

MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

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Homer H. Lawton and the wife with the children were attending the fair at Weeping Water on Friday of last week going over in their auto for the afternoon.

W. O. Gillespie was a visitor in Plattsmouth last Thursday where he was called to look after some business matters, driving over via Murray and returning via Louisville to avoid the grading west of Murray.

Mrs. A. J. Tool and daughter, Catherine were at Lincoln last Saturday as the schools were closed in order that the scholars might attend the county fair and see the exhibits of the other schools in the county.

E. M. Shatto has been getting the furnace of Dr. A. R. Hornbeck in proper condition for winter for the doctor and his wife don't want the winter to slip up on the blind side of the furnace and they are not prepared for the season.

John S. Livingston and wife and W. E. Livingston and wife of near Greenwood were over to the fair at Weeping Water on Thursday and stepped in Murdock on the evening for a visit with friends and also to help after some matters of business.

Oscar E. McDonald, better known as Pete, with the family, was over to Weeping Water last Friday attending the fair, they going over in the afternoon and there met a host of their friends who were interested in the fair and the products on exhibition there.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Guthman drove over to Omaha last Thursday in their car where they were looking after some business and stopped in Louisville where Mr. Guthman arranged with Mr. Reese Hestain for a hunting expedition in the northwest for a short time.

W. T. Weddell is a busy man these days getting his barn built and ready for the occupancy of the cattle by the time the winter comes. Mr. Weddell has a very fine herd of milk cows and they are producing a fine lot of milk and entirely in the best of care which they are surely getting from their owner, Mr. Weddell, and it always pays to give animals the best of care.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hitchcock of Havelock were visiting for a short time in Murdock last Sunday and on their return Mrs. L. Neitzel returned with them and from there went to Omaha where Mr. Neitzel was visiting at the Lord Lister hospital where her sister, Mrs. John Martin of Cedar Bluffs is now where she is recovering from an operation for relief from gall stones and appendicitis and is making very nice recovery and it is hoped will be able to return home after the every day business affairs for the real business for another 12 months. Beaver Lake, where they fished is a mile and a quarter long by half a mile wide.

DAY AT KING HILL
Last Sunday, Louis Hornbeck and family of Lincoln were in Murdock and with the doctor and wife and I. G. Hornbeck all went to King Hill passing thru Murray where on the banks of the Missouri river they picnicked and had a splendid time. They saw more than a hundred fish, but being it was Sunday they never cast a line, but will go some other time when they can get a vacation during the week and try and land some of them and again you know the fish will be getting larger all the time.

Will Try to Save Lives
The Rock Island railroad is ever alert to save lives, for you know lives cost money and the fight with the slogan "Safety First" is literally being pushed to front by the Rock Island through all the country where they operate a railroad. And why not? The matter of life and death has gotten to be a matter which has been looked at with very little interest. The matter of safety first will require every one who is crossing or about to cross a railway track to stop, look and listen before proceeding. Whose ever fault it is when one is killed or maimed the restoration

cannot be made. Damages can and are paid but if there were more attention paid to crossing railroads there would be fewer accidents and loss of life. Drivers with cars filled with people cannot be too careful and especially should the drivers of cars carrying school children be compelled to stop before crossing any railroad track no matter whether there is a train in sight or not. The one who drives the car carrying school children has a great responsibility and should be required to stop before crossing any track.

Tent Meeting a Success
The meeting at the tent which is stretched at the ground of the former school of Murdock is meeting with an abundant success and much interest is being manifested in the meetings which are being conducted by the Evangelist Building of St. Paul, Minn., who is a very eloquent gentleman and is a power when it comes to sending the truth home with power. They were up to Thursday evening four days in Murdock and 24 conversions and the interest unabated.

Otto Miller Sells Farm
Otto Miller who purchased a farm in the vicinity and west of Ashland some time since at some thirteen thousand dollars, was able to dispose of the place last Thursday at eighteen thousand, a clear profit of five thousand dollars for the time as the use of the land should have cared for the interest on the investment.

Evangelical Church Services
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. **tt**

Home From the Hunt
The "boys," Harry V. McDonald, Jerry E. McHugh, Lacey McDonald, Art Tool and Henry A. Tool, who have been fishing, hunting and having a fine time in the northwest for the past two weeks, returned home last Saturday before the rain and report a most enjoyable time and have a record of fish caught of 473, of which they gave a portion away and brought 225 home which they distributed among their friends here. The boys are again back to work with more zest in life and will go after the every day business affairs for the real business for another 12 months. Beaver Lake, where they fished is a mile and a quarter long by half a mile wide.

