

POLITICAL AGITATORS

POLITICIANS WHO CAPITALIZE STRIFE A MENACE TO GOVERNMENT.

Neglect of Agricultural and Industrial Opportunities a National Crime.

By Peter Raeford.

There never was a time in the history of this nation when we needed statesmen more or agitators less than at the present moment. The opportunities now afforded us on land and sea demand the best there is in statecraft and the possibilities that are confronting us call for national issues that unite the people, build industry and expand trade. The agricultural and industrial development of this nation has suffered severely at the hands of agitators who have sent torpedoes crashing into the port side of business and whose neglect of the interests of the farmer makes them little less than political criminals. We want no more of these evil spirits to predominate in government. Too long their hysterical cry has sent a shiver down the spinal column of industry. Too long have the political agitators capitalized strife, pillaged progress and murdered opportunity. An industrial corpse is not a desirable thing, a crippled business an achievement or neglect an accomplishment about which any representative of the government has a right to boast. Issues that Breed Agitators Should be Eliminated.

The political agitator must be eliminated from public life before thoughtful consideration can be given to a constructive program in government. The liquor question is the most prolific breeding ground for agitators and whether pro or anti, the hatch is equally as unobstructed. This article is in no sense a discussion of the liquor question but deals solely and by way of illustration with the political products of that issue. Other subjects will be dealt with in the order of their importance.

In the history of our government the liquor issue has never produced a constructive statesman worth mentioning and it never will. It has sent more freaks to Congress, Lilliputians to the senate and incompetents to office than any other political issue under the sun.

The recent experience of the English Parliament which lashed itself into a fury over the liquor question has a lesson that it is well for the farmers of this nation to observe; for the subject in some form or other is constantly before the public for solution and criticism to the exclusion of more important problems to the American plowman.

Too Many Political Drunkards. Lloyd George, the prohibition leader of Europe who led the prohibition fight in England has declared that he will never again take a drink politically and there are many American politicians—pro and anti—who would render their country a service by emulating the water wagon or signing a pledge of political temperance. Too often our legislative halls are turned into political bar-rooms and many of the members become intoxicated on liquor discussions. We have too many political drunkards—pro and anti—in our public affairs. No one who is a slave to the political liquor habit is quite so capable of dealing with the business affairs of government as the sober and industrious. We have few public men in this day who are strong enough to resist the temptation of strong drink politically and when the demon rum once becomes firmly entrenched in the mind of a politician, he is less capable of meeting the demands for constructive statesmanship how restraining this nation.

We have in this country too many reduced politicians—both pro and anti. A candidate with political delirium tremens, a preacher with political stokes in his boots and an agitator drunk on the liquor question are the saddest sights in civilization and they should all be forced to take the political Kewley Cure.

It is far more important in government to make it easier for those who toil to eat than to make it more difficult for a few toppers to drink. There is not one person in one hundred of our rural population that ever touches liquor but we eat three times a day.

THE LAYMAN'S DUTY

There never was a time when

preachers and politicians formed an unholy alliance that civilization did not shrink from and Christianity cry aloud since the beginning of government, politicians have sought to decoy the industry into the meshes of politics and make them carry banners in political processions. They have taken the industry to the waist, the top of power and offered to make them monarch of all they surveyed and while most of them have said, "Get thee behind me Satan," a few have fallen with a crash that has shaken every saint in Christendom.

SAVED BY THE KING.

An Incident in the Career of Holbein, the Famous Painter.

There happened an affair in England which might have been fatal to Holbein if the king had not protected him. On the report of his character a nobleman of the first quality wanted one day to see him when he was drawing a figure after the life. Holbein in answer begged his lordship to defer the honor of his visit to another day, which the nobleman took for an affront. He broke open the door and very rudely went upstairs. Holbein, hearing the noise, left his chamber and, meeting the lord at his door, fell into a violent passion and pushed him backward from the top of the stairs to the bottom.

