

MURDOCK ITEMS

Sheriff Thimgan was here on business Wednesday evening. The presidents and leaders of the project clubs held an all day meeting Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott, Sr., of near Alvo, were callers at the Frank Melvin home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lulu Moomey Hess and children of Siebert, Colo., arrived here Wednesday at midnight, called by the serious illness and death of her father.

Rev. and Mrs. Knosp and little daughter drove to Norfolk early Wednesday morning and visited until Friday with their friends and relatives.

Harry Gillespie of North Loup, came Saturday to attend the funeral of Mr. Chester Moomey. Miss Viole Everett returned home with him for an extended visit.

Mrs. A. C. Blattspieker and sons of Tobias, came Saturday to visit at the Gillespie home. Mrs. Merle Gillespie who has been visiting there returned home with them.

Dorothy Gorthey has been wrestling with an attack of the grippe and has had to remain home from her studies at school until she shall have gotten well from the malady.

topped by whipped cream and coffee was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be Oct. 27, with Mrs. A. H. Ward.

Happy Homemakers. The Happy Homemakers met with Mrs. Wm. Dickmann for their first meeting of the year. The president, Mrs. James Mills, called the meeting to order with thirteen ladies present.

Leaves for Indiana. On last Thursday afternoon William F. Langhorst, who for the past 28 years had been in the employ of the Missouri Pacific road as agent and operator and who on last December was retired and given a pension, departed from Murdock to Goshen, Indiana, where he will spend the winter with a daughter, Mrs. A. J. Muth.

Will Feed Cattle. Fred Stock, Sr., was a visitor in Omaha on Wednesday of last week while he was looking after some feeders for placing in his feed yard and not finding just what he desired returned home and will go back to the market again in a short time, as he is desirous of getting some feeders and he wants good ones and they must measure up to what he demands.

Will Send Bundle of Clothes. The Woman's Missionary society of the Murdock Evangelical church has been very busy of late in the collecting and putting in the best condition a bundle of clothing which they are sending to the missionary station of the church in Kentucky where they will be distributed among the needy of that vicinity.

Enjoyed (?) Hay Rack Ride. Well any way a number of the young people of Murdock assayed to take a ride and for some reason the ride did not prove so pleasant, however it was very exciting, and it was necessary for a portion of the happy crowd to go to the doctor and have medical attention given as the riding or stopping was far from agreeable. However a quantity of tape and arnica helped some.

Card of Thanks. We desire to extend our sincere thanks to all who in any way contributed to the service of our father during his illness, to those who by spoken word or kindly act gave sympathy or consolation at the time of the illness and death of our husband and father, for the floral offerings, tokens of their love and honor to his honorable life and faithful friendship to all.

Candidate Potret Here. Marcus L. Potret, former commander of the American Legion of the state of Nebraska, candidate on the republican ticket for congressman from the first district, was a visitor in Murdock last Thursday and was meeting his many friends and making more.

ter. The weather being rather warm it is making Uncle Bauer sweat some and will when he burns the wood this coming winter warm him again.

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Makes Address at Nehawka. At Nehawka the class of fifteen who are just now completing their preparation for confirmation in the United Brethren church north of Nehawka, which is known as the Otterbein church. The confirmation was on Sunday, October 23rd at the church and the principal address was made by L. Neitzel of Murdock.

Enjoyed Pheasant Hunting. On last Saturday the pheasant hunting season opened and to be on time H. A. Tool and Lacey McDonald were on the grounds at North Loup, where Harry Gillespie and wife reside, and where there is plenty of good pheasant hunting. With the first grey streaks of dawn the hunters were out and ready for a bit of fine shooting.

Hold Pine Meeting. The Home Makers extension club held a very pleasant meeting on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Ralph Anderson and who was assisted by Mrs. Paul Ambrose in entertaining. The program was on "Keeping Clothes Wearable."

Making Good Improvements. E. D. Friend, living one and a half miles north of Alvo, has been having some repairs and changes made to his home and which will make the place very much more valuable as well as desirable to live in. They are having new hard wood floors placed in the home and as well many other desirable changes.

Will Get Warm Twice. While the weather is mild and the trade in the store not so brisk for times are rather on the quiet order now, G. Bauer, the proprietor of the west store, has been out in the country chopping wood and getting a quantity ready for the coming winter.

History of Murdock and Its People

Establishment of Railroad in 1891 and the Foundation of Present Little City.

