

MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

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Homer Lawton and family were visiting in Lincoln with relatives for over Sunday, they driving over to the big city in their auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Ruenfing of Brownville, Neb., and their daughter, Lydia, are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Fred Cordes.

George Schafer and daughter, Miss Carrie of Manley, were visiting last week at the home of Charles Schafer for last Thursday, and enjoyed a very nice time.

O. W. Gillespie was a visitor in Lincoln last Thursday, where he drove in his car to secure some repairs for A. H. Ward, who was making some repairs on a car.

Will O. Schewe has invested in a Ford touring car, which will add greatly to his facilities for transportation and make an excellent car for the family to get around in.

A card from Henry A. Guthman and family, who are at this time at Sudance, Wyo., tells of their enjoying the excellence of the climate at that place and having a good time.

The ladies who have been coming in at Murdock the past two weeks returned home last Thursday afternoon and report of having had a most pleasant time while they were away.

Louis Schmidt was in town last Thursday with the mower and clipped the grass and weeds from the streets surrounding his father's place and thus enhanced the natural beauty of the home.

Lawrence Stauss is assisting in the services at both the Murdock church and the Louisville church. He conducts the services in the American language while his father preaches in German.

Mrs. H. E. Lawton of Wabasha, was a visitor at the home of her son, H. G. Lawton, in Murdock, last Wednesday and Thursday, returning home Thursday evening after enjoying a very pleasant visit with her son.

Roy Ochlerking and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marshall, who have been in the west visiting at Bird City, Kansas, report that the crops are fair in that section, and that they enjoyed the trip and visit very much.

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E. W. Thimgan and Oscar E. McDonald were visiting in South Bend, where they both went to see the man, who was found dead, and view the remains, which they both thought must have been shot by someone other than the man himself.

L. Neitzel and wife were visiting at Omaha for over Sunday and were guests at their daughters, and when they returned were accompanied by Miss Eleanor Harrington, a granddaughter, of Kansas City, who will visit at Murdock for some time.

Charles Kupke, has twelve acres of wheat which averaged 17 bushels, and this looked pretty good, but the other forty acres which he had only made 7 bushels, which cut the average down to 9.55 per acre, which is nearer the general average over the county.

Miss Thelma Winklepex, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Winklepex, who has been making her home in Lincoln

where she and her friend, Miss Balster are employed has been visiting at the Winklepex home for the past week. Miss Balster is also visiting at the same place.

George L. Berger, who has been visiting at the home of his brother, A. J. Berger, for some time past, departed last Wednesday for Indianola, where he will expect to visit for a short time and then go on to his home in California and will expect to arrive in Long Beach about August 1st.

Otto Rickhoff and the family, who have been making their home at Waukomis, Okla., for many years, arrived in Murdock and vicinity and have been visiting with friends here. They may conclude to make their home here in the future, as they have disposed of their holdings in the south.

Eddie Bauer's home and its contents were destroyed by fire last Friday afternoon. Eddie Bauer lives six miles southeast of Murdock. The origin of the fire is unknown. Mrs. Bauer had bought a Colonial Banquet range of L. Neitzel last spring, which was destroyed, but Mr. Bauer got another one last Monday. No other would do.

A young man from out of town, coming from near Ashland, was apprehended last week for stepping on the gas and assessed a fine of five dollars and with the trimmings it amounted to \$9.85, which was paid and the young man turned loose with the admonishment to go and do no more, for the fine would be increased the next time.

The musical program held at the Evangelical church last Saturday night was of a high order. Miss Katherine Tool has developed a fine choir and has brought out a great deal of latent talent. It is a great delight to the congregation to have the choir render their songs of praise at the regular Sunday services. The people are beginning to appreciate the painstaking work of the choir leader.

Oscar Dill and two sisters departed last week for the west and will spend about ten days or two weeks in that portion of our country. They will visit the National Parks in Wyoming, they are desirous of making the trip and getting back before it comes time to take up the school work.

A good threshing outfit, in A-1 condition, 15 h. p. Reeves compound steam engine; 32x60 special Avery separator; new water tank, pump and hose, and a new 150-foot 5-ply drive belt.

EDW. GUEHLSTORFF, Murdock, Neb.

