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THE PEOPLE SHALL AND WILL RULE AGAIN

Never in the history of this or any other State has there come such a definite call to service as that which now reaches the ears of the lawyers of North Dakota. Ever the exponents of sound, constitutional, courageous, honest administration, lawyers have directed, and must continue to direct, the course of government.

Corruption, graft, racketeering, such as no Tammany nor Townley ever dared to espouse, has laid slimy fingers upon every type of public service. An insane desire to accumulate wealth has foisted upon our people schemes upon schemes to "milk" every avenue of approach. The "money changers" may have been "driven from the Temple," but the "money grabbers" have been installed in their stead.

Leaderless, our people have lost, momentarily, their morale. In constant fear of the abuse of authority and power, they submit to more and more encroachment upon their rights, seemingly helpless, seemingly hopeless.

No free people can long be kept in awe of power, however; for a free people is, itself, the repository of power; and, periodically, it rediscovers that it, and it alone, can grant that power to those selected by it. Realization may be delayed, but it can not be stayed. And when that realization comes, the lethargy, the unconcern, the fear will all vanish, the quietness and the unassuming acquiescence will be replaced by righteous indignation; and, once the pent-up fury of an outraged citizenry is unleashed, the courage and resourcefulness with which it strikes down what, now, it seemingly condones, will be a new demonstration of the unswerving devotion of that free people to the principles of freedom and frugality, of honor and honesty, of liberty and law. Public valor will, once again, rise to the heights of public virtue.

"Whither are we drifting" will receive its answer, and the lawyers of North Dakota should have their share in drafting that answer.