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ANOTHER CHRISTMAS

Another Christmas season is here. This will make thirty-six annual and consecutive times that the present editor of The Herald and News has sent the greetings of the season to the great family of the paper.

Some of the young members of the family will say that it is a long time. Well, looking forward it is a long time, but looking backward it seems but yesterday. During that time we have been tossed and beaten by the waves of many stormy seas, and the journey has not been free from its trials and hardships, and yet there have been many pleasant places and many delightful oases. The breakers many times have been high and strong and the riding has been difficult, and we might say the storm is still raging. But the people of Newberry have been kind and considerate, and we have always had in mind what is best for all the people, and we have the satisfaction that nothing has been set down or writ in malice, but always with an eye single to that which we conceived to be for the best interests of the people of this community.

And many times before the Christmas of 1887, has The Herald and News carried messages of cheer and good will to the people of this community, because the old paper has been here for more than three quarters of a century, and we hope it may be able to ride the breakers for many many more years, and carry its message of hope and good cheer, and be able to sympathize with those who are passing under the rod.

As we have often remarked before, we believe that a country newspaper such as The Herald and News, should come in close personal contact with its big family of readers, and sympathize with them when they mourn, and rejoice with them when they are happy. In other words, there should be that close personal relation that exists, or should exist, in the family. Many of the readers and subscribers of the paper today were not born when we began our connection with it, and yet we are young with them and try to keep their viewpoint, and at the same time keep the elbow touch with those who have grown up with us in the community and have been readers of the paper all the years.

And to all of them we are permitted again to send the greetings of the season, and this we do, and wish for every one the right sort of enjoyment and happiness on this the greatest of all the festivals of the year. Without the birth of the Christ there would be no hope for the human race. Without the manger and the cross and the resurrection this would indeed be a lost and a hopeless world and the future would be dark and gloomy.

This season means the greatest gift to man, and should be one of good will and peace. "Peace on earth, good will to men," was what the star in the east meant to the shepherds as they tended their flocks on the hills, and that is what it means to us today, but there will be no peace until we get righteousness and right thinking into the hearts of men and women, the same spirit that was in the angels when they sent forth this cry to the shepherds nineteen hundred years ago.

It is the season when we should bear gifts and good will to all men, and unless you have that same spirit you are not properly and fittingly celebrating the great event. The best way to celebrate the Christmas is to make someone else happy, help those who are in need by bearing gifts, and always remember the poor and the children.

Some two years ago Miss Carrie Greneker, who but a few days ago went to join the angel host, sent us the beautiful poem by James Russell Lowell, accompanying it by the following personal note. For some reason we did not print it then, but it will be fitting and appropriate at this time. Her personal note reads as follows: "This would be good for the paper on the first page, would you please use it? Or ask The Idler, everybody would see it if he put it in his column, and they could not help reading it." The Idler has not written anything for a long time, but we hope he will resume soon. We will not print it on the first page but in our column. We extend the greetings of the season to all the readers of The Herald and News, and where there are vacant chairs around the hearthstone that were not vacant last Christmas time may you have consolation in the fact that the Prince of Peace is born and that He was born

that you might have hope of a brighter day and that the morning will come, when there shall be no more sorrow.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

By James Russell Lowell

"What means this glory round our feet,"
The Magi mused, "more bright than morn?"

And voices chanted clear and sweet,
"Today the Prince of Peace is born."

"What means that star," the shepherds said,

"That brightens through the rocky glen?"

And angels, answering overhead,
Sang, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

'Tis eighteen hundred years and more

Since those sweet oracles were dumb.

We wait for Him, like them of yore.

Alas, He seems so slow to come.

But it was said in words of gold

No time or sorrow e'er shall dim,
That little children might be bold

In perfect trust to come to Him.

All round about our feet shall shine

A light like that the wise men saw

If we our loving wills incline

To that sweet life which is the law.

So shall we learn to understand

The simple faith of shepherds then,

And clasping kindly hand in hand,

Sing "Peace on earth, good will to men!"

And they who do their souls no wrong,

But keep at eve the faith of morn,

Shall daily hear the angel song.

"Today the Prince of Peace is born!"

"TOO MANY ENGLISH SPARROWS TALKING STATESMANSHIP"

Dr. E. W. Sikes, president of Coker college, was one of the principal speakers at the American Education week rally held in Columbia last week. In his address he made some strikingly strong statements, as follows:

"The educational line is our firing line now, and all the strength used in the war is needed in peace."

"Teachers are not paid enough to make their work a profession."

"The influence of parents must be used to keep the children in school. The false conception that causes a man to say, 'my boy has as much education as I had, and that's good enough for him,' must be removed."

"Cutting a few dollars off some fellow's salary causes more discussion in the legislature than a comprehensive school program."

"We have too many English sparrows talking statesmanship in South Carolina. I would like to see some man launch a campaign to double the appropriations for schools and guarantee a high school education to every boy and girl in South Carolina. The men who pay the taxes are willing. The man who pays the least and gets the most benefit is the man who opposes education."

