

MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

PREPARED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE JOURNAL.

Miss Jessie Melvin was called to Lincoln on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Gakemeyer were Lincoln visitors Tuesday afternoon.

Alvin Bornemeyer fixed and repaired the well and water works for Emil Lau Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heineman visited with Herbert Firestone at the St. Elizabeth hospital in Lincoln on Tuesday afternoon.

Edward M. Jumper, of northwest of town, was shelling and delivering his corn to the Murdock elevator on Wednesday of last week.

Martha and Rebekka Lau visited with their friend, Herbert Firestone, who is at the St. Elizabeth hospital at Lincoln, on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry McDonald was a visitor in Omaha for a few days during the past week and was a guest of her sister while there, the ladies enjoying a very pleasant visit.

Henry Brandt, who has just completed a house for Henry Saas near

Louisville, will in a short time begin the erection of a barn for Aug Stohlman near Louisville.

The last quarterly meeting preceding the annual conference of the Evangelical church of Murdock, was held on last Saturday and Sunday and was well attended.

Jess Landholm and family and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kruger were visiting at Shenandoah on Wednesday of last week, they driving over to the radio city in their car.

Frank Zoz was a visitor in Lincoln during the fore part of last week and was a visitor with his friend, Herbert Firestone, who was so badly injured by a team a short time since.

Alvin Bornemeyer and Rebekka Lau were Ashland visitors Thursday.

Martha and Rebekka Lau were supper guests Tuesday at the home of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Hy Heineman.

John Skilling of Greenwood, manager of the exchange of the Lincoln

Telephone and Telegraph station at that place, was a business visitor in Murdock on last Wednesday afternoon.

Wm. Nielson, who has been so ill for some time following the stroke of paralysis is reported as getting much better and under the care of Dr. A. H. Smith, will expect soon to be out again.

On Thursday of last week, E. W. Thimman took the household goods of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Peters to their new home at Wisner, where Rev. Peters has accepted a call to preach.

The Schluster Brothers, living west of Murdock purchased last week a very fine matched team of black horses well broken for the farm work, they getting the team from Wayne Swarts.

Mr. and Mrs. George Work, who have been making their home in Cincinnati, where Mr. Work has been employed, moved last week to Kansas City, where they will make their home in the future.

Henry C. Gakemeyer has been putting a new body on his truck. As is the case with other things, truck bodies will wear out when subjected to good hard use and now the truck is again as good as new.

Mrs. Wayne Swarts has purchased a new Universal Coupe, which is a dandy, being of the very latest pattern and makes a good wagon for she and Wayne, and Wayne can drive it alone when business calls.

Wm. Rikli shipped two truck loads of hogs to the South Omaha market on last Tuesday night and was well pleased with the returns which he received there being twenty-one hogs, and an average weight of over 250 pounds each.

Wayne Swarts, who is a breeder and handler of pure Jersey cows and cattle, sold two excellent animals last week to Frank L. Edwards, near Alvo, this being six in all which he has disposed of to this gentleman since the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heinemann and Misses Martha and Rebekka Lau were visiting and looking after some business matters in Lincoln on Monday of last week, they making the trip in the auto of Mr. Heinemann and enjoying the visit very much.

During the past week the Weddell Elevator company had their engine overhauled and put in excellent condition, the work being done by A. H. Ward, the mechanic, who owns and operates the east end garage. While Art was looking after the work at the elevator, W. H. Rush was caring for the garage.

The oldest son of Otto Reichman, while riding a horse fell from the animal and broke one of his arms, which was looked after immediately and the young man is getting along nicely.

This was while Mr. Reichman was at Lincoln to see his friend, Herbert Firestone, who is recovering following an accident in which he was injured with his team.

some time and it was thought to find out what was the matter and so, securing W. O. Gillespie to look after the work of delivering the oil, Chas. and wife departed for Omaha one day last week, where Mr. Schaefer underwent a clinic to ascertain the cause of his not feeling well. We are hoping that the indisposition will be found but slight and that he will soon be in his wanted health again.

