

## Timely Topics

By Samuel Rosinger

Last week, in the company of a fellow-worker, I called on a number of our prominent citizens in behalf of a social service institution of our community. I met with a hearty welcome, and was given, in a most gracious spirit, handsome contributions for the cause I represented. One of the donors accompanied his gift with the following remarks: "I feel grateful to the community which has given me an opportunity to make a success of my vocation, and I am happy to contribute as generously as my means permit, to its material growth and spiritual prosperity. All I owe my children is giving them a good education and helping them to get a start in life. Were I to give them, or leave them more, I would rob them of some of life's most valuable experiences that can be acquired only by struggle and self-help. Therefore, whatever contributions I make to worthy causes, I can, and do give them with a joyous heart." I wish that many more well-to-do fathers would adopt the attitude of this citizen and would spare their children from ruination by bequeathing to them wealth for which they have not toiled and which only one in ten thousand knows how to use for his own benefit and the welfare of his fellowmen.

While on the subject of giving, I would urge every man of wealth to give of his means as much as he can, during his lifetime, and not defer his benefactions until after death. Why not enjoy the fruit of one's generosity in this life, and see the good it accomplishes with one's own eyes. Leaving philanthropic bequests in one's will, savors of an attempt to buy one's entrance ticket into Heaven with money. Let us perform deeds of loving kindness in life, and the joy and happiness which we have brought into sorrowing hearts, will open Heaven to us even while we yet tarry on earth.

Our state Legislature has certainly not covered itself with glory by voting down the humanitarian Child Labor Amendment, nor has the Democratic party rendered this nation a distinguished service by repudiating its own campaign pledge and defeating the bill to join the World Court. Even as no individual is self sufficient, so no nation, no matter how powerful, can realize its Divine destiny in a state of proud isolation. In spite of our present provincialism, this nation, no less than the world, will accord Woodrow Wilson the third niche in the hall of fame of American statesmen, and his immortal creation, the League of Nations, notwithstanding its present weakness and impotence, is destined to become the chief cornerstone of a world dedicated not to suicidal warfare, but to the peaceful pursuit of civilization.

# ROTARYGRAMS OF BEAUMONT



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### My Last Slant

Well, the U. S. Supreme Court has stalled off its decision on the gold question, but our constitutional body without unnecessary delay or a dissenting opinion favored offering Tyrrell park to the State so that we could secure sufficient funds from it and the federal government for necessary improvements and beautification. The Board's opinion was concurred in by the membership's unanimous vote.

Capt. Jones of the C. C. C. was introduced by Dan Dutton of the entertainment committee, who in turn presented a home-spun program offered by the boys who are doing a wonderful work in this section. A trio rendered a couple of barometrical vocal numbers beginning with "Stormy Weather" followed by "Rain" with hill-billy accompaniment of guitar, bones and harmonica. Then three of the boys with proper symphonic escort and hard boiled boots gave their individual versions of soft-shoe dances. Their terpsichorean efforts found a warm spot and hearty applause from the audience. Surely a bunch of boys who possess such splendid talent and ability to entertain five hundred of their fellow workers daily, for the past year, deserve a big hand which they received at the end of each number.

If the committee in charge of the Houston program on February 7, work as hard with their head as the C. C. C. boys did with their feet, we will certainly give our bayou brethren a show what is. Remember the Houston club instituted our club just 22 years ago, so let us remember this anniversary by sending over a large delegation.



## Shall We Get Up Steam?

Of the countless good stories attributed to Artemus Ward, the best, perhaps, is the one which tells of the advice which he gave to a Southern railroad conductor soon after the Civil War. The road was in a wretched condition and the trains were consequently run at a phenomenally low rate of speed. When the conductor was punching his ticket, Artemus remarked: "Does this railroad company allow passengers to give it advice, if they do so in a respectful manner?"

The conductor replied in gruff tones that he guessed so.

"Well," Artemus went on, "it occurred to me that it would be well to detach the cowcatcher from the front of the engine and hitch it to the rear of the train, for you see we are not liable to overtake a cow, but what's to prevent a cow from strolling into this car and biting a passenger?"

There are not a few businesses which have slowed down to about the speed of the train of this story, but perhaps their owners, rather than follow Artemus Ward's advice, could let their cowcatchers stay on in front and avoid the danger of bovine attack from the rear by now increasing speed. It may require a deal of hard work and no little resourcefulness, but the road bed ahead of us in 1935 seems to have fewer curves and, after all, the only way to obtain momentum in business is to get up steam.—The Southwestern Ambassador.

—R—

A lady reader calls our attention to a news clipping which stated that 11 per cent more men than women were crazy.

What of it! The question is, who drove them crazy?

—R—

Don't expect too much of any code. Think how long it is taking to put over the extremely simple one Moses presented—Tucson Citizen.

—R—

If we moderns are so smart why dont we have square plates so we could take a fork and chase peas into a corner?

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## Tolerance

In a recent issue of "Bagology," the house organ of the Chase Bag Co., there appeared an article which appealed to us as so needed in these times of divergent opinions, that we are passing it on to you.

"No two people are exactly alike. They are not alike in looks, mental and emotional equipment, or in their philosophy of life. Failure to adjust themselves to this fact causes some people distress and uneasiness as long as they live.

"They spend their days and years in striving to compel others to see things as they see them, to do as they do, and to think as they think. They regard their own likes and dislikes as above reproach. They would be insulted if they were asked to alter their own conduct, although they consider it their right to meddle in the affairs of others.

"The world would be happier if a spirit of kindly tolerance could be cultivated, and if each were allowed to go his own way, limited only by the obligation not to annoy or impose on others.

"Some persons like games of cards, but others are bored by the sight of cards. Some like golf, but others think of the game as a way of ruining a pleasant afternoon in the country. Some men like to see their wives enjoy an after-dinner cigarette, but others are distressed by the sight of a woman smoking.

"To recognize this inevitable disparity in people is a test of wisdom. It is possible to learn to like people because they are different. The art of being at ease with all kinds and conditions of men is one of the graces of a civilized man."—The Southwestern Ambassador.