

MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

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Henry Heineman has been assisting in the garage of A. H. Ward during the past week.

Victor Thimman was looking after some business matters in Louisville for a number of days last week.

E. W. Thimman sold a new Ford sedan to John Bornemeier which will make this gentleman an excellent wagon for his use.

Ivan Buskirk was shipping hogs to the Omaha market on last Monday and Wednesday, they being hauled by E. W. Thimman.

Jess Landholm and the family were visiting for over the New Year in Omaha, where they were guests of friends for the year's end.

Henry Schlueter is the proud possessor of a new Essex coach, which he thinks just the thing for the winter and in fact all weather use.

Misses Anna and Marie Bornemeier were visiting in Omaha last Tuesday, they making the trip via the train and remaining for the following day.

Mrs. George Towle, mother of Mrs. J. E. McHugh and Fred Towle, is spending some two weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jess J. Hill, of Omaha.

Mrs. Thelma Winkleplex was a visitor in Lincoln last Saturday and Sunday with a number of her girl friends and enjoyed the occasion very much.

Pauline Kroh has been spending the holidays at her old home at Stella, and while there has been a great deal of visiting and parties.

A. H. Ward and family were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Gillespie for the day New Years and enjoyed the excellent dinner which was served by Mrs. Gillespie.

Alvin Bornemeier has purchased a new sheller and tractor from an Ashland firm and on last Thursday he brought the outfit home and is now preparing to look after the wants of the people in the line of shelling their corn.

The Bible class taught by Mrs. William Rikkl met at her home last Wednesday and worked on the construction of towels and a comforter, which is to be presented to one of the orphan homes which is looked after by the church.

Edwin Rau, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rau, the third of the children to be stricken with scarlet fever, is at this time reported as being very sick at their home, where every care is being taken of the little fellow, both as to nursing and medical care, but still he remains very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goehry, who are farming near Burchard, spent the holiday season at the home of his parents, Jacob Goehry, of Lincoln, and on last Thursday drove over to Murdock from the capital city for a visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. W. Towl and enjoyed the occasion very much.

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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. *tt*

Behawka and Murdock
The basketball teams of Behawka and Murdock tried the matter out in the contest for supremacy at basketball with the result that in a very tightly contested game the Murdock boys won over the visitors on last Tuesday by a score of 33 to 17.

Holstein Bull for Sale
I have an exceptionally fine specimen of a Holstein bull for sale. Can be seen at my home on the west clayton road at any time or address me at South Bend postoffice.
WILLIAM STOCK.

Enjoyed Visits Very Much
Last week J. E. McHugh and family and Fred Towle, single, were visiting at Omaha, where they were the guests at the home of Mrs. Thomas Walling and J. J. Hill and wife. Her return, Edmund Walling accompanied them, being met here last Tuesday by his mother, they visiting until Thursday, when Mrs. Walling and son departed for their home in Omaha.

Saw the Old Year Slip
A very merry party of relatives and friends were gathered last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gakemeier, where they had two objects in view and accomplished both. One was to see the old year slip thru the calendar, which it did with the grace of a six year old; the other was the sociability which the gathering afforded, and sure they enjoyed the occasion. There were present Herman Gakemeier and family, G. Bauer and family, Louis Schmidt and family, William Rikkl and family and Dan Panska and family, as well as Rex Peters and wife of Greenwood.

Watch Party at Bornemeier Home
The young folks were gathered at the home of Henry Bornemeier last Thursday evening, where they celebrated the departure of 1925 and welcomed the arrival of 1926 in the best of manner. They waved farewell to 1925 as they would to a long trusted friend, for the year had been good to them, and welcomed 1926 as they are expecting many favors and good times from the youngster. However, they had an excellent time just the same.

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Pershing to Leave for U. S. at Early Date

"Not Leaving Because of Impossible Condition at Arica," State Department Says in Announcement.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Formal announcement at the State department Tuesday that General Pershing would leave Arica shortly for the United States was coupled with the emphatic statement that his trip had no political or diplomatic significance in connection with the difficulties which has confronted him in his task as neutral head of the Tacna-Arica plebiscitary commission.

