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You read our criticism of the show in last week's issue of the Herald. You noticed that we condemned the "profanity." The editorial opened the way for a free and full discussion of the whole show business between the editor and the managers of the show in question.

The discussion was altogether pleasant and sympathetic. The show people said that on the whole it was the best writup that they ever had and were glad that we had the nerve to say exactly what we thought of it. Of course, the profanity was the nucleus of discussion. They explained that the words used could hardly be termed "profanity" but that they had tried hard to eliminate them from the plays but could not. They said every time they leave out the words in question the plays fall flat but when they reinstate the expressions a strong applause comes from the audience.

The point is this, stage actors have to use language that is almost unbearable to the better thinking in order to gain the applause of the masses. Isn't it awful when entertainers have to resort to untruth and unseemly language in order to make a living. Wonder if any church people "gave a show of hands" when "profanity" was being used.

October 7th  
Meeting at opera house Thursday  
night at 8 o'clock.  
EVERYBODY COME

W. J. Wilson and family of Waxo, Texas, will arrive about the last of the month to visit his brother, J. T. Wilson.

Public worship will be conducted at the A. R. Presbyterian Church next Sabbath at 11 o'clock by the pastor.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Union Sunday School Singing Convention is called to meet in the Herald office at Kings Mountain on Saturday July 17 at 3 p. m.

The committee consists of G. G. Page, Chm. C. P. Gardner, Secy, Miss Pearl Falls, J. B. Hamrick, J. J. Alexander, Ben D. Phifer and Ben G. Logan. It is insisted that every member attend.

G. G. Page Pres.  
C. P. Gardner Secy.

Miss Margaret Willis of Charlotte is visiting Miss Bonnie Mauney.

Miss Bonnie Mauney gave a party yesterday morning in honor of her guest, Miss Margaret Willis.

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## 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 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 undesirable. 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 oftentimes to the exclusion of more important problems to the American plowmen.

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 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 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 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 Keeley 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 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 shriek out and 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 mountaintop 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.

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## AN ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF MORGAN

J. Pierpont Morgan, one of America's leading financiers and financial agent of the British government in this country, was shot twice by Frank Holt in the Morgan Summer home at Glen Cove, L. I. last Saturday morning. Armed with two pistols Holt forced an entrance into the house over the protest of the servants.

When the intruder, later identified as Frank Holt, forced a servant to stand aside and with a revolver in each hand approached Mr. Morgan, his wife threw herself upon Holt, grasping him about the neck and holding him until thrust aside by her husband. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice the British Ambassador, who had been seated at the breakfast table with Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, assisted in disarming Holt.

A ring at the front door first attracted the diners' attention, according to the witness' story. A man's voice was heard at the doorway demanding admission to see Mr. Morgan. The servants said Mr. Morgan would not receive visitors on business at his country home. Then the man drew a pistol and exclaimed:

"I've got another one; you had better show me to Mr. Morgan." In an effort to protect his master the servant directed the intruder away from the room where Mr. Morgan was at breakfast and towards another room. Rushing that way the man found Mr. Morgan's children, at whom he pointed his pistols, as the butler shouted at the top of his voice:

"Mr. Morgan, up stairs." The party in the breakfast room heard the strange voice and furnished that one of the servants had suddenly become insane. So the three, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan and Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, rushed to the central stair case which they ascended. In the room of the western end of the hall Mr. Morgan and his wife found an old Irish nurse and demanded to know what was the matter, thinking she had made the outcry. Finding that the old woman knew nothing they turned back to the staircase. At this moment Holt dashed up the stairway. On seeing Mr. Morgan he yelled: "Is that Mr. Morgan? I've got you." at the same time leveling both pistols. In an instant Mrs. Morgan had thrown herself bodily upon the man. She clung to him until her husband shoved her aside and himself clasped Holt around the body, pinioning both

### Notice of Sale of Land For Taxes

Whereas the taxes levied by the commissioners of the town of Kings Mountain, N. C., on the lands of Mrs. Nora Tracy Dixon, S. J. Durham, R. L. Durham, P. T. Duham, Mrs. Pearl Balthis Wright Dixon, and B. F. Dixon, for the year 1914 are due and unpaid. Now therefore I, J. H. Fisher, tax collector for the town of Kings Mountain, N. C., by power and authority vested in me by law, will, at the court House door in Cleveland county, N. C. on Monday, the 16th day of August, 1915 at 12 o'clock, Noon, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, all the lands of the parties above mentioned, which are situated in the town of Kings Mountain, Cleveland county, N. C. adjoining the lands of Klotz cotton Mill, Plonk, Falls and others, containing 25 acres, more or less. This the 8th day of July, 1915.

J. H. Fisher, Tax collector for the town of Kings Mountain, N. C.

### Pay Mr. Miller.

Gastonia Subscribers will take notice that Mr. W. M. Miller is authorized to collect subscriptions to the Herald. A large number of Gastonia subscriptions are falling due just now and we hope you will see Mr. Miller and renew.

G. G. Page,  
Editor the Herald.

of his arms to his sides. There was a desperate struggle between the stalwart financier and his wiry and frenzied assailant. Mrs. Morgan, crowded into the the background, kept trying desperately to reach one of Holt's pistol hands.

As the two men swayed in their struggle, Holt's right hand worked a revolver slowly around to Mr. Morgan's thigh. There was an explosion with the gun barrel almost against the financier's groin. A second shot followed in moment, but by this time Mr. Morgan had caught Holt's right wrist and deflected the weapon so that the shot passed through the fleshy upper part of the leg. Then Mr. Morgan forced Holt backward until the assailant fell with a crash flat upon his back upon the bloodstained floor with arms extended and the financier lying directly over him. Holt had lost the weapon from his right hand during the struggle, but still clutched the other revolver in his left hand. Then Mrs. Morgan and the Irish nurse cast themselves upon the floor trying to wrench the pistol from the intruder's grip. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice by this time had reached the scene and he too caught at a pistol hand, so that they made sure that it could not again be directed at Mr. Morgan.

Meanwhile a muffled voice came from beneath Mr. Morgan weakly crying "I have a stick of dynamite in my pocket. Take care of it."

The dynamite afterwards was found in the pocket.

Servants then appeared in numbers and foremost among them was one who had picked up a large lump of coal from a

scuttle as he ran up the stairs. One smashing blow on the head with the coal subdued Holt. In a few moments the servants had him trussed up with ropes. Meanwhile Mr. Morgan had struggled to his feet, bleeding profusely. He walked to a telephone and called his office in New York.

"I've been shot through the stomach," he said when answered, "Get me a doctor quick as you can."

Physicians were soon on the scene and after a preliminary examination, directed that a search be made for the bullets. Both were found in the hallway, thus assuring the physicians that there was no necessity for difficult and dangerous probing. It also was ascertained that the wound in the abdomen was almost superficial, the bullet traveled clear across the stomach under the skin, but without penetrating the thick wall of protect-muscles.

Holt is said to be an ex-professor of a Chicago University and gave as his reason for his assault upon Mr. Morgan that he wanted to scare him and force him to stop the war by stopping the manufacture and shipment of munition of war to the belligerent countries. Morgan is out of danger. Holt also dynamited a room of the capitol at Washington the day before. He is demoted.

### Commits Suicide

Holt committed suicide in his cell in the jail at Mineola Tuesday night. Many theories were advanced as to how he ended his life the one most nearly acceptable to the coroner being that he climbed to the top of his cell and plunged head downward to the floor.

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