

Murray Department

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OPTIONAL!

U. B. Driffler



ner and supper on Thanksgiving day by going to the Christian church. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Crunk returned home from Missouri Saturday evening and reported bad roads both ways.

Frank Schlitemeier shipped two cars of sheep to the market from the Murray station on Monday of this week.

T. J. Brendel was looking after some matters in Plattsmouth on last Tuesday afternoon, driving over in his car.

Mrs. Gerlie returned home from the Clarkson hospital at Omaha and feels some better since having her tonsils removed.

B. H. Nelson and family were visiting and looking after some business matters in Plattsmouth on Tuesday afternoon.

J. E. Hatchet is hustling in the corn field of J. V. Pitman, and getting out his crop of corn notwithstanding the weather.

When it comes to good things to eat you can get them at the dinner and supper served on Thanksgiving day at the Christian church.

J. A. Scotten, Fred L. Hild, Ralph Kennedy and as many as can get at the work handily are now rushing the work on the new Brendel building.

Charles Sans who has been very poorly at his home in Murray following his return from the hospital at Omaha is reported as being slightly better at this time.

The Rev. C. E. Blanchard, pastor of the Christian church, was here from Bethany on last Sunday, but the weather being very bad there were but a few in attendance.

Earl Lancaster was out at the farm on last Tuesday looking after the arranging of the crib for the boys who are picking corn and who are by the way getting along nicely.

Mrs. J. W. Berger is visiting in Omaha where she is the guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Brown, and also is receiving some treatment for her health which has not been the best.

Don't forget the box social at Helen Brandt's school Friday, Nov. 19, a good program has been prepared and a good time anticipated. There will also be other eats. Come and have a good time.

Wm. Harms and Balse Meisinger of Manley who have been constructing snow fences along the Red Ball highway were in Murray on last Tuesday afternoon, looking after some business matters.

Mrs. John Urish is reported as being in a very poor state of health and while everything is being done both as to nursing and medical treatment she does not show the improvement which is desired.

Adam Schaeffer has had all his teeth removed and is not appearing in society for a time, but will as soon as the laceration heals and will have a brand new set of teeth, the output of the expert manufacturers.

The workmen who are constructing the new building for T. J. Brendel are getting along nicely, and have the rough floor laid and are busy on the superstructure, which will make good progress from now on.

The graveling crew who have been distributing gravel over the roads leading out of Murray, have concluded their work in this neighborhood, and on Wednesday morning began unloading gravel from the station at Union.

J. E. Gruber has been assisting in picking corn for A. G. Long and not withstanding the rather disagreeable weather has lost but one day in the past three weeks. He has sure been getting in good time and also a good amount of corn.

The many friends of Uncle Chris Shumaker of Weeping Water, will be pained to learn of his passing away on last Sunday evening at his home. A fuller account will be given of the life of this excellent gentleman in another issue of this paper.

Remember the ladies of the Christian church are to serve dinner and supper and also give a bazaar at the Christian church on Thanksgiving day, and which will be sure a treat for you all know how good dinners and suppers these ladies serve.

Herman Gansemer who was in the western portion of the state for a number of days returned the first portion of the week, and while in the west purchased two cars of cattle for feeding purposes and is placing them on his farm to be fattened for market.

The lumber yard has just had a new door installed in the office the one which has been in use for some

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Mr. and Mrs. Gussie Good were down from Omaha Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Good were Plattsmouth visitors Saturday.

The missionary society met with Mrs. Gilmore Friday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. Taylor attended the Legion carnival Saturday evening.

Dressed ducks for Thanksgiving. Inquire of Mrs. Albert Young, Murray, Neb.

L. G. Mougey was up from Union Saturday and bought two Duroc boars from Albert Young.

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time having outlived its usefulness and was replaced by a newer and more modern screen from the weather. Mr. Scotten being the artist who wrought the change.

