

# Murray Department

Prepared in the Interest of the People of Murray and Surrounding Vicinity Especially for the Journal Readers

If any of the readers of the Journal know of any social or fraternal organization in this vicinity, and will mail same to this office, we will send them under this heading. We want all news items.—Editor

## "Happy New Year"

### Cold Type and Warm Sunshine!

In expressing to our patrons and friends the hope that this may be the Happiest Holiday Season you have ever enjoyed, we are compelled to use cold type because there is no other way to reach all.

But we wish we might walk up to each and every one of you, take your hand, look you in the eye and say right to your face—

## "Happy New Year!"

### Murray State Bank Murray, Nebraska

J. E. Wiles and wife were callers at the home of Mr. A. J. Walker last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Hallas with the babe were spending Christmas at Plattsmouth with relatives.

Arthur Reid was shelling and delivering corn last Wednesday at the Farmers' elevator company.

Mike Rys was spending Christmas at his home in Plattsmouth where he enjoyed the day with the family.

Stephen Merrill Beckner who has been suffering with an afflicted hand is now able to be back in school.

Uncle B. A. Root has been visiting with his son at York for the past week enjoying the Christmas cheer of that place.

Everett Thompson and family of Bethany were spending Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell.

Ira Queen who injured his knee on a bridge timber had an infection which caused him much trouble but which is much better at this time.

Arthur Chilton who is making his home at Greenfield, Iowa, has been visiting with his brothers and mother in Murray for the past few days.

Mrs. G. W. McCracken and daughter, Elizabeth, have been spending the week with relatives at Orient, Iowa, where they enjoyed Christmas.

Uncle J. W. Edmunds was spending his Christmas cheer at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. G. Long where all had a most enjoyable time.

G. M. Minford was a visitor at his home in Omaha for over the Christmas day and was accompanied by his son who is spending the vacation here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Peterson were spending Christmas at the home of the parents of Mrs. Peterson, Millard Kelsey at Millard, driving over in their car.

Will S. Smith and the wife were spending a few hours in Omaha last Wednesday and during the time Lee Kniss the carrier, was looking after the business here.

Prof. Hill and family were enjoying the Christmas at the home of Mrs. Hill's parents, Henry Wolfe and wife and W. A. Wolfe, a brother and family near Avoca.

## -LUNCH!

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I am prepared to serve lunch at all sales. Make arrangements with Col. Rex Young or myself. Reverse your telephone calls.

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# New Year

and watch this space for our real bargains during the next few weeks and all through the year 1924.

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Robert Troop who believes in having things handy, is constructing some feed bunks at his home west of Mynard which he will use in feeding cattle this winter.

W. E. Palmeter who is the workman at the Murray garage was spending his Christmas at his home in Elmwood, returning to work early Wednesday morning.

Grover Hopkins is putting the time when the shops are taking a holiday, chopping a hedge at the home of Harry Todd, getting the posts and wood for clearing out the row.

Sheriff E. P. Stewart and wife were brief visitors in Murray last Wednesday afternoon while on their way to Eagle where Sheriff Stewart had some business to look after.

A number of the children of Raymond Henry and the wife have been on the sick list for the past week, but are getting along nicely and it is hoped they will continue to improve.

J. F. Hatchett took his Christmas in loading a car of corn but as things were quiet here anyway he got caught up with his work even if he did not have a very exciting Christmas.

Ernest Royal who has been making his home at St. Joseph for the four years past, was spending a few days at the home of his friends, W. L. Seyboldt and family during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bakke and the daughter are spending this week at the home of his brother who lives at Sioux City, driving over there in their car last Sunday and remaining during the week.

Messrs. and Mesdames Everett Spangler and Ivan Deles Dernier were visiting and looking after some matters of business at Omaha last Wednesday, driving over in their auto.

Charles Greene was looking after some business matters and also was in attendance at the dance given at Plattsmouth on Christmas evening which was also attended by a number of other young people from Murray.

C. D. Spangler and the family were guests at the home of Mrs. Henry M. Spangler, his mother, at Plattsmouth for Christmas where the entire family meets every year. Mrs. Spangler is at the advanced age of 84 years.

Carl Park who has been at the hospital for some time past where he has been receiving treatment for pneumonia, is reported as getting better and hopes are entertained that he may be able to return home in a short time.

Jess Curley has gone; he did not say where, but just went and his place has been filled on the dray wagon by Harry McCulloch who is making good and will continue to make good for Harry is a very dependable young man.

