

MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

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In a short time we will have an important change in our message to the public. Together with the general garage business we will handle machinery in the future, and shall endeavor to attract the public to the best of our ability.

Just now we have two excellent bargains in small portable gas engines for use on the farm. We can make some very attractive prices on these.

The Thimgan Garage

E. W. Thimgan, Proprietor

MURDOCK NEBRASKA

Jess Landholm was a visitor in Omaha last Tuesday where he was for the day.

Mrs. H. F. Schweppe has not been feeling the best for the past few days being troubled somewhat with throat trouble.

Wm. Bourke shipped a car load of hogs to the South Omaha market on last Monday, which he had loaded at Murdock.

The Murdock schools were enjoined during the past week when the examinations were made a portion of the week's work.

The boys were doing some practice at football at Elmwood on last Tuesday getting in condition for some games to come.

A number of the young people of Murdock and vicinity enjoyed a skating party last Sunday at which all had a most excellent time.

Matt Thimgan was looking after some business matters in Plattsmouth last Tuesday during the latter part of last week making the trip via the train.

John Fowler of Lincoln was looking after some business in Murdock last Tuesday and also was a guest with his friend, O. J. Pothast.

Louis Schmidt and Paul Stock were looking after some business matters in Plattsmouth last Tuesday, making the trip in their auto.

Herold McKinnon of near Alvo is making his home in Murdock for the present and assisting his uncle, Mr. A. J. Tool in the harness shop.

John Scheel and wife were on last Wednesday visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Frank Reister and family, driving over in their auto.

Miss Clara Schell, who has been working at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jochin near Manley, finished her work last week and returned home.

John Buck who has been home from the hospital for some time is making good progress at this time and is so he can get down town occasionally.

M. R. Hermlin of Lincoln was looking after some business matters in Murdock last Wednesday and was a caller with his friends of the Bank of Murdock.

John Angwert was a visitor in Plattsmouth for a few days last week and also went to Omaha and Council Bluffs where he was visiting with relatives for a short time.

The Murdock schools opened last Wednesday following the midwinter holidays and are again working at full speed with all the students getting the best out of their studies.

Wm. Deickman who has been kept at home and to his cot for some time on account of a fracture of one of his legs has so far improved as to be able to be up and about the house for the present.

L. Neitzel the hardware man has been kept pretty busy during the past week with the taking of stock and also visiting with the many friends who came to see him and discuss the problems of the day.

Real Estate

Sold and Exchanged!

We have some bargains of farms for sale in Cas county and elsewhere.

We also write all kinds of Insurance—Life, Fire, Tornado, Livestock, Auto, Etc.

Emil Kuehn

Murdock Nebraska

Blue Ribbon Gasoline!

A Cold Weather Special

Plenty of Kick—Makes Starting Easy!

-GEO. TRUNKENBOLZ OIL COMPANY-

Eagle and Murdock

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, 1924.

J. A. CAPWELL, Notary Public.

(My commission expires Jan. 4, 1923.)

Uncle Herman Schweppe, father of H. F. Schweppe, who some time since suffered a stroke of paralysis and who has shown some improvement for a number of weeks past, is reported as not feeling so well again. His many friends will not be pleased at the later turn in his condition.

Mrs. Eddie Craig who has been very ill at her home with an attack which threatened to run into pneumonia but which was prevented by the quick action of the family physician is at this time reported as being somewhat better and improving, which is good news to the many friends in Murdock.

Mrs. W. O. Gillespie who has been sick for some time is still confined to her bed and while having worse days and nights some time than other it is hoped that she is materially improving though her progress has been very slow. Her many friends will be pleased when she shall have been able to be about again.

Uncle Jacob Goehry, who is making his home at Los Angeles staying with his son, had the misfortune to fall from a street car on which he was riding, receiving some very painful bruises on one of his hips, is reported as getting along very nicely at this time, though he is still feeling some sore from the bruises, but is able to get around.