Considering, however, immediately what he had done, he escaped from the tumble he had raised and made the best of his way to the king. The nobleman, much hurt, though not so much as he pretended, was there soon after him, and upon opening his grievance the king ordered Holbein to ask pardon for his offense. But this only irritated the nobleman the more, who would not be satisfied with less than his life, upon which the king sternly replied: "My lord, you have not now to do with Holbein, but with me. Whatever punishment you may contrive by way of revenge against him shall assuredly be inflicted upon yourself. Remember, pray, my lord, that I can whenever I please make seven lords of seven plowmen, but I cannot make one Holbein even of seven lords."—"Life of Holbein."

Wind and Tempest. There is a closer connection between wind and temper than at first sight appears. A coldish wind has a bracing effect and, on the whole, is beneficial. In countries where hot winds occur periodically, on the other hand, these are regarded as a nuisance, if not a curse. Every one almost gets cross, weary and done up and has a headache daily. In Egypt the season when crimes are commonest is when the hot khamsin blows. Nearly always during a severe sirocco the Arabs in Algeria were restless, if they did not attempt an actual rising. The solans, which move and then resolve across the Mediterranean in fiery blasts from Africa, sweeps every one in Spain and is the worst wind in that country.

Cutting the Gordian Knot. The phrase "cutting the Gordian knot" alludes to an ancient tradition. The story was that Gordias, a certain king, made a knot in the harness of his chariot so hard and intricate as to baffle every attempt to undo it. The oracle of the day having declared that he who succeeded in solving the complication would become the conqueror of the world, Alexander the Great determined to attempt it. His first efforts failing, he determined to make short work of it, and, drawing his sword, with one stroke he cut the knot which nobody could untie; hence the expression "cutting the Gordian knot" came to represent the solution of any difficult situation by heroic means.

Presenting Arms to a Cat. About the middle of the last century a very high English official died in a fortress at a place that is one of the centers of Brahmanic orthodoxy, and at the moment when the news of his death reached the sepoy guard at the main gate a black cat rushed out of it. The guard presented arms to the cat as a salute to the flying spirit of the powerful Englishman, and the coincidence took so firm a hold of the locality that up to a few years ago neither exhortation or orders could prevent a Hindu sentry at that gate from presenting arms to any cat that passed out at night.—Bombay Times.

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Solomon Grimes Dead

Solomon Grimes died at Merlin yesterday after a brief illness. He, together with his wife and daughter, Mrs. Lefe Osborn left for that place a week ago for a visit and Mr. Grimes was taken ill soon after arriving there. The remains will arrive at Albany this Thursday evening and will be brought to Scio Friday for burial. A more extended notice will be given next week.

Golden Wedding

Mr and Mrs A R McDonald celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary last Sunday. A full account of this happy event was handed in this Thursday morning, and will appear next week.

Farmers Union Celebration

That the Farmers Union never do anything by halves was evidenced by the successful celebration which they held at Crabtree Saturday. It is estimated by many who were there that about 3,000 people were present, and all had a big time. Many from Scio attended, going by auto and various conveyances. R M Cain took the record load on his auto truck, bringing home forty-six people in the evening.

Special Premiums

For Linn County Fair, offered by R L Ellwood on Percheron colts sired by Fanchon. Best horse colt under one year old, first prize, free service; 2nd, \$5.00; 3d, \$2.50. Best mare colt under one year old, first prize, free service; 2nd, \$5.00; 3d, \$2.50.

Daily Albany Herald and Santiam News \$2.50 for one year.

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state of Oregon and thrown into the forest reserves, which would have been the result had the federal government been successful in its suit.—Eugene Guard.

MARKET REPORT

The following are cash prices quoted on Thursday of each week by our dealers: Wheat, per bushel, \$1.20; Oats, per bushel, 40; Flour, per sack, 1.50; Bran, per ton, 30.00; Middlings, per ton, 35.00; Chop, wheat, per ton, 35.00; Chop, oats, per ton, 30.00; Barley Chop, per ton, 30.00; Butter, (Country) per roll, 40; Eggs, per dozen, 15; Chickens, per pound, 8; Geese, per pound, 7; Turkeys, per pound, 12; Ducks, per pound Pekin, 10; Ducks, Indian Runner, 8; Beef, per pound, live weight, 5 to 6; Pork, dressed, 9; Pork, live weight, 64; Veal, per pound, for shipping, 84.

