

Murray Department.

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[If any of the readers of the Journal know of a social event or an item of interest in this vicinity and will mail same to this office it will appear under this heading We want all items of interest.—Editor Journal.]

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MURRAY, NEBRASKA

Miss Margie Walker was a Plattsmouth visitor Friday evening.

Rev. Fotsmith filled the pulpit in the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Miss Mattie Minnear was Christmas shopping in Nebraska City Wednesday.

Warner Wiley and wife done some shopping in Plattsmouth Saturday.

Miss Isabella Young was Christmas shopping in Plattsmouth Saturday.

Christmas exercises and tree at the Presbyterian church Friday evening.

Miss Ida Boedeker and her father were Plattsmouth visitors Tuesday doing some Christmas shopping.

Mr. Charles Muts visited her sister in Omaha Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brendel were Plattsmouth visitors Monday of this week.

Mrs. C. Shavley and her brother, Wade Porter, were visiting friends in Lincoln Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Christwiser and daughter Zupa, visited Mrs. Christwiser's parents in Plattsmouth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Meek Davis were born show visitors Friday.

Mrs. Segie Davis of Wellington, Colo., was visiting relatives in Murray last week.

Mrs. James Loughridge came home from the hospital at Millford, Neb., Tuesday evening.

Miss Etta Nickles was a Plattsmouth visitor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Long and Robert Shrader and wife were Plattsmouth visitors Wednesday.

Hampshire male pigs for sale. Prices reasonable.

H. C. Long,
Murray, Neb.

J. W. Holmes made a business trip to Weeping Water the first of the week to see about having ice shipped into Murray. As no ponds were built here this season there will be considerable trouble in getting ice. The Missouri river ice is the only available ice in this part of the country.

A Narrow Escape.

Doc. Long's team ran away Tuesday and a very serious accident might have happened. Doc left the team standing in front of Holmes & Smith's store with his little daughter Grace, in the sled, when another team with bells on came past and frightened his team. They started west at a fast gait and when they passed Oldham's barn, Arch Montgomery, who is visiting there ran and jumped in the sled, securing the lines and stopped the team. It was a narrow escape for the little girl.

A Good Lecture.

The lecture Monday evening was a great success. Mr. Lanham was sick and Mr. Hyde filled his place. Mr. Hyde's subject was taken from Victor Hugo's great book "Les Misérables" and was "Jean Val Jean." No one who heard him could help but think many times of what was said and strive to have more of the bishop's spirit. There was a good audience. Mr. Hyde held his audience as few lecturers can.

Miss Ester Rice is sick this week with the grip.

Will Rice had business in the county seat Monday.

Miss Pauline Oldham was a Plattsmouth visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baker of near Rock Bluffs, have a brand new baby, born Sunday.

Miss Dora Domingo, from Weeping Water, is visiting with Earl Jenkins and family.

Louie Puls met with quite an accident Monday by falling from a hay wagon and dislocating his wrist.

Mrs. John Dermitt is sick with appendicitis at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Filson, four miles west of town.

Miss Margie Walker accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Walker to Lincoln Monday, where the Dr's wife entered the hospital for appendicitis.

Fine White Plymouth Rock roosters for sale at 75 cents and \$1.00 each

MRS. H. C. LONG,
Murray, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jenkins are the proud parents of a ten-pound boy, the little one arrived Monday morning. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kelsay of Vernon county, Mo., arrived a few days ago to spend the holidays with Henry Long and family. Mr. Kelsay is a brother-in-law of Henry's.

A telephone message from Lincoln Monday was received to the effect that Mrs. A. E. Walker, wife of Dr. Walker, was operated upon for appendicitis. At the present time she is still in a critical condition.

Johnny Rice, the nine-year-old son of J. H. Rice, broke his arm the other day while at play at the Christwiser school house. He was coasting with some other boys and the arm was broken so easily that he hardly knew how it happened.

One of the important features of the season took place here Wednesday. Mac Churchill and Art Baker stated the cry of "Wolf! Wolf!" A large wolf was surrounded in Walker's field. Ten men with guns of all description since the Chinese manufactured power, was brought into service.

False Accusations.

A number of times during the past few weeks have I heard of parties not residing a thousand miles from Murray making most slanderous and false accusations about myself and members of my family. It is entirely unnecessary for me to mention names, who are well known to me, or to repeat any of the slanderous remarks made, but from this date such actions on the part of the guilty ones must cease. For many years have I resided in this locality and up to the present time have never had such treatment at the hands of my neighbors, and cannot submit to such actions now, not as long as the laws of our state will uphold me in prosecuting slanders of this class. W. M. RICE.