General Pershing has been suffering for some time with his teeth, and the pain has affected his face, officials explained, but no comment could be obtained from them with respect to the development of high blood pressure, which has given his physician considerable concern.

"No Excuse"
Department officials characterized as absolutely untrue any suggestion that illness was being used as an excuse for the withdrawal of General Pershing from an impossible situation at Arica and expressed confidence that he would return to complete his work.

An official spokesman for the president declared Tuesday that he had no intention of withdrawing as arbitrator of the dispute and that the arbitration would continue.

General Pershing is not to be consulted in the pending appeal of Chile from the rulings and motions made by him as president of the plebiscitary commission, the attitude of Coolidge being that the only parties which can legitimately be consulted in the matter are Chile and Peru, which have been asked to file formal briefs and documents in the case. Since the date for filing these papers has been set for January 9, the appeal may have been decided before General Pershing reaches the United States, about February 1, if he sails from Arica January 15, as now planned.

Had Planned Christmas Trip.
The general had contemplated a trip home over the Christmas holidays, primarily to obtain dental attention, but the crisis which developed in the Tacna-Arica situation prevented it.

The Chilean appeal has proven the first lull in the work of the plebiscitary commission, and although officials are frankly disappointed that his departure from Arica is necessary at this time, the situation there is such that he will be able to remain away about two months after January 15, without causing interruptions in the proceedings.

3,130 Shake Hands with the Coolidge Family
Diplomats and General Public Received at White House New Years.

Washington, Jan. 2.—More than 3,000 men, women and children—2,130 to be exact—flocked to the White House to shake hands with President and Mrs. Coolidge, who received for nearly three hours in the grandeur of the New Year's custom established more than a century ago.

A third of the crowd—high government officials, diplomats and others—were admitted by card. Later the doors were opened to all comers and for an hour the executive with Mrs. Coolidge at his side, greeted a continuous flow of visitors at the rate of 40 a minute.

The reception began an hour before noon, with members of the cabinet, foreign diplomats, senators and representatives, army and navy officers, lesser government officials and representatives of various patriotic organizations exchanging New Year's greetings with the president and his wife. The general public was received after a brief luncheon rest.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge appeared to enjoy the handshaking ordeal and to each other they extended greetings of the season. The marine band divided into two orchestra sections, played almost continuously as the line wound through the stately rooms of the executive mansion, affording many their first glimpse of the president's residence.

PLATTSMOUTH MAN HONOURED
Court Reporters' Association held their annual meeting at the court house in Omaha, Nebraska, December 30, 1925, opening with a symposium on short cuts in reporting work, and how to attain speed, conducted by Thomas E. Wilson, formerly District Court Reporter in Omaha, but now retired.

Following this there was a general discussion of reporting problems, after which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Chas. B. Scott, O'Neill, Neb.; vice president, L. L. Turpin, Plattsmouth, Nebraska; secretary-treasurer, James M. Johnson, Omaha, Neb.; and librarian, Edwin R. Mockett, Lincoln, Nebraska. Lincoln, Nebraska, was chosen as the meeting place for 1926.

TROLLEY PLUNGES; FOUR ARE KILLED; FOUR HURT

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 31.—Four were killed and four injured, one possibly fatally, here Wednesday night when a trolley car plunged from the municipal bridge more than 100 feet into the bay. The car broke in two when it hit the water. The operator of the car escaped by jumping before the car fell.

The dead: Mrs. Robert Scott, her 6-year-old son, Robert; G. A. Farrow and Torofro Obayoshi. The possibly fatally injured passenger is Earl Hurd, railroad engineer. All are Tacomaans.

The boys who lost their lives were not killed outright, but died in hospitals. Four of the injured are not in a serious condition.

A heavy fog is believed to have caused the accident.

