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TIME TO RESOLVE

The time of year has come when the human mind looks into the future with better purposes in view. New resolutions have been made—too many, however, by reason of a long established custom rather than a real desire to reach that high standard of morality necessary to make the world better. But because life fails to reach perfection is no reason why we should abandon efforts to approximate it. The man who has resolved to do good and made a partial failure is better than he who has made no effort.

Though we may picture the ideal life with all its possibilities, there may be some doubt as to our ability to realize it, but if all mankind would even attempt to approximate that high standard, if the world at large would attempt to reach that ideal life, conditions in the social and commercial world would be greatly improved.

There is no teacher greater than our past; there is no system of obtaining knowledge equal to those backward flights of the mind to the paradise where we are drawn backward by added years and by life's troubles. If we were privileged to return could we not, with the added knowledge which years have brought, give a more certain trend toward manhood to the acts of that period? And can we not, in a measure, place ourselves beside this latter child, a child with him, and lead him to that higher plane of which true manhood is the summit?

This seems to be an appropriate time of the year for good resolutions. Just now, when we have witnessed the celebration in honor of the anniversary of Him who came to

save the world, we appreciate more completely the significance of that expression from the angel of the Lord: "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Subsequently we are told by St. Luke, "There was a multitude praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men.'" For 1911 years that influence has been felt, and at the close of this Christmas occasion and the beginning of a new page in the world's history, is filled with good cheer and gratitude to a higher than any known earthly power. The occasion is accompanied by a desire to try to reach that higher ideal in life. Failure to accomplish this standard is perhaps due to the fact that people forget that the physical basis of life is not altogether what we eat and what we drink and what we wear, although all these are essential; but character is the one important thing necessary to fit us for the greater inheritance which has been prepared for us before the world was, or the foundation of the earth was laid. We are so apt in this hurry and worry of business life, to forget what we are in this world for; we are apt to become engrossed in the bread and butter question. The burden has been laid heavily upon fathers and mothers for the support of the family, and many of them have always felt that this life simply means bread and butter and something to wear. So many parents think they are doing their full duty if physical wants are supplied in the home. They work hard for their children and leave a large amount of property and wealth, but frequently when they come to the point where they want the boy and girl to take their places it is learned that the vocation has lost its charms. This is because the parents have forgotten to educate the moral and spiritual nature.

Editor Browne, of the Independence Enterprise issued a very handsome number of his newspaper last Friday. It is filled with illustrations of the city and accompanying booster articles that will spread the fame of Independence abroad. The cuts are very well printed on a fine quality of book paper and the entire issue is a credit to the city and its enterprising publisher.—Polk County Observer.

Shire and Belgian

We ended last week in speaking of the horse which Schaffer Bros. purchased from J. B. Trask. One of the horses is a registered Belgian and the other a Shire. This only adds to the worth of the horses, Guiseppe de St. Denis, No. 3129, is a beautiful bay Belgian horse, with a star in his forehead, foaled in 1906, and is as active a horse for one of his size and kind, that we ever saw. Burckendon Puck, No. 9146, the Shire, is a bay with a small star in forehead and front right fore leg white, and was foaled in 1904. The horses were purchased by Henry, J. A. and Robert Schaffer of this city, and they will serve the coming season at Independence and intervening points.

This kind of stock is a credit to any section and we congratulate the Messrs Schaffer upon securing such animals.

The Bean Guessing Contest at Rowe's Jewelry Store Closed on Christmas day. The exact number of beans in the jar was 2532 and the nearest guess was 2550 on coupon No. 319, for the first prize, the person holding this coupon has not yet been found, look at your coupons and if this one is with yours you are the lucky one.

The second and third prizes were tied by six, guessing the same number (2500) on coupons Nos. 312; 304; 389; 138; 364; 199; as soon as we can find the owners of these six coupons we will draw for the lucky ones.

Baraca Class Meets

The Baraca Class of the Baptist Sunday School, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nickelson on Friday evening, for their semi-annual election. The following officers were elected: Ernest Ewing, President; D. Purvine, Vice President; Elmer Miller, Secretary; Irvine Russell was elected treasurer.

Some of the Philathens were also present and after the business a very pleasant time was spent in amusements.

A lunch was served. The new president wishes to invite any young men not attending elsewhere, to come and join in our work and play.

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