See the ad of E. E. Leach who will hold a sale this Saturday, December 29, at which time he will offer some excellent stock. Should you be wanting some, better attend. See the ad in this issue of the paper.

Eugene Graham, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Graham, and Miss Fay Graham of Seattle, both of whom are students at Tarkio college, Tarkio, Mo., are spending the holidays at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Graham of Murray.

J. W. Berger was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Deles Dernier last Monday evening where he enjoyed the occasion very much as they had a Christmas tree and on which there hung a very serviceable watch for Uncle "Bee."

Mr. and Mrs. Art Copenhaver were visiting in Murray last Wednesday driving down from their home in Plattsmouth and were accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Rainey, who had come to see her friend, Mrs. J. A. Walker who is very sick.

Burdette Briggs, who has just returned from an extended period in the west where he was with the Burlington with a construction outfit, was a visitor at the home of his friend, Charles Hitt, Jr., spending last Wednesday with his friend.

Dr. J. F. Brendel and the family, Mrs. B. F. Brendel and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brendel who are visiting from Kearney, were guests on Christmas day at the home of Thomas Fremont Jamison and wife of Lincoln where they all had a most delightful time.

Alfred Gansmer and wife entertained at their home Christmas for their friends and relatives, there being present on the occasion, William

Card of Thanks

We wish to most sincerely thank the unknown parties who so kindly reset the monument of our mother and daughter. It was surely an act of great kindness.—Mrs. Gertrude Beckner; Mrs. L. Rusterholtz.

Carey Lee Stottler Buried

The funeral of the late Carey Lee Stottler was held from his late home southeast of Union on Wednesday of last week, the service being conducted by the Rev. W. A. Taylor. Interment was in the East Union cemetery near where this young man lived during his entire life. Mr. Carey Lee Stottler was born at Union May 30, 1876, and died a few miles east of this town December 17, 1923, and was 47 years, 6 months and 17 days of age. Mr. Stottler was an excellent neighbor and was well liked by his neighbors, but was somewhat handicapped by reason of difficult hearing, and during the past year has not enjoyed the best of health.

The world is not upside down to those who keep themselves right side up.

## WEDDING OF WELL KNOWN PEOPLE AT MURRAY TUESDAY

Christmas day witnessed the joining of the lives and hearts of two of the well known residents of this part of the county, Mrs. Addie Stokes of Murray and Mr. Harry M. Frans of near Union.

The wedding occurred at the Presbyterian Manse and the marriage lines were read by the Rev. W. F. Graham of the church at Murray and the bride couple were attended by Miss Alma Frans, the only unmarried daughter of the groom, and Mr. Louis Burbee.

Following the plighting of the vows of love the bridal couple and the attendants motored to Union where at the Frans farm, east of that city, they found a fine Christmas dinner awaiting their coming and at which was present all of the children of Mr. Frans with their families and a reception to the bride and groom followed the dinner and the congratulations of the friends were received by the newly weds.

As the evening drew near Mr. and Mrs. Frans motored back to Murray and at the home of Mrs. Sadie Oldham found another very pleasant occasion awaiting them as the children of Mrs. Frans had prepared, together with Mrs. Oldham, a fine luncheon and a reception at which the Murray friends were present.

It was a late hour when the bride and groom returned to the farm home where they expect to reside in the future.

Both of the contracting parties are very well known over the eastern portion of Cass county, the bride for a number of years having been the manager of the telephone company at Murray and has of late been making her home with Mrs. Sadie Oldham as a companion.

The groom is a member of one of the pioneer families of Liberty precinct and is one of the well known farmers of the vicinity of Union.

The many friends will join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Frans years of prosperity and happiness as they journey through life.

Death of Chester Paul Murray

Chester Paul Murray, aged twenty-four years, residing with his mother on a farm six and a half miles south of Parsons, Kansas, died last Friday morning, after an illness of two weeks of pneumonia fever. Brief funeral services were held at the home Saturday afternoon, and the body then shipped to Murray, arriving here Sunday at 4 p. m. The funeral was held at the Otterbein church at 4 p. m., conducted by Rev. W. A. Taylor, and interment was in the Otterbein cemetery.

The young man is survived by his mother, three sisters, Mrs. Beulah Padgett of Chetopa, Kansas, and the Misses Bernice and Gladys Murray, residing at home, also by four brothers, Lee Murray, of Parsons, and Elmer, Earl and Wayne, who live at home on the farm near there. He was employed at the M. K. T. shops at the time of his illness.

