

NEWS MAN AT MURDOCK

Reports Everything Going
along With a Briskness
which means much.

ALL BUSINESS LINES
WELL REPRESENTED.

Business Good in All Departments
and People Well Satisfied with
the Town.

We have failed to see a better location for a city than that which was selected for the present city of Murdock and the fact of the good choice of the founders has been demonstrated many times. Situated in a county that is par excellence and one that in comparison is not exceeded in beauty by any the sun shines upon.

As far as the eye can reach, in all directions, one sees farm after farm well improved, and capable of producing the best of crops, which the past and present demonstrates. This brings business and stability to the financial interests of the city and her citizens.

Murdock is well provided with business institutions, and those whose ability to care for the trade which comes their way as well. The Bank of Murdock, conducted by H. R. Neitzel, is an institution which does a good business, being conducted on safe, sound and conservative lines, has made good for its owner, for the city and community in which it is situated, and continues to do so. Being situated at an advantageous point, and occupying its own building is a permanent institution of this city.

The State Bank, which is conducted by E. S. Crink, is also a sound and safe institution, enjoying a good business, and is working to the good of the community, with the end in view of being a good financial proposition for the stockholders, its intention is to make good for the community in which it is located.

The mercantile house of Martin & Tool, is one which would grace a much larger city, and which required some twenty five thousand dollars for the proper conducting of the enterprise. The stock is such as carried by many department stores, and what is called a general stock, but very extensive in its selection, embracing everything, in its line required in the household. This store attracts much trade from even beyond other towns with the selections and prices which it has to offer.

John H. Carr, who succeeds Lanthorn & Ruge, is doing a fine business and one which is growing on account of the manner of treatment extended to the trade, and the strictly first class grade of goods carried for the supplying the demand, which their business policy has created.

Harry O. McDonald the druggist has a well appointed pharmacy and enjoys a good business, "a democrat who is a democrat" and a gentleman as well as a business man. He is a man which it is well to tie to as a friend. His business institution is a credit to the city and a profitable investment for himself.

W. O. Gillespie, the proprietor of the Murdock house and the livery is a very pleasant gentleman with his good natured and cultured helpmeet, make the hostelry conducted by them a popular abiding place for the traveling public as well as the resident boarders. The livery which is conducted in connection is a good paying institution and well cared for by Mr. Gillespie who also does a fine draying business.

Two smith shops do the work for the community and surrounding territory, Jacob Goehry who has long been a resident of Murdock is enjoying a good business, and has many friends in and around the city who count him among the best workmen in his line. The other shop which is conducted by W. E. Palmeter is located just west of Mr. Ruge's store and has been operated by its present proprietor for some six or seven months. During the time Mr. Palmeter has conducted the business with the exception of when he was confined to his bed with sickness he has been kept as busy as it is possible for him to be, and has shown by his work that he is much more than an average workman, being one of the finest. Since the snow Mr. Palmeter has constructed 18 sleds besides caring for the work of other kinds coming to his place of business.

Louis Neitzel carries a well selected stock of hardware in all its various branches, and enjoys a good trade from the host of friends which he has in and around Murdock. With the good goods and fine treatment extended to all the future has only success in store for Mr. Neitzel. With the hardware stock, which A. J. Tool carries, he combines the business of making and supplying the best of harness to the people, who are discriminating in their wants, but

who are all satisfied with the goods furnished by Mr. Tool.

Mr. H. A. Gast, now Judge Gast, as he is the chief Justice of the Precinct court in which he is located, is also a harness maker and lines who sews for ever when he sews, and the kind of harness which he makes as of the never-rip variety.

Wm Gehrts, better known as "Billy" has an implement business, which is a wonder for the town but when one considers the kind of a farming community and the class of machinery which they use is looked upon as the sequence of an astute business proposition. "Billy" has a very expensive stock, a good business and is considered a very fine man and citizen.

E. T. Tool, supplies the people with lumber and coal and is a man whom to know is to respect, and has acquired a host of friends during his residence in the city. Mr. Tool carries a good selection of lumber of the knids required by his trade, and the best of coal. Last week when the coal got scarce, Mr. Tool boarded the Rock Island and sped to Omaha where not withstanding the hardness of the proposition soon had a car load on the way to Murdock.

