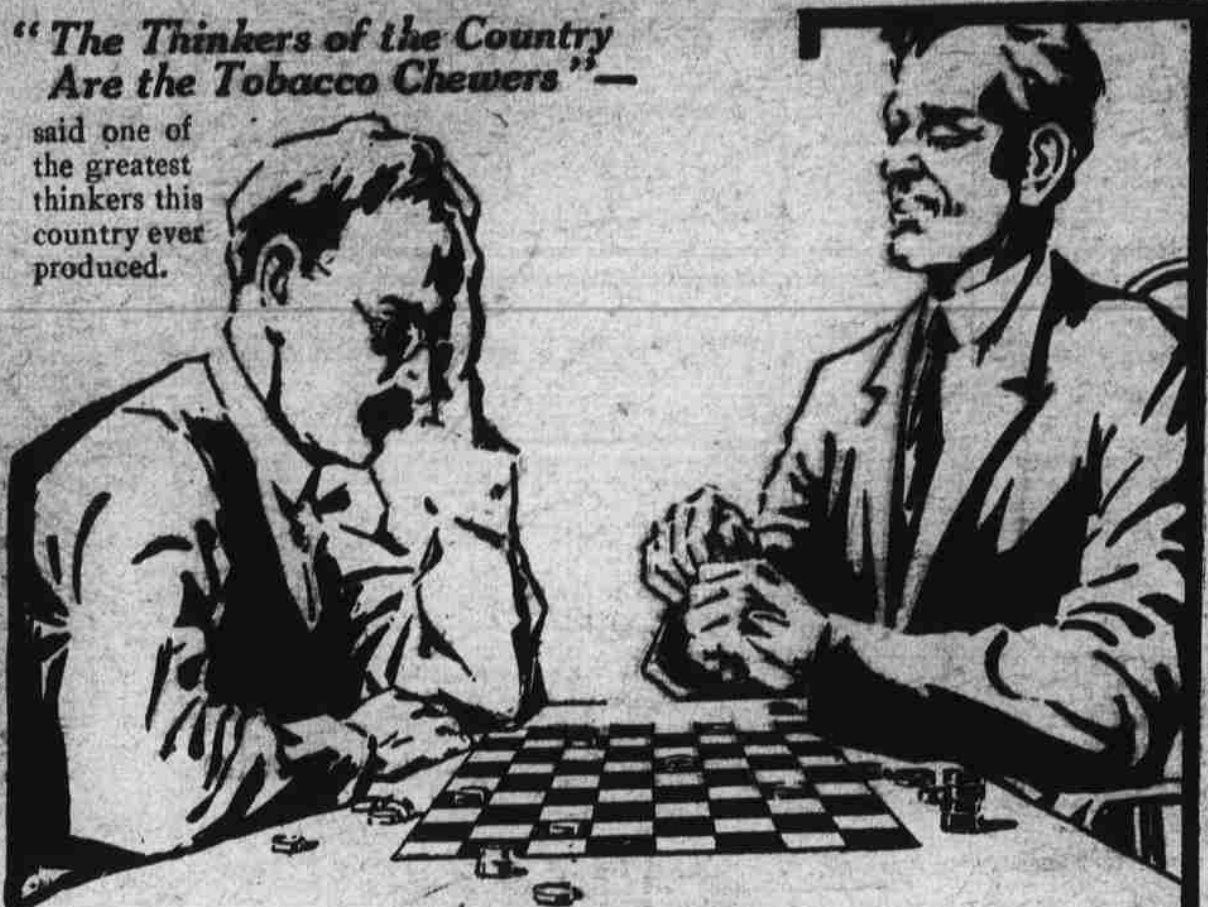


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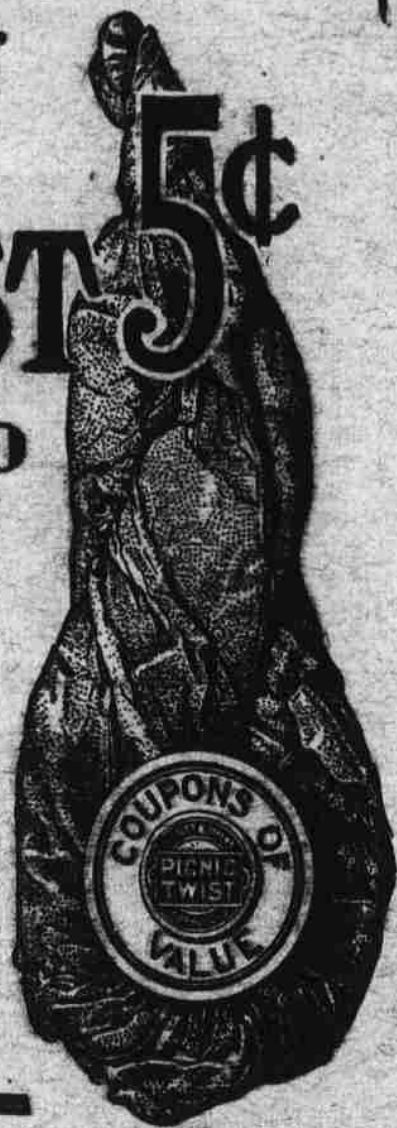
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**FARMERS MUST FIGHT FOR
RURAL CREDITS LEGISLATION**

**No Farmer Should Be a Mere Silent
Supporter of His Party But a Vig-
orous Fighter to Make It Represent
the Great Plain People—Stay in
Your Party But Keep it Straight**

[President H. Q. Alexander of the North
Carolina Farmers' Union is out in a vigorous
appeal to the farmers in all parties to put
fire behind their party leaders and get a just
rural credits law on the statute books. Read
his message herewith.]

