

# MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

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Mrs. Margaret Tool, who is attending the state university at Lincoln, is spending the mid-winter holiday at home.

Fred Cordes purchased a Ford touring car during the past week of E. W. Thimman, the Ford dealer of Murdock.

A. J. Bauer was a visitor at Lincoln during the past week, where he was called to look after some business matters for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Diller Utz were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Utz for Christmas day, where all enjoyed the day nicely.

On last Saturday Charles I. Long was looking after the business at the Farmers and Merchants bank in the absence of Mr. O. J. Pothast.

A. J. Tool and family were guests at the home of Turner McKinnon, northwest of Alvo, on last Sunday, where all enjoyed the visit a great deal.

S. P. Leis departed last Thursday morning for Ottawa, Ill., where he went to enjoy the Christmas day and other days as well with relatives and friends.

Milo Buskirk and wife had as their guests on Christmas day his parents, Edna Buskirk and wife, and they all enjoyed the Christmas very nicely together.

The young people of Murdock enjoyed a very pleasant dance at the Woodmen hall on Christmas night, and will also have another one on New Years night.

John Gakemeier and the family, of Dunning, where with Charles Rau they are located on a ranch, are here spending the holidays with relatives and friends.

Albert and Irvin Reickmann, who are attending school at Naperville, Ill., are visiting for the holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reickmann.

Norman Rau, a son of Edward Rau and family, has been having a tussle with the scarlet fever. His sister, who has been down with the malady, is about well at this time.

Henry Blumberg, of Hubbard, Ia., who has been visiting here for the past week, will remain for some time yet. He is a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. Fred Klemm, of Weeping Water, and Mrs. George

Vanderberg and son Edward were guests at the home of Postmaster L. B. Gortley and wife for Christmas.

O. J. Pothast and the family were visiting for a number of days at St. Louis City, where they were guests at the home of the father of Mrs. Pothast, Mr. H. K. Hanson and wife.

Mrs. A. J. Bauer was a visitor in Weeping Water last Wednesday, where she was a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ray Doldin, and where they both enjoyed a good visit.

Kenneth Tool was a visitor in Lincoln last Wednesday, where he was called to look after some business matters for the day and where he also visited with some of his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Neitzel and A. J. Neitzel and family were enjoying the Christmas day at the home of Dr. and Mrs. McDermid and were also joined there by O. J. Hitchcock and family, of Havlock.

Louis Bornemeier and the family and John Bornemeier and his family were spending Christmas day at the home of Herman L. Bornemeier and wife near Alvo, where they went to enjoy a family reunion on Christmas day.

Many of the young people of Murdock and vicinity were in attendance at the Christmas program which was put on by the South Bend public school and which was enjoyed very much by all who attended the program.

Mrs. Charles I. Long, who is at the hospital, is reported as getting along nicely at this time and making very satisfactory improvement in her condition, and is hoping in the near future to be able to return to her home.

A. H. Ward and the family closed up the garage and hitched up the auto and went to Elmwood, where they were guests for the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Keedy, and where all ate a Christmas dinner together.

Mrs. C. F. Hite and son Floyd entertained at their home last Friday at a Christmas dinner. Mr. and Mrs. John Kruger, of Murdock, Louis Hite and family and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maves, of Cheney, were all enjoyed the Christmas day most splendidly.

E. L. Pothast was a visitor in Murdock from his home in Lincoln and was looking after the affairs of the Farmers and Merchants bank a portion of the time while O. J. Pothast was away. E. L. returned to Lincoln to spend the Christmas holiday, however.

Uncle Henry Schueter has been ill at his home for the past week or more, but at this writing is feeling quite a bit improved and is up and about the home and feeling some better, so much so, in fact, that he said he would greatly enjoy the Christmas dinner.

Reports from the bedside of Master Averill Kroh, who is recovering from an operation for appendicitis, are to the effect that this young man is getting along nicely and making very satisfactory improvement. He is hoping to be able to return to his

home here in Murdock in the near future.

Last Thursday morning Mrs. J. E. McHugh and the children departed for Omaha, where they remained over the Christmas time, visiting with Mrs. Thomas Walling and family and Jess Hill and wife, and were joined on Christmas morning by Messrs. J. E. McHugh and Fred Towle, who went up to spend the day Christmas there as well.

The Louisville church, which is northeast of Murdock a few miles, gave a most interesting and entertaining program on last Wednesday evening, the direction of the numbers being in the hands of the ladies of the church and Bible school. They had a large and very attentive audience and realized for the Orphans' home, which this occasion calls for, the sum of \$34.00.