Harvesting in Kansas. Martin Bornemeier and the family departed last Friday morning for the west going directly to Woodland, Kansas, where Mr. Bornemeier has a large acreage of wheat and which is reported as being quite good. He has 181 acres of land in wheat and will remain thru the threshing season before coming home. He expects to be thru in about a week or ten days. The family are accompanying him and all expect to go on to Colorado Springs for an outing, as well as to work with the wheat.

Evangelical Church 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

Band Concert Draws Many At the band concert that was held in Murdock last Wednesday there was the usual large crowd present who most thoroughly enjoyed the excellent concert this band furnishes. These band concerts are drawing many people in from out of the neighborhood to this excellent town.

W. H. Rush Returns to the North W. H. Rush, who has been in the south for the past two years, and who went there to make his home, found that his health was not the best there and as his wife lost her life there, he has disposed of his holdings and returned to make his home in the north again. Mr. Rush, who is one of the finest of men and a most excellent citizen, was a visitor in Murdock last Thursday for a short time

and returned to Lincoln where he has a daughter. The many friends of Mr. Rush would be pleased to have him return to Murdock to make his home. He has not as yet decided as to what he will do in the future.

Murdock's Big Days. The committee in charge has arranged the two big days for Murdock, Ford Days, on August 27th and 28th. These days have proven great attractions for the people and more attractions will be given this year than ever before. The Murdock band, whose music has become so popular in the band concerts, will furnish music and this will add greatly to the interest of the occasion. Keep your weather eye out for further announcements of the occasion.

Will Be There Two Days. Mr. Hawkins of Weeping Water, who has been giving instructions to the members of the Murdock Band, coming in the past once a week, will in the future come two time per week, thus giving the members of the band more training.

The White Estate. Homer Lawton has been very busy painting the home of Frank Buehl, which he has been painting the building of this excellent gentleman white. This makes the place very prominent, as it is situated on an eminence, and this makes it very easily seen from a distance in many directions. Mr. Buehl believes in having things look nice and white, and Mr. Lawton is just the boy who can make them that way.

Visiting in South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Guthmann and three children, of Murdock, Neb., and Mr. and Mrs. Lane of Ainsworth, Neb., were in the city Sunday and callers at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fellows. Their visit in this city was particularly to see Mrs. Will Chase, a former classmate and fellow graduate of Mr. Guthmann, in Plattsmouth, Neb., and he was quite disappointed in finding she was no longer a resident here. Mr. Guthmann is a banker at Murdock, and the family is making a tour of the hills, including Devil's Tower and Arman lake. All were surprised and delighted with the unexpected beauties of this country. The editor of this paper has been well acquainted with Mr. Guthmann's family for many years, much respected citizens of Plattsmouth, and regrets that he did not meet the Nebraska party, owing to absence from town.—Belle Fouchie (S. D.) Post.

FARMERS FOUND TO BE FARING BETTER Returns Last Year Surpass One Before, But Still Deficient For Capital Invested.

Washington, July 24.—Farmers failed to earn a fair return on the capital invested and a fair wage last year, although they fared better financially than in the preceding year, the department of agriculture declared today in an analysis of the agricultural balance sheet. On the total capital invested in agriculture the return for the year was estimated at 4.5 per cent compared with 3.3 the year before. In round figures the net income for the 1924-25 season, the department said, was \$2,712,000,000, compared with \$1,922,000,000 for 1923-24.

This sum, however, did not go entirely to farmers, as they own only 79 per cent of the total capital and pay interest on the balance. The return on the farmers' unencumbered capital for the year was estimated at 4.1 per cent compared with 2.4 per cent the preceding year, although they had to pay an interest rate on borrowed capital of 6.4 last year compared with 6.6 per cent the year before.

"Thus," the department concluded, "as a combined return for the use of their capital and for their own managerial services, farmers received around 2 per cent less than was paid solely for the use of other capital under conditions not requiring the leaders to take any active part in production."

The department estimated the current value of the total capital invested in agriculture last year at \$79,154,000,000 compared with \$59,548,000,000 for the preceding year and the farmers' unencumbered capital \$48,504,000,000 compared with \$47,298,000,000.