A letter from J. C. Nauman, partner of Harold Tool, who is in the west, tells of the death of his daughter, Miss Irene Nauman, who has been making her home at Clay Center and who was stricken with the sleeping sickness and died on the first day of January as a result of this malady. Mr. Tool extended condolences and sympathy in the loss of the daughter of the family.

A letter from Max Dusterhoff and Joe Wutchnick who have been on the way from Murdock to Longview, Wash., says that they were at Phoenix, which was just 870 miles this side of Los Angeles and that the weather is fine with flowers and roses blooming. They were expecting to be at Los Angeles the first of last week and are now looking for the end of the long trip of 4,000 miles, having encountered much snow in the mountains and some car breaks.

While there is nothing definite as to the site for the Murdock schools as yet, but the relocation of night and day for a few weeks will settle it. There is a carload of lumber already on the tracks and bids have been asked for the excavation of the basement which will have to be deepened for a short time. This work will be completed by time for the opening of school this fall.

Unlimited amount of money to loan on eastern Nebraska farm land. Lowest rates. Applications taken now for future loans. See O. J. Pothast at Farmers' & Merchants' Bank, Murdock, Nebr.

Will Handle Machinery

E. W. Thimgan the garage man, will during the coming season supply you all with machinery of all kinds. Anyone desiring or needing anything in the machinery line before he shall have gotten his stock call on him and be supplied in a short time.

For Sale

150 acre farm for sale, located 1 1/2 miles southwest of Murdock, price \$255 per acre. Write J. R. Veach, 905 First St., Hastings, Neb., or Mrs. W. Bornemeier, 1261 A St., Lincoln, Nebraska.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK OF MURDOCK, NEBR.

Charter No. 1536 in the State of Nebraska at the close of business December 31, 1923.

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, Bonds, etc.

LIABILITIES table with columns for Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Dividend profits, etc.

State of Nebraska ss. County of Cass

I, O. J. POTHAST, Cashier of the above named bank do hereby swear that the above statement is a correct and true copy of the report made to the Bureau of Banking, J. POTHAST, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, 1924.

J. A. CAPWELL, Notary Public.

(My commission expires Jan. 4, 1923.)

CONTINENTAL GOES INTO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Gas and Electric Corporation of which Nebraska Gas & Electric Co. is a Branch.

Omaha, Jan. 10.—Rumors that the Continental Gas & Electric Corporation of Omaha has entered into a contract to purchase control of the Kansas City Power company of Kansas City, Mo., were confirmed here this morning by Rufus E. Lee, president of the Continental. The Kansas City company is a fifty million dollar electric property.

Completion of the purchase and construction of connecting transmission lines between the Continental and the Kansas City systems will make Plattsmouth a part of a giant electrical system.

"The Continental, by itself as president, has entered into a contract with Joseph E. Porter, president of the Kansas City concern, whereby Mr. Porter undertakes to secure for us control of the Kansas City Power Securities company," Mr. Lee announced.

"The Kansas City Power & Light company generates and distributes electric energy in Kansas City, Mo. and Kansas City, Kansas, and serves, directly or indirectly, a hundred other communities with electric light and power. Among the smaller towns served are Excelsior Springs, Burns, Parkville and Carrollton, Mo., and Olathe, Bonner Springs and Lawrence, Kansas.

"The Kansas City company serves with light and power a total population of half a million, and in addition supplies steam heat in Kansas City, Mo. It has the largest and most modern steam generating plant west of any on the Mississippi river, with an installed capacity of 120,000 KW and an ultimate capacity of 250,000 KW.

"It also owns coal rights on 9,000 acres of valuable coal land in Missouri.

"Purchase of control of the Kansas City company, when completed, will fit in ideally with our plans to develop a super-power system covering Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa. Our transmission lines in Missouri are but a few miles from those of the Kansas City company, and the two systems will probably be connected."

No change in the official or operating personnel of either company is anticipated, Mr. Lee declared.

Operating in 160 municipalities in Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Canada, the Continental is one of the most extensively electric generating and distributing companies west of the Mississippi and the largest of its kind in Nebraska. It owns and maintains twenty-five electric generating plants and eight gas plants, and has 1,200 miles of electric transmission lines.

