

# MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

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Miss Elsie Bornemeier was a visitor in Omaha for a couple of days last week.

Wm. Bourke shipped a mixed car of stock to the South Omaha market on last Thursday.

Mrs. A. J. Tool and son Douglas were visiting in Lincoln on last Friday and Friday evening.

Miss Martha Theil, who is employed in Omaha was a visitor at home for a few days last week.

O. J. Pothast and family were visiting in Lincoln for over the week end, the guest of friends.

Emil Kuehn was looking after some business matters in both Alvo and Elmwood last Thursday.

Miss Elsie Bornemeier was a visitor in Omaha for a couple of days last week, where she was visiting with friends.

H. V. McDonald has been feeling quite poorly from an attack of the flu, but is now recovering nicely and doing the work again.

W. T. Weddell has been having a siege with the grippe and has about gotten the malady bested, for he is up and around again.

E. L. Pothast was a visitor in the northern portion of the state near Ainsworth, where he has a ranch which he was looking after.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Miller and the children spent the day last Sunday at the home of friends at Mead, Nebraska, driving over in their car.

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## STATEMENT OF MURDOCK LIGHT COMPANY

February, 1925

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Plant	\$ 15,947.88	Village	\$ 13,380.61
Cash	250.59	Profit	4,586.14
Accounts Receivable	49.15		
Merchandise	119.13		
Time Deposit	1,600.00		
	\$ 17,966.75		\$ 17,966.75

### Profit and Loss

(For Year 1924)

Sales			\$ 2,635.61
Purchases	\$ 1,423.65		
Less Discount	35.42	1,388.23	
Wages		120.00	
Expense (Rent Tel. Cards)		38.95	1,547.18
			\$ 1,088.43

### Village Expense

Bond Interest		\$ 480.00
Street Work—		
Crossings	\$ 598.87	
Grading	32.00	
Drainage	89.30	
Dirt	91.20	
Cleaning Crossings	18.10	\$ 29.47
Night Watch		645.75
Street Lighting		402.00
Main Street Lights		600.02
Misc. Labor, Attorney, Ballots		87.50
		\$ 3,044.74

### Village Receipts

County Treasurer	\$ 1,735.00
Interest	95.00
	\$ 1,830.00

Miss Mary Edna Jones, of Bethany, who is a student at Cotner university, was a visitor at the home of Mrs. B. Amgwert for over the spring vacation.

G. V. Pickwell shelled his last year's corn crop last week and delivered it to Mr. J. J. Gustin, who is using it for feeding cattle which he has in his feeding yards.

O. E. McDonald and E. W. Thimgan were looking after some business matters in Plattsmouth last Friday, driving over to the county seat in the car of Mr. McDonald.

Albert Theil is enjoying a new Universal coupe which he purchased a short time since, and which makes a very good means for this popular young man to travel around.

Murdock, April 4th

## "The Young Rajah"

featuring

**Rudolph Valentino**

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## Tool Bros. Show

Your Pleasure is Our Business

Albert Glaubitz has moved to the east end of the county just overlooking the Missouri river and near the old historic site of Rock Bluffs. He is employed by Thomas Cronwell.

A. H. Ward is again at work and is feeling some better, but not as he was before, for the expressed the matter by saying he was feeling "rotten," if you know what that is.

Messrs Walter Burke and Adam Ringberg of Eustis and Wm. Gorman of Gordon, South Dakota, have been visiting for a number of days at the home of Henry Bornemeier and family.

Misses Grace Backemeyer and Meta Reickmann, who are employed in Omaha spent last Sunday with the folks at home in Murdock and returned to their work in the city Monday morning.

The Adult Bible class will have a food sale at the Farmers and Merchants bank on April 11th, when they will offer many good things to eat. This is the place to prepare for the Sunday dinner.

Frank Bourke, the market man, believes in having things look right and also be right as well, and he is having H. H. Lawton, the painter and decorator, finish his shop and has it looking spick and span.

