

# MURDOCK ITEMS

Carl Bornemeier has just purchased a new V-8 car, turning in his old one as part consideration on the deal.

Albert Bauers was looking after some business matters in Plattsmouth last Friday, also enjoying a brief visit with friends and relatives while there.

A large number of the members of the Order of Eastern Star were at Elmwood last Wednesday afternoon attending a meeting of the order at that place.

Miss Mary Bornemeier, who is working at Louisville, was a visitor at home for a short time Wednesday last week and was visiting with her friend here for a short time.

The usual group of musicians from this vicinity were at Weeping Water and Elmwood Wednesday and Thursday nights, where they assisted with the giving of band concerts in each of these towns.

William Zabel, who recently purchased the store and cafe of Otto Eichoff, is expected to arrive today and take charge of the business. Mr. Zabel will conduct the same type of business Mr. Eichoff has operated in the past.

Otto Eichoff was called to Plattsmouth last Wednesday to look after some business matters for the day and while he was away, the place of business was looked after by W. O. Gillespie, who is well qualified to conduct it.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Meyers, of Sioux City were in Murdock on last Sunday and visited with the parents of Mrs. Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tool. In departing they left the children, Miss Mary Margaret Meyers and Master Billie here for a week's visit.

Mesdames George Braun and Philip Clarke of South Bend were in Murdock visiting with friends and as well Mrs. Clarke was having some beauty work done, having her hair cut. Her tresses were long and luxuriant, but she has now joined the modernistic class with short hair and a permanent wave.

Herman Frolich and wife, of Los Angeles, who have been visiting in the east for the past couple of weeks, stopped and are visiting with friends in Murdock and Alvo for a time before they continue their journey to their home in the west. They have many friends and relatives here whom they desire to visit.

The thrashing for the season has been about completed with fair returns as compared with the yields over the country generally. In the early spring there was promise of an abundant harvest with large yields, but the weather conditions were not right and as a result the yield has been considerably reduced. However, on completion of the harvesting and threshing there is still much to be thankful for, especially when viewed in the light of last year's complete failure.

Concludes Term as Seaman

Jack Craig, son of Eddie Craig, who has been in the Navy for some time past, has completed his term of enlistment and was mustered out at Grafton, W. Va., a few days ago. It is his intention to come to Murdock for a short visit with the family, he being due to arrive here tomorrow. Just what he will do in the future or

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**The Kittenball Games**

Last Tuesday night's kittenball games proved very interesting and attracted a large crowd of spectators, who turned out to cheer their favorite team on to victory. The results were as follows:

Wabash, 12, Callahan, 5; Lutherans, 12, High school, 6.

**Games Tuesday Evening**

Tuesday evening, August 20, under the flood lights, Elmwood will be pitted against the Lutherans in the opening contest, while Wabash and the Stags oppose each other in the second game.

Friday night, August 23, the games to be played include High school vs. Callahan and Fire department against whoever may show up anxious for a game.

Interest holds up remarkably well, even the hottest nights, when large numbers gather at the lighted field to witness the games.

**Mrs. Neitzel Improving**

Mrs. L. Neitzel who recently had her eyes operated on at a hospital in Lincoln, is reported as getting along very nicely at this time. Mr. Neitzel was at Lincoln last Wednesday to see his wife and found her feeling fine and showing good improvement. While Mr. Neitzel was away the business here was looked after by Charles Kupke.

**Says Crops are Good**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Long and Mrs. Matt Thimman, who were visiting last week at Pierce, where they have relatives, returned home after enjoying a very fine visit. They tell of crops being very good up that way, in fact as well as in eastern Cass or even better, for they have had more rain up that way.

**Will Have Concerts**

Beginning August 22, the Murdock High school band under the direction

of their instructor, "Bill" Greene, of Lincoln, will begin a series of weekly concerts on the streets. Be out and enjoy the music and give encouragement to the lads who provide the music.

