

# MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

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Mr. Guss Gakometer was a visitor in Lincoln on Wednesday.

By Klemme and family drove to Lincoln Wednesday to do some shopping.

Mrs. Elma Hornemeyer has been visiting with friends in Lincoln the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Vogt are past parents of a baby boy, born on Monday.

Mrs. Herman Schweppe was in Lincoln Wednesday. She is feeling much better at this writing.

Mrs. Rev. Walter and twins of Arlington, Neb., was visiting at the Henry Gakometer home Monday.

William Bourke shipped a car load of mixed stock to the South Omaha market last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. George Uit has been visiting in Omaha for the past week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jesse March.

C. A. Kupke shelled some corn during the last week which he was putting in his bin for the purpose of feeding.

Just fifteen minutes before it was to have a very fine rain came to the suffering corn fields. That is the Nebraska way.

Little Kenneth Lett of Council Bluffs, is spending a week with his grandmother, Mrs. L. M. Amgwer, and uncle, Henry.

J. E. McHugh and wife were visiting and looking after some business matters in Omaha last Friday, making the trip via their auto.

Louis Hornbeck and family were visiting in Murdock last Sunday, driving down from their home in Lincoln for the day with friends and relatives.

O. J. Postant and family were spending Sunday at the home of relatives and friends in Lincoln, driving over Saturday evening and staying until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stroy and family motored to Lincoln Sunday. While there they spent the afternoon at the Capital Beach. A very pleasant time was had.

C. A. Kupke departed the latter portion of last week for the northern portion of the state, going to Peirce county where they are visiting with relatives and friends for a few days.

Emil H. Miller was over from Elmwood and was looking after some business matters for a short time.

He will expect to move to Elmwood and make his home there in a short time.

Mr. Ernest Schleuter, who has been quite sick the past few weeks, but who had been recovering nicely has been reported as not feeling so well again the last few days. Hopes are for a speedy recovery.

J. H. Donahue of Lincoln, representing an insurance company of Lincoln, was in Murdock last Thursday and secured Mr. O. J. Postant as their local representative for Murdock and the surrounding territory.

Henry Oehlerking was a visitor in Omaha last week where he went with J. Johnson, who was hauling hogs to the South Omaha market for him and was well pleased with the service and the prices which he received.

L. Neitzel, A. J. Neitzel and Mrs. O. J. Hitchcock of Havelock, went to Lincoln last Sunday, to attend the funeral of L. J. Goehry, at that place. Mr. Goehry being a school and classmate of A. J. Neitzel and Mrs. Hitchcock.

F. A. Brunkow and family were spending last week at the home of Rev. John W. Oehlerking, at Sidney where he is the minister, and enjoyed the most splendid time on their trip. Mr. Brunkow is farming the Oehlerking place here.

Ray Gelsinger was a visitor in Nebraska City and other towns east and in the eastern portion of Cass county. He arrived home last Thursday evening bringing with him good rains, which the people were glad to welcome as well as Harry.

Ray Gelsinger, who, with the family, moved to Weeping Water some time since, where he is assured he would find more work in his line of carpentering, was a business visitor in Murdock last week, and was accompanied by his family for a short visit.

When the rain came last week, Gust W. Lett assured that there would be a good corn crop and accordingly disposed of what he had on hand with the exception of what he would be needing for feeding on the present crop could mature.

Martin Hornemeyer, who has been in the west looking after his crops there returned home a short time since and reports that the crops on his lands in the west were some better than he had expected to find them, and which by the way is a good way to be disappointed.

A. J. Tool departed this time for Gordon with the family, where they will visit for two months at the home of relatives and enjoy the fishing and hunting. The folks will also be along and enjoy the visit. They have expected to have gone sooner but business kept them so they could not get away.

A. H. Ward reports that word from his sister, Miss Verna Ward, and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Keedy, who are spending some time in the west, having visited on their way out, Pueblo, Colorado and are now in Los Angeles, Cal., where they are having an excellent time and where they will remain for some time.

Word from the west where Emil Rikhl moved some time since and where he purchased a half section of land when he went west, is to the effect that the acre lying the country well there and that they have recently purchased an additional half section this making them a full section of 640 acres and will afford them many acres of wheat.

J. Johnson and family departed on last Saturday evening for Manning, Ia., where they went to visit at the home of relatives of Mrs. Johnson, remaining for over Sunday. They drove over in the car of Mr. Johnson and enjoyed the time very nicely. They were accompanied by Ashland Johnson of Durant, Iowa, who is a nephew of Mr. Johnson and who has been visiting here for some days past.