U. S. MARSHAL OF IOWA MAKES CHARGE DENIAL Washington, D. C., July 24.—Fred Davis, United States marshal for northern Iowa district, returned to Sioux City today after making full denial of charges made against him in opposition to his reappointment.

Assistant General Sargent and his assistant, John Marshall, in charge of administration work in the department, conferred with Davis. They said Davis had come here voluntarily to submit to questioning. Federal Judge George C. Scott of Sioux City, and District Attorney G. P. Linville of Cedar Rapids will be asked to submit reports to the department here regarding Davis' fitness for reappointment. It is unlikely the vacancy will be filled until congress meets in December, but Davis will hold over until that time.

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FOREIGN INVESTMENTS OF U. S. WORTH 9 MILLION

Large Increase in Number of Foreign Issues up to July First.

Washington, D. C.—Our total foreign investments, exclusive of the amounts owed the United States by foreign governments, is estimated by the department of commerce at a little more than \$9,500,000,000.

The par value of foreign securities publicly offered in this country during the first half of 1925, amounted to \$551,591,000, as compared to \$379,700,000 for the corresponding period last year, according to Theodore B. Goldsmith of the finance and investment division of the department of commerce. The amount of new capital arrived at by deducting refunding issues from the total amounted to \$437,265,000, or more than 100 per cent for the first six months of 1925.

There was also a large increase in the number of issues. Sixty-three foreign issues had been bought out up to July 1, as compared with forty issues for the first half of last year. The volume was below that of the latter half of 1924, however, when the investment totaled \$830,987,000, of which \$642,087,000 represented new capital.

Europe was the largest borrower during the first half of the present year, the gross volume of loans amounting to \$237,000,000. Latin America was second with \$151,081,000 and Canada third with \$131,910,000. Asia, which led last year with one loan to the Japanese government of \$125,000,000, comes fourth this year with only \$31,000,000.

The total of loans to governments and enterprises enjoying government guarantees amounted to \$416,671,000, of which \$321,171,000 was new capital. Of the total corporate issues amounting to \$134,486,000, new loans accounted for \$125,000,000. During the year 1924, corporate loans amounted to only \$150,000,000 or less than one-seventh of the total while for the first part of this year they represented about one-fourth.

The actual amount of increase for the first six months of 1925 was about \$85,000,000.

European corporations received \$48,100,000, most of which will be used as working capital, while for the same purpose Germany alone received \$30,000,000.

Loans to foreign governments were offered in the United Kingdom so far this year.

At the end of 1924 our foreign investment exclusive of money owed the United States government amounted to \$9,090,000,000 and it is safe to assume, according to department officials, that this figure has been increased by at least \$457,000,000 giving a total of about \$9,547,000,000.

ANGLO-AMERICAN TREATY SOUGHT

Permanent Peace Pact Urged at Meeting of Liberal Federation.

London.—A plan for a permanent Anglo-American peace treaty was put forward at the recent Scarborough meeting of the National Liberal Federation by R. C. Hawkins, one of the unsuccessful Liberal candidates at the last general election.

Mr. Hawkins contended that one of the great successes of the nineteenth century was the Anglo-American arbitration treaties which really did avoid war. He pleaded therefore for the transformation of the "existing" permanent peace treaty, eliminating all reservations and fixing the Hague Court as the arbitral tribunal to settle all differences.

In this latter connection Mr. Hawkins advocated the establishment of an Anglo-American commission to codify in co-operation with the Hague judges, a body of international law applicable to all disputes between the British Empire and the United States, thus eliminating all possibility of war within the English-speaking world.

Such a peace treaty could afterwards be extended to other nations, and Mr. Hawkins added, no doubt the Rush-Bagot policy, which has made it possible for 3,000 miles of frontier between Canada and the United States to be left unarmored for 100 years, could, by degrees, be applied to other nations also, notably Portugal and Belgium, whose territories in Africa march with Great Britain's for many hundreds of miles.

Such a policy, Mr. Hawkins explained, would not entail any American entanglements with the British. European politics any more than it would involve Britain's shouldering American problems in the Pacific; but it would give greatly increased strength and prestige to the peace policy of both nations in their relations with the rest of the world. If the two countries could further agree to "decline finance, arms and raw materials to such other countries as will not substitute law for force," they might be able to prevent war altogether," he said.