The two elevators of Murdock, both of which are owned by Lincoln capitalists, are of large capacity, and equipped with modern appliances. One is conducted by Wm Waddells, who is a very courteous gentleman, well qualified to look after the business while the other is in charge of John Ridgeway, a prince of gentleman and an old elevator man who knows the grain business from the A, B, C's up. The Lincoln interests have made no mistake in the selection of either of these gentlemen.

George Ott, the veteran stock powder man is a rustler for his firm and does a large business.

Ola Carr, conducts a restaurant in the room just west of Harry McDonalds drug store, does a good business, and is considered a very popular gentleman.

Dr. I. G. Jones who for a number of years has lived in and around Murdock, is considered a most excellent physician, and has a good paying practice behind the proposition.

E. E. Ruttman, the jeweler has a well selected stock of the latest things in the line of jewelry watches and silverware, and keeps his store in a very neat condition.

Harry Davis and wife conduct the post office and serve the public in the latest and most satisfactory manner, while the rural mail service is attended to by Oscar McDonald.

Emil Kuehn, the barber has a shop which is well appointed and with the best of furniture, he is able to give the best of service which he does. Being of a very sociable and agreeable nature he is one of the most popular personages in the city.

Henry Westlake, is known far and wide as the most popular meat market man in this section, and has a shop which is well stocked with the best of meat in all lines which he furnishes at the best prices possible.

The Murdock telephone company, which is owned by the capitalists of the city is a paying institution, and is cared for at the central office, by Miss Mata Neitzel and Miss Lida Sorick, who by their careful consideration for those who use the phones are very popular.

Murdock is a very lively and progressive community, and one which has a very bright future. All her business institutions and the owners thereof have the end in view of making everybody satisfied who trade at that point, and are in no way failing in their endeavors.

Visiting in Plattsmouth.

Anton Carlson of Sheridan, Wyoming arrived in the city and is a guest at the home of his brother-in-law, David Wallingren. Mr. Carlson was formerly a resident of this city and is here for the purpose of making final settlement as administrator of the estate of Fred Wallingren, the son of Mr. Wallingren having attained his majority. From here Mr. Carlson will go to Wahoo to visit his brother C. J. Carlson.

Delbert Wallingren, the young man who attains his majority this week is attending the state university where he is taking a course in electrical engineering.

Prices Soar.

An exchange says that Columbus Ohio, horror ran through the capital when it was announced that the master barbers had decided upon an advance in the price of service. At their monthly meeting it was resolved to raise hair cutting to 50 cents, shaving from 10 to 15 cents and neck shaving from 5 cents to 10 cents. The barbers say that in order to pay the prices they are asked for the necessities, they will be compelled to increase the prices for their services.

Realestate Changes Hands.

The Nels Hawkinson place in south Park, cottage and few acres of land was sold Saturday to Robert W. Harrison for \$625.00. Realestate is beginning to move in Plattsmouth, though at present at low prices, the tendency is toward an increase in demands a well as in the price.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETS AND SLOGAN ADOPTED

Much Business Discussed and Committee Appointed to Carry on Work.

PRIZES ARE OFFERED FOR
SLOGAN BUTTON CONTEST

Opportunity of Life to Secure Marriage License Without any Cost.

There was a large turn out last evening to attend the Commercial club meeting, where matters of usual interest to the city were discussed.

After the reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the secretary informed the club that there had been tendered the treasurer of the club \$7.50 surplus funds in the hands of treasurer of the Coasting Carnival fund. On motion of F. Schlater the amount was voted into the general fund of the Commercial Club.

The president of the club, Mr. Falter then stated that the club had expected Dr. Todd, of Omaha to be present and lay before the club a proposition for the organization of a horse collar factory, that for some reason, not now known, the doctor was not there, and efforts to reach him by phone through the day had been unavailing. But that from conversations the executive committee had had with the doctor, it was thought that Plattsmouth would be a most desirable place to start a factory.

