

BUCK GROVE LETTER

Buck Grove will celebrate. Jim O'Meara went to Defiance the first of the week. Mrs. A. F. Bonney went to Denison one day last week. Jack Welsh and wife went to Defiance last Saturday. S. M. Thew attended the exercises Friday evening at Denison. A magic lantern show in town last week drew out a good crowd. Jim Jones of Denison, was seen on our streets the first of the week. Lizzie Mitchell and Millie Bicknell went to Denison one day last week. The manager of the Stewart Lumber Co. was here on business last week. Pete Arndt returned to Merrill Iowa Sunday, where he expects to remain. Several of this vicinity attended the Woodmen celebration at Denison last Thursday. Several of our people took advantage of the excursion rates to Sioux City last Sunday. Kate Bills went to Denison last Saturday where she expects to remain for some time. Several citizens of this vicinity attended the commencement at Denison Friday evening. Denison callers last week were Messrs. Henry Tillett, John Kepford and Browley. The band boys went to Denison last Thursday to help furnish music. All report a pleasant time. John Green's horse ran away breaking the harness and buggy, but the horse came out all right. Pearl Bonney is home for a two weeks vacation. She intends to attend the summer school. Mrs. E. Thew and Jerome Thew attended the camp meeting at Denison Sunday, it being the last day. The ball game at Defiance last Saturday between Buck Grove and Defiance, came out in favor of Defiance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK IN CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Mr. Welton, district missionary of the Sunday School Union is doing some good work in this county, having organized two school in Hays township and one in Aspinwall within the last week and more to follow.

At its last session the board of supervisors approved the bond of Mr. D. P. O'Brien, the new deputy treasurer from Soldier township. The appointment takes effect July 1st. Mr. O'Brien is not much known in Denison but he comes with high reputation for honor and integrity from the people of his locality. Mr. A. B. Lorenzen, the faithful ex-treasurer and present deputy, is now in Chicago and we are unable to learn his plans for the future.

As Hon. J. P. Dolliver is talked of more as a vice-presidential candidate, discussion becomes rife as to his successor from the 10th Congressional district. It is a pleasure to note that in this discussion the names of Crawford county men are quite frequently mentioned. Thus far we have heard the names of Gov. L. M. Shaw, Hon. C. F. Kuehne and Judge J. P. Conner spoken of. To the best of our knowledge none of these gentlemen would be candidates for the honor. Gov. Shaw is well satisfied with his present high position. Mr. Kuehne would have great difficulty in leaving his business interests, and Judge Conner feels that his health is not sufficiently good to stand the strain of campaign, and he would be obliged to sacrifice large business interests should he enter the congressional race.

PICKETT PLEADS GUILTY.

Theatrical Swindler Is Sentenced to One Year in the Penitentiary. FORT DENSON, Ia., June 14.—Something of a sensation was created in the United States district court yesterday by an unexpected turn in the case of Samuel Pickett. The charge against Pickett was the use of the mails for fraudulent purposes. His special graft was advertising for advance agents and requiring a deposit of several hundred dollars, which he always appropriated. When the jury was empaneled Pickett arose and pleaded guilty to the charge, astounding his attorneys, who knew nothing of his purpose. It subsequently developed that there were officials at Fort Dodge with papers for his arrest on various charges from four states. Judge Shiras sentenced the prisoner to one year and a day in the state penitentiary.

A terrible accident occurred Thursday at the Hale mine, near Biwabik, Minn., by which five men, P. Stark, W. Hattal, L. Ohalvert, P. Hanson and O. Mook were killed by an explosion of dynamite. Thomas Bach Thursday shot and killed Mollie Bach, his 18-year-old adopted daughter, and then killed himself, at his home near Louisville, Ky., because the young woman was recently married secretly. Kirk Ketcher, a young white man of Little Rock, was bound over to the federal grand jury Thursday on a charge of compelling a negro census enumerator to leave Ketcher's house at the point of a shotgun. W. F. Lemond, a prominent business man of Fort Worth, while fishing at Cold Springs, Tex., Thursday, fell from a boat and was drowned in the lake. His son in attempting to rescue his father was also drowned.

REPEATING A GOOD STORY.

She Was Not a Drinker and Missed Its Point.

