

JOHN DODGE'S SERMON

The minister said last night, says he,  
 "Don't be afraid of given";  
 If your life ain't nothing to other folks,  
 Why, what's the use of given?"  
 And that's what I say to wife, says I;  
 There's Brown, the miserable sinner;  
 He'd sooner a beggar should starve  
 than give  
 A penny toward buyin' a dinner.  
 I tell you our minister's grand, he is;  
 But I couldn't quite determine,  
 When I heard him a givin' it right and  
 left,  
 Just who was hit by his sermon.  
 Of course, there couldn't be no mistake  
 When he talked of "long winded  
 prayin'."  
 For Peters and Johnson they sat and  
 scowled  
 At every word he was sayin'.

And the minister he went on to say,  
 "There's various kinds o' cheatin',  
 And religion's as good for every day  
 As it is to bring to meetin';  
 I don't think much of a man that gives  
 The Lord 'Amens' at every preachin',  
 And spends the time the followin' week  
 In cheatin' and overreachin'."

I 'specks that dose was bitter enough  
 For a man like Jones to swallow;  
 But I noticed he didn't open his mouth,  
 Not once, after that to holler,  
 Hurrah, says I, for the minister—  
 Of course, I said it quiet—  
 Give us some more of this open talk,  
 It's very refreshing diet.

The minister hit 'em every time;  
 And when he spoke of fashion,  
 And a riggin' out in bows and things  
 As woman's rulin' passion,  
 And a comin' to church to see the styles,  
 I couldn't help a-winkin and nugin'  
 my wife,  
 And says I, "That's you";  
 And I guess it set her a-thinkin'.

Says I to myself, that sermon's pat;  
 But man is a queer creation;  
 And I'm much afraid that most of the  
 folks  
 Won't take the application.  
 Now, if he had said a word about  
 My personal mode o' sinner,  
 I'd have gone to work to right myself,  
 And not set here a-grinnin'.

Just then the minister says, says he:  
 "And now I've come to the fellers  
 Who've lost their shower by usin' their  
 friends  
 As sort o' moral umberellers.  
 Go home," says he, "and find your  
 faults,  
 Instead of huntin' your brother's;  
 Go home," he says, "and wear the  
 coats  
 You've tried to fit for others."

My wife, she nudged, and Brown, he  
 winked,  
 And there was lots o' smilin',  
 And lots o' lookin' at our pew;  
 It set my blood a-bilin';  
 Says I to myself, our minister  
 Is gittin' a little bitter;  
 I'll tell him when meetin's out, that I  
 Ain't at all that kind of a critter.  
 —Sel.

With the Churches

Baptist Church.

By A Member

Sunday school 10:30 A. M.  
 Morning service 11 o'clock.  
 Evening service at 7:30.  
 Prof. E. B. Van Osdel, of Mc-  
 Minnville College, speaks at both  
 services.  
 No Young Peoples Meeting.  
 Regular prayer meeting on  
 Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

Report of Polk County Spelling  
 Contest Held November 26

Class "A" (Schools of more  
 than 5 teachers.)  
 Third Grade  
 1st place—Dallas, 95 per cent;  
 2nd place—Monmouth, 94; 3rd  
 place—Independence, 91.  
 Fourth Grade  
 1st place—Monmouth, 98; 2nd  
 place—Dallas, 97.75; 3rd place—  
 Black Rock, 97.2.  
 Fifth Grade  
 1st place—Falls City, 98.83; 2nd  
 place—Dallas, 98.63; 3rd place—  
 Dallas, 97.  
 Sixth Grade  
 1st place—Monmouth, 99.88;  
 2nd place—Falls City, 99.54; 3rd  
 place—Dallas, 98.5.  
 Seventh Grade  
 1st place—Falls City, 100; 2nd  
 place—Monmouth, 98.6; 3rd