There were other important matters to be discussed, among which was a read to the ferry. After considerable discussion as to the desirability of a hill of bottom road, Mr. Philip Thierolf suggested that as long as the bottom road was not practical for only a few months during the summer and fall, that both roads be opened up and with little work on the bottom route, it could be maintained during the season suitable for while at other times the hill road could be used. The committee appointed last fall was then instructed to work for the hill road, in cooperation with James Ault, who is reported to have a petition out for the hill route. The club will advance the \$20.00 the law requires to be deposited with the county commissioners, to defray the expenses of viewing the road.

John Nemetz then got the floor and in a neat speech of five minutes in which he advocated the newly adopted slogan and said he believe in a "war cry" and so on. The speaker thought that we ought to live up to the self protection principle better than in the past, and said he believed that Plattsmouth merchants and other should stick to Plattsmouth industries, and support the factories for others. He had a paper in his hand, and moved that the club adopt the rule and circulate at once a petition for every one in the room to sign for the merchants to sell only Plattsmouth made cigars.

The matter provoked much discussion, the sentiment was for upholding Plattsmouth industries but many were of the opinion that the matter could be handled in some other way which would bring as good results

and not effect other lines of business. Attorney A. L. Tidd, suggested that a good way to advertise the Plattsmouth brands of cigars, was for Plattsmouth people when away from home to call for a Plattsmouth cigar.

Mr. J. W. Lorenz was of the opinion that the motion was too radical and that other lines of business should be considered as well as the one under discussion, that while his firm handled only the Plattsmouth made article, in the cigar line, yet there were other lines of manufactured goods which are made here to which the principal would not apply. Some were of the opinion that the matter should be taken up by the Cigar Makers' Union and not left to the Commercial Club. It was finally decided on motion of Attorney A. L. Tidd to amend the motion of Mr. Nemetz, and appoint a committee with Mr. Nemetz as chairman, to look after the circulation of such petition among the merchants and others.

President Falter then called the attention of the club to the proposed lecture of Mr. Irving to be given in the opera house on the evening of the 27th inst and the disposition of the Plattsmouth slogan buttons. It was suggested that Prof. Gamble and the students of the high school be enlisted in the project of sale of the buttons and with every button sold for a quarter, a ticket to the Irving lecture be thrown in. Mr. Barrows of the News suggested that the sale of the prizes be facilitated by the offering of prizes by the members of the club, and as an addition to the cash prize of \$5.00 offered by Mr. Irving, he would give a years subscription to the "Joker". The suggestion was contagious and the following gentlemen then offered to add to the prizes by donating articles from their stores: Nemetz, Crabili, Lorenz, Claus, Hatt & Son, Ptach & Bajeck, Falter & Thierolf, Wescott's Sons, Henry Herold, Fetzer, Baylor and last but not least Judge Beeson donates a marriage licence. Some questioned the propriety of the last named prize as it might fall to a married man. This was speedily disposed of by Mr. Nemetz suggesting that a divorce would be furnished if such should be necessary.

Following up the suggestion of Mr. Irving to a member of the club, it was voted to spend some money with the Opportunity, in the way of advertising the needs and advantages of Plattsmouth.

J. E. Douglas was elected as club reporter and other minor matters attended to and it was growing late before the club adjourned.

It was decided that the regular meeting night for the club should be the third Thursday evening in each month, and the hour of meeting was placed at eight o'clock sharp.

PLATTSMOUTH GIRLS
DOWN NEBRASKA CITY.

Basket Ball Game Saturday Night
All One Sided for Our Girls.

To the tune of 12 to 32 the Plattsmouth High School girls walked off with the basket ball game with the girls from Nebraska City last Saturday evening and there was a large crowd there to see the thing done.

Plattsmouth played all around their opponents from the start and had the game won from the time that the first ball dropped through the basket. Candidly Nebraska City did not seem to have but one girl who could compete with the girls from this city.

We don't know her name but she was a pretty little thing with brown hair and blue eyes and when she posed to throw for the basket it would have been a very ungentlemanly ball that would not have made a few extra efforts to drop in.

We were glad to see the friendly spirit that seemed to be prevalent in the crowd toward the visitors and every good play was applauded by the crowd. Our Girls are a good basket ball bunch and we are not so sure but what in a game against the boys from the high school that the young gentlemen would have to take the low score.