Messrs. J. G. and A. R. Hornbeck were at Lincoln last Thursday evening, where they drove to be present at the singing of the Christmas carols by the Shriners band, and Dr. H. Hornbeck also to visit Mrs. Hornbeck who is convalescing following an operation some time since. Mrs. Hornbeck is getting along nicely. In the trip over to Lincoln, E. L. Pothast also rode with the Hornbeck boys.

**Holstein Bull for Sale**  
I have an exceptionally fine specimen of a Holstein bull for sale. Can be seen at my home on the west church road at any time or address me at South Bend postoffice.

**A Christmas Reunion**  
Mrs. L. M. Angwert and her son Henry, entertained on Christmas day at their home the rest of the children, when all joined in a family reunion and all gathered about the festive board on this day of all days, Christmas. There were there for the occasion, besides Mrs. Angwert and family, of Murdock; John Wagner and Louis Watson and their wives; Joseph Ranne and wife of Council Bluffs and Charles Letts and family also of near Council Bluffs.

**Spotted Poland China Boar Lost.**  
I had a spotted Poland China boar get away from the stock yards, any information will be gladly received as to his whereabouts.—G. M. Minford, Murray, Neb.

**Home from the East**  
Max Dusterhoff and Joe Wutchnick and the wife, who have been making their home at Springfield, Illinois, arrived in Murdock one day during the past week and are spending the holidays here. They are making their home in Illinois, where they are employed at Springfield. They have their own house there and Mrs. Wutchnick does the cooking for the men, thus making the expenses some less. The boys and Mrs. Wutchnick are looking fine and have enjoyed good health and good business.

**For Sale**  
Three male pigs, full blooded Chester Whites, ready for service. 1 1/2 miles west of Murdock.  
G. V. PICKWELL,  
37-108sw. Murdock, Neb.

**Entertain for Omaha Friends**  
Mr. and Mrs. Jess Landholm entertained for Omaha friends on Christmas day, the friends arriving from the train on Christmas eve and remaining for Christmas day and the day following. During the time all enjoyed the occasion very pleasantly and also the excellent Christmas dinner which was served by Mrs. Landholm.

**Buy Two New Cars**  
During the past week E. W. Thimman sold two new coupes of the Universal pattern made by the manufacturing of the largest number of cars in the world, Henry Ford. The new cars, which were of the enclosed pattern, were sold to Paul Stock and Conrad Baumgartner, and will serve these gentlemen excellent for the purpose for which they were purchased, that is to ride in.

**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, 11:30 to 12:30, 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. tf

**Had the Folks at Home**  
Uncle Henry Gakemeier and his good wife entertained the children at home for the Christmas day, where all enjoyed the day the best. There were present for the occasion besides those who are regularly at home, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Peters of Greenwood and John Gakemeier and family, who are located at Dunning.

**Merry Christmas at Rikli Home**  
Christmas at Grandpa and Grandma Rikli's was a most enjoyable affair. There were there for the occasion, all the children who are here for there are more who are away. The children made the old home a meeting place and made the day one memorable for the parents. There were present for the occasion William Rikli and the family, Leo Rikli and family, Miss Elsie Rikli who is making her home at Ashland and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heinemann.

**Lacey and Wife Entertain**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lacey McDonald entertained for the relatives on Christmas day at their home in Murdock, and celebrated the occasion in the proper Christmas spirit. All enjoyed

the occasion in the best way and say that Lacey and the good wife were most royal entertainers. There were present for the occasion Mr. and Mrs. Chester Moomery, parents of Mrs. McDonald; Mr. and Mrs. Harry V. McDonald, parents of Mr. McDonald, and Harry Gillespie and wife, Mrs. Gillespie being a sister of Mr. McDonald.

**Excellent Woman Called Home**  
Mrs. Simon Schlueter, who has been making her home in Murdock for the past two years, and since the departure of her husband to the other world several months since, has been disconsolate on account of the loss of her life companion. She has not been in the best of health for some time and last week answered the call to come home. She was not unwilling to go to the other shore, where loved ones were waiting. During her life Mrs. Schlueter has been a devoted Christian woman and always ready to do a good act for any one who was in need, and to point the way to life as she was a devoted follower of the lowly Nazarene. The funeral occurred on last Wednesday, when the mortal remains were laid to rest to await the trumpet of the Angel of the Resurrection.

**Murdock Wins Over Elmwood**  
Murdock did herself proud in the game which they played with Elmwood last week, when she won by a score of 51 to 8. Murdock has an excellent team, and were reinforced by members of the team, and Elmer returned for the winter holiday, they being Mr. and Mrs. Albert and Irvin Reickmann. The Murdock team was already very strong by reason of the three Wendt brothers, August, Herman and Fred, all excellent players, and with Marion Schewe and Elmer Miller it would be a difficult matter to find a team to outplay them. There was a good sized crowd who were present to witness the game and encourage the good work done by the local team.

