunnell Counselor.

The secretary reported the following directors elected for the next two years: E. Muskovitch, J. F. McGuire, E. A. Long and E. A. Shirley. Secretary Holbein reported on work he has done for the Roosevelt Highway thru North Dakota and was instructed to use what time he needed in the work of putting the highway in this state in proper condition for tourist travel.

G. D. Colcord, president of the Minot Shrine Club, appeared before the board and asked the assistance of the Association of Commerce in giving the large number of Shriners, who are going to visit Minot on June 17 and 18, the proper kind of a welcome.

Vice President Shirley appointed the following committees from the Association to assist the Shriners committee to provide automobiles to

convey the guests to and from the Riverside Park where the entertainment will be given: J. F. McGuire, R. M. Graham and M. F. Mulroy. He appointed the following committee to assist the Shriners' Committee on arrangements: J. J. Coyle, Peter Ferguson, J. B. Reed and Fred L. Anderson.

C. D. See was appointed to act as general chairman in charge of the parade on June 18, the day the El Zagal special train visits Minot. Secretary Holbein was selected to secure stamped post cards of the city of Minot to distribute on the various Shrine trains that pass thru the city on the two days enroute to the Imperial Shrine.

The new president of the Association, H. M. Wilson, has been a director of the Association for several years. That has tended to upbuild Minot, and he has been very active in anything is an ideal man for the place. He is president of the International Oil Co. He succeeds E. A. Long who has been president of the Association for several years and who has done very effective work.

MINOT NORMAL COMMENCEMENT WEEK JUNE 20-24—GRADUATE LIST

The Minot State Normal school makes the following announcements for Commencement week, June 20-24. All exercises will be held at the gymnasium at 8 o'clock unless otherwise noted.

Class sermon Sunday evening, June 20.
Class Day Address—Hon. W. J. Bryan, high school auditorium Monday morning, June 21, 10 o'clock.
Class Night—Monday evening, June 21.

Model School Graduation—Tuesday evening, June 22.
Commencement—Wednesday evening, June 23.

Final Assembly—Thursday morning June 24, 10:15.
Alumni reception banquet—Thursday at the Dormitory, 12:30 noon.

The following is a list of the graduates:
Advanced Curriculum
Dec. 1, 1919—Marie Wik, Makoti.
March 26, 1920—Anna Moe, Anoka, Minn.; Bernice Southey, Garrison.
June 23—Fannie Stevens Buchanan, Minot; Elizabeth M. C. Ehr, Minot; Waldo Evenson, St. Paul, Minn.; Selma Fejde, Makoti; Clara Gilbertson, Minot; Tena E. Kohrman, Sherwood; Crystelle LaFleur, Towner; Esther Selffe, Powers Lake; Christina Shaw, Hannah.

August 5—Clarice Clemons, Van Hook; Clifford Cram, Maxbass; Margaret Jorgensen, Kenmare; Jean McDonald, Towner; Hilda C. Swenson, Columbus; Mae A. Youngquist, Wahpeton.

September 17—Thelma Dwello, Minot; Flora Glaze, Minot; Alice Hamilton, Bottineau; M. Lyla Hoffman, Kenmare; Mae Kennedy, Egeland; Loretta Kopriva, Bowbells; Hanna Rappuhn, Fessenden; Frances Wilson, Casselton.

Elementary Curriculum
June 23, 1920—Lily Agard, Portal; Himmie Alberg, Wildrose; Edna Alden, Lignite; Alma M. Arness, Plaza; Ruth Asbury, Minot; Blanch Clark, Minot; Lucille Hanson, Kalispell, Mont.; Florence H. Holz, Willow City; Laura L. Holz, Willow City; Neal L. Horr, Goldstat, Mont.; Guern Jane Jeardeau, McClusky; Marian P. Jeardeau, McClusky; Eunice Kingsley, Lansford; Olga Korsmo, Hatton; Leona Lemieux, Poplar, Mont.; Hertha Lohse, Loraine; Edward J. Malone, Minot; Fred O. Mott, Sherwood; Viola Pickens, Minot; Dorothy Pillep, Granville; Alice M. Renfeldt, Minot; H. Adelaide Renne, Decatur, Mich.; Lucille Z. Ring, Minot; Myrtle Schoeneman, Lansford; Dorothy Schroer, Minot; Annetta Schwanke, Willow City; Anna O. Sjaastad, Tagus; Alice A. Walker, Barton; Florence M. Wilkes, Minot.