Here's to the High School Girl's Basket Ball Team.

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POLICE CALL BLUFF OF LINCOLN EDITOR.

Failed to Back Up Statement
made Regarding Bootlegging
in City.

Christian Kuhl, the editor of the Nebraska Echo, yesterday afternoon failed to direct the police to the gambling joints, drinking houses and places of ill repute that he had publicly said he could show them if they only cared to call on him for information. He told the plainclothesman that called on him that he would take up that matter in his next issue of the paper.

About noon yesterday the editor called Chief Malone on the telephone and asked if the chief would see him. He said he found a call on his desk saying that the chief wanted to talk to him. The chief told him that he had left no call but that he wanted him to be prepared to point out to the officers the dens of vice he had said were operating in the city. "All right," said Mr. Kuhl, "send down men in plain clothes." About two o'clock Officers Barrett and Schmidt called on the editor for the information. The officers first asked him to direct them to the alleged places of ill repute that they might make some arrests.

"Well," said Mr. Kuhl, "you made a raid at 144 South Eleventh street Sat-

urday night—that was one of the places I had in mind."

"All right," said Officer Barrett, "now give us the address of another place." The editor had no others definitely in mind at the time. He was then asked to take the officers to one of the alleged gambling houses. He admitted that the places were pretty hard to locate although he knew of many places where men had lost all their winter's earnings over the card table. He was asked to point out just one of these places, but he refused to do so, saying he would get his information lined up and would print his statement in the paper.

He was next asked about the places where he had said through his paper that liquor could be bought.

"I know a grocery store on O street where a man can get two bottles of beer handed over the counter for 25 cents," he replied.

"We want to see that place right away," said the officers. "Come along and show us." Mr. Kuhl made no move to go with the men. "Do you know of this place personally," the officers asked. "I did not buy the beer there," he said, "but fellows have told me that they did."

When the officers could get no tip as to where they might make the wholesale arrests the editor had spoken of, they told Mr. Kuhl that they did not think after all that he had so many places of vice on his catalogue and told him that the police department did not expect to take any of his newspaper talk unless he was able to back it up with facts. When the matter of the recent lecture in the city by Rev. Mr. Sillaway of Milwaukee was touched upon, Mr. Kuhl said that he was upholding Sillaway in his statements in regard to the evil conditions existing in Lincoln.

Chief Malone said last night that he would have officers call on Mr. Kuhl again almost every day, and when ever he was ready to furnish information that would lead to the arrest of a den of vice the police were willing to get that information, but that the editor would not continue to publish charges on the alleged vice of the city without having an occasional visit from the police who would ask him to show his cards.—Evening News.

A Mountain on a Molehill

Our democratic contemporary in its issue of the 11th throws a few fits brought on by its personal inspection of the county Surveyor's office recently vacated by a republican of the Simon pure brand. Some insinuations that the office was not as neat and the records therein not kept in proper shape were indulged in throughout the article. There is no place in the statutes which makes it the duty of the county surveyor to do the janitor's work about the building. The vault adjacent to the surveyor's office has been used as a lumber room ever since the court house was constructed, and has been the receptacle for old records from different offices, and even the old records of the City of Plattsmouth have been thrown in and promiscuously piled in one corner. This is not the fault of the surveyor, who has been allowed the privilege of using a small part of the vault for storing his records.

The vault has been used as a sort of catch all for not only the rubbish from the county offices, but the records of the old Citizens Bank have been dumped in there also.

Some years ago some one left the gas burning in the vault from Saturday evening until Monday morning, the vault being air tight the oxygen was soon exhausted and a fine soot precipitated on every thing in the vault. Ms. Hilton discovered the condition of the vault and he and the then janitor carried everything within reach out and cleaned up generally. There were a few of the papers in the pigeon holes which were overlooked, and the soot may be seen on some yet, but if the Journal's prediction is true this will all vanish shortly.

This is an age of improvement, and every new county official desires to make a record which will reflect credit on his administration, and we are glad this is so, were it otherwise our officials would fall behind the times. But the Journal's effort of the 11th to besmirch the record of a faithful public ex-official will fall flat on its reader's ears.