The Rock Island Railroad Co., began constructing its main line from Omaha west in 1890. The "Kansas Town and Land Co." was formed to purchase right of way and locate towns. L. Eickhoff owned the quarter section where Murdock was later located. A Mr. Thompson was the agent of the Kansas T. & L. Co., who purchased the land from Mr. Eickhoff.

Building operations were started in April, 1891. Jake Cain started the building of the hotel; Ernest and Charley Hilderbrand built the first livery barn east of the hotel. H. Bornemeier and Mr. Fickes of Wabash built a store on unsurveyed land, that is now the first addition to Murdock.

A post office was given to Murdock in 1891 and Fred Hess of Wabash became the first postmaster. A. Zabel followed him.

The citizens of the new town, who all owned their homes, saw to it that their religion was not neglected. After a Christian minister had preached a little while, all the church people being Evangelicals, but while the Evangelical church preached only in the German language, they decided to call a Methodist minister.

In 1895 Mr. Dean of Ashland, started the second lumber yard with Lou Sawyer as manager, and a second bank with Lou Sawyer as cashier. Mr. P. Eveland, Chas. Lau, Fred Shave and Mitt Moore as stockholders with a \$5,000 capital.

Preaching service was begun in 1891 in the depot, by a Christian minister, Rev. Jacobs. A Sunday school was also started, but not organized until 1892 in our new school house by Mr. A. J. Hillis. Services were held in the school building until 1904. L. Neitzel done janitor work for 12 years, then the M. E. church was erected.

coln, Nebr. Dr. Friday attended the sick for a while from South Bend, when finally Dr. O. D. Jones located permanently until he died.

Jake Cain soon quit the hotel business and moved back to the farm, and Mr. Sam Kitts bought the hotel, and run it for a number of years. Business never changed hands very much in Murdock. L. Neitzel occupied his location for 42 years; A. J. Tool has resided there for 41 years; H. V. McDonald had held his place some 37 years.

In 1893 Zabel and Detman dissolved partnership in Wabash, Detman moved to Elmwood, going into general merchandise business, while A. Zabel came to Murdock, bringing his house with him. John Scheel owns the former Zabel house. The old "Center School" was brought in to Murdock in 1893 and stands just east of John Scheel's home.

Murdock had a newspaper for a while, edited by O. P. Stewart in the 90's, with Bertha Goehry as assistant, while O. P. would teach school on the side. Among the first teachers were W. J. Matze, W. Berge, the Misses Whipple, Mrs. A. J. Tool, all doing excellent work. Some of their pupils occupy high and honorable positions.

In 1892 Arthur Rikli opened up a furniture store. The same year A. Rikli and L. Neitzel embarked in the implement business which was carried on for four years, when L. Neitzel bought Rikli out, and carried on alone, until he sold out to Wm. Gerbts. Henry Bornemeier built a general store in 1892 which he conducted about two years then sold the stock to Frank Martin of Omaha, who put Steve Tool in as manager.

In 1895 Mr. Mertia built his own store at the site of the Mercantile store, adding H. A. Tool, brother of Steve, to the sales force. and has continued ever since.

About 1903 H. R. Waldron bought the furniture store from Mr. Rikli, and opened a bank, with Mr. Rikli as cashier, which run about eight years, when it was absorbed by the Bank of Murdock. Mr. F. Wolf built the first meat market, now owned by Art Ward, and used for a funeral home by Mr. Horton (1932).

The Misses Goodale ran a millinery shop in a lean-to to the meat market. The first death in Murdock came to the home of E. J. Tool, when his wife passed away six weeks after coming here from Iowa, leaving Mr. Tool with six children. She was buried at the Callahan cemetery, in 1892.

cupied it inside of three months. Two years later F. Wolf erected the building occupied by G. Bauer (this 1932).

The Bank of Murdock opened for business Oct. 27, 1892 and continued with Geg. Mecker in charge, until June 30, 1894, when Gus Weideman bought the bank, who being a farmer grew tired of banking and was ready to sell when H. R. Neitzel, brother to L. Neitzel, bought the business July 7, 1895, just one year to date after Weideman had taken over the business from Mecker. H. R. Neitzel conducted the business for 13 years very successfully until 1908 when he sold out to F. R. Guthmann, who continued until the business until 1929 when F. Martin of Omaha, bought the bank, with H. A. Tool and Mr. Helmer in charge.

