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The Red Cross is a friend in need and a friend indeed.

Mrs. George Towle and daughter, Mrs. McHugh, visited with friends in Elmwood, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Landholm was looking after some business matters in Omaha last Thursday, driving over in his car.

Your membership will help the Red Cross to help others and the other fellow is really our field of labor.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murty of Weeping Water, came up Sunday and spent the day with H. E. McHugh family.

Harry V. McDonald was a visitor in Omaha one day last week, looking after some business matters for the store here.

Jerry McHugh accompanied by his wife and Mrs. H. V. McDonald drove to Omaha Monday and spent the day shopping.

L. B. Goerth and the family were guests at the home of G. V. Pickwell last Sunday where all enjoyed the day most pleasantly.

Charles Schafer was looking after some business matters in Manley on Thursday of last week, where he was dispensing oil and gasoline.

The Red Cross is the best antidote for the poisons of war.

W. O. Gillespie was a visitor in Plattsmouth last Wednesday, going over to take the returns of the recent election to the county clerk.

John Miller, who has been making his home in South Dakota for some time past, returned to Murdock last week and is visiting with his friends here.

Fred Zink who is hustling out his corn, was a visitor in town on last Thursday and said Mrs. Zink was attending the Woman's club meeting at Elmwood that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reinke, of Ithaca, were visiting in Murdock on last Sunday and were guests at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. Strauss, pastor of the Murdock church.

The Red Cross is the servant of those who suffer.

Gust Gakemeier was the first one this season about Murdock to land a Canadian wild duck, which he got when he went out the other evening and also strung four mallards on his belt as well.

Mrs. Henry Heitman, who is the night operator for the Murdock telephone company, was very prompt in the services rendered during the sending to the county seat of the election returns.

L. Nitzel and wife, their granddaughter, Miss Catherine Nitzel and Master Maurice Hohn, who is making his home with the Nitzel family, were enjoying last Sunday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. McDermid at Omaha.

Red Cross deeds are the heart throbs of the true American.

Joseph Wutshinek and wife, who are both excellent cooks, are feeding the workers on the power line and are using the Farmers Union building for that purpose. They are surely having their hands full with the improvised hotel.

Uncle C. L. Miller was feeling very poorly on last Monday and was some better on Tuesday and able to be down town, but on the few days following was very critically ill at the home of his son, Mr. E. H. Miller and wife north of town.

Victor Thimgan with his truck has been assisting in the distribution of poles from the Manley yards along the line east of that place towards Murray where also there is a large amount of material for use on the power line which is being constructed.

Miss Louise Meyerjurgan, south-

west of Murdock, was entertaining her friends at a delightful Halloween party which she gave on Thursday evening of last week and at which there were a large number of her friends present and at which a most enjoyable evening was had.

J. E. McHugh and wife and Mrs. Henry V. McDonald were visiting in Omaha on last Friday, where Mr. McHugh, who is the manager of the Murdock Mercantile company was looking after some business in the line of purchases for the store, while the ladies were visiting with friends.

Henry A. Gultmann of the Bank of Murdock and Gust Gakemeier went out last Thursday evening with their guns all ready for the festive duck or goose whatever they might be, and with what results we are not now ready to say, for they went out looking for the feathers and squeaks just as we were leaving town.

There are many men in Murdock at this time working on the power line, and reminds the writer of the times when he was one of a large number of men building a new railroad into a town, with every place crowded and the town very busy. The work is being pushed along very rapidly and the work is of a nature which is substantial and will be lasting as well. It is claimed that this work is equal to the best construction in Nebraska.

Lutheran Church Services

Services at Louisville church at 9:20 a. m.

Bible school at both Louisville and Murdock churches at 10 a. m.

Services in English, at 11:30, and services in German, 11:30 to 12, at Murdock church. Young Peoples' meeting at 7 p. m. and evening preaching services at 7:30. tf

What Shall the Red Cross Do?

What shall the Red Cross do in Cass county?

Red Cross is divided into two kinds of work—obligatory and optional.

First and foremost is our obligation to the ex-service men and their families; secondly, disaster relief. Both these are obligatory.

The optional work is Public Health Nursing, Home Hygiene and Nutrition; First Aid; Life Saving and Junior Red Cross.

Do we need any of these in our country? Express your opinion to the officers in your branch and they will bring it to the chapter and in that manner the citizens of our country will begin to realize the peace-time program that is being undertaken by the Red Cross.

Enjoyed a Hunting Outing

Last Thursday A. J. Tool, Harry Gillespie, Henry A. Tool and Harold W. Tool fitted themselves out and went down to the Platte river where they bunked in the Pawnee Lodge, and hunted and had a most excellent time for a number of days. Just how many ducks they were able to bag, we are not informed, but they surely had a most enjoyable time.

