

# FREE PORTS BUILDERS OF COMMERCE

CONGRESS SHOULD GIVE THEM PREFERENCE IN APPROPRIATIONS.

By Peter Radford.

This nation is now entering upon an era of marine development. The wreckage of European commerce has drifted to our shores and the world war is making unprecedented demands for the products of farm and factory. In transportation facilities on land we lead the world but our port facilities are inadequate, and our flag is seldom seen in foreign ports. If our government would only divert the energy we have displayed in conquering the railroads to mastering the commerce of the sea, a foreign port would be known on the ocean's highways.

This article will be confined to a discussion of our ports for the products of the farm pass over our wharfs before reaching the water. We have in this nation 51 ports, of which 41 are on the Atlantic and 10 are on the Pacific Coast. The Sixty-second Congress appropriated over \$10,000,000 for improving our Rivers and Harbors and private enterprise levies a toll of approximately \$50,000,000 annually in wharfage and charges for which no tangible service is rendered. The latter items should be lifted off the backs of the farmer of this nation and this can be done by Congress directing its appropriations to ports that are free where vessels can tie up to a wharf and discharge her cargo free of any fee or charge.

A free port is progress. It takes out the unnecessary link in the chain of transactions in commerce which for centuries laid a heavy hand upon commerce. No merchant is so heavily laden with results or will more widely and equally distribute its benefits as that of a free port and none can be more easily and effectively secured.

# THE VITAL PROBLEM OF AGRICULTURE

By Peter Radford.

There is no escaping the market problem and the highest development of agriculture will not be attained until it is solved, for a market is as necessary for the producer as land on which to grow his crop. Governmental and educational institutions have spent \$180,000,000 in the United States during the past ten years for improving soil production and improving seeds and plants, but very little attention and less money has been given to the marketing side of agriculture.

The problem is a monumental one and one which will never be solved until it gets within the grasp of a gigantic organization where master minds can concentrate the combined experience and wisdom of the age upon it. It is a problem which the farmers, merchants, bankers, editors and statesmen must unite in solving. The Farmers' Union stands for all there is in farming from the most scientific methods of seed selection to the most systematic and profitable plans of marketing, but does not believe in promoting one to the neglect of the other. We consider the work of farm demonstrators valuable and we ask that governmental and commercial agencies seeking to help us continue to give us their assistance and advice, but we believe that their influence should be extended to the marketing side of our farm problems also.

We cannot hope to develop manufacturing by over-production of the factory; we cannot build up competitive enterprises by the merchants loading their shelves with surplus goods and no more can we develop agriculture by glutting the market with a surplus of products.

# DARIUS

The neigh of a horse made Darius King of Persia, the six contending powers for the throne agreeing among themselves that the one whose horse should neigh first should possess the kingdom. This ancient method of settling disputes among politicians can be revived with profit today. If our partisan factions and petty politicians could only settle their disputes by the neigh of a horse, the bark of a dog or the howl of a wolf, it would be a great blessing and would give our citizens a better opportunity to pursue the vocations of industry free from political strife.

Use for Marshmallows. There are one hundred uses for the marshmallow which perhaps you do not know, remarks one advertiser. "Let's see," says the Wichita Beacon. "Pencil mark eraser, core for rubber ball, teething pad for babies, cord for cordless cows, bath sponge for infants, shock absorber for heels, substitute for Ben Davis apple—pshaw, we can't think of the other ninety-three."

Languages of World. It is next to impossible to be precise about the number of languages in the world, but it is known that they exceed 4,000. Including "dialects," there are probably more than 200,000 varieties of human speech.

Communing With Oneness. It is in its power, whenever thou shalt choose, to retire into thyself. For nowhere with more quiet or with more freedom from trouble does a man retire, particularly when he has within him such thoughts that by looking into them he is immediately in perfect tranquillity.—Marcus Aurelius.

# POLITICAL AGITATORS

POLITICIANS WHO CAPITALIZE STRIFE A MENACE TO GOVERNMENT.

Neglect of Agricultural and Industrial Opportunities a National Crime.

By Peter Radford.

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 be boastful.

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 provocative ground for agitators and whether pro or anti, the hatch is equally as undesirable. This article is in no sense a discussion of the liquor question but deals solely 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 and sometimes to the exclusion of more important problems to the American citizen.

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 of liquor and there are many American politicians—pro and anti—who would render their country a service by climbing on 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 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 now confronting this nation.

We have in this country too many red-nosed politicians—both pro and anti. A candidate with political delirium tremens, a preacher with political snakes 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 Keesley 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 to drink. There is not one person in one hundred of our rural population that ever touches liquor but we all 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 out of Christianity cry aloud. Since the beginning of government, politicians have sought to decoy the ministry into the meshes of politics and make them carry banners in political processions. They have taken the ministry to the mountains 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 pulpit in Christendom.

