

MURDOCK.
(Special Correspondent.)

Al Hunt was in town Saturday and Sunday.

C. F. Hite of near Alvo was in town Tuesday.

Miss Viola Everett was in Omaha on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kuehn were in Lincoln Tuesday.

C. Eisenhut and daughter, Vera, were in Lincoln last Tuesday.

Miss Grayce Lawton attended a party at Wabash New Year's night.

Everett Harris of York, Neb., visited a friends (?) here over Sunday.

Miss Nellie Rush visited a few days this week with her sister in Lincoln.

Miss Bertha Shatto of Omaha visited friends and relatives here last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Thimgan of Omaha spent the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fogg and baby of Lincoln visited over New Year's with relatives.

Miss Erna Duncombe of Omaha is a guest at the H. V. McDonald home this week.

A. J. Tool and wife entertained the Goehy sisters at supper on Saturday evening.

Misses Pearl Reed and Mayme Rowhr of Lincoln were week-end guests at the Sorick home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brittan of Lincoln were guests of relatives and friends several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Amgwert entertained Misses Viola Everett and Kate Amgwert at supper Sunday evening.

About a dozen of our young people attended the dance at Ashland last Saturday night. All report a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Moomey and daughter, Lula, ate New Year's dinner with their son, George Moomey and wife.

Our basketball team played at Alvo on New Year's night. At the end of the game the score stood 11 to 24 in favor of Murdock.

Miss-Kate Amgwert left Monday on No. 14 for Omaha, where she has accepted a position with Orkin Brothers' Clothing store.

Misses Jennie Reynolds and Theresa Kelly of Plattsmouth were guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Oscar McDonald and family, over Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the Pickwell home, west of town, on last Wednesday. About forty were present and all enjoyed themselves immensely.

The dance here last Thursday night was well attended and everyone had a good time. Thornberg's orchestra of Omaha certainly made things hum.

Last Thursday evening about forty neighbors and friends gathered at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lake, where they passed the evening in music, games and social conversation. This is only one of the good times planned for this winter.

Emil Kuehn and wife entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kuehn, who have recently returned from their wedding trip. Those present were: August Kuehn and Emma, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thimgan and daughter, Florence; Mr. and Mrs. David Thimgan of Omaha; Misses Eta Sorick and Mayme Rowhr of Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. McDonald entertained Monday evening at their home in honor of Miss Jennie Reynolds and Miss Theresa Kelly of Plattsmouth. A number of games and social conversation consisted of the evening's entertainment. At the usual time a very dainty luncheon was served. Those present were: Misses Helen Moomey, Leata McDonald, Esther Harl, Hattie Arres, Eva Sorick, Grace Gustin, Marguerite McDonald, Jennie Reynolds, Theresa Kelly, Messrs. Max and Paul Goehry, Edgar Moomey, Harry Gillespie, Joe Gustin and Leonard Hart.

Frank Duda Injured.

Frank Duda, employed on the freight car repair track in the Burlington shops, had the misfortune this morning to have one foot mashed by dropping a car sill upon it. Mr. Duda sought medical aid immediately and had the injury dressed. He will probably be off for a few days.

County Commissioner C. R. Jordan departed for his home this afternoon, expecting to return next Monday for the annual meeting, at which time the board will consider the letting of contracts for county bridges.

Anton Bajcek left last evening for Glenwood, where he played the drums for a ball. Mrs. Evengham was the pianist.

AVOCA NEWS

Mrs. William Knabe was here from Berlin Monday.

R. A. Nutzman lost one of his fine driving horses last week.

Dr. B. F. Brendel and wife were over from Murray Monday.

J. H. Schmidt commenced harvesting his ice crop this week.

Harry Oakes is entertaining his mother, who resides at Strang.

Mrs. L. J. Marquardt entertained relatives from Utica last week.

G. D. Maseman was a Weeping Water visitor Wednesday evening.

The Rehekahs held a very interesting meeting Tuesday evening.

Orlando Tefft was a north-bound passenger Tuesday morning.

Asa J. Johnson was attending to business at Omaha Wednesday.

