

# MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

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WE WISH ALL OUR PATRONS

## A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year The Bank of Murdock

"The Bank where You Feel at Home"

HENRY A. TOOL, President J. E. GUTHMANN, Vice-Pres.  
H. A. GUTHMANN, Cashier

Mrs. Jesse Landholm was a visitor in Omaha for a few days last week. Albert and Dan Bornemeier of near Manley were visiting in Murdock last Thursday evening.

The attendance at the Murdock schools during the past seven weeks was 95 1/2 per cent. Will Meyer, who is attending the state university, was a visitor with his parents for the Christmas holidays.

Business called Jesse Landholm, the auto man, to Omaha last Friday, to make purchase of some needed repairs in his line.

Miss Anna Bornemeier was a visitor with friends in Omaha last Friday and was also doing some Christmas shopping as well.

Carlton Zink is spending the mid-winter vacation of the state university at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Zink.

Charles Schafer and wife were spending their Christmas at the home of Mrs. Schafer's mother, Mrs. John Campbell, near South Bend.

Miss Isabel O'Halloran departed on last Friday evening for her home at St. Libory where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Jacob Goehry, of Lincoln, was a visitor with friends in Murdock during last week, and a guest at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. W. Tool.

Henry F. Schueter and family

**Happy New Year  
Weak Batteries  
Freeze!**

Winter is knocking at our door, better have the battery looked after before it is too late. We also sell the

**"Exide Battery"**

Exide Service Free!

The Landholm Auto Co.,  
Murdock, Nebraska

## -Clean-Up Sale!

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| Men's Ball Band 4-buckle red rubber.....        | \$3.50 |
| Men's Ball Band 4-buckle black rubber.....      | 3.25   |
| Men's Ball Band, 4-buckle cloth arctic.....     | 3.25   |
| Men's Ball Band 6-buckle red rubber arctic..... | 4.50   |
| Men's 6-buckle black leather arctic.....        | 4.50   |

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| Men's 6-buckle cloth top..... | 4.00 |
| Ladies' 2-buckle arctic.....  | 1.90 |
| Ladies' 1-buckle arctic.....  | 1.50 |
| Alaskas.....                  | 1.35 |

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| Childs' 2-buckle arctic..... | 1.35 |
| Childs' 1-buckle arctic..... | 1.00 |
| Misses' 2-buckle arctic..... | 1.75 |
| Misses' 1-buckle arctic..... | 1.25 |

ABOVE PRICES ARE FOR CASH

**Murdock Mercantile Co.**

Murdock, Nebraska

were spending some time in Platts-mouth last Monday, where they were interested in some matters in the probate court.

Misses Catherine Tool, who is teaching at Platts and sister, Margaret, who is attending the state university, were spending their Christmas at home and will remain during the holidays.

See the rubbers at the Murdock Mercantile Co., and read their ad in this issue of the paper. All who are needing rubbers can be supplied at very satisfactory prices and the best of goods by calling at this place.

Max Dusterhoff and Joe Wutchinek who have been doing some work in Omaha for the past month, completed the contract last Saturday and returned to Murdock to take up their work here, which has been waiting.

H. R. Schmidt and family and Mrs. Louis Schmidt were looking after some Christmas shopping at Lincoln last Thursday, and while they were away Misses Mary Rush and Esther Rau were caring for the exchange.

Miss Estelle Tritesch, teacher of the Rose Valley school and a portion of the Murdock district, departed on Saturday for her home in Platts-mouth, where she will spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tritesch.

Mrs. Wilhemene Bornemeier and her daughter, Mrs. Ray Veach and husband, and son Art Bornemeier and wife, all of Lincoln, were visiting with friends at Murdock, being guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schueter, while here last week, and returned to their home at Lincoln after having visited for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Dehning, who departed for the south last week, went on their auto, departing last Monday and made the trip through to Oklahoma nice motoring with good roads and not very bad weather, it being a little cold, but being bundled up nicely they did not suffer from the weather and had a nice time on the trip.

representative from the state railway commission was a visitor in Murdock during the past week and while here inspected the telephone company exchange and found everything in excellent condition. The switchboard was found to be working to the best of satisfaction. This is speaking well for the operators.

Misses Esther and Marie Schmidt and Miss Bertha Merkle, to Mr. Lacey McDonald, the wire chief, and the electricians, Messrs. Kenneth and Richard Tool.