Mr. Murray had lived in the vicinity of Parsons for a number of years and was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Altamont. He united with the Church of the Brethren and was baptized on the 21st day of October, 1922, at Parsons.

The friends here extend sympathy to the grief-stricken relatives.

Sarah Francis Homan Dies

Mrs. Sarah F. Homan, wife of Charles Homan, of near Weeping Water, died at her late home on December 22, 1923, of heart trouble, at the age of 77 years, having been born in the southern part of Indiana July 18, 1849. Her maiden name was Sarah Frances Poure, and she was united in marriage with Charles T. Homan August 20, 1870, at Danville, Illinois, from which union six children were born, three girls and three boys, they being Mrs. Bessie Chase, Terre Haute, Indiana; Charles B. Homan, Drury, Missouri; James Homan, Portland, Oregon; Wm. H. Homan, Weeping Water; Mrs. Delia Bowman, Weeping Water; and Miss Lydia Homan, who died at Drury, Mo., in 1903.

Mrs. Homan united with the Christian church at Brookpoint, Illinois, in 1873, and has remained a consistent member during the years. The funeral was held from the late home one and one-half miles east of Weeping Water Monday, December 24th, at 10 o'clock, interment being in the Bueck cemetery.

California Has Nothing on Us

With some very severe cold weather in California, and the fruit partially killed by frosts and the dandelions blooming in Ohio, and strawberries ripening in Canada, while there is three feet of snow in New Mexico, we are greeted with the blossoming of a violet in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Nickles, which Mr. Nickles gathered and pinned on his wife's coat when they went to his parents, Wm. Nickles for dinner on Christmas day. No California has nothing on us this year.

Everybody should put in the next two days shopping if they expect to get bargains for Christmas.



## Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

CHRISTMAS BEAUTY

"Well," said Santa Claus as he started out on his rounds, "how beautiful it all is!"

"Really I never saw such a sunset as I saw tonight.

"Mr. Sun had on the most gorgeous robe of brilliant red and rose and lavender. And the Snow photographers took snapshots of him.

"Yes, you could see the colors in the snow. Of course the snapshots only lasted until Mr. Sun went to bed, but that is the way the Snow photographers do things.

"Hurry along, my beautiful reindeer. You add so much to all this glory.

"The white patches of snow are so lovely in between the trees in the woods.

"Patches are very useful and very necessary, but old King Snow is the only one who knows how to make really pretty patches.

"Ah, Mr. Sun has sent forth the Sundown Fairies, and I see they are scampering about the sky. They, too, are wearing crimson and red and lavender and purple and gray and Queen Glow is walking over King Snow's face, and they are both laughing, I see!

"The fields and the trees have been visited by King Snow and some of the Snow children have gone to make long visits in the crevices and nooks and are having talks with the trees about them, too.

"Such great distances as can be seen! It is so wonderful!

"Ah," Santa Claus continued, "I think of all the carpets I've ever seen there is nothing like a Snow Field carpet. It's the very kind I admire most."

Santa Claus was chatting to himself and to the reindeer as they hurried over the snow. While it was still day



Down Chimneys He Went.

Light Santa Claus was only where there were no houses.

But soon it would be dark. Oh, yes, the darkness came very soon at this time of the year.

The Night Twins, Darkness and Evening, were in a hurry these nights. And Santa Claus would be all ready to begin his work.

He passed along a lake which was frozen over and saw that there was a big wagon on the frozen lake. And the wagon was carrying a boat.

Santa Claus laughed at that. "I'm sure the water must be laughing underneath the ice, too," he chuckled, "at the thought of a boat having a sleigh-ride.

"It is a newly built boat—built on the land, of course. Well, that boat will not feel at home at first when it gets launched into the water!

"Ah, now, my reindeer, we must be getting to work. It is becoming quite dark."

So the reindeer hurried and Santa Claus worked and went to house after house. Down chimneys he went and down fire escapes of city houses.

And never a place did he miss where there were children.

As he came out of each place the reindeer looked at him. For his smile seemed to become happier and happier all the time.

"Oh, Reindeer," he would say, "I have just seen the loveliest little girl. She has blue eyes and golden hair. Maybe her eyes are gray. But I think they are blue!