The way to get hold of a lot of money without working for it is to be born rich, or steal it through forgery and false swearing.

Contributions to Legion's New Memorial Bldg.

Very Good Showing in First Published List of Contributors—But Few Turndowns.

From Saturday's Daily—With the Legion's auditorium campaign just one week old, the check-up last night on the score of solicitors for the first published list of contributors was most gratifying.

As in all such enterprises, there are a few surprises and a few disappointments, but on the whole, the public spirited co-operation of those to whom request has been made so far is very encouraging. Very few turndowns have been encountered, and in nearly every instance the action was warranted by financial conditions.

The Legion has attempted to set no quotas and is leaving it wholly up to individuals how much they will give. It has, however, arranged a payment plan for those who feel they cannot pay off their pledges in cash August 15th, without working an undue hardship upon themselves. Under this plan a man may contribute as much as \$100 without excessive drain on his pocketbook, as he need pay but \$10 down on August 15th, and the remaining \$90 will be carried over a period of ten months, without interest, payable \$9 a month.

As quickly as the cards now out in the business section are turned in properly signed, the solicitors will engage in a city-wide canvass, allowing every individual to contribute something to this fund. Still later, Plattsmouth precinct will be canvassed, for the community at large will share in the enjoyment of this building and it is believed should have a part in helping to provide for its erection. Those now having cards out can greatly expedite the work by arriving at a conclusion as to what they will give and turning them in promptly.

List of Contributors Following is the list of contributions received to date:

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Dr. J. H. Hall	5.00
Garrat Wilson	2.00
Herman Reichstadt	2.00
Byron Golding	1.00
H. Waintraub	1.00
TOTAL TO DATE	\$ 2,855.00

FRENCH DRAW CLOSER TO DEBT NEGOTIATIONS

Paris, July 24.—The experts who have been working on the French debt to Great Britain are continuing their consultations with the British experts. Finance Minister Caillaux today informed the cabinet that the situation was expected to be ripe for discussion of details of a settlement early in September, when he will go to London to take up the matter with Winston Churchill, chancellor of the exchequer. The commission to consider the funding of the American debt will then, it is thought, be ready to start for the United States to talk over France's debt to that country, and, unless the situation then seems such that M. Caillaux cannot be absent from France for three or four weeks, he will head the commission.

FIRST BALE OF COTTON BRINGS 58 CENTS A POUND

New York, July 24.—A record price, of 58 cents a pound, was established today when the first bale of the 1925 cotton crop was auctioned off for charity on the floor of the New York Cotton exchange after the close of the market. The bale came from Georgia and was the earliest new crop cotton from that state ever received in New York. Samuel T. Hubbard, Jr., vice-president of the exchange, was the purchaser.

Blank books at the Journal office.

LEGION POST TO BE HONORED

Columbus, Neb., July 23.—The Legion post of Trenton, Nebraska, and the citizens of that community will be signally honored at the state convention of the American Legion, which will be held here July 27-29, 1925.

This community has the distinction of making the greatest contribution to the endowment fund for World war orphans and disabled men which was raised in Nebraska during the summer. A large loving cup will be presented to the Trenton delegates by Commander Bosley on the third morning of the convention in recognition of their splendid co-operation.

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French reinforcements are arriving in ever-increasing numbers and are being equipped without delay. They will relieve the tired troops at the front. Preparations are under way to strike what Premier Poincare has termed "a smashing blow" should peace negotiations fail.

General Stanislas Naulin, the new commander-in-chief of the French forces, has established headquarters in the neighborhood of Taza. He is in communication with Marshal Pétain, and a great offensive against the Moors appears imminent.

Fliers Delay Start

Paris, July 23.—Some hitch has occurred to postpone the departure of the American aviators who are to serve with the French forces in Morocco against the rebel tribesmen. It had been announced they would leave Paris tomorrow afternoon for Toulouse and fly to Morocco. Tonight, however, it was asserted that the aviators would leave for Africa until early next week. The Americans are under command of Colonel Charles Sweeney of Seattle.