place—Independence, 98.  
 Eighth Grade  
 1st place—Falls City, 100; 2nd  
 place—Monmouth, 99.8; 3rd  
 place—Dallas, 99.07.  
 Class "B" (Schools of two to  
 five teachers.)  
 Third Grade  
 1st place—Buena Vista, 98; 2nd  
 place—Perrydale, 97; 3rd place—  
 Rickreall, 96.  
 Fourth Grade  
 1st place—Buena Vista, Rickre-  
 all, 100; 2nd place—Smithfield,  
 97.75; 3rd place—Hopville, 97.47.  
 Fifth Grade  
 1st place—Perrydale, Rickre-  
 all, 100; 2nd place—Ballston,  
 99.6; 3rd place—Buena Vista,  
 99.5.  
 Sixth Grade  
 1st place—Buena Vista, 99.75;  
 2nd place—Ballston, 99.5; 3rd  
 place—Rickreall, 98.5.  
 Seventh Grade  
 1st place—Ballston, Buena Vis-  
 ta, Hopville, 100; 2nd place—  
 Mountainview, 98; 3rd place—  
 Rickreall, 96.3.  
 Eighth Grade  
 1st place—Buena Vista, 99; 2nd  
 place—Ballston, 98.5; 3rd place—  
 Hopville, 98.  
 Class "C" (Schools having one  
 teacher.)  
 Third Grade  
 1st place—Sunny Slope, 100;  
 2nd place—Oakhurst, 97; 3rd  
 place—Parker, Gooseneck, Fir  
 Grove, McCoy, 96.  
 Fourth Grade  
 1st place—Zena, Broadmead,  
 100; 2nd place—Upper Salt Creek,  
 99; 3rd place—Fernville, 98.8.  
 Fifth Grade  
 1st place—Fir Grove, Rogue  
 River, Broadmead, 100; 2nd  
 place—Spring Valley, 99.6; 3rd  
 place—Orchards, Cochran, En-  
 terprise, 99.3.  
 Sixth Grade  
 1st place—Red Prairie, Park-  
 ers, Orchards, Gooseneck, Buell,  
 Oakdale, Lone Star, 100; 2nd  
 place—Fir Grove, 99.3; 3rd  
 place—Butler, 98.6.  
 Seventh Grade  
 1st place—Polk Station, Goose-  
 neck, Cochran, Oakpoint, Mc-  
 Timmons Valley, Sunny Slope,  
 Concord, Oakdale, Lone Star,  
 McCoy, Cherry Grove, Broad-  
 mead, 100; 2nd place—Bridge-  
 port, 99.6; 3rd place—Orchards,  
 Ward, 99.5.  
 Eighth Grade  
 1st place—Ward, Cherry Grove,  
 Oakhurst, 100; 2nd place—Coch-  
 ran, 98.6; 3rd place—Orchards,  
 Upper Salt Creek, Enterprise,  
 Concord, 98.  
 Schools making highest aver-  
 age for all grades.  
 Class "A"—Monmouth, 97.57.  
 Class "B"—Rickreall, 97.48.  
 Class "C"—Lone Star, 100.  
 The following schools made 95  
 per cent or more in the following  
 grades:  
 Third Grade  
 Perrydale, Rickreall, Buena  
 Vista, Dallas, Parkers, Orchards,  
 Ward, Gooseneck, Cochran, Fir  
 Grove, McCoy, Oakhurst, Sunny  
 Slope.  
 Fourth Grade  
 Zena, Red Prairie, Orchards,  
 Gooseneck, Elkins, Buell, Upper  
 Salt Creek, Suver, Greenwood,  
 Oakhurst, Broadmead, 72, Sunny  
 Slope, Monmouth, Black Rock,  
 Dallas, Hopville, Buena Vista,  
 Rickreall, Smithfield.  
 Fifth Grade  
 Ballston, Perrydale, Rickreall,  
 Buena Vista, Mountainview, Falls  
 City, Dallas, Red Prairie, Ward,  
 Orchards, Gooseneck, Cochran,  
 Oakpoint, Spring Valley, Enter-  
 prise, Crowley, McTimmons Val-  
 ley, Fir Grove, Sunny Slope,  
 Concord, Oakdale, McCoy, Pion-  
 eer, Highland, Rogue River,  
 Broadmead, 72.  
 Sixth Grade  
 Red Prairie, Bridgeport, Park-

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 McCoy, Oakhurst, Highland,  
 Valley Junction, Falls City, Mon-  
 mouth, Dallas, Hopville, Buena  
 Vista, Mountainview, Rickreall,  
 Perrydale, Ballston.  
 Seventh Grade  
 Smithfield, Ballston, Bethel,  
 Perrydale, Rickreall, Buena Vis-  
 ta, Mountain View, Hopville, In-  
 dependence, Monmouth, Dallas,  
 Falls City, Bridgeport, Lewis-  
 ville, Orchards, Polk Station,  
 Ward, Gooseneck, Cochran, But-  
 ler, Oakpoint, Antioch, Popcorn,  
 Crowley, McTimmons Valley, Fir  
 Grove, Sunny Slope, Concord,  
 Oakdale, Lone Star, McCoy,  
 Cherry Grove, Highland, Broad-  
 mead.  
 Eighth Grade  
 Orchards, Ward, Cochran,  
 Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, En-  
 terprise, Concord, Cherry Grove,  
 Oakhurst, Broadmead, 72, Falls  
 City, Monmouth, Dallas, Hop-  
 ville, Mountainview, Buena Vis-  
 ta, Ballston.

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