

SOUTH SIDE.
Remember the preaching, next Sunday.
Our school is going on nicely at present.
There was a small attendance at the Bible class, last Sunday.
S. G. Goheen is putting on a fine large addition to his house.
We believe fewer grasshopper eggs were laid, last fall, than the year before.
Charles Green of Vailton was a South Side visitor, the latter part of last week, the guest of Frank Fitch.
Politics were barred out of the literary society, last Wednesday evening, and the society voted to have a paper.
Charles Wasson and W. S. Fitch attended the protracted meetings at the Christian church in McCook, Sunday evening.

Spain's Greatest Need.
Mr. R. P. Olivia, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest blood and nerve remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold by McConnell & Berry.

A Michigan board of education has ordered the female teachers to give up either their corsets or their positions. To put it briefly, if they stay they can't stay, and if they don't stay they can stay.
Herbine should be used to enrich and purify the blood; it cures all forms of blood disorders, is especially useful in fevers, skin eruptions, boils, pimples, blackheads, scrofula, salt rheum and every form of blood impurity; it is a safe and effectual cure. Price 50 cents. A. McMillen.

An eleven-pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Crocker of Prospect Park, January 8th. Mother and son doing nicely.
Lewis Dennis, Salem, Ind., says, "Kodol Dyspepsia Cure did me more good than anything I ever took." It digests what you eat and can not help but cure dyspepsia and stomach troubles. D. W. Loar.

Ira Divine came home from Franklin academy, Saturday night, sick. He expects to return to school soon, being better and improving.

ALL WOMEN AGREE.

A druggist in Macon, Ga., says: "I have sold a large quantity of **Mother's Friend**, and have never known an instance where it has failed to produce the desired results claimed for it. All women agree that it makes labor shorter and less painful."



Mother's Friend is not a chance remedy. Its good effects are readily experienced by all expectant mothers who use it. Years ago it passed the experimental stage. While it always shortens labor and lessens the pains of delivery, it is also of the greatest benefit during the earlier months of pregnancy. Morning sickness and nervousness are readily overcome, and the liniment relaxes the strained muscles, permitting them to expand without causing distress. Mother's Friend gives great recuperative power to the mother, and her recovery is sure and rapid. Danger from rising and swelled breasts is done away with completely.
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Many a bright and happy household has been thrown into sadness and sorrow because of the death of a loved one from a neglected cold. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is the great cure for coughs, colds and all pulmonary ailments. Price 25 and 50 cents. A. McMillen.

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Whosoever has suffered from piles knows how painful and troublesome they are. Taylor's Buckeye Pile Ointment is guaranteed to cure piles. Price 50 cents in bottles. Tubes 75 cents. A. McMillen.

McCook Transfer Line

J. H. DWYER, Proprietor.
Special attention paid to hauling furniture. Leave orders at either lumber yard.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.
MRS. EMERSON HANSON arrived home from Illinois last week.
C. E. ELDRED is in Lexington, this state, today, on business.
MRS. ELIZABETH WALKER departed for her home in Boone, Iowa, Wednesday night on 6.
J. C. ALLEN of Monmouth, Illinois, was in the city, yesterday, guest of H. H. Troth. His many friends here were pleased to greet him.

MRS. J. E. KELLEY entertained a company of young folks at her home, Monday evening, in a most hospitable and happy manner.
MRS. JOHN ESKERSON and sister, Miss Anna Loughran, will depart, Monday, for Fairbury, Ill. Mr. Eskerson will also start on a trip to look up a location.
BENJ. BAKER departed, Tuesday night on 6, on a visit of two or three weeks in Iowa and Illinois. He will visit in Davenport, Rock Island and other points.
MRS. A. CAMPBELL went up to Denver, last Saturday on 1, to see Mrs. Frank Harris, who has not been well, but who is now, however, getting along nicely.

PAT GIBBONS and family are now located in Salt Lake City, near which place he has a heavy contract in the line railroad grading which will keep him there for a year or two.

FRANK CARRUTH went up to Denver, Thursday on 1, to assist in looking after the well-being of his son Glen, who is in a serious condition in Denver with rheumatism and a complication of diseases.

