

INDEPENDENT VICTORY NEEDED TO RESTORE CREDIT AND BRING GOOD TIMES BACK TO STATE

A Change of Personnel in North Dakota Industrial Commission Will Insure
Honesty, Efficiency, Economy and Open Books In
Our State Government.

The issues in the present recall campaign are simple and easy to understand as they are important and far-reaching. The Independent opposition to the present administration proposes:

1. To change the membership of the industrial commission by removing from office Governor Lynn J. Frazier, Attorney General William Lemke and Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor John N. Hagan.
2. To incorporate into the laws of the state a constitutional amendment and certain other laws which will enable the next administration to repair as speedily as possible the damage done during the five years of League bossism; also to prevent a repetition of the unheard of waste and profligacy practiced by public officials under the League regime and to make it impossible, or at least exceedingly difficult to inject foreign issues to state interests into state politics.

Frazier, Lemke and Hagan Guilty of Grave Wrongdoing.

The independent candidates, R. A. Nestos, Sveinbjorn Johnson and Jos. A. Kitchen, are proposed to take the places of Governor Frazier, Attorney General Lemke and Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor Hagan, who constitute the industrial commission.

Taking advantage of the almost unlimited powers that the industrial commission has had and now has, these last named men have, according to their own admissions, used several million dollars of public funds in addition to millions of store money, newspaper money and other private money to build, what they hoped would be, an indestructible political machine with which to keep themselves and a horde of imported and domestic radicals in luxury at the expense of the taxpayers of the state.

They have tied up more than \$6,000,000 in thirty year loans and other long time investments when funds for these purposes should have been obtained by the sale of bonds.

Much of this money is lost to the state already and will have to be made good by increasing taxes in the future.

They have used public money and property for their personal benefit.

They have by their own testimony not only admitted that they are guilty of all of these charges but that they are determined to continue their recklessness as long as they are retained in office and are now protesting against the voters approving laws that will prevent such recklessness and grafting in the future.

North Dakota Bankrupt in Faith, Friendship and Finance.

The credit of the state has been ruined by this administrative waste, recklessness and dishonesty. As ex-Governor Hanley so well said at a recent meeting in Mandan: "North Dakota is bankrupt in faith, friendship and finance."

The people of North Dakota will not be able to finance their affairs properly until men who have the confidence of the public are put in the places of those who have lost it, and until we have changed our laws so as to leave no doubt but what the voters of the state are going to make it safe for other people's money in North Dakota and see to it that public money is not used for other purposes than those for which it was paid by the taxpayers.

Only One Way Out; Vote Independent Ticket.

Can there be any doubt in the minds of law-abiding citizens as to which set of candidates to vote for when the choice lies between three men who admit that they are guilty of the most serious official misconduct and propose to continue along the same line, and three other men against whom there is not even a charge of irregularity in either public service or public business and who are themselves working for laws that shall prohibit any further misuse of public money by public officials no matter who they are?

COST OF THE LEMKE HOUSE

An affidavit filed with the legislative investigating committee during its sessions last winter discloses cost estimate on the Lemke house as follows:

Land	\$1,600.00	
General construction	\$14,800.00	
Plumbing and heating	4,500.00	
Electric contract	775.00	
Garage	1,200.00	
Hardware and porch	625.00	
Grading ground, etc.	500.00	22,400.00
Total		\$24,000.00

For verification of this statement see page 154 of the Journal of the House of Representatives of the Seventh Legislative Assembly for the fifty-ninth day after recess and the sixtieth day. Also see any copy of the House Audit Committee's report.

GIVES PICTURE OF EASTERN AUTUMN

Through the kindness of a faculty member we are permitted to print portions of a letter which was written by Mr. Switzer who is studying in Clark University.

I know I cannot tell you anything of the undecipherable beauty of the autumn coloring, for you spent last autumn in central New York, and have lived in the hardwood area of Indiana. But I kept thinking today of the thousands of North Dakota people that have never lived off the plains and have entirely missed this. I think the ten-years in North Dakota with its comparatively meager variation in color made the experiences of today even more impressive. I just wished you might have your classes out here for a while to study how nature mixes her colors in such absolute and exquisite harmonies and in such profusion that to the uninitiated it is almost unbelievable.

A young married man in the geography department and his delightfully hospitable wife took me with them in their Ford sedan and we wandered leisurely over the winding roads that ever enticed you on with the promise of more glorious beauty if you would follow around the next bend. The deep reds of the hard maple were rivalled by the almost crimson of the sumack. These graded into the browns of the oak with every possible intervening tint shown in between. Then there was the golden yellow of the soft maple and ash which in places were so dominant, and their branches meeting across the road in an overhead arch, the autumn sun filtering through gave you, not a stairway but avenues of gold. These in turn graded by innumerable stages through the poplars, elms, birch, and others into the deep park green of the conifers. Then in nature's own way, these were all tumbled together in a composite mass, as you came out on the crest of a hill, and your eye swept across a wide valley with miles and miles of rolling, wooded landscape. An artist can not reproduce it correctly. We must wait for the perfecting of color-photography to give an adequate idea to those who have never experienced the sensation of autumnal riot in color.

Of course the color was not the only impressive thing to me. New England's boulder strewn fields and woods were even more impressive to the mind of one geographically trained. Have you seen them? I thought I had some idea of what they were like, but I had to repeat the words of the Queen of Sheba to Solomon, and if fate should destine that I must till the land so boulder strewn, I am sure I would have to say, "there is no more soul left in me." Why, we passed fields today that were fenced in little patches of from one to five acres, with a stone fence around each one three feet high, and yet it seems you could scarcely see the ground. Our North Dakota farmers would be afraid to turn a cow even into them much less even dream of cultivation.

I am enjoying my work here at Clark immensely. Everyone is so kind and thoughtful, and the atmosphere of association with an entirely "graduate" body is very stimulating. The conditions for research work are admirable and you have practically entire freedom to work out your own ideas and problems. It seems a shame that one has to devote so much time to the sordid occupation of "making a living." I feel sometimes I would like to stay here and study about three years and then have no work when I go back but teaching. I believe I then could do a grade of teaching worth while.

This has become a rather lengthy dissertation of variations. You may be sure I am interested in all the things at Valley City and am looking forward to the first Budget to give me some news.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,
—J. E. Switzer.

A suit was tried before Judge M. J. Engert yesterday in which W. J. Curran sued Lee Cowell for dissolution of partnership in the Curran Construction Company and asked the court to appoint Mr. Curran receiver. After hearing the case the court dissolved the partnership and appointed Lee Cowell receiver of the Curran Construction Co.

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