

MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

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Farmer's and Merchant's Bank

With the coming of the New Year this new financial institution greets the people of Murdock and surrounding community, wishing them a year of prosperity and happiness. We have come to this town and become one of the citizens of this community—your interests are our interests. We want all to come in and get acquainted. We have just come from this town and want to know you all, know your wants and the needs of the town that we may work together for the good of all. We have been in the banking business for many years—we are safe, sound and conservative. Our ambition is to do an absolutely honest banking business. We are connected with several banking institutions of the state, all of which are prospering.

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With the compliments of the season, we are wishing for you, with the advent of the New Year, permanent prosperity and lasting happiness.

Farmer's and Merchant's Bank,

HENRY BACKMEYER, President E. L. POTHAST, Vice-Pres.
O. J. POTHAST, Cashier

MURDOCK -- NEBRASKA

Miss Viola Everett spent Christmas day in Omaha visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gakemeier spent Christmas at the home of G. Bauer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Gillespie were visitors in Omaha over Christmas, where they were guests of friends, returning home Friday, after having had an excellent time.

Mrs. Sarah Thimman, who has been feeling rather poor for the past few days, is reported as being considerably improved the latter part of the week with good progress being made toward recovery.

Herman Kupke and mother, with other members of the family, took dinner at the home of Fred Stone on Christmas day and the following day at the home of Charles Voightman and wife. They had an excellent time at both homes.

Mrs. B. G. Jenkins and daughter, Mrs. Guy Capp, both of Lincoln, and the former the mother of Mrs. Chas. Ohm, the latter her sister, arrived in Murdock last Friday evening and are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ohm for a short time.

J. E. McHugh, who with the family, has been spending the Christmas season in Lincoln, guests at the home of Mrs. McHugh's parents, George Towle and wife, returned home last Friday evening, having enjoyed an excellent visit while in the capital city.

Miss Bertha Merkle is spending her Christmas vacation at her home in Murdock.

Mr. and Mrs. Merkle spent Christmas at the home of Will Rikli, and enjoyed a most excellent dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Panska spent Christmas at the home of Aug. Panska, where they partook of a bountiful dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gakemeier and G. Bauer and family were entertained at the home of the latter by Max Dusterhoff and Joe Watchneck.

Miss Viola Everett was a visitor with friends in Omaha for a short time, spending Christmas there and returning home Friday evening.

Herman Kupke was a business visitor in the county seat last Saturday, having gone to South Bend to take the Burlington train there and returning via the Rock Island.

Wm. Gehrt and wife were guests at the home of friends in South Bend on Christmas day, and enjoyed the opportunity of renewing acquaintanceship with the friends of former times.

E. W. Rau, living near South Bend, had the misfortune on last Tuesday, while working with a tank warmer to slip, throwing his knee out of joint, but with admirable presence of mind he replaced the injured member with his own hands, and while it is very sore it is getting along all right.

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Murdock, Neb.

Miss Selma Brauchle was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bornemeier for Christmas.

Henry Heineman was a business visitor in the capital city last Friday, returning home in the evening. A small son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter O'Brien, of near Murdock, was sick for a few days last week with some throat trouble.

L. Seitzel and wife were guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Dr. McDermott in Omaha, remaining over until Friday evening.

George Steele is reported as being on the sick list, afflicted with the grippe, but it is hoped that he will soon be able to be about again.

Mrs. Lola Taylor, of Omaha, was a visitor in Murdock over Christmas, being a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Utt. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huff and Mrs. Louis Hickman spent Christmas at the home of Wm. Hueys and returned to their homes in Lincoln Thursday evening.

M. Sorick and two daughters, the Misses Gladys and Ruth, of Lincoln, former residents of Murdock, were guests at the home of H. H. Lawton and wife for Christmas.

J. J. Becker is reported as being on the sick list at his home south-west of town, and while we do not know the extent of his sickness, we hope he may be up and around in a short time.

W. M. Richards, Arthur Lakey H. M. Lake, Willis Richards and E. M. Nickelson, all of South Bend, were in Murdock last Friday looking after some business and consulting with Dr. Hornbeck.

August Huse was a visitor in town from his home east of town, and was looking after some business matters last Friday. While here he had the Journal man put his name on the list of readers.

Bobbie McDonald, who is recovering from the measles, will soon be able to go back to his former employment at Bauer & Kraft's. Staying in bed was a very hard task for Bobbie to accomplish.

