

Check Finds a Remedy

SLANTS from different angles, or angles from different slants won't reduce your cotton acreage nor stimulate your corn consumption; but it's what you have on your hip that entitles you to matriculation in the upper classes.

Last week the writer was absent and the president just informed him it was the best meeting had; all of which goes to prove absynthe is a great tonic.

The Rotarygram had dispatched him on a secret mission to look into things where the wurst is West, or the West is wet, or the wurst is yet.

Anyway in passing through Austin last Saturday he found the session of "GAB" had adjourned for a few days due to recalcitrant members opposing the "Long Convention." Some preferring the elimination play to come through the boll weevil, rather than force your farmer to reveal his weakness in an informative manner. Of course, there were others insisting that a declaration of one-fourth acreage was prima facie evidence of strength in the soil and fertility should be a cardinal point in making a bid. And, too, some thought demand should supersede supply in an endeavor to block the bankers in making game on the insufficiency of your strength. Thus indicating there would never be a depletion of the fleecy staple caused by making wardrobes for Mahatma Gandhi.

Your screeve immediately sensing the hopeless imbroglia hurdled a few idle and inactive brain cells and devolved the following remedy:

"First require all legislators to cramb as much cotton as possible in their auricular cavities to the complete exclusion of sound, commandeer all the army lorries and transport them to the Devil's River where a laving of the pedal extremities with aqua pura will recover about 20% alluvial soil and then run them across to Villa Acuna where a thorough irrigation of the esophagus with a malt solution known as "Carta Blanca" will dissipate any idiosyncrasies towards repeal of the hybrid protege in our "Constitution" known as the "18th plaster."

After detention down there a few decades, wallowing in this nutrituous fluid, and giving old man Supply Demand a chance to rebuild some economic fences, arouse them from this Rip Van Winkle sleep and if any reveal symptoms of nostalgia there may be room in the psychopathic wards to accommodate them and the "repression" will have passed."

—Check.

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Prosperity Will Return

By Samuel Rosinger

Prosperity will return—

When scanning the quotation of stocks in the daily papers, will become as out of date with the average citizen, as solving cross-word puzzles, or reading the horoscope. Were prosperity to return now, the stock-gambling we would indulge in, would skyrocket prices into the stratosphere, and would eclipse by far the spree preceding the last crash;

When production in industry, as well as agriculture, will be so stabilized that it will amply supply the need, without glutting the markets with surplus, and will furnish steady and not seasonal employment;

When throat-cutting competition in commerce and industry will be replaced by good will and co-operation, accruing to the benefit of both producer and consumer, and not result in exploitative monopolies;

When the fruit of science, as represented by invention of machinery that makes mass-production possible, and enables the development of the natural resources of the country on unprecedented scales, will not be gobbled up, speaking comparatively, by a handful of pickers, but will feed all those who are responsible for the intense cultivation of this tree of life and its heavy yield of blessings;

When we will not enact laws to fit angels, and break them with the gusto of gangsters;

When we will have a President entertaining the conviction that the Government is made for the people and not vice versa;

When we will realize that a life of labor is more conducive to happiness than ease, opulence and indolence;

When we will try to put into life as much as we hope to get out of it.

"Attendance is the Price of Membership"

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ROTARY VISITORS

The following visitors were present at last week's luncheon:

J. F. Dezauche, Opelousas, La.
J. O. Davis, Houston, Tex.
W. O. Hoffmeyer, Hattiesburg, Miss.
J. C. DeShong, Paris, Tex.
Ted Magill, Dallas, Tex.
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Ivan Singleton, City.

—Rotarygrams—

Slants At The Meeting

"Been out where West is wet and Rio Grande roars account foul plug and weak end not able be present get some other Milton Bacon or Shakespeare write the Slants.—Check."

In the place where invocation might have been, President Jim read the above collect telegram and made the only possible plausible selection from the entire membership in accordance therewith. It is suggested that Rotarians re-reading Check's collect telegram place the commas ad lib.

Will Campbell introduced the visitors and outside of being unable to read writin' right, did very well. Anyhow, who can blame Will when DeZauche is pronounced "Himself."

Miss Margaret Brock, daughter of Rotarian Vernon Brock, graciously received the visitors.

Sam O'Baugh led in the singing of America but placed an unusual effort on some 160 beautifully modulated Rotarian voices by singing off-key. Sam either sharpened or flatted which after all ain't so bad for an Arkansas boy.

President Jim announced that the meeting was

the proper occasion for a review of our Constitution but since the Constitution has been amended so extensively in recent years he felt entirely justified in accepting Johnny Southwell's program. Johnny was introduced and blushing bowed in silence, which was all either he or his committee had to do with the program.

Rotarian Captain Clifford P. Chapman was presented and took charge of the meeting. The Captain resplendent in new uniform, introduced some twenty Reserve Officers who were present and introduced Captain John R. McCann who removed the microphone and proceeded to explain the important position held by the organized Reserve Officers in the United States.

Some of the high points in Captain McCann's address are as follows:

The National Defense Act of 1920 provides for a regular army of 165,000 officers and men but Congressional appropriations only provided funds sufficient to maintain 100,000 out of which number only 52,000 men and officers are immediately available for defensive warfare, a very small nucleus when an army of 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 would be required in a great National emergency.

A second division of the National Defense Act is provision for the National Guard, which group should be available on thirty days notice.

The third unit provided by the defense act is represented by the Reserve Officers and draft provisions which must supply fully 70 per cent of any sizeable army.

Appropriations and facilities, however, only give the Organized Reserve Officers about two weeks training in five years. In theory there should be two weeks training each year but there are five times as many officers as there are funds and facilities.

On account of the above conditions, opportunities for voluntary training are given the organized Reserve Officers through Troop Schools held each Wednesday night and Captain Chapman is located in Beaumont for the purpose of contacting with Reserve Officers, having charge of the Schools both here and at Port Arthur, thus giving an earnest group of not quite 200 men an opportunity to keep fit and in training for that untoward time, should it ever come, when the Nation again calls them to duty. These men faithfully do their work, not only with the school but keep up their organization of Reserve Officers on their own time and at their own expense simply because they realize the great responsibility of practical preparedness in case a National emergency should ever arise.

Captain McCann stated forcefully and repeatedly that no Reserve Officer, in fact no man who had actually been in war, desired more war but that a strong well organized and trained group of Reserve Officers in the Nine Corps Areas of the United States represent a type of Insurance which merits the understanding support of the Nation.