

# MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

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Diller Utt and wife were in Murdock last Sunday, they visiting for the day with relatives.

Mrs. A. Rikli is enjoying a new Nesco oil stove these hot days, they having purchased it at L. Neitzel's.

A. H. Ward was looking after business matters in Lincoln on last Tuesday, driving over to the capital city in his car.

Mrs. Bertha Heineman was a visitor in Plattsmouth last Monday, where she was looking after some business matters.

Miss Helen and Marie Bornemeier were visiting with friends and also looking after some shopping in Lincoln last Thursday.

Louis Hornbeck was a visitor accompanied by the family from his home in Lincoln, and were guests at the home of relatives here.

Floyd Hite has been assisting the Ward garage doing some electrical wiring in the service station stand, which he put in excellent condition.

Sheriff E. P. Stewart was a visitor in Murdock last Monday, having some papers to serve in a case which was but recently filed in the district court.

Lester Thimgan says "Taint goin' rain no more." And as he is a very observing young man we will have to accept his word until it really does rain again.

O. E. McDonald and the family were visiting and looking after some business matters in Plattsmouth on last Friday, they making the trip over in their auto.

E. W. Thimgan sold to Henry Backemeyer and son Walter, two new plows, which they will use for getting their fall plowing done and ready for the fall seeding.

Kenneth Tool was looking after some business matters in Omaha on last Thursday, going on the morning train from South Bend, and returning over the Rock Island in the evening.

George W. Blessing, the publisher of the Elmwood Leader-Echo, and by the way a good old scout, was a business visitor in Murdock on last Wednesday, looking after some business matters.

The E. W. Thimgan truck took a load of hogs to the South Omaha stock yards last Friday, and made the trip when the weather was cool, thus making it as comfortable as possible for the stock.

Miss Margarite McDonald was looking after the business at the telephone exchange last Thursday, doing work during the absence of the regular operator, and was getting along well with the work.

Ed McGinnis, of South Bend, who is well remembered here as a first class carpenter of the early days of Murdock, was up last Wednesday reworking old acquaintances and doing some business with our merchants.

John E. Scheel threshed on last Wednesday and was very well pleased with the returns, but still not like other years. He also shelled corn the following day and thus got a portion of two years' crops in two days.

Miss Sylvia Kruze, who was a schoolmate of Miss Margaret Tool, has been visiting with her friend, Miss Margaret, for the past week, the girls living over their school day life, and enjoying the time very much.

County Attorney W. G. Kieck and the wife were visiting in Murdock last Thursday looking after some business matters, the genial attorney having some legal matters to look after and the wife coming along for the ride.

Word from Okoboji, the famous summer resort in northern Iowa, is to the effect that O. J. Pothast and family, who are spending the month of July there are having a most pleasant time with their fishing, swimming and boating.

Fred Stock, Sr., has just purchased and placed in his hay barn a new hay rigger which he can use for storing hay in the barn and also for removing it as he chooses, the apparatus being purchased from and installed by J. H. Buck.

Elmer Boyles, of Elmwood, was a visitor in Murdock last Thursday afternoon, coming over to get his car fixed, as he has more faith in the excellence of Jess Landholm's workmanship than others, so he came over to have him do the work.

J. H. Buck and the family were visiting last Saturday both at Alvo and Elmwood, driving over to see if a cool place could be found during the heated evening. Mr. Buck was also looking after some business matters in Lincoln last Wednesday.

Sure there is joy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buell, for this time a boy arrived, thus balancing the family, as the former arrival was a daughter. All members of the family are very well pleased over the arrival and joy seems to reign supreme.

H. W. Tool, who is a member of the Weeping Water band as well as of the Murdock band and who plays in the concerts at Weeping Water, was called to play at the picnic which was held under the auspices of the Shriners at Seward on last Friday.

Sekel Jacobson and wife with their daughter Martha, of Omaha, who had been visiting here for some time as guests at the home of Jess Landholm and wife, returned home last Monday, being taken home by Mr. Landholm, who was also purchasing some goods.

The band concert last Wednesday night drew the greatest crowd of people who were ever assembled in Murdock. The Sunday school class gave an ice cream social and sold over 20 gallons of cream. The K. K. parade and speech made it rather late, but it was a success.

