

MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

PREPARED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE JOURNAL.

Will Rikli was looking after some business matters in Elmwood on last Wednesday.

S. P. Leis and Henry Heineman are to build a fence about the new school grounds as soon as the working conditions will permit.

G. Bauer received as a present a few days since a violin from a friend in Germany which is considered a most artistic and valuable instrument.

S. P. Leis was assisting in the shelling of corn at the home of Fred Towle near Wabash during last Thursday where he went to look after some business for the day.

Mrs. O. W. Gillespie who has been convalescing for some time continues to improve and it is hoped by herself and friends that she will soon have regained her accustomed health.

Traffic was delayed for a short time last Thursday on account of the derailment of a box car in the middle of a freight train which required a number of hours to put back on the track.

The Murdock Mercantile company installed a Westinghouse radio at the home of Albert Theile which is a source of much entertainment for the entire family and also for their friends as well.

A. J. Bowers, who has been kept to his home and bed for the past three weeks with a very severe and acute attack of lumbago is now so he can get up again and is feeling quite a bit better.

Unlimited amount of money to loan on eastern Nebraska farm land. Lowest rates. Applications taken now for future loans. See O. J. Pot-hast at Farmers' & Merchants' Bank, Murdock, Nebr.

You Sure Know It!
Murdock is an excellent town in which to live. We have at this time a number of very choice places for sale. Come, see me, and get a good home while you can. I also have farms and land elsewhere. A number of Cass county farms. I write reliable insurance of all kinds. See me.

Emil Kuehn
Murdock Nebraska

We Can Save You Money!
on the materials for the painting and varnishing which you are expecting to do this spring. We have an abundance of excellent interior and floor varnish, flat tone paints for the interior, also wagon and auto paints, all of which will be disposed of at less than first cost. The painters have gone and we desire to close out the remaining stock.

Max Dusterhoff
(By his Mother, Mrs. F. Oehme)
MURDOCK NEBRASKA

Watch This Space!
In a short time we will have an important change in our message to the public. Together with the general garage business we will handle machinery in the future, and shall endeavor to serve the public to the best of our ability.
Just now we have two excellent bargains in small portable gas engines for use on the farm. We can make some very attractive prices on these.

The Thimgan Garage
E. W. Thimgan, Proprietor
MURDOCK NEBRASKA

Blue Ribbon Gasoline!
A Cold Weather Special
Plenty of Kick—Makes Starting Easy!
-GEO. TRUNKENBOLZ OIL COMPANY-
Eagle and Murdock

E. W. Thimgan sold to Fred Tonek a Case 15-27 tractor with the necessary plows which he will use in the cultivating of his land north-west of Murdock. The machine will arrive in a short time.

Dr. Blattspieler of Tobias who is well known here has to go to a hospital in Lincoln last week where he underwent an operation for relief from appendicitis and is since reported as getting along nicely.

Jess Landholm who has not been feeling the best for some time, has not been about the garage much of late but was able to spend a day at the auto show at Omaha last week where he saw some new style cars for this year's wear.

T. S. Rager was a visitor in Omaha last Thursday where he went to secure employment with the Ford people of that place and returned in the evening saying that there were some 400 people there looking for employment.

Gust Gakemeier and Gordon Block with the truck of the mother last Wednesday moved George Stoll who lived near Manley, to Plattsmouth, where he will make his home in the future, he having employment in the Burlington shops.

Emil Rikli and family have been visiting at the home of the mother of Mrs. Rikli, Mrs. Henry Nolting, near Plattsmouth for a few days Mr. and Mrs. Rikli will depart for western Kansas in a short time to make their home.

E. W. Thimgan was called to Omaha a few days since to look after some business and while there also attended the auto show which was in session and found much interest in the new cars and models which were beautiful and cars built for service for this year's models.

Bud Angwert departed a few days since for Omaha where he went to have some correction made in his nasal passages which had been giving him trouble of late and which he goes to get remedied. Miss Viola Everett will assist in the Murdock Mercantile company store during his absence.

Mrs. George Towle, mother of Mrs. J. E. McHugh and her sister, Miss Rhene Towle, both of Lincoln, who have been visiting at the home of friends at Weeping Water for a number of days, were guests at the home of Mrs. McHugh and family for a number of days last week and remained for over the week end.

Miss Jessie Melvin departed for Lincoln where she is entering a hospital where she will receive treatment for her health. Miss Melvin has not been feeling the best for some time but is much better than when she was before going to that institution. It is hoped that she may return entirely restored to her former health.

Entertained Kensington Club
Mrs. J. E. McHugh entertained the Kensington club at her home in Murdock on last Thursday and a goodly crowd of the members were in attendance, the occasion being flavored with patriotism, it being so near the birthday of the Father of His Country, George Washington. Much work was done and various topics discussed and the gathering closed with a most delightful luncheon which was served by Mrs. McHugh.