A Boy This Time

A boy came to last Monday to make his home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Neitzel and they are not the only ones to rejoice over the arrival, for Grandfather Louis Neitzel was looking pretty well pleased over the advent. All are doing very nicely since the coming of the young man.

That is Going Some

When it comes to rustling at a good job, Murdock has the man who can do it. E. W. Thimman on last Tuesday night made two trips to Omaha with stock and the following day two more trips and got home before the end of a twenty-four hour period, thus making four loadings and un-loadings besides making one hundred and eighty miles. Of course he had time to eat between trips, but there was no going to sleep. This is doing pretty well but one has to work when people want the work done. Ed wanted to work and when it was ready he was too.

Building Modern Home

Herman Leutchens, residing a few miles east of Murdock, is having constructed a modern home which will be up to the minute. The house is of the bungalow style and is modern in every particular. Mr. and Mrs. Leutchens have worked hard and are entitled to a good home which they are getting. The house is being constructed by John Paulson, of Omaha, who is a good workman and well knows how to build a good house.

Go Slow Mary

The Junior class of the Murdock High school will give a three act play on Thursday night of this week, the title of which is as above, "Go Slow, Mary." They have put in a lot of hard work to get their parts learned and are expecting a large turnout to witness the production. The play will be given at the school house in Murdock and should be attended by all the patrons of the school. You will be pleased with the production. Following is the cast:

Billy Abbey, a young husband out of a job, Eldon Eickhoff.

Mary Abbey, his discontented wife, Ruth Miller.

Mrs. Berdon, Mary's mother, Helen Hirt.

Sally Carter, Mary's bosom friend, Lela McCrorry.

Harry Stevens, Sally's sweetheart, Donald Schewe.

Bobby Berdon, Mary's young nephew, a holy terror, Kermit Richardson.

Dolly Berdon, Mary's niece, another holy terror, Ellen Zink.

Katie, the Abbey's maid, Mary Bornemeyer.

Danny Grubb, an ice man, suitor to Katie, Omar Marshall.

Murphy, a policeman, Danny's rival, Mike Murphy, son of the washer woman, Everett Lindell.

Jack Murphy, Mike's brother, William Roseberry.

Come and enjoy an evening of fun and help the Juniors raise funds for the annual Junior-Senior banquet.

Celebrate Big Wedding

On the afternoon of March 23d, at 2:30, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luetchens, their daughter, Hulda was given in holy wedlock to Herbert Oehlerking, of near Elmwood. In the presence of about 150 invited relatives and friends, the bride was beautifully costumed in orchid tulle and carried by the groom, who was attired in conventional blue. They were attended by Martha, sister of the groom, and Harold, brother of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Oehlerking of Clay Center, who officiated at the wedding.

Both of these young people are well known around Murdock, having been reared and educated in this vicinity and have the best wishes of a host of friends as they embark upon life's restless sea. They expect to make their future home on a farm near Elmwood, where the groom has lived the past few years. May peace and joy fill their lives through the coming years.

Farewell Party for Pastor

Sunday evening, March 20th, the Lutheran church north of Murdock gave a farewell reception in honor of their former pastor and family, Rev. J. W. Peters. The Ladies Aid and congregation gave them a bountiful farewell supper at which a large number were present. At the close of the repast, Rev. Theo. Hartman gave a short farewell sermon and the president of the Ladies Aid, Mrs. John Kupke, on behalf of that active organization, presented Rev. Peters and wife with two beautiful rugs, a large bed spread and a buffet set. Rev. and Mrs. Peters were also wished good luck and much success in their new home, to which they departed Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Peters' departure for other fields of labor comes after a long period of faithful service here—seventeen years and three months. That God may bless them in their new field of Christian work is the wish of every member of their congregation here.

All kinds of business stationery printed at the Journal office.

Hough Message Eases Anxiety of Washington

Believe All U. S. Refugees Will Be Evacuated During Night; Coolidge Discusses Situation.