## Say Munsey Estate Twenty to 40 Million

Had No Near Relatives Save An Aged Sister and Speculation as to Will.

New York, Dec. 23.—The disposition of the large estate left by Frank A. Munsey, editor and publisher, who died yesterday of peritonitis, has aroused wide interest.

His fortune is variously estimated at from 20 million dollars to 40 million dollars, including his two newspapers in New York, the Sun and the Telegraph. He has no direct heirs.

Mr. Munsey, a bachelor, had no other immediate relatives than an older sister, Mrs. John E. Hyde, of St. Petersburg, Fla., who was not called to his bedside during his illness on account of her age.

Funeral services for Mr. Munsey, who died yesterday at the age of 71 will be held tomorrow at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Mr. Munsey's chief business interest was the Frank A. Munsey Publishing company. He was president of the company.

Although his rise from a farm boy in Maine to a leading editor and publisher was successful financially a large part of his fortune resulted from investments in common stock of the United States Steel corporation. Through the advice of the late George W. Perkins, he bought heavily of the stock when it was at eight and ten and in time came to be the largest individual holder, his stock being valued at from 10 million dollars to 12 million dollars.

He also had realty holdings in New York. In New London, Conn., he owned the Mohican hotel and the Plant building. He controlled the Mohican chain store company, operating grocery stores throughout New England and capitalized at 3 million dollars. At his death, besides two papers, he owned three magazines.

He had a large Long Island estate and an Adirondack estate near Elizabethtown, N. Y. He was also president and principal stockholder of the Munsey Trust company of Washington.

The body was laid in state today in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning with Bishop Manning, a close friend of the publisher, officiating.

Numerous organizations have made arrangements to be officially represented at the funeral.

After the services the body will be placed in a receiving vault in Woodland cemetery to remain until burial next spring in a place in Maine not yet selected. Mr. Munsey was born on a farm in Maine.

**FANCY LAMP SHADE DESIGNING**  
There has been a fine line of voile and handkerchief linen received at the Bates Book and Gift shop that can be secured for use in the lamp and screen designing that is becoming so popular among the public.

Mrs. William Woolcott and children, William and Helen, departed this afternoon for York, Nebraska, where they will spend the remainder of the holiday season there with relatives and friends.

**Get your New Year's cards now at Bates Book Store.**

## Cape Cod Turkeys (and the other kind)

By FRANK HERBERT SWEET



"I HURRYIN," announced big Tom Walton, as his hard-worked car came to a labored stop in the deep sand. "an' Highway Steed's tired, I know. Let's pitch our camp right here."

"Short on gas or oil?" questioned his wife, as she slipped a handful of corn into a coop from which came a suspicious gobbling.

"No, long on sand," replied big Tom, stretching and preparing to descend. "Hold on a minute," ordered his wily little wife, half rising and peering about. "S'pose 't would rain to-night, an' this sand change to mud. We'd be anchored for keeps—least ways for part of our nat'ral life. Besides 't ain't fit, jest sand an' measy scrub. We'll go on a little—crawl, if need be."

"All right—all right, Molly," obediently, grasping the wheel and commencing to fiddle it as he pressed on the gas. "Guess 't would be best. Crises! Bents all how Highway Steed bears up under difficulties! She's good."

"I Guess Somebody's Going to Have a Good Time."

"in' admiringly. "All the way from western Idaho, 37 days on the way, over rocks an' mountains an' through mud, an' never slipped till she got back into her own dooryard, so to speak."

"Never saw this comic supplement of a road before," Molly sniffed disdainfully, "or at any rate, if I ever did, I'd be ashamed. Trouble was that you swung into that openin' by Seth Dobb's store, thinkin' it looked more promising, an' it fooled you at the very first corner."

"How you know it's Seth Dobb's?"

"Well, 't was 40 years ago," defensively, "an' things never change on this part o' Cape Cod, hey? Hi! Catch back that Christmas tree 'fore it falls off ag'in, Tom. An' while ye're at it, h'ist back that box o' presents a little more so 't won't unbalance. Hope nothin's been left by the way-side."

"Has," piped a high but rather sweet voice from the gloom of a stunted pine. "This here baggy thing fell out a box when it caught in the tree branch. Guess 't wa'n't hurt much, bel'n' soft an' not glass."

"Land o' Goshen!" ejaculated Molly, aghast, as the tear-stained face of the girl appeared, "that's my plum puddin'!"

