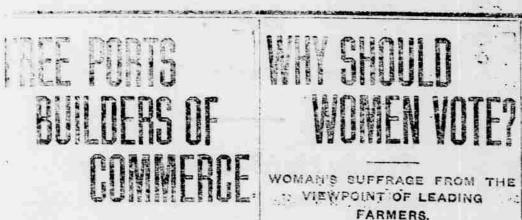
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CONGRESS SHOULD GIVE THEM PREFERENCE IN APPRO-PRIATIONS.

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By Peter Radford.

This nation is now entering upon a era of marine development. The vieckage of European commerce has critted to our shores and the world or is making unprecedented dein ands for the products of farm and inclusy. In transportation facilities : clivies are inadequate, and our flag is seldom seen in foreign ports. If c or government would only divert the chergy we have displayed in conquerg the railroads to meetering the mimerce of the sea, a foreign bot-1 hways.

This article will be confined to a discussion of our ports for the prosucce of the farm must pass over our hards before reaching the water. We ve in this nation 51 ports, of which ! ale on the Atlantic and 10 are on the Pacific Coast. The Sixty-second Congress appropriated over \$51,666,for improving our Rivers and inchors and private enterprise levies "45 a man. So has she as much righ ; tell of approximately \$50,000.000 to view as a man; she has as much where and discharge her cargo . Doi consider mistoriume a quelifica Lee of any lee or charge.

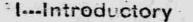
out the unnecessary link in the chain. We are officied to woman at the ther actions in connecces which ballot bar it's same as we are on-

Why should women vote? That is the question that is ringing from ocean to ocean and reverberating from the Canadian boundary to the Mezican border. It is the mission of a newpaper to give the news and the action of the Texas Farmers' Union in opposing woman's suffrage when that question was recently before the Texas legislature is significant as "representing the attitude of the organized plowmen. We reproduce in part the argument presented by Hon. W. D. Lewis, president of the Texas and we lead the world but our port | Farmers' Union, in opposing the bill: "It is gratifying to note that it is not the termet's wife who is clamoring for the ballot. She is too busy trying to make happier homes, molding the minds of future citizens and sharing with her husband the cares an would be unknown on the ocean's of his to indulge in political gossip. The ballot will give her no relief from drudgery, give no assistance in clothing the children or bring to the home additional comforts, conveniences or opportunities in life. It is, as a rule, the city woman promoted to idleness

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fratoffe novement "From many standpoints, perhaps a would have ab much right to vot wolly in wharings and charges for wind to work in a factory as a man: on no trautible service is rendered. The has as much right to shoulder a "he latter item should be lifted off "Fusher as a man, but we would rather in backs of the farmer of this na- she would not do so from choice on and this can be done by Congress and we regret that necessity of times recting its appropriations to ports, compels her to carn a living by enat are free where versols ent tie up | Fasing to ghinful occupations. We do tion for suffrage or a business seclfree port is progress. It takes dent a reason for granting franchise

by prosperity, who is leading the suf-



OUR PUBLIC FORUM

Through the Press Service of Agri- moved on two-wheeled carts driven, culture and Commerce, the master and offitimes drawn, by claves; while minds of this nation will be invited her artists were painting divine to the public forum and asked to de- dr ams on canvas, the streets of liver a message to civilization. Men proud Athens were ligited by firewho achieve seldom talk, and men brands dipped in tallow. who talk seldom achieve. There is The genius of past ages sought to

no such thing as a noisy thinker, and arouse the intellect and stir the soul brevity is always a close companion but the master minds of today are so king to serve. Civilization has asto truth.