Reached His Limit. "The styles are stunning this year," said the enthusiastic young woman. "Are they?" rejoined the husband. "Haven't you noticed?" "No. After observing the stunning styles of last year, I'm afraid to look."

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# DAIRY FACTS

WINTER FEED FOR THE COWS

Important for Dairyman to Provide an Abundance of Different Feeds to Keep Up Milk Flow.

(By R. G. WEATHERSTONE.) During the winter months it is generally found difficult to provide such food as is necessary for the dairy cow to keep up the regular flow of milk. At this season of the year feed is generally scarce—the proper kind for the dairy cow—and that which we have to hand is often of an inferior quality.

After coming off the green fresh grass they do not relish such dry feed and being of an inferior quality one will soon notice a great decrease in the flow of milk.

For this reason it is very important for the farmer to try to provide an abundance of different feeds to make up for this dry or inferior feed. Of course the flow of milk cannot be kept up to what they give during the spring and summer when pastured, but with plenty of first-class hay, such as alfalfa and good clover, and fine feed of bran and corn meal kept on hand that it may be fed liberally two or three times a day as a staple, there will not be so much decrease in the milk supply after all. That is, if it is given to them liberally and regularly.

Do not think it is a waste to feed such feed when there isn't anything but dry hay of some kind to feed on. On the latter, the cow can barely maintain her flesh, much less keep up the milk supply.

When we have good clover hay and alfalfa, not so much of the bran, fine feed or meal required, as both when cured properly, are very strong feeds and cattle thrive on them.

I am not going to attempt to give the amount that should be fed, as I leave that for the dairyman to decide for himself. What I wish to impress upon the reader's mind is this: The necessity of having on hand always a liberal supply of bran, meal, fine feed, etc., to go with the dry hay or corn fodder, which is generally of an inferior quality, fed at this season of the year.

Without the above feed mentioned, it is impossible for the dairyman to obtain good results during the season when cattle are not pastured.

# TASK OF DEHORNING CATTLE

Operation is Most Frequently Performed to Prevent Animals From Injuring Each Other.

Cattle have been dehorned since about 1790. The operation sometimes is performed to remove horns that are broken or otherwise injured, but most frequently it is to prevent horned animals from injuring one another. Usually it is considered justifiable on account of the benefits that are derived from the operation.

The growth of horns on calves may be prevented entirely by the liberal use of a strong solution of ordinary lye; or if the use of a solution is not desirable it can be purchased at drug stores in the form of sticks known as caustic potash. This should be applied immediately after birth to the place where the horn makes its appearance. Care should be exercised when using this remedy because the lye will eat away all the skin with which it comes in contact.

Various kinds of instruments are used for the removal of the horns of older animals. If an ordinary saw is used it should be sharp and fine, as this lessens the danger of splintering the bones of the head during the operation. If a large number of animals are dehorned, quicker and safer work can be done with a "dehorning instrument." This can be purchased of any veterinary supply company for \$7.50 to \$10.

It is best not to dehorn during the fly season. Sometimes the horn is cut close to the head and cavities are opened which become filled with maggots if flies are prevalent. The animal suffers intensely, if this happens, and there is a rapid loss in condition. If cavities are accidentally exposed a small piece of cotton, smeared with tar, may be applied to the wound and held in place by means of a bandage around the head. This also is of great value if excessive bleeding follows the operation. If maggots gain entrance to the cavities of the head they should be washed out with a weak, watery solution of ordinary dip.

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Stops only on Signal. Leave Washington, Seventh street wharf, (weather permitting) 4 p. m., every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday for the following river landings and Baltimore: Washington, Alexandria, 4:45 p. m., Glymont, Liverpool Point, Riverside, Bushwood, Lancaster, Coburns, Stones, Leonardtown, 12 noon; Albert's, Piny Point, Antrim, Lodge, 10 a. m., Mundy Point, Kinsale, 12 noon; Coan, Bundick's, Lakes, Walnut Point, Comarts, 4 p. m., Grason's, 5 p. m., Broome's, Porto Bello, 4 p. m., Baltimore.

Arriving in Baltimore on Wednesday, Friday and Monday mornings. Special Notice—The extra steamer leaving Baltimore on Saturday and arriving on Tuesday, is withdrawn. Freight received daily in Baltimore on sailing days until 4 p. m. This timetable shows the time which steamers may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several wharves, their arrivals or departure at the times stated is not guaranteed, nor does the company hold itself responsible for any consequences arising therefrom.

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