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TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1922.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

HAVE THE MIND OF CHEST:—Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.—Philippians-2: 5, 3.

CRIMINAL CARELESSNESS

In connection with the fire which occurred last night there is one thing which the authorities should look after and check up carefully. One of the hose wagons at least, which reported to the fire, had no fire plug wrench and it was stated that there was none at the hose house. This made this one line for the time being entirely ineffective. Such criminal carelessness on the part of the authorities, who are responsible for the safety of the town from fire, should not be condoned and someone should be made to answer for this negligence.

We have noted from time to time that the street contractors have been using the hose in connection with their work and have noted that many sections of the hose has been thoroughly soaked with mud and water, which will have a tendency to rot it unless properly cared for. Such damaged hose should be replaced by entirely new hose, and a careful check should be made to see that all is in good shape and that all wrenches and appliances are in place. The time may come when every single piece of equipment may be called into use and no criminal carelessness should be the cause of possible untold loss to the community.

THRIFT, HONESTY AND TRUE RELIGION

Through thrift, honesty and true religion is the remedy suggested by the greatest statistician of the world today for obtaining a return to good business.

What a platform on which to work; just the old fashioned virtues. It seems simple, does it not? Yet how hard it is for some to return to these virtues after the wild scramble for money and the orgy of spending during the golden days of the World War.

It does seem that what is needed more than anything else for a resumption of normal business is a return of confidence—a confidence and faith in the future, and a confidence in one another.

If each and every one will practice these virtues, will go aggressively after business, will practice true thrift and economy, he will surely reach his objective during the coming year. To many it will no doubt prove a hard lesson to learn, but the harder it may prove the surer will be the foundation when it is once attained.

Money is getting cheaper every day and will be more and more available for commercial purpose during the year, but it will be obtainable only for legitimate business purposes and not for wild speculation as in the days of reckless buying and spending just passed. We believe the upward trend is on and we believe that the man or business which seeks diligently for business, and practices the old fashioned virtues, will find it and that the year as a whole will prove to be a satisfactory one in every respect.

OBJECTIVES FOR 1922

The Commonwealth has stated its aims for the new year for town accomplishments as modern hotel accommodations, cannery, peanut products manufacturing plant and wood working plant, and it intends to hammer on these things until they are an assured fact.

We believe that the Chamber of Commerce should take just these few things up and make them the objective to be reached in accomplishment for the year. If these things can be done the future industrial progress of the town will be assured for all that is needed is a start along the road of industrial growth and the momentum gained will carry things along. First there must be the incentive, the storage battery, to give the starting power; when once this is put in motion such a current will be sent forth that the animation and latent power of the community will be aroused and the movement will be started. That is the most difficult stage. Once it is in motion it will be easy going in low gear at first and then there will be a gradual speeding up until second and high gears are reached. It shall be the purpose of this paper to generate just that current which is necessary to first turn the wheels and then it will be up to the commercial bodies and business interests to keep the wheels in motion. No objective is unattainable if we will go after it with the proper determina-

tion, so let us be up and doing and start the wheels moving towards the things we have determined upon for the New Year.

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