MRS. W. B. MILLS entertained a small company of ladies, Tuesday evening, in her apartments in the Temple block in honor of her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Walker of Boone, Iowa, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lottie Brewer.

W. S. MORLAN and O. B. Thorgrimson were in Trenton, yesterday, on the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Frank Watson, charged with selling liquor without license. The case came up for preliminary hearing before County Judge Shurtleff.

MRS. R. L. TINKER, a former well known resident of this city, arrived here from McCook, Tuesday, and is visiting with friends. She is an exhibitor at the chicken show having brought down several fine birds of the Partridge Cochinch variety.—Red Cloud Chief of the 12th.

V. E. WILSON of the state treasury department was in the city, Tuesday, examining the books of the McCook Building association. Mr. Wilson found everything in fine shape and complimented the association upon the condition of its books and of the association as well.
SAMUEL RANDOLPH'S last newspaper effort is about the most grotesque spasm of typography that has found its way into this office in many moons. Such a hash of art strokes, archaic ornaments, borders and rules, in delirium tremens,—not to mention the orthography, grammar and diction of the monstrosity,—is fortunately rare among Nebraska newspapers.

W. T. COLEMAN and S. M. Cochran arrived home, Saturday night, from attending the convention of retail implement dealers in Omaha, last week. They also spent one day in Lincoln on their way home. Both of the boys were delighted with the trip and meeting, getting much good from the sessions of the association, and feeling that they were richly repaid for the time and money expended in exchanging views with their fellow dealers and in their visits to the wholesale marts of the metropolis.

Advertised Letters.
The following letters were advertised by the McCook postoffice on Jan. 14th:
Jno. H. Cain, George Cole, W. L. Erving, Wm. Miller, D. L. Haddix, Louis Klein, Bert Norris, Ben Wert, Geo. Kellerman, M. C. Ulerly.

In calling for any of these letters, please say that they are advertised.
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It artificially digests the food and aids Nature in strengthening and reconstructing the exhausted digestive organs. It is the latest discovered digestant and tonic. No other preparation can approach it in efficiency. It instantly relieves and permanently cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Heartburn, Flatulence, Sour Stomach, Nausea, Sick Headache, Gastralgia, Cramps, and all other results of imperfect digestion. Prepared by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago.

THE CRUCIFIXION OF PHILIP STRONG.

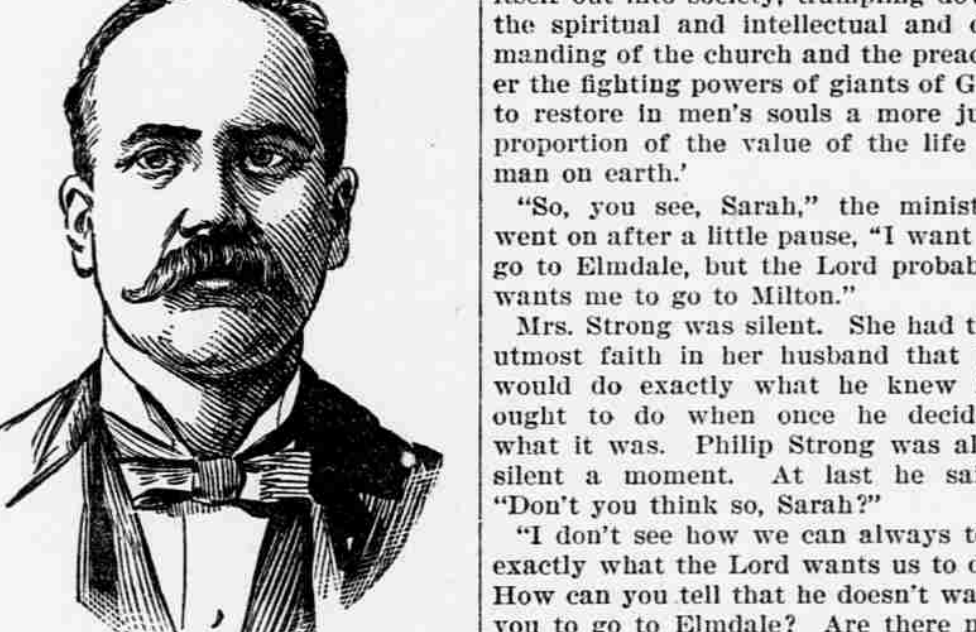
By REV. CHARLES M. SHELDON,
Author of "In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do?" "Malcolm Kirk," "Robert Hardy's Seven Days," Etc.
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CHAPTER I.
Philip Strong could not decide what was best to do.
The postman that evening had brought him two letters, and he had just finished reading them. He sat with his hands clasped over his knee, leaning back in his chair and looking out through his study window. He was evidently thinking very hard, and the two letters were the cause of it.
Finally he rose, went to his study door and called down the stairs: "Sarah, I wish you would come up here. I want your help."
"All right, Philip, I'll be up in a minute," responded a voice from below.

