

# Murray Department.

PREPARED IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF MURRAY AND VICINITY ESPECIALLY FOR THE JOURNAL READERS.

[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.]

## Murray State Bank

MURRAY, NEBRASKA

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We Solicit Your Banking  
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Our Deposits are protected by the Depositor's Guarantee Fund of the State of Nebraska.

Interest Paid on Time Deposits.

Frank Dugay was a Plattsmouth visitor Sunday.

Dr. Gilman made a professional visit to Union Monday.

Lloyd and Mae Lewis were passengers to Omaha Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Bronson Kline has been numbered with the sick this week.

Ad Boedecker shipped a car of hogs to the South Omaha market Tuesday.

William Nickels was transacting business in Plattsmouth Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lillie were guests of W. F. Moore and family Sunday.

Mrs. Leonard Born of Plattsmouth was a visitor with Mrs. M. Hiatt Tuesday.

Mrs. E. E. Leach of Union was visiting her mother, Mrs. Hattie Allison, Wednesday.

Mrs. John Campbell has been on the sick list this week, but is getting along nicely.

Lloyd Lewis had the misfortune to run a nail in his foot, making a very painful wound.

Gussie Lord drove to Plattsmouth Tuesday, where he took the eighth grade examination.

Mrs. Mark White of Rock Bluffs spent Wednesday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. I. S. White.

Mrs. Ed Riggs of Brewster, Neb., arrived Sunday for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

There was a slight frost Tuesday night, doing some damage to garden truck. The extent of the injury is not known.

C. M. Hiatt and wife were Sunday visitors with his father and mother and also his brother, Demmie Hiatt and wife.

E. R. Queen and Pearl Dugay were Omaha passengers Monday, where they visited Wayne Lewis at St. Joseph's hospital.

Theodore Amick's 7-year-old son, Arthur, who has been suffering from a serious attack of pneumonia, is now considered out of danger.

School closes this week, Friday afternoon the principal, Mrs. Brendel, will take her pupils out picnicking, while the primary room will have a program of exercises.

O. A. Davis is arranging to erect a new residence of the modern bungalow type, just north of the home of his father-in-law, D. J. Pitman. It will be an up-to-date residence of eight rooms.

County Commissioner Friedrich with the committee on good roads. His motto is, "to help those who try to help themselves." The road question is a very important one in this town and vicinity.

John Porter, who has been suffering from a serious attack of appendicitis, is somewhat better at this time, and great hopes are entertained that he will recover without going through the ordeal of an operation. The Journal regrets to learn of Mr. Porter's misfortune and hopes for the best.

The Journal office carries all kinds of typewriter supplies.

William Troop was a Plattsmouth visitor Wednesday.

Frank and Ivay Davis were Murdock visitors Monday.

S. O. Pitman was a business visitor in Nebraska City Monday.

J. D. Pitman attended to business affairs in Plattsmouth Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Spangler spent Monday with her mother at Eight Mile Grove.

Mrs. M. Hiatt, who has been quite ill for several days, is some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Pitman, Mrs. Nettie Davis and Dick Pitman were Omaha visitors Monday.

Will Hamilton, in company with Mr. Bostwick, were Omaha and Council Bluffs visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Pitman were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Foster of Nebraska City Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Dull and Mrs. Frank Banker spent Sunday with Mr. John Rutherford and family at Plattsmouth.

Mrs. Frank Gobelman of Plattsmouth visited with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan White, Wednesday.

Uncle William Wiley is in a very serious condition, and but little hopes are entertained for his ultimate recovery.

Mrs. Mary Dull and Mrs. Nellie Jennings made a business trip to Plattsmouth Tuesday morning, returning on the 10:20 train.

There will be services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Ransom. Sunday school at the usual hour.

Will Smith is now on the road for the Ohio Match company and is evidently making good. He is pretty well pleased with his job.

Oliver Baxter, well known in this vicinity, but now living on a ranch in Wyoming, was stricken with paralysis recently and a letter to his mother informs her that he will probably recover.