August 5—Helen Bohan, Tolley; Magna Breeding, Powers Lake; Marget J. Eidness, Denbigh; Dagmar Garneess, Minot; Angeline Hoellinger, Minot; Albert Magnusson, Detroit Harbor, Wis.; Nora Meyer, Portal; Elsie Peterson, Minot.

Sept. 17—Bessie G. Geddes, Granville; Agnes Peterson, Ryder; Ruth Edith Peterson, Ryder.

BODY OF BABE FOUND IN TREE ALONG MOUSE RIVER IN MINOT

Some boys playing along the river bank of the Householder flats, discovered the body of a decomposed babe which had been caught and held by the limb of a tree projecting out over the river, early this week. The body had evidently come down the river during the high water, lodging in the tree. The remains were badly decomposed. The flesh from the arms and legs had nearly all disappeared.

Coroner R. W. Pence was notified and he examined the body. It was impossible to tell whether the body was that of a male or a female child, but Dr. Pence is certain that it was the body of a fully developed child, evidently several days old at the time it was placed in the river.

Knights of Columbus' Gift to Metz



The plaster cast of the statue of Lafayette by Paul W. Bartlett which the Knights of Columbus will present, at a cost of more than \$50,000, to the city of Metz, France. The statue, with bas-reliefs of Columbus, General Pershing, Marshal Foch and President Wilson, will be completed in August when one thousand Knights will go overseas for the dedication in Metz.

J. K. WOODWARD IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE TOWN CRIERS

Sam Morgan Boosted to Office of Vice President—Members of Board of Regents Were Guests of the Town Criers.

J. K. Woodward, advertising manager of the Fair Store, was elected President of the Minot Town Criers Club at a banquet and business meeting held at the Association of Commerce rooms Tuesday night.

Sam Morgan, manager of the Minot Grocery Co., was elected Vice President; V. R. Tompkins, Treasurer. Board of Governors, Robert Bosard, Clarence See, V. E. Stenersen, James F. Smallwood and G. D. Colcord, all but the last named being re-elected. Will E. Holbein was re-elected secretary.

President Woodward succeeds Wm. F. Jones, who has filled the position as president very capably during the past two years. "Bill" most likely could have held the office for life but he refused to allow his name to be presented for another term.

The new president is regarded as one of the most capable advertising men in the organization. His election comes to him as a surprise, for he is out of the city attending the convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World at Indianapolis and was notified by wire of the honor that night.

A telegram from Mr. Woodward was read Tuesday night. "Wonderful task. Real brass tacks convention," he said. "Milwaukee, Atlanta and Des Moines were after the convention."

President Jones goes out of office with the club in fine shape. There are 168 members. The Town Criers was organized in 1916 with a charter membership of twelve. The Town Criers gave a vote of thanks to President Jones and Prof. John Howard and Major Person for their musical work in behalf of the organization.

Vocal numbers were furnished by Henry Gay and L. R. Swett. The Town Criers orchestra played several selections.

President Crane brot the members of the Board of Regents to the dinner of the guests of the Town Criers and introduced them.

Mr. Totten, president of the Board said: "We are particularly interested in the Minot Normal School. Whatever they may say about Minot, we must say that the businessmen of Minot are giving this institution their undivided support and we appreciate the fact."

Mr. Casey, another member of the board said: "Your Normal School is a credit not only to Minot, but to the entire state. You have one of the biggest men in the Northwest at the head of your school and we are proud of him. (Pres. Crane's Town Criers friends responded lustily, "So are we.") Mr. Casey displayed some rare Irish wit and informed the people of Minot that he was going to prove to them that they believed in state owned industries. "I refer to the prison twine plant and Minot has furnished quite a number of employees at the plant."

Mr. Muir, the third member of the board, who visited Minot, said he predicted a membership of from 500 to 1,000 students at the Minot Normal school in the near future. He deplored the fact that so many of the state institutions were not well located and ventured that statement that four or five of those institutions ought to be eliminated. The school for the blind at Bathgate is located on a branch line. Bathgate does not have electric lights and no water system.

"It was an actual crime to locate that school at Bathgate," he said. He doubts the value of the School of Forestry at Bottineau, when one considers the expense. The Normal school at Ellendale has a fine faculty but the school should never have been located there. About the only way one can reach Ellendale from other sections of the state is by airship, he said. By the railroad it takes two days to get there from any point in the state. The Reform school at Mandan is located in the hills and a boy desiring to take French leave can get out of sight in a second. He advocates maintaining only three Normal schools in the state, those at Minot, Dickinson and Valley City. Mr. Muir is a hard headed Scotchman, speaks right out in meeting and his remarks were very well received.