Washington, March 25.—The grim menace of ready armed gangs seemed tonight to have rescued Americans and other foreigners in Nanking after days and nights of horror at the mercy of looting Cantonese soldiers.

As night fell over the ravaged river city, Rear Admiral Hough, American commander on the Yangtze river, sent by radio the first official word to relieve the foreboding of yesterday and today.

Other foreigners were beginning to come out of Nanking, he said, and there was "a fair possibility" that 120 American men, women and children could be evacuated to the ships during the night.

Chief of Staff Gaus reported to the navy department tonight that the first two shiploads of refugees from Nanking will arrive at Shanghai Saturday. Gaus has received reports from Kanohk and other cities in the Yangtze valley that rapid evacuation to Shanghai is taking place.

From Shanghai came press reports that the refugees were actually making their way to the waterfront unmolested.

Reports of Brutality.

Meanwhile, in Washington, the official reports telling of the cold-blooded murder of an American missionary teacher by soldiers in Cantonese uniform, brutal assaults on American women, fleeing for their lives, the looting and wanton destruction of American schools and homes of the American consulate itself were studied closely by President Coolidge and his cabinet. No decision to send to China was reached.

President Coolidge feels that the forces now available to Admiral Williams, American commander-in-chief, or on their way, will be adequate to deal with the immediate situation.

The admiral made no request that has not been complied with, and every action he has taken or authorized, including the still pending threat to shell military points in Nanking, has full approval of the Washington government.

The state and navy departments stand squarely back of Admiral Williams and our commanders in what they have been doing to protect American lives and property in China. Secretary Kellogg said in a formal statement after the cabinet meeting.

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Organized Gang Loots Stores on Advance Orders

Merchandise Thieves Clean Shelves of Better Grades in Onslaught on Nebraska Shops.

The "master mind" of an organized band of burglars operating in Nebraska and western Iowa has outwitted a score of the best detectives in this section. Private investigators, county sheriffs and police officers of themselves helpless to check the only the various counties and cities admitivities of the marauding gang.

Only once were the officers close on the trail of them and then headquarters were moved from Omaha to Sioux City. The gang operates under the nearest perfect system ever developed in the middle west, according to C. H. Clancy, president of the Merchants Mutual Burglary Insurance company who described their activities and system of operation, based on reports he has received from detectives.

The old system of crooks, to steal and then dispose of their loot, has been abandoned. Instead, orders are taken and the merchandise is stolen as ordered. Motor trucks, manned by a crew of eight men, are used. The band is known to be composed of former run runners, who have forsaken that calling as too hazardous.

Reject Poor Grades

In charge of the raiding crew is an almost uncanny judge of merchandise. The limited time available, when stores are robbed, he makes selections from the stock that cleans the shelves of the better grades of merchandise.

A bolt of cheap gingham purchased by a Nebraska store for special sale purposes, although in the center of the pile on the shelf, was the only bolt left after the burglars visited the store. Only the best of silk hosiery is taken and one brand that has proven a slow seller was left intact, while all other brands were taken.

Men's suits retailing at less than \$25 are always ignored and similar judgment is shown in selecting women's wearing apparel.

Mr. Clancy says that investigations have shown that many merchants in small towns have purchased these goods and sold them as bankrupt stocks, but evidence sufficient to convict has not been obtained as yet.

While the merchant is unable to furnish an invoice from a reputable wholesale house, he always has a bill of sale from a man signing himself as a broker.

Auction Sales

Another and probably the biggest method of disposal, he says, is fly-by-night merchants who conduct auction sales on various pretenses.

One of the angles of the investigation that has puzzled detectives is wire orders to apparently respectable wholesalers quoting a price that will be paid for merchandise far below the market value. How this order finally makes its way to the head of the thieves has never been determined.

At the time the gang had headquarters on Omaha, Mr. Clancy says they disposed of some of their loot to stores on the South Side. Omaha detectives were soon on their trail and they were forced to move to Sioux City. Several men were arrested and are now in the penitentiary for their activities here, he says.