The people who inhabit this little burg are certainly alive to the good roads movement, and not letting any grass grow under their feet while hustling for better roads. Other towns much larger will do well to sit up and take notice.

J. W. Berger made a trip to Nebraska City Sunday to visit his son, William Berger and family. Mr. Berger has been tied down to business pretty closely and this is the first time he has been out of town since he returned from California over a year ago.

Word reached here Monday that Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis of Fullerton, California, are the happy possessors of a fine baby boy, born May 2. Mrs. Davis was formerly Miss Inez Hasser, a former Cass county lady, and the proud father of the little one is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davis and a brother of our fellow citizen, O. A. Davis. The Journal extends congratulations.

### Social Happenings.

Mesdames Jennie Jenkins and Earl Jenkins entertained the Ladies' Aid society Wednesday at the home of the former. A delightful afternoon was spent in the devotional, business and social affairs of the society. Many outside of the organization were present. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant afternoon was had with the Mesdames Jenkins.

Mrs. Charles Spangler entertained Misses Pauline and Fay Oldham at dinner Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davis spent the day Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Davis. The many friends of Mr. Davis were glad to see him able to be out again.

Mesdames John Lloyd, Frank Marler and Bert Lloyd entertained the Missionary society Friday at the home of Mrs. John Lloyd. The day will long be remembered by those fortunate enough to be there. Maurice, Lloyd and Earl Marler each drove a carriage from their home to Murray for the purpose of conveying the guests to and from the meeting. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. W. S. Smith; the business part of the society was taken up by the president, Mrs. D. C. Rhoden, and the social side of the afternoon was participated in by all present. Delicious refreshments were served at 5 o'clock.

Mrs. James DelesDernier, Mrs. Frank Aleirp, Mrs. Ed Tutt, Mrs. Frank Marler and Mrs. Bert Lloyd were secured as new members and will be a great addition to the society. Mrs. Dave Lloyd was able to be present at the meeting, and the ladies were glad to have her with them. The meeting Friday afternoon was one of the most successful of the year.

### Burlington Band Concert.

The Burlington Route Band of Plattsmouth, Neb., in concert. E. H. Schulhof, director, assisted by Mrs. Edna Eaton, soprano, and Miss Margie Walker, accompanist. At Jenkins' Hall, Murray, Neb., Saturday evening, May 18, 1912. Following is the program:

March—The Guy ..... Jewell  
Overture—Superba ..... Dalbey  
"Simple Aven" ..... Thome  
Medley—Thinking ..... May  
Coprano Solo—When the Heart Is Young ..... Buck  
Mrs. Edna Eaton.

Miss Margie Walker, Accompanist  
Waltz—Our Wedding Day. Tobani  
Descriptive—The Forge in the Forest ..... Michaelis

Synopsis—The dawn; the clock strikes 5; the morning prayer; the smith at the anvil.

Selection—45 Minutes From Broadway ..... Cohan  
"Pigeon Wing Rag" ..... Johnson

You are cordially invited to remain for the dance after the concert. Gentlemen, 75 cents; ladies free.

"Had dyspepsia or indigestion for years. No appetite, and what I did eat distressed me terribly. Burdock Blood Bitters reached the cause."—J. H. Walker, Sunbury, Ohio.

### Burlington's Report Optimistic.

"Soil is in excellent condition throughout the district; there are no exceptions," is the first sentence of the most optimistic crop report issued by the Burlington in years. Continuing, the report says:

"Conditions were favorable during the week ending May 11 and winter wheat has made good progress. Reports from every section are more favorable than last week. No reports from any quarter indicate that the crop is being injured by the various pests that usually do more or less damage at about this time.