It will be a great privilege to stand si ned to America the greatest task by the side of men who can roll-in of the greatest age, and the greatest place the cornerstone of industry; to n n that ever trod-the greatest planet associate with men who can look are solving it. Their ichievements at the world and see to the bottom have astounded the whole world and of it; to commune with men who can we challenge every age and nation hear the roar of civilization a few to name men or products that can conturies away. approach in creative genius or mas-Too often we listen to the rabble te ful skill in organization, the marelement of our day that cries out v lous achievements of the tremendagainst every man who achieves, ous men of the present day. Edison "Crucify him." Mankind never has can press a button and turn a light

and probably never will produce a or multiplied millions of homes; Vail generation that appreciates the genius | c n take down the receiver and talk of its day. There never will be a w th fifty millions of people; Mecrown without a cross, progress with- Cermick's reaper can harvest the out sacrifice or an achievement with- world's crop, and Fulter's steam engine moves the commerce of land touch of fur, no matter how small or

This is an age of service, and that and sea. The greatest thing a human being est number. The present generation can do is to serve his fellow men; has done more to improve the con- Carist did it; Kings detree it, and dition of mankind than any civiliza- | v. se men teach it. It is the glory of tion since human motives began their this practical age that Edison could upward flight. The Greeks gave human i find no higher calling than to become life inspiration, but while her orators | the janitor to civilization; Vail the were speaking with the tongues of messenger to mankind; McCormick angels, her farmers were plowing the hired hand to agriculture, and

with forked sticks; while her phil- F lton the teamster to industry, and coophers were emancipating human bussed is the age that has such thought from bondage, her, traffic in sters for its servants.



II---L. E. Johnson On Two-Cent Passenger Rates

The farmers of both the State and the Railway Comthis nation are piny testified that the claims of the vically interested r. ilroad were sustaine? by the facts. in railroad rates Two cents did not pay the cost of and equity be- corrying a passenger a mile. The tween passenger E ate, however, contended that the

and freight rates railroad was earning enough surplus

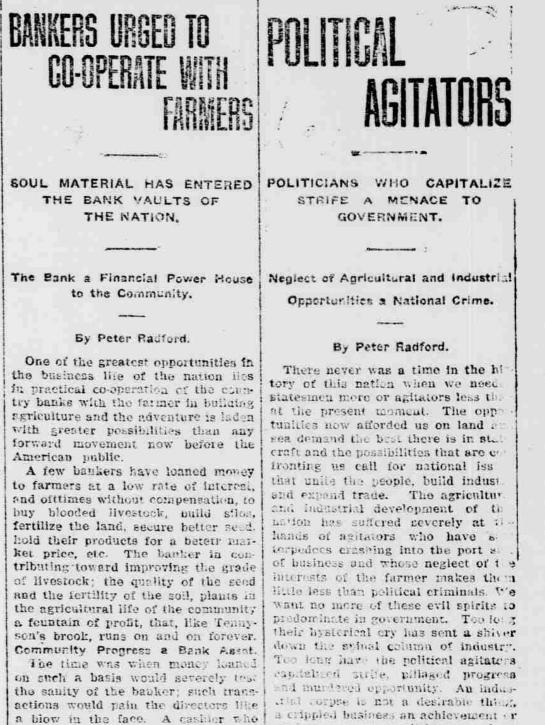


New York, December 31 .- Just an the inkling of sleighbells delighted the hearts of the children and grown-up of yesterday, so are we of today en raptured with the thoughts of winter when tiny coasters may once more be brought into use, and the snow king zealously guards his domain-mouttains and streams in glittering snowclad loveliness.

For these days of sleighing air skating, not forgetting the gorgeou. wintry mornings when a brisk walk over frozen paths brings a glow to our cheeks and brightness to our eyes, clothes must play as important a part as for any other occasions.

Attractive Fur Sets Fashion decreed at the beginning of the season that fur was to be popular, and old Father Winter has ap proved the notion by sending us a brisk, crisp, winter that makes the

how large, quite consistent.



ernment has a right to beast. issues that Breed Agitators Should be Eliminated.