### Looks Good to Us

The parents' and scholars' meeting which was to have been had some time, was put over for the use of the hall for one of the lodges, which it was not known would interfere when the meeting was announced. In its stead now there is to be a worth while meeting, which will consist of a box supper and a mock trial. In the latter the judge will be Mr. A. J. Bauer; the plaintiff, J. Johnson; the attorney for the plaintiff, O. C. Zink; and W. O. Schewe; for the defendant, Prof. Way and an associate yet to be selected. The plaintiff in the case will be Victor Thimman and the defendant W. H. Rush. This promises to be a very interesting meeting and the house is expected to be well filled.

This will be for the securing of funds for the use of the schools. At present there is needed an additional \$125 for the girls' athletic department and some \$300 for high school equipment, including two sewing machines and additional electrical apparatus. Come out and help the good cause along with your patronage.

### Serving Some Eats

At the Murdock schools since they have been studying domestic science there have been dishes out during the past six weeks a total of 516 individual bowls of soup, 77 dishes of rice and 82 of cream of wheat. The soup, which is of excellent quality and of high nutritive content, costs the students 4 cents a pint. This brings the weekly cost to 20 cents, to which should be added 9 cents for a box of crackers, or 29 cents for an entire week—less than 6 cents a day.

### Had Family Reunion

Last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Thimman were gathered a number of their relatives and friends, meeting with the Rev. Emil Miller, who is pastor of the Evangelical association at Minneapolis, Minn., and who is visiting with relatives here. The Rev. Miller is a cousin of Mrs. Thimman and was visiting here during the holidays and he will give a fuller report of the gathering in the next issue of this paper.

### Will Hold Annual Meeting

There will be the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Murdock Telephone company, which will be held on Monday January 2, 1922, and at which time there will be all the business which should come before the meeting of the stockholders of a like company be transacted. The place of meeting will either be the Bank of Murdock or the store of Mr. H. V. McDonald, who is at this time president of the company and who has made an excellent official during the years of his incumbency of the office, and which service he has heretofore given gratis to the company. This should be appreciated by the share holders, but which he feels he cannot give for nothing in the future.

### Case of Mutual Felicitations

It is with some satisfaction that one is able to view the work, when the youngsters, which J. Johansen has been conspire together and make him a Christmas present, as they did

last week, when they purchased him two pairs of woolen socks. He returned the compliment when he had the Murdock Mercantile company prepare a Christmas package for each of the little ones.

### Said to Beat Two Pairs

Three is pretty good, but when it comes to babies we are not so sure that three beats two pairs. Any way the stork left three of the finest boys at the home of three of the people living near Murdock last Monday, the happy parents being Messrs and Mesdames Harry Davis, Leo Rich and Kenneth Sedman. The three young Americans are doing nicely and are providing entertainment for their respective papas and mamas and the rest of the families. But while they are very proud and well satisfied with the work at this glad Christmas time, their pride is nothing to be compared to the grand father and grandmothers of this trio of young Nebraskans. When we saw J. Johansen, one of the grandfathers, we thought some one had installed a new electric light under his cap, so bright was the smile. Grandpa Pickwell, who has not whistled a tune for more than six weeks, is now putting the meadow lark to shame in his happiness. While J. J. Gustin always took a good deal of satisfaction in his fine cattle, that is not the beginning of the joy which he is now setting in the satisfaction of that little grandson, Mr. J. J. G. Sedman.

### Enjoyed the Christmas Tide

The home of Mrs. L. M. Amgwert in Murdock was the scene of merriment on Christmas day, when she entertained for dinner and during the day all her children, they being John Amgwert and family, Henry Amgwert, Miss Margaret Amgwert, of Murdock, Mrs. Lillian Amgwert, Messrs and Mesdames Joe Ranney and Charles Letts and the children of the latter of Council Bluffs, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Watson and family of Omaha. They sure all had a most excellent time.

### Nearly Out of Commission

Last week some of the school boys always full of fun and frolic, when Richard Tool had gotten up from his chair, pulled the legs out of their socket and allowed him to sit down on with the result that the seat slipped off the chair, and he sat on the post and since he has been nearly out of commission as far as getting around is concerned.

### Gave an Excellent Program

The ladies of the Evangelical association gave an excellent program at the church in Murdock last Saturday evening, as a memorial of the birth of Christ, and the entertainment was attended by a large number of the Murdock people and the vicinity.

### Have Program and Picnic

The members of the primary department of the Murdock schools were enjoying a very nice time last Friday afternoon, when they gave a very good program, and afterwards enjoyed an indoor picnic at the school. The matter was directed by their teachers, Misses Margaret Whipple and Margaret Amgwert.