"Crop percentages, based on reports of agents on a full crop ratio, show the following averages: Omaha division, 94 per cent; last week, 90. Lincoln division, 95 per cent; last week, 92. Wymore division, 84 per cent; last week, 80. McCook division, 97 per cent; last week, 88. Rains late last week chiefly account for the betterment. Plowing for corn is from 75 to 90 per cent finished and from 5 to 35 per cent of the crop is planted in the Burlington district, according to agents' reports. Fruit has not been damaged by frosts prior to Saturday night, and prospects were considered excellent."

### Must Put Back Phones in Eagle.

The state railway commission has informed the Lincoln Telephone company that it must reinstate or reconnect the Bell phones which were taken out at the town of Eagle. After this is done the telephone company must apply to the commission for permission to remove the phones. The commission directs the company to reinstate the phones and reconnect them with the Lincoln exchange as they were before the change was made unless an agreement can be arrived at between the patrons at Eagle and the Lincoln company. The company disconnected in all not to exceed eight phones at Eagle, so that the patrons must depend on a local telephone exchange and must pay toll when talking to Lincoln. The patrons object on the ground that the local exchange does not have night or Sunday service.—Lincoln Journal.

### Change Manager.

The C. H. Nold Lumber company have changed managers of the local business in Murray. J. H. Bostick, the former manager, resigns to accept a position at or near his old home in Indiana. Mr. W. H. Stouffer of Fairfax, Mo., is the new manager, and from his appearance and manner we believe he is just the kind of a man as will prove beneficial in both social and business ways to the people of Murray and vicinity. Mr. Stouffer bears every appearance of a gentleman and a first-class business man.

### Ex-Commissioner Hayes Here.

John Hayes of Long Beach, California, a former citizen of Cass county, and one of the early settlers of Stove Creek precinct, and for two terms county commissioner of this county, arrived last night from his California home and will look after business matters in Plattsmouth for a short time. Mr. Hayes left for Omaha this morning and will visit his sons, Henry and William, at Elmwood for a time.

### To Those Interested.

The notes and accounts due the late firm of Edmunds & Brown are left at the State Bank of Murray for the convenience of those who may desire to settle. This is done because I will not be in Murray all the time, having business on my farm.

J. W. Edmunds.

### Card of Thanks.

I take this method to return my grateful thanks to those kind friends and neighbors who so generously aided me during the illness and death of my dear husband, and especially to the Ladies' Missionary society, M. W. A. and others for their magnificent floral tributes.

Mrs. Mary Dull.

### For Sale.

R. I. Red eggs for sale, 50 cents per setting, or \$3.00 per hundred. Mrs. C. E. Schwab, Phone 3-H, Murray, Neb.

## ROBERT H. FITCH, PIONEER CITIZEN OF CASS COUNTY, PASSES AWAY

Mr. Fitch Was a Native of Virginia, Having Been Born There in May 1832—Later Coming West to Kansas Where He Met and Wedded Miss Mary Lewis, Who Survives Him.

For the second time within a week the grim monster, Death, has robbed the community of a highly respected pioneer citizen, in the person of Robert H. Fitch, who died at his home near Murray May 15, 1912. He was born May 12, 1832, in Rockingham county, Virginia, and had passed his eightieth birthday but three days before his death. Mr. Fitch had been a sufferer with paralysis of the throat for several years, but his condition was not considered serious until a few days ago, when he began to fail rapidly.

When a young man he left his native state for the west and settled in Doniphan county, Kansas, and in 1856, at Iowa Point, Kansas, Mr. Fitch was married to Miss Mary L. Lewis, who still survives him. Eleven children were born to this union, ten of whom are living. He removed from Kansas to Nebraska in 1863, residing here a short time and then removing to Missouri, but in 1864 returned to Nebraska and purchased a farm near Murray, which has been his homestead since until the time of his death.

At an early age he united with the Christian church and was,

during all of the years of his life, a steadfast and devoted Christian man, always in favor of that which would be of the most benefit to his community; he was public-spirited and enterprising. Mr. Fitch was a charter member of the Masonic lodge organized at Rock Bluffs, and was a member of the order in good standing at the time of his death. He was a good citizen, a kind and devoted husband and father, and an obliging neighbor, standing very high in the estimation of those who knew him best.

