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SENATOR P. J. McCUMBER

Was the One Man in the U. S. Senate Who Labored for a

REAL RURAL CREDIT LAW

and tried to get amendments offered by the North Dakota Society of Equity made part of the present law, but which were defeated by Democrat votes.

HE ALSO ADVOCATED A FEDERAL

GRAIN GRADING LAW

Which Would Save Millions of Dollars to the Farmers of this State.

Senator McCumber in a speech in the United States Senate on August 4th last, in urging an effective federal grain grading law, spoke in part as follows:

"So far the Congress has been deaf to their cries for assistance, until the farmers themselves in my state and in other states have been forced to take drastic measures. They asked for Federal supervision of the grain trade. The Congress of the United States denied it. They asked for Federal standardization. The Congress denied it. They asked for Federal inspection. The Congress denied it. They presented to the Congress of the United States the fact that they, being compelled to sell their product in another state, had no control, by legislation or otherwise, of the rules which govern the selling of that product. Still the ears of Congress were deaf to that cry. So in my own state, exasperated beyond endurance, they asked for an amendment to the constitution of the State of North Dakota which would allow the state to purchase or erect an elevator at the great terminals and be able to handle their own grain, and escape, if possible, some of the injustices they suffered at the hands of this great grain system.

"The state having failed to pass the necessary legislation, there followed a great farm organization in the state of North Dakota. That organization nominated its own men in the great political parties, and with an overwhelming majority it succeeded in electing at the primaries those men whom it had chosen to carry out its views. It may be that some may regard their

purposes as radical, but here are some of the things that they are demanding, and they are things that they will carry out before they get through:

"The first is a terminal elevator or elevators in which they will handle their own grain by their own state in a foreign state.

"Secondly, they are determined now to provide for state packing plants.

"Third, they are determined to have state insurance.

"Fourth, they are determined to have a system of rural credits.

"That element, which was initiated in the state of North Dakota, is not going to stop its operations. Minnesota will feel it. South Dakota will feel its influence, and these grain elevators and this great grain system that have so persistently defied the honest demands of the farming element for honest grading and honest inspection have been cutting their own throats.

"I am seeking to assist them as much as I can in securing honest standards by securing a Government supervision that will insure confidence in every certificate that is being issued.

"Every interest in the United States that is opposing the just demands of the rural population of this country will be called to account in the very

near future. If the farmers can not secure justice in the only forum that will reach beyond state borders, they must necessarily take all matters into their own hands and govern all state legislation. They do not ask for anything that is unfair. They do not ask for the enactment of any wild or radical theories. Give them straight, fair justice, and they will go on with their labors with patience without attempting to interfere with other lines of business. But I say, Mr. President, that they have been calling in vain for any real beneficial legislation.

"Why, in my own state they have read over your rural-credits bill. They are not blind to the fact that it is topheavy, expensive, complex, and that it will never give them the character of relief that they seek. So today they are seeking to secure real beneficial legislation through state instrumentalities. If the governmental system is made simple and easy of operation, if it is made effective, there will be no necessity for any state legislation upon the subject. But when they asked for bread you gave them a stone; when they asked for a rural credits bill you gave them a mighty system, designed mainly to afford remunerative positions for deserving politicians. They have therefore been compelled to seek, through their own legislatures, the relief that they hoped would be nation-wide."

This Shows Where He Stands and the Farmers Should Stand By Him

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