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## The Bank of Murdock

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A. H. Ward, who was formerly a telegraph operator, but who is now engaged in farming, had his name added to the list of readers of the Journal.

C. L. Ohm living south of the city, is having the Journal come to his home and is getting the news from all over the county as well as from Murdock.

Julius Thimgan of Clay county, Kans., who formerly lived near Iygre, has been visiting with friends and relatives here for the past few days. He returned home a few days ago, after having enjoyed a very pleasant stay.

Max Dusterhoff is completing the decorating of the Methodist church at Weeping Water, and expects to have the interior of the edifice in such condition as to permit of its being used for services again soon.

J. Scherbacker and wife, with their children, of Lincoln, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Scherbacker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Cran- chie, of Murdock, having driven down in their car to spend a few days with the family and other friends here.

A. Brauckle, Jr., of Lincoln, a young man of some twelve summers, was visiting at the home of his grandparents, A. Brauckle and wife, of Murdock, over Saturday and Sunday, returning the first of the week to the capital city to resume his school work. Needless to say, he enjoyed the occasion of his two-day visit here very much.

The Rock Island is making arrangements to run its trains via Louisville, crossing the Platte river over the Missouri Pacific bridge at that place, during the time the work of constructing their new bridge at South Bend is in progress, or rather of reconstructing the old bridge, the condition of which is such as to make it imperative that it be repaired at once.

Carl Kopke and brother were busy hauling cement blocks last week to the home of their father, Charles Kopke, for the purpose of constructing an ice cave for the storage of ice the coming winter, against the heat of next summer. The matter of laying in a supply of ice for refrigeration during the hot months has become one of much concern to everyone during the past few summers when the ice shortage has been very pronounced. This is the reason Mr. Kopke, along with many others in this locality are taking steps to remedy the situation.

Mrs. A. Brauckle, of this place, who has been visiting for some time at the home of relatives and friends in and near Hubbard, Iowa, where she spent a very pleasant two weeks, returned home one day last week.

O. W. Gillispie was looking after some business matters relative to some land deals near Nehawka last Friday. Mr. Gillispie is kept busy just now looking after land deals claiming his attention, both here and elsewhere and is making good success in his work.

Miss Faye Ward, the ten-year-old daughter of O. L. Ward, of Lincoln, who has been visiting at the home of her uncle, A. H. Ward, for some time, was reported as not feeling very well during a part of last week, but being somewhat improved the last couple of days.

S. P. Leis, the manager of the Farmers Grain company, of Murdock, who has a brother living at Hemingford, had two cars of potatoes shipped from that place to Murdock and disposed of them at \$1.81 a bushel. They were gobbled up like hot cakes at this price and there was a clamor for more when they were all gone.

J. E. McHugh, manager of the Murdock Mercantile company's store, accompanied by Mrs. McHugh, and their son, were visiting with relatives in Omaha over last Friday night, and looking after some business matters as well. They returned Saturday morning in time for Mr. McHugh to assist with the heavier business of the day.

Mrs. Henry Hanke and son, Herman, of near Ithaca, drove down to Murdock last Friday, with a double mission in view, namely, to visit old time friends and to purchase some apples. They also took home with them Miss Mabel Hanke, who is the successful and popular teacher of the rural school in district No. 70, located east and a little south of Murdock. The Hanke family were neighbors of G. Baur when he made his home at Ithaca.

Some of the farmers are beginning to pick their corn, but only a few have made any progress. With the arrival of frost like we have had a couple of mornings lately and a bit of good sharp weather, they will soon all be ready to embark on the task of gathering the crop in real earnest. While the extremely hot and dry weather that prevailed during July and August cut the crop considerably short we are in hopes both the quantity and the quality will be found better than reports would have us believe regarding the crop.

A. D. Zaar, of near South Bend, was a visitor in Murdock for a short time last Friday, and was looking after some business matters while here.

John Schell, of north of the city, was a visitor in Omaha for a short time last week, returning home on Friday evening via the Rock Island. Rev. J. W. Peters, pastor of the church two miles north of the city, has become a reader of the Journal, having had his name added to the list of readers served from the Murdock postoffice.

H. Landholm, of Omaha, who has been employed on his brother, Jesse Landholm's new home in Murdock, was a visitor at home during a part of the past week, returning to resume his work Friday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Blattspeller, of Tobias, were in the city for a short time the first of last week, called here on account of the death of Mrs. B. Blattspeller's father, Carl Isen- hut, whose burial occurred on last Monday.

The committee having in hand the promulgation of the lyceum course in Murdock this season have a meeting scheduled for this (Monday) evening at the Bank of Murdock, to look after matters relative to the course. The opening number pleased the people and the committee is to be complimented on their wise selection of material.

Matt Thimgan began work last Saturday on the reconstruction of the old post office building, to fit it up for temporary quarters for the new Farmers and Merchants Bank which is soon to be opened in the transaction of business. The officials have grown a bit impatient over the delay in getting the bank opened, but it was unavoidable, being due in part to the non-arrival of the new safe, which they have had ordered for some time.