Art Bornemeier, who is staying in Lincoln at present, with his mother, together with his mother, were visitors in Murdock over Christmas, taking dinner at the home of Martin Bornemeier and family.

Max Dusterhoff was a business visitor in Omaha last Friday, where he was looking after some matters and making purchases for some of the contracts for the decorating of the houses of some of his patrons.

Wm. Rush, while not so sick that he has been confined to the house or his bed, has not been feeling well the past week, but hopes to wear out a threatened attack of the grippe—that is if it does not wear him out first.

John Sweeney, of near South Bend is reported as being down with the small pox, and a number of people have been exposed to the disease. They were all in town and had vaccination last Friday in order that they might escape the ravages of the disease, should they be stricken with the malady.

A few wolves have been seen during the time since the snow covered the ground, and there is no doubt but that they are making inroads on some of the poultry yards of the vicinity. Both Lacey McDonald, the mail carrier, saw one while on his route, and also Robert Williams, who was out rabbit hunting.

O. J. Pothast and wife spent the Christmas holidays at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Hanson, of Sioux City, and during their absence the affairs at the bank were looked after by the latter's father, Mr. S. L. Pothast, of Lincoln, who with his wife came to Murdock and were keeping house at the home of their sons.

Edward W. Thimman, who has been so critically ill at his home with the quinsy, and who while on his way to a severe hemorrhage from one of his tonsils, is so far improved that he was able to be down town last Friday for the first time. Ed says it seems good to be out again, but he is far from being as strong as he was before being sick. It is hoped that he will soon be himself again.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank has had a copy of the Journal sent to the bank during the coming year in order to keep in touch with the affairs of the city and county in general. An ad appears elsewhere in this department for the new bank, in which a cordial invitation is extended to the people of the community to call and become acquainted with the officers of the new institution.

Were Rolled in Snow
Last Friday while Walter Heier, Henry Wundt and George Woods were out taking a joy ride in a sleigh they had the experience of being rolled in the snow when they assayed to turn a corner a little too rapidly near Greenwood upsetting the cutter and giving the boys a snow bath.

Daughter Doing Nicely
Mrs. C. F. Hite who has been at West Point for the past few weeks caring for the ill by the late daughter, Mrs. John Kreuger, who underwent an operation for appendicitis some time since and who is now convalescing, returned home last week in time to spend Christmas at her home. Mrs. Hite reports her daughter as making satisfactory progress at this time with the hope of being entirely well in a few weeks.

Will Build New Home
Charles Long last week began excavation of a place on his lots just south of the school building for the placing of a foundation for a new home. He will have the building occupy a space 28x48 feet and will have the same built modern making another excellent home in Murdock.

Hears from Father

W. O. Gillespie, who has been considerably concerned about the welfare of his father who is up in the Black Hills during the extreme cold weather, had been enjoyed by the receipt of a letter from the father saying that he is getting along all right but that the weather has been so severe and the snow so deep that large numbers of cattle have died on the range.

LOOKING SERIOUSLY TO THE FUTURE

Old Year Rapidly Nearing a Close—
Let Us Meet the New Year
and Its Problems.

Yes, the old year has about completed her race, and will soon be a bit of history only. As we bid it good bye, we will remember that in it we have enjoyed many things and have as a memento of 1919 many lasting improvements in our town, marks of advancement, if you please. The twelve months now so rapidly drawing to a close, have been fraught with many important problems and the people of Murdock have endeavored to solve them in the best manner they knew how.

They have succeeded well and have marked this year as one of progress.

To know what has been accomplished is good, but let us not forget that the coming year also will bring with it added responsibilities, which must be met in like willing and progressive manner, if the town is to continue to prosper.

Good organization always brings good results and now, with our feet almost on the threshold of 1920, let everyone determine to play an active part. It is up to the people collectively and wondrous can be accomplished with all pulling together.

A good working commercial club is an avenue whereby the best good can be accomplished. This club, which is working for the best interests of the city, should have among its members the business man, the laborer, the banker, the clergy, and in fact everyone interested in the city and surrounding community.

Will Have New Year's Dance

The young people of Murdock have concluded to have a very pleasant time on the year 1920 slips into the year 1921. They have arranged to have a dance at the Woodmen hall and have secured the services of the "Blue Devils" which is a musical aggregation from Lincoln to furnish the music. The young people have things nicely arranged for a most joyous occasion and all those who have a desire to spend a pleasant evening dancing will please consider this a special invitation to be in attendance. The best of order and excellent music will be supplied.