The official reason given in American quarters tonight for the delay was that "commercial planes are not ready to accept the American aviators as passengers" and that they would fly in French military planes Monday or Tuesday. From French sources, however, it was learned that some difficulty has arisen through "red tape," it being desirous to fix the exact status of the American volunteers, who, under the rule governing foreign legion enlistment in France, would be required to serve five years.

Participation by American aviators in the war in Morocco has been greeted with mixed feelings by the French public. Many persons welcome the volunteering of the flyers as proof of America's good feeling towards France, while others resent it, asserting that France is well able to take care of herself in Morocco.

OUT OF TOWN DONATIONS

From Saturday's Daily—Henry Soenichsen, one of the enterprising members of the Legion's memorial auditorium financing committee is not confining his activities to the home town folks alone, but is putting out cards among the salesmen who call on the Soenichsen store and receiving generous small donations that attest the interest of the salesmen in helping to put the proposition over. J. W. Hughey, the veteran Nebraska City grocerman, pledged \$5 yesterday to the building fund. Mr. Hughey knows the problems encountered in raising money for such enterprises, as he was among the most active in helping finance the Elks building in Nebraska City some years ago and it was largely due to his efforts the proposition was put over successfully and the fine building in our neighboring city erected.

The Atlantic City bathing suits edict for this season is anything within reason, but the censor has the regulation of the limits and latitudes of reason.

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MEXICAN TRADE SHOWS BIG GAIN

Monthly Business Estimated at \$30,000,000—Need For Stable Basis.

Washington.—Business between the United States and Mexico is now being conducted at an average of \$30,000,000 per month, it is stated in an analysis of trade between the two countries published today by the Mexican embassy. Mexico is second only to the United States as a world producer of petroleum, and leads the world in the production of silver.

The necessity for a stable basis for analysis of trade between the two countries is seen from the great volume of trade, which has increased by leaps and bounds since 1922.

The embassy report stated: "This trade is increasing constantly. The total foreign trade between Mexico and the United States in 1923 amounted to \$241,972,757. United States currency in 1923 it increased to \$260,338,126; in 1924 it jumped to \$302,164,008, and during the present year business is conducted at an average of \$30,000,000 per month or \$365,000,000 per year."

"During the first months elapsed from January 1 to May 31, 1925, trade with the United States is represented by \$151,422,971. The imports from this country amounted to \$63,719,768, and the exports from Mexico \$87,710,083."

For the period from 1918-1924, trade across the border amounted to over \$2,600,000,000, according to the report, there being a balance of trade favorable to Mexico of \$21,398,108.

The importance of Mexico's petroleum business is indicated by figures for 1925, showing a production of 10,548,493 barrels. Production for 1924 was 139,497,476 barrels.

"The Mexican market is becoming more and more important as a consumer of manufactured products and as a source of supplies for raw materials and natural products," the report concludes.

The chief Mexican exports to the United States are silver, lead, zinc, petroleum and vegetable products. Its imports are largely manufactured goods.

STATE HAS MANY SCHOOL PUPILS

School Attendance of the State Has Reached Quarter of a Million—410 Accredited H. S.

Nebraska has had an average attendance of 253,955 pupils in the schools of the state, according to figures compiled at the state superintendent's office, from reports of the county superintendents. The per capita cost of instructing these pupils is \$117.87. For the total enrollment of 225,746, which includes many pupils who fall out thru illness or move away, the per capita cost is estimated at \$22.47.

The state law fixes the sum of \$108 as the fee to be paid high schools of the state for instruction of non-resident pupils, those living where no high school exists. Last year 11,529 pupils took advantage of the free high school law.

Nebraska has not entirely outgrown the log school house. Statistics show that the state has 129 log school houses, 47 sod houses, 129 stone, 697 of brick and 6,794 of pine. During the year just closed 137 schools were built.

The graded schools have had 110,884 pupils with a total of 7,852 teachers. The number of teachers in the rural schools was 6,715, with 129,581 pupils. The average salary for teachers in the 6,317 one-teacher schools has been \$752.66.

The state has 110 accredited high schools, with 2,715 teachers. The number of pupils in accredited high schools last year was 46,742, and of this number, 7,932 received diplomas at the end of the year. The graduates from all the high schools of the state numbered 8,521. The total enrollment in all the high schools was 53,281.

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