

# Murray Department

Prepared in the Interest of the People of Murray and Surrounding Vicinity Especially for the Journal Readers

If any of the readers of the Journal know of any social event or item of interest in this vicinity, and will mail same to this office, it will appear under his heading. We want all news items—Borros

### U. B. Thrifty says



"When a wise man makes a mistake he learns something!"

## Benjamin Franklin

has been called the "Apostle of Thrift." If you would be thrifty take advice of this statesman and save a dollar when you can.

His birthday will occur Sunday.

Remember we are here to serve this community every day during

# 1924

## Murray State Bank

Murray, Nebraska

Philip Kell was busy as the new year dawned dressing some porkers for his neighbor Mr. Geo. Parks.

Ray Henry has been suffering from the loss of some of his hogs by the flu but they are now getting along better.

Bookkeeper Ludwig Hallas of the Murray State bank with the wife were spending last Sunday at the home of parents in Plattsmouth.

Delbert Todd who has been spending his vacation at home, departed on last Tuesday afternoon for Lincoln to take up his studies in the state university.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Brendel had at their home for dinner last Sunday, Mrs. B. F. Brendel, T. J. Brendel and wife of Kearney and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Seybold.

A Wilber will farm the small place which is now occupied by Mr. Jess Vallery east of Murray but Mr. Val-

lery has not decided just where he will farm the coming season.

O. T. Leyda and daughter, Catherine, of Weeping Water were over a few days since to see the doctor, Miss Catherine not feeling the best and coming to consult the family physician.

M. R. Todd, who has been working on the farm of Harry G. Todd for some time past, departed on New Year's day for Kansas City where he will expect to make his home until the spring.

Kelly Rhoden has been suffering some loss with his hogs which he thinks is cholera but is hoping to save some of them for the death rate has in a measure been smaller during the past week.

Walker Gilmore who has been spending his vacation at home, on Tuesday evening entered on his studies at the Omaha medical college after having enjoyed the vacation here very much.

Guy Wiles and Fred Warner were shelling and delivering corn to the Farmers elevator on Wednesday of this week the work being done by W. A. Wetenkamp and Walter Rakow from west of Myrand.

Wm. Highfield of the Nebraska Gas and Electric company of Plattsmouth was looking after some matters for the company in Murray on New Year's day and getting the effects of the storm off the lines.

E. S. Tutt and the wife were spending last Tuesday with relatives and friends in Plattsmouth. They made the trip in their auto and found the roads excellent considering the snow storm which has prevailed for some days.

A little child, a girl of five of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Murray, living west of Murray is reported as being quite ill with the whooping cough and pneumonia but is getting along having the best medical attention and nursing.

Robert E. Lee was looking after some business matters in Murray on New Year's day and was suddenly taken ill and was taken home by his brother-in-law who chanced to come through town from his home at Nebraska City.

Last Saturday the last of the excellent days before the storm, Roy Howard took the opportunity to shell and deliver a portion of his corn crop. He is now rejoicing over the fact that he got it in before the coming of the snow.

Grant Howard who had the misfortune to upset a jack screw on one of his feet mashing the member somewhat and causing him to be on the retired list, is getting along nicely now and is able to be getting around a little at this time.

W. E. Palmer who is the mechanic at the Murray garage was a visitor at home for over last Sunday and on getting ready to return to his work here found the roads almost impassable and returned via the Missouri Pacific coming via Union.

T. J. Brendel and wife, who have been spending the Christmas holidays at Plattsmouth and elsewhere, on Wed-

nesday of this week departed for their home at Kearney which is near where Mr. Brendel has his work.

Fred Beverage who is looking for a pretty hard winter, days that on New Year's day, has said the weather was pretty good rabbit hunting weather, but the skies are clearing and we will have spring again in a short time do not be afraid Fred.

A. D. Bakke and the wife, who were spending the Christmas holidays at the home of a brother of his who lives at Sioux City, returned home last Thursday and with the change of weather since has found an abundance of work to look after.

Thornton Lee living on the farm, and Frank Schlichtmeier, working for him, is reported as being down with the tonsillitis and on New Year's day was visited by his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Salsbrenner and family of Nebraska City.

