

"He Profits Most Who Serves Best"

A Rare Opportunity

By Samuel Rosinger

The triangular piece of ground which came into the city's possession with the extension of Orleans Street has such rare advantages as a site for a public monument, that from a civic standpoint it would be criminal to dispose of it for any other purpose. The site, on one side, faces the new federal building, and nothing would give that structure a more appropriate setting than the monument of an outstanding patriot, whose self-sacrificing labors helped to establish and perpetuate our government.

The acute angle of the property points toward Broadway, one of our longest residential avenues, and the other side faces Orleans Street, one of our most important business thoroughfares. With the completion of the postoffice, a stream of traffic will constantly surge by this strip of land, and, therefore, were a statue to be erected on it, countless thousands would daily view it, and be stimulated by its artistic qualities and patriotic motives. The erection of a business structure on that property would only aggravate the traffic hazard, which the convergence of so many streets has created.

This year marks the Washington Bi-Centennial, and the erection on that site of a monument to the Father of our country would be a most fitting way to celebrate that historic event, and to perpetuate the ideals of patriotism of which Washington is the embodiment. I appeal to all patriotic, civic and religious bodies to unite in an effort to save this valuable site for a noble civic purpose. Let pressure be brought upon the city government against its disposal for commercial purposes. Even in these lean years, neither an individual, nor a city can live by bread alone, for the hungry soul craves satisfaction as much as a starved body.

I do not urge the immediate realization of this project, which may take many years of concerted labor, but by all means let us save the site most suitable for it. I also call upon our press to arouse and keep alive public sentiment, which, if it asserts itself in behalf of any worthy object, usually realizes its purpose.

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Slants at the Meeting

A casual glance at the Rotary Ledger reveals three feminine figures standing out conspicuously on the right side for "credits". They are to Rotary entertainment what Government Bonds are to the financial world; you can always "cash in" on them. Mrs. Lena Milam, Miss Ann Sproule and Miss Miriam Widman are the Three Graces to whom we tip the chalice of good cheer.

There may be others willing, to whom the privilege of Services has not come but the names of these three are emblazoned on the fair escutcheon of this Club.

There are about a dozen men in this club who are the Gibaltars of our Fortifications and they stand out with that "Prudential" strength so requisite to battle against inertia and inanity. To these we doff our hats in recognition and appreciation. (A list furnished only by 'permission of the copyright owners').

The above is written in the spirit of just "balancing the budget" boys, and with the hopes it may be an inspiration for the diffident and the indifferent to scale the craggy cliffs of Service.

Last week we had a breezy invitation, laden with bon mots and ribald humor, to visit our neighboring city Lufkin to hear some of the high lights of the Refinance Corporation.

We were assured the wild moose milk had been aged, the ways paved and the cells padded. A hearty reception awaits you by the officers. You are as welcome as the flowers that bloom in May, and if you are not too blooming gay you MAY get by.

This was a friendly gesture of our Neighbor, so tighten-up old Lizzie (not too tight), feed her a little East Texas gas and on your way to the tall pines where cordiality and concoctions await you.

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A Sense of Poverty

If you wish to give a man a sense of poverty, give him a thousand dollars," wrote Thoreau. "The next hundred dollars he gets will not be worth more than ten that he used to get."

He explains: "In my experience I have found nothing so truly impoverishing as what is called wealth, i.e., the command of greater means than you had before possessed, however few and slight, for you thus inevitably acquire a more expensive habit of living, and even the very same necessities and comforts cost you more than they once did. Instead of gaining, you have lost some independence, and if your income should be suddenly lessened, you would find yourself poor, though possessed of the same means which once made you rich."

Most of us have observed this truth. It is one of the baffling facts of life. Whether we have a hundred dollars or a hundred thousand dollars, the poor-house is just around the corner. Every dollar that we add to our principal seems to create two dollars of potential liabilities. It is a sort of race. We are striving to take a dollar away from the man ahead of us, and the man behind is trying to collect two dollars from us. Whatever our takings may be, the man behind always tries to double.

—Rotarygrams—

A woman seldom comes out of a sullen spell until she's sure her husband has suffered as much as she thinks he should.

Fundamentals

There may be disagreement as to the proper remedy for the ill, but it is generally agreed that the farm industry is sick. Withholding large amounts of cotton and grain from the market, and curtailing acreage plantings, may be of material assistance in getting the industry back on its feet, but it is problematical whether these two important prescriptions can effect a permanent cure. The increasing interest which is being manifested in the growing of home gardens may be the biggest factor yet developed toward agricultural stabilization. At least it indicates that out of the present economic situation a great many people will learn that, so far as the food problem is concerned, they can be much more independent than they have thought.

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Growing of foodstuffs in Texas may demand a bit more attention, and require more in the way of precaution against insects and disease, than is the case in a northern climate, but we have the tremendous advantage of ability to grow stuff every month in the year. Certainly there is no good reason why people of this state should go hungry, whatever might happen to the country's economical situation.

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It will do the people of this state good to find out just how generous the soil and the climate is, when given proper encouragement and co-operation.

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We often think of what a farmer friend said a year or so ago about his experience of many years on a farm. While he had his worries, he said, getting something to eat was not one of them. He had always had plenty, and of wide variety. There seems no reason why this should not be the case with everyone, and especially with those who make their homes upon the soil.

—Rotarygrams—

An English newspaper asked its readers to suggest a retort that might have been made to Solomon when he bade someone "go to the ant—consider her ways and be wise."

Of the following replies, the last was given the prize.

"I went to the ant, great monarch; considered her folly, and slept."

"Better be an idle fool than a busy one."

"I returned, and saw . . . that the race is not to the swift."

"Slumber is sweeter than toil; and dreams rise higher than ant-hills."

"To an ant, to teach thee there's no labouring i' the winter.—King Lear, 11., 4."