The Continental operates through five subsidiary companies, the Nebraska Gas & Electric company, the Lincoln Gas & Electric company, the Iowa Service company, the Lee Electric Light & Power company and the Canada Gas & Electric corporation.

Rufus E. Lee of Omaha is president of the company and Frank H. Brooks of Omaha is vice president and general manager.

The local Nebraska Gas & Electric company is a branch of the Continental company and has with the other branch units of the Continental received many improvements in the last few years and under the management of Mr. C. J. Theisen is one of the most progressive of the Nebraska lines.

LITTLE ONE DOING NICELY FOLLOWING SEVERE BURN

From Friday's Daily—

Joe, the little two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don C. York, is recovering very nicely from the effects of having secured a small portion of Blue Seal pipe cleaner a very strong compound, and placed it in his mouth burning the tongue, lips and the inside of the mouth very badly. The little fellow was playing around the house and while Mrs. York was preparing the noon day meal Tuesday he secured the can of compound, which is used in cleaning sewer pipes, and placed a small part of it in his mouth. The pain caused him to cry out at once and the mother hastily cleaned out the mouth and administered olive oil to the burned portions of the mouth and on the arrival of Dr. T. P. Livingston the little patient was made as comfortable as possible, although suffering a great deal from the effects of the burns.

While the accident was serious enough, the parents feel that it was fortunate that the little boy did not swallow any of the compound which would undoubtedly have resulted fatally.

Bilious Headache

When you have a severe headache, a disordered stomach and constipation, take three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They will correct the disorders of the liver and bowels, effectually curing the headache.

Big line of foot balls at the Bates Corner Book and Stationery Store.

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INCOME TAX BLANKS NOT SO COMPLICATED

Collector of Internal Revenue Sends Out Information as to Blanks and Returns For the Year.

The following statement is issued by the collector of internal revenue of the district of Nebraska:

Let one of your New Year resolutions be to file your income tax return early. Forms for filing individual, corporation, partnership, personal service corporation, information, fiduciary and other returns required by the revenue act are now available at the office of collector of internal revenue, Omaha, and the following branch offices, Lincoln and Grand Island.

The filing period is from January 1 to March 15, 1924. Inaugurating the most progressive and important step it has taken since the initiation of the income tax laws, the internal revenue bureau, after months of research work, has developed a simplified income tax form which Collector A. B. Allen declared would make it as easy for the salaried or wage earning taxpayer to prepare his return for the coming filing period as it would be for him to fill in a request for a postal money order or to make out an application for employment such as is required by the average commercial concern.

Reduced from six pages to a single sheet on which answers are required to only three questions in relation to income. Form 1040A has been prepared in the interest of the great majority of taxpayers. The number of persons affected by the adoption of the simplified form is shown by the fact that of 6,622,176 personal returns filed for the calendar year 1921, 6,126,576 were returned on Form 1040A. Of personal income amounting to \$13,215,431,312 reported on 1040A forms, \$10,951,649,359 was derived from salaries and wages.

It is estimated that more than 4,000,000 persons in the United States will use Form 1040A in reported income for the calendar year 1923. Out of a total of approximately 70,000 who will file returns in the district of Nebraska more than 25,000, it is estimated, will use the new form.

Persons who use Form 1040A will find the problem of correctly making out an income tax return reduced to a minimum. The difficulties of the audit also will be greatly lessened, thereby expediting the work of the bureau of internal revenue, and reducing the cost of operating expense.

The new Form 1040A will be used exclusively by taxpayers whose individual net income is \$5,000 or less, coming principally from salaries and wages, and was designed to meet the almost universal criticism that the income blanks were so complicated that it required the services of a lawyer or an expert accountant to fill one out.

Form 1040A is to be used by persons, any part of whose income for the year 1923 was derived from business or professions, farming, sale of property, or rents, regardless of the amount, and in all cases where the net income was in excess of \$5,000, whether from salary, wages, business, profession or other taxable sources.