"My wife has just heard that old story about the man on the train and the corkscrew," said my neighbor. "The story goes this way: Man rises in a car and says, 'Is there a man from Bangor, Me., in the car?' 'No man gets up with an inquiring look on his face. 'I'm from Bangor,' says he. 'Well,' says the first feller, 'let me take your corkscrew.' 'My wife thought the story was pretty good. The other night I was out in the sitting room reading, and she was in the parlor talking with the woman from over the way. I had to stop reading and listen to this: 'Oh, say,' says my wife, 'I heard an awfully funny story the other day. Now, let me think a minute. Can't be that I've forgotten it. Let's see. Oh, yes. This is it. The other day on the train a man got up in the car all at once and shouted just as loud as he could, 'Is there a man from Bangor, Me., in this car?' Every one jumped and looked at the man. One person down near the door stood up and said, 'I'm from Bangor, sir.' The other man then said, 'Will you be kind enough to let me take your screwdriver?' There! Isn't that funny? 'He, he, he,' snickered the other woman a little easy. 'Yes, that's a real cute story; just as funny as it can be. But what did he mean? I guess I don't understand what it is about.' 'I could almost hear the wife thinking. Then she says: 'Well, my gracious, that doesn't sound so funny now. I wonder what the trouble is with it? Guess I didn't tell it right. But no matter. Oh, you were going to tell me about that new ribbon cake that—' and then I continued with my literary studies."—Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

How Would You Have Said It?

There is much in the way a thing is said. "Your cheeks are like roses," said Aunt Flora when Lois came in from a January walk, glowing from the cold and exercise. Lois smiled and looked lovingly at Aunt Flora. Aunt Margaret entered the room a minute later and glancing at Lois as she stood by the fire said: "My! Your face is as red as a beet!" The red grew deeper on Lois' face, while unconsciously she turned petulantly away from Aunt Margaret, who prides herself on being "plain spoken." Aunt Flora's way is best. She can say the right word at the right time, too, even the word of admonition and reproof, but she says it in such a manner that one can think only of the Scriptural "apples of gold in pictures of silver."—Ada C. Sweet in Woman's Home Companion.

Brief and Pithy.

An American law journal has quoted the charge to a jury delivered by a certain Judge Donovan as the shortest on record. The judge said: "Gentlemen of the jury, if you believe the plaintiff, find a verdict for plaintiff and fix the amount. If you believe the defendant, find a verdict for defendant. Follow the officer."

But an English periodical caps this brief charge by quoting a shorter one delivered by Commissioner Kerr. He said to a jury: "That man says prisoner robbed him. The prisoner says he didn't. You settle it."

Games Today.

Western League—Pueblo at Omaha; Denver at Des Moines; Sioux City at St. Joseph. Canadian League—Brooklyn at Boston; New York at Philadelphia. American League—Cleveland at Minneapolis; Buffalo at Milwaukee; Indianapolis at Chicago; Detroit at Kansas City.

WHEAT DECLINES ON RAINS.

Wet Spots on the Weather Map Depress the Market. CHICAGO, June 14.—The wheat market was depressed by rains in the northwest and the signal service prediction of showers for the Dakotas and Minnesota, July closing 1/2c under yesterday. Corn closed 1/2c lower and oats 3/4c improved. The provisions market closed 2 1/2c to 4 1/2c down. Closing prices: WHEAT—July, 75 1/2@77 1/2; Aug., 75 1/2@77 1/2; Cons—July, 80 1/2; Aug., 79 1/2; OATS—July, 23 1/2; Aug., 23 1/2; Pork—July, 111 1/2; Sept., 111 1/2; Ribs—July, 48 1/2; Sept., 48 1/2; CASH—July, 48 1/2; Sept., 48 1/2; CASH—No. 2 red wheat, 75 1/2@77 1/2; No. 2 spring wheat, 71 1/2@73 1/2; No. 2 cash corn, 87 1/2@90; No. 2 cash oats, 23 1/2@25.

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, June 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 11,000 steers; 100 cows; butchers' stock active; steady; natives, best on sale today, three carloads; western, best on sale today, three carloads; poor to medium, \$4.00@6.00; selected feeders, \$4.25@4.50; mixed stockers, \$3.50@4.00; cows, \$2.00@3.00; mostly 2 red wheat, 75 1/2@77 1/2; No. 2 spring wheat, 71 1/2@73 1/2; No. 2 cash corn, 87 1/2@90; No. 2 cash oats, 23 1/2@25.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, June 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 7,400; fairly active, closed steady to 1/2c lower; heavy steers, \$4.75@5.50; stockers and feeders, \$4.00@4.50; butchers' cows and heifers, \$3.20@3.50; 5.15; canners, \$2.50@3.20; fed westerns, \$4.00@5.15; Texans, \$3.75@4.75. Hogs—Receipts, 14,800; improved demand, prices averaged 1/2c lower; heavy, \$4.00@4.75; mixed, \$3.50@4.25; light, \$4.00@4.75. Sheep—Receipts, 2,700; all grades strong to shade higher; spring lambs, \$6.50@7.25; yearlings, \$5.00@6.75; Texas wethers, \$4.00@4.50; Texas lambs, \$5.00@6.75; feeders, \$3.50@4.50; culls, \$2.00@3.00.

