

# If YOU Buy Out of Town, and I Buy Out of Town, What Will Become of Our Town?



The Dollar You Spend in Kingston will 'Come Home to Boost'

## THE WHIG'S "BUY-AT-HOME" CAMPAIGN

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THE MONEY YOU SPEND WITH THEM STAYS IN CIRCULATION IN KINGSTON AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



### TAXES RAISED BY HARD TIMES.

Burden is Lightest in Communities Boasting Live and Thriving Towns.

### FARMER FEELS THE EFFECT.

Is Inclined to Forget, at Times, That He is Not Vitrally Interested in Prosperity of Near-by Cities.

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Taxes are always heavy—to the man who has to pay them—but taxes in some communities are much higher than in others. If you have ever stopped to investigate the matter you have discovered that the lowest taxes are found in the most prosperous communities. And there's a reason. The prosperous community has the lowest taxes because there is a large amount of wealth in the community against which the taxes are levied. Property values are high and there are thriving industries which pay a large proportion of the taxes.

The higher the property values and the greater the wealth of the community the lower are the tax levies, for a lower tax on each hundred dollars of valuation is required to produce the necessary revenue for the administration of the city and county governments. On the other hand, take a dead town. Property values are low. Merchants' stocks are small and they have little money in the bank. Industries which ordinarily pay a large part of the taxes of a community have closed down. There are vacant store buildings which were formerly filled with stocks of merchandise upon which the owners paid heavy taxes. Who pays the taxes that were once paid by the merchants, the manufacturers, the bankers and the men who had large holdings of high-priced property? The taxes to maintain the city and county governments, to maintain the schools, to build and repair the roads must be collected from someone. Who pays them? The man who owns his little home or the vacant lot or triple the amount which he paid in the times when the town was prosperous, to make up for the taxes, which are not paid now by the merchants, the bankers, the manufacturers and the big property owners who bore the heaviest burdens of taxation when times were good.

The farmers in the country surrounding the town are also among the heaviest sufferers from the ebbing of the town's prosperity. A certain amount of money must be raised by taxation to provide for the expenses of the county. Roads must be built and kept in repair. Bridges must be built and maintained. Salaries of county officers must be maintained. In counties which contain one or more thriving towns, a large proportion of the taxes for the county are paid by the towns. The greater the wealth of the towns and the higher the property valuations, the lower the tax levy for the entire county. When the tax levy is low the burden placed upon the farmer is light.

When the county contains no prosperous and wealthy towns, the greater part of the burden of taxation for the county falls upon the farmer. The value of the farmer's property does not fall in proportion to the value of the property in the town and the higher tax levy that results from the lower property values in the towns makes his taxes higher.

The farmer forgets at times that he is vitally interested in the prosperity of "his town." He thinks that it is up to the town to take care of itself and that it is up to him to take care of himself and he overlooks that fact that the prosperity of the town means as much to him as it does to those who live in it. The farmer who is inclined to overlook this fact has only to think of the matter of taxes and he is likely to change his point of view for taxes are one thing that neither he nor anyone else can escape, and they are one thing in which the farmer ordinarily takes a very lively interest.

There is just one way in which the farmer can best promote prosperity in the town near which he lives and that is by spending his money in that town instead of sending it away to the far-distant city. Every time the farmer sends an order to a mail order house he helps to destroy the property of his own community and to boost his own. When he sends a dollar away from home he gets none of it back. When he spends a dollar at home, a part of that dollar comes back to him in some way. It helps the town where it is spent to provide a profitable market for his products and it helps the town pay a large part of his taxes.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**TRADE AND LAND TAXES.** (To the Editor): Is it true that there are taxes levied on the land? Answer—Because land is already in existence; it is held in monopoly by speculators; it cannot be hid from the assessor; it is an expense to any person who cannot use it. Consequently tax it, and land monopoly will cease. It will not make land any dearer for those who intend to use the land; it will only catch the land speculator.

**YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?** First—We political agitators, or say single taxers, say: Stop doing wrong; don't fine a man for being industrious nor watch our coasts and waterways to keep foreigners from bringing us things that we want cheaper than we can make them ourselves. Give us Free Trade.

**TAXING THE RENTAL VALUE OF LAND** will give labor better access to the natural supply of raw material to work on and by taking the tax off of property will make property more plentiful and cheaper, then by a more plentiful tax the rental value of land and exempt everything that is made by labor from taxation. This would be a good forward movement for the church. —A. HOPKINS.

**WAS HASTENED BY U.S.** Senate Party to Blame for German Revolution. Nashville, Tenn., March 15.—Belief that the revolution in Germany was hastened by the failure of the United States Senate to pass on the peace treaty, was expressed here by former President W. H. Taft.

**PACIFIC RACE IS OFF.** Britain Sees No Object in Crossing Westward. London, March 15.—Discussions in flying circles as to Anglo-American rivalry in the Pacific air race do not, it is said here, arise out of any negotiations between the Admiralty and the U.S. Navy Department. Though Commodore Chariton is said to have spoken of British and American plans, an air ministry official to-day said nothing is known here.

**OF SUCH PLANS BEING IN CONTEMPLATION** by the International Aeronautical Federation. This official says that not since the Ince offer for the Pacific race competition, which closed Feb. 29th, has he heard of any further such plans. Many aero experts think there is little use in the Pacific flight. Since Australia has been reached and the Atlantic crossed, it seems doubtful if Whitehall and Washington will take joint action for the naval Pacific race.