E. G. Spencer and family of Huntley are visiting Avoca relatives.

The Odd Fellow's lodge held installation of officers Thursday evening.

Mrs. R. A. Nutzman and daughter, Pearl, were Omaha visitors Tuesday.

Miss Opal Lewton spent her holiday vacation with her parents in Avoca.

The Avoca band gave an open air concert on the street New Year's day.

Manager Pinochle says the Pinochles will be stronger than ever in 1912.

Miss Fda Marquardt, who is teaching in Wyoming, is visiting Avoca relatives.

Prof. John E. Opp and wife of Beaver Crossing were home last week visiting relatives.

Harmon Brothers' orchestra furnished music for a dance at Murray Saturday evening.

Mrs. R. B. Combs of Lincoln spent several days this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Ora E. Copes.

Floyd Graham, Henry Maseman, Willie Fahnestock and Fred Kuhnshon returned to Lincoln Saturday.

H. G. Wellensiek was over from Syracuse Monday attending a meeting of the officers of the Bank of Avoca.

Colonel George Durham arrived from Bertrand Saturday. George and his brother, Claude, are doing the batching stunt in the Fred Belts property on Carter Hill.

HANDSOME FARM RESIDENCE DESTROYED BY FIRE FIEND

Harry Todd's Fine Home, South of Murray, Burned Last Evening at About 7 O'Clock.

The large, fine residence of Harry Todd, situated two miles south of Murray, burned to the ground last night, supposed to have been caused by a defective flue. This was one of the best residences in the county. Mr. Todd having erected the dwelling a few years ago at a cost of \$12,000. There is said to have been \$4,000 insurance on the house.

The fire occurred about 7 o'clock and at the time Mr. Todd was at the barn looking after some of his stock, when he noticed many sparks flying from the chimney of his furnace and he thought at the time that the flue was burning out. He hastened to the upper story of his dwelling to make an examination, when he discovered the flames had spread from the chimney along the joist to the side walls of the building. The fire was under such headway that nothing could be done to stop it or arrest its progress, and the fine dwelling, that was the pride of the community, was soon a smoldering mass of ruins. It is reported that most of the furniture in the dwelling was saved.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown entertained a number of friends New Year's day. After dinner the party went coasting. After coasting down hill several times, Mrs. Gilmore took her team and sleigh and hooked the bob on, taking the crowd several miles in the country. After supper all attended the Trier Sisters' concert. The day will long be remembered, and if each of the days of 1912 be as joyous as the first, there will be no room to complain. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Gilmore, and Walker and Helen, Mr. and Mrs. James Holmes and Ralph, Miss Pauline Oldham, Albert Young and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown.

Mrs. Gardner and son returned from Grand Island this morning, where they have been visiting over the holiday season with relatives.

ARE MICROBES IN YOUR SCALP

It Has Been Proved That Microbes Cause Baldness.

Professor Anna of Hamburg, Germany, and Dr. Sabourand, the leading French dermatologist, discovered that a microbe causes baldness. Their theory has time and again been amply verified through research experiments carried on under the observation of eminent scientists. This microbe lodges in the Sebum, which is the natural hair oil, and when permitted to flourish it destroys the hair follicles and in time the pores entirely close, and the scalp gradually takes on a shiny appearance. When this happens there is no hope of the growth of hair being revived.

We have a remedy which will, we honestly believe, remove dandruff, exterminate the microbe, promote good circulation in the scalp and around the hair roots, tighten and revitalize the hair roots, and overcome baldness, so long as there is any life left in the hair roots.

We back up this statement with our own personal guarantee that this remedy called Rexall "93" Hair Tonic will be supplied free of all cost to the user if it fails to do as we state.

It will frequently help to restore gray and faded hair to its original color, providing loss of color has been caused by disease; yet it is in no sense a dye. Rexall "93" Hair Tonic accomplishes these results by aiding in making every hair root, follicle and pigment gland strong and active, and by stimulating a natural flow of coloring pigment throughout the hair cells.