Enjoyed the Day Immensely

Last Sunday was a day which was most pleasantly enjoyed at the home of Mrs. Amgwert and her son Henry, as most of the family were present for the occasion and a most pleasant day was spent. There were there for the occasion Mr. and Mrs. Lew Wat-

son, James Rennie, wife and baby, Mrs. Charles Lettis and the children (it not being possible for Mr. Lettis to be present), Miss Lillian Amgwert and Mrs. L. B. Herd, all of Omaha and Council Bluffs and John Amgwert and family of Murdock.

Schools Close for Teachers' Meet

The Murdock schools closed last Thursday and Friday for the state teachers' meeting which was held at Omaha and Lincoln and the members of the teaching corps of the Murdock schools were in attendance at one or the other of these places, and received much good from the meeting.

Will Play Basket Ball

The opening game of the season for the Murdock school teams both for the girls and boys, will be staged on Friday evening of this week between the Murdock teams and the teams of the Louisville High school at the latter place. Then during the following week on the same evening will occur the first game at Murdock, when they will try it out with the teams of the Union schools. Better keep your weather eye out for this game.

Doing Excellent Work

When the office of the Rock Island was changed from a two man office to a one man office, Louis Hornbeck, who was the second man, was sent to a point in Kansas for a short time and then on account of his excellent work was placed in the freight department of the Rock Island at Lincoln, where he worked for about a year and just last month on account of his excellent record for accuracy and efficient work in all lines was given the position of assistant city ticket agent at Lincoln.

Mr. Hornbeck, who has just moved from Murdock to Lincoln is especially well fitted for the position which he is now filling and we are looking for further advancement on account of the excellence of his work and his faithful service in the interests of the Rock Island company.

Red Cross is Going Over Big

Two years ago there were less than a dozen members of the Red Cross in our county. Last year there were 353 members. What will it be this year? Every preparation is being made to have a thorough canvass made of the county so that an opportunity is given to every one to enroll. Clergy of the different churches responded to a request to preach a Red Cross sermon

yesterday and with the campaign for members to open tomorrow (Tuesday) the volunteer workers in the different towns are prepared to put in an intensive sixteen days in an effort for 100 per cent county enrollment.

Motion picture theatres will add the enrollment by showing slides that portray the several activities of the Red Cross. Some of the theatres will also show the film "The Knowing Gnome; The Spirit of Service and Every Swimmer a Lifesaver." There are free shows.

HOLD CLASS REUNION

The members of the class of 1900 of the Syracuse High school and their families met at the home of Mrs. Maude McCrory near Murdock last Sunday. Each family brought well filled baskets and a picnic dinner was served at 1 o'clock.

The members of the class present were Miss Lulu Stoker, of Dunbar; Mrs. Grace Taylor, Mrs. Lillian Minick and Miss Clara Kraft, of Syracuse, and J. E. Goodridge, of Elmwood. Mrs. Grace Cowles of Lindsay, Calif., and H. L. Smith, of Sterling, Colo., were unable to be present.

TELLS OF TRIP THRU MUCH DISCUSSED MUSCLE SHOALS

Nebraska Girl Details Trip to the Southland to the Plant That Was Originated in War Times

Miss Alice C. Hunter of Lincoln who accepted a position as professor of Latin and Journalism in the faculty of the Ward-Barnes school at Nashville, Tenn., this fall, writes of a recent trip to Muscle Shoals with five coach loads of college students, five or six of the girls in the party being from Nebraska. The superintendent of the Nashville terminal and his wife accompanied the special.

The trip thru Tennessee brings into view a wonderfully beautiful country, Miss Hunter writes: "The black people are picturesque leisure itself. A passing train is an event. The white folk are lank, keen-eyed and interested."

"The train speeds thru tiny settlements of forsaken aspect. Telephone booths along the road, even in unsettled sections, suggest business out of keeping with the indolent landscape. Occasional weeping willow trees and drooping flowers, like a lady in green chiffon. Oaks crimson beneath the October sun. Many varieties of trees—hackberry, pine, cedar, poplars, sycamores—confront the eye. A stray cluster of golden rod reminds the traveler of home. The loveliest thing on earth is a deserted Negro shack in Alabama. Doors, windows, and even whole sides gone, like a sightless beggar it shows its patheticness to the world on the speeding train. A hint of other days and the rumor of war in the land is the military academy near Columbia.

"Then comes Mt. Pleasant, an assembly of buildings, machinery and kilns, around which lie the largest phosphate fields in the world. On either side of the track the fields extend. The soil is a strange hazy hue of orange and yellow. They say it contains aluminum and perhaps some phosphorus. Men scoop it up from the surface in wide swaths and pile it in crumpling hillocks.

For agricultural purposes the soil is poor, they tell you. The sickly corn crops indicate that this is true. Fields and farm holdings are separated by limestone fences that have a brick-a-brac finish at the top, seemingly intended for ornament. The whole country is covered with limestone which crops out in ledges everywhere. Some occupant of the lands have used split rail fences familiar to us thru the story of a certain famous American.