and very soon the minister's wife came up stairs into her husband's study.
"What's the matter?" she said as she came into the room. "It must be something very serious, for you don't call me here unless you are in great distress. You remember the last time you called me, you had shut the tassel of your dressing gown under the lid of your writing desk, and I had to cut you loose. You aren't fast anywhere now, are you?"
Philip smiled quaintly. "Yes, I am. I'm in a strait betwixt two. Let me read these letters, and you will see."
So he began at once, and we will copy the letters, omitting dates:

CALVARY CHURCH, MILTON.
Rev. Philip Strong:
Dear Sir—At a meeting of the Milton Calvary church, held last week, it was voted unanimously to extend you a call to become pastor of this church at a salary of \$2,000 a year. We trust that you will find it in accordance with the will of the Head of the church to accept this decision on the part of Calvary church and become its pastor. The church is in good condition and has the hearty support of most of the leading families in the town. It is the strongest in membership and financially of the seven principal churches here. We await your reply, confidently hoping you will decide to come to us. We have been without a settled pastor now for nearly a year, since the death of Dr. Brown, and we have united upon you as the person most eminently fitted to fill the pulpit of Calvary church. The grace of our Lord be with you. In behalf of the church,
WILLIAM WINTER,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

"What do you think of that, Sarah?" asked Philip Strong, as he finished the letter.
"Two thousand dollars is twice as much as you are getting now, Philip."
"What, your mercenary little creature, do you think of the salary first?"
"If I did not think of it once in awhile, I doubt if you would have a de-



REV. CHARLES M. SHELDON,
cent meal or a good suit of clothes," replied the minister's wife, looking at him with a smile.
"Oh, well, that may be, Sarah. But let me read you the other letter," he went on without discussing the salary matter:

CHapel Hill Church, Elmdale.
Rev. Philip Strong:
Dear Brother—At a meeting of the Elmdale Chapel Hill church, held last week Thursday, it was unanimously voted to extend you a call to become pastor of the church at a salary of \$2,000 a year, with two months' vacation, to be selected at your own convenience. The Chapel Hill church is in a prosperous condition, and many of the members recall your career in the college with much pleasure. This is an especially strong center for church work, the proximity of the boys' academy and the university making the situation one of great power to a man who thoroughly understands and enjoys young men, as we know you do. We most earnestly hope you will consider this call not as purely formal, but as from the hearts of the people. We are, very cordially yours, in behalf of the church,
PROFESSOR WELLMAN,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

"What do you think of that?" asked the minister again.
"The salary is just the same, isn't it?"
"Now, Sarah," said the minister, "if I didn't know that a generous, unselfish heart you really have, I should get very vexed at you for talking about the salary as if that was the most important thing."
"The salary is very important, though. But you know, Philip, I would be as willing as you are to live on no salary if the grocer and butcher would continue to feed us for nothing. I wish from the bottom of my heart that we could live without money."

"It is a bother, isn't it?" replied Philip, so gravely that his wife laughed heartily at his tone.
"Well, the question is, what to do with the letters," resumed the minister.
"Which of the two churches do you prefer?" asked his wife.
"I would rather go to the Chapel Hill church as far as my preference is concerned."
"Then why not accept their call. If that is the way you feel?"
"Because, while I should like to go to Elmdale, I feel as if I ought to go to Milton."

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