

MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

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Fred Curtis was the first one to delivered number two corn at the elevators in Murdock.

Ralph Rager was delivering corn to the Farmer's elevator in Murdock on last Thursday, having a good quality of this cereal.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heinemann were visiting with friends and also doing some shopping in Ashland on last Thursday afternoon.

Conrad Baumbartner was looking after some business matters at Eagle on last Wednesday, driving over in his car for the purpose.

A large number of the people of Murdock and vicinity were at Louisville on last Wednesday evening, where they went to attend a lecture.

Miss Viola Everett was a visitor at South Bend last Thursday for the day where she was the guest of her friend, Miss Jessie McNamara.

Miss Bertha Lau who has been making her home in Omaha for some time past was visiting at home on last Monday for a short time with the folks.

C. D. Quinton was a visitor in Murdock last Wednesday and was looking after some business matters, he being engaged in the real estate business at this time.

L. Neitzel and granddaughter Katherine, were over to Havelock on last Thursday evening where they were visitors at the home of O. J. Hitchcock and Rev. Marvin Gilbert.

Connie Reink was a visitor in Omaha on last Wednesday, where he took a truck load of cattle to the South Omaha market and on which he received very satisfactory prices.

John Amgwert was a visitor in Omaha last Wednesday and Thursday and was visiting at the home of relatives as well as looking after some business matters for a short time.

Misses Helen and Anna Bornemeier and Carl Bornemeier, their brother were visiting and shopping in Lincoln last Thursday they making the trip over to the capital city in their auto.

Insure your crops against the hazards of hail for 3 1/2%. No assessments. Losses paid in cash immediately after proof of loss is furnished.—O. J. Pothast, Murdock, Neb.

John H. Buck and wife were visiting and looking after some business matters in Omaha last Wednesday they driving over to the metropolis in their auto and bringing home some materials for use in the blacksmith shop.

A. H. Ward was a visitor in Eagle for a short time on last Wednesday evening driving over with the wife and children and also being accompanied by a niece where all were visiting at the home of friends for the evening.

Miss Nola Noyles was a visitor with friends at Manly last Wednesday and drove over in the excellent Ford coupe which she drives so gracefully and enjoyed a very pleasant visit while there, of course she enjoys driving the car.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Imler of Schubert and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Aue of Howe were spending last Sunday in Murdock they being guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kroh for the day. Messdames Imler and Aue are sisters of Mrs. Kroh.

The Murdock Mercantile company has advertised the city of Murdock as well as their business by the erection of markers at the principal corners and intersections near Mur-

dock, which tells where the rustling city and the excellent store is located.

Albert Schroder was looking after some business matters in Plattsmouth last Thursday, driving over in his auto. He also reported the catching of a large coon which has devastated his hen roosts for the past few weeks and which will not give the fowls any more trouble.

Harry Gillespie, Henry A. Tool and Lacey McDonald formally opened the fishing season on last Tuesday when they went and cast their first lines into the not placid water of the Platte, but the surging impulsive stream which is to supply sport for the Murdock fishermen during the coming year.

A. J. Tool sold two sets of those excellent harness which goes at exactly fifty dollars, to some parties at Cook, Nebraska which is thirty-five miles from Murdock. The parties had learned of the excellent harness which Mr. Tool has been making for the half hundred dollars and hastened up to get theirs.

Mrs. G. V. Pickwell who has been visiting in Chicago for the past three weeks, called there by the arrival of a very young grand daughter, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Pickwell. She was taken with an attack of flu while there but is feeling better at this time and is expected to return home in a short time.

The place cards at the basket ball banquet were very unique and the favors was made from a basket ball with legs attached and a roosters head, with a chicken feather for a tail. It looked like it wanted to crow if it only dared, but there was some there scared between the team which it represented and victory so it did not dare.

Mrs. Eva McRea of Omaha and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Pickwell has been visiting for some time at the home of her parents and keeping house for Mr. Pickwell while the good wife has been in Chicago where she went to greet a grand daughter which recently arrived there coming to make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Pickwell.

Many people of Murdock were at the tournament at Lincoln last week, and enjoyed the excellent games which the Murdock team played.

Among those who were enjoying the games were J. W. Kruger and wife, Mrs. Kroh and daughter, Jess Landholm and wife, E. W. Thomgan and wife, Harry Gillespie and wife, Charles Long, Lacey McDonald, Victor Thimgan, Florence Thimgan, Mary Isabel Tool, Catherine Neitzel and the faculty of the Murdock schools. J. Johnson was up and brought home a load of players and their friends.

