

## News of Neighboring Localities

### KAMPEKA AND RICHLAND.

#### AGATES AND ASHES.

(By Agricola.)

It is hard for me to believe the tales of crime and cruelty on the part of the German army that come to us from the scenes of warfare, yet one is forced to accept them as true when press and persons assert them again and again as very facts. This war, these deeds of shame, this inhuman conduct will stamp Kaiser Wilhelm, his officers, his army, and, very unfortunately, thousands of his people who sincerely deny any such proceedings. If to besmirch one's name and rank, one's associates, an army, a people, a country, is patriotism, may God rob America of patriotism. If it is religion may we dispose, rapidly, of religion. If it is conquest of arms, heaven grant to keep our fair land from the conquest of arms. If it is needful for commercial supremacy, may God grant these United States will never know supremacy. I have clipped the following item bearing upon the German army's evil doings. It is from an English army officer in this country for a short time. Mind you there is no vital reason, no just cause, no inducement whatever, making it at all necessary to vilify the German army. They are vilifying themselves.

"Britain will sacrifice its last man before it will allow the Germans to win. We who have had some experience with the Germans know them pretty well. The crimes against women and children which they have committed in occupied territory have never been surpassed by any barbaric people. I have been in contact with cannibals and head-hunters and primitive people in all parts of Africa, India, the Malay Straits, Java and Sumatra, but I have never heard of conduct to prisoners and non-combatants that was anything near as vile and wicked as the conduct of the Germans in Belgium, Serbia, and other occupied regions."

Col. Gray cited losses suffered in the war up to the present. Casualties in killed and totally disabled, in all the belligerent countries, he said, exceed the combined population of Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Serbia, Greece and Montenegro. The total is placed at 15,000,000.

Note, please, the figures denoting the disabled and killed by this war to date, 15,000,000. Can you grasp, reader, that figure? At the end of our great rebellion the world stood agast when it was estimated that a million men had so been disabled or killed. Here is fifteen times that number, and the end is not yet in sight, apparently.

Another clipping says, in part: "Autocracy is the same dread monster it has always been. It remains unchanged, even in the light of 20th century progress. It is responsible for all wars, and if it is crushed now there will be no more wars. The right of might is the only right known to autocracy."

This declaration was made by Dr. Frederick Perry in an address before a Y. M. C. A. Dr. Perry recently returned from six months' service for the Y. M. C. A. in France.

"Like the Jews of old," the lecturer concluded, "the ruling class of the German people think they are the chosen people of God, and this blasphemous belief prompts all their acts. A great federation of democracies is fighting against this autocracy, and if America, the champion of democracy, did not take part in it the curse of God would be upon us."

The beast (sure the word thoughtfully) has been given full sway, it has been urged and incited to action, by the leading spirits behind the Teuton army. Angered and baffled by its frustrated attempt on the life of her sister nation, France, alarmed by the uprising against her, German autocracy instituted a warfare of the beast, of the lowest order, of devastation, absolute, deadly, ruin. Such was the spirit infused into the army by the leaders. How well, how terribly, how hellishly, how awfully, it has worked out these over there fully know.

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Veronica and Frances, spent Monday with Mrs. Lyman Dean.

Chris Engel is taking care of the farm work for H. Freeseeman during his absence.

Miss Dena Gronewold returned home Tuesday after spending three weeks with Mrs. Virgil Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Rich Vetter and children and Miss Esther Lundgren were visitors at the Schuelke home, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dean and Mr. Greer of Watertown were business visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Dean, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Montooth were Sunday visitors at the A. M. Briggs home.

Miss Bernice Vetter is spending a few days at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Schuelke.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Freeseeman and daughter were Sunday evening visitors at the H. Engel home.

Mrs. Uthe was a visitor with Mrs. Virgil Long, Thursday.

Mr. M. Carr was a caller at the H. Freeseeman home Monday.