There is joy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Topfiff, where the stork brought a very fine young son to make his home with them. The household is very happy, and the joy is not confined to the immediate household, and Great-Grandfather J. W. Berger is also feeling pretty fine, thank you.

The excavating for the basement of the residence which Wayne Lewis is building in the north portion of Murray has about been completed and, when the foundation has been laid it will be ready for the carpenters who are expecting to rush the work along as rapidly as possible, in order to complete the work as soon as possible.

Messrs. Henry Heebner and Robert Shrader have been excavating under the house of S. G. Latta, where Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McCracken reside, where there will be a new heating plant installed. Following the completion of the excavating, these gentlemen began the erection of a garage for Uncle Samuel and are making good progress.

Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Gilmore and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith gave a 7 o'clock dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kniss and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McCracken. Places were arranged for the following: Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Davis, W. G. Boedeker, Dr. Ray Franks, Capt. and Mrs. Gayer, Albert Young, Rev. and Mrs. Graham, W. G. McCracken, Lee Kniss, Mrs. Barker and Miss Sans and the hosts and hostesses, Dr. and Mrs. Gilmore and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith. The Murray people regret very much the going away of Mr. and Mrs. McCracken.

Seven Dead Dogs.

Some people have had good dogs, and they have kept at home and been just what a dog should be, while others have been quite loafers, and have kept on the streets most of the time, causing a great deal of trouble and have incurred the intense hatred of many people, so in order to get the bad dogs, some one got the good dogs. Just who it is no one knows. Some people are feeling quite sorry over the demise of the seven while others are rejoicing. A good dog is a good piece of property while a bad dog, sure is not good.

Depart for the South.

W. A. Scott and wife of Richland, Kansas, who have been visiting with friends in Murray for the past week, and looking after the property which they have here, and having a nice visit, heard over the radio on Tuesday night that a snow storm was expected in a trip to Lincoln in the mud and found it all that was claimed and more.

Herman Wolfarth, who is a rustler in what ever line you may place him, received a new incubator on Monday of this week which he is installing at his home south of Murray, and which has a capacity of 3,600 eggs. Mr. Wolfarth will hatch for himself, will hatch baby chicks for sale and will do custom hatching for those who desire to furnish their own eggs. He will specialize in Buff Orpingtons and white Leghorns, which are considered as being among the best layers. The first setting will be placed in the incubator early in February of the coming year and timed to hatch about March first. If you want early chicks, get in on his first hatch.

Sell Two Good Cars.

The Hudson-Essex Sales company of Murray disposed of two very fine cars during the past week, they both being Hudson coaches, one going to Chester Stone of Nehawka, and the other to Attorney D. O. Dwyer of Plattsmouth. These gentlemen are finding these excellent cars. Mr. Stone tried his out on last Saturday in a trip to Lincoln in the mud and found it all that was claimed and more.

New Industry for Murray.

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Boys Enjoy a Banquet.

On Wednesday of last week a number of the rustling men of Murray, were the guests of the Hudson-Essex Motor company at the meeting of the representatives of this corporation at the Fontenelle Hotel at Omaha, where the management of the company were getting in touch with their representatives over the United States and especially this portion of the state. Many worthwhile addresses on all business service were given. Those to attend from this place were, George E. Nickles, W. G. Boedeker, A. D. Bakke and W. L. Seybolt. They say that Mr. Seybolt was so interested in the banquet and the social program that it was with difficulty that he could tear himself away in time to catch the train for home just before midnight.

Thanksgiving Dinner.

The following program will be given at the Murray Christian church on Thanksgiving day when the ladies of the church will serve their good and chicken dinner and supper. Everyone invited to attend. Eleven-thirty—Doxology.