Milo Buskirk has been threshing, and has more to look after, but reports that the yields have not been very heavy, the wheat going from one bushel per acre to 14 bushels,

and the average being in the neighborhood of eight bushels. The oats have been averaging from ten to 15 bushels per acre.

Dr. S. B. McDiarmid and family spent last Sunday at L. Neitzel's for dinner, and in the afternoon accompanied by the Neitzels, all went out to A. J. Neitzel's, where they enjoyed some good, homemade ice cream. They brought their pet lamb along and left it at A. J. Neitzel's, whose children are enjoying it very much as a pet.

Ladies Take an Outing A number of the ladies of Murdock were enjoying an outing during the latter portion of last week, where they sure had a fine time. They were met on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ward, those to enjoy the occasion and catch fish as well as enjoy the boating and bathing were Mrs. G. V. Piekwell, Mrs. O. W. Gillespie, Mrs. Harry Gillespie and Mrs. H. V. McDonald. Misses Irene McDonald, Wilhelmina Gakeimer and Mary Tool.

A good threshing outfit, in A-1 condition, 16 h. p. Reeves compound steam engine; 32x60 special Avery separator; new water tank, pump and hose, and a new 150-foot 5-ply drive belt.

FOR SALE EDW. GUEHLSTORFF, Murdock, Neb.

Picnicked at Morton Park A number of the people of Murdock and surrounding vicinity were enjoying a picnic at the Morton park last Sunday, driving over from here in their car and viewing a lot of nice country between here and Nebraska City as well as having a most excellent time while there. There were among those who were visitors there Conrad Baumgartner and the family, W. T. Weddell and family, Henry Tool and wife and daughter, Mary, Mrs. H. V. McDonald and daughter, Miss Irene, Harry Gillespie and wife, W. O. Gillespie and wife and Miss Viola Everett, J. J. Gustin and wife, and Mary Catherine, McHugh.

Will Spend Vacation in West Henry A. Guthmann and the family departed in their car last week for Ainsworth, where they will visit for some time at the home of the sister of Mrs. Guthmann, who with the family and the Guthmann family will then proceed to the Black Hills, where they will expect to spend about three weeks camping out in the heart of nature.

Evangelical Church Services at Louisville church at 9:20 a. m. Bible school at both Louisville and Murdock churches at 10 a. m. Services in English, 11 to 11:30, and services in German, 11:30 to 12, at Murdock church. Young Peoples' meeting at 7 p. m. and evening preaching services at 7:30.

They Visited the 'Ak' Den Four of the fun loving gentlemen of Murdock, namely Jerry E. McHugh, Henry A. Tool, G. W. Tool and Arthur J. Tool went to Omaha last Monday evening, it being Cass county night at the Ak-Sar-Ben den, where they had a most enjoyable time and were more than pleased with the show, but did not get away until late and came to Ashland, with the intention of driving home, but as the rain was pouring and the wind boisterous, the gentlemen went on to Lincoln, thinking of coming home on the flyer of the Rock Island, but finding that boys, they went to bed, and the Rock Island got away from them. They arose early, and after paying \$2.50 each for a bed, returned to Ashland from where they were able to get home via auto. But in spite of it all, they had a most enjoyable time.

Went Fishing Thursday Lacey and Jerry went over to the platte river and Meadow last Thursday afternoon and with their partner phernalia which was required, endeavored to lure the fish from their cool retreat in the sparkling water of the Platte, but with not the best of success. They were very persuasive in the manner of approach to the fishy tribe, but as they were wary of some impending calamity, they failed to bite in just the way the boys desired. Still their efforts were not without some recompense and they had a nice time while out, and when they arrived home had a good appetite and a few fish.

Thousand People in Murdock Last Wednesday in the evening one of the very popular band concerts which are now a regular weekly feature of the life of this bustling town, was held, being attended by more than one thousand people. All were pleased with the music and spoke in terms highly complimentary to the band. Ice cream and cake were served and a very good time was had by all. To add to the time which was in store for those attending the concert, a bit of excitement was thrown in by the appearance of some fifty hooded Klansmen, two of whom were mounted. After a most impressive parade, they filed into the band stand and introduced the speaker, inducing assured all that they knew him very well. The speech was begun and listened to intently by some, while there were others who did not pause to hear what was said. There were some who objected to the address and others who were very much in favor of it. There was no cross burned, but there was one carried in the parade, which was lighted by a

storage battery and which made a most impressive scene.