Spent Christmas With Mother

John Angwert and family spent Christmas day with his mother, Mrs. Louis Angwert, some four miles from Murdock and with his sister Anna who lives in Lincoln and two sisters, Misses Rose and Lillian, and another sister, Mrs. Charles Letts, and two children Katherine and Kenneth, and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Duzize, the latter a daughter of Mrs. Angwert, all making an almost unbroken household made the day pleasant for the mother and warmed her heart with their love and good cheer.

The Coming Lyceum Number

The coming entertainment which is to be held at the Methodist Episcopal church in Murdock on December 31st, the last day of the year, is an apt illustration of the trite saying that the best is reserved for the last.

Esther and Clayton Staples are two artists of more than pleasing moment and well worth the effort of going many miles to see. They are light-hearted artists and entertainers, working on an easel where they draw with the rapidity of the movie screen as they illustrate poems, stories and character, besides wonders in sand work. You cannot afford to miss this entertainment. Remember the date and place, Methodist church, Wednesday, December 31st (New Year's eve).

Grandma Schewe Progressing

Mrs. Fred Schewe, better known as "Grandma Schewe," has been at the Everett hospital in Lincoln for some time where she underwent an operation recently for the removal of one of her limbs. She is now reported as making very satisfactory progress, especially for a lady of her years.

Mrs. Schewe had a gangrene affection on one of her feet that was constantly growing worse and it was considered better by the attending physician to consult a specialist. Accordingly she was taken to Lincoln, where it was deemed best to perform the operation.

Her son, William Schewe, was in Lincoln last Friday to visit his mother and found her in good spirits and progressing as well as could be expected.

WILL HAVE WOLF HUNT JANUARY 6TH

Depredations of These Animals are
Causing Loss of Fowls and
Young Pigs Here.

On account of the numerous small losses of poultry and young pigs and the prowling of wolves about the farms of the adjacent country, on next Tuesday—one week from tomorrow—January 6th, the farmers have concluded to engage in a wolf hunt. No captains have as yet been selected to take charge of the hunt, but it has been tentatively agreed that the section of the country beginning at the church two miles north of Murdock, running south six miles, then east six miles, north six miles and west six miles to the place of beginning shall constitute the hunting district. This comprises a territory 36-square miles and will afford ample room for as many hunters as may be secured. All the people residing in this district as well as elsewhere, are asked to come and assist as far as possible with the extermination of the pests. Bring a shot gun, no bullet shooting instrument and no dogs.

The hunt will commence at ten o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, January 6th. The round-up will be in the vicinity of the Grand Prairie school house.

Enjoyed Occasion Greatly

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. McDonald last Thursday were assembled a number of relatives and friends to properly celebrate the Yuletide and renew the friendships of other days, keeping alive the love of the present. Those from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Basick and children, Chelsea, Bernard, Opel, Wanda and Marquis and those of Murdock were Mr. and Mrs. Lacey McDonald, H. A. Tool and wife and son Kenneth, who is home from attending the state university; Mr. Tool's mother, Mrs. Leah Tool, of Ackley, Iowa, and her daughter, Miss Mae Tool, together with Harry Gillespie and wife, who completed the merry crowd that enlivened the home and celebrated the Christmas tide in a becoming manner. All present pronounced Mr. and Mrs. McDonald royal entertainers and Mrs. McDonald one of the finest of cooks.

Many Christmas Entertainments

In and about Murdock was held on Christmas eve four entertainments, all of which were par excellence in their character, making those in attendance glad that Christmas comes every year, and bring to their minds a desire for a recurrence of the date. There was a good entertainment given at the church in town, while the Evangelical church also had an excellent time and the Catholic church southwest of town, as well as the Lutheran church. This supplied places for all to attend and many of the people took advantage of the occasion, enjoying it greatly.

Continue to Work on Saturdays

Miss Esther Rau, who has been assisting at the Murdock Mercantile company's store during the rush of the holiday trade, which was exceedingly heavy this year, last Saturday completed her term of employment, but will in the future assist at the store on Saturdays and Saturday nights. Miss Esther makes a good saleswoman, and is also a capable operator at the telephone office where she worked Christmas afternoon to relieve the regular operator.

Miss Hazel Bauer is on the sick list this week.