"Muscle Shoals area is spoken of as the Three City district—Florence, Tuscumbia and Sheffield. These are a few miles apart. One sees in Florence some small brick buildings, a huge pile of tree trunks, the usual curious onlookers who find excitement in the passing train, and automobiles of varying age. From the station the ground rises sharply with barren face. On the top a pretentious house is located. Around it grows cedar trees.

"Before reaching the Tennessee river, a small engine replaces the large one that has carried the train hitherto. The crossing is made slowly. The river spreads majestically and hides its waters above and below in shadowy fog and smoke. The natives tell you it is a mile wide. The current is swift and strong. Wooded banks border the stream.

"Then travelers see an expanse of weedy dusty flats. The town of Sheffield unfolds in outspread confusion. It seems to consist of a large mass of wretched buildings laden with dust of yellowish hue, and soot. The place abounds with weeds. Yet fine paved roads extend far out into the country; a street car may be glimpsed; there is a wide main street with city blocks. An air of alertness is evident. One is reminded of a new western city.

"In Sheffield a train load of passengers may find dining service with beautiful meals of turkey with cranberry sauce, low cream, southern pone cakes, and other delicious articles. Between Sheffield and Nashville there are only tiny settlements, so far as hotels and dining equipment for crowds are concerned—Franklin, Carter's Creek, Godwin, Ashwood (was this the former location of ex-

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## REPUBLICANS TO OCCUPY 246 SEATS WHEN HOUSE MEETS

Only One District in Doubt, That of Member at Large From New Mexico; Demos, 183.

Washington, Nov. 6.—With one district—that of the member at large from New Mexico—still in doubt the political complexion of the new house by states, on the face of unofficial but practically complete returns is as follows:  
Alabama, 10 democrats.  
Arizona, 1 democrat.  
Arkansas, 7 democrats.  
California, 2 democrats, 9 republicans.  
Colorado, 1 democrat, 3 republicans.  
Connecticut, 5 republicans.  
Delaware, 1 republican.  
Florida, 4 democrats.  
Georgia, 12 democrats.  
Idaho, 2 republicans.  
Illinois, 5 democrats, 22 republicans.  
Indiana, 3 democrats, 10 republicans.  
Iowa, 11 republicans.  
Kansas, 2 democrats, 6 republicans.  
Kentucky, 8 democrats, 2 republicans.  
Louisiana, 8 democrats.  
Maine, 4 republicans.  
Maryland, 4 democrats, 2 republicans.  
Massachusetts, 3 democrats, 13 republicans.  
Michigan, 13 republicans.  
Minnesota, 7 republicans, 3 farmer-labor.  
Mississippi, 8 democrats.  
Missouri, 9 democrats, 7 republicans.  
Montana, 1 democrat, 1 republican.  
Nebraska, 3 democrats, 3 republicans.  
Nevada, 1 republican.  
New Hampshire, 2 republicans.  
New Jersey, 2 democrats, 10 republicans.  
New Mexico, in doubt, democrat leading.  
New York, 22 democrats, 20 republicans, 1 socialist.  
North Carolina, 10 democrats.  
North Dakota, 3 republicans.  
Ohio, 6 democrats, 16 republicans.  
Oklahoma, 7 democrats, 1 republican.  
Oregon, 3 republicans.  
Pennsylvania, 36 republicans.  
Rhode Island, 1 democrat, 2 republicans.  
South Carolina, 7 democrats.  
South Dakota, 3 republicans.  
Tennessee, 8 democrats, 2 republicans.  
Texas, 17 democrats, 1 republican.  
Utah, 2 republicans.  
Vermont, 2 republicans.  
Virginia, 10 democrats, 16 republicans.  
Washington, 1 democrat, 4 republicans.  
Wisconsin, 10 republicans, 1 socialist.  
Wyoming, 1 republican.  
Totals: Democrats, 183; republicans, 246; farmer-labor, 3; socialists, 2; in doubt, 1—435.

## PNEUMONIC PLAGUE DEATHS ARE NOW 28

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 6.—Two deaths today from pneumonic plague increased the toll to twenty-eight victims since the disease originated in the Mexican quarters here October 19. Dr. W. M. Dickie, secretary of the state board of health and director of the anti-plague committee, announced tonight. Four new cases have been discovered in the Mexican sector and in the Belveder district, eight miles from here, in the past 24 hours. Dr. Dickie said, while two score suspects are under observation. The total of cases is thirty-seven.

Frank Ptacek was a visitor in Omaha today where he was called to spend a few hours looking after some matters of business and visiting with friends.

Mrs. Elizabeth Schubech departed this morning for Omaha where she will visit for a few days in that city with her daughter and other relatives and friends.

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