### Will Conduct Some Sales

The farmers and towns people have concluded to form a sale exchange, which will be held at the Iverystable of W. O. Gillespie, and the initial sale will be held some time in the near future. When the list which is offered for sale has assumed sufficient quantity the sale will be held. This should be the means of gathering a large crowd in town occasionally and should the merchants also co-operate and make special prices during this sale it should also work to the advantage of both seller and buyer. Anyone desiring to offer anything for sale can see Mr. W. O. Gillespie. The matter was outlined by Mr. Henry Bohn, who has the project in hand.

### TROTSKY WARNS MEN OF DRIVE BY FRANCE

Moscow, Dec. 22.—Leon Trotsky, bolshevik minister of war, in an address today to the commanding officers of the army, warned them that the alleged recent prediction of M. Briand, French premier, at the Washington conference, that soviet Russia was planning for a spring campaign was intended to screen the plans of the entente for aggression against Russia. Therefore he cautioned the officers to be ready. He said that he believed the anti-bolshevik movement in the Ukraine and the activity of the Finns in Karelia were "hangovers from the general campaign planned against Russia last fall."

### MAN BADLY INJURED BY INSANE FARMER

Nebraska City, Dec. 22.—J. A. Maynard, a farmer residing south of the city, became suddenly insane last night while at the home of Albert Freeman in the southern part of the city and attacked Freeman and nearly killed him. Maynard had appeared at the Freeman home during the afternoon and decided to remain there over night. After retiring, he became violently insane and going to another room, attacked Freeman, who broke away from him and succeeded in reaching the alley before being overtaken. Maynard was taken to the city jail and adjudged insane. Freeman's condition is serious.

## YOUNG PEOPLE ARE JOINED IN WEDLOCK

Miss Crete Briggs of this City and Mr. Frederick J. Franzen of Omaha Married Today.

From Saturday's Daily.  
This evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Briggs, on Rock street, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss Crete, to Mr. Frederick J. Franzen of Omaha.

The wedding was very simple and attended by only the close relatives of the contracting parties, the only out of town guests being Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Franzen and Miss Lillian Franzen of Omaha, both sister-in-law and sister of the groom.

Rev. H. C. McClusky, pastor of the Presbyterian church, read the marriage lines, the impressive ring service being used in solemnizing the bonds of wedlock.

The contracting parties were unattended and the bride wore a very attractive costume of dark blue cation crepe, with shower bouquet of beautiful red roses.

The rooms of the home were very prettily arranged with decorations of potted plants and the color scheme of red and green enhanced by the use of the Christmas streamers and colors that made the scene of of great beauty and charm.

Following the wedding the bridal party and the relatives and a few very close friends were entertained at a three-course luncheon and the newly weds showered with the well wishes of their relatives and friends prior to their departure for Omaha on the 7:39 Missouri Pacific, where they will at once start housekeeping in their charming new home at 1811 No. 43 street. Mr. and Mrs. Franzen have their new home all ready awaiting their coming and will be at home to their friends there after the first of the year.

The bride is one of the talented young ladies who have been reared to womanhood in this city and graduated from the city schools, later taking up her school work as a teacher in Omaha, being at present instructor in manual training and domestic in the Saunders school. Mrs. Franzen has won a host of warm friends here by her pleasant and genial personality who regret very much to part with her but in her new home she will take the well wishes of her many friends for her happiness.

The groom is one of the splendid young men of the state metropolis being at present in the employ of the Jones-Opper Motor Co. as foreman, and a young man of high standing in the community where he has made his home in recent years. Mr. Franzen was born and reared in Hebron, Neb., and enlisted there in the service overseas during the greater part of the war. On his discharge he came to Omaha and there met the young lady who is bringing him the greatest happiness of his life.

## NEGRO TAXICAB DRIVER REFUSED TO SLOW DOWN

Omaha Man Hauling Strikebreakers is Arrested on Order of Mayor—Speeding is Charged.

Leon Gray, said to be a brother of Al Gray, well known Omaha heavy-weight prize fighter, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Earnest Bird on the request of city and county officials yesterday, on a charge of speeding. Gray is alleged to have taken a Packard car filled with strikebreakers thru the picket line near the packing house at a speed of 31 to 40 miles an hour, refusing to halt when called to by an officer who merely wanted him to use a little more moderate speed while traveling thru the city.

As about the time Gray was pinched here, Plattsmouth authorities called Sheriff Fischer and asked him to hold the colored man for them, as he had sailed right through Cass county without every saying "hello."