We exact no obligation or promise—we simply ask you to give Rexall "93" Hair Tonic a thorough trial and if not satisfied tell us and we will refund the money you paid us for it. Two sizes, 50 cents and \$1.00. Remember, you can obtain it in Plattsmouth only at our store—The Rexall Store, F. G. Fricke & Co.

LOCAL NEWS

From Tuesday's Daily.

W. T. Adams and B. W. Livingston were passengers to Omaha on the morning train today, where they were called on business.

T. E. Todd and wife drove in from their home west of the city this morning and looked after business matters in the city.

Matt McQuinn of Union arrived from Omaha on the morning train today and looked after business matters at the court house.

Mike Tritsch, the newly appointed deputy county treasurer, arrived from Louisville this morning and will assume his duties tomorrow.

Glen Smith arrived from Lincoln today to meet the new board of county commissioners. Mr. Smith had the contract for building the county bridges last year.

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners L. D. Switzer will retire to private life tomorrow, when the newly elected commissioner, C. E. Heebner, of Nehawka, will assume the duties of the office.

Philip Heil and John Krenger of Eight Mile Grove precinct came in from their homes this morning and boarded the early train for Omaha, where they looked over the automobile houses with a view of taking a course in the science of operating an auto.

John Hiber of O'Neil arrived last evening and visited his parents over night, departing for his home this morning. The winter has been much more severe in the northwest part of the state than here, the mercury falling as low as 18 below zero three days ago.

A. C. Adams and wife and son of Lincoln spent Sunday and the New Year's holiday with Mr. Adams' sisters, Mrs. O. G. Dovey and family and Miss Carrie Adams. Mr. Adams recently started his daughter in a California Girls' collegiate school, with which he is very much pleased.

We are just in receipt of a circular of the Grand Island Business and Normal College of Grand Island, Nebraska, saying 1,000 young people from the farms and villages will be admitted this year and allowed to pay expenses after they graduate and earn the money. This certainly is a great opportunity for boys and girls of limited means and we understand a number will attend from this county. It costs nothing to apply for admission.

ADMIRAL EVANS DIES SUDDENLY

Rear Admiral Stricken With Acute Indigestion.

ILLNESS GIVES NO WARNING.

Noted Naval Officer Arises in Morning in Good Health—Commanded Battleship Fleet in Record Breaking Cruise Around the World.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, retired, died suddenly of acute indigestion.

Admiral Evans, who was one of the most popular men in the navy, arose in the morning apparently in better health than he has had for some time. He lunched at 2 o'clock and almost immediately afterwards was stricken.

Dr. S. S. Adams was called hurriedly, but the naval officer lapsed into unconsciousness, dying shortly afterward.

Admiral Evans started the battleship fleet in its record breaking cruise around the world, resigning command at San Francisco because of his approaching retirement from the service.



REAR ADMIRAL EVANS.

vice. From President Taft down, officials of the government expressed the deepest regret over his sudden demise.

Rear Admiral Evans was born in Floyd county, Virginia, Aug. 16, 1846. He received his education in the public schools of Washington and the United States naval academy, from which he graduated in 1865. Advancement in the service brought him to the rank of captain in 1893.

As an ensign Mr. Evans participated in both attacks on Fort Fisher in the civil war and in land attacks he received four severe wounds from rifle shots.

When in command of the Yorktown at Valparaiso, Chile, in 1891, during a period of strained relations between Chile and the United States his actions in connection with various incidents earned him his popular name of "Fighting Bob."

In the war with Spain he commanded the Iowa in Sampson's fleet off Santiago, taking an active part in the battle with Cervera's fleet on July 3, 1898.

LIVE STOCK RATES REDUCED

Reduction Applies to All Western and Southwestern Railroads.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Radical reductions of freight rates on live stock, packing house products and salt were prescribed by the interstate commerce commission to apply to all western and southwestern railroads.

The commission holds that present rates on live stock from points in New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma to Fort Worth, Tex., Oklahoma City, Okla., and Wichita, Kan., are unreasonable; that existing rates on fresh meats and other packing house products from Fort Worth, Oklahoma City, and Wichita to points in other states also are unreasonable and that the rates on salt from the Kansas field to Oklahoma City are unjust.