Three Score Years and One. That is the age or was the age of G. Bauer on last Sunday and the family celebrated the occasion very appropriately by being home and extending to this gentleman a most welcome greeting as well as extending the wish for many more years of happy and useful life.

How About Band Concerts. With the few warm days and the boys wanting marbles and none in town to sell, and the probability of a ball game, it is time to think of the band concerts which was such a drawing feature on the days when it was staged last year, it is now

about time be thinking of the band concerts and the boys who are to furnish them. They were conducted at a very small expense last year and much favorable advertiser they afforded for the town, that it looks like a move should be made in that direction.

Entertained Her Friends. Little Irene Gorthey was just five years old on last Saturday and entertained some thirteen of her little friends at her home where they played games and had an excellent time and were served with refreshments by Mrs. Gorthey. Those there and to enjoy the occasion were the hostess Miss Irene Gorthey, and little Misses Dorothy Gakemeier, Mary Helen Pothast, Varona Landholm, Fern and Inez Buck, Janet Gutman, Guenivieve Taylor, Rhoda and Ruth Neitzel and Blanche Etchoff.

Murdock Basket Ball Team Has a Fine Banquet

Team That Made Way Into the Finals of Tournament Are Honored by Friends and Boosters.

Murdock sure gave expressions of gladness for the very excellent way in which the Murdock basket ball team performed at the tournament which has just closed, when on last Thursday they were given a banquet, and expressed the satisfaction of the elegant manner in which this team brought the attention of the city of Murdock to the rest of the cities in the state. The team of young men of the Murdock school is one any should be proud of and Murdock is eminently right in being satisfied with the performance of these young men as players of basket ball as well as the exemplary character of the members of the team.

In the first game when Murdock looked up with the team of the Roseland school the boys won by a score of 17 to 5. The second game was with Giltner, and the result of this game was Murdock 15 and Giltner 11. The third game showed the Murdock boys victor by a score of 11 for Murdock and 10 for Broadwater. The fourth game was the hardest fought and resulted in the Murdock boys losing the game by a score of 14 to 18 in this class, Courtland taking the cup.

In recognition of the excellent work of the team the city of Murdock put on a banquet at the high school which was furnished by the ladies of the Royal Neighbors of America, and when these women get after anything they make a success of it, and in this instance it was just like all they go after, they succeeded. It was thought that eighty plates would be enough and this was done, but in the evening it was found that there were more who would like to have attended by the arrangements could not be changed and some dozen or more were disappointed.

The Murdock orchestra furnished the music for the occasion, both at the beginning of the gathering, welcoming them and again at the close when they bid those who had attended, good night.

Henry A. Gutman was selected as the toastmaster and a most excellent selection.

Those who responded to toasts were very appropriate and praised the music for the occasion, both at the institution which sponsored it, and a patriotism for the city of Murdock and the community surrounding it.

Those who responded to toasts were O. J. Pothast and wife, J. E. McHugh, L. B. Gorthey, Emil Kuehn, Mrs. Kieth Hoagland, and Henry Amgwert, besides Lester Thimgan and Carl Baumgartner, both of the team as they were members of the team and knew how much strenuous work had to be put into the games to bring the degree of success which was the result of their work. We like this unity of spirit where all are boosting for the home town team and school.

FATHER BEAT BOY NEW HOME SOUGHT

Fremont, Neb., March 19.—The case of Alfred Calloway, Fremont, who pleaded before County Judge Wintersteen to mistreatment of his 11-year-old son has been taken under advisement by the court. Calloway has been released pending the outcome of the hearing.

Judge Wintersteen is reluctant to send Calloway to jail as it would impose a hardship on the family, already in dire circumstances. Calloway admitted kicking and bruising the boy, County Attorney John Gumb charged. Complaints from neighbors resulted in Calloway's arraignment in court.

Judge Wintersteen is looking about in the hope of finding a farmer who will offer a home for the mistreated youth.

SEEK WAY TO BETTER U. S. CROP REPORTING

Washington, March 17.—A conference of field statisticians of the department of agriculture from twenty-six states of the west and middle-west will meet at Topeka, Kan. April 12 to 16 to consider means for development and improvement of the crop reporting system of the department. The meeting will be devoted largely to discussion of improvements in livestock reporting.

STRAYED OR STOLEN

Scotch Collie dog, from my home, five miles southeast of Murdock, on Thursday night. Finder please notify J. E. Lancaster, Murray. Reward for return of dog. 22-lsw, 1d

Maps of Cass county, showing every man's farm can be had at the Journal office. Price 50 cents each.