Solo—America.
Reading—Catherine Leyda.
Scripture lesson and prayer.
Solo—Beautiful Garden of Prayer, by Mary Park.
Sermon—Rev. F. E. Blanchard.
Song—Girls chorus.
Dinner from 12:15 until all are served.
Music by Grace Lindner orchestra.
Piano solos—Mrs. Dr. G. L. Taylor.
Music by the Leyda Trio.
Supper at 5:30 until all are served.
Reading—Catherine Leyda.
Songs by Dick and Joan Hall.
Piano solos—Mrs. Major Hall.
Ruby trio.

Corn Yield is Much Below the 1925 Record

Reports Show a Yield of 15.3 Bushels Per Acre Against 26.5 Last Year.

Corn is averaging 15.3 bushels per acre according to the November estimate of the state and federal division of agricultural statistics. Quantities below and stocks of old corn above average. Flax yielding well. Potato estimate lower. Winter wheat excellent except in south central counties.

Corn is yielding 15.3 bushels per acre as compared to 26.5 bushels last year and the ten year average of 26.5 bu. As in the case of winter wheat, the yields vary from one extreme to the other. Most of the southern counties have extremely poor yields, or near failure, while some of the northern counties are above average. Yields in Burt and Cuming counties have not been exceeded during the past ten years.

The preliminary estimate of production is 135,043,000 bu. as compared to 236,600,000 bu. last year and the five year average of 218,107,000 bu. The final estimate is not expected to vary much from the present report. The quality is rated at 77% against the ten year average of 87%. Stocks of old corn are estimate at 85%, or a total of 20,111,000 bu. which is considerably above the average.

The preliminary estimate of potatoes is 65 bu. per acre as compared to 75 bu. last year. The crop is now placed at 5,460,000 bu. against 6,309,000 bu. last year and the five year average of 8,552,000 bu. Shipments to November 8, total 1,532 cars against 2,072 cars prior to the same date a year ago. Over 4,500 cars were shipped last season. The injury from the freeze was greater than expected, and the total movement may not exceed 3,000 cars as compared to the previous estimate of 2,500 cars.

The preliminary estimate of small grain crops this year and last are as follows: wheat, 41,550,000 and 34,150,000 bu.; oats, 47,892,000 and 78,953,000 bu.; barley, 4,123,000 and 5,662,000 bu.; rye, 2,486,000 and 2,522,000 bu.; spelt, 392,000 and 342,000 bu. The total production of the foregoing small grain crops including corn is 231,486,000 bu. against 353,229,000 bu. last year.

The preliminary estimate of all tame hay is 3,097,000 tons against 4,014,000 tons last year. Wild hay is expected to yield 1,805,000 tons against 2,232,000 tons last year. Total hay, 4,902,000 tons against 6,246,000 tons last year.

The yield of flax is 9 bu. and the buckwheat is 16 bu. and the production 16,000 bu. against 14,000 bu. last year. The yield of grain sorghum is 12 bu. and the production 312,000 bu. against 300,000 bu. last year. Drouth and early frosts reduced the yield of grain sorghum materially.

The average weight per measured bushel of small grain crops is as follows: winter wheat, 59.6 lbs.; spring wheat, 58.8 lbs.; oats, 31.3 lbs.; barley, 46.1 lbs. Wheat quality was excellent, barley and oat poor to fair.

The average yield of sweet potatoes, was 93 bu.; clover seed, 2.5 bu.; timothy seed, 3.5 bu.; alfalfa seed, 2.6 bu.; soy beans, 9 bu.; cowpeas, 10 bu.; sorghum for syrup, 70 gallons.

The preliminary estimate of yield of sugar beets is 11.9 tons per acre and the production, 974,000 tons against 934,000 tons last year. The early freeze reduced the yields considerably.

The production of fruit crops is as follows: All apples, 54% and the production 761,000 bu. against 450,000 bu. last year. Commercial apples, 76,000 bbls. against 65,000 bbls last year. A much larger percentage of the crop was trucked out than usual. Pears, 60% and 28,000 bu. against 18,000 bu. last year. Grapes, 88% and 1,584 tons against 770 tons last year.