Formerly Form 1040 was used only where the net income exceeded \$5,000. Failure to receive a form does not relieve the taxpayer of his obligation to file his return and pay the tax on time. A copy of the form desired may be obtained on request, either in person, at the office of Collector A. B. Allen or any of the branch offices.

In view of the fact that it is not possible to determine at this time, the class of returns which will be required by 1040A taxpayers whose names now appear on the lists of this district, the collector will mail both the forms 1040A and 1040 to all 1040A taxpayers and the taxpayer can then select the proper form on which to make his return.

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PRESENT GROUPING OF WESTERN ROADS

Burlington-Great Northern-Northern Pacific Unit Declared to be Ideal by Road Counsel.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Western aspects of general railroad consolidation proposals came up today for tentative commerce commission consideration when the divergence between commission proposals and views of managements of the Hill group of railroads as to disposition to be made of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads was elaborated by counsel in legal arguments. H. A. Schandret, speaking for the Union Pacific, however, expressed qualified satisfaction with the consolidation suggestions affecting that system.

Bruce Scott, of counsel for the Burlington, urged the retention of the three northwestern railroads now associated in stock ownership as one unit, with even greater fusing of interests. The Northern Pacific and Great Northern had been considered one system with it, he agreed, asserting that by allowing the Colorado & Southern, a Burlington subsidiary, to come into complete association, a giant system could be built reaching from the Pacific to Chicago and from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico.

Fred and Ben Menchau of Eagle and Attorney J. A. Capwell of Elmwood were here today attending to some matters in the county court in which they are interested, a hearing in the estate of Frederick Menchau, deceased.

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ZOO VULTURES

"I'm the grandest of the lot," said King Vulture. "I wear truly kingly robes."

"I look magnificent and my feathers are a king should have—that is, if a king is going in for feathers nine are the kind to have."

"Before I came to the zoo I lived in Brazil. But I was so handsome they wanted to show me to the zoo people so they brought me here, and here I am wearing my gorgeous yellow and white and black suit and my splendid head trimmings of purple and orange and crimson red."

"They brought me here, too," said the Black Vulture.

"Not because of your beauty, however," said King Vulture. "You were brought here because you are one of a useful lot and they wanted to show you all trash that would be unhealthy if left about."

"Yes, that is why you were brought here."

"Now don't boast too much," said Yellow-Headed Vulture. "For I am supposed to be far more handsome than either of you."

"Well," said King Vulture, "that may be true, but you're not really as fine as I am, for you are delicate when here in the zoo just as the various members of your family always are."

"I'm a pretty worth-while object to look upon," said the California Condor.

"You are rare and you are interesting," said King Vulture, "but you're not the king."

"I'm interesting," said the Griffon Vulture, "for though my ways and the ways of the members of my family are the ways of vultures, still we are very much nearer relatives to the eagles than most can boast of, and that is the truth."

"I feed on lambs," said the Lammergeyer or Bearded Vulture, "and my home was in Asia before I was brought to the zoo."

"I guess the lambs weren't sorry to see you go," said King Vulture.

"Probably not," said the Bearded Vulture. "I didn't expect them to give me a party before I left."

"I said to myself upon leaving: 'You are sure the lambs will not shed any tears because I am leaving. And so my going will not make them unhappy.'"

"Neither will they have to go to any expense on my account. They will not have to give me a farewell dinner and a present as a token of their esteem."

"They will not have to take up a collection among all the lambs so as to get enough to give me a handsome present."

"They will not have to do any of these things. By my rough ways with them they are being saved expense and trouble."

"Yes, I said all this to myself."

"You had quite a talk with yourself, didn't you?" asked King Vulture.

"Quite," said Bearded Vulture. "And I enjoyed it, too."

"It's just as well to enjoy your own conversation when you have to hear yourself talk," said Yellow-Headed Vulture.

"Well," said King Vulture, "I was asked not long ago what I did when I got angry and fought."

"And I've had so many pressing engagements that I haven't answered that question before."

"What pressing engagements did you have?" the Bearded Vulture inquired.

"You might ask," said King Vulture. "In fact, you have already asked. But I cannot tell you what they were because I didn't have any engagements at all."