"What's a plum puddin'?"

"Part o' Christmas," explained Molly. "For longer keepin' an' to be sure of havin'."

"You see," added Tom, "we come from Idaho, an' ma packed grub for hungry folks a long way, meanin' me mostly. An' while she was 'bout it she added Christmas fixin's."

"It was 40 years ago when we left here," confided Molly. "An' of course I wanted to bring all was handy to in the car. That's why I had Tom cut a handsome Christmas tree along the road. I didn't 'member any good ones growin' round here. An' we gathered some mistletoe an' holly, too, an' bought more Santa Claus stuff along the way."

"Gee!" envied the girl. "I guess somebody's goin' to have a good time, an' I bet it's Susan Bunch. She an' her folks have most everything—though Susan does say they can't 'ford anything but a Cape Cod turkey this year. They did have a reg'lar turkey one Christmas, though. Susan brags on it now. I—I never saw one."

"Is that what you were blubberin'—I mean cryin' about?" asked Tom kindly.

"Mostly," in a low voice. "I-I got to thinkin' 'bout Christmas close by, with nothin' but codfish for every 14 years I've lived, an'—an' I hate Cape Cod turkey. So—I—dropped down—an' bawled. An' I was lone-some, too. Father an' mother went for a week to the village to visit Aunt Jane who's sick, an' do her chores. I'm alone, with Billy, who's ten, an'—I broke down jest a minute."

"Too bad—" began Tom.

"Don't get an idea fater an' mother



The Woman and Girl Cleaned Up and Washed Dishes.

are to blame," fiercely. "They do it they can. They're plannin' to buy Christmas presents for us, an' lookin' forward to comin' back the day before Christmas. But they've only 47 cents between 'em, an'—" she straightened up and choked back something, and laughed.

"Got over it," she declared. "Don't often mush soft like that. Now can I help an'—show direction or something? Look like you might be off the track."

"Not altogether," considered Tom. "I've been right along this road in spite of Molly's doubts. That pile of hand runnin' out into the boghole yonder, 'is where I blundered in with a buggy an' had to wade ashore with my feet soaked. I was embarrassed for that was the night I proposed to Molly—crisis of my life, you see—"

"Pshaw! Tom, stop bel'n' foolish," laughed his wife. "Look here, my dear, 't will take Tom all night to ramble through explanations. I don't know who's alive—though of course nobody's moved away. Nobody does from along here."

"They do," affirmed the girl. "Who's your folks?"

"Sally an' Jane an' Ed Tute—that's my folks. An' John an' Bill Walton—Tom's folks."

"John Walton's dead, an' Bill moved to Canada," began the girl. "An'—You know 'em both?" asked Tom.

"I know 'em or know of 'em. Ain't only a handful round anyhow, so everybody knows everybody else. Jan-Tate moved to Provincetown, married a fish man. Ed went to be a sailor, an'—"

She climbed on the running board and was now peering into the car, first at one face and then the other. "Who's? Guess you're Aunt Molly an' Uncle Tom. S'ay, we live only a few rods here in the scrub. I've an' ma's off visitin' Aunt Jane, but comin' back soon. An' ma's Sally. I'm keepin' house, with supper jest ready. I was startin' to call Billy, who's pickin' cranberries?"

"Cranberries?" interrupted Molly, excitedly. "That's the one Christmas thing we couldn't find West. So Billy's get cranberries?"

"More'n a barrel, so far. Lows mebbe he can't sell part of 'em to the store—but shucks! No one buys cranberries here. They raise 'em, an' Cape Cod turkeys, an' three-feet planes, an' nothin'—oh yes, wild geese sometimes fly over. But come on to supper," as a "Hoo-hoo" sounded among the scrub. "That's Billy. Hope you're hungry."

"Starved," declared Uncle Tom, solemnly. "An' there ain't nothin' so good in all the West as a Cape Cod turkey."

After they had finished supper, and the woman and girl cleaned up and washed dishes and the man and eager boy went out to groom Highway Steed as well as they could in the half darkness, they all gathered outside to talk things over.

"Pretty good cook, Janie?" asked Aunt Molly.

"Ain't had many things to practice on," confessed the girl.

"Well, I've been told I am, so a good an' a willin' ought to do fine. Pa an' ma comin' home Thursday, you say?"

The girl's and boy's heads bobbed together. Their eyes were snapping.

"Four days," went on the woman. "Guess we can do it all right. We'll

## Colorado River Plans Debated

Senator Johnson Says California Is Ready to Pay Boulder Plan Cost.

