

**A**CTUAL proof that two-thirds of North Dakota banks are charging usury on loans in violation of the law! Read it in the Leader next week, issue of Thursday, April 20. Some banks are getting 24 to 48 per cent on some of their loans. Twelve to 15 per cent is a common interest charge according to the actual admissions of North Dakota bankers under oath. Over 10 per cent is usury in this state. North Dakota can not stand it. There is a remedy. Watch for this article.

## FARMER ASKS A SQUARE DEAL

*Candidate for Governor Tells What He Stands For; Is Enthusiastically Cheered Throughout the State*

**A**LL the farmers ask for is a square deal. We are going to have that square deal, ladies and gentlemen, and the Nonpartisan League with your loyalty and with your backs to the wheel is going to give it to us." Thus spoke Lynn J. Frazier, farmer and candidate for governor of North Dakota indorsed by the Nonpartisan League, in closing his speech at Grand Forks during his recent tour of the state following the big mass meetings of the League at Fargo.

"Four or five years ago one of the members of the faculty of the state university wrote me that he was preparing a paper on how to keep the boys and girls on the farm and he asked me to give him some suggestions," said Mr. Frazier. "No doubt he expected me to describe how delightful and how inspiring it is to plant the tiny seed and watch it grow into a great crop. He probably wanted a description of the independence and easy life of the carefree tillers of the soil.

"But I told him that under existing conditions I saw no reason why the boys and girls should stay on the farm and that I, a farmer, would not blame them if they left it. I told him we had to work from 5 o'clock in the morning till 9 o'clock at night to prepare our products for market and then had the Chicago Board of Trade and Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce kindly fix the price we are to be paid for our work.

"I told him I had been taught in the economics class of the university that the law of supply and demand regulated prices, but that I had learned differently. Then I said that when farmers got their rights and a fair share of prices paid for things they produce I could recommend the boys and girls staying on the farm. I don't know whether he ever used my ideas in that article or not, but that's where I stood then and stand now.

### A FARMER ACCEPTS HIS CALL TO SERVICE

"Public speaking like this is out of my line, I must admit. I am not a politician, but I can milk and stomp the hogs and can fill the bill on the farm.

"I was surprised when I was told that I had been chosen by 35,000 farmers to make this race for governor. I am surprised yet. I do not know if I deserve this honor. When they sent for me to come to Fargo and the delegate to the League convention from my county met me at the train and told me I was chosen to lead the farmers' ticket to victory, I told him I thought they had made a mistake.

"But they told me they represented 35,000 farmers and they wanted me. I felt that this was a duty calling to me and I accepted. I will do the best I can. And so I am going to make a fight to be elected and to clean up the state if I am elected.

"I am not making this fight for myself. Not that, ladies and gentlemen. I have never sought an office in my life. I never asked any of these delegates for the nomination. But they called me and have made me feel that it is a duty and that the farmers of North Dakota have united for a great purpose, and that they are going to carry it through. I did what any of you would have done and I am going to make this race to win.

"The farmers are 80 per cent of the population of this state but they have been getting very little representation in the legislature that makes the laws. But the farmers mean business now.

It is going to be different and it certainly is not going to be any worse. We are in this thing for a square deal for farmers—that is my platform—and what is a square deal for farmers will benefit everyone else in the state. Therefore we are in this for a square deal for all the people of North Dakota."

### MEETINGS IN STATE ALL WERE ENTHUSIASTIC.

The series of district massmeetings held at the principal cities of the state last week for the purpose of introducing Lynn J. Frazier, the League candidate for governor, to the people of North Dakota, were as enthusiastic as the big Fargo meetings. By this time the "next governor" has met face to face in their own communities several thousand voters and has talk-

ed to them of the League's plans and his platform.

Wherever he went Mr. Frazier was well received, and although he is not an orator, his quiet announcement that "I am not in the fight for fun" never failed to bring an enthusiastic response.

With Mr. Frazier went William Langer of Mandan, indorsed by the League for attorney general, President A. C. Townley of the Nonpartisan League and a number of the League speakers. Mr. Langer did not make the entire trip, however.

The first stop was at Grand Forks April 4, and two meetings in the city hall were addressed by Mr. Frazier and Mr. Langer, the audience numbering 300 to 400. In his address here, Mr. Frazier touched the keynote of his campaign. The other speakers at

the afternoon and evening meetings were: President A. C. Townley, R. B. Martin, J. Arthur Williams, Beecher Moore and O. M. Thomason.