Arnold-Hantel

Miss Alma Bertha Hantel and Marcus Ernest Arnold were united in marriage Sunday, June 27, at 2 p m at the home of the bride's parents at Halsey. Rev E F A Hantel, her father, performing the ceremony. Miss Dollie Arnold was bridesmaid and Allen Harrison best man, while May Kleinsmit acted as ring bearer.

The happy couple left Sunday evening on an extended honeymoon for Portland and Vancouver. They will make their home in Albany.

Mr Arnold was raised at Scio where he has a host of friends and is admired as a young man of sterling qualities. The bride, although a stranger here is highly spoken of, and the young people have a large circle of friends who join the News in wishing them a long, happy and prosperous married life.

Get Rid of Gophers

A farmer tells us that he has practically rid his farm of gophers by the use of gasoline. He carries a bottle and a bunch of cotton batting with him while at work in the field and when he sees a gopher run into a hole he pours some gasoline upon a wad of cotton and places it at the mouth of the hole and covers the opening with dirt. The gas fumes are heavier than air and go to the bottom of the hole. In an attempt to get air, the gopher comes to the top of the hole, and here the gas does the rest. Remove cotton in about half an hour and Mr Gopher will be dead. The plan will apply to many other burrowing animals.

Stray—Small Shepherd pup 8 mos. old, with old strap collar; left Scio July 3; answers to name of "Scott."—J D Densmore.

For Sale

Maple Spring Farm, consisting of 163 acres, registered goats, high grade Jersey cattle, 1 registered Jersey bull, 1 Jersey Red sow, farming implements, etc. For particulars see James Wann on farm, or write owner, C H Wain, Junction City.

tree in operation, where they will conduct the business on a 10 per cent basis. As they will have no bad accounts to lose, and the volume of business will undoubtedly be large, they will no doubt make a success of it.

Scio people scattered out pretty well to do honor to the Nation's birthday. Most of the crowd went to Crabtree to the Farmers Union celebration, a few went to Mill City, while others went to Jefferson, Sweet Home and other places. The celebrations at Sweet Home and Jefferson were held on the 5th, while Crabtree and Mill City observed the 3rd.

Ed Wesely and sisters, Misses Lucy and Rose, with their mother, Mrs Frances Wesely, returned Friday evening from an enjoyable two months visit, with relatives in Kansas. It rained most of the time they were there and crop prospects are rather discouraging. They returned by way of San Francisco where they spent twelve days at the Fair. Ed says Oregon and Canada have them all beat for buildings, with California next.

E C Peery went to Albany Wednesday to hear Geo Chamberlain speak at Chautauqua.

Mrs A W Hagey and daughter Coiene, left Tuesday for Orting, Wash, for a visit with her parents, Mr and Mrs Watkins.

Mrs E Wendt was a passenger to Portland Tuesday morning for a visit with her daughter, Miss Nelda, who is staying there.

Cottage and Bungalow house paint at Morrison's Hardware \$1.15 the gallon, any color.

Gordon and Clifford Yarbrough and George King left for their home at Ashland Tuesday after a few days visit at the H L Shelton home.

Mrs Minerva Gill and daughter, Mrs E J Shumaker of Jefferson came over Monday evening and have been packing some of the latter's effects for shipment to Jefferson. Mrs Gill will spend a part of the summer here, and expects to visit her daughter, Mrs Grace Butcher at North Yakima, Wash, a little later.

baseball, tennis, hop scotch, rummy, bridge, whist, pinochle, seven up, marbles, or any other old thing that will bring in a few pennies to the commission in order to swell the fund to make offices for political favorites.

Work begun on Wallace building at Albany to cost \$20,000.

Enwauna box factory of Klamath Falls adds 50 men, accounts large orders.

O W R & N considering a short line from Ontario to Bend.

Pacific Iron Works builds Lebanon steel bridge for \$13,383.

Work started at Pilot Rock on O W R & N terminals to cost \$250,000.

Eppley baking powder factory of Salem doubles capacity of plant.

Improvements to be made on Ben Harrison mine near Baker will total \$100,000.

Filling newspapers with items about rabies does not help bring people to the state that has never had such a thing.

The O & C land decision means that these lands valued at more than \$30,000,000 will not be withdrawn from taxation in the