Nebraska Car Census Grows

Percentage of Increase Gain Over That of 1924 Shows Report 300,168 Cars.

Percentage of gain in the total number of automobiles in the state of Nebraska registered in 1925 over those registered in 1924 was slightly larger than the gain of 1924 over the previous year, according to figures published by the motor magazine.

Total number of cars registered this year was 336,660, of 9.2 per cent more than the 308,713 tallied in 1924. The gain registered last year was only 7.9 per cent over the total for 1923.

Total of 300,168 Cars.
Last year Nebraska had 277,477 pleasure cars and 31,266 trucks. This year the cars total 300,168 and the trucks 36,492.

More than 20,000,000 motor vehicles were registered in the United States in 1925. The gain over 1924 was 2,477,751, or 13.0 per cent. The total of passenger cars was 17,658,491, an increase of 2,132,758 over the previous year, while the commercial vehicle total was 2,545,769, an advance of 344,995.

The figures, with part of December estimated, show the second largest numerical gain ever recorded, although the percentage increase was the smallest. The record year in point of numbers was 1923 when registrations leaped ahead by 3,012,888.

Many Vehicles Scrapped.
Comparison of retail sales figures for the United States this year with the gain in registrations indicates that more than 1,000,000 ancient vehicles were scrapped or taken out of use.

There were no especially spectacular numerical gains by states. New York has the distinction of being the first to pass the 1,500,000 mark with an increase of 204,000 cars and trucks. It now has in operation nearly three-quarters as many motor vehicles as all Europe combined.

MATRIMONY IS CALLED THE FINEST OF ARTS
Rome, Jan. 2.—Matrimony is the most difficult of all sciences and the finest of all arts in the opinion of Celsino Fabietti, for 23 years custodian of the ante chamber of the marriage clerk of Rome's city hall.

Fabietti declares that as much more afraid of marriage than women. Sometimes, he says, it has taken all of his great tact and skillful diplomacy to prevent reluctant benefactors from bolting before their turn came to face the marriage clerk.

"You know how to be a husband or a wife is a profession in itself," he says.

"The best way to read a person's character is to listen to him pronounce the fatal 'yes,'" he declares.

Fabietti declares that his room at the City hall has seen more comedies and tragedies than all the theaters of Rome put together, but he adds happy endings have been the rule.

KEOKUK DAM SALE APPROVED BY STATE
Jefferson, City, Mo., Dec. 31.—Approval of the sale of the Keokuk hydro-electric power plant and dam on the Mississippi river and Keokuk, Ia., to the Union Electric company, St. Louis was made late Wednesday by the state public service commission.

The commission also granted the Union Electric company permission to issue \$10,500,000 stock, proceeds of which are to be used for the purchase of Keokuk properties from the Mississippi River Power company and the shares of stock of the Central Mississippi Valley Electric properties.

FIFTEEN ARE SENTENCED IN WHISKEY REMOVALS
Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—Sentenced to two-year terms in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kans., for conspiracy to violate the national prohibition law, 15 men prominent in St. Louis and Cincinnati are held in jail here pending their removal to prison Monday.

Their penalties were fixed for their parts in removal of 891 barrels of whiskey from the Jack Daniel distillery and warehouse at St. Louis in 1923, for which they were convicted here December 18.

Radio Programs Succeed, Linking the Two Worlds

London, Sending Music to U. S. Hears It Rebroadcast from Station WGY, at Schenectady.

New York, Jan. 1.—In thousands of homes of the two Americas, Europe tonight listeners heard the old world and the new speak to each other by radio.

In the most successful attempt yet made to encircle the world, music played in a London club was re-broadcast through nine stations in the United States to all parts of this country, Canada, Cuba, Bermuda and South America, while a program from New York was picked up in England and continental Europe and relayed to listeners abroad.

John McCormack and Lucezela Bori were the stars on the American program, broadcast from Station WJZ, New York, and its associate stations. This program was picked up by Station 2LO in London and rebroadcast from there to England and the continent. Reports here said that various places in France heard McCormack and Bori.