Gray is a large, shiny, pork chop sort of a negro with a mouthful of gold teeth. He seems to "feel his oats" and took delight in telling local authorities that he owned considerable property in Omaha. The mere matter of being arrested for speeding merely made him grin. He says he owns a fleet of Packards and Cadillacs which are making him a lot of money.

Strikers say Gray brought in a bunch of negroes yesterday. Gray said he had all white men with one exception. Packing house officials said nothing at all about it.

Gray was required to give a cash bond in Judge Hand's court for appearance today. He is said to have driven here frequently of late.—Nebraska City Press.

### BIB MASK BALL

The Katholitsky Sokol society announces that they will hold a grand mask ball at their hall on the night of Saturday, January 7th. The event will be one of the most pleasant of the season and the list of prizes for the event will be announced later.

### FULL LINE OF MAGAZINES

The Journal office has just installed a full and complete line of the most popular fiction magazines and of the very latest issue from the press. If you desire to secure these late publications call at this office at once.

Phone the Journal office when you are in need of job printing of any kind. Best equipped shop in south-eastern Nebraska.

## Happy New Year to All Corn Shelling Machinery

We are handling the famous John Deere line of farming machinery and are desiring to call your attention to our shellers.

HAND SHELLERS  
HOLE SHELLERS  
CYLINDER SHELLERS

We have the goods to suit all. A full line of manure spreaders and gas engines—Come in and see us!

**WM. GEHRTS,**

The Implement Man

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## RUSSIA SEEMS READY TO ABAN- DON SOCIALISM

New Economic Policy Plans to Resume Private Trade to Increase Production in Russia.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Abandonment of socialism in Russia is predicted by recent changes in the economic policy of the soviet government, according to a review of the situation in that country on the basis of statements in the soviet controlled press tonight by the commerce department.

A new economic policy, the department said, is being evolved by the bolshevik leaders lightening the restrictions of communism and aiming at the partial re-establishment of private trade and industry and at increasing the incentive to production. Communistic management of industry in Russia, it added, had resulted in a great decline of production and a general disorganization of economic life. Lenin's speech in October recognized the defeat of communism, according to the department, and is quoted as saying:

"The substance of our new economic policy is dictated by the recognition of the fact that we have suffered a powerful defeat and commenced a systematic strategic retreat."

The main features of this new policy, the department reported, include the partial restoration of freedom of trade in agricultural products; abandonment of the practice of unrestricted requisition of labor and the substitution of a fixed labor tax; abandonment of uniform wages for employees at the same grade in enterprises operated by the state; and the substitution of compensation according to the service rendered; leasing to private individuals of certain industrial establishments hitherto controlled by the state, and enterprises still operated by the state are to adopt commercial principles, paying

private enterprises market value for materials and selling their products at market value.

The telephone wires in the United States would make 100 unbroken telephonic lines from the earth to the moon. Over these wires, Americans daily carry on 33,000,000 phone conversations. Yet it is only 45 years since the telephone was invented. Our civilization is becoming terrifically complex. Is the machine getting so intricate that we cannot make it function? Often it seems so. Maybe the real cure for our economic troubles is a return to the simple life.

Exports of American goods this year will total about \$7,000,000,000. That's about \$2,700,000,000 bigger than in 1913. A long way to fall yet before we reach normal. Exports are expected to total \$4,560,000,000, and imports \$2,415,000,000. The trade balance or net profit is nearly enough to give a \$20 gold piece to every man, woman and child in the country. Collecting it from abroad is not so easy.

The best way to fight disease is to concentrate on restoring underweight children to the normal state of nutrition. A speaker says that at the annual meeting of the Boston Tuberculosis association. Right! Germs rarely can multiply into a danger in a health of maturity as in determined in youth. In middle age, the body tissues are turning into cast iron and little can be done for them.

Some women seem to master all the art of banking except the mere detail of taking her place at the end instead of the head of the line in front of the teller's window.

Wishing You A Happy New Year

## Here You Are!

Farm lighting plant—the Delco system—which I have been using until the electric lights came. I am offering this plant for \$90.00, which is a very low price for it. Also have an—

EXCELLENT ROADSTER, in good condition and very cheap at the price we are making, \$165.00.

**ED. W. THIMGAN,**

The Automobile Man

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Happy Holiday Greetings

## -BRUSHES-

of All Kinds!

At prices which prevailed before the war, for outside work and inside painting and varnishing. All sizes just right for your particular job. REAL BRISTLE, the kind the painter uses.

We beat the work on the price. The quality and price will surprise you. Enough to paint all Cass county. Do not forget full stock of Lowe Bros. paints.

**The Dusterhoff Shops,**

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