Award Two Contracts
The board of education of the Consolidated district No. 7 which includes Murdock and vicinity during the past week awarded two contracts for a portion of the construction of the new school building which is to be erected here during the present year. J. Johnson received the contract for the excavation for the sub-structure and will begin on the work as soon as the weather will permit and the surveyor shall have come and staked off the ground for the work. The brick work was given to a firm, Wm. Hoyer and Son, from Omaha.

Will Attend State Tournament
The Murdock team of boys of basketball for the high school will attend and participate in the Nebraska state basketball tournament which is to be held in Lincoln on March 6, 7, and 8. Just at this time the team comprises nine members besides the coach, Mr. W. Meyers, who, by the way, is an excellent coach, being well versed in the game and its rules, are putting in some very good work at night at the hall. The members of the team of Murdock are: Captain Elmer Miller, Charles Zaar, Floyd Hite, Melvin Strich, Walter Oehlerking, Walter Stray, Bryan McDonald and Carl Baumgartner.

Box Social and Program
The school known as Pawnee school gave a box social and program last Friday at which there was a large crowd in attendance and a most enjoyable time. The program was well worth while and reflected much credit on the teachers and all who took part in it. Miss Elsie Deickman was voted the most popular young lady in the contest. The affair netted some \$60 for the school and will materially assist in getting many of the things which the district has been needing.

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Alvin Bornemeier who had occasion to have one of the test weights for his large scale in town left the needed block of iron at the barber shop until he could get home and during the evening a large crowd of the young people of Murdock gathered to demonstrate their strength by putting it up some twelve time and many others a number of times while some could not make the rifle.

Mr. E. M. Shaughnessy who has been visiting for some time in the east where he was the guest of a number of sister, returned home last Monday from South Bend where he was the guest of one sister and at Monone, Indiana, where he has three sisters and also spent some time at Indianapolis. While away he enjoyed the visit very much and was loath to return home, but expects to visit with the sisters again the coming year.

Mr. G. Bauer received a letter from Germany written by the person who has charge of receiving and distributing the presents which were sent to Murdock recently and expressed their thanks for the things which were sent, saying that they were all very much needed and that the reception of them was like Christmas. There is still much need yet to be supplied and very things which would be of use will be thankfully received by Mr. Bauer and sent to the people there.

It Was Give and Take
At the basketball game which was played between the teams of Murdock and the teams of Weeping Water the girls of Murdock won over the lassies of Weeping Water by a score of 16 to 14 while the Murdock boys lost to the lads from over on the creek by a score of 14 to 4. The game was played in Murdock on last Tuesday.

Disposes of Business in Lincoln
Emil Kuehn who has been interested in a barber business in Lincoln for some time disposed of the same a few days since realizing from the sale of the place some \$2,500 and is no longer encumbered with the property while making his home in Murdock. The property was a good paver but required a trip quite often and had to make trips to look after the business and then stay in charge of someone else, so he concluded he would dispose of the business.

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NATIONS UNITE TO HONOR LAFAYETTE

America and France Join Hands in Effort to Perpetuate Memory of Famous Frenchman.

New York, Feb. 20.—A memorial in France for the Marquis de Lafayette, to perpetuate the memory of this famous Frenchman thru good works, is the accomplishment in a period of four years of an American society known as the Lafayette memorial, which has the support and co-operation of a large number of prominent French and American men and women. The memorial today is not a project, but a going concern, taking the form of a school and orphanage; a pre-tubercular sanitarium and finally a museum.

It is the purpose of the society to maintain the Chateau Lafayette, in central France as a permanent memorial to the marquis and to the memory of the allied heroes who were killed in the world war. It should become members of the society say, an American national memorial like Mt. Vernon on the Potomac, the birthplace of George Washington.

The memorial is located in the old Lafayette chateau, at Chevagnac, 350 miles south of Paris, where the marquis was born in 1757. This property, consisting of various buildings and 175 acres of land, has been acquired by the society. The chateau was the home of Lafayette's ancestors for centuries and here the French hero of American independence grew up to early manhood. The building has been restored, where necessary, and made sound and solid throughout. New structures have been added to the group and everything has been provided in the way of modern improvements, for the health, comfort and proper education of the children cared for by the memorial. A modern water supply has been installed, and modern plumbing and sanitary equipment have been established in all the buildings, which are served by a modern sewage disposal plant. Electric light and central heating have been put in and a modern dairy with a fine herd has been established to furnish the best milk and butter.

