

THE RURAL CREDITS BILL

Why Senator Page voted against it. The Bill of no possible value to the Farmer, but on the contrary, Absolutely Hostile to the interests of Vermont. It Exempts from Taxation the Investments of the Money Lender and Transfers the Burden to the Back of the Farmer. The following letter is self-explanatory.

Washington, D. C., July 26, 1916.

MR. MERLE MACALLISTER,

Editor, *The Vermont Advance*,
Burlington, Vermont.

My dear Sir:

I recall that when I met you a few weeks since, you asked me if I would write for the *Advance* a brief article giving my reasons for voting against the Rural Credits bill. I told you that it would give me pleasure to do so, and I now comply with your request.

Let my position be misunderstood, let me say at the outset that I have an abiding faith that the farmers of Vermont need no assurance that every fiber of my makeup is loyal to their interests. This being the case, I deem it only necessary to give you a simple story as to my part of the labor performed in the formulation of the Rural Credits bill.

This bill was introduced in the Senate January 3rd, and was referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency, of which I am a member. That I spent many hard hours of service, laboring earnestly to perfect the measure so that it might be of the greatest possible help to the farming interests of the south and far west, is known to every member of the Committee on Banking and Currency.

It is true that in the earlier consideration of the Rural Credits bill in the committee it was the unanimous opinion of that committee that the bill could be of no real value to the farmers of the east. It was confessed by every member of the committee that its investigations were conclusive upon that point, and that there was no reasonable expectation on the part of the friends of the bill that it could be of any practical benefit to any section of the country east of Ohio. Indeed, it was not expected that it would be of very much value in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The reasons for this were obvious, as the rates for money on farm mortgages in the east and middle west range from five to six per cent. Passing south of the Ohio River and west of the Mississippi, however, the rates, for reasons which it is not necessary to discuss in this communication, increase until a 10 per cent rate is reached in some sections on the Pacific Coast.

The fact that the east would not be benefited by this measure was not urged against the bill, as every member of the Committee on Banking and Currency labored with a desire to lighten the burden of the farmers in the States where the extreme rates of interest prevailed.

There came a time, however, in the considerations of the committee, when the question arose as to exempting the notes or bonds issued under the Rural Credits bill from every form of taxation, placing them on a parity with U. S. Government bonds.

Whether it would or would not be right to say that the State of Vermont or any other State must not tax its own property within its own borders was a question upon which the members of the Committee on Banking and Currency divided. Under the provisions of the bill, any moneyed man in Vermont can invest his funds in this Rural Credits paper and laugh at the assessors when they ask him to contribute his share to the support of the schools, highways and other expenses of conducting State and municipal affairs.

During all the discussions of this measure by the Vermont press, not the slightest mention, so far as I recall, has ever been made of this tax-exemption feature of the Rural Credits bill. Every Vermonter understands that when you take the burden of taxation from any one class of our people, that burden is immediately transferred, in a very large measure, to the back of the farmer.

I plead with the committee to strike out this provision of the bill, saying to them that I greatly desired to support the measure if I could. I was most anxious that the farmers of the south and west should be aided in every reasonable way. No member of the committee, however, presumed to say for a single moment that the eastern section of the country would be benefited by this act, and it seemed to me that I should be unfaithful to my constituents in Vermont if I did not protest with all the vigor in my power against the passage of the measure with this tax-exemption clause included.

Although not a lawyer, as every Vermonter knows, I insisted that the Federal constitution provided that all powers not specially delegated to the Federal Government were reserved to the States, and that I knew of no clause in the constitution which delegated to the Federal Government the power to say to the State of Vermont that—aside from Government bonds—it should be deprived of the power to tax the property within its borders as the State saw fit to do.

I went to several of the best constitutional lawyers in the United States Senate and placed this feature of the bill before them, and they were clear that in passing this act the Federal Government was assuming unwarranted control over the private affairs of the several States.

Senator Cummins of Iowa, one of the ablest constitutional lawyers in the Senate, made an extended argument upon this point, showing as it seemed to me conclusively, that the Federal Government has not the right to say that, aside from Government bonds, we may not tax our own property within our own boundaries, in whatever form or of whatever kind that property may be.