Uncle S. G. Latta has not been feeling his best for several days past and after having visited California has a liking for that country but meanwhile during his indisposition Jimmie has been having to look after the milking which he does not like the best.

Roy Cole who has been barred by the laws of prevention of the spread of infectious diseases from remaining at home during the prevalence of the scarlet fever there, is happy that all are well and that the quarantine has been lifted and he can return home.

Oswald Virgin, who is at present making his home in Murray will the coming season farm one of the farms of Mark Wiles, near Manly which is known as the John Tighe farm. He will move to the place by March 1 and be ready for active spring work when the time comes.

Mrs. Allie Leonard and her little son, Raymond, who were visiting for some time at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hull, returned home last Sunday evening and while on the road Raymond was taken sick and for a few days was quite ill but is getting along better at this time.

Mr. Queen who had his leg injured by a bridge timber with which he was working, has been having quite a serious time with the member and was taken to the hospital at Omaha last Monday by his family physician Dr. J. F. Brendel where he is having treatment at the St. Catherine hospital.

Carl Dalton who with the wife has been making their home in Lincoln for the past year where Carl has been taking a course in civil engineering, have with Mrs. Dalton been visiting at Plattsmouth for the holidays and Carl was a visitor in Murray on New Year's day with his friends, A. D. Bakke and family.

The matter of burning the grass and weeds which accumulate along the road way has proven a good practice and where it has not been burned the snow has filled the cuts in the road and made it difficult for the mail man to get through. Better look after the roadway along your farm and get your mail regular.

Uncle J. W. Edmunds, the genial cream station manager who has a liking for chicken was assisting the discussion of a fat hen from the flock of Uncle R. R. Nickles which had been purchased by Postmaster W. S. Smith and prepared for the table by one of the best of cooks, Mrs. Smith. The discussion was that the aforesaid hen and the entire dinner was the best and an excellent New Year's feast.

**Bathing Pond Frozen**  
The Murray bathing pond which attracted such large crowds of people from all over the county last summer when the roads were dusty and the weather very sultry, is now coated with a very thick coat of ice and will in a short time be rendering a return for the winter season for from it the proprietors are expecting to harvest a lot of the best of ice as the pool is fed by clear spring water which will make the best of refrigerating material.

**Entertained For New Year's**  
Mrs. W. A. Brown was hostess last Tuesday at her home in Murray when she entertained her relatives at a New Year's dinner. A most pleasant time was had and on the occasion she entertained J. H. Brown and wife, Ivan Deles Dernier and wife, Dale Topfitt and wife, Harry G. Todd and the family.

**Notice Missionary Society**  
Regular meeting of Missionary society will be held at the church Friday, January 11th, at 2:30 p. m. All members urged to be present. Hostesses, Mrs. Glen Perry, Mrs. O. G. Tuttt and Mrs. O. A. Davis.

From now on for sometime the auto will have rough sledding.

## -LUNCH!

WILL SERVE

I am prepared to serve lunch at all sales. Make arrangements with Col. Rex Young or myself. Reverse your telephone calls.

**OSCAR NAILOR**  
Telephone No. 48  
Murray, Nebraska

## THANKS U. S. FOR QUAKE AID

Unknown Japanese Woman Sends Letter of Appreciation.

A nameless woman of Japan has thanked "My dear, the people of America" in a letter received by Secretary Hughes at Washington for the relief work administered by Americans in Japan, following the recent fire and earthquake disaster in Tokyo and Yokohama.

"How we all Japanese thank you for your great kindness in this time," the letter said. "You gave up all. You sent as much necessary things and you all are very kind to us. Our thanks are beyond measure. We all will never forget them hereafter. I am only a nameless woman, but I must write you this, even with such a broken word, as I could not keep secret my thanks. Please excuse my impolite."

"Hoping you are happy and peaceful forever and thanking you for your great kindness."

None of the letters of gratitude, including those received from the emperor of Japan, the prime minister and the Japanese ambassador here, has been more appreciated by State department officials than that received from the "nameless."

## RECORD ORDER FOR STAMPS

Chicago Sends Requisition for \$5,589,000 Worth.