Part of the domain has been modernized and extended so as to afford the finest of farm products. A cobbler's shop has been created to make boots for the children, and there is a carpenter shop for estate repairs. Modern fire protection has been installed. There are baseball and football fields, tennis courts and a swimming pool.

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Talmage.
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Nebraska City.
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DEFENDS WOODROW WILSON

Count Von Bernstorff, Once Ambassador to United States One of Few German Defenders.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—Count Von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, has raised his voice as one of the few defenders in Germany of the late Woodrow Wilson. In the weekly Deutsche Einheit, Von Bernstorff defends Mr. Wilson against almost universal charges by the Germans of a betrayal of Germany, and also calls the German public's attention to the unreason of the generally accepted statement that Germany laid down arms in the world war thru belief in President Wilson's "fourteen points."

"This is falsification of history as every one knows who was present at the negotiations," says Von Bernstorff. "We laid down our arms because army headquarters urgently asked it to avoid catastrophe, and only then we called for President Wilson's help in connection with his fourteen points."

"It may be doubted whether it was clever to address the president, because he had offended two years before. But in its result his intervention was successful for we got by it a moral right. The Versailles treaty became a breach of agreement, while otherwise, it would have been only a consequence of our military destruction."

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Prior to 1922 the shops here handled a general repair work that embraced all kinds of cars: box cars, refrigerators, steel cars and passenger coaches and for which work from 250 to 300 men were employed in the various departments for a great many years.

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BROKER OPENS WAR ON CRAFT IN LIBEL SUIT

NEW YORK CAPITALIST STATES THAT TIME FOR ACTION IS HERE.

URGES HONEST GOVERNMENT
Efficiency and Honesty in Government Will Lower Tax Rates, Says Gotham Financier.

New York, Feb. 21.—"I welcome these court proceedings," Frank A. Vanderlip said today, referring to the \$600,000 libel suit brought against him by Louis H. Brush and Roy D. Moore, purchasers of the Marion Star.

Vanderlip is alleged to have "wickedly and maliciously" charged the plaintiffs with bribing Warren G. Harding to fail to perform certain of his official duties as president of the United States.

The banker's complete statement follows: "The courts are an effective means to bring out facts. I therefore welcome this court proceeding. I hope that it is the forerunner of other court proceedings. There is nothing this country needs so much at the moment as some court proceedings initiated by grand juries and pressed by incorruptible prosecuting attorneys."

Slow Awakening
"Twenty-two months ago in April 1922, the senate by unanimous resolution, called for the facts in the Teapot Dome leases. That resolution was so framed that the red flag of suspicion was run up. For weeks no answer at all was received and none was urgently pressed for, and thereafter, until quite recently, the search for the facts was made without vigor. What were the newspapers doing for twenty-two months? What was Senator Walsh doing? It looks as if somebody had been asleep at the switch, or perhaps asphyxiated at the switch. At least no court proceedings have yet resulted from the Teapot Dome situation."

"Nor have there been, so far as I am aware any court proceeding initiated as a result of the criminal mismanagement of the veterans' bureau. The wholesale dishonesty there is not a matter of rumor; it is a matter of official record in the committee proceedings and the proceedings of congress, and Mr. Forbes and his friends have as yet encountered no court proceedings."

"There have been no court proceedings even a thorough investigation of the alien property administration. There are other directions in which court proceedings would be admirable."

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and receive the very best kind of work from the force that numbers now over 500 men. The Havecock shops handle the locomotive work, the Lincoln repair track largely handle the light box car repair work and so the work is handled over the system. There is some of the steel car work looked after at the Plattsmouth shops as well as the coach and refrigerator work and the cars turned out have been the best on the system.

GAS SUPPLY AT ORD SHUT OFF THRU ARREST

Ord, Neb., Feb. 21.—Because the owner of the gas plant which supplies Ord with gas for illuminating and cooking purposes has been in jail almost two weeks, awaiting the preliminary hearing in connection with the burning of a sale barn, residents of this town are without this commodity and have scant prospects of getting gas, it is feared.

Frank I. Olsen of Grand Island, is the operator of the plant, who has failed to furnish \$7,500 bond for release.

The franchise of the plant ran out January 1, last. Olsen and the city council failed to agree on renewal. The day he was arrested, gas service was discontinued and foreclosure on a \$4,000 mortgage on the plant was started. The plant is now in the hands of a receiver. As the receiver was not financed, the plant is still idle.

ASHURST ACCUSES COLORADO SENATOR

Charges Putting Money in His Own Pocket on Opposing Irrigation Power Site Project.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Senator Phipps, republican, Colorado, was accused today in the senate by Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, of voting to put money into his own pocket when he opposed an appropriation of \$250,000 for a hydro-electric plant in California and Arizona.