I became so thoroughly confirmed in the conviction that the bonds issued under this act should not be exempt from taxation that I gave notice in the committee that as much as I would like to see a proper Rural Credits bill enacted into law, I should feel constrained to vote against the bill under consideration unless the tax-exempting provision was eliminated.

There seems to have been a studied effort on the part of those who are opposing my return to the Senate to mislead the people of Vermont about this matter. The statement has been made unqualifiedly that Senator Dillingham voted for the measure. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Every member of the Vermont delegation here in Washington, including of course Representatives Green and Dale, were against the bill. Indeed, it may be stated broadly that not a single Republican Senator in the 12 New England and middle States, including West Virginia, is recorded as having voted for this measure, and while the Democratic party made the Rural Credits bill a party measure, and used the whip and spur of party expediency, only four Democratic Senators in these twelve States were recorded as voting for the bill.

I may have erred in my vote on this measure, but I know I voted as my best judgment and conscience dictated. I do not believe the people of Vermont, upon careful consideration, will reach the conclusion that I did err, but of one thing I am fully convinced, and that is that they respect me for standing squarely up to the rack and voting on every measure. In my eight years in the Senate I have never left the chamber to avoid a vote.

To briefly restate: The Rural Credits bill is admittedly of no benefit to the Vermont farmer. It exempt from taxation all funds loaned by Vermont money lenders on Rural Credits paper, thus increasing the burden of the farmer by increased taxation.

Cordially yours,

CARROLL S. PAGE.

TO ALLEN M. FLETCHER:

No Republican of the United States Senate east of Ohio believed this Rural Credits Bill worthy of his vote. Had you been Senator of the United States, would you have voted for this Rural Credits Bill, thus transferring additional burdens of taxation from the money lender to the farmer?

Addison County Cow Testing Association.

The following table gives the names and records of the cows in the association which have produced more than 45 pounds of butterfat during the period of 30 days ending Aug. 17, 1916.

OWNER OF COW.	Name of Cow.	Breed of Cow	Lbs. of milk.	Fat %	Lbs. of b'r fat
F. J. Prunier	No. 6		1034	4.5	46.5
Geo. H. Wright & Son	No. 6	Jersey	1034	4.7	48.5
" " "	No. 11	"	1171	3.9	49.7
" " "	No. 14	"	1119	4.9	54.4
" " "	No. 60	"	1074	4.9	52.6
" " "	No. 24	"	942	5.1	48.0
Chas. Jewett	Princess Dolly	Ayrshire	1296	4.2	54.4
" " "	Alice Aubine	"	1180	4.1	48.4
" " "	Rambler	"	942	5.0	47.1
" " "	Marion	"	1075	6.5	50.0
Philo C. Elmer	No. 3	Jersey	1028	4.4	45.2
" " "	No. 4	"	1171	4.2	49.2
Doud & Poulin	No. 4	Gr. Holstein	1440	3.8	54.7
" " "	No. 18	"	1308	4.0	52.8
W. H. Partch	Sophie	Jersey	1128	5.1	57.5
" " "	Pilots Goldie	"	1501	4.2	63.0
" " "	Rosair of Rose	"	833	5.7	47.5
" " "	Lillian 2d	"	1086	4.9	53.1
" " "	Pilots Topsy	"	1213	4.1	49.7
E. C. Norton	Hattie B. Jewell	Gr. Holstein	1284	3.6	46.2
" " "	School Mum	"	1031	5.0	51.6
M. W. Clifford	No. 12	Gr. Durham	881	4.7	45.4

HOLLIS D. GRIFFIN, Official Tester.

E. L. WRIGHT, Secretary.

STARKSBORO.

Carpenter Cole and granddaughter, Cynthia Cole, visited the latter's sister, Mrs. O. S. Stokes of Huntington, the first of the week.

Mrs. Geneva Downing and two daughters, Rhena and Zelma, visited Mrs. Downing's grandmother, Mrs. Ursula Stokes, the first of the week.

Ransom Purinton of Chicago is visiting relatives here. Mr. Purinton is a son of John Purinton and a brother of Lewis Purinton.

The Rev. A. H. Edie is having his vacation.

The Methodist society is making some repairs on the church.