The findings of the commission, prepared by Commissioner Prouty, are the result of an exhaustive investigation and affect the rates to all points east.

The railroads are given until Feb. 1, 1912, to put into effect the rates suggested.

Bryans Reach Tampa, Fla.

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 4.—William J. Bryan and Mrs. Bryan arrived here from Havana on the steamship Olivette. They will go from here to Washington.

ATTACK ON COMMISSION FORM

J. J. Breen in Lincoln to Look Up Details of Passage.

Lincoln, Jan. 4.—J. J. Breen was at the state house looking up the record of the passage through the legislature of the commission charter bill and announced in the secretary of state's office that he would attack the validity of the measure. He did not say in whose interest he was acting. He will assail the legality of the measure on a point which, he asserts, has never before been raised in this state.

It appears the bill was introduced in the legislature before the time limit expired for the introduction of new bills. After that date, however, the bill was amended by the addition of three sections, the one providing for the initiative, the one for the referendum and the one providing how the charter might be voted out of existence in case the electorate desire to take such a step.

He holds that these amendments, being complete sections, constituted a new bill within the meaning of the law, and that the entire measure therefore is invalid, as they were introduced after the time limit.

SEEKS RELATIVES OF NEBRASKA VETERAN

Texas Wants Heirs of Friend to Have Rights.

Lincoln, Jan. 4.—John E. Roller, an ex-Confederate and a wealthy ranch owner near Wichita Falls, writes to Adjutant General Phelps and requests the latter to locate the heirs of Isiah Long, a veteran of the First Nebraska cavalry, who was a neighbor of his and who had died leaving a small farm and a little personal property, to which a man in the neighborhood had laid claim and to which Roller does not think he has a right, and wants the heirs to the northern veteran to have.

Thereby hangs a tale of friendship between the veterans of the north and the south. It appears that Long, after some trouble with his family near Brownville, Neb., went to Texas and settled on the little farm near Roller's ranch. Long lived the life of a hermit and his only friend and associate was Roller. Long was poor, and when his health failed Roller used his influence to obtain a pension for Long and now that he is dead wants the northern man's heirs to have his modest estate.

The records of the adjutant general's office show that Long enlisted in the First Nebraska infantry and later reenlisted in the First Nebraska cavalry under the name of Ephraim Long.

WILL USE SEED CORN TESTS

Commercial Club Is in Communication With Professor Punsley.

Omaha, Jan. 4.—The Commercial club's committee to investigate a campaign for good seed corn is in communication with Professor C. W. Punsley of the University of Nebraska, and expects to bring him to Omaha soon to speak before the commercial interests on the importance of pure seed corn and for a conference with the committee. Mr. Punsley has made tests in several counties and says the corn is purer for seed purposes than for many years.

Medical Association Secretary.

Tekamah, Neb., Jan. 4.—Dr. A. D. Nesbit of this place, president of the Nebraska State Medical association, with the sanction of the councilors of the association, has appointed Dr. J. M. Allen of Omaha secretary of the state association, to take the place vacated by Dr. A. D. Wilkinson of Lincoln, lately deceased.

MOVE AGAINST MINEERS

Three Thousand Manchu Troops Ordered to Enforce Submission.

Peking, Jan. 4.—Three thousand Manchu imperial troops, drawn from the garrisons of Pootungfu and Shihwangtao, have been ordered to Chihwangtao and Lunchow to attack the mutineers there if they do not submit.

Chao Erh Feng, formerly viceroy of the province of Szechuen, assisted by Manchu soldiers from Tibet has recaptured Changtu, the capital. Serious disturbances, however, continue throughout the province. All foreigners are reported to have left the city of Chungking.

Mme. Curie Has Appendicitis.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The condition of Mme. Curie, who suffered from an acute attack of appendicitis, continues to be serious. The doctors of the hospital to which she was removed in anticipation of an operation say, however, that they expect to save her life. Mme. Curie's friends say her illness was brought on, or at least aggravated, by the worry occasioned by the recent suit in which her name was connected with that of Professor Langevin in divorce court proceedings.