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that the bankers are getting any better The political agitator must be el.mor that the milk of human kindnesss in inated from public life before thoughtbeing imbibed more freely by our finanful consideration can be given to a ciers. It indicates that the bankers are constructive program in government. getting wiser, becoming more able fin-The liquor question is the most prolific breeding ground for agitators and whether pro or anti, the hatch is equally as undesirable. This article is in no sense a discussion of the tiquor question but deals solely and by way of illustration with the political products of that issue. Other outjects will be dealt with in the order of their importance. In the history of our government the liquor issue has never 2 reach 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 sou. The recent experience of the Euglish Parliament which tashed the fr into a fury over the liquor question has a lesson that it is well for the farment of this match to observe; for the subject in some forte or other is constantly before the public for some tion and of that to the exclusion of more important problems to the Amerlean plowmen.

in contradice. No mitrement is co-"ily inden with results or will Id hope can be more easily and er. That defloten than raise political is actively secured.



By Pater Radford.

There is no escabling the marketwilless and the highest development perioditors will not be attained it it is solved, for a marketas necessary for the producer as land on which to grow his crop. Governmentel and educational instifilms have spant \$180,000,000 in the inited States during the past ten 20013 for improving soil production . Dd 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 woman the home and man the busi-Intil it gets within the grasp of a rigantic organization where master minds can concentrate the combined islation enacted during the past deuperience and wisdom of the age you it. It is a problem which the love for the ridiculous, but to underin more, merchants, bankers, editors - take to unsex the human race by law ad statesmen must unite in solving. The Farmers' Union stands for all

there is in farming from the most releating methods of seed selection to the most systematic and profitable hans of marketing, but does not be-Love in promoting one to the neglect of the other. We consider the work. of farm demonstrators valuable and it o ask that governmental and comintercial agencies seeking to help us, continue to give us their assistance and advice, but we believe that their affuence should be extended to the : Tao.

facturing by over-production of the actory: we cannot build up mercanand their shelves with samplus goods and he muse can we develop agriculmure by glutting the matter with a and the Baler of the aniverse said uplus of products.

DARIUS

The neigh of a horse made Darius of Persia, the six contending groots gaines a strong allong relives that the one whose horse to'n the guests by playing the lute, he The la meigh first should possess the replied that he could not play the 12. Jug dispuses among politicians four a grant city. We have in this contin be revived with profit today. Batton many politicians who are good I our partison factions and petty pol- "Eddlers," but they cannot make a It of h. dog or the bray of a donkey,

in the field, in (1 tagingy or in the army and for the self-some reasons. We had rather wilely and equally distribute the Ler plant flowers than sow wheat: penefits os that of a free port gather bouousts than pick cotton and suns falthough she may have as much visit to un sue as the other.

Oppored to Unsexing Humanity.

"Sex qualification for suffrage may have its apparent inconsistencies. No" states have a two cent passenger rate business and enough to give some general rule adjusts fiself pertectly to all conditions. It is a favorite ar-1 guagent advanced by the proponents of Woman's sudrage that many cuitivated and noble wothen are far more capin his triminatelligently exercising sovereignly than a vorthicas nearo bit? the South never was anyibles for neers suffrage, and while culture and rollgement, and even morality, fre destrable virtues, they are not the only oualifications for franchise. "The primary, inherent and inseparable fitness for suffrage is supporting a family. The plow handle, the forge and the struggle for bread atford experience necessary to properly. mark the ballot. Government is a great big business and civilization from the very beginning assigned

ness affairs of life. "There has been much freakish legcade that no doubt appeals to woman's is the height of legislative folly and a tragedy to mankind.

"We are opposed to the equal rights of woman-we want her to ever remain our superior. We consider woman's desire to seek man's level the yellow peril of Twentieth Century civilization.

"Woman is the medium through which angels whisper their messages to mankind; it is her hand that plants. thoughts in the intellectual vineyard; it is through her heart that hope, love arketing side of our farm problems | and sympathy overflow and bless mankind. Christ-the liberator of woman-We cannot hope to develop manu- Find-was satisfied to teach the lessons of life and He was a man. He chose to rule over human hearts and rethe enterprises by the merchants load. fused worldly power and men followed after Him, women washed His feet,

> Fitle children elimbed upon His knees that in Him He was well pleased. Can women find a higher calling?"