For Sale.

My property in Murray is for sale and it can be bought very reasonably if taken soon. Address me at Plainview, Neb. W. M. HENDRICKS.

From Missouri.

Our old friend, Henry Long and daughter, Miss Gertrude, drove up from their home near Murray this morning. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kelsay of Vernon county, Mo., and also Mrs. Robt. Shrader, a daughter of Mr. Long. While in the city Mr. Long and Mr. Kelsay gave the Journal a pleasant call, and we were glad to make the acquaintance of Mr. Kelsay, who is a brother-in-law of Mr. Long. We are always delighted to meet anyone from Missouri, one of the grandest states in the universe.

Pay Your Taxes.

All patrons of the Murray State Bank, both in Mt. Pleasant and Rock Bluffs precinct, are hereby notified that they can pay their taxes at the bank, where they will be officially receipted for the same.

ZELAYA'S ARMY IS CRUSHED

Estrada's Forces Win Complete Victory in Battle at Rama.

GIVE AID TO THE WOUNDED.

Surgeons From Cruiser Des Moines Landed at Bluefields—Hospital Facilities Overtaxed to Care for Victims of Engagement—Nineteen Hundred of Zelaya's Men Surrender, Including Commander Gonzales.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 23.—General Estrada has won a complete victory over the government troops at Rama. A total of 600 men of both armies were killed or wounded. Nineteen hundred of Zelaya's men have surrendered, including General Gonzales, who was in command. Two Americans are reported killed.

The fighting occurred outside the city limits. The wounded are being brought here. Commander Shipley has landed surgeons from the Des Moines to care for them.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Confirmation of the press dispatches from Nicaragua were received at the navy department in a cablegram from Captain Shipley of the Des Moines, now at Bluefields. The additional information is given in the navy department's advice that General Castillo, four pieces of field artillery, 1,500 rifles and 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition were included in the surrender. The wounded have been carried to Bluefields, where the hospital facilities are inadequate to the demands made by the results of the engagement. Captain Shipley says he has established a hospital on shore, employing surgeons, assistants and hospital supplies from the Des Moines and the Tacoma. No force has been landed from the American warships, Captain Shipley says. Zelaya's loss in killed, wounded and captured, the captain reports, is about 2,600.

POLICE SUE FOR REWARD

Omaha and South Omaha Officers Go After Bandit Ransom.

Omaha, Dec. 23.—The Omaha and South Omaha police officers who took part in the arrest of the Overland Limited mail robbers are arranging to file suits in interver as claimants to a portion of the \$25,000 reward offered by the Union Pacific Railroad company and the postoffice department for the apprehension and conviction of the bandits.

The Omaha officers who will lay claim to a part of the reward are Captain Mostyn and Detectives Patullo, Davis and Hill. The South Omaha officers who will file similar suits are Captain Briggs, Policemen Turquist, and Mawhinney and Detectives Elsfielder and McCrea. These suits will be filed within a few days.

The question of the division of the rewards will be left to the United States circuit court, where the original suit and intervening suits are brought. The distribution of the government reward of \$5,000 will depend on the circuit court decision.

The reward money will be turned into the court as soon as the matter of the appeal of the cases of the five bandits is disposed of in the circuit court of appeals.

Lincoln Has Shortage of Steam Coal.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23.—A shortage of coal, which may develop into an actual famine, confronts Lincoln. The supply of steam coal now in the hands of dealers is practically exhausted and none is being received. When the steam supply is exhausted it means the manufacturing plants must draw on the domestic product, which is small.

ASSASSINS PUT IN BUSY DAY

Three Politicians Murders in Widely Separated Points.

BRITISH GOVERNOR IS SLAIN.

Official in India Shot Down in Theater, Korean Premier Stabbed to Death, Russian Police Chief Killed by Bomb in St. Petersburg and Roumanian Prime Minister Shot and Seriously Wounded by an Anarchist.

London, Dec. 23.—A remarkable series of political assassinations of personages high in office is reported from widely separated points.

In Seoul, Korea, the prime minister of the Korean cabinet was stabbed to death as an apparent result of the intense feeling in Korea against Japanese influence.

In St. Petersburg, the chief of the secret police, Colonel Karpoff, was blown to pieces by the explosion of a bomb, supposedly thrown by an anarchist.

At Bombay, British India, the chief magistrate of Nasik, Arthur M. T. Jackson, was assassinated in a theater by a native, for revenge and presumably as a part of the seditious movement against British official authority.