**Purchases New Home**  
Homer B. Lawton, the painter and decorator, has made the purchase of a home for himself and family, believing it by far the safest way to have a place that he could be sure of occupying as long as he wished and not be subject to the demands of landlords. They obtained the place where A. Bowers had lived some time and which has been owned by Wm. Rush. They will arrange to occupy the place in the near future.

**Were Issued Marriage License**  
Last Friday while Henry Timm was in the county seat, having driven over in his car, he stepped into the office of County Judge Beeson and secured a license which permitted him to be joined in matrimony with Miss Marie Brauckmiller, of Waverly.

**Home Again from the Service**  
Charles Schaeffer, of Manley, but who was employed with William Gehrts, the popular implement and garage man, for about four years and who has been serving in the United States navy for more than two years past, has received his discharge and returned home, arriving at Manley some time the fore part of last week. Charles, who is a very popular young man, both at his home and in Murdock, visited here last Friday, being the guest of his many friends. Mr. Schaeffer made a good Jackie, as well as one of the best of citizens in civil life, and a workman, too, who needeth not to be ashamed of the results of his craftiness. We are glad to welcome this popular young man back home.

**The Electric Light Question**  
The question of electric lights is still unsolved and is still being considered from both within and without. The citizens of Murdock are desirous of obtaining good light service, and are considering measures to that end. While a few privately-owned plants are furnishing service for their owners and those conveniently close, the owners are not making or seeking to make a business of selling electric service and will welcome a solution to the light problem existing here. Not only is current desired for lighting purposes but for power as well.

On the other hand there are outside parties whose interest in the lighting of Murdock is in line with a good investment, the Plattsmouth Gas and Electric company has its eyes not alone on Murdock but other villages of the county as well, and with the new equipment now being installed in the Plattsmouth plant, should be able to furnish the best of services, as well as make the venture profitable one to themselves.

**Young Peoples Society Meets**  
The Young Peoples' Association of the Evangelical Church of Murdock, at their regular monthly business meeting last Thursday looked after the growing business of the society, and after these matters were all attended to, enjoyed a session of sociability, in which all participated and enjoyed themselves to the utmost. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Schwab, wife of the pastor, and at whose home the function was held. All present declare Mrs. Schwab a royal entertainer, and look forward to the time when a similar occasion may bring them under her hospitable roof again.

**Second Number Lecture Course**  
This is a good one, one filled with much fun and mirth, with encouragement for all, both old and young. While you will be regaled with much splendid original mirth and have

your ribs loosened by rollicking laughter, you will also get much sound sense and inspiration to a better life and be aided in your endeavor to get more out of this world, for others as well as for yourself. Come out and bring the entire family, it will do you all good. This season's number of the lecture course, like the former one, will be held at the Methodist church Friday, October 17th. The entertainer who is slated to appear, "Smiling Bob Briggs," has a national reputation, and the committee may well feel fortunate in being able to secure him to fill a place on their program.

**Attend Wrestling Match**  
Last Friday, Edward W. Thimgan, Oscar McDonald and Homer Lawton drove to Omaha in Mr. Thimgan's car to attend the Landos-Pesek wrestling match at the auditorium Friday night. The match was a good one, Pesek throwing Landos one fall in 2 hours and 26 minutes, and was much enjoyed by the Murdock gentlemen. Mr. Thimgan remained to look after some business the following day, making purchase of some new goods and getting some repairs as well.

**Murdock School Notes**  
There was an addition to the list of scholars attending the Murdock schools last week when the children of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Buck, the new blacksmith, entered the grades and are taking hold of their studies in excellent shape.

Two Mexican pupils, children of the Mexicans employed by the Rock Island here, also entered the schools and have begun upon the course of their education, which will make of them the best class of American citizens.

During the week Supt. J. H. Burwell, with the assistance of the teaching force, held examinations and tests of the scholars in accordance with the state law, regarding inspection of the condition of the eyes, nose and ears of all students in attendance at the schools.

School work is progressing nicely, and the pupils are held examinations and tests of the scholars in accordance with the state law, regarding inspection of the condition of the eyes, nose and ears of all students in attendance at the schools.

The basket ball team is getting in their way after the opening of the season. We expect to hear very favorable reports from the team during the coming basket ball season, and shall be sorely disappointed if they fail to take more than their half of the games played.

### PLEASANT FAMILY GATHERING.

From Saturday's Daily.  
A pleasant family gathering was held last Sunday, October 13th, at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. William Stander south of town, it being the first time they had all been together for thirteen years. There were three sisters and eight brothers present, and their families, about fifty-two in all, and the occasion is one that will linger in their memories very pleasantly in the years to come.

Those who lived in this vicinity brought along plenty of eatables and Mrs. Stander is a generous provider herself, and there was no scarcity of chicken, pies and cakes and all the good things that go to make up a complete dinner. Mr. Stander had bought half a bushel of delicious peaches that he passed around as his own individual treat.