Goes to LaPayette
Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Pothast were visiting in Lincoln last Thursday evening where they were in attendance at a banquet of insurance men and their families and where Mr. Pothast was selected to go to LaPayette, Indiana, where there is being held a school for ten days in instructions in life insurance and which the company is giving Mr. Pothast a free trip with expenses paid. He has written over one hundred thousand dollars worth of life insurance during the past season and as he is heading the list in this territory he is given this trip.

Played Ball Thursday
The ball team of the Murdock schools are as active as kittens and play an excellent game and are aware that they can play ball as it should be played and in order to keep in that trim which is essential they asked to play with the business men and accordingly Mr. E. W. Thimgan who was formerly one of worth while players and as it developed he has not lost his ability to play, got a number of the former

playing squad together and had a tryout on last Thursday at the school grounds with the result that the business men under the leadership of Mr. Thimgan won over the young and more active lads by the score of 5 to 4.

Business Men Played Ball
The business men who played ball with the school team last Thursday were Lacey McDonald, second base; H. W. Tool, third base; Homer H. Lawton, shortstop; Wayne Swartz, first base; Kenneth Tool, left field; Emil Kuhlen, center field; James Danahy, left field; Edward W. Thimgan, pitcher, and Floyd Hite, catcher. The lineup for the school team was: Lester Thimgan, first base; Marion Schewe, catcher; Bryan McDonald, pitcher; Louis Wendt, shortstop; Carl Baumgartner, second base; Amie McBrine, left field; Axel Kroll, right field; David Eichoff, center field; John Kruger and Professor Blum acted as the ump's.

ELMWOOD TO HAVE STREETS GRAVELED AS PROGRESSIVE MOVE

Village Board Takes Action to Place Their Fine Little City in Line With Other Towns.

At a meeting of the city board on Tuesday evening it was decided to gravel the main streets of Elmwood. The street north and south will be graveled from the Missouri Pacific depot on the north. From the center of the square on Maine street east to the Missouri Pacific track including three blocks and from the square west three blocks or to the street running north and south just west of the Sutherland property. Several more blocks of graveled were included that was not at first talked of in the original plan. While many would like to have seen the streets here in the business section paved they feel that graveled will be the right way according to the specifications that will be used in putting it in here. It is the intention now of having this work all completed by the time winter sets in. The work will include the proper grading and the graveled which will be placed in at four inch thickness. Curbing will be used. The streets in the business section will be full width while in the residential section will be cut down to a width which will be proper and yet give plenty of room for traffic. The improvement will be a fine thing and it is hoped that it can be completed this fall.

We feel that this is one of the best things that has happened for Elmwood and the city board is to be congratulated upon their action. It is estimated that there will likely be some sixteen blocks of graveled in all as it will be extended across the tracks on the east in front of the Caygill and Clapp places. This would make seven blocks east and west and nine north and south. It is understood that the square at the intersection of the two main streets in the business section will be paved. This splendid improvement is secured now and every citizen should be heartily back of the movement with their full support. The proposition then is to include curbing, guttering and the very best job of graveled that can be done. Let's help the board by all the encouragement we can give for this improvement. It will make our town better and every one feel better when it is completed.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

RAPID CALCULATOR

George H. Wood, a mathematical wizard who spent a great many years in a bank before he decided to demonstrate his remarkable ability with a Nebraska City visitor Wednesday. He sought contact with the board of education with a view to having a public demonstration soon. He gave a radio demonstration a night or two ago, proving to the satisfaction of his hearers that he is, indeed, a "rapid calculator." A few days ago he gave a demonstration at Sidney, Iowa. He says he can, within two hours, teach the average normal child how to add a column of figures in half the time ordinarily required.—Nebraska City Press.

SANTE FE OPPOSES ROCK ISLAND LINES

Washington, Sept. 24.—The Atchison, Topeka & Sante Fe railroad Wednesday filed a protest with the interstate commerce commission against the application of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, which desires to construct a line from Liberal, Kan., to Amarillo, Tex. W. B. Storey, president of the Atchison, said in his protest that the proposed line is not required as a public convenience or necessity, as the area through which it is to run is now adequately served with railroad facilities.

The proposed line, he declared, would inevitably take traffic from the Atchison, Topeka & Sante Fe and "would impair its earnings." The operating distance, he pointed out, from Amarillo, Tex., to Kansas City, Mo., via the proposed line, would be 558 miles compared with 535 over the Sante Fe, and the distance from Amarillo to Chicago, by the new route would be 1,075, compared with 985 over the Sante Fe.