### DEVILS LAKE MAYOR GIVES WELCOME ADDRESS.

Enthusiastic audiences filled the courthouse at Devils Lake April 5 when Mr. Frazier appeared there afternoon and evening. Mayor A. L. Johnson delivered an address of welcome, speaking for the City of Devils Lake and for the farmers of the surrounding region, who had come many miles to see the candidate and to hear first hand the words of the man whom their representatives unanimously chose to make the race for governor. Mr. Frazier spoke both afternoon and evening. The other speakers dwelt upon the history of the League's organization, its aims, and the opportunity that now lies before it for putting the people at large in control of state machinery in place of the political group which has manipulated it for years.

Similar enthusiasm and large attendance made a success of the meeting at Williston on the succeeding day, and on Friday the speakers returned to Minot where two rousing sessions were held, attended by farmers from surrounding towns and a number of local residents. The afternoon meeting was attended by 200 or more, and in the evening 400 Leaguers gathered to participate in the program.

E. H. Stenvick, postmaster of Minot, welcomed the visitors, appearing at both meetings, and again Mr. Frazier spoke twice. The audience remained until 10:30. When they were dismissed they made a rush for the stands where copies of the Nonpartisan Leader containing reports and photographs of the big statewide massmeetings and convention at Fargo were being handed out.

Mr. Stenvick pleased his hearers immensely by a brief eulogy of Anthony Walton, indorsed League candidate for the lower house from the thirty-ninth district. Mr. Walton himself made a talk.

Mr. Frazier's speech was brief, unadorned with flourishes, and seemed to give great satisfaction to his hearers, who took several occasions to let him know it.

Both Mr. Frazier and Mr. Townley laid emphasis upon the fact that the League's political campaign has for its goal service of the people of the entire state.

Mr. Townley was introduced as the man who had conceived the idea of the Nonpartisan League, and in the words of Chairman Williams, "to let you see the horns, which some of the papers would lead you to think he has." His address included a sketch of his own farm life, the obstacles in the way of a manipulated market, which finally broke him after 11 years of farming, a plea for cooperation by farmers and business men and the declaration that the League, while standing firmly for farming interests, is no enemy to business.

The party of League speakers and candidates went from Minot to Valley City, where meetings were held Saturday afternoon and evening. At Valley City the party was welcomed on the platform by Mayor Platou, himself a candidate for governor in the Democratic primaries. Mr. Frazier and the League speakers were warmly greeted in Valley City, which numbers among its prominent citizens some of the strongest boosters for the League. The party went from Valley City to Beach, where meetings were held Monday, thence to Bismarck for meetings on Tuesday.

## WARNING TO MEMBERS ABOUT REGISTRATION

The editor of the Leader is receiving many inquiries which show that not all members of the League thoroughly understand the registration laws. One man asks this question:

"Why can't we register Nonpartisan and pick out our own men, even if we have to vote every political ticket there is?"

Read carefully the answer to this question, which will answer also many other questions that are being asked:

**THE LAW DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ANY SUCH POLITICAL DESIGNATION AS NONPARTISAN. IF YOU TELL THE ASSESSOR YOU ARE "NONPARTISAN" OR "INDEPENDENT" YOU WILL FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARIES.**

The primaries are to be held on June 28. They are for the purpose of choosing for each party the candidates who will go on that party ticket in the fall election.

**YOU CAN VOTE ONLY ONE PARTY BALLOT IN THE PRIMARIES. IF YOU ARE A REPUBLICAN YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE FOR YOUR CHOICE OF REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES. IF YOU ARE A DEMOCRAT YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE YOUR CHOICE OF DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES. IF YOU ARE A SOCIALIST YOU CAN VOTE YOUR CHOICE OF SOCIALIST CANDIDATES.**

To vote a Republican ballot you must have registered as a Republican; to vote a Democratic ballot you must have registered as a Democrat and to vote a Socialist ballot you must have registered as a Socialist.

**YOU CANNOT VOTE MORE THAN ONE OF THE THREE AND YOU CANNOT GET A PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT AT ALL UNLESS YOU ARE REGISTERED IN ONE OF THESE THREE PARTIES.**

It is necessary that every League member who has belonged in the past to any of these three parties should register and vote his party ballot in order that the League candidates may be nominated.

**AFTER THE LEAGUE CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN NOMINATED THEY WILL BE PLACED UPON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE FALL ELECTION.**

**AT THE ELECTION ANY VOTER MAY VOTE FOR ANY CANDIDATE ON ANY TICKET. HE CANNOT DO THIS IN THE PRIMARY. HE CAN VOTE BUT ONE PARTY BALLOT IN THE PRIMARY.**

**REGISTER AS YOU HAVE ALWAYS REGISTERED AND VOTE YOUR PARTY BALLOT IN THE PRIMARIES.**