**Received Fractured Arm**

While playing at Murdock as a member of the Norfolk Packing company kittenball team, James Farnham had the misfortune to receive a fracture of his arm. At last reports, it was getting along nicely and although it will be some time before it is well again, he is showing steady improvement.

**Home from the East**

L. B. Goerthy has a very high regard for the V-8 which carried him 3,500 miles on his trip to the east, with not a punctured tire and nothing else to mar the pleasures of the journey, bringing the family safely back to Murdock last Sunday afternoon.

In the visit to the east they found that both the country and the people have changed.

Many of the people at Broad Albin, where Mr. Goerthy lived as a young lad and until he was fully grown for that matter, came up and extended him their hand in greeting whom he did not know, as they had grown up since he left.

Mr. and Mrs. Goerthy and the children visited the Adirondack mountains, camping in them and fishing to their heart's content as well as enjoying the mountain scenery. Later they drove down to Albany and from there to New York over the famous Hudson river drive with its beautiful panorama unfolding before them the entire distance. They visited at Trenton, New Jersey, where a sister resides, and all went swimming in the Atlantic ocean.

On their return, they were accompanied by the mother of Mr. Goerthy, Mrs. Carrie Goerthy, who will make her home here with the son and family during the coming year.

**INVESTIGATORS RETURN**

Sidney, Neb.—County Attorney P. J. Heaton and Sheriff Schulz returned to Sidney Friday night from Denver, where they said they continued their investigation into the John Frahm murder case. Heaton declined to say what they did in Denver or whether their trip was successful.

## Clematis Clan Climbs into General Favor in US

Altho Less Well Known Here Than Abroad, These Lovely Flowering Vines Win Admirers.

While there are many climbing plants with which to drape a trellis, porch, a stone wall or an old tree stump, or hide the bareness of a new house, none is more beautiful than the clematis—and none is more rarely used. Many English nursery catalogues list from thirty to fifty varieties of clematis, some even close to a hundred, but few are offered by American nurserymen, and even these few are seldom represented in gardens.

Not many gardeners realize how many species and varieties this beautiful clan includes. There are 200 or 300 wild species growing in various parts of the world, especially in the temperate regions of Asia and North America, and more than half of them are suitable for use in gardens. The most widely used is the so-called Japanese Clematis, C. paniculata, with clusters of small white, fragrant flowers in August and September; this is a rampant climber and will thrive almost anywhere.

**Available Small-Flowered Varieties.**

But there are many other small-flowered and medium-flowered species that deserve to be more widely known, all of them obtainable in this country. They are of many shapes and colors. There are several slender climbers from China with yellow lantern-shaped flowers. The best of these is C. tangutica. There is a rampant Chinese climber with pink nemomane-shaped flowers, C. montana rubens. Though this is likely to be cut back by frost in severe Winters south of New York City, it grows rapidly again from the roots. There is a lilac-rose climber from Europe, C. viticella, and its pleasant white form, C. viticella alba. Another slender climber from Europe with nodding blue flowers, is C. alpina, not unlike the rare purple-flowered clematis of our Eastern woods.

Finally—and to the writer's mind the loveliest of all—there is C. texensis, a slender climber from Texas, but hardy in New York and New England, with most delightful scar-

let to rose-pink urn-shaped flowers. One who saw it ablaze in my garden exclaimed, "If this were better known it would be as popular as the Dorothy Perkins rose."

To this list may be added another charming climber from our South, C. crispata, with bell-shaped flowers of pale pink and pale purple shades. Unfortunately, many nurseries sell an inferior species under this name, and in buying it one must be sure to get the true species.

These are all climbers, but there are also some herbaceous forms, growing not over two or three feet high, and suitable for the flower garden or for the front of the shrubby border. Of these, C. recta with panicles of small white flowers; C. davidiana, with blue bell-shaped flowers, and C. integrifolia, with dainty blue flowers, are all easily grown.