Minot Baseball Team Trims Drake
The Drake baseball team arrived in Minot Saturday afternoon to play two games, one Saturday evening and the other Sunday afternoon. The local boys proved too fast for their visitors and both games were very one-sided. Saturday's game ended with a score of 16 to 2, and Sunday's game 11 to 0.

Manager Twiford has booked the Winnipeg Colored Giants for three games, Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon and Monday evening. The Giants are considered one of the fastest teams on the road. Minot will have several new men in their lineup and the games no doubt will be very close. Shirley will likely pitch the opening game.

BRINTON NEWSPAPER GRAB ACT DECLARED TO BE INOPERATIVE

Supreme Court Splits on Constitutionality of Bill But Agreed Four to One for Dismissal of Case.

Mandan, N. D., June 10.—The Brinton newspaper Grab Act is invalid and inoperative.

The North Dakota Supreme Court by a compromise judgment has split two and two on the matter of constitutionality but agreed four to one to a dismissal of the case brought by Tim Daly and others of Grant County to force the commissioners to print official proceedings in the League paper at Carson.

Tim Daly, presumed to be a Non-Partisan leaguer, brought action to force the printing of official publications in the Townley named and Brinton controlled official paper. Judge W. C. Crawford held the law unconstitutional. Daly appealed to the supreme court and Justices Christianson and Birdzell held the law unconstitutional, Bronson disallowed himself, and Robinson and Grace, quoting the vote of the misled people, reversed the Crawford decision of the district court.

Yet in the remittitur handed down the four judges agreed that the case was reversed and to dismiss the action.

The effect of this action by the supreme court is the same as to declare the law inactive and inoperative and any legal force brought to insist on legal publications being printed in official league newspapers to be invalid.

Attorney J. F. Sullivan of Mandan and Attorney T. F. Murtha of Dickinson handled the test case for the North Dakota Press Association. Judge Crawford has signed an order dismissing the original action without costs to either party.

The order of Judge Crawford, based upon the findings of the supreme court is decidedly interesting. It is as follows:

Timothy P. Daly, vs. Robert D. Brery, as County Auditor of Grant Co., et al.

The above entitled action having to restrain the defendants from publishing any official notices of Grant County in any other paper in Grant County, North Dakota, than the paper designated by the State Publication and Printing Commission; and from paying or causing to be paid any of the moneys of Grant County for any other County official printing or publications in any other paper than that designated by said State Publication and Printing Commission and the defendants having demurred to the complaint of the plaintiff, and such demurrer after the hearing having been sustained by the Hon. W. C. Crawford, one of the Judges of the District Court Sixth Judicial District; and the plaintiff having appealed from such decision of said sustaining said demurrer, to the supreme court of the state of North Dakota, and said action having been duly submitted to the supreme court of the State of North Dakota, and such supreme court having filed the opinions of the various members thereof; and it being necessary that four judges of said supreme court should agree that the law involved in the controversy was unconstitutional before it could be declared unconstitutional, and two of such judges having held that the law was unconstitutional, and two of such judges having held that such law was constitutional, and such opinions having resulted in the order of the supreme court reversing the decision sustaining such demurrer which results in the overruling of said demurrer; and all of the judges of the supreme court having agreed that such decision should be reversed, and having promulgated its order accordingly, and all of the judges agreeing that the action should be dismissed and having filed its remittitur accordingly.

Now, Therefore, on such remittitur and the decision of the court therein contained, and on the opinions and orders of the judges of the supreme court IT IS ORDERED that the said demurrer be overruled, and in accordance with such remittitur and the orders of the judges of the supreme court, it is further ordered that said ACTION BE DISMISSED without cost to either party.

Let judgment be entered accordingly by the court.

W. C. Crawford, One of the judges of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of North Dakota

Coal Will Be Higher—Fill Your Bins Now
Local coal dealers are filling the coal bins in this city with lignite for \$5 a ton but say the price is likely to go to \$5.50 or \$6 a ton if the information they have received from the mines is correct. It is a good time to lay in your winter's supply of both hard coal and lignite for there is certain to be a serious fuel shortage the coming winter. Local dealers are selling hard coal for \$18 a ton.