"You see her eyes were closed so I couldn't see them very well, but I lifted one ever, ever so slightly and it seemed to be blue—though the light wasn't so very good and I couldn't see so very clearly.

"But she was lovely!

"There was the finest looking boy I've almost ever seen," Santa would say coming from another house.

And he would make these same remarks over and over again so that the reindeer were very much amused, but they enjoyed it all.

"Well," said Santa when they had finished everything, "it strikes me that there is more beauty at Christmas time than at any time of the year.

"Nature certainly does her part—but the children are the most beautiful part of all the Christmas beauty, yes indeed they are!"

## FORMER RESIDENT HERE IS KILLED IN STATE OF WYOMING

James L. Speck Meets With Fatal Accident in Oil Field Near Casper, Wyoming.

From Monday's Daily—

A message was received here Saturday night by Mrs. Everett L. Gooding announcing the serious injury of her father, James L. Speck, who has been working for several months in the oil fields near Casper, Wyoming, and this was followed yesterday by the news of his death, he having passed away at the hospital in Casper Sunday morning.

The deceased was 67 years of age and was for a great many years a resident of Plattsmouth and vicinity coming here in the early eighties and being employed in the Burlington shops up to the strike of 1888, when he quit to engage in farming and for a number of years was a resident of near Mynard and here the family were reared.

The wife preceded him in death a number of years ago and since that time Mr. Speck has made his home for the greater part of the time in the west.

He leaves to mourn his death eight children: Mrs. Chris Murray, of Nehawka; John Speck, of Casper, Wyoming; Ben Speck, of Plattsmouth; Mrs. E. L. Gooding, of Plattsmouth; Fred Speck, of South Sioux City, Nebraska; Mrs. Belle Soney, of Herman, Nebraska; Harry Speck, of Los Angeles, California, and Carl Speck, of Casper, Wyoming.

A London butcher, acting as judge at a Chicago stock show, says the cattle there are the finest he ever saw. "Must the roast beef of old England take second place at last?" querten the Detroit Free Press. At last? Old England gets nearly all her beef from the western hemisphere.

Do you think a system of reducing exercise for the tax collector would help any.

Resolve to do right and stick to it.

FOR SALE

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FOR SALE

Pure bred Buff Orpington cockerels, \$1.50 and \$2 each.—Mrs. Ivan Deles Dernier, Murray, Nebraska. #17-1mo sw

Casing Lost

Casing of Chalmers car lost Dec. 11 1923, between home and Plattsmouth between the hours of 12 and 2 p. m.—Etta Nickles.

## BECKMAN SELECTED BISHOP OF LINCOLN

Rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary of North Norwood, O., is Appointed to Vacancy.

Cincinnati, Dec. 25.—Rt. Rev. Monsignor Francis J. L. Beckman, rector of Mount St. Mary's theological seminary, North Norwood, O., has been appointed bishop of Lincoln, Neb. It was announced today in official but authentic reports from Lincoln.

The diocese to which he has been assigned has been vacant since the death of Rt. Rev. Charles O'Reilly, last May.

Monsignor Beckman is forty-seven years of age.

Four years ago he was honored by Rome, when he was made a member of the papal household, with the title of monsignor. This included the right to wear the purple and the episcopal rochet.

Monsignor Beckman is the first priest of the arch diocese of Cincinnati to be elevated to episcopacy within the last quarter of a century.

During the vacancy in the diocese of Lincoln the administrative work of the church has been in the hands of Father Michael A. Shine, rector of St. John's church of this city who has been caring for all of the routine matters that usually come to the office of the bishop.

Resolve to do right and stick to it.

## -DANCE!

at Murray, Nebraska  
Saturday, Dec. 29

Don't miss this dance, and come in Mask Costume. Faces will be on sale at the Mpray Drug Store.

A GOOD TIME ASSURED TO EVERYONE

## -Shooting Match-

Saturday, Dec. 29th AFTERNOON

At Joe Hathaway farm, 4 1/2 miles southeast of Murray. Everyone Welcome

JARVIS LANCASTER AND DICK BAKER

## To Our Friends and Patrons!

Yes, 'tis Christmas time again, and we want to take this opportunity of wishing you the compliments of the season—a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We've appreciated the business sent our way during 1923. We have tried mighty hard to please you and we hope to number you as a customer in the years to come.

So here's a hearty "Thank You" for your good will in the past and the best of wishes for your prosperity, health and happiness in 1924.

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