EDITOR DEMANDS DEATH PENALTIES; ANGERS GOVERNOR

McKelvie Wants to Punish Newspaper for Grammer-Cole Story.

HEARING JANUARY 5 ON CLEMENCY PLEAS

Lincoln, Dec. 26.—A bitter arraignment of those people of Howard county, who are aroused by a fear that Governor McKelvie may not require A. V. Grammer and A. B. Cole to pay the death penalty prescribed by the courts for the murder of Mrs. Lulu Vogt, was made today by Governor McKelvie in a letter to the St. Paul Republican. The governor also asked the attorney general what legal steps, if any, might be taken against the Republican.

Simultaneously, the governor announced that he would hold a hearing on Grammer and Cole's plea for executive clemency January 5. In any case, he said, they will be reprieved until January 16 or later, in order that an executioner may be found.

Reference to "Furlough."
The St. Paul newspaper offended the governor by publishing an article in which the hope was expressed that Grammer and Cole would find no easy means of escaping the penalty of their crime, such as that provided for Beryl C. Kirk and others released from the penitentiary on executive order.

While it may be that a newspaper is not guilty of legal contempt against a governor, as against a

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court, the governor said, the moral aspects of the case are the same, he argued. The publication, he said, was calculated to influence his decision in the case and contained veiled threats of political punishments if he commuted the sentences.

Defies the "Hecklers."

Declaring that he would not be influenced by "political expediency, veiled threats or heckling from outside sources," the governor charged the newspaper with "inflaming the public mind," "prejudicing the acts of the courts" and a "menace to the public."

Cole was convicted of murdering Mrs. Vogt. Grammer was convicted of procuring her murder by directing it

and by paying Cole \$500 for its commission. Mrs. Vogt was Grammer's mother-in-law and was wealthy.

The case aroused much feeling in Howard county at the time.

FRENCH OVER-SUBSCRIBE LOAN

New York, Dec. 26.—France's national credit loan was over-subscribed on the first day, according to cable advices received here today from Paris to the French commission. The advices added that the over-subscription had exceeded the most optimistic expectations of the government.

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The Bank of Murdock

Is soon to enter upon its eleventh year under the present management, and at the closing of this year now desires to thank each and every friend and customer for past favors and to assure all that this Bank greatly appreciates what its numerous friends have done for us in the past.

In return we can truthfully say that we have at all times tried to do the very best for all of our friends and customers, and it has been the policy of this bank to conduct a straightforward, legitimate banking business at all times, and to look after the interests and affairs of our patrons in a manner second to no bank in the county.

Every year for the past ten years has seen a marked growth in the number of both depositors as well as in the total deposits and resources of this bank, and we feel that the coming year will see us a still larger and stronger bank. We are continually striving to make this bank serve more and more people, and will be glad to have you come in and see us at any time, and if not already a customer of ours, we should like to have the opportunity of taking matters over with you, and showing you where it will be of mutual benefit to carry your account in this bank and do your checking on us.

We gladly give our friends all the assistance we can, at any time, and help them in any way we are able to. We pride ourselves on our "personal service" to all customers, and always keep any transactions between our patrons and this bank absolutely confidential, so whether you deposit money or borrow from us, nobody excepting yourself and the three officers, whose names appear below, and who are also our directors, know of the transaction, and all being experienced bankers, never repeat what takes place in this bank.

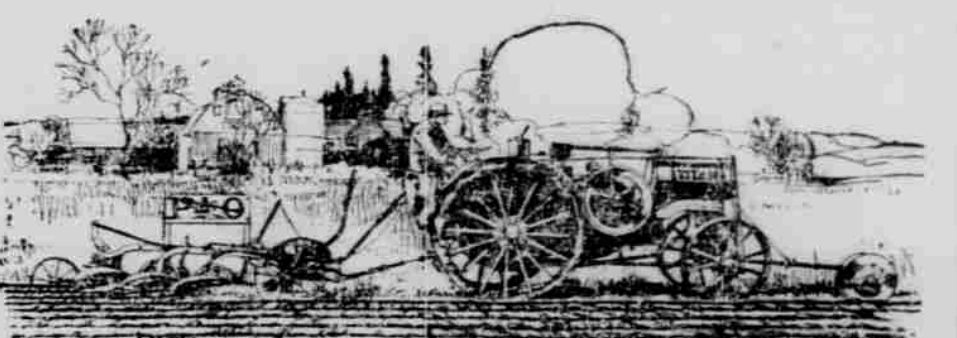
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