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BREWERS TO BEGIN FIGHT TO MAKE BEER WITH A SMALL KICK

Declare it Will be "Honorable and Open" Contest to Legalize 2.75 Brew.

New York, Sept. 24.—The United States brewers' association today announced inauguration of an open and honorable fight to legalize the manufacture of 2.75 per cent beer. It invited "civic bodies concerned in the promotion of temperance to join us in legalizing the sale of non-intoxicating malt beverages." No such body was mentioned by name.

The organization, at a meeting of the executive committee, last week declared he was unable to say whether Wheeler had been only a curious listener and had closed the doors to any further discussion of the matter. "I rather think," said Mr. Fox, "that Mr. Wheeler has been sending out trial balloons."

Hugh Fox, executive secretary of the brewers' association, stated that Levi Cook, Washington attorney, who represents four or five brewers, had approached Wayne B. Wheeler, of the Anti-Saloon League and proposed a compromise to the legalization of beer of greater alcoholic content than the one-half of one per cent now allowed by law.

Wheeler exhibited a willingness to talk matters over, according to the reports of Mr. Fox, but the latter declared he was unable to say whether Wheeler had been only a curious listener and had closed the doors to any further discussion of the matter. "I rather think," said Mr. Fox, "that Mr. Wheeler has been sending out trial balloons."

New York Dry Administrator

A New York city business man as the new prohibition administrator for this district was indicated today by Lincoln C. Andrews, assistant secretary of the treasury. Mr. Andrews, who came from Washington to confer with local officials regarding the shakeup in prohibition ranks scheduled for October 15, said he had conferred with several business men and that probably one of them would be given the post. Acting Prohibition Commissioner Jacob Foster left for Washington today, but the purpose of his trip was not made public.

The United States district attorney's offices today announced the suspension of an elaborate code of discipline in the offices of the Knickerbocker building, raided yesterday, when a large bootleg ring was uncovered with headquarters in the Times Square theatrical district.

The code, according to the agents, was used in signaling the rum boats from the shore to the boats. The seven members of the ring are under arrest and four more are sought. Arthur Kraus, one of those sought, is said to have deposited \$200,000 in money at the city bank.

DREAM OF OIL WELL ENDS AT NORCATUR

Went 3,750 Feet into the Ground and Then Quit the Effort—Will Pull the Pipe.

Word has reached Lincoln that the oil drill at Norcatour, Kas., on the Oberlin branch of the Burlington railroad, has been pulled from the ground and that the quest for oil at that place may be at an end. The company has not announced its plans with some citizens in that vicinity hope that it intends sinking another test hole, but a story coming from Norcatour recently indicated that the rig would be moved away and that the pipe would be pulled from the well.

The drill was sunk to a depth of 3,750 feet. Indications of oil were found as the drill sunk and at one time it was rumored that oil had been struck. If oil was tapped it was not in sufficient quantities to pay, like the oil found at Hamburg, Ia., and at Campbell, Neb. At Campbell oil bearing sand was struck at 1,300 feet, but the oil flow was not strong. Five to ten barrels a day might have been secured by pumping but that would not pay. The same thing is said to have been found at Hamburg, Ia. Reports from Norcatour indicate that the same stratum of oil bearing sand was passed thru there.

At one time it was reported that the company drilling at Norcatour had abandoned the first well started and had begun in a new place, not far distant. At any rate work was stopped when the drill had gone down about 3,500 feet, but as work stopped at 3,750 feet, the event is a strike resumed. Indications of an oil strike were so strong that great crowds visited the well at Norcatour every Sunday for weeks and the town

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RECLAIMED LAND HAS GOOD YIELD

Agricultural Conditions Are Found Favorable in Government Survey.

Washington.—Agricultural conditions on the irrigation projects of the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior, are for the most part favorable, according to reports just issued. Fruit and vegetables in Arizona, California, and Colorado on irrigated land were reported good. Grain and sugar beets made a good showing in Idaho and Montana.

In the Shoshone project, Wyoming, the potato yield was the best since the war and in the Yahima project, Washington, crops to the value of \$3,500,000 were shipped during the first 28 days, with good prices. One potato grower sold his crop from 120 acres for \$30,000 cash, the grower to dig and haul the potatoes to the storehouse. This land was rented by the grower for \$30 an acre. The apple crop on the Okanogan project is larger than last year but the prices are lower.