Washington.—Notice that the State of California stands ready to pay the entire cost of construction of a dam at Boulder Canyon on the Colorado river if it could have the right from congress, was served by Hiram Johnson (R.), senator from California, at the hearing on Colorado river development before the senate committee on irrigation and reclamation.

Mr. Johnson told his colleagues on the committee that neither California nor the city of Los Angeles, canyon project, embodied in the Swing-Johnson bill, are asking a favor of the Federal Government and only the fact that there is no way by which they can be authorized to undertake the project has aroused intense interest throughout the southwest, and which is expected to be brought before the senate in the near future.

**California's Attitude.**  
"California stands ready to furnish every dollar necessary for the building of Boulder dam," the California senator declared. "If it were possible for such action to be authorized. The only way for this dam to be built, however, is under the direction of the federal government."

The senator's statement came in the course of remarks between him and the witness, E. C. Larue, engineer of the Geological Survey, whose recently published survey of water power and flood control on the Colorado river is now before the committee in its endeavor to draw up a scheme for comprehensive development. Mr. Larue is as firm in opposing the Boulder canyon dam project as Mr. Johnson is ardent in advocating it.

At Mr. Larue's suggestion that the alternate scheme, of development, involving construction of a flood control dam at Mohave of Glen canyon, should be authorized by congress, Mr. Johnson brought out the fact that the feasibility of these dams is undetermined, and that the suggested substitute is not definite.

Mr. Larue retorted that Mr. Johnson's advocacy of the Boulder canyon dam project was based upon "misinformation," and that from his own viewpoint the project was uneconomic and would result in loss of about 400,000 horsepower and of 5000 to 6000 acre feet of water a year through excessive evaporation.

Mr. Larue's plan for comprehensive development of the Colorado, according to a unified scheme, calls for construction of 13 dams, beginning with one for flood control alone at Mohave or Glen canyon, on the lower Colorado. He claimed that a dam 505 feet high, such as is advocated by the Boulder Dam sponsors, could not be made to fit in with this comprehensive scheme, recommendations were:

1. That \$5,500,000 be appropriated for additional surveys and drillings at Glen canyon, Mohave, Black canyon and other sites.

2. That the first unit of development be a dam at Glen canyon or Mohave.

3. That after the Federal Power Commission has agreed upon a feasible plan, the Federal Government should refuse permits for any dam not conforming to this plan.

4. Definite action by the Federal government to assist the states of the Colorado river basin in arriving at some agreement on allocation of water rights.

5. Negotiations with Mexico to draw up a treaty determining the amount of water which is to flow into Mexico from this river.

## Two Views Presented.

"The government should" attack the flood control problem to the Colorado river basin by constructing a flood control dam on the lower river," Mr. Larue declared.

The answer of Boulder Dam advocates to this contention has always been that a dam constructed for the three purposes of flood control, irrigation and power would be a sounder economic project than one for flood control alone, since it pay for itself through the sale of power in a 50-year period.

The alleged menace of the Mexican agricultural empire, in the lower basin of the river, to be established through use of water not utilized in the United States, was raised again by Mr. Larue. He asserted that a dam at Mohave would prevent escape of the water into Mexico and consequent agricultural development with the use of Asiatic labor just over the national boundary.

## CARRIERS WILL CONFER UPON FLORIDA EMBARGO

Washington, Dec. 21.—All railroads and common carriers serving Florida territory have been asked by the interstate commerce commission to send representatives here Wednesday to consider an embargo affecting that section.

The continued inability of the carriers, especially along the east coast, to give service on the scale demanded by the rush to the state gave rise to the meeting.

The situation has been further aggravated by a decision of the American Railway Express company to shut down even on the movement of fruits and fish to the north out of the state.

Mrs. J. A. Whitman and daughter, Mrs. J. A. Johnson and little children and Harold Whitman, drove up this morning from their home near Nehawka and departed on the early Burlington train for Omaha

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South Bend, Nebraska

**To Our Friends!**

One of the greatest assets in this life is true friends and we desire to say to the many we have that we are duly appreciative of your friendship and the influence it has had upon our life.

We have had our stay in Murdock made both pleasant and profitable by you. So at this time, we want to express our thankfulness for the friendly concern of the people of Murdock and vicinity for our family, ourselves personally and the business in which we are engaged. We know that you have added much to our efforts toward success in giving Murdock a good place to trade. We appreciate your part in making and keeping our store the high class business house it is, and we assure you we shall do all possible in the future to maintain its true worth, and to give all our friends and customers as much for their dollars as possible, both in goods and service, as well as a return of your friendship.

We are wishing that the coming year may bring you all Prosperity, Health and Happiness in greatest abundance.

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The Home Town Store