Will Complete Avoca School Henry Heineman and Harold Thimgan have a contract for the completion of the woodwork in the interior of the Avoca school, which has been under construction for some time past and which is to be completed in time for the beginning of the coming school year, which opens some time in September. They were fortunate in securing these two gentlemen for the work for they are both very good workmen and will care for the completion of the school in the best of manner.

SYNTHETIC OIL OUTLOOK GOOD German Said to Have Found Product Similar to That Furnished by Nature.

London.—Dr. R. Lessing, honorary secretary of the Coal Research club, in answer to a query put to him by British experts had advised in this Science Monitor as to how soon oil from coal was likely to be a commercial possibility, replied: "I can only say that the hitherto very slow steps toward obtaining our oil fuel and motor spirit supplies from our diminishing coal resources are being accelerated."

Dr. Lessing, who was at one time chief gas chemist to one of the largest London gas companies, has always been interested in the question of ways and means to abate the smoke nuisance and also bring to more economical use of British coal resources. He has recently been responsible for the translation of a German book by Professor Fischer on the subject of treating coal by the high and low temperature carbonization processes. Asked how far his experiments had advanced in this direction, Dr. Lessing said that things were progressing now that Britain had her fuel research board. But he envied Dr. Fischer his splendidly equipped laboratories which were opened just before the war in 1914 and which were kept literally supplied with funds by private enterprise.

"Dr. Fischer in his book describes the process discovered by myself by which coal tar can be separated into pitch, oil, and motor spirit. And it is possible as once I have got to being necessary plants in sufficient numbers, a great proportion if not all of the oil requirements of the navy might be obtainable. But as it is that that must be a matter of years."

Dr. Lessing explained that by the process of low temperature carbonization a semi-coke was obtained. This is a smokeless fuel. From this semi-coke the German experts have found a way of producing a motor fuel which they have named "synthol." Further treatment at a high temperature produces a synthetic high grade motor fuel. Professor Fischer's research work has, in fact, produced synthetically what has taken place during untold centuries in the earth.

Dr. Lessing was insistent on the fact that oil from coal has got to be produced and power from coal is, he said, water in the extreme used as it is at present. Smoke must go, and oil fuel, both light and heavy must come from coal. He looked forward to its being produced on a big commercial scale within a few years.

USE PLANES AND DOGS TO SOLVE CRIME MYSTERY Los Angeles, July 15.—Atrplanes and bloodhounds were being used in Los Angeles latest crime mystery. The disappearance of Mrs. Virginia Lee Cookson from her home in Orange county has developed every evidence of foul play and an intensive search for her was begun this morning by the county sheriff and his aids.

Mrs. Cookson started for her home after midnight Monday, from visiting friends in Orange. Her car was found at the entrance to the road leading to her mountain home, which is near the former residence of Madame Helen Modjeska. Her slipper was lodged between the car pedals and a long mass of hair was found on the door.

Mrs. Cookson is a magazine writer under the pseudonym of "Lee Chambers." She figured in a sensational quarrel several years ago with the Modjeska Ranch company over water rights. A letter written recently to her sister in Los Angeles indicated she was afraid of someone and authorities are trying to ascertain the man's name and what caused Mrs. Cookson's fear.

MESSAGE BY RADIO FROM ROOSEVELTS IN MID ASIA Simla, India, July 16.—A radio message from Kashgar says members of the James Simpson-Roosevelt expedition into Central Asia for the Field museum of Chicago are "five stations away," and are expected to reach Yarkland soon.

WOULD OUST AGENT Lincoln, July 16.—The Rock Island and Burlington railroads have filed a joint petition with the state railway commission to discontinue their joint agent at Thompson, contending that business there does not justify the expenditure.

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## KANSAN URGED AS DRY DIRECTOR OF OMAHA DISTRICT

Senator Curtis Osks Appointment of G. W. Wark to Supervise Prohibition Under New System.

G. W. Wark, prohibition commissioner for Kansas for the last three or four years, is the probable appointee as supervisor of the newly-created prohibition enforcement zone which will include Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, according to dispatches from Washington last night.