Papal Delegate Reaches Mexico

Roman Catholics of Two States Petition Revision of Constitution—Charge Persecution.

Mexico City, March 18.—Roman Catholics in Mexico are making a determined effort to have anti-Catholic laws of the Constitution of 1917 revised. In the states of Puebla and Vera Cruz they have already sent petitions to congress asserting that laws in Mexico in "persecution" of the Roman Catholic represent action by only a fraction of the Mexican people which took advantage of military power.

The petitions aver that the anti-Catholic laws attack rights of race, paternity and citizenship, and that the Constitution deprives the ministers of all cults of their natural civic, political and human rights, rendering difficult the existence of ministers and churches.

The organization of Roman Catholics is nation-wide, working avidly for the return of church privileges. Not satisfied with opposing the Government, the Roman Catholic organization is reported as bitter against Protestants, Masons and foreigners, whom they believe were favored and protected by the Government.

The position of Protestants and foreigners is reported as unpleasant in the interior towns.

Religious trouble continued to be reported from the interior, though in Mexico City normal conditions were approximated. It is reported from Papantla, Vera Cruz, that the home of the Bishop Principa of the church has been closed there, owing to protest of Roman Catholics at the expulsion from the state of the Bishop of Papantla.

While church excitement was subsiding, the new papal delegate, Caruana, arrived, partly unannounced here, undoubtedly to try to better the situation. He is the first papal delegate since Monsignor Philippi was expelled by President Obregon.

FARMING AS A BUSINESS

"Legislation can help agriculture help itself," Governor McMullen declared in an address before delegates attending the convention of the Federation of Nebraska Retailers at Grand Island, Nebraska.

The governor declared that the farmer does not ask the government to help him, but to help his affairs, but does ask that he be aided in working out his own problems. He urged less talk, less thoughtless opposition, and above all, something tried.

"Agriculture is not a local industry in which only the people of the farming communities are directly interested," Governor McMullen said. "It is national in its scope."

It represents an investment of over \$8,000,000,000. In economic matters agriculture must be taken for what it is, namely, our basic industry, and our largest industry. If it can be helped through legislation as other industries are helped then the help should be forthcoming.

"If the tariff system benefits industry as it most certainly does, then it should benefit agriculture. But agriculture must first put itself in position to receive such benefit. As it is now, it is helped by the tariff only in form instead of in fact. Its protection through the tariff is on paper instead of on the farm. But that is not the fault of the tariff. It is the fault of agriculture itself. One obstacle in the way of help through the tariff has been crop surpluses."

"So long as there is surplus of any crops, the surplus must be sold in competition with world production, and the world price received for the surplus is the price that has been accepted for the major portion of the crop. That is wrong and in every way is unbusinesslike. It's the tail wagging the dog."

"Agriculture is not asking special favors of the government and it is not asking the government to step in and manage the farmers' affairs. It simply wants help to which it is entitled, the same kind of help the government has given industry, labor and finance. And there is another thing agriculture wants: It wants less talk, less criticism, less thoughtless opposition and more action. It wants something tried."

W. C. T. U. PLANNING LIQUOR FLOW CORK

San Antonio, Tex., March 18.—In an effort to stop the flow of liquor across the international border from Mexico, a chain of local W. C. T. U. units is planned from Brownsville to California for the purpose of creating dry sentiment and enlisting the aid of law enforcement agencies.

At a recent conference held at Brownsville with officials of Mexico and the United States a campaign was outlined not only to stem the tide of illicit liquor from crossing the river, but to inaugurate a clean up of vice conditions of Mexican towns easily accessible to Americans.

LOWA FIRM SUED UNDER DRUG ACT

Chicago, March 20.—Edwin A. Olson, United States district attorney, Friday filed a libel suit against 50 containers of "Poultry Pep," alleged to have been shipped last February by John Blaul Sons company of Cedar Rapids, Ia., to a Chicago firm. Mr. Olson seeks its destruction because of "Wanton disregard for truth" on the labels. This action was taken under the pure foods and drugs act which forbids misrepresentation as to quality of medicated or remedial quality of drugs in interstate shipment.

\$544,000 SWINDLE CHARGED BY IMPLEMENT MAKER'S KIN

Los Angeles, Cal., March 18.—Details of an alleged \$544,000 swindle perpetrated on the sister-in-law of G. A. Stephens, wealthy farm machinery manufacturer of Moline, Ill., were related in superior court here Wednesday in the trial of three men charged with the embezzlement. Floyd G. White, William A. Brown and Albert R. Chandler are the defendants.

