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LANGER RE- VEALS TRAIL OF GRAFT

SENSATIONAL EXPOSE OF TOWN-
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LIGHT THROWN ON BANKING SCHEMES

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The Morton County Farmers Press of Mandan, a corporation owned and controlled by four hundred farmer shareholders, will have off the press this week an enlightened book on the Nonpartisan League by William Langer Attorney General of North Dakota and Republican candidate for governor at the June primaries, who put up such a magnificent fight that Townley and Frazier had to combine with Alex McKenzie to beat him—and even then they just nosed him out.

General Langer goes back beyond the Nonpartisan movement in his book telling of the abuses in the marketing of grain and then of the growth of the Equity under the leadership of George Loftus, in which movement he took an active part.

Most interest will undoubtedly be attracted by his sensational expose of Townley's financial schemes and the important part the Scandinavian American Bank and the Bank

of North Dakota played in it. He also tells of the Valley City Bank deal in which the promoters, associates of Townley's were forced by the State Banking Board to pay back thousands of dollars.

The secret caucus system by means of which Townley and Lemke are able to saddle their minority bills on the majority and force farmers to support socialistic schemes against their will, is vividly portrayed. In conjunction with this he shows the importance of the newspaper chain as the means of holding the axe over one who shows an iota of independence and has the courage to oppose any of Townley's or Lemke's pet schemes.

Much is already known of the attempt of the League leaders to override the will of the people as expressed at the polls and with the contempt for democracy rampant in old czaristic Russia, to throw Miss Minnie J. Nielson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, out of office and General Langer's successful fight to prevent this. The chapter which tells of this, however, will prove especially interesting as it gives many details not heretofore published.

Among other things that Mr. Langer discusses are "Free Love and the Schools" "Taxes" "Fear of the Leaders to take the Witness Stand." "The Socialist Political Machine" and "Are the leaders Socialists."

In the preface General Langer publishes the full text of the "Anti-Liar act" which makes it a felony for any state officer to make any false statements regarding the Nonpartisan League administration, and challenges any state's attorney or Mr. Lemke Governor Frazier's special attorney, to arrest him in any county in the state. If any part of Mr. Langer's book is untrue he can be placed in the penitentiary for one year.—Wells County Farmer, Oct. 8th