Henry Oehlerking and the folks were visiting for the past week at the home of friends at Sunday, where they found the crops excellent. Mr. Oehlerking was accompanied by Charles Marshall, they also going to Grant, in Perkins county, Mr. Marshall succeeded in renting a farm, 320 acres, and returned to Cass county, loaded two trucks and shipped them immediately from Ashland to the west following himself and will do some plowing and seeding a large number of acres of wheat this fall. They will not move for some time.

The memorial service for W. J. Bryan last Sunday night at the Evangelical church, was not very largely attended but was very impressive. The sermon, by Rev. L. Stauss, paid a glowing tribute to the sterling Christian character of W. J. Bryan. While L. Neitzel reviewed the rise of the "Boy Orator of the Plains," his dominant figure in the national conventions of his party; and his great achievements as a lecturer, especially when he delivered that matchless lecture, "The Prince of Peace." But that he at last, as the defender of the Bible and our cherished religion of hope and faith, he overtaxed his strength and died on the battlefield, a hero, and that he rests besides George Dewey and the "Unknown Dead" in beautiful Arlington cemetery, with the heroes of a grateful nation. The saxophone quartet rendered special music which was appreciated greatly.

Evangelical Church Services at Louisville church at 9:30 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. t

Departed Last Friday. Last Friday afternoon William Strich, Paul Stoke and Howard Brunkow, driving Mr. Stoke's car, departed for the west where they will take an outing for some two weeks. While they are away the expect to visit Estes Park, Yellowstone Park, Colorado Springs, and other places of interest, and will sure have a good time while away.

Makes a Change in Board. Conrad Baumgartner, who has been one of the hard working members of the board of education of the Murdock schools, tendered his resignation as a member of the board a short time ago, and his place was filled by the election of L. B. Gortney, who has been elected as secretary of the board. While Mr. Baumgartner has worked hard and made one of the best members of the board ever had, we are hoping that Mr. Gortney will make as good a one.

Celebrate Their Birthdays. Harry V. McDonald's birthday occurred on August eight, and Mrs. H. A. Tool's on August 7th. The two families have been in the habit of celebrating the birthdays together, and have selected Meadow for the purpose and on last Friday evening drove over to this celebrated fishing resort, where they camped until Sunday evening, thus celebrating both birthdays and having a splendid time.

Cut Your Weeds. The board of Village Trustees requests the citizens of Murdock to cut the weeds around their property, and generally clean up, so as to present a clean town to the many visitors on Ford Day—Aug 27 and 28. The response in the past to this request was so well observed that the board expects that the mention of the request will be sufficient.

Big Crowd at Band Concert. The band concert continued to draw a big crowd of people to Murdock on all Wednesdays, when the concert is given. Last Wednesday evening was no exception and why should there not be a large crowd to hear the excellent music which the band produces.

Are Organizing a Ball team. The Young Men's Bible Class, the one which is taught by Mr. Henry Reickmann, have organized a ball team and will play all comers in their line that is of Bible school classes, but are not posing as professionals, still they have some very excellent players in the class and the team. The team will be managed by Mr. Wayne Swartz, who is a member of the class and a good ball player.

Crops Looking Fine in Northwest. Gust Wendt was a visitor in the northwest, going to Pullerton, in Platte county, and returned during the past week, and reports the crops looking fine, and about equaling the corn east of Manley to the river, which is considered as being excellent.

Returns Home Wednesday. Henry Guthman and family, who have for the past month been in the northwest, where they have been taking an outing, report a very fine time as they returned last Wednesday, one day before the coming of the rain. Mr. Guthman tells of the excellent scenery in the Black Hills, being equal to what is seen at Pike's Peak, and other famed places in that region.

They visited at Ainsworth, which is the home of the parents of Mrs. Guthman, and there enjoyed a number of days, and Mr. Guthman has many words of praise for the business place with its thriving business houses and beautiful residences.

Enjoy Visit to Arbor Lodge. E. H. Miller and wife, Mathew Thomas and C. I. Long were enjoying a visit at Arbor Lodge last Sunday, they driving over and taking their dinner, which they ate in the cool shade of the trees which make so wonderful a place for the picnic parties which go there from all over the state as well as from other states. They also went through the home, and were entertained by lecturers, who gave a very interesting description of the early days of the Mortons in Nebraska and Nebraska City.

