

Pioneer Clothier A Good Citizen

Residents of Hibbing and the Range area who were privileged to have known Charles Hallock, pioneer Hibbing merchant who died Saturday, knew him as an individual whose mind was full of sympathetic understanding and a heart full of friendship.

Few citizens of the community made a greater contribution to the development of the Ore Capital than this kindly clothier, who for more than 50 years watched Hibbing grow from a mining camp to a metropolitan center.

Charles Hallock was a man of high virtue and deep convictions. He placed the welfare of Hibbing above all else; he placed high principles above expediencies and his aim was to do those things which were best for the growing hamlet from the days of Pine Street, and to steer it into the position it retains today.

In community, religious and family devotions he set an example for those who follow him. He was likeable, even-tempered, quick of wit, a learned man whose integrity was never questioned. He set a pattern in his business career which reflected credit to himself and to the community which honored and respected him.

He possessed a sense of fair play and was devoted to a family which, inspired by his encouragement, won fame in the musical world.

The life of Charles Hallock is best described as a man who did not live in petty terms. Nor did he make fine things small and beautiful things unattractive. He saw truth clearly, placing spiritual and mental values above everything else. He was quiet and modest, but he held the life-long respect of hundreds of his townspeople. His death indeed, is a solemn moment to many friends and a sacred occasion to his family, and a loss to the community at large.

The legacy he left are his contributions to his fellow men and his devotion to his family and friends. Truly his years were well spent. They are reminders of a life quietly lived and unselfishly dedicated to service.