In each of the countries the government authority is menaced by a dangerous element directed against the existing regime.

Bomb Mangles Russian Officer.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—Colonel Karpoff, chief of the secret police of St. Petersburg, was assassinated. He had been enticed to a modest apartment in the Viborg district and there was blown to pieces by a bomb, exploded supposedly by his host, one Michael Voskressensky, who was captured.

Anarchist Shoots Roumanian Premier.

Bucharest, Dec. 23.—The prime minister of Roumania was shot and seriously wounded by a Roumanian anarchist.

WANT BUREAU OF MINES

Fight Will Be Made to Have Federal Supervision of Industry.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Headquarters of the American Mining congress have been opened in this city to promote legislation for the establishment of a national bureau of mines. Both President Taft and Secretary Ballinger of the department of the interior are said to favor legislation.

"The only difficulty in the way of the establishment of such a bureau," said James F. Galbreath, Jr., of Denver, secretary of the congress, "lies in the fact that many persons do not realize the terrible conditions that prevail in the mining industry, and how much we need the aid of the federal government. In the last three decades more than 30,000 men have been killed and 100,000 injured in the coal mines alone, a majority of those injured being rendered helpless for life. In 1907, 3,125 men lost their lives in the coal mines, or nearly five men in every mining camp of 1,000 men. Contrast this with the one or two men killed in every 1,000 employed in foreign countries where they have bureaus of mines that are making a thorough study into the causes of disasters."

NEW ATTACK ON CHRISTY

Artist's Wife Intimates He Was in Insane Asylum.

New York, Dec. 23.—An order directing the state lunacy commission to furnish Mrs. Maybelle Thompson Christy with a certified copy of papers connected with the alleged commitment of her husband, Howard Chandler Christy, the artist, to an institution for the insane in this state in March, 1907, was obtained by Mrs. Christy's attorneys from Supreme Court Judge McLean.

This is a new phase of the legal proceedings growing out of the domestic difficulties of the Christys, who are not now living together. Christy making his home in Zanesville, O., while Mrs. Christy remains in this city. According to Charles A. Tausig, Mrs. Christy's attorney, the papers are wanted for use in the hearing before the probate court of Muskingum county Ohio, for a writ of habeas corpus under which Mrs. Christy hopes to obtain possession of her ten-year-old daughter, now with the artist at Zanesville.

Manitoba Extends "Dry" Territory.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—As a result of the local option vote in Manitoba eighteen counties were added to the seventy which previously voted in favor of no saloon. There are fifty counties which still remain wet.

C. L. WARRINER PLEADS GUILTY

Big Four Railway Treasurer Admits Embezzlement.

IS GIVEN A SIX-YEAR TERM.

Tells Passionate Story of Agonies He Suffered for Years While Engaged in Systematic Theft and Throws Himself on Mercy of the Court. Trial of Woman in Case is Set for Next Monday.

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—Charles L. Warriner, deposed local treasurer of the Big Four railroad, pleaded guilty to embezzlement in the common pleas court and was sentenced to serve six years in the Ohio penitentiary.

Warriner was presented before Judge Woodmansee of the common pleas court with the default understanding between Prosecutor Hunt and his counsel that he would plead guilty and throw himself on the mercy of the court.

When Warriner's lawyers entered a plea of guilty their client raised his head and made a wild, passionate declaration of the agonies he had suffered during the years that, high in the confidence of his employers and his fellow citizens, he had been engaged in systematic theft. He concluded with an appeal for an immediate sentence.

Of the \$643,000 Warriner is alleged to have taken from the Big Four railroad, less than half has been accounted for by him. There have been many stories circulated that he had secreted part of the money, but these have not been verified.

Prosecutor Hunt stated he would not present further charges against Warriner to the grand jury unless it is shown that he had money hidden away. If this should be discovered the prosecutor said Warriner can still be prosecuted, as the crime never is outlawed.

The trial of Mrs. Jeannette Stewart Ford, "the woman in the case," under indictment charging blackmail and receiving stolen goods, has been set for Monday. She is out on \$2,500 bond.

STEEL TRUST TO CUT MELON

Bonus of \$2,000,000 Distributed Among Officials and Employees.