THEMISTOCLES

When Themistories was asked by I's hint at a dinner party to enter-This succest method of filles, but that he could make a small

Let those who hunger and thirst for decoy the ministry into the meshes of: surraue the vocations of industry vays raise new capital. portant problem, especially to secstate. power understand that the highest Sets of cap, searf, and sports' coat, "People invest money in order to 11 a from political strife. polities and make them carry banners Lot those who pick political plums giory of a statesman is to construct. tions of a State where new railroads make money, and they are skeptical or sweater, are used for skating, The success of the nation is in the in political processions. They have by relaing rows and who flash swords and that it is better for a man that he are needed. The placing of securities rs to whether they can make money has been left entirely with the pro- by investing in concerns that are deall cross-country walking, and motoring. taken the ministry to the mountainhands of the farmer. clipping in the blood of industry un- should build a public highway than neter and owner of railroads. "The immediate determination of road securities must be made more one concerns that are dean cross-country wanting, and metoring. "The immediate determination of road securities must be made more top of power and offered to make incm Constand that they cannot turn the that he should become Governor of a meter and owner of railroads. what carnings the railroad shall be permitted to receive and what bur-dens it shall have put on it is in the hands of other servents of the public mast tag instructed council from the state of the second shall be and the instructive to invite investments, and in order that they may be made more in chiffen for muffler attached, is being made up in chiffen for muffler attached, is being made up in chiffen for muffler attached, is being made up in chiffen for muffler attached, is being made up in chiffen for muffler attached, is being made up in chiffen for muffler attached, is being made up in chiffen for muffler attached, is being made up in chiffen for muffler attached, is being made up in chiffen for muffler attached, is being made up in chiffen for muffler attached, is being made up in chiffen for muffler attached, is being made up in chiffen for muffler attached, is being made up in chiffen for muffler attached, is being made up Work for the best and the best will monarch of all they surveyed, and Table forem into a political areas and state, and that he start a plow than rise up and reward you. while most of them have said. "Get by a closh of personal, appirations, that he become the author of a law. Fill the backness and stop the plow. The true test of states manship is the theo behind me Salan," a few have Tenant farming i just one thing fallen with a crush that has shaken the that their quarrels must be sattled plow and the hammer, so let these after another well-out a pay day. | every pulper in Christendom hands of other servants of the public meet any increased capital charges. In the last star water who we is govern, first build. . -----and the second second



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man is greatest who serves the larg-

and whatever loss is incurred is recovered through freight revenue. The jus- | d ing the business regulated. This tice of such a procedure was recently was the issue presented to the Supassed upon by the Supremie Court preme Court. Its decision responds of West Virginia and the decision is to the judgment of the fair-minded so far reaching that we have asked sontiment of the country. The Su L. E. Johnson, president of the Nor- perme Court says that, even though folk and Western Railway whole road | a railroad earns a surplus on a parcontested the case to briefly review tigular commodity by charging reathe suit. Mr. Johnson said in part: "Some ten years ago, passenger for compelling it to haul another's fares were fixed by the legislatures of a large number of states at two was made of the cost of doing the attention given to the fact whether | not even up by requiring the railroad such a rate would yield to the rail to carry other traffic for nothing or way companies an adequate or any for less than cost. net return upon the capital invested

in-conducting this class of business. "Such a law was passed in West Virginia in 1907. The Norfolk and ing was left to pay any return on court reaffirmed the homely maxim

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

Ill---Julius Kruttschnitt

On Financing Railroads

this nation need soners.