John Chambers, of Watertown, spent from Friday until Saturday at the H. Schuelke home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Dean visited at the S. P. Loesch home, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Elfring and Mr. and Mrs. Langendorfer and Wayne and Maud spent last Tuesday evening at the Kerssen home.

Chris Engel was a caller at the H. Freeseeman home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hull and son, Elmer, and Mr. Frank Stoick spent Tuesday evening at the J. Krull home.

Mrs. Yocom and children spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. H. G. Kerssen.

Mrs. H. Schuelke and the Misses Anna and Clara and Messrs. Billie and Alfred were Sunday guests at the Rich Vetter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chandler, Harry and Elona, spent Sunday evening at the Virgil Long home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Kerssen and children were entertained at the Ray Makepeace home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carr and family and Miss Laura Winkler spent Monday evening at the A. Hemp home.

Messrs. Emil and Albert Mishke, of Grover, were callers at the H. Deke home Friday, on their way home from Watertown, where Mr. Mishke purchased a new car.

### GARDNER.

A number from here were present, last Monday, at the sugar beet growers' meeting in Watertown.

Doe Walker called at the Walter Zeras home, Tuesday.

Miss Pearl Ellsworth spent Tuesday visiting at the Gardner school.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kirsch, of Watertown, called on home folks, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davey were guests at dinner, Thursday, at the Al Tessier residence.

Mrs. Augusta Wallner returned from her Minnesota visit, Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bevers autoed up from Hazel, Friday, for a brief visit with the Herbert Bevers family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wallner and Doris visited Friday afternoon at the J. M. Bell home.

Miss Renalda Schroeder spent from Friday until Saturday at the Nicholas Kirsch home.

A large crowd turned out for the dance, Friday evening, at the Adolph Wallner home. With the splendid music furnished by Leona and Emmett Foy, all enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

Several from here had a dandy good time at the dance given by the Wensling brothers, Friday evening.

Roger Abley is staying at present at the Emil Abley farm home.

Art Bell was a visitor, last week, at the Bell home.

Miss Della Olsen, of the city, was a guest of Agnes Mathiesen from Friday until Sunday.

Harry and Clarence aBuer called at the C. T. Jenkins residence, Sunday.

### PELICAN.

Martin Anderson was a business caller in this immediate vicinity the middle of the week while en route to Grover.

Rachel Mapes was an overnight visitor with the Misses Helen and Carrie Brist the fore part of the week.

P. M. Brist returned the fore part of the past week from Virginia, Minnesota, where he spent some time visiting with relatives and friends.

We failed to mention last week that Miss Elva Kuhlman has returned from the North Star after spending a portion of the winter there visiting with relatives and friends.

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Paul Scherer was a business traveler at the Boxelder farm one afternoon the past week.

Mrs. Zamow and son, Roy, Miss Hallauer, Miss Haraden and Master Dale Zamow were pleasant callers at the Klatt home on Thursday evening of the past week, combining business with pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Stoltz and son, Clayton, returned to their home near Plainview, Minn., on Wednesday after spending ten days here visiting relatives and friends.

A. T. Klatt spent the greater part of the past week in Watertown, taking osteopath treatments and having dental work done.

Mrs. Frank Lebert has been confined to her home on account of sickness the past week. She is much improved at this writing.

The Lutheran Ladies' Aid will be entertained by Mrs. Chas. Marotz on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 7. Mrs. Frank Lebert will entertain on a later date.

Some of our Pelican folks attended the play, "Mutt and Jeff," at the Metropolitan theatre last Saturday evening.

John Hacker was a Grover caller the latter part of the week on business.

Ed Amacher called on neighbors one day the past week on business affairs.

John Kuhlmann, of the Oxford district, was a Watertown caller on Wednesday of the past week.

Mrs. Peter Scherer, who has been confined to her home on account of illness, is much better.

Walter Vogt spent a portion of last Sunday with the Fuerstenau boys.

Carl Zamow, who has been away on a pleasure trip, returned home the first of the week.