James Thompson got two ribs broken Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stokes visited his parents last Sunday.

Mrs. Lydia Green and daughter-in-law of Lincoln recently visited the former's niece, Mrs. A. E. Stokes of this village.

When You Have a Cold

Give it attention, avoid exposure, be regular and careful of your diet, also commence taking Dr. King's New Discovery. It contains Pine-Tar, Antiseptic Oils and Balsams. Is slightly laxative, Dr. King's New Discovery eases your cough, soothes your throat and bronchial tubes, checks your cold, starts to clear your head. In a short time you know your cold is better. It's the standard family cough syrup in use over 40 years. Get a bottle at once. Keep it in the house as a cold insurance. Sold at your druggist.—adv.

VERGENNE.

Major M. J. MacDonough and Major James F. Bell, U. S. engineers of the war department at Albany, N. Y., met the following members of the Vermont MacDonough commission. The Rev. L. A. Vezina and Postmaster John H. Donnelly of Vergennes and Judge Millard F. Barnes of Chimney Point here Monday to confer over the approval of the plans of the architect for the memorial to Commodore MacDonough and the building of the fleet here in 1813-14, to be erected on the park, and which it is expected, will be completed this year.

Mrs. Richard D. D. Booth is ill and a trained nurse is in attendance. Belle the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller, died Monday morning at Waterbury. The body was brought here for funeral services and burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Le Boeuf of Worcester, Mass., former residents, Mr. and Mrs. Fay and two sons of Hartford, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. McManus and Philip Lagasay of Worcester, Mass., and Miss Florence LeBoeuf of Rutland are spending their vacation at the Allen cottage, Mile Point, Lake Champlain.

George H. Bostwick, Jr., substituted on R. F. D. route 2, Monday for Carrier John Tier, who is moving to the house Mrs. Eva Bates recently purchased of W. H. Bristol.

The Rev. and Mrs. Richard G. Woodbridge have gone to Plum Island for a month's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. William Miner and Miss Lou Miner spent Sunday in Morrisville with relatives.

Miss Margaret Croft of Waterbury, Ct., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Bristol spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cleland of Albion.

Mrs. Deyoe and son, Ralph Deyoe, spent Sunday in Burlington with their son and brother, Earl Deyoe.

Mrs. John Ambreau, jr., was taken by her husband to the Fanny Allen hospital Sunday for treatment.

Mrs. John Elmer and daughter, Louise, have gone on a visit to Lagrange, Ind. Mrs. Elmer's former home.

News has been received of the death at Independence, Iowa, of Mary, wife of

W. H. Joslin, a former resident of this place, aged 80 years.

Miss Grace E. Kingsland, who has been spending a two weeks' vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kingsland, has returned to Montpelier and resumed her labors at the State library commission.

LINCOLN.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Phillips, who have been visiting at William Lee's, have returned to Middlebury.

Mrs. Maxey Dow is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Estey, in Ferrisburg.

Mrs. David LaFayette of Plainfield is in town visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walter Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapman, Harrison Chapman and Frank Guindon were in Burlington Saturday to visit Mrs. Guindon, who is in the hospital.

Miss Jessie Lane of Bristol and Miss Eula Beane of Rochester visited at the home of George Garland a few days last week.

Winifred Rhodes is at home from Baltimore, Md.

Lewis Green of Brandon was in town on business the last half of the week.

Mrs. Whittemore of Boston is at the home of Walter Grant for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bicknell and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blanchard motored to Grand Isle Sunday.

The funeral of Alson Sargent was held Monday afternoon at two o'clock in the Baptist church, the Rev. C. B. Danse officiating. Burial was in village cemetery. The services at the grave were conducted by the Libanus lodge of Masons, of which order he was a member. The bearers were L. E. Jackson, George Garland, George Varney, D. S. Day, Charles Orvis and G. A. Thayer, all members of the lodge. Mr. Sargent, who had been in poor health for some time, died Saturday night at the age of 68 years. He is survived by his wife, who is the daughter of the late William Hill; one daughter, Mrs. Clyde Bean; two sons, Thaddeus of this town and Howard of Huntington, Mass., a brother, William Sargent; two half-brothers, George and Wallace, and one sister, Mrs. Charles Cook.