Wark is recommended for the post by Senator Curtis of Kansas, and the appointment is probable because "dry officials assert that he is the best man available." Definite announcement is expected next week.

Elmer Thompson, present Nebraska prohibition commissioner, declined to comment last night on the proposed appointment of Wark. He said he could not predict whether or not he would be retained on Wark's staff, should the Kansas be named.

Thompson has made no official announcement of any sort. Thomas said, "Anything I could say would be only a guess."

According to the dispatches, Gen. Lincoln C. Andrews, assistant secretary of the treasury, yesterday directed that territory, even though he is based by Senator Wadsworth, Edmund Budnitz, who has the endorsement of Senator Miller and Representative Hill, will not be retained in Maryland.

Although opposed by the politicians of Georgia and South Carolina, the fight of North Carolina will be placed in charge of the zone which includes North Carolina and Georgia.

This march of events is of particular significance, coming on the heels of a statement made yesterday afternoon by Senator Watson of Indiana, assistant republican floor leader in the senate.

"For a long time we have been told that the tariff is not a political question and should be taken out of politics. Yet it is in politics and all efforts to eliminate it have been futile. Prohibition cannot touch politics any more effectively than has the tariff," said Mr. Watson, in which he is understood to have the active support of nearly all the senate.

General Andrews, it was learned yesterday, will not venture an open declaration of any more senators than he can possibly help.

W. Murdoch, now director of the Pittsburgh district, is likely to get the post for the Pennsylvania zone.

All sorts of pressure is being brought to bear upon General Andrews to change the geographical boundaries of the zones as first announced.

His real battle will begin when he makes public announcement of the 22 men who will command the zones into which the entire country has been divided.—Omaha Bee.

## FEED FOR FINISHING FOWLS

This is the season for culling out the non-producing and low producing hens as well as disposing of surplus cockerels. No bird intended for eating should be sold without finishing. The logical place to do this is on the farm or poultry plant where they were grown. The birds intended for market should be confined to a crate and set for 10 days to two weeks on a ration of finely ground corn and wheat bran in equal parts with a small quantity of middlings or ground oats added. This should be mixed to a thin mortar consistency with buttermilk or sour skim milk. Feed lightly the first day but after that feed all that the birds will clean up in 20 minutes three times daily.

ENTIRE FAMILY IS FOUND POISONED; WIFE ALONE DIES Husband Tries to Slay Self With Knife After All Are Found Unconscious.

Gordon, Neb., July 15.—Mrs. Ed Newcomb, 44, is dead, her husband is in the Rushville jail in a straight jacket and their son, Edwin, 10, and daughter, Vera, 8, are in a serious condition, though expected to recover, after the whole family had taken poison in an effort to blot out their troubles.

Mrs. Newcomb died half an hour after the family was discovered by the neighbors, lying near death in their home here. While her friends were working over Mrs. Newcomb and the little girl, Newcomb recovered sufficiently to seize a butcher knife and inflict a wound in his abdomen.

Boo Blames Father He was taken, a raving maniac, to the Rushville jail, and continued to rave until noon yesterday, when he calmed down. He still mumbles to himself, but it is believed that he will recover unless blood poisoning sets in from the self-inflicted wound.

The boy was still unconscious when help arrived, told the authorities that his father had made his mother, sister and himself take the poison and then had taken the remaining poison himself.

Find Suicide Fact Note Later developments yesterday, however, revealed two notes left by the mother explaining the suicide pact and asking to be forgiven. The notes were addressed to her father, I. Woodhouse, in whose house the Newcombs were living.

The daughter, Vera, was revived sufficiently to speak, though her body is still paralyzed. The boy was able to be up yesterday and tell a tragic story of how his father forced him to take the poison after he had knocked the glass from his father's hand once.

Friends and relatives are at a loss to explain the deed, as poverty was not at all evident with the family. Newcomb was always a quiet sort of man and a good worker who always cared well for his family. He is 45 years old.

WOMAN KILLED AS AUTO TURNS OVER Mrs. Phil Rein of Omaha Victim of Accident in Gravel when Husband Tries to Pass Car

Norfolk, Neb., July 15.—Mrs. Freda Mae Rein, 23, Omaha, was instantly killed last evening shortly after 9 o'clock when the automobile in which she was riding turned over six times into a ditch on a curve on the Blue Pole highway, about three-quarters of a mile east of Battle Creek.