A Happy Farmer.

Mr. Grant Gentry, who lives west of Mynard, and who with his wife have been staying at South Auburn, for sometime past with the parents of Mrs. Gentry, came home yesterday on the Missouri Pacific, to finish his corn husking, of which he has seventy acres in the field. In conversation with Grant last evening, he told a representative of the Daily News, that the stork had visited them, last Saturday evening with the sweetest little bit of humanity in the shape of a lovely little daughter, just balancing the scales at eight pounds. The mother and little daughter are reported as doing well and the father is expected to pull through with the best of care.

F. P. Sheldon the Nebawka merchant was a Plattsmouth visitor yesterday attending to business.

ENFORCE THE LAW

Question Ably Discussed By
Representative of the
Kansas W. C. T. U.

W. C. T. U. MEETING
AT METHODIST CHURCH.

Mrs. Wallace Talks to Large
Audiences Both Morning and
Evening.

It was W. C. T. U. day in this city yesterday and large audiences listened with much interest to the very able remarks of Mrs. Sena Hartzel Wallace of Kansas on the work the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is doing and has done in the country.

Mrs. Wallace is a very convincing speaker and having the advantage of having done personal work herself can tell her audiences her story in a way which is not only interesting but convincing. She not only makes statements but backs them up. She not only talks—but says something.

She spoke more particularly in the evening of the temperance work in Kansas and the way it has been carried on. She told of the condition of things in Kansas before the prohibitory laws was enforced and the feeling there among business men that the enforcement of the law would ruin business. She told of how the men who opposed the law are now its strongest supporters. She told of how the bank clearance of Kansas City Kansas, in three years was increased over six millions of dollars. She told of how under the enforcement of the law in the county in which Kansas City is located the trips of the sheriff to the penitentiary were cut down in two months from something like thirty five per month to only two.

She told of all these things and what is convincing about it she can back it up with the proof. In fact we believe by the way she talked she would like to have somebody stand up and say he would like to be shown.

Mrs. Wallace is doing a grand work. The man who thinks that the work of the W. C. T. U. is detrimental to good government and good business does not know what he is talking about. All they ask is enforcement of law. With the enforcement of law will come enough convincing argument that prohibition is the key to a successful opening of the door to increase business conditions that it will not be necessary to preach it. Enforce the laws we have and others will follow which will make the state of Nebraska better and cleaner.

Mrs. Wallace will speak again this evening at the Christian church to the voters on the subject "Where's Tommy?" It doesn't cut any figure whether you believe in temperance or not, if you are not so prejudiced that you don't want to here the law and order side discussed, then go to-night and hear it. It won't hurt you and may give you some ideas that you would not gain any other way.

The Y. M. B. C. Lecture.

Rev. W. L. Austin delivered a lecture before the Young Men's Bible Class last evening on the subject Wit, Humor and Pathos which was listened to by a room full of young men with the greatest delight. Rev. Austin proved himself to be a prince of entertainers and kept his listeners in an uproarious turn of laughter for a full hour. The speaker introduced his lecture by giving a short talk on the idioms of the English language, he then launched into his subject by defining humor and wit, and prefacing his remarks here by showing the necessity of laughter to a normal development of the mind. That the organs constructed by our Creator for laughter were as important as the organs of digestion. That a sense of the grotesque and humorous was implanted in every normal being and was an important element of character to be cultivated and appreciated. Rev. Austin illustrated his points with anecdotes and quaint stories which excited the mirth of his audience to a great degree. The lecture was pronounced by those who heard it as the equal if not better of any heard in the course of any of the lyceum bureaus. It is hoped that Rev. Austin may be induced to repeat this lecture in the church at some future time, when the public can have the opportunity of an evening's enjoyment.

May Be Pipe Dream.

James Coghlin, who has been employed at the brass foundry, departed for Omaha and the far east this morning, taking with his a fair sized "jag". He is reported to have informed the boys that his father had just died in the east leaving him a cool hundred thousand, and that his presence was required in Omaha today to cash in a ten thousand dollar check. As he went here to work any more he called for his time, and he may remain in the east where the eight o'clock closing law is unknown.