Wm. Reumann of Omaha was a visitor in Murdock last week, being a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bauer, and reports that the wife, who is at a hospital in Omaha is getting along nicely at this time.

O. E. McDonald and the family were visiting last Sunday at the home of Mr. McDonald's mother, Mrs. Myra McDonald of near Murray and on their return she accompanied them for a short visit staying until Tuesday.

Miss Viola Everett has been having a tussle with the flu and is reported as getting along nicely at this time. While she was ill, Richard Tool was assisting with the work at the Murdock Mercantile company's store.

Alex Landholm, who has been sick for a number of days with the flu, is better and is able to work again, and has been assisting in the work of changing the home of his brother, Jess Landholm, who has been adding something to the home in improvements.

W. P. Meyers was a business visitor in Lincoln last Thursday and was also visiting with a very dear friend as well. Will will depart on Wednesday of this week for Pittsburgh, Pa., where he goes to accept a position with the Westinghouse Electric company.

Henry P. Dehning of Elmwood was a visitor in Murdock last Thursday, coming over to see his friends, for he has a kindly feeling for Murdock and drove over in his new Universal coupe, which he has recently purchased for the use of himself and Mrs. Dehning.

Mrs. A. J. Bauer, who has been quite sick with an attack of flu for some time past is feeling much improved at this time and is up and about the house a portion of the time. While she was kept to her bed her daughter, Mrs. laude Twiss, of Louisville was here and assisted in caring for the mother.

Surprise Their Friend.  
The many friends of Miss Eleanor Stroy, on last Wednesday surprised this young lady by gathering at her home in large numbers and giving her an evening of much happiness, a good part of which they also took to themselves, for "all ent as merry as a marriage bell" and the evening was surely enjoyed by all. A delightful luncheon was provided for the occasion. Among those who were present and contributed to the pleasure of the occasion were Misses Martha and Rebecca Lau, Alda Theiman, Pearl Reicke, Carrie Theiman, Paul and Elsie Kupke, Carl, Fred and Minnie Tonak, Louis Lau, Garold Schiefert, August Kupke, Alvin, Carl, Mary and Helen Bornemeier, William Hommer, Anna, Ella and

Selma Lau, Elizabeth and Walter Rissman, Victor Thimgan, Elsie Rissman. Miss Amanda Stroy, who has been employed in Omaha, was also present and enjoyed the occasion as well as a visit with the home folks.

### Visited Near Eagle

Last Sunday, A. H. Ward and the family were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Unland, of near Eagle, where they were also joined by Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Keedy, of Elmwood, where Mr. Keedy is agent for the Missouri Pacific and there were also there for the occasion, Mrs. M. R. Wicker and daughter of Verdun. All enjoyed the occasion very much as it would be impossible for any one a guest at this home not to have a good time as Mr. and Mrs. Unland and the family are royal entertainers.

### Missed the Bus Line

Conrad Baumgardner and Henry Oehlerking, of Murdock, and John D. Foreman of Alvo have been serving the highway at Plattsmouth during the past two weeks and so arranged matters as to ride to and from the county seat together, Mr. Baumgardner taking his car and the others riding with him. They had made a practice of meeting at the school house on the highway and Mr. Foreman made connections with the bus, but there was no Henry Oehlerking there and so the boys drove over to his home and there they were told that he had gone to the meeting place. When they drove back and made search for him, they concluded he must have caught a ride and was on his way to the county seat, so they drove on down to Plattsmouth and when they had gotten there a telephone call came telling them Henry was waiting at the home of August Oehlerking, which they had gone by a number of times. So Henry had to get out his car and get out for the county seat alone.