VERMONT NEWS.

INJURED BY RUNAWAY TEAM.

Mitchell Provost of Burlington, an employe of the Robinson-Edward Lumber company was badly injured Saturday evening when he attempted to stop a runaway team belonging to the Consolidated Ice Delivery company. Provost was knocked down and received serious injuries when two wheels of the wagon passed over his body. He has a cut on the right leg, a severe laceration of his thigh, and probably will develop internal injuries.

ASLEEP, DRIVES AUTO.

An automobile accident occurred in Wheelock about 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning when Dean McDowell of Sheffield fell asleep while going at a high rate of speed and lost control of the machine, which crashed into a telephone pole, breaking the pole in two. The car glanced from the pole and stopped when it struck squarely against a birch tree.

JAMAICA GINGER RAIDS.

Deputy Sheriffs D. A. Barker, Pascal Rice, two other deputies from Rutland and Police Officer Sisco of Brandon, made two raids late Saturday afternoon. The first was on the five and ten cent store of E. N. Lewis on Center street, where five cases containing 120 bottles of Jamaica ginger were seized. Lewis told the officers that he had no idea that it was against the law to have Jamaica ginger. He was taken to Rutland, but was released on bail and returned on the evening train. The second raid was made on the fruit establishment of Joseph Bottima on Center street. Only a halfpint of whiskey was found and this was claimed by the clerk.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Owen Davis Roberts, aged 58 years, a slate worker, was struck by the D. and H. milk train near the railroad bridge in Poultney Sunday afternoon, receiving injuries which resulted in his death as he was being hurried to the Rutland hospital. Roberts, who was very deaf, was sitting on a tie on the track reading a paper when struck by the train, which it is supposed he did not hear. It was his custom to walk up the track from his boarding place and he doubtless supposed the train had passed and so was not on the lookout for it.

DRIVES CAR INTO POLE.

In an attempt to avoid striking an automobile that drove out of a cross street without warning directly into his path, T. Edmund Krumbholz of Burlington, lessee of the Hotel Vermont and Van Ness House, drove his machine into a telephone pole at the corner of Pearl and South Willard streets Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Krumbholz, who was in the car with Mr. Krumbholz, received severe injuries consisting of a broken nose and a deep gash in her forehead. She was taken in a passing automobile to the Mary Fletcher hospital.

FARM BUILDINGS BURNED.

The farm buildings in Montpelier Center owned by James Counter were entirely destroyed early Monday morning when the barn was struck during the severe electrical storm. The Counter family were able to escape safely but were unable to save any furniture and only a small portion of their clothing. They were unable to rescue the horse and one hog in the barn, the only livestock in the buildings, the cattle being in pasture. According to neighbors, the lightning struck between 4 and 4:30 o'clock and within an hour all of the buildings, barn, house and outbuildings were entirely destroyed, there being no way in which to combat the flames. In the barn was stored about ten tons of hay recently harvested. The loss is placed at about \$2,000 and is covered by insurance.

SEVERE ELECTRICAL STORM.

The worst electrical storm of the season swept over Northern Vermont for an hour Monday morning, beginning at 3 o'clock. Great damage was done by lightning, rain and wind. The barn of William J. Bascom at St. Albans Point was struck by lightning and destroyed, together with all the contents, including farming tools, some hay and an automobile belonging to A. L. Adams of Rutland, who was occupying one of Mr. Bascom's cottages. Mr. Bascom estimates his loss at \$600, partially covered by insurance. The electric light and power lines in St. Albans were out of commission for some time. There was no electric power till 9 o'clock; the street car service was halted for some hours and many telephone lines were knocked out. The fire alarm system was also disabled. Trees were blown down and much loss to fruit and crops was sustained.

In Fairfax a large cow barn owned by Mrs. Mary Walker of St. Albans and located on a farm conducted by Eli Comasia was struck by lightning and burned, the loss being \$3,500. Four calves were burned; and much machinery and hay was lost.

In Fairfield crops were leveled, corn, oats and grain being laid flat and trees were blown down. In Swanton light and power lines were put out of commission and telephone service was crippled.