Looking Good in West. Frank Rosenow, who went to the western portion of Kansas, some time since in company with Emil Kuehn, returned last week, and reported things looking nicely there, both gentlemen have had there, and have wheat which Frank reports making better yields than they had expected. It was raining there and the threshing could not be done at that time and as Mr. Rosenow fancied he had work here to look after, and Mr. Kuehn was looking after matters there. When Frank arrived at home he found that the son had completed the fall plowing and thus he was out of a job when he got home.

Will Visit Here Soon. A letter from W. P. Meyers, who is at this time at Sharon, Pa., which says he will have his vacation in a short time and will come to visit with friends in Murdock for a time and will arrive in a short time. Mr. Meyers has made good in his chosen profession that of the field of electricity.

We take this means of expressing our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our many dear friends who gave us their sympathy in the loss of our dear husband, son and brother, —Mrs. J. L. Goehry, Brewster, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Goehry and family.

Simmons to Get Hearing Before Special Session. Appeal of Condemned Man Will Come Before Four Judges—Mothers Plan at Omaha Failing.

The supreme court will meet at 11 o'clock Friday to hear the appeal of Simmons, whose reprieve from electrocution expires next Tuesday. Judge Holmes, attorney who filed the appeal, conferred with Acting Chief Justice, Dean and Judge Day of the supreme court Thursday afternoon. Judge Good is in Lincoln and with Judge Eberly of Stanton present a majority of the court can be assembled.

Deputy Clerk Victor Seymour was called to telephone Judge Eberly at his home at Stanton. In reply, Judge Eberly said he could be in Lincoln Friday at the time designated for a hearing.

The question of a suspension of sentence or stay of execution may be one of the many questions discussed before the court. The case appealed is a habeas corpus proceeding instituted in the district court of Lancaster county. Judge Wheeler of the district court declined to dismiss the case but entered judgment in this form: "That the writ of habeas corpus previously issued be dismissed at plaintiff's costs and that the petitioner be remanded to the defendant, Fenton, to await the execution of the death sentence previously imposed. Petitioner excites. No supersedeas and on stay of execution."

This order is appealed from. Unless the court hears the appeal speedily the case might remain on the docket indefinitely.

Assistant Attorney General Dorn has entered objections to the filing of the appeal, alleging that no final appealable order was issued by the district court, that there are no grounds for an appeal, that the case was not finally submitted by the plaintiff and the warden of the penitentiary, defendant, had no opportunity to cross question witnesses nor to introduce evidence.

Judge Holmes may raise a new question in court Friday by challenging the right of the governor to fix a time for the execution of the death sentence in the reprieves issued by him.

Lack Automobiles. Omaha, Aug. 6.—Plans for a "save Simmons" automobile parade of Omaha chapter of war mothers were reported fading tonight for lack of automobiles. It had been planned to send several car loads of women to Lincoln.

Ten automobiles are needed if the delegates are to drive to Lincoln tomorrow to interview Governor McMullen on Simmons' fate.

As a general thing, Americans do not give their moral support to the rebate system, but when a man spends a lot of money going to an expensive summer resort and then buys a paper from his home town telling of steady temperatures ranging from 62 to 70 degrees back there, he is certainly entitled to some slight measure of "adjustment."

## PIG CROP NEARLY A FIFTH SMALLER

Nebraska Farmers Also Plan to Reduce Fall Crop One Quarter More.

The Nebraska spring pig crop is 19.2 per cent less than last year, according to a survey made by mail carrier and released by the state and federal crop reporting service today. Litters averaged 5.3 pigs.

Farmers plan to decrease the fall pig crop 25 per cent. The pig crop for the entire country is only 8.7 per cent less than last spring, and the number of sows farrowing is 18.8 per cent less. Litters averaged larger.

Nebraska farmers last December planned to breed 88.5 per cent of the number of sows bred for the 1924 pig crop. The June survey shows that the number of sows farrowing was 74.8 per cent of the number farrowing in the spring of 1924, a decrease of 25.2 per cent. Since the average number of spring pigs per litter was 5.3, compared to 4.7 in 1924, the pig crop is only 19.2 per cent less than a year ago.

Nebraska farmers' intentions to breed 25 per cent fewer sows for fall farrowing than in the fall of 1924 will make a marked reduction in hogs in Nebraska, but the state will still have the normal supply, since hog production has increased heavily since 1920.