### Get Hail Protection

Insure your crops against the hazards of hail storms and be safe. Rate, 2 1/2 per cent, premium due June 1. See O. J. Pothast, Murdock m30-1f M

### There is Music in the Air

This is sure a certainty, and especially when the Murdock community band is out for practice or for playing music for the many functions of the community. They are dispensers of good music and are not afraid to spill a few special numbers for the good of the order. The members who are contributing to this melodious entertainment are H. W. Tool, Robert, Jess and Gerry Stock, Henry and Wil Reuer, Harold Luetkenhagen, Walter Stroy, August and Herman Wendt, Elmer Miller, Jerry McHugh, Jr., Charles I. Long, Kenneth Tool, Harry Gillespie and John Donelan, Jr.

### Bryan Breaks Thumb

While he was in the act of starting an obstetrical car, and of the celebrated Ford pattern, the pesky thing displayed the mule blood in the gutter and kicked vehemently, with the result that Bryan is suffering a fractured thumb, and not too much love for the unruly Ford car. However Bryan is getting along, but it will be a few days before he will be free from pain in the injured hand.

### Entertained Bible Class

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heineman entertained the Young Married People's Bible class at their home a few evenings since and all had a most delightful time and were entertained most pleasantly during the evening by Mr. and Mrs. Heineman. They made the evening more pleasant by a delightful luncheon which they served. This class has for its regular teacher Mrs. W. O. Schewe, who is an excellent instructor and a very close Bible student. When she can not be there the class is instructed by Mr. O. J. Pothast, who is one of the students of the Bible and who can tell the story in a most pleasing way.

### Celebrates Her 63rd Birthday

With the spirit of friendship prevailing in the very sociable city of Murdock, the ladies, and especially those of the Young Married People's class, on last Wednesday, the day of the passing of the 63rd birthday anniversary of Mrs. Malissa J. Crawford, who has been kept to her bed much of late years on account of an accident which has made it impossible for her to get around except in a wheel chair, gathered at her home and celebrated her birthday in most approved manner. The ladies fractured the day one of pleasure to Grandmother Crawford and presented her with some remembrances as tokens of the esteem in which she is held by her many friends in this community. There were present on the occasion and extending to this excellent lady their best wishes for her health, happiness and prosperity, Mesdames L. Neitzel, A. Straus, Henry Reickman, H. R. Schmidt, Mervel, Johnson, Rosenow, E. W. Thimgan, Matthew Thimgan, C. I. Long, W. O. Schewe, Heineman, A. J. Neitzel and Kupke.

### Evangelical 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, 11 to 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

### Spending Short Time in South

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Guthmann departed for Tampa, Fla., where they will enjoy a few weeks' vacation at that popular port, where the sun shines and the weather is nice and warm. They will spend some three weeks there and recuperate for the coming of the summer's work. While there, Miss Minnie Guthmann, sister of Henry, is over from Plattsmouth looking after the household and caring for the Guthmann children.

### Eggs for Hatching

Pure Bred Buff Orpington eggs for hatching, \$3.50 per hundred.  
MRS. JOHN BORNEMEIER.  
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## THREE REPORTED BURNED TO DEATH IN FLAMES' PATH

### Blaze Sweeping Along Fifty-Mile Front in Dakota and North Nebraska.

Rapid City, S. D., March 26.—The situation in the fire swept Rosebud Indian reservation country of South Dakota, near the Nebraska border, tonight was reported to be the most satisfactory since the blazes began yesterday. The wind was lessening its intensity, and with volunteers from six counties fighting the flames, indications were that the fires throughout this entire area would be under control by morning.

The fire sweeping across the Rosebud country and into Nebraska extends from Martin and White River, S. D., to a line a few miles north of Cody, Neb., and thence east toward Springfield, Neb. It was indicated by reports received here late tonight from the outposts of the flaming area.

Valentine, Neb., March 26.—Reports late tonight of the prairie fires which have swept along the Nebraska-South Dakota border, since late yesterday, indicated that an area estimated at 16 thousand square miles wide and 2 hundred miles long. No estimate of the damage could be made at midnight.

Traveling at a rate of about twenty miles per hour, is now about forty miles east of here.