"I said that because, you know, people are always talking about how busy they are and that they didn't get around to doing this and they didn't get around to doing that, and so I thought I would act in the same way."

"Well, I shall answer the question now, and I hope those who asked it will hear the answer! It would be a pity if they didn't, but I feel sure they will!"

"I fight with my beak. It is the Vulture Family way. The eagles fight with their claws."

"I suppose there are some people who like to know all they can about us. I don't blame them. To my vulture mind we're interesting, but to some creatures we're horrible in appearance and far from being well liked!"

STATE FARMERS OPPOSE MELLON TAX CUT SCHEME

Resolution Adopted by Co-Operative Union Favors Excess Profits Tax—Seeks Better Market.

Opposition to the Mellon plan for tax reduction was voiced by the Nebraska Farmers Educational and Co-Operative Union, in adopting the recommendations of its legislative committee, at the session yesterday morning at the Swedish auditorium in Omaha.

"We are in favor of the excess profits tax and are opposed to a lower surtax," is the way the resolution introduced by J. O. Shroyer of Richardson county, read.

Other legislative recommendations, some of them adopted after a warm fight were:

1. Repeal of the Esch-Cummins law, reduction of freight rates; return to the state railway commissions of rate making powers.

2. Make subject to tax all national, state and local bonds.

3. Examining immigration at its source, in foreign ports, as to mental and physical qualifications, and intentions toward American citizenship.

4. Amend federal reserve bank law to provide for election of members of the various board officers by districts; forbid interlocking directorates of reserve banks, complete district control of its own bank.

5. Immediate action by congress to give farmers a better market for their produce.

Recommendations for the state:

1. More power to county road authorities in expenditure of funds; less attention to trunk highways paralleling railroads and more money spent on rural post roads.

2. Repeal of law taxing intangible property at one-fourth value, and making it subject to same tax as other property.

3. Increase of duties and powers of local school boards in shaping courses of study and directing affairs; opposition to so-called county unit plan of organization and administration of the schools.

4. Creation of a one-house legislature of 1 hundred members, elected on a non-political ballot.

5. Publication in the farmers union paper of the findings of its committee that investigated administration of the state university and state normal schools.

6. A state income tax law. This was agreed upon in principle, but the legislative committee instructed to report a new resolution for later action.

7. Questioning of all state and legislative candidates on various public matters by a questionnaire to be compiled by the union board; publication of records of legislators in last session.

The convention voted down a resolution asking that the exemption from tax of household furniture, up to 2 hundred dollars, be repealed, and all household goods be assessed.

ASSESSORS CONDEMN THE LAW AS UNJUST

State Association Asks Repeal of Intangible Tax Measure in Motion at Final Meeting.

A motion condemning the present law on taxation of intangible property as unjust and asking that it be repealed, was passed by the state association of county assessors at the closing session of their annual convention at the Grand hotel Thursday forenoon.

The association in figuring the basis for taxation for the coming year fixed the taxable valuation of automobiles and grain elevators the same as last year. The minimum valuation of dogs for 1924 was fixed at \$10 and chickens will be assessed at \$5 a dozen.

The taxable valuations of livestock and grain were fixed at the actual market value at the time the assessment is made. From this valuation the assessor will allow the producer to deduct the cost of getting his produce to market.

The state of Nebraska lost approximately \$5,000,000 of taxable value in automobiles last year according to statistics from the state tax commissioner. This was attributed to the fact that many of the automobiles were purchased with government bonds which are tax-free. The statute provides that all property is taxable unless the owner can prove that it has been previously taxed in the same year.

Actual cash expended for a car may already have been assessed and when converted into a car could not again be taxed. The car buyers proceeding on this theory purchased their cars with government bonds, holding that the bonds previously had been assessed and found to be tax-free.

A new problem, that of firing the tax value of the pipe line being constructed across the state by the Sinclair Oil company, confronted the association. It was decided that assessors in the counties thru which this line will pass shall treat it in a manner similar to the way telephone lines are taxed. The state tax commissioner promised information from other states having such lines, to aid the county assessors in fixing the amounts.

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