The department of the Interior is on the defensive against the charges that have been made in regard to its reclamation policy and will submit to congress at the coming season a report on the entire reclamation situation which has been investigated by a special committee.

In the business interest of the government the word has been passed out that farmers will not receive a suspension of payments on irrigated farms because of poor prices for their crops. Indeed, this cannot be done under the present law, but only by a special act of congress. The government began the reclamation projects about 20 years ago. The committee of specialists which has been at work during the last year has been looking into the question of fertility, production, and the adequacy of water supply; with the object of eliminating certain lands because of their nonproductivity and the inability of settlers to pay charges due the government.

Mitchell Silent.
St. Louis, Sept. 25.—Jaunty and debonair, Col. William Mitchell, the critic of America's air policy, left St. Louis late Thursday for Washington to tell President Coolidge's committee what he thinks about the air forces.
During a four-hour stop-over after his arrival from Muskogee, Okla., he refused to talk of the investigation. "Do you dread your appearance before the committee?" he was asked. "Piffle," he replied.
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GUARANTEE FUND COMMISSION ELECTS

General Counsel C. M. Skiles Not Only Rechosen, But Is Given an Increase of \$800 in Salary.

The state bank guaranty commission closed a two days' meeting Thursday evening by re-electing its officers. Secretary Van E. Peterson whose salary is \$6,500 was re-elected. C. M. Skiles, general counsel, was re-elected with an increase in pay. His salary was raised from \$4,200 to \$4,800. E. J. Dempster of Geneva, was re-elected vice chairman, an honorary office. Secretary Kirk Griggs of the department of trade and commerce, by virtue of his office, remains chairman of the commission.

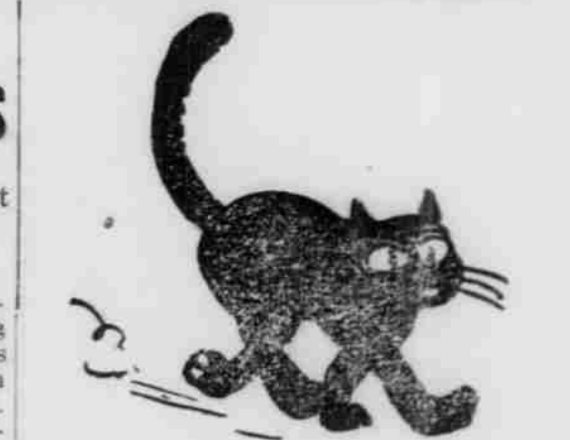
No action was taken in regard to Assistant Secretary C. G. Stool or any of the other members of the commission's office force. The assistant secretary is an appointive and not elective office. It is understood no change is to be made in any of the positions of the assets.

The election of officers was by unanimous vote. I. A. Kirk, president of the Exchange State bank of Gibbon participated in this meeting as a newly appointed member chosen by Governor McMillen to fill the place of Frank J. Cleary of Grand Island who resigned at the suggestion of the governor who deemed the place vacant because Mr. Cleary had ceased to be an executive officer of a state bank.

The meeting was harmonious, there being no clash between the department of trade and commerce whose duty it is to supervise going state banks and the commission which was created by the legislature to supervise failing banks turned over to it by the department and to operate them or to close them and dispose of the assets.

The commission is now made up as follows: Kirk Griggs, secretary of the department of trade and commerce, chairman ex-officio; E. J. Dempster, Geneva, vice chairman; Van E. Peterson, Curtis, secretary; Emil Folds, Clarkson; Belle W. Ley, Wayne; J. A. Kirk, Gibbons; Fay C. Hill, Gordon; J. W. Rogers, Lodge Pole.

Former Secretary Knudson of the department of trade and commerce, presented his resignation to the district court Thursday as receiver of the failed American State Bank of



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Lincoln, a receivership which he felt hurt to by virtue of his appointive state office under the Bryan administration. He was allowed a fee and expenses amounting to \$900 by District Judge Stewart. Vice Chairman Dempster of the guaranty fund commission, was appointed receiver in place of Mr. Knudson. This makes a total of \$2,802 fees which Mr. Knudson has been allowed by court orders for serving as receiver of state banks. In the case of the American State bank he said he asked for pay for time served after he left the office of secretary of the department of trade and commerce last January. This guaranty fund commission and its general counsel made no recommendation nor any protest against the allowance of fees to Mr. Knudson in the Lancaster county ydistrick court. The matter of fees was left to the court to determine.

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