to become better

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information and

the farmers of

America should

listen attentively

to what the men

who manage rail-

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is especially im- on its state freight business to give a portant to the f. ir return upon the capital used in man who follows its passenger; as well as its freight the plow for the business. For the purposes of the farmer ... travels | c se, the rafircad did not deny this, very little bui he hat held to its contention that the is a heavy con State could not segr gate its pastributor to the Senger bushices in the the othe freight revenues. out allowing a rate that would be

Some of the cofficient to pay the cost of doing r furn upon the capital invested in

In mults and neckplaces there is wide choice both as to models and materials. It is no longer considered s nable rates, that affords no reason "home-made" to carry a mulf of yelvet, heavy silk, or velours, with just person or property for less than cost. a band or two of fur, by way of trim-The surplus from a reasonable rate cents a mile. As a basis for such properly belongs to the railway com ming, or for that matter, no fur at economic legislation, no examination p.ny. If the surplus is earned from all. These sets are often made to its redeemer, but soul material has an unreasonable rate then that rate match coat or suit; one especially business so regulated, nor was any, s'ould be reduced. The State may pretty set worn recently with a tailof silk plush in the same tone as the The decision is a wholesome one

and demonstrates that the ordinary match the trimmings on the suit. The riles of fair dealing apply to railway muff was made in the popular melon a surplus on his wheat crop would shape, the plush being shirred to a c mpanies. The fact that one makes western Railway Company put the rate into effect and maintained it for two years. Its accounting during these two years showed that two in an who wanted bread to be told ver. A broad Purian collar of the contal a mile par necessary back of the birt to bi cents a mile per passenger barely i at its high price enabled the cotton plush completed the set, and a small paid the out-of-pocket cost and noth-ing was left to pay any return on for less than cost. In this case the capital invested. It sought relief from that each tub must stand upon its the courts. Expert accountants for c vn bottom."

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Melon Muñ and Puritan Collar of Plash

entered into the vaults of our banks ored suit of dark-brown duvelyn, was the ability of some of the bankers of Europe who led the prohibition fight suit, trimmed with strips of beaver to | ing the business of farming.

Ged Almighty's Noblemen. top of the crown, was a chic accound ness foresight.

paniment. This set was to be worn with the suit and also with a heavy belted and pocketed top-coat of dark warmth was necessary as well as be-

Another pretty set of close-haired fur made from an old seal coat, had a barrell muff and the regutation throw

The farmers of |-- the Legislators and the Commisscarf. This set was completed by a long tasseled cap made of the same material as the loose box-coat, which acquainted with ent from managing a government the railroad men where the money is raised by taxa was of dark green duvetyn, also band-

incomes because while they have they have almost no control over their door spirit there has come a demand comes, their rates being fixed by for comfortable headwear; not the rublic authorities.

have to say. Mr. Kruttschnitt, execthe financing of railroads. He said hands the transportation systems of but chic, little caps and tams made ing. Such gatherings mark the high the country will, in a few years, break up in sweater cloth, lamb's wool and tide of religious political fanaticism.

"Managing a railroad is quite differ

nciers and the banking industry but competent. The vision of the builder is crowding out the spirit of the pawnbroker. A light has been turned on a new world of investment and no usurer ever received as large returns. on the investment as these progressup bankers, who made loans to uphit industry. The bankers have always been liberal city builders, but they are now building agriculture. -

would dare to cast bread upon waters

that did not return buttered side up

in time for annual dividends would

have to give way to a more capable

man. This does not necessarily mean

A Dollar With a Soul. It is refreshing in this strenuous commercial life to find so many dollars with souls. When a dollar is approached to perform a task that does not directly yield the highest rate of interest, we usually hear the rustle of the cagle's wings as it scars up

ward; when a dollar is requested to return at the option of the borrower, it usually appeals to the Godders of Liberty for its contractural rights; when, a dellar is asked to expand in volume to suit the requirements of industry, it usually talks solemuly of

and irate, time and volume have a new pasts of reckening in so far as permit them to co-operate in promot-

These bankers are God Almighty's noblemen. Heaven lent earth the spirit of these men and the angels will help them roll in place the cornerstones of empires. They are bankers. The spirit of the builder