CONGRESS will not enact any con-
structive reform legislation that
will relieve the masses of the
people from the power of the money
monopoly unless the people through

an aggressive cam-
paign compel such
action. Politicians
and legislative
bodies domi-
nated by politi-
cians, move in the
line of least re-
sistance. The
money inter-
ests never sleep.

Their "watch-
man" is ever on the job. Their
friends and their attorneys have been
in charge of our Government for a
generation and they still have suffi-
cient strength in both parties in
Washington to prevent any real con-
structive financial reform legislation.

It is hardly necessary to argue the
truth of this statement. Every man
acquainted with the history of re-
form legislation knows it is true. But
let us present a little evidence. Be-
ginning in 1864 a function of govern-
ment and a right which belongs to
the people was taken away from the
people and delegated to individuals
and corporations for private profit.
The most important of all public uti-
lities, money, was turned over to the
few that they might levy tribute on
the many; and the few have done it.

I have read that Secretary Chase
who conceived that banking system,
advocated it only as an emergency
measure to create a compulsory mar-
ket for United States bonds to get
money to carry on the war. And I
have been told by a Congressman
that President Lincoln said he would
rather cut off his right hand than to
sign the bill if it was to be a perma-
nent banking system.

**What Indifference by the Masses Has
Brought Us to**

ANOTHER reason for my saying
that neither party will give the
people constructive reforms unless
the people demand it is this: I have
read and re-read the new Federal Re-
serve law and I do not hesitate to
say that it is a bankers' law, written
by bankers for bankers. It is a law
in favor of bondholders. It provides
for refunding the 2 per cent bonds of
the National banks and substituting
therefor 30-year 3 per cent bonds, in-
terest payable quarterly. The banks
still control the issuing of money, a
right which belongs to the people
through Congress, and under the Con-
stitution Congress had no authority
to delegate this power to private cor-
porations for private profit.

The people have allowed corpora-
tion lawyers and professional politi-
cians to dominate the Government and
grant special privileges and immuni-
ties to corporate wealth and the re-
sult is that today we find 2 per cent
of the people own 60 per cent of the
National wealth; 65 per cent of the
people own less than 5 per cent of the
wealth; 44 families each have an an-
nual income equal to the total yearly
wages of 100,000 workingmen; farm
tenantry and landlordism are in-
creasing every year; nearly two-
thirds of the total population are
renters; 43 per cent of the farmers of
North Carolina are tenants, an in-

crease of 11 per cent in 20 years; the
annual income of one-half of one per
cent of the people is greater than
that of 75 per cent of the people.

Farmers Do Not Get a Square Deal

IT IS said there are more than 4,000
multi-millionaires in this country
but not one millionaire farmer who
made his million by farming. These
men did not earn their millions. They
secured them by preying upon the
masses of the people through privi-
leges and immunities granted or per-
mitted by our Government; and there
has been no great demonstration
made about it by either party except
just before elections.

And we might mention the fact
that all the principal governments of
the world had a parcel post many
years before the United States. The
express companies were permitted to
prey upon the people year after year
and no great protest made by either
party until the organized farmers of
America got behind Congress and de-
manded relief.

And what did Congress do last fall
to save the cotton crop to the men
who produced it? Nothing at all. It
is true that the Secretary of the
Treasury issued emergency currency
to a few National banks, but it did
not reach the masses of the farmers
who needed it most. The Government
refused to fix any loan value what-
ever on cotton in the farmers' hands
but after the speculator got it this
same Government insured that cot-
ton at \$70 per bale.

Keep Fighting Inside Your Party

I THINK every public question
should be studied separate and
apart from party influence to deter-
mine whether or not it is right and
for the good of the masses. Then
work with all your might to make the
party adopt it. If you fail do not
bolt the party and go to another
where you would have less influence
and less hope of success but "gird up
your loins" and fight the enemy in
your own household. Do not condone
the wrong or overlook the wilful fail-
ure of your party to do its duty by
the people. Expose it if need be be-
fore an intelligent people. Arouse a
righteous public sentiment that no
party will dare ignore. Inform the
people and get them to do their own
thinking.

This is what I have tried to do. I
would see such independence of
thought and speech among the rank
and file of both parties that the lead-
ers of neither party would dare do
anything against the welfare of the
people, or refuse to enact reform
measures demanded by the people. I
would substitute an intelligent, vol-
untary party adherence for blind un-
reasonable party fanaticism. I would
have men to be Democrats or Repub-
licans from intelligent conviction and
not from past party affiliations or
the party lash. I would have the party
the willing and efficient servant of
the people and not the people the
subjects of the party.

**We Can't Get Rural Credits Unless
We Fight**

THE Farmers' Union is already in
politics and has been for several
years. It has steered clear of partisan
politics and will continue to do so.

The Farmers' Union as an organi-
zation is not for any party nor
against any party. It is working for
the development of the people and of
the resources of our state. All of the
prestige, power and influence of the
organization will be brought to bear
on legislative bodies and rulers, both
state and National, to secure all nec-
essary constructive legislation for
the establishment of a government
that is really "of and for and by the
people." We have never had that