Warning Senator Ashurst not to impute motives, Senator Phipps told the senate he voted as he did not because he was a stockholder in the Southern Sierra Power company, with which the proposed government hydro-electric plant would compete. He explained that he and other committee men felt that no new expenditures should be made in irrigation projects until after the report of the fact-finding commission of the department of the interior investigating those projects is available.

Chairman Smoot of the appropriations committee said this was the reason which actuated the committee in voting against the appropriation bill the provision, which has been recommended by the budget bureau and has been approved by the house. He called attention that similar action was taken with respect to other irrigation projects.

Senator Ashurst was vigorous in his attack on the committee. He charged that official record has been kept of the hearings on other items in the bill but that when this one was reached "the stenographer lifted his pen."

"Now here comes the Southern Sierra high power company," he declared, and "one of its stockholders sits on the committee. I want to ask him how he voted on it."

"Certainly," replied Senator Phipps. "I voted to cut this item out."

"Ah, that is what I thought," returned Senator Ashurst, "and there by you put money into your own pocket."

"But—," began Senator Phipps. "There is but about it, interrupting the Arizona senator. "When you voted to cut it out and voted to put money into your own pocket and to deprive the farmers of the valley of their right to have a high power plant, you should have said: 'I refuse to vote.'"

SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY
From Thursday's Daily:
Last evening William P. Sitzman was the "victim" of a very pleasant surprise at his home in the south part of the city, which had been arranged by a number of the friends and the family. The guest of honor was more than surprised when the friends walked in on him and showered him with their well wishes. The members of the party were treated to a fine birthday supper prepared by Mrs. Sitzman and daughters. The evening was spent in playing cards and music and a general good time. Those present were Henry Holy, Harry Shiffer, Henry Harrington, Jerry Houswick, Paul Sitzman, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sitzman and daughters, Margaret, Elizabeth and Ruth.

RECONSTRUCTION IN HUNGARY IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN SOON
Budapest, Feb. 22.—Count Steffen Bethlen, premier of Hungary, today expressed high satisfaction over the decisions of the reparation commission in connection with the reconstruction loan to Hungary, as announced in Paris Thursday night. "I am glad to say that reconstruction in Hungary may be declared to have begun," declared Count Bethlen, who added, "I hope that Mr. Harding will soon arrive in Budapest." The premier was referring to the former governor of the federal reserve board of the United States.

W. H. Pitzer of Nebraska City was here last evening, bringing up a number of the Boy Scouts of that city for the basketball game.

George Sheldon, the Lincoln capitalist, was here today for a few hours looking after some matters with his local representative, J. M. Leyda.



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Mrs. Irene Bengen
Murray Exchange, 1931

AWARDS OF ONE MILLION OVER LUSITANIA SINKING

Reparations for Damages Sustained by Americans in 43 Cases, Allowed with Interest.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Under an award of the German-American mixed claims commission involving only part of the claims arising from the sinking of the British liner Lusitania, the German government must pay approximately \$1,000,000, reparation for losses sustained by Americans thru death, injury, property damage, or otherwise in that disaster. The decision was handed down today by Judge Edwin B. Parker, umpire of the commission. It follows seven cases, representing only the first group of Lusitania claims.

Eighty-eight separate awards were made, the amounts in the cases involving property damage or destruction carrying five per cent interest a year from May 7, 1915, when the Lusitania was sunk. The estimate of payment and those in the death cases the same interest dating from November 1, 1923, when the commission handed down its opinion in the case determining the measure of damages. Forty claims were denied in today's decision.

In handing down his decision, Judge Parker made a brief statement of the facts in each case and applied them to the rules laid down in the Lusitania opinion of November 1. The cases came to him for decision because of disagreement between American commissioner, Chandler P. Anderson and the German commissioner, Wilhelm Kisselback.

In the death cases, according to the opinion, the basis of damage was not the value of a life lost or the loss sustained by the estate of the deceased, but was measured by pecuniary standards.

PLATTE RIVER OVERFLOWS AT COLUMBUS
Columbus, Neb., Feb. 21.—Rushing winter torrents of the Platte river have begun to overflow into the pasture lowlands of this section. The river is full to its banks.

Cold weather is delaying flood danger for the moment. The waters of the Loup are rising but have not reached the overflow stage of the Platte. The Union Pacific railroad is opening channels with dynamite under the main line river bridge.

Should the river break thru Barnum creek, it would leave the bridge across the Loup high and dry, change the course of the river and divert the Loup channel into the Platte, three miles north of its present mouth.

FIREBUG WORKED FOR \$50 A WEEK

Professional Incendiary Calmly Tells of Firing Laundries in New York Laundry War.

New York, Feb. 22.—A confessed professional incendiary calmly told in court how