The largest requisition for high denomination stamps ever received reached the Post Office department at Washington from Chicago.

Exclusive of ones and twos, the order totaled 60,000,000 stamps with a value of \$5,589,000, and included 1,000,000 50-cent stamps, 100,000 \$1 stamps, 4,000,000 of the 20-cent denomination, 3,000,000 10-cent, 8,000,000 of the 15-cent and 3,000,000 each of the 11-cent and 39-cent denomination. Other stamps of lower denomination were ordered in lots of 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 each.

## Owl Darkens Two Towns.

A large barn owl darkened two towns near Camden, N. J., when it perched on a high-tension wire which carries electricity to Swedesboro and Mullinball. All the lights in both places went out as the current crossed through the owl's body. The dead bird is now on exhibition in the office of the Electric Company of New Jersey. Its wing spread is four feet.

## "PAUPER" LEAVES LARGE ESTATE TO YOUNG GIRL



Above is pictured Miss Elizabeth Rosalie Wurthmann, twenty-one, of Jersey City, N. J., who is left sole heiress to an estate believed worth several hundred thousand dollars, by the will of Louis Lehmyer, ninety-two, who died in the charity ward of a hospital there last week. The will provides for bequests to various charitable organizations totaling a hundred thousand dollars; the balance is held in trust for Miss Wurthmann, whose grandparents were dear friends of Lehmyer, who lived as a recluse and seemingly in dire poverty. Because of the friendship that existed between Lehmyer and the Wurthmann family, the young lady was made heiress to the estate.

Miss Marie Bookmeyer departed this morning for Omaha where she will look after her school work in that city.

It was a lot easier on Santa Claus when he went up and down chimneys instead of gas pipes.

How about that new resolution? Do you think that you can carry it through the year—1924?

Soviet Russia is not making much noise about recognition—not any more than a pig under a gate.

**FOR SALE**  
Pure bred Buff Orpington cockerels, \$1.50 and \$2 each.—Mrs. Iva Deles Dernier, Murray, Nebraska. d17-lmo-sw

# The AMERICAN LEGION

(Copy for This Department Supplied by the American Legion News Service.)

## LEGION WILL DEMAND ACTION

Prominent Co-Operation Leader is Chosen to Direct Legislative Program Before Congress.

To Aaron Sapiro, known in Washington and throughout the nation for his constructive plans of co-operative farming and marketing, is entrusted the direction of the legislative program of the American Legion for 1924. According to an announcement made by National Commander John R. Quinn, Sapiro will head the American Legion's national legislative committee as chairman. Other members of this committee were also announced.

John Thomas Taylor, vice chairman of the 1923 committee, will remain in Washington continuously as representative of this Legion committee. Other members are J. Danforth Bush, lieutenant governor of Delaware; O. L. Bodenhamer, past department commander of the Legion in Arkansas; Gilbert Bettman, past department commander of the Legion in Ohio, and for two terms a member of the legislative committee under previous administrations, Gen. James S. Scrugham of Carson City, Nev.; Past National Vice Commander Edward J. Barrett of Sheboygan, Wis.; Dr. A. A. Van Dyke of St. Paul, Minn.; Dr. R. J. Baird of Algona, Ia., and Mac Stewart, Jr., of Galveston, Tex.

The present session of congress calls for service of this committee. The Legion's outlined legislative program calls for action on child labor; passage of the universal draft act for conscription of man and money power in case of war; retirement pay for disabled emergency officers; concentration of all veterans' affairs under a joint committee of house and senate; erection of a national archives building; hospitalization in veterans' bureau institutions for veterans of all wars and without regard to requirements of "service origin" for admission; land reclamation; questions affecting civil service positions for former fighters; the adjusted compensation measure as sponsored by the organization and numerous other suggested bills which have received endorsement of the Legion.

## VICTIMS OF MENTAL TROUBLE

Many Ex-Servicemen Are Held as Prisoners—American Legion to Make Investigation.

A great per cent of ex-servicemen imprisoned in state and federal penitentiaries for crime are suffering from some mental disability, caused by the war. Reports of such instances from many states have led to preparation for a survey to be undertaken by the American Legion in every state of the Union.

