

# More Leaders in the People's Fight

## TIME TO CHANGE

(By M. V. Boddy in Cooperators' Herald)

You can rest assured that I will give every assistance in my power to further the great work of the League. I feel very grateful to our brothers of the North Dakota League for the great impetus they have given the movement in this state. Everything indicates that the League will be a winner here as the work in my own locality has greatly exceeded my most sanguine hopes.

GEO. B. DALY, South Dakota.

The Nonpartisan League organizers did very well here—only three men in this township that didn't join.

Anything that I can do for the good of the organization, I will be more than glad to do.

B. T. KELLEY, South Dakota.

I hope the Nonpartisan League of Minnesota will accomplish what the League did in North Dakota. Am at present somewhat tied down with my business as contractor and wood dealer, but will try and free myself by next spring. Then I will be ready to assist you in what I consider to be the greatest move in the world ever attempted for the welfare of the farmer and laborer. I am 41 years old and have been a farmer all my life excepting the last three years.

OTTO WIEDENMANN, Minnesota.

I am very much interested in the Nonpartisan League and the work it is trying to accomplish, and you may count on me for any further assistance that I may be able to give.

H. J. EVJE, Minnesota.

I'm for the League heart and soul and if I can be of any assistance will be more than pleased to do so.

ALBERT H. JOHNSON, Minnesota.

You can count on me to aid you in any way that I can as much as my time will permit as I am very much interested in the cause you are working for and sincerely hope we can do as well in South Dakota as you can do in North Dakota.

PETER TUCKER, South Dakota.

The editor of the Farm, Stock & Home is apparently very much concerned for fear the farmers of the country will organize politically. We quote from an editorial of the issue of Sept. 1st, 1916: "To assume that one class can legislate fairly for other classes is to assume that one group of men have a right superior to the law to regulate and rule other groups of men which is unlimited autocracy rather than liberty. \* \* \* As a matter of fact most of the wrongs of which he (the farmer) complains belong to the past. \* \* \* If the railroads of old robbed us is it fair and will it pay to hamstring the railroads of today? If the packers, the millers, the bankers, the storekeepers, have in the past taken their pound of flesh, is it fair and will it pay us to destroy the social and economic machinery these industries have built up?"

The Farm Stock & Home editor objects to the farmers attempting to control legislation because, forsooth, one class is not fit to legislate for other classes. How about the lawyers, bankers and business men who constitute a very small minority of our citizenship and who have controlled the legislatures of our country from the beginning, and have always presumed to legislate for the farmers who constitute the great majority of our people? The fact, that each class should legislate for itself is one of the chief reasons for political organization on the part of the farmers. The bankers have their organization which looks after the interests of the bankers at law-making times. The lawyers have a similar organization. Why not an organization of farmers?

"Most of the wrongs of which the farmer complains belong rather to the past." For instance, several years have elapsed since E. L. Welch & Co., operating under the protection of the Chamber of Commerce rules, appropriated the

twelve cars of grain which belonged to the farmers of Clay county, Minn. E. L. Welch & Co., and many other of their kind are still on their job. The Chamber of Commerce is still in existence and the rules which legalized this robbery are still unchanged. These parasites, operating through the Chamber of Commerce, took three hundred millions of dollars out of the pockets of the farmers of the northwest during the last year but the farmers must not organize to fight these wrongs.

The insiders of the Great Northern railway have voted over four hundred million dollars' worth of stocks and bonds to themselves which represent no actual investment whatever. But this is all done in the past and the farmers should not organize to protect themselves against this powerful monopoly. A few years ago the head of the Great Northern railway turned a hearing before the Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse commission into a farce. But this was all in the past. It is true that this great railroad system, which we are all obliged to use, is still controlled by a few private capitalists but the thing for the farmers to do is to continue to act as individuals, vote against each other, and allow the railroad interests to re-elect Judge Mills and other similar puppets.

Speaking of the I. W. W. organization on the same page, the editor of the Farm, Stock & Home says: "The plain fact of the present situation is that the individual farmer is practically helpless." In other words the farmer should continue to try to cope with the railroad trust, the steel trust, the lumber trust, the machinery trust, the bankers' trust, and the Chamber of Commerce as an individual but he needs to organize in order to protect himself against the poor, homeless I. W. W.'s. "Consistency, thou art a jewel." Pretending to represent the farmers while writing editorials for

Anything that I can do will be gladly done; till the "Tiger is at bay" as it is in North Dakota. This movement has been my dream for 20 years.

J. S. REYNARD, South Dakota.

I am very much interested in the Farmers' Nonpartisan League and if there is anything I can do to help will be glad to do so. I also am pleased with what the farmers of North Dakota are doing in estimating the cost of growing grain and fixing the price of the same.

P. H. AUSTIN, Minnesota.

I am glad to know that my efforts to help along the cause of the farmers, the working class in general, and the consumers, are appreciated by your committee. I can assure you I am with this movement heart and soul and am very willing to help along the good cause in any way I can. Here's hoping the South Dakota League will win out just as it did in North Dakota.

G. WM. HICKMAN, South Dakota.

### SMALL BUSINESS

I see by the state papers that the state board of equalization is going to give us lower taxes. I wonder if the members of the board really lowered the assessment because they thought the people wanted lower taxes or because they wanted to make it hard sledding for the new administration. Jack Pfeifer and I think that they did it just to embarrass the incoming officials. The farmers' candidates will have to practice economy—and they will need lots of practice. Jack thinks that it is a pretty small piece of business—and so do I. And when Jack and I think the same on any question there are liable to be a lot of other people agree with us—for we seldom agree on anything.—"Newsboy" in SLOPE COUNTY NEWS.

Big Business sometimes gets even an old hand like the editor of the Farm, Stock & Home into a position where he becomes ridiculous.

## The Most Talked of Man in North Dakota

### Hear the Next

### Governor of the State

## Lynn J. Frazier

Nonpartisan League Candidate  
for Governor

and Other Speakers

### Will Address the Voters

at the following places and time stated:

Reeder	October	5,	8 P. M.
Hettinger	"	6,	8 P. M.
Fargo	"	9,	8 P. M.
Wyndmere	"	10,	2 P. M.
Wahpeton	"	10,	8 P. M.
Fairmont	"	11,	2 P. M.
Hankinson	"	11,	8 P. M.
Cogswell	"	12,	2 P. M.
Forman	"	12,	8 P. M.
Finley	"	13,	2 P. M.
Nome	"	14,	1 P. M.
Enderlin	"	14,	8 P. M.
Sawyer	"	16,	2 P. M.
Minot	"	16,	8 P. M.
Berthold	"	17,	2 P. M.
Crosby	"	17,	8 P. M.