White River, S. D., March 26.—Three prairie fires were raging in the Rosebud reservation tonight while ranchers and Indians were fighting separately to check the flames. Three inland villages had been turned to ruins by blazes and one report received here told of a woman and two small children being burned to death at Tuthill, Bennett county.

The villages reported swept by the flames are Vetal, Tuthill and St. Francis.

Women and children at Cody and Nenzel were routed out of bed, and all male citizens of the towns went to combat the flames which for a time threatened destruction of both places.

All telephone lines in the district are down. One report had it that the devastated area running thru the Rosebud reservation was 100 miles long and nearly as wide.

A rumor that the prairie sweeper had jumped the Northwestern railroad right-of-way east of Valentine and was burning on the south side of the tracks, could not be confirmed.

One ranch near here is said to have been left without a single building standing.

Heavy loss of farm and ranch property has been reported.

## GERMANY WILL SEEK SEPARATE AGREEMENTS

### France, However, Insists Allies Must Be in Accord Before the Investigation.

Paris, March 26.—Unofficial, but reliable information in Diplomat circles in Paris is that Germany will soon send a second memorandum to the powers explaining her original proposition on security. A semi-official communique hints that the allies are not yet agreed over the question of German's disarmament.

Failure of the ambassadors' council at its preliminary meeting today to touch upon the question is set forth as evidence that the subject will be avoided until German's second note is received. German's idea, it is said, appears to be to arrive at a separate security treaty with each of her neighbors.

Word from Berlin indicates a desire to send competent negotiators to discuss with the ambassadors the restrictions imposed on the reich concerning the construction of airplanes.

The French view is that it is essential that the allies be in complete agreement before negotiating with Germany. It is understood instructions with which M. DeLauriau, the French ambassador, returned to London emphasized the point upon which the French government insists—namely, that any pact with Germany must be compatible with strict execution of the letter and spirit of existing treaties.

R. M. Beck and family of Nebraska City and Harmond Beck and family of University Place were here today for a few hours looking after the probating of the estate of the mother of the Messrs. Beck.

Guy Long was among the visitors in Omaha today, being called there to look after some matters of business.

## NEW CROP FORECASTS IRON OUT UPS AND DOWNS

### Department of Agriculture Offers Suggestions as to the Adjustment of Supply of Products.

Great improvements in the adjustment of the supply of farm products to the demand are made possible as a result of recent innovations in crop estimating and forecasting by the United States department of agriculture. Forecasts of the production of crop and livestock have attained enough accuracy to indicate future price trends. Farmers can use such forecasts in planning their planting and breeding operations. In this way ups and downs, both in production and prices, can be made less extreme and orderly marketing is facilitated. Indeed, some regulation of production is almost a prerequisite of orderly marketing. When efficiency in seed selection, soil culture, and crop rotation is supplemented by an intelligent adjustment of production to probable market demands, farming is much more likely to show a profit than when crop and livestock enterprises are undertaken regardless of indicated price trends and supply conditions.

Crop and livestock reporting by the department covers 71 crops and all classes of livestock. Its value is universally recognized. Official crop statistics protect the farmer by lessening the effect of misleading private reports. They help to stabilize prices and reduce speculative margins by furnishing increased certainty as to supplies. They aid in financing crop movements, and in facilitating transportation and distribution. Important as this service is, however, it is overshadowed in promise of direct benefit to the farmer by some of the newer activities of the department, particularly its efforts to help in adjusting agricultural production to the probable demand.

These newer activities include surveys of livestock and field crop production plans and production prospects. Twice a year, on June 1 and December 1, the department makes a pig survey, as a result of which it forecasts the number of hogs that will be marketed the following autumn and winter. The forecasts, which were started three years ago, have been very close to the actual receipts at the principal markets.