Oklahoma, first of the state departments of the Legion to complete the preliminary work as directed by the national organization, has found that 217 men who served during the World war are now in the penal institutions of that state. Of these men, 50 per cent were enlisted or inducted from Oklahoma.

In order that these men will have the proper care and treatment in case it is found that their crime might have been due to mental defect caused by the war, a careful investigation will be made of each case. This is being undertaken with regard to the rights and experiences of the former fighter, back pay, allotment, undistributed Liberty bonds, compensation and hospitalization and other features which the Legion has helped in securing for others who served.

Actual work of the survey will be undertaken in Oklahoma by a soldiers' relief commission which is functioning in that state by state direction. American Legion workers have been assigned by officials of that organization to work with the commission and bring about relief for any of the men found to be deranged and in penal institutions rather than in hospitals for criminal insane.

**Post Provides Entertainment.**  
The George N. Kemp post of the American Legion in East Stroudsburg, Pa., has outlined many ambitious programs but none so equal that for 1924. It is doubtful, even if any other post of the veterans' organization in the country will attempt to stage and produce such unusual events. The annual automobile show, usually sponsored by the dealers, will be the first of the winter's activities. Then will come production of the opera, "Il Pagliaccio," by an amateur cast, to be followed by a huge military ball, a sacred concert and other events.

**Awarded Medal From Legion.**  
Hermon Esdon, a cadet attending the Bailey Military Institute at Greenwood, N. C., has been awarded a medal from the American Legion, given for his excellence in scholarship and athletic attainments. Esdon is one of the most popular men in the school and has maintained a high scholastic average throughout his course. The Legion gave the young student the medal as representing a high type of youth of America.

## USE MOLYBDENUM IN MAKING STEEL

Experiments Show It to Be Very Powerful Element.

## NEW ALLOY LITTLE KNOWN

That molybdenum is one of the most powerful and useful alloying elements in steel has been conclusively demonstrated by experiments conducted by Dr. H. W. Gillett, chief alloy chemist, Department of the Interior, at the Ithaca (N. Y.) field office of the bureau of mines. While the value of molybdenum as a steel alloy is only beginning to be appreciated and its commercial use is still relatively small, the bureau of mines considers that it is destined to become widely used. The United States, according to the bureau, has abundant supplies of molybdenum which should be available to replace or supplement other metals used as steel alloying elements which at present must be imported.

"The yearly claims for molybdenum as a specific against fatigue failure of steel, which altered, directly or by inference, that molybdenum steels were vastly superior to other steels for uses to resist vibration, have not been substantiated in the over-enthusiastic form in which they were made," the bureau continues. "The experiments show that, with one exception, molybdenum steels, and other alloy steels containing nickel, chromium, vanadium or a combination of these elements, have equal qualities, and that no one alloy stands out above the other on this score."

## Equals Any Other Steel.

"The exception is in favor of heat-treated molybdenum steels, for the presence of molybdenum makes the steel require a higher temperature in the drawing or tempering process after quenching, and this higher temperature causes fuller release of quenching stresses. The presence of quenching stresses tends to cause poorer performance under repeated vibration. This, however, is not a very great factor, and has a noticeable effect only in very hard steels. For example, those of steel for use against vibration in such other when the steels are used in such sizes that they are hardened throughout on quenching. Molybdenum and certain combinations of nickel and chromium confer depth-hardening properties on steel, and hence these have advantages for use in parts of large cross-section."

"Thus it is evident that, as regards endurance, molybdenum steels are the equals of any, and on some scores have light advantages, but the advantages are slight instead of large. The choice of a composition of an alloy steel will therefore seldom depend on its fatigue properties."

## Dirty Steel is Undesirable.

"But besides corroborating and extending the Illinois results, the work of the bureau has brought out a point which has not been covered completely by other investigators in this country or abroad, although it has been considered to some extent by most workers in this field. This point is the evil effect on endurance of nonmetallic inclusions. Dirty steel gives far less uniform results on endurance tests than cleaner steel, and dirty steel is certainly unreliable and unsafe where repeated vibration must be endured."