These brothers and sisters are the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stander, pioneer citizens of Cass county, where they lived long and useful lives, their strong characters standing out in the memories of the earlier residents of the community.

Those present, with their families, included George, of Plattsmouth; Henry, of South Bend; Louis, of Archer; Ralph, of Wiley, Kansas; Mrs. Peter Spangler, of Weeping Water; James, Peter and Arthur, Miss Alice and Mrs. W. A. Cleghorn, all of Louisville. These, with the host, William, make eleven children living. Mrs. Bedella Stander, widow of a brother, Lester Stander, and her two little daughters were also present as were the three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stander, Miss Rachel, of Alvo; Miss Dorothy, of Aurora and Miss Edith, of the Wesleyan university.

Pictures were taken of the group, which will be highly appreciated by all those present, as it is very unusual for so large a family reunion ever to take place.—Louisville Courier.

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## A TRAGEDY ENDS LIFE OF MURDOCK MAN

LIFELESS BODY OF CARL ISENHUT FOUND IN OWN HOME ON LAST SUNDAY

### HEAD BLOWN NEARLY AWAY

A Strange Man, Living a Strange Life—Evidently Passed Judgment on Himself.

Last Sunday afternoon as Mr. G. Baur, who is superintendent of the Sunday school at Murdock, went to see what the reason might be that his neighbor, Carl Isenhut, had a member of the Sunday school, had not attended Sunday school or church services during the morning he discovered the door to Mr. Isenhut's bed room closed and on trying to open the same discovered it was blocked. Pressing firmly against the door he was surprised and horrified to find that a human body was forcing its way through the door. He was able to get the door far enough to thrust his head into the room, when he was greeted by an offensive odor.

Looking down he saw the body of his friend lying on the floor with his left shoulder against the door. One glance told of death and withdrawing, he called O. W. Gillispie, who operates a hotel just across the street. Upon investigation it was found that the body of Mr. Isenhut was upon the floor, but his head, or that portion intact was under the bed, and a shotgun was lying over the body with the muzzle resting on the side of the bed.

The body was removed and prepared for burial, which occurred on Monday, with but a short service at the grave. Carl Isenhut was born in Switzerland, and was probably some sixty years of age. He had been a resident of the United States for about forty years, it being about that long ago when he homesteaded a farm in the west, later living in Omaha and still later for a short time in Plattsmouth, where he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Stander, also a Swiss lady, who had come from Chur, Switzerland, the same place from which Mrs. Eliza Kaufmann came to this country. The Kaufmanns were well acquainted with the young lady both in the old country and here and it was through the recommendation of Mrs. Kaufmann that she was given a position as retoucher of negatives in the studio of V. V. Leonard, in Plattsmouth, more than thirty-five years ago.

Shortly afterwards she was united in marriage with Mr. Isenhut and they engaged in farming near Murdock, later moving to town where they made their home for nearly a quarter of a century. While living here, Mr. Isenhut worked at the carpenter trade, continuing in that line of work until the end of his life.

During the past summer, Mr. Isenhut had complained of his head hurting him, and said to the writer but a few weeks ago that he was having such terrible pains in his head he feared he was going to lose his mind. He was accustomed to walk the alleys of Murdock and always seemed to be preoccupied, for many weeks past, and when addressed, did not hear or notice what was said to him.

Whether he accidentally discharged the gun and thus ended his own life, or premeditatedly took this means of ending the troubles which seemed to beset him, will never be positively known.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Isenhut, two of whom died in infancy, while the third, Mrs. Dr. C. Blattspeller, of Tobias, was married only a couple of months ago. Mrs. Blattspeller was formerly Miss Vera Isenhut, and for a number of years made her home with Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Gillispie. The wife and mother of the children died a number of years ago.

Whether the end came by his own hand with intent to terminate the life in which he was apparently finding no pleasure, or whether it was merely an accident is a matter of no particular concern, but friends regret that a resident here for so many years has been taken from our midst, and the scenes of which he was a familiar character will know him no more.

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**GONE TO PHILADELPHIA**  
From Saturday's Daily.  
Andy Schmarler, after a few weeks' visit here with home folks, has gone to Philadelphia, where he is training to defend his title as the heavyweight champion boxer of the U. S. navy. Andy says that since he has served his time in the navy and did not re-enlist, he will have to surrender his belt, but that his ambition is to possess another some day that a land man may retain as long as he is able to defend it.

**CLASS HAS GOOD RECORD**  
From Friday's Daily.  
The class of 1919 of the Plattsmouth high school has established an excellent record in the fact that ten of the members of that class are now enrolled as students at the Nebraska state university at Lincoln, while a number are attending the other advanced schools near Lincoln. Among the attendants at the state university is Charles M. Spacht, formerly principal of the high school here, and who was the class advisor of the 1919 class. The students of this class are very proud of the record made by their class in the work of higher education and they may well be as it is the largest class attendance at the state university of any of the previous graduating classes of the local school.

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