During H. R. Neitzel's residence here, Murdock was incorporated as a village with 222 souls. Soon afterwards a saloon was established with A. E. Frasher as owner.

A system of cement sidewalks was proposed, and carried through, and Murdock has the best sidewalks of any town in Cass county, all laid to grade and uniform in width. Saloon license money was used for crossings and abutting property paid for theirs. The incorporation was completed March 18, 1905, with the following five trustees, Orlando H. Eggleston, H. A. Tool, Calvin G. Leis, Jacob Goehry, H. R. Neitzel and the following year, 1906, the laying of sidewalks was ordered and completed.

Just before the village was incorporated in 1894 Mr. H. W. Eggleston, L. Neitzel, H. V. McDonald, H. A. Tool, A. J. Tool, E. J. Tool and others, met and talked over the matter of building a local telephone system. A company was formed with L. Neitzel president, H. V. McDonald secretary and treasurer. Stock was sold at \$25 per share. H. C. Kohl-rush was elected manager, who secured stockholders, and in a short time enough stock was sold to begin building the line. One hundred and thirty-five phones were placed, and before January 1st, 1895 the company was doing business. It was a success from the beginning, and proved a good investment.

In the fall of 1920 the village voted to have electricity in town. An agreement with the Nebraska Power Co. to furnish power was entered into, and the village voted \$10,000 bonds, to be redeemed in ten years. The line was built, and proved of great benefit to the town. The power was obtained from a line running from Louisville to Weeping Water and connection made two miles east of Manley and brought in on No. 1 highway. In 1926 the village sold out to the Nebraska Power Co. for \$10,000 cash, which left \$4,000 in the village treasury.

The same year by vote of the people, the streets were ordered gravelled, which gave Murdock the best streets of any town in the county, and added much to the neat appearance of the village.

In 1926 the Murdock Telephone Co. sold out to the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co., who rebuilt all the lines and gives excellent service.

street fairs became so common, that no more were held.

The development of the Evangelical church. Rev. A. Fischer tried to open a preaching place in Murdock in 1894, in the school house, but it failed. In 1905 Rev. H. Pieper found a number of Evangelical people in Murdock; Peter Withreft, C. Gurr, Charles Bakermeyer, Fred Scheve, had moved into the town, with several families of the Louisville church added, Christ Miller, Otto Miller and A. Rikli, a church was organized and a building erected. The following year the parsonage was built while Rev. A. Branchle served the charge; who was followed by C. Boelter, H. A. Schwab, I. Laipply, C. Strauss and H. R. Knosp, 1932. The charge has grown to 164 members with two Sunday schools with about 250 scholars.

The present school house was built in 1925. The district was organized the same year into a consolidated school, with 25 sections of land including the town of Murdock and some six miles of railroad making it one of the richest districts in the county. Eight teachers have about 180 pupils. The property cost \$45,000 with equipment, and the cost per year amounts to about \$13,000.

Only good things can be said about Murdock; it never had any use of a jail; none of her citizens have been arrested; no fighting was every indulged in, even in saloon days; the citizens are proud of their record and are found to live up to it. It is the best built up town; everybody vies with his neighbor to have the nicest lawn, the best paint on their houses, and the cleanest and neatest place; which adds largely to the moral atmosphere in which to raise a family. All strangers that stop, make remarks about the neat appearance and substantial homes, that the town contains.

This is a condensed history of the beginning of Murdock, all written from memory by L. Neitzel.

PLEASANT RIDGE CLUB

The opening meeting of the Pleasant Ridge club after the summer vacation, was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Sabberg last Tuesday afternoon with the president, Mrs. David Rutherford in charge. A short business meeting was held after which the project leaders, Mrs. Chris Zingman and Mrs. Will Kreeger, took up the lesson, "Keeping Clothes Wearable."

The removing of stains and the remodeling of clothes were studied and discussed.

Thirteen members were present, as well as one visitor. All the ladies were glad to meet again and will look forward to a pleasant year of study and pleasure. At the close of the meeting a fine luncheon was served by the assistant hostesses, Mrs. Max Burmeister and Mrs. C. Baumgart.

The next meeting will be held November 15 at the home of Mrs. Fred Guenther.

WILL GIVE PROGRAM

Program Horning school Friday, Oct. 28, 8 o'clock. Admission 10c.

HELEN IVerson, Teacher.

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