The cackle of the hen, the low of kine and the rustle of growing crops echo in every bank vanit in the nation and the shrewd hanker knows green velours, intended for sleighing, that he can more effectively increase | public men in this day who are strong motoring and like purposes, when his deposits by putting blue blood in chough to resist the temptation of the veins of livestock; quality in strong drink politically and when i e the yield of the soil and value into | demon Kum once becomes firmly en-

ness handshakes, overdrafts and he is less capable of meeting the degaudy calendars. Taking the ecumunity into part- new confronting this nation. nership with the back, opening up a We have in this country too many

up-to-date hanker.

It is a sad day for Christianity when | day. put bitterness into the lives of men;

Too Many Political Drunkards.

Hoyd Centre, the Prohibition leader in England, has declared that he will never again take a drink positionity and there are many American poildciacs-propoid anti-who would read r their country a service by climbing on the water wagen or signific a pled to of political temperatee. Too on a our legislative hails are turned into not philanthropicis: they are wise political bar-rooms and many of the metabors become intoxicated on liquor discussions. We have too many political draakards-pro and anti-in our public attairs. No one who is a slave to the political liquor habit is quite so expable of dealing with the business affairs of government as the sober and industrious. We have few

agricultural products, than by busi- trenched in the mind of a politician, mands for constructive statesmanship

ledger account with progress, making | red-nosed politicians-both pro and thrift and enterprise stockholders and anti. A candidate with political de rthe prosperity of the country an ! rium tremens, a preacher with pol. I asset to the bank, put behind it cal snakes in his boots and an agitator

toil to eat than to make it more of. fleult for a few topers to drink. These POLITICAL PRAYER MEETINGS is not one person in one hundred of our rural population that ever torel, a liquor but we all eat three times a

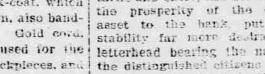
THE LAYMAN'S DUTY

is rould only serie their dis. small town a great city. We are over-There never was a time when in part down, unless the railroads are allowed the material of the coat or suit, or fan the flames of class hatred and de- preachers and politicians formed an ""+ by the neigh of a horse, the roa with orators who can play upon function which the people; through build it up. There are vast sections knitted to match swenter or seard. "The financing of a railroad is a to earn larger funds wherewith to stroy Christian influence to the corr unhely alliance that civilization did the manufons of the people, but they their servants, the Railroad Commis- of the country, especially in the West These caps are extremely youthful munity. The spirit actuating such not shelek out and Christianity cry to fid be a great blessing and would could put brick and mortar together. sioners and the Legislators, have where more railroads are needed and and chic, easily made, and the heighta meetings is anarchicale, un Christlike | shoud. Since the beginning of govof our ciliens a better opportunity. We need builders, they cannot be built unless the rail of comfort. and dangerous to both church and ernment, politicians have sought to never attempted, but it is a most im-

lic, cannot raise money with such rose as an attractive bit of color. case and facility. The railroads must The Popular Tam-'o-Shenter keep their expenditures within their With the awakening of the out-of

comingness.

freakish hats and caps which were "There is not a railway manager in introduced when the motoring fad utive head of the Southern Facific, the country today who is not fearful bas written an article dealing with that under the press of increasing de came in, so hideous and unbecoming. together for a polylical prayer meet-



taxes can be equally increased. The more dressy muits and neckpleces, and the distinguished efficient of the com- chould all be forced to take the police railroads, while servants of the pub oftentimes there is a metal or velvet munity. The back is the financial lical Ketley Cure.

and their proh- tion. When the expenditures, for ed and cuffed with seal. Gold cord. stability far more destrable than a drunk on the liquor question are the and their production and the stability far more described that a dramk on the inder describe that a dramk on the dramk on the inder describe that a dramk on

nower house of the community and he is far more important in gover h blessed is the locality that has an | ment to make it easier for those w'o