The "chief" of the gang has a reputation of a "killer." The mere mention of betrayal of him struck terror into those who have been arrested. One member of the gang arrested in Sioux City while drunk was sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary. After being told the sentence, he promised a parole in return for the names of the other members of the gang. He explained that sure death awaited him and refused.

Latest of the robberies attributed to the gang was at Bancroft. Previous to that they worked at Meade in Saunders county. Richardson and counties in the central part of the state have all contributed loot to this gang.

Journal Want Ads cost but little, and they sure do get results.

Gen. Smith is Happy at Being Sent to Omaha

New Commandant at Fort Omaha Says He is "Coming Home"—Succeeds General Poore.

Washington, March 24.—"I am very, very happy. Omaha was my choice of all posts. To tell you a little secret, I did some very pulling to help my chances to go there."

Maj. Gen. Harry A. Smith, new commander of the Seventh Corps area, beamed Wednesday as he talked to a news correspondent here about his new post.

"I am going back home," General Smith continued. "You know I was born in Kansas and so was Mrs. Smith. We are going back with the people we love."

General Smith, who is now assistant chief of staff, war plans division, War department, expects to take charge at Fort Omaha on June 1. He is a great admirer of General Poore, who gives up his post, having reached the army age of retirement. General Smith served with General Poore in China many years ago.

General Smith was born at Atchison, Kansas, June 18, 1866. He graduated from the United States Military academy in June, 1891, and has spent the most part of his active military career in the infantry. He participated in the battle of Santiago de Cuba during the Spanish-American war. Later he saw much active service during the Philippines insurrection.

During the world war he served on the general staff of the American expeditionary forces from June, 1917, to July, 1919, and filled the important position of assistant commandant and then commandant of the army general staff school in France.

Following the armistice he was placed in charge of civil affairs in the zone occupied by American troops in Germany.

General Smith has received the American Distinguished Service medal, French Commander of the Legion of Honor, Companion of the British Order of the Bath, Order of Solidarity from Panama, the Order of the Crown of Oakes, Luxembourg.

U. S. PENSIONERS WILL GET CHECKS ANYHOW

Washington, March 25.—The government's half million pensioners need have no fear that their monthly checks, for a time imperiled by congress' failure to pass the deficiency bill, will be delayed. Comptroller General McCarroll has ruled that the Interior department may use its pension fund provided for the next fiscal year to meet the emergency.

Charges Filed Over Shooting of Young Gade

Manslaughter Alleged in Lincoln Officers' Killing Seward Youth; Trial to Be Speeded.

Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—Manslaughter charges were filed today by Attorney Max Towle against Walter Eaton and Robert Emory, former Lincoln police officers, for slaying William Gade, Seward youth, on March 18.

Both men appeared voluntarily in court soon after they learned that charges were filed against them. They were released under five thousand dollar bonds each. Eaton pleaded innocence, and his preliminary trial was set for April 9, at 9 a. m. Emory probably will be arraigned Saturday, officials said, and the trial will be set for the same day.

Speedy and vigorous prosecution of the case was promised in a statement issued by the county attorney today. Plans for a conference Saturday between a citizens' committee from Seward and Mr. Towle will not be changed, the attorney said.

Gade was shot by Eaton after he emerged from the rear of the darkened home of a girl friend at 2 o'clock last Friday morning.

A coroner's jury investigating the case said that Walter Eaton fired the shot while in the performance of his duty and without malicious intent. Both Eaton and Emory were suspended from the police department following the shooting.

REFUSES TO BE QUESTIONED

St. Louis, Mo., March 25.—Her husband's habit of using her as a subject for psycho-analytical study by asking her questions and then announcing the conclusions he had drawn from her replies was among the general indignities cited by Mrs. Marie C. Romeliser, 41, of St. Louis, in obtaining a divorce Thursday from Theodore Romeliser, 59, a physician on the staff of the state hospital for the insane at St. Joseph, Mo. Other charges were that he used their bath room as a chemical laboratory and kept birds in their living quarters for experimental purposes. Dr. Romeliser did not contest the suit.

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