Receivers Held as Hostages.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 4.—Two federal court officials, receivers for the bankrupt Smithfield Transportation company, at Smithfield, Va., are held as hostages by Italian laborers, who are clamoring for their pay. The receivers, J. L. Heard and John T. Reid, attempted to take boats for Norfolk, but were forced to return to a hotel. The receivers are not believed to be in immediate danger.

COURT FIXES BOARD'S RIGHT

Irrigation Body Has Authority to Restrain Use of Power.

DRAINAGE LAWS ARE UPHOLD.

Lancaster Court's Decisions Upholding Consolidation of Street Railway Lines With Respect to Capital Stock Upheld—Millers Settle Controversy.

Lincoln, Jan. 4.—The supreme court handed down a large number of opinions and with that act Judge Koot retired from the bench.

One of the most important cases decided was that of Kirk against the state board of irrigation. In this case the real point involved was whether in granting the use of water in the Niobrara river for power purposes it was within the province of the state to stipulate that the power must not be sold beyond the borders of the state. Kirk was a resident of Sioux City and proposed to use the power developed in Knox county, Nebraska, to operate street cars in Sioux City. The water right was granted by the board, but the restriction made that the power must be used in the state, from which Kirk appealed, but the supreme court holds the board was within its powers.

Drainage Law Upheld.

Another batch of cases of general interest, all of which were affirmed, upheld the constitutionality of the present drainage law. They were appeals from Nemaha county. The court holds the law constitutional and also holds that land benefited by the general drainage scheme must pay its share for laterals which do not directly benefit it but which said laterals are necessary to the general scheme of drainage in which the land is benefited.

The Lincoln traction cases are affirmed on one point. The right of the company to sell heat, light and power is not determined by the court, but for this purpose only the case is remanded. As the company's rights in these matters did not appear on the evidence the lower court is instructed to determine them. In deciding the case the court comes to some interesting conclusions. One is that the constitutional inhibition against the consolidation of competing railroads does not apply to street railroads.

Another is that in such consolidation it is not illegal if the stock and bonds of the new company are in excess of the capitalization of the respective companies or the actual value of the same, but such stocks and bonds are not evidence of a capitalization upon which the company is entitled to earn dividends or fix the price of service.

Millers Settle Controversy.

The state railway commission settled the milling in transit controversy between the millers and the Burlington road in short order. The whole matter was settled by stipulation in a manner satisfactory to all parties. The interstate rules are to be binding on interstate business except it is understood that when a shipment consists of a mixture of transit and non-transit products in the same car the flat carload rate from the transit point will apply on the non-transit part of the shipment and that the actual weight of the entire shipment will be used to arrive at the carload minimum weight.

Second Guaranty Assessment.

The state banking board made its second assessment upon state banks under the depository law. The assessment is one-quarter of 1 per cent upon the average deposits for the six months preceding Dec. 1. These total \$72,899,632.96 and will produce \$182,004.21. This is to be added to \$172,000 raised by the first call issued July 1. This money, while technically belonging to the guaranty funds, remains in the custody of the various banks from which it is levied and stands as a deposit to be used only in case of a demand caused by the failure of some bank.

Patterson Files Claim.

Sam Patterson, a banker of Arapahoe, who was appointed secretary of the state banking board by Governor Shallenberger, has filed a claim with the state auditor for two years' salary—\$8,000. He wants the auditor to set a date for a hearing that in case his claim is rejected he may appeal to the district court, as two of the bank examiners have already done in similar cases.

Richmond Out for Auditor.

H. C. Richmond of Omaha, Democrat, filed as a candidate for state auditor. This is the first filing up to date for this office on either ticket, though there are several prospective candidates who probably will file soon, now that the ice has been broken.

Military Telegrapher Found Dead.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 4.—W. F. Bassett, sixty-four years old, newspaper man, who for many years was connected with St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Louis and Plattsburg, Mo., papers, was found dead in a room in his home here. Death, supposedly accidental, resulted from inhaling fumes from a gas stove. Mr. Bassett was a telegrapher in the civil war and received a pension from the United States Military Telegraphers' corps.