DON'T EXPERIMENT

You Will Make No Mistake if You Follow This Middlebury Citizen's Advice.

Never neglect your kidneys. If you have pain in the back, urinary disorders, dizziness and nervousness, it's time to act and no time to experiment. These are frequently symptoms of kidney trouble, and a remedy which is recommended for the kidneys should be taken in time.

Doan's Kidney Pills is a good remedy to use. No need to experiment. It has acted effectively in many cases in Middlebury. Follow the advice of a Middlebury citizen.

Mrs. O. A. Comstock, 6 College street, Middlebury, says: "I had considerable pain in the small of my back and I had other symptoms of kidney complaint. Knowing of people who had been cured of kidney complaint by Doan's Kidney Pills, I used some. Three boxes brought so great an improvement that it wasn't necessary for me to continue their use."

STILL USES DOAN'S. AFTER A LAPSE OF OVER TWO YEARS, Mrs. Comstock said: "I do not hesitate to again recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. When I have the least sign of kidney trouble, this medicine soon rids me of it."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Comstock has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—adv.

SOUTH STARKSBORO.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Raymond, Mrs. Elma Young of Minneapolis, Miss Ruth Young of Omaha, Neb., and Gordon R. Young of Williamsburg College were guests of W. H. Young and family last week.

Miss Ruth Follansbee, who is in a sanatorium at Hebron, Me., is reported as improving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young were in Burlington Wednesday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Guindon of Bristol. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond and Miss Ruth Young.

Mr. and Mrs. David Follansbee visited their children in New Haven and Monkton recently.

Hector Cousino is doing the haying on the farm purchased of D. W. Orvis. Milton Elliott has the mules.

The home circle will meet with Mrs. Eddie Orvis for their next meeting.

Farmers are busy haying. This is one of the largest hay crops that this section has known for years.

Misses Lillian and May Paulen of Brooklyn, N. Y., are guests for two weeks at Daniel Sargent's.

James Grace and grandson, Howard Grace, visited Mrs. Grace's nephews on Starksboro Hill Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Layton Elliott of Ferrisburg were guests Sunday of his brother, George Elliott.

Miss Elsie Hallock has returned from Richmond, where she spent the past two months.

Arland Purington of New Haven was a guest of his father and family over Sunday.

Miss Lu Underhill of Brooklyn, N. Y., is a guest of Mrs. Harold Hamner.

Walter Kimball and family spent Sunday in Rippon.

Mrs. Clayton Phillips and two children spent last week with her brother, Henry Sweet, and family in Lincoln.

Mrs. Philander Orvis returned Monday from a visit of several days at Solomon Buel's in Lincoln.

Harold Orvis of Lincoln spent Sunday with his cousin, Ceylon Orvis.

Heavy impure blood makes a muddy, pimply complexion, headaches, nausea, indigestion. Thin blood makes you weak, pale and sticky. For pure blood, sound digestion, use Burdock Blood Bitters. \$1.00 at all stores.

RIPTON.

The item in regard to "Mrs. Eliza Murphy" in Register of July 21, should read Mrs. Eliza Durphy.

Michael Tierney of Lincoln is in town on a visit to relatives.

J. S. Chandler has returned home and reports having seen a cyclone, several severe storms and narrowly escaped being in a railroad smashup.

William Stearns of Randolph was in town a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. William Eldredge of Twin Falls, Idaho, were calling on relatives here on Friday last.

Mrs. Alma Bean of Middlebury is visiting her sister, Mrs. Adah Billings.

ADDISON.

H. J. Jordan, after spending a few days with his father, J. W. Wilkinson, returned the 20th to Empire, C. Z., Panama.

Howard Spooner, who had the misfortune to have a pitchfork run in his ankle Thursday, is doing as well as could be expected.

Charles Putnam of Worcester, Mass., is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. H. J. Jordan spent a few days with Mrs. L. E. Gorham, of Middlebury, also at Lake Dunmore.

Miss Bessie Nuttall has gone to Lake Placid for a visit.

John Murphy's boy, who jumped from an automobile while the machine was in motion, was badly shaken up.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pond and three children of Dodge City, Kans., are visiting his sister, Mrs. Mary Smith of Grand View Mountain.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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