New York, Dec. 23.—More than \$2,000,000 will be distributed by the United States Steel corporation as a bonus to its officers and employees, 60 per cent of which will be in cash, according to the official announcement of Chairman Gary, in which he said:

"The amount is determined as usual by the annual earnings. The sum distributed for 1909 amounts to a little over \$2,000,000. This will be paid 60 per cent in cash and 40 per cent in preferred stock at 124 or common stock at 90, in accordance with the wishes of the recipients, so far as is practicable and convenient. Also the usual opportunity will be given to subscribe for 25,000 shares of the preferred stock of the corporation at 124 under the usual conditions."

THREE WARDLAWS INDICTED

Grand Jury Returns True Bills Against Aged Sisters.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 23.—The grand jury found two indictments against the three Wardlaw sisters charging them with having caused the death of young Mrs. Oeey W. M. Sneed, who was found dead in a half filled bath tub in an unfurnished house in East Orange.

FURTHER BREAK IN WHEAT

Coarse Grains Weak, Owing to Selling and Lack of Support.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Renewed liquidation caused a further break in wheat today. Final quotations being from 1c to 1 1/2c below the closing quotations of the previous session. Coarse grains and provisions also closed weak. Closing prices:

Wheat—Dec., \$1.14 1/2; May, \$1.10 1/2.
Corn—Dec., 61 1/2c; May, 65 1/2c.
Oats—Dec., 43 1/2c; May, 45 1/2c.
Pork—Jan., \$21.45; May, \$21.65.
Lard—Jan., \$12.60; May, \$11.82 1/2.
Ribs—Jan., \$11.20; May, \$11.22 1/2.
Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 h: 1 wheat, \$1.16@1.17; No. 3 white corn, 61c; No. 2 white oats, 45 1/2c.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500; steady; native steers, \$4.00@8.00; cows and heifers, \$3.00@4.25; western steers, \$3.50@6.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.55@5.35; calves, \$3.50@7.75; bulls and stags, \$2.80@4.60. Hogs—Receipts, 6,000; 10@15c lower; heavy, \$8.12 1/2@8.25; mixed, \$8.10@8.15; light, \$8.00@8.15; pigs, \$6.75@7.75; bulk of sales, \$8.05@8.15. Sheep—Receipts, 3,800; steady; yearlings, \$5.80@7.00; wethers, \$4.80@5.60; ewes, \$4.25@5.30; lambs, \$6.85@8.15.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 21,000; steady; good steers brought \$7.50@8.40; cows and heifers, \$3.40@4.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@5.00; best calves, \$9.50. Hogs—Receipts, 35,000; 15@25c lower; ton, \$8.40, with few hogs above \$8.30; bulk, \$8.00@8.25. Sheep—Receipts, 22,000; weak and lower.

Christmas Long Ago

By FRANK H. SWEET. (Copyright, 1909, by American Press Association.)

A GOOD old fashioned Christmas with the logs upon the hearth, The table filled with feasters an' the room a-roar with mirth, With the stockin's crammed to bust-in' an' the medders piled with snow— A good old fashioned Christmas like we had so long ago!

Now that's the thing I'd like to see ag'in afore I die, But Christmas in the city here—it's different, oh, my! With the crowded hustle-bustle of the slushy, noisy street An' the scowl upon the faces of the strangers that you meet.

Oh, there's buyin', plenty of it, of a lot of gorgeous toys. An' it takes a mint of money to please modern girls an' boys. Why, I mind the time a jackknife an' a toffy lump for me Made my little heart an' stockin' just chock full of Christmas glee.



An' there's feastin'. Think o' feedin' with these stuck up city folk! Why, you have to speak in whispers, an' you dar'en't crack a joke. Then remember how the tables looked all crowded with your kin, When you couldn't hear a whistle blow across the merry din.

You see, I'm so old fashioned-like I don't care much for style. An' to eat your Christmas banquets here I wouldn't go a mile. I'd rather have, like Solomon, a good yarb dinner set With real old friends than turtle soup with all the nob's you'd get.

There's my next door neighbor, Gurdley—fancy how his brows 'ud lift If I'd holler: "Merry Christmas! Caught, old fellow! Christmas gift!" Lordy sakes, I'd like to try it! Guess he'd nearly have a fit. Hang this city stiffness, anyways! I can't get used to it.



Then your heart it keeps a-swellin' till it nearly busts your side, An' by night your jaws are achin' with your smile four inches wide. An' your enemy, the worst one, you'd just grab his hand an' say: "Mebbe both of us was wrong; John. Come, let's shake. It's Christmas day."

Mighty little Christmas spirit seems to dwell 'tween city walls, Where each snowflake brings a soot-flake for a brother as it falls— Mighty little Christmas spirit, an' I'm pinin', don't you know, For a good old fashioned Christmas like we had so long ago.