Mr. Fitch leaves to mourn his death his aged widow and the following named sons and daughters (one son, William, having died in infancy): L. F. Fitch, Union; John M. Fitch, Nehawka; James L. Fitch and R. H. Fitch, Murray; Mrs. R. H. Frans and Mrs. Charles Frans, Union; Mrs. Ed Riggs, Brewster, and Mrs. E. R. Queen and Mrs. Joe Campbell, of near Murray.

The funeral will occur tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Lewiston church, with interment in Lewiston cemetery. The funeral will be conducted by Rev. W. A. Taylor of Union.

## CELEBRATION DAY FOR PLATTSMOUTH

An Old Pioneer and Stage Driver of More Than Fifty Years Ago Would Like to See It.

George Ray, residing down near Murray, has received a letter from his father, W. C. Ray, of Bethany, Missouri, suggesting to his son and the citizens of Plattsmouth the idea of making a Pioneer Day celebration in this city, continuing over two or three days, making it a grand celebration for both old and young to participate in. Mr. Ray tells of the days when he was here, way back in the early sixties, and gives a large number of his crew of men who were following the work of conveying freight and passengers across the plains to Denver and the far west, many of whom are probably known to some of our older settlers in this city and surrounding country. In 1862 they were working under a wagon master by the name of Hank Basset, with Jim Dodson as assistant. The following named men were under them, and as Mr. Ray terms them, bull whackers: George Moore, Abe Bledore, Dick Root, Jack Marshal, Charley Genucha, Jim Gardner, June Wilks, Ace Coleman, Amos Coleman, Jim Duncan, Bill Duncan, Lake Davis, Henry Laird, Herman Schott, Arron Wade, Jack Griff, John Dalton, Pat Lafy, Charley C. White, Lank White, Louis Smith, Willis Slusher, Geo. Wamire, John Logan, Birch Perkins, John Atehison, Jake Mulford and Will Ray. At this time these men were working for Majors Byrum and Potete, and were freighting out of Nebraska City.

In the year of 1862 Mr. Ray tells of the trip made from Nebraska City to Fort Laramie, thence to the Medicine Bow mountains. The trip was made through the canyon that Colonel Craig named Basset's Canyon, and it is located in the Rockies out in Colorado. I remember when Dick Groff and myself went to the mouth of a grisley's den, a place where we seemed to be unwelcome visitors. We made two trips to the Medicine Bow mountains, remained the first time and assisted in hauling timber from the side of the mountain to build Fort Hallock.

In 1863 we made one trip to Fort Kearney and one to Fort Laramie. At this time I worked a while at Gilman's ranch, fifteen miles this side of Cottonwood Springs. In the latter part of 1863 we were in the employ of McCormas & Johnson, at Rock Bluffs, at which time a man by the name of McRanalds was wagon master. At this time the bull whackers were Tom Phimple, George Phimple, Lou Smith, John Smith, Bob Smith, Birch Perkins, Bill Hudson, Elshia Hudson, George Burger, Fred Miner, Polk Fletcher, Joe Vaughn and Will Ray. (The name after which you will find a star are among those that I know to be dead).

Mr. Ray is a man well advanced in years, but able to more than enjoy a genuine good Old Pioneer Day celebration, and he would like to see the people of this city take the matter up. Many of these now old gentlemen are no doubt alive and would travel a long way to attend such a gathering, and should a good program be prepared the younger generations would enjoy the celebration just as much as the old men. The older settlers of this city and county will no doubt find some in this list of names that are known to them. We believe a celebration of this sort would be the most successful that could be pulled off in Plattsmouth this season.

### Missouri Rising Rapidly.

The Missouri river has raised two feet or more within the past twenty-four hours. The Platte is also rising and has reached about the same gauge that the Big Muddy has in the same time. The date is early for the June rise and may be due to the large fall of snow within the last few days in the foot-hills.

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