Walter Klatt spent Sunday evening with Walter Vogt and Herbert Klatt.

The Misses Ruth and Golda McLaughlin spent Sunday afternoon and evening visiting with the John Lebert family.

A great number of our local grain dealers are planning to attend the eleventh convention of the South Dakota Co-operative Association to be held at Watertown Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. An interesting program has been arranged, with addresses by the governor, officers of the association and others.

### WALLACE.

The Misses Effie and Olive Campbell and Ira Darling called at the H. L. Morgan home, Sunday evening. Miss Effie has enlisted and expects to be called soon.

Miss Maggie Johnston spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, returning to her school at Bradley Monday morning.

Anna and Josephine Hallauer are spending a few days visiting their brothers here.

Quite a number of the young folks from this vicinity enjoyed the dance given at Willie Hallauer's, Friday night.

Dan Groves has been quite ill with la grippe, the past few days. George Groves has been doing his chores.

George Falsk and Wallace Huppler autoed to Watertown last Saturday.

### FLORENCE.

Mr. and Mrs. Soper, Misses Conway and Erdman and A. O. Skogstad attended the "Mutt and Jeff" show at Watertown, Saturday evening.

Jas. Welch spent the first part of the week in Minneapolis.

Henry Hanten, of Watertown, attended to business here, Tuesday.

Mrs. Larsson and Helintz were Watertown visitors Friday.

A. C. Burnstad transacted business at Watertown, Saturday.

Henry Olson was a Watertown visitor the first of the week.

Mrs. Dalve, who has been visiting her brother, G. E. Dage, went to Clark last week, where she will visit relatives.

### Taking No Chances.

Here is a little anecdote that was related by Congressman John M. Evans, of Montana, when the conversation in the lobby of a Washington hotel turned to the suspicious nature of some people:

Recently a young man from the country went to a dentist to have a troublesome tooth extracted, but seemed somewhat doubtful about taking it.

"It won't hurt you a bit," reassured the dentist. "You will be unconscious for only two or three minutes at the most."

General. The young man said he guessed he would tackle it, and proceeded to take out his pocketbook.

"What's that?" said the dentist. "You can pay me when I have finished."

"I'm going to pay you," returned the patient, "in the shape of a letter to the editor of the paper."

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## The Truthful Editor and His Newspaper

A west Texas editor got tired of being called a "liar" because of an occasional typographical error or slight disarrangement of the facts in publishing a commonplace news item to shield some one in his community, says an exchange. In his wrath he announced the fact in bold face type as follows:

"A lot of people in this town fall out with the editor and brand him as a liar when the ordinary human mistakes of life show up in a newspaper. You have a little charity and fellow feeling for every man in town but your editor. You claim that you want the facts and be damned if I don't give 'em to you. Read the next issue of this sheet and you'll see some facts with the bark off. I'll admit that I have been a liar, an editorial liar, ever since I have been editing this sheet, but I have never printed a lie in these columns except to save somebody's feeling from being hurt. I'm not afraid of any of you, and I'll be truth from now on, or until you get out of the habit of calling me a liar every time I make a little unavoidable error. Watch my smoke."

Here are some paragraphs culled from the next issue:

John Coyle, our groceryman, who voted with the republicans in 1896 and consumes more mail order whiskey than any other member of the Baptist church in the country, is doing a poor business. His store is dirty and dusty. It is a wonder he has any business at all.

The Rev. Mr. Sty preached last Sunday night at the Christian church. His sermon was punk and uninteresting except some stuff he quoted from Bob Ingersoll, for which he failed to give Bob any credit. He also recited a few passages from one of William Ebert Munsey's sermons and had the gall to palm it off as his own.

Otto Wilhelmshaves, the village pro-German, is going to be hung some of these days for making pro-German remarks in public.

Dave Carter died at his home two miles north of this place last Thursday night. Dock Holderness, who is an old friend of the family, attended him a few minutes before he died.



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