MALCOM KIRK. A Tale of Moral Heroism In Overcoming the World. BY CHARLES M. SHELDON, Author of "In His Steps," "Crucifixion of Philip Strong," "Robert Hardy's Seven Days."

CHAPTER I. The senior class in the theological seminary at Hermon had just had its picture taken by the photographer, and the members were still grouped about the steps of the chapel. "There's one thing the photographer forgot," said a short, red faced man who sat in the middle of the group. "He didn't think to say, 'Look pleasant, now, if you please.'" "He didn't need to. We all look so, anyhow." The man who spoke sat immediately behind the first speaker and had his hands on the other's shoulders. "I'm sure we don't feel very pleasant. I mean, we are not pleased to think this is almost the last time we shall be together as a class," said a tall, delicate, pale faced man who was standing up at the top of the steps with his back against the door. He spoke in a quiet, low voice, and there was a hush after he spoke. There is as much sentiment among theological students as among any average number of professional men. In some directions there is more than among the like number of law or medical students. After a moment of silence some one began to ask questions about the future prospects of the class. The red faced, jolly looking young man in the center was going to take a church in northern Vermont. The man just behind him had received a call as assistant pastor of an institutional church in Philadelphia. The delicate featured student up by the chapel door was going to teach school a year and find a church as soon as he had paid off his college debts. Every member of the class had spoken of his prospects except one. This one sat on the extreme edge of the group, as if he had purposely chosen to be as inconspicuous as possible in the picture. A stranger carelessly walking by would have instantly judged him to be the homeliest, least interesting man in the class. He had dull brown hair, very heavy and stiff, pale blue eyes, a rather large mouth, the lips of which, however, were firm and full of character, high cheek bones and an unusually high forehead. His arms and legs were very long, and his general attitude, as he sat on the edge of the steps, was almost strikingly awkward. "Here's Kirk; hasn't said a word yet," cried the little man who had first spoken. "What are you going to do, Kirk?" Every member of the class turned and looked at the figure sitting on the edge of the group. It was noticeable that while several of the class smiled at the question, "What are you going to do?" there was no disrespect in the smile, and on every man's face was a look of real interest, amounting to an excited curiosity. Malcom Kirk smiled slightly as he looked up. He did not look at any member of the class in particular, but seemed to include them all in a friendly interest that was affectionate and gentle. "I don't know. I am waiting for a call. I've had one and accepted it, but I need another before I can go to work." Everybody stared. The man up by the chapel door had a look in his eye as if he understood what Kirk meant, but no one else seemed to catch his meaning. "My first call was from the Lord, several years ago. I feel perfectly satisfied with it. He wants me to preach. But so far none of the churches seems to agree with him. At least none of them has asked me to preach. So I'm waiting for my second call."

He spoke without the least touch of irreverence or even humor. The impression made on the class was a feeling of honest perplexity concerning the future prospects of Malcom Kirk. "I don't see," said the man who was to be the assistant pastor of the institutional church in Philadelphia, "why Kirk hasn't had a call to a large church. We all know he has more brains than all the rest of us put together. I think it is a shame the churches should pass by such a man and"— "It's easy enough to see the reason," Kirk spoke without the shadow of any irritation in his manner. "You fellows know as well as I do that brains under hair like mine don't count with the average city congregation." He laughed good naturedly, and the class joined him. Then some one said: "Why don't you dye it black, Kirk?" "I can't afford to," he replied gravely. "That isn't the only reason I don't get a call. I'm too awkward in the pulpit. Did I tell anybody the last time I preached in the Third church at Concord I knocked a vase of flowers off the pulpit with my elbow, and when it fell on the floor it waked up every officer in the church? Of course I never could expect to get a call from that church." Everybody laughed, and Kirk drew one of his feet up under him and smiled a little. At the same time no one could detect a trace of ill humor or lack of seriousness in his tone or manner. The first impression Malcom Kirk made on people was that of downright sincerity. The longer people knew him the stronger this impression grew.



"The German scholarship is awarded to Malcom Kirk." to go into the streets and speak from the tail end of a wagon and never have a parish. But I do want a parish and a people. I can love people like everything. I feel hungry to have a parish of my own." The other man was silent. He had never felt just like that, but he thought he could understand. "I hope you will have such a church some time. I would like to be a member of it." "Thank you!" Kirk smiled. "Wilson, if you were that church I would have a unanimous call. I am sure there is a work for me somewhere in God's great world, else why did he give me such a passion to speak to men and love them?" Malcom Kirk looked out across the great seminary campus and spoke with a conscious cry of heart longing. The beautiful June day was nearly gone. (Continued on Eighth Page)

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