"These inclusions or other similar inhomogeneities in the metal, are probably the cause of many failures in service. From the relationship worked out by the Illinois investigators and others, and corroborated by the bureau of mines tests, the endurance properties of any really clean steel may be quite safely predicted. But when the steel is not clean it may either give the same results as a clean steel, or far poorer results, depending on whether the most severely stressed spot in a piece made from the dirty steel happens to be locally clean or locally dirty."

## Endurance Being Tested.

"To obtain further information on the effect of inclusions, comparisons are being made of endurance tests on specimens cut both with and across the direction of rolling, since the latter, or transverse specimens, usually show the bad effect of inclusions and inhomogeneities most markedly. As soon as the endurance tests on the series of molybdenum, cerium and comparison steels are completed tests will be made on a series of nickel-silicon steels previously made by the bureau of mines for the navy, on which tests made by the navy on properties other than endurance are available."

## WOMAN BITTEN BY MONKEY

Attacked by Ape Owned by Organ Grinder—Objected to Apron.  
When Mrs. Jeannette Langdon of Los Angeles, Cal., tried to show an organ grinder and his monkey off her front porch by flipping her apron it peevish Jocko, and he bit her on the leg.  
Then he fled with his master, and Mrs. Langdon went to the receiving hospital for treatment.



MARY GRAHAM BONNER

## SANTA'S VISITS

"There are some people," said Santa Claus, "who like to go about visiting all the time."  
"They like to make summer visits or winter visits or week-end visits or Saturday visits."  
"But I only care about visiting at one time of the year."  
"We know," said the Reindeer, "and this is the time of the year."  
"Yes," said Santa Claus, "this is the time of the year. And we must be starting soon."  
"We're ready," said the Reindeer.  
"I'm almost ready," said Santa Claus. "There are a few more presents to finish and put in the pack."  
"Just a few more, my lovely Reindeer."  
So Santa Claus finished his Christmas work and everything was ready on time.

"I've never been late," Santa Claus said, "and I never could be late. It's not because I'm wonderful that I am so punctual."  
"I've simply made it a habit to be on time."  
"And, gracious me! I couldn't be late at Christmas time. I get so excited before Christmas (time that I wouldn't) possibly be late."  
"I often wonder whether Santa Claus gets more excited than the children, or whether the children get more excited than Santa Claus."  
"I believe it is six of one and half a dozen of the other, as the saying goes."  
"Well, my beautiful Reindeer, we're now all ready! So let's hurry and be off."  
So the Reindeer started and Santa Claus waved to Boy of the North, his favorite dog, and Boy of the North wagged his tail and barked his most polite good-by.

"Yes, as I was saying the other day, Reindeer," Santa said, "some people like to visit at different times of the year."  
"They like to visit at one place for quite a long time, too."  
"Now Santa Claus has his own ways. He likes to go visiting once a year and then he likes to visit ever and ever so many people—little people."  
"He likes to visit house after house and house after house and apartment after apartment and hotels, too—wherever there are children."  
"He likes to visit every place where

there are children. That is the truth! And he does, too."  
"Yes, we know you do," the Reindeer said.  
"I don't like to pay long visits—no, I like little short visits, because I haven't time for long visits. And, besides, I don't want to be seen."  
"It's so much more fun this way, so much more fun!"  
"I've always found this way a good way and the best way, and so I do it this way. It would be a pity to change after all these years."  
"And I've no wish to change."  
"Sometimes I feel like staying a little longer in one house; but then I think of the other places where there are children."  
"Santa Claus hasn't any favorites. He can't have any because he has always found that the different children had different kinds of nice points about them."  
Now, there is little Mildred, for example—she is so generous and sweet, and then there is little Amette—she wants to share everything with others; and there is Jackie, with the most wonderful disposition in the world; and Johnny, with a head full of ideas for games and frolics for everyone.  
"Dear me, they are all so wonderful. Santa Claus loves them all, every single one of them. And he is going to visit every one of them, too. Come along, hurry, my beautiful Reindeer."  
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Now, there is little Mildred, for example—she is so generous and sweet, and then there is little Amette—she wants to share everything with others; and there is Jackie,