Head in 36 States
Mr. McCormack sang some operatic selections and several popular solos, such as "When You and I Were Young, Maggie." He sang a duet with Bori entitled, "Night Hymn at Sea." The cathedral of Park Avenue Baptist church was played for the benefit of London, but New York listeners were unable to hear the strains of "Big Ben," the clock on parliament tower in London.

Perhaps the crowning achievement of the experiment which was concluded by the Radio Corporation of America, was accomplished when engineers at Station 2LO, London, heard their own program, rebroadcast, as it crosses the ocean to them.

When the program put on the air by WJZ was completed 26 states had reported picking up London program clearly. David Saroff of the Radio Corporation, declared the broadcasting "entirely satisfactory" and said it "demonstrates the ultimate possibility of uniting the world by radio."

Mary Hear London
The rebroadcasting from London was declared a success in messages received at WJZ from persons in Charleston, S. C., Baltimore, Md., New Orleans, La., Miami, Florida, Plymouth, Penn., Princeton, Va., Hattiesburg, Miss., Hot Springs, Ark., and other points near and far.

The listeners described the reception as "fine," "clear as a bell," "very plain" and "clear and distinct." The Radio Corporation said it was the first entirely successful rebroadcasting of an English program.

Station KGO, Oakland, Cal., another of the participating stations and WJZ that the London music and address had come in clearly and had been successfully relayed to the listeners on the Pacific coast.

Other cities reporting hearing London were Highpoint, N. C., Lynchburg, Va., Beaumont, Tex., Cincinnati, O., Downers Grove, Ill., Birmingham, Ala., Memphis, Tenn., Mt. Vernon, Ia., Plattsmouth, Neb., Detroit, Mich., St. Louis, Mo., Iola, Kansas, and Cartersville, Ga.

Station 2LO while broadcasting its program across the Atlantic, heard it rebroadcast from America. This was said to be the very first time in the history of radio that the Atlantic had been heard across the Atlantic at the point where it originated. The result was that 2LO was sending and receiving the same message almost simultaneously. London and Cleveland both received WGY.

IMPROVEMENT SEEN IN COLONEL COOLIDGE
Plymouth, Vt., Dec. 31.—The condition of John F. Coolidge, father of the president, continued to improve Wednesday. His physician, Dr. Albert W. Cram, of Bridgewater said that the heart action had been better in the last two days. Dr. Cram made only one visit to Colonel Coolidge's bedside, and was to have a report by telephone Wednesday night.

Colonel Coolidge, who is 81 years old, has been using his legs through faulty circulation, after a series of heart attacks. Dr. Cram said Wednesday that the heart and general condition were very good, but that he did not look for any change in the condition affecting his patient's limbs.

UNDERGOES OPERATION
From Saturday's Daily—
This morning a message was received from A. S. Christ at Des Moines, announcing that Mrs. Christ, who has been there visiting for several days past had undergone an operation at one of the Des Moines hospitals of a minor nature.

Mrs. Christ was taken ill while at Des Moines and it was thought best to have the operation performed at once. The reports state that Mrs. Christ came through the ordeal nicely and that she is now well on the way to improvement and it is thought will soon be back in her former good health.

MILWAUKEE GRANTED DEBT STAY
Chicago, Dec. 31.—Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson today granted the bankrupt Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad an additional year in which to pay a bond debt of \$1,292,000 due on January 2. The debt is what remains of the redeemed issue of \$1,858,000 that came due last July 2, and resulted in bankruptcy proceedings. At that time Judge Wilkerson extended the debt to January 2.

'G. R.' SAYS WILL BE BACK 'ON AIR' SOON

"I have not left the air. I'll be back on again soon."

This from Gene Rouse (G. R.), who several days ago resigned as announcer at WQAW, the Woodmen of the World station.

Rouse said that his relations with the Woodmen had been very cordial up until the last night he announced for them, and that the only reason he left was because he wanted to better himself.