Farmers have profited from the advanced knowledge thus given. An ample benefit to the farmers from the pig survey was furnished two years ago, when the survey showed farmers intended to breed an increase of 49 per cent in the number of sows for fall litters. Warnings were sent out about 25 per cent.

The pig surveys have tended to stabilize hog prices. Hog production in 1923 and 1924, as a result of bumper crop crops, was the largest ever known. This development was forecast by the department. Farmers accordingly reduced their breeding operations so that the tendency to overproduction was somewhat checked, and packers stored less pork than usual so that in the period of heaviest marketing prices had not to sustain the additional weight of large accumulated supplies. The result was lessened price fluctuation. In other words, the forecast of overproduction enabled farmers and packers to deal intelligently with the problem that the supply created.

Another illustration of the practical value of the government's forecasts of forthcoming hog supplies has been furnished in the last few months. A pig survey made last June indicated the farmers were probably going too far in their efforts to cor-

rect the condition brought about by the previous period of large production. They were curtailing their breeding operations too much. In consequence a heavy reduction in hog production was forecast, and the prediction was made that the price of hogs would probably go to \$14 a hundred pounds this summer. This prediction has already been fulfilled, in spite of the fact that the winter saw record marketing of hogs. The forecast of a shortage was so confidently relied on that prices advanced notwithstanding runs of hogs far in excess of current consumption needs.

Forecasts of potato production give the intelligent farmer information that he can turn into money. When the department forecasts a large late crop, the growers of early potatoes know their best policy is to plant their crop as soon as possible, so as to avoid coming into competition with the growers of the late-maturing varieties. If a short late crop is forecast, the producers of early potatoes can hold their supplies for better prices or can augment the supply by delaying harvesting. Similar aids to intelligent marketing are to be given by surveys of dairying, which will forecast butter and cheese production and estimate the number of dairy cows there will be on farms at a certain date. Poultry surveys are planned to indicate the probable demand for how many hens and pullets are being kept for laying, and throw light on the probable spring egg crop.

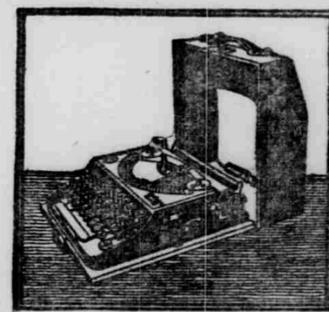
In the case of many crops the farmer has to think in terms of world production. This is true of wheat, corn, wool, sugar, peanuts, cotton, and other commodities. Prices for some of these crops are mainly determined by the foreign market situation. A great deal of information about foreign crops and markets has been obtained and distributed in recent years. Such information is an invaluable guide to farmers as to how much of a given commodity they should aim to produce. While crop yields per acre can not be forecast very far in advance, acreage can be controlled and acreage in the case of many crops is particularly important in determining the final output. Farmers who regulate their acreage in the light of advance information as to the probable demand for any crop are therefore showing sound practicality.

Adjustment of production, says the department of agriculture, is the surest way to prevent disastrous ups and downs in market prices. No control of the marketing process can accomplish this result when production is badly out of balance. It is better to adjust production to demand, than to rely so much on efficiency in marketing to undo the bad effect of mistakes in production. Adjusting farm production, however, is only possible before crops are in the ground and before animals are bred. The turnover of most farm crops is at least a year, and the production of livestock bred, the only adjustment a farmer can make to an unfavorable market situation is to change the time and manner in which he will sell his products. As he can do this only within narrow limits, it is better far for him to gauge his production ahead, in accordance with available data forecasting production and price trends.

As yet relatively few farmers do this. Heretofore, for example, only limited use has been made of the department's intention to plant reports. These reports are issued twice a year, in March for spring crops, like wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, and tobacco, and in August for winter wheat and rye. They show what farmers are planning to plant. Sometimes these plans, if carried out, would shift the acreage of a given crop in the wrong direction. Publication of the "Intention to Plant" reports gives farmers a chance to avoid such errors.

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