**The Large-Flowered Hybrids.**

But the showiest of all the clematis are the large-flowered hybrids. Nearly 200 hybrid varieties are offered by European nurseries; unfortunately, only a few are now obtainable in this country. They are derived chiefly from three large-flowered species growing wild in China and Japan, but other species have entered into their parentage, and the results are truly marvelous. All of them have enormous flowers, from 4 to 10 inches across. They are of many colors—blue, lavender, mauve, purple, pink, red and almost every other shade, except yellow.

Best known of these hybrids is the large, purple-flowered C. Jackmani, which is almost the only variety that can be said to be really common in American gardens. But it is by no means the only one that will thrive in our climate. New beauty comes to gardens where at least two or three of these hybrids are tried. In fact, many gardeners who try them become enthusiastic clematis collectors. It matters little which are chosen. Ramona, with fine blue flowers of satiny sheen; Nelly Moser, mauve, with a bright red bar down the center of each sepal; Mme. Edouard Andre, a rich purplish red; Mme. Baron-Veillard, lilac-rose, and very hardy; Ville de Lyon, a dark reddish purple, and Gypsy Queen, with flowers of a far richer purple than Jackmani—all are good. There are several double-flowered varieties, such as the white Duchess of Edinburgh, but something of the airy grace of clematis seems lost in these

double-flowered forms, though the pale mauve or silver-gray Belle of Woking is an exception.

**The Culture of Clematis.**

If the garden is in a limestone region one will not have much difficulty in growing clematis. They thrive as far north as the limestone regions of Bar Harbor and Montreal. Probably the blue-grass section of Kentucky and similar regions would be ideal homes for them. Most of the wild species of the world grow in such limestone regions. Yet some grow in other soils, and with proper care nearly all can be made to thrive anywhere; some of them even prosper in azalea beds and under pine trees.

It is indeed a question whether it is lime or the physical texture of the soil that is of primary importance to clematis; but until more is known about the matter it is wise to supply a generous amount of lime (preferably in the form of ground limestone) to clematis plantings. Species and varieties like a rich, moist, well-drained soil, for lack of moisture and poor drainage are their special abominations; and they prefer some shade over their root-runs, with their heads in the sun. Many sorts will, however, thrive in half-shade.

The stems of most sorts are brittle, and are easily whipped about and broken by the wind, so it is advisable to give stable supports as soon as they are planted. Unfortunately the large-flowered hybrids are usually sold only in the form of grafted plants. These are set out so that the graft is two or three inches below the surface of the soil. Plants on their own roots are to be preferred, according to the writer's experience, when they can be procured.

The hybrid types are best given a mulch of well-rotted manure every Autumn; and if spent hops can be procured from a local brewery, this forms an ideal mulch throughout the Summer. Spring is the best time to plant clematis, but the hybrids are usually sold in pots and can therefore be set out at any time during the Summer.

The late William Robinson, England's great gardener, asserted that the less clematis is pruned the more picturesque is the effect, but for formal use some pruning may be necessary and even desirable. It should be remembered that some varieties bloom on old wood, and some on new wood; those in the latter category may be pruned as severely as desired,

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but the varieties blooming on old wood are left to their own devices except for the cutting out of dead wood. Of all the sorts mentioned in this article only C. montana rubens, Duchess of Edinburgh and Belle of Woking bloom on old wood.

Clematis will thrive almost anywhere, if sun and soil permit. The more rampant climbers can be used on porches, pergolas, wire fences, stone walls and tree stumps. The more slender climbers, including the hybrids, can be placed next to the house on trellises or posts. Some of the less rampant kinds may be planted on the shady side of a shrub or small tree and allowed to clamber over it as they will. With ten or a dozen sorts carefully selected one can have clematis in bloom from May to November.—By J. E. Spingarn in New York Times.

## IT'S PAY DAY AT ASHLAND

Camp Ashland.—National guardsmen at the state camp Friday decked up in their military dress—and for good reason, too. It was muster day and Saturday's payroll depends on whether the soldiers successfully passed their master examinations and were certified by officers.

The blistering sun beat down on the khaki troops as they pitched their pup tents in the field and laid out all their equipment for field inspection.

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