Surplus hog production increased nearly 80 per cent from 1920 to 1925. The record of market receipts of hogs from Nebraska is: Hogs marketed in 1920, 3,437,000 head; 1921, 3,583,000; 1922, 4,159,000; 1923, 5,786,000; 1924, 6,438,000.

Less wheat and larger corn crops and the cheap corn after 1920 stimulated hog production, until hog prices decreased and corn prices increased to a point where hog production was not profitable.

The decrease in spring pigs in the corn belt states was only 19.6 per cent, and the decrease in sows farrowing was 19.9 per cent. The decrease in spring pigs for the entire country was 8.7 per cent and the decrease in sows farrowing was 18.8 per cent. The average number of pigs saved per litter was much larger throughout the country.

The number of sows bred for fall farrow is reported as 4.5 per cent larger than the number actually farrowed in the fall of 1924 for the United States and about 1 per cent larger in the corn belt.

Previous surveys have shown that fall farrowing have been 20 to 25 per cent less than the number reported bred. Because of the increased prices of hogs, and prospects for a very large corn crop, it is probable that actual farrowings this fall will more nearly approach numbers reported bred than during the three previous years.

Compared with 1923, the peak production year, the number of sows farrowed this spring is about 36 per cent smaller, both in the United States and in the corn belt.

EXPECT NEW RESULTS IN CANCER RESEARCH. British Experimenters Recently Produce Growth in Rats and Chickens With New Virus.

London, July 17.—A new announcement regarding the cancer problem of the British medical research council may soon be expected. This announcement will deal with the next step in the work of the research council, while announced this week the discovery by Dr. W. E. Gye and J. E. Barnard of a virus believed to cause cancer.

At the same time experiments are being made in causing cancer in rats and mice and chickens by means of the newly discovered virus, other experiments are being conducted in humanizing these animals against the work of the virus, and in this work the new revelations are to be made.

While it would be an exaggeration to say a cure for cancer is in sight, the new announcement is expected to indicate probabilities of finding cancer a method of vaccination against cancer.

It can be stated that the discovery of the virus believed to be an important causative agent against cancer by Dr. Gye and Mr. Barnard has been confirmed by independent investigation undertaken by Dr. R. G. Murray of the Imperial Cancer Research fund. This fact is of prime importance since it gives high scientific confirmation of the discovery of Dr. Gye.

The conclusion reached by Dr. Gye and Dr. Barnard is that cancer is caused by a virus, that is, by specific organisms, which in themselves are insufficient directly to cause cancerous growths, but do so when used in connection with a supposedly chemical substance obtained from tumors, which Dr. Gye calls the "specific factor."

The culmination of Dr. Gye's present series of experiments was reached last May when, with cultures made from human cancer virus, the specific factor, he caused a cancerous growth in a chicken in all respects similar to the chicken carcinoma, with which cancer experts have long been familiar. His conclusion that there exists a virus common to cancerous growths is supported by the circumstances that microscopic photographs of a considerable number of different cultures revealed the existence of a seemingly similar organism.

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**LAND DRIFTING THEORY TO GET TEST BY RADIO**

World Wide Check by Time Signals Will Be Used by Geodesists.

Washington.—Some natural scientists believe that North and South America are drifting westward and that Greenland and Canada are gradually separating according to Maj. William Bowie, chief of the division of Geodesy and the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey. In an interview in which he discusses the proposal of using radio signals to test the validity of this theory.

"Personally, I do not believe in this theory," states Major Bowie, "but accurate radio measurements and determinations, repeated at intervals of five, 10 or other groups of years, will surely prove whether the theory is true or false. Most of us, however, believe that the earth's crust is so solid and strong that there is no possibility of such a continent moving away from another like icebergs can separate."

This suggested use of radio, obviously, offers spectacular possibilities. However, no less a distinguished natural scientific body than the International Geodetic and Geophysical Union, at its meeting in Madrid, Spain, during October, 1924, formulated plans to make longitude determinations for a number of stations located around the earth. Time signals, flashed by radio from powerful transmitting stations, will be used in making precise measurements of distances in terms of longitudes.

"In this way, explains Major Bowie in discussing this world-wide plan to employ radio in making astronomical longitudes, "there will be a closed circuit, thus insuring elimination of even the small errors incident to longitude work. There may be six or eight separate differences in longitude between each two contiguous stations and the sum of these differences must add a total of 360 degrees. Many nations will participate in this world-wide project, and a net and, as a result, each country will have its base station for longitude determinations maintained with greater accuracy than was possible by means of the old methods of transmitting time signals over cables and telegraph lines.