Have you anything to sell or buy? Then tell the world about it through the Journal Want Ad column.

D. A. R. Hold- large Annual State Convention

Daughters of American Revolution Open Session Wednesday—Adrian Newsom Give Addresses.

Fairbury, Neb., March 18.—Members of Quivera chapter D. A. R., at Fairbury, are hosts to the twenty-fourth annual Nebraska conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution which held its opening session Wednesday afternoon at the Fairbury Presbyterian church.

Registration commenced at 2 p. m. A large number of women prominent in D. A. R. circles and civic work are in attendance. State officials include State Regent Mrs. Clarence S. Paine, and Librarian Mrs. Adam McMullen of Lincoln; vice regent, Mrs. George D. Butterfield, Norfolk; recording secretary, Mrs. N. A. S. McLean, Morrill; corresponding secretary, Mrs. B. M. Anderson, Omaha; treasurer, Mrs. York A. Hinman, North Platte; registrar, Mrs. George Wanser, David City; historian, Mrs. H. E. Potter, Fairbury; auditor, Mrs. Alva Lee Brown, Fairmont; chaplain, Miss Harriet Ballard, Blair.

Guests of honor of the convention are Mrs. Ellet Grant Drake, Beatrice, vice president general of Nebraska and Mrs. C. B. Letton, Lincoln, past vice president general of Nebraska.

Mrs. Sheldon Ayres is regent of the Quivera chapter at Fairbury. The other chapter officers are Mrs. Vera Strawhacker, vice regent; Mrs. Grace Swartz, secretary; Mrs. Ruth-elia Blair, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Luena Howell, treasurer; Mrs. Mildred L. Fouts, historian; Mrs. Edie Endleman, registrar; Mrs. Auta Pursell, chaplain, and Mrs. Lillian Colman, auditor.

The conference will be in session until Friday noon.

The formal opening of the convention Wednesday evening was marked by an impressive procession in which the guests of honor and other prominent visiting officials participated.

This preceded addresses of welcome by the Quivera regent, Mrs. Ayres, and Fairbury officials, including Mayor Lynch and presidents of the various Fairbury clubs with responses and greetings.

The main address of the evening was given by Adrian Newsom of Lincoln.

More progressive programs of educational institutions including the teaching of the constitution of the United States designed to prepare the youth of the land for the responsibilities of citizenship were urged by Mr. Newsom, of Lincoln, president of the University School of Music, in his address.

He also advocated a new policy for the consideration of the state legislature: "The requiring of every young man and young woman born in this country, eligible for citizenship, to take an oath of allegiance to the constitution of the United States by examination on the document and swearing to support the constitutional government in word, in his character, and in the exercise of his franchise at the polls."

"Wars have been prevalent because the heroes of the battlefield have been idealized," Mr. Newsom declared. "As times advance, men should be idealized for their effective work in the battlefields of economic questions, international conciliation and governmental projects," he added.

N. Y. WOMEN FAIL TO STEM WET TIDE

New York, March 20.—The republican committee of New York county, over the protests of three women leaders, has recorded itself as in favor of modification of the Volstead act to permit light wines and beer.

The action taken Thursday night was approved by a majority of 1,000 voters in a referendum against modification as proposed in a resolution submitted by the resolutions committee, and favored by Samuel S. Koenig, county chairman.

Mrs. James Griswold Wentz, chairman of the women's republican club, called anyone who breaks the constitution "a traitor."

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Carl Schneider, athletic director of Broken Bow high school, is here to enjoy an over Sunday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Schneider. Carl has just recovered from an attack of the mumps and which prevented his accompanying his team to the state basketball tournament.

Phone us the news.

EDWARD CHASE STILL POORLY

From Saturday's Daily—Mrs. Edward Brantner and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Chase, of Pender, who were at the Methodist hospital at Omaha at the bedside of Edward Chase, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Chase, came down from Omaha last evening to remain here over night. They report that Edward is still in very critical condition and is under the constant care of the attending physicians, including Dr. G. Alexander Young, the eminent brain and nerve specialist of Omaha. The case seems to be one that is unusual and the little lad has the very best of medical care in the attempt to bring him through the severe ordeal.

It is thought that the illness is a form of what is commonly known as sleeping sickness and it will take some time and a great deal of treatment before the case can be fully determined.

Tax Levies in Nebraska Cities are Interesting

Fifty-Five County Seat Cities Pay More than \$3 per \$100 Valuation—\$4.10 Our Total

T. E. Williams, state tax commissioner, has compiled a statement showing the amount of taxes—state, county, city and school district—paid in 1925 on each \$100 valuation in each county seat city in the state.