Riding with Mrs. Rein were her husband, Phil Rein, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Rockafeller, also of Omaha. All three were severely bruised.

According to residents along the highway who saw the accident, Rein, who was driving, attempted to drive his car around another speeding machine, and in so doing hit loose gravel.

Others said that the driver of the other car did not give Rein much of the road and forced the death car to the outer edge of the highway. Those who saw the scene of the accident stated that the machine stopped about 200 feet from the place where it first landed in the ditch.

Mrs. Rein's face and skull were crushed. Officers at Norfolk arrested a motorist last night, but when he denied he had been rushing or that he was in any automobile accident, he was released. Soon after his release a telephone message was sent from Oakdale asking officials to hold that man. His car bore a Cherry county license, but the name of the driver has not been learned.

SEE GAIN FOR STECK IN PROPOSED RULING Des Moines, Ia., July 15.—Should the senate disregard technicalities in the counting of contested ballots, as suggested in a Washington dispatch, the recount probably would credit Steck, the democratic candidate, with a large number of the so-called "arrow" ballots found in Council Bluffs and other cities in last fall's election.

These ballots were thrown out by local judges because the voters inscribed arrows to indicate they were scratching republican ballots to vote for Steck. The ballots were held invalid under the Iowa law against "marked" ballots.

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ELKS FAVOR MOVEMENT TO RECONDITION OLD FRIGATE Portland, Oregon, July 15.—The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks grand lodge, in session here today, in the sixty-first annual reunion decided to get behind a movement to raise a fund for reconditioning the historic frigate Constitution, and agreed to co-operate with the navy department in promoting "Old Ironsides" week in the public schools, October 19 to 24. A resolution offered by James R. Nicholson, of Boston, past grand exalted ruler, pledging the order's support in the movement, was adopted.

MATURED BEEF STEERS HIT NEW HIGH PRICE Chicago, July 15.—High prices for corn have led to a big shortage of well finished beef steers, and to an overstocking of grass-fed cattle. So few desirable matured steers arrived here today that top record prices since 1920 were again smashed, with the market for choice meat animals showing a jump of \$1.25 a hundred weight in the last two weeks.

Today's top price for prime cattle was \$14.25, a rise of \$2.60 since last May.

INVENTOR HAS EVENTFUL DAY Lincoln, July 15.—Wednesday was an eventful day for Floyd West, 51, claiming to be an Omaha inventor. He was hurt in an accident, arrested on a charge of passing bad checks and was turned over to county authorities to be held for appearance before the sanity board. A ventilator fell on his head while he was riding a freight train to Palmyra, Neb., early Wednesday. Later he returned here where he was arrested.

## M. D. A. CONVENTION IN CLOSING SESSION

Meetings of the Burlington Shop Organization Will Close Today at Lincoln.

From Saturday's Daily—Delegates attending the annual constitutional convention of the mechanical department association of the Burlington railroad, at Lincoln, visited the Havelock shops Friday afternoon, after completing routine business of the convention. The convention will convene at 9 a. m. Saturday, and will adjourn at noon.

The next constitutional convention of the organization, at Havelock, was decided Friday, will be held in Lincoln in July, 1926. Reports were made at the Friday sessions of the constitutional, ritual, ways and means, and salary committees. New members of the "trial board," for adjusting differences within the organization, are Charles Hopson, Kansas City; D. H. Lewis, Alliance; W. A. Mills, Havelock; William Fletcher, Aurora, Ill., and C. I. Jackson, of Ottumwa, Ia. Election of officers of the organization is held in September of every year, by mail ballot. The next election will be held in 1926.

The ladies auxiliary of the association adjourned at the close of its session Friday afternoon. Mrs. W. E. Ashman of Havelock, was elected president; Mrs. H. A. Barrett of Havelock, vice president; Mrs. J. H. Roesch of St. Joseph, secretary-treasurer. Newly elected trustees are Mrs. A. B. Cooper of Burlington, Ia.; Mrs. D. A. Boat, Galesburg, Ill., and Mrs. George Morris, Guernsey, Wyo.

Nine meetings were held Friday evening. Fifty-four delegates attended the convention, delegates to the auxiliary convention and companions of delegates bringing the total number in the city for the convention to more than a hundred.

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