"Much preliminary work must be done before this world-wide plan is initiated, but it is hoped that observations will begin late in 1926. The base station determined from this work will serve as an initial point for surveys, maps, and charts for the countries of the world. There is, too, a more spectacular side than merely furnishing base stations for the various countries—that is, to determine whether continents and islands are drifting around with respect to each other.

"All of the above is related to accurate determinations of longitudes when even hundredths of a second must be considered. But there is vastly more difference in longitude determinations each day in which radio plays the major role. This is in connection with navigations of thousands of ships over oceans daily. Captains of vessels must obtain their longitudes and latitudes if the weather is clear. They determine local time by observations on the sun or on a star and compare their time with radio time signals, transmitted from one of the many radio stations of the world, which daily are sending the time signals.

"Before the use of radio time signals, each ship had to carry several high-grade chronometers, with which the captain could obtain the Greenwich time. The use of radio time signals is a much cheaper chronometer or even a high-grade watch can be employed in securing the longitude of the ship in connection with radio time signals. Radio, as a sort of chart or guide, is used by explorers, which time signals are used in the Arctic Ocean in the wolds of Brazil, in the desert

of Sahara, or in the steppes of Asia. "Irrespective of his location, an explorer or mariner is within hearing distance of some powerful radio transmitting station which is sending time signals, thus enabling him to map his route with far greater facility and accuracy than before the invention of radio communication. It may be said that today radio is an absolute necessity in all major mapping and charting activities, in navigation and in exploration."

**GIANT GAS MOTOR FOR GIANT PLANE**

Dayton, O., Aug. 8.—The Dayton News said Friday that an airplane motor, capable of furnishing power for the Barling bomber, the world's largest airplane, is being built for McCook field. It will be the most powerful gasoline engine ever constructed, the News states.

Official government bulletins say that the contract to build the motor was let recently to an Indianapolis engineering firm.

The motor, according to the specifications, is to be 2,400 horse-power, X type with four banks of cylinders.

How huge and powerful the proposed motor will be is shown by comparison. The Liberty motor, reputed as among the most powerful, is rated at 400 horse-power. The Barling bomber is equipped with six Liberty motors. Details of the motor have been guarded with secrecy by McCook field officials. Comparing it with Liberty motors, the gasoline consumption of the new power plant would be approximately 120 gallons an hour.

**AMERICAN AIRMEN TO FIGHT THE RIFFS**

Paris, Aug. 6.—Eleven American aviators who have volunteered for service with the French forces in Morocco against the rebellious tribesmen left today for the fighting front. Six of them went by air. The other five went by train to Marseilles, and will cross the Mediterranean by boat.

Seven aviators were to have gone by plane, but a broken propeller on the machine carrying Capt. W. Graham Bullen of Miami, Fla., and Captain Chausel, a French pilot, forced a postponement of their departure from the Le Bourget airfield until tomorrow.

The American embassy, owing to the fact that the aviators are solely under the command of the sultan of Morocco, could not be represented, but a small gathering from the American colony in Paris gave the fliers a hearty send-off.

**SAYS AUTOMOBILE TRIED TO BEAT TRAIN TO CROSSING**

Bisbee, Ariz., Aug. 7.—Two men are dead, another dying and a fourth seriously injured as the result of a grade crossing accident near Narco, Ariz., when an automobile was struck by the west-bound Golden State Limited, last Southern Pacific train from New Orleans to Los Angeles, tonight.

The men are all believed to be miners employed in this district, but only the surnames of three of them have been learned.

According to advices received here, the engineer of the limited said the car tried to beat the train to the crossing after he had signaled.

**INDIANS LIKE TO "PLAY WAR" AS WELL AS THE WHITE MAN**

Glacier Park, Mont., Aug. 5.—Indians never lose the desire to "play war" any more than the white man does. The only difference is the Red Man can only "do it" in little groups and never more can hope to ever "make it real."

It is a frequent sight during the Indian summer encampment to see a bunch of young Blackfeet braves enjoying a mimic grouping expedition in the Rocky mountains of Glacier National park, the battleground of their forefathers.

"Will Germany Go Dry?" Germany eventually will go dry, and it will happen about the time Texas goes republican.

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