

Timely Topics

By Samuel Rosinger

I, for one, believe that a cabinet member commits a political blunder, if he enters in a personal controversy with a spit-fire of the Huey Long type. A vulgarian from the sticks may resort to mud-slinging and invective-hurling, but a high official representing the government, must not descend to his level. At any rate, the country is tired of the hailstorm of invectives with which it has been pelted of late. Whenever one resorts to invectives, he lacks cogent reasons and conclusive arguments with which to bolster up his case. Be that as it may, the dictatorship that Huey is setting up in his home state differs only in degree, but not in kind from the one that is being established in Washington. Washington set a bad precedent in subjecting the Constitution to the tricks of the contortionist. Bungling imitators are liable to give that basic law such a violent twist that it may become permanently crippled and never again resume its normal and natural form.

Of the billions the government has recently been authorized by Congress to spend for relief, a goodly slice could be spent for the establishment of trade and technical schools. What this country needs are scientifically trained mechanics, and not the botching tinkers that usurp their places. Why a fellow who has taken a few automobiles to pieces, and, probably, never put them back right again, should be permitted to open a shop and wreck a person's decent car under the pretext of repairing it, and to boot, collect a stiff fee for this malpractice, I do not know. Mechanics in all lines of work should be licensed, and be required to undergo a scientific education and pass a stiff examination for their efficiency before a competent board.

It is a commendable effort and a worthwhile goal to operate the city on a cash basis, provided the economies effected are not practised at the expense of employees. But when a balanced budget is obtained at the cost of those workers on whose honesty and industry the efficiency of the administration rests, the balanced budget is a false and fictitious value. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and the rapidly mounting cost of living imperatively demands the restoration, in some measure, of the two cuts made in the salaries of the city's employees. Under good management, decent wages never fail to pay rich dividends.

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Slants at the Meeting

Uncle Charley gave Lil Dimmitt credit for knowing his committee last week, but we haven't made up our mind whether that was just a subtle indictment or not.

This method of dividing the club into groups and assigning each a number of programs for the year seemed at the time efficacious; but in the light of recent events it has out-lived its usefulness . . . enthusiasm has waned and efficiency departed.

A lot of the committeemen manifest about as much zeal over a program as a corpse does over his own funeral. The chairman usually being left as helpless as a dried herring in a swimming contest.

We are not particularly caustic about this group and we do sympathize with Lil Dimmitt, but in our dumb fashion we sensed enough inertia there to stifle a thousand programs. We hope the new administration will adopt a different system.

Now don't be silly and come and ask us for advice . . . that's not our job. Turning out these myopic slants against the background that's presented from time to time is as difficult now as making an old fool realize a young flapper isn't worshipping his athletic build but working his financial standing.

The three young ladies who sang were delightful and their accompanist is a gifted artist. There was enough talent to put over several programs, but the arrangement was terrible. One of the young ladies is an excellent soloist; another a dramatic ingenue; and the third a violinist of rare ability.

Well maybe we do feel bad today and tomorrow worse. Anyway we are going to let these comments stand whether they have a salutary effect or not.

—Check.

Anent the panaceas that have infested the body politic we are quoting below a poem by Arthur Lippman dedicated to the most ardent of the authors.

You can take your choice of \$200 per month, Share the Wealth or subscribe to EPIC.

To balance the budget is not the intent
Of Sinclair, Townsend and Long.
A penny that's saved is a dollar that's spent
With Sinclair, Townsend and Long.
So print paper money and clutch at the straws.
To reason this season is treason because
We now have a three-headed Santa Claus:
Sinclair, Townsend and Long!

"Get something for nothing! You needn't produce!"
Say Sinclair, Townsend and Long.
"The eagle will lay golden eggs—like the goose!"
Say Sinclair, Townsend and Long.
"There's plenty of cash in the National Till.
So step to the counter and pocket your fill.
Your grandchildren's children will settle the bill!"
Say Sinclair, Townsend and Long.

The world is so full of a number of plans
Like Sinclair's, Townsend's and Long's.
And each of the plans has an army of fans,
Like Sinclair, Townsend and Long.
So fall into line with a full dinner pail,
And sing as you swing over hill, over dale:
"For God and for country—and also for kale
With Sinclair, Townsend and Long!"

—Arthur L. Lippman.

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Our innate modesty renders us loath to suggest any candidate but we would feel derelict of duty if we did not inform you that District Governor Dick Hawkins advocates the sending of your Editor of Rotarygrams to Mexico City, and we want to parenthetically remark that there have been some of the most ardent adherents of frugality we have ever encountered on the old board. In fact we have been badly 'frugaled' out of several trips, and if you don't vote for these "tights" you will not incur our enmity or sustain a breach of diplomatic relations.

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Odds and Ends

Behannon is perhaps the most deliberate young man ever undertaking the job of introducing the guests. Enunciation good; volume ample. O. K. Bee.

Cooke Wilson is announcing his efforts to improve the sound in the Rows Rum, inspired the prayer from a wise-cracker that he might also improve the programs.

A few men we would like to see get on their feet and tell something of their business . . . George Adams, Alex Feigelson and Dick Morris.

This is a suggestion to Will Johnson that if he will arrange a program with the above men we will give him the front page, the back page and intervening pages for a write-up.

The decorum much improved last week after Sam spilled a few drops of vitriol on the sensitive epidermis of the babblers.

Remember when you vote for 10 directors this week one of this lot will be your president next year. So cast your vote only for those you would like to see on the elevated dais.

Our good friend, Lewis Fox, editor of Fort Worth ROTAGRAPH, has the following, on the front page of every issue:

"That others may take courage. Let us think highly. Speak kindly. Act bravely."

An admirable motto, we say.

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LUFKIN, District Conference May 6-7

MEXICO CITY, Intl. Convention . . June 17-25

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Houston had her Conference Monday and Tuesday with about 800 registrations.

Beaumont sent over a quota of unofficial observers but account of their night assignments we can't give a full report now.