Every one of these declarations by Doctor Sikes is true. The Piedmont concurs most heartily in the last. State Superintendent of Education John E. Swearingen, who has always championed economy in the expenditure of the public money, has estimated that the state must spend at least \$8,000,000 more on its public schools before they can approximate prevailing and desirable standards. Compare South and North Carolina. This year South Carolina is spending a little more than \$9,000,000 on its public schools, while North Carolina is spending \$37,000,000. That's one reason why North Carolina is so far ahead of South Carolina.

One of the South's greatest educational statesmen in the last half century was Walter H. Page of North Carolina, distinguished editor and ambassador to Great Britain during the World war. Many years ago he launched an indictment against North Carolina that is true today of South Carolina:

"From the days of King George to this day, the politicians of North Carolina have declaimed against taxes, thus laying the foundations of our poverty. It was a misfortune for us that the quarrel with King George happened to turn on taxation—so great was the dread of taxation that was instilled into us."

The people of South Carolina want better schools and are going to have them, despite the demagoguery of self-seeking politicians and timid legislators. The slogan of the new popular educational movement is: "South Carolina wants the best there is, and can afford to pay for it."

The above is copied from the Greenville Piedmont and we copy it here to give as much prominence as we can to what Dr. Sikes has to say on this very important subject, and also the comments of The Piedmont.

There are a lot of English sparrows talking other things besides states-

Christmans Greetings

The Commercial Bank of Newberry desires to extend to its patrons and friends, and indeed, every person in Newberry County, its best wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Our message to each one of you is to forget past mistakes, and make them stepping stones to renew efforts and endeavors and a more hopeful outlook to the future knowing confidently that if we do our full duty, work and conserve our resources to the limit, even greater happiness and prosperity will be our portion at the end of the coming New Year. Count your many blessings and not your failures, and all things will be right.

JOHN M. KINARD, President

manship, and we are afraid the great trouble is that too many of them are lacking in vision. They can not see far enough, or at least they make no effort to increase their vision. And then there are too many with the purely selfish spirit, and they can see only themselves, and the trouble is with this nearsighted vision, they do not see what is really best for them.

These English sparrows talk about taxes, and when the thing is brought down to its last analysis the ones that do the loudest talking, as a rule, are the ones who pay the least taxes and get the greatest benefit from the taxes that are paid. And that, strange to say, is more largely true of education and schools than almost any other one thing. The man who has property and pays taxes that count, is generally big enough and broad enough, and has sufficient vision to see that even from a purely selfish standpoint his tax for the school is the best investment he makes, and it pays the biggest dividend.

What we need most just now from an education or school standpoint is really not so much more money, though there is need for more money to have a worth while system of schools, but we really need more education for our dollars that we are paying just now. And one way to get that, is, as far as possible, to get rid of many of our little schools that are simply struggling, and not getting very far along the way, and where this can be done it is always to the benefit of the child, but the trouble is to get the people to see it. Take our own county of Newberry, we are not getting near what we should get if we would see the advantage of putting many of our schools together, and instead of the one teacher have two or three or even four teachers, and then in many places in the rural communities we could have state high schools. But until some one is given authority to do this, and has the nerve to do it, and to stand the criticism that would come to him for doing that which is best for the children of the county, we are going to continue to have these little schools, because the people have not the vision to see the advantage of bettering them. After it is done then they would bless the one who did the job, but who be unto him while it is being done. In many localities in our own county it is costing from one hundred dollars up per annum per child to pay teachers even in the class of schools that are maintained for six and seven months. Some places a consolidation of two or more schools is not practical, and in these we need the very best teacher that can be obtained, and at a salary that would command that class of teacher, but too many people have an erroneous idea that any sort of teacher is fitted for this work, and the child suffers. But we are making progress and improvement and gradually getting the vision. And we must keep hammering the truth home and after a while the scales will fall, but the great trouble about that is the children who are passing along now will not travel this road again.

Mr. Mills in his farm column calls attention to what two farmers are doing in the matter of diversifying crops. It is the same old story that The Herald and News has told you for the past thirty-five years. First make your farm self-sustaining by growing on the farm what you need for the farm and then grow cotton. And in addition sell some of the surplus food stuff. The truth is, the southern farmer has always thrown away enough to feed twice as many people as he had on the farm. We are just now beginning to learn to save and to conserve our resources. We have the finest country in the world, but we have always been too profligate of our resources. The boll weevil has done good in the matter of making us realize what we could do in this country on the farm. The day of the renter is passing, and as some one remarked the other day, the town farmer is passing also. You must live on the farm to make it pay.

If we can see straight Col. A. K. Saunders, superintendent of the penitentiary, made a strong defense against the pre-election charges of the parlor prison reformers of the Public Welfare board.—Calhoun Times.

We agree with you most heartily, doctor, and it looks very much like a political lineup. This state board of charities is right in a good many things as we see it, but there is too much supervision. And the whole business is based on theories that are largely impractical. We believe in humane treatment of criminals and that punishment should not be for the sake of punishment alone but we may carry that theory entirely too far, so that a great many of the criminal class would fare much better in prison than out.

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MEMORY of MONEY

As the old year passes out and the new year comes in, shouldn't every one take an inventory of their financial condition? People can't now help or change the mistakes made in the past, but they can and should keep from making the same mistakes in 1923.

We wish every one would take time to memorize the following fourteen words, and act accordingly:

66 When you want it, we have it 99
When you have it, we want it

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