The total of these four classes of taxes is given in each case.

The state tax is the same throughout the state, being 2 1/2 cents on each \$100 assessed valuation, or a very small part of the total tax paid in cities and towns. The other taxes vary as the result of being fixed by county, city and school district taxing officials to meet the demands for money to operate the county and municipal governments and conduct of the public school system.

Why county taxes differ so greatly in some counties which are similar in population and wealth is not known. For instance in Adams county the county tax is 1 1/2 cents on the \$100 valuation and in Dodge county the county tax is 34 cents. In Cass county the tax is around 21 cents.

In the city of Lincoln, the state, county, city and school district tax totals \$2,643 per \$100 valuation, while in Omaha the total is \$3,065.

Chadron leads with the highest total taxes, \$5.31 per \$100 assessed valuation. Other towns above \$4, in their order, appear as follows:

Ainsworth \$5.135
Auburn 5.084
Clay Center 5.035
New Platte 4.916
McCook 4.765
Broken Bow 4.684
Gering 4.45
Butte 4.443
Fullerton 4.423
Alliance 4.325
Wayne 4.221
Plattsmouth 4.19
West Point 4.08
Bridgeport 4.005

Fifty-one county seat cities paid a total tax of \$3 or more per \$100 in 1925. In nearly every instance, the state tax was lower than either the city, county or school district tax.

John Wiltse May Try for Congress

Matter Under Consideration—Howard to Petition Morehead to Run Against Bryan.

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Simmons Voices Demand that the East Pay Debts

Twenty-Six States Owe Federal Government Many Millions and Pay No Interest, Even

Washington, March 17.—Representative Robert G. Simmons, Sixth Nebraska district, in a speech in the house Tuesday afternoon called upon twenty-six eastern states to pay back to the federal government a total of over \$28,000,000, loaned them in 1837. He thought it was right that congress ask repayment, remarking that the various members from eastern states had repeatedly asserted that the reclamation farmer in Nebraska and other states ought not to expect the government to give him such a long time in which to pay the funds he owes the government and that the reclamation farmer ought to pay interest to the government more promptly on moneys owing this fund.

"A rule that is a good rule should work both ways," declared the Nebraska member, and thereupon dropped into the house hopper a resolution to make the rule work both ways, reminding the house ninety years had come and gone without one dollar of principal or interest being paid by the states to the federal government under the 1837 loan, which is recallable under its terms by congress at any time.

Simmons exhibited a treasury statement showing that New York state alone owes the national government over \$4,000,000; Pennsylvania, nearly \$3,000,000; New Jersey and Virginia each \$2,000,000, and the other twenty-two states various smaller sums. This is principal only and includes no interest.

Representative Chindblom, Illinois, asked the Nebraskan what the states were doing with these moneys, but Simmons replied that he did not know and did not care. It was time congress called for re-payments.

DENIES KILLING DEPUTY

Chieti, Italy, March 16.—Testifying in the court of assizes today as to the death of the socialist deputy, Giacomo Matteotti in 1924, Amerigo Dumini, one of a group of five fascisti charged with the murder of the deputy, declared that Matteotti was kidnaped June 10, 1924, on unpremeditated impulse and died a short time later from a pulmonary hemorrhage brought on by the excitement.

Matteotti's body was found two months after his death in a shallow grave and medical examination at the time seemed to indicate that he had died from injuries. The other four accused had admitted their presence in Rome on the day of Matteotti's disappearance, but denied with ut qualification that they had any part in it.

Dumini maintained that he was not guilty of murder and that instead Matteotti, if he had not died, would have been defending himself against the charge of complicity in the murder of the fascist, Niccolò Bonservani in France in 1923.

While watching Matteotti's home, Dumini testified, the sight of the socialist deputy gave him an irresistible desire to learn the circumstances of Bonservani's death. Thereupon, alone and without premeditation, he kidnaped him.

\$2,000,000,000 LOANED ON FARMS

Washington, March 18.—Credit of \$2,000,000,000 has been advanced to agriculture through the Federal Farm Loan system since its establishment. The Federal Farm Loan board declared in a report Wednesday to the speaker of the house.

Reporting loans made last year of \$127,355,000 to 39,905 borrowers on the land banks alone, the board declared "the banks have met fairly all requirements made upon them for credit."

While the loans by the land banks were less than those in 1924, the joint stock land banks advanced \$131,430,000 to 19,699 borrowers last year, compared with \$74,586,000 to 11,330 producers in 1924.

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