Estimates of leading crops for the U. S. This year and last are as follows: corn, 2,693,963,000 bu. and 2,905,063,000 bu.; wheat, 338,818,000 and 366,455,000 bu.; oats, 1,282,414,000 and 1,511,888,000 bu.; barley, 156,762,000 and 217,495,000 bu.; rye, 41,870,000 and 48,612,000 bu.; tame hay, 83,158,000 and 86,728,000 tons; potatoes, 360,727,000 and 325,902,000 bu.; total apples, 246,262,000 and 171,706,000 bu.; commercial apples, 39,949,000 and 33,044,000 bbls.

LISTEN!

Tom Thumbs Wedding, plate supper and box social will be given at Cedar Creek school, district no. 31, Wednesday evening, November 24, 11:30-2:15.

ETHEL MEISINGER.
GRACE DUFF.

The mighty stream of electrons pour out from that new tube which Dr. W. D. Coolidge has developed can change a gas into a solid and a solid into a gas. If Dr. Coolidge wants to perform a monumental service to humanity, let him produce a form of this wonder work that will change a republican into a democrat.

BIBLE SCHOOL LESSON
Sunday, November 21st
By M. A. Briggs

Golden Text: "Choose ye this day whom you will serve."

Renewing the Covenant

George Washington well knew the things which would come to his countrymen, and when he was about to leave, having completed his service to his country, in his farewell address he pointed out the things which would come into the government and the everyday life of the people of the new country, and warned them repeatedly against foreign entanglements, which he saw was a source of much trouble to come to the new nation, and he especially called their attention to that danger. Joshua called attention to loyalty to the God of their fathers, and to having no allegiance with any other god.

He reviewed the things which he had just passed through. While Joshua was leader of the children of Israel for but a short time (less than ten years) he did things, for at the command of the Great Jehovah, he immediately crossed the Jordan and Godly established the children of Israel in the land which through the covenant of God with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, they were to have and which they might have enjoyed long before they did, but for their unbelief, unfaithfulness and faintheartedness, and thereupon peace reigned over the land. Joshua felt that his mission was about completed and he delivered to the people his farewell address, telling them that they must adhere to the commands of God, for if they did not God would do them harm notwithstanding he had so long done them naught but good.

This was three years after the taking of Hebron by Caleb, and even at this time the children were not as faithful as they should be. They were neglecting to do the things which God had commanded them and this thing was known to Joshua, he bringing the matter to their mind. This was on the very spot where they had before pledged allegiance, firm and lasting, to the one who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, the country in which they were slaves and in bondage, hard and cruel.

Before asking them to make their choice, Joshua has called their attention to the fact of the kindness of God and how he had loved them when he protected them with a pillar of fire and cloud, how he had fed them and how he stayed the waters of the Jordan that they might pass, as well as the throwing down of the walls of Jericho when they had been obedient to his commands. The heathen nations were round about them, and they only had the promise of protection from God, the Father, when they obeyed him, and whenever they failed to do this the enemy was liable to triumph over them.

They had been recreant, and Joshua said unto them: "You cannot serve God; you have been faithless and will continue to be so, but it is up to you now to choose ye this day whom you will serve, Jehovah, the God of the Universe, or those gods which are worshiped by the heathen round about you."

Covenants have existed from time immemorial and are much in evidence at the present time. There is a covenant in every home, when the man and wife covenant to love, honor, cherish and protect each other, to care for each other in health, in sickness, and to provide for the little ones with which God shall bless the home. When one person says to another, he covenants to protect the title of the lands to the possession and use of the buyer, his heirs and assigns forever. We covenant in everything in everyday life. The grocer covenants that there is no sand in the sugar he sells, and the coal dealer covenants that he will give full 2,000 pounds of good coal for the good money which you pay him.

It is not to be wondered at that covenants are so evident in every thing which we do. At the close of the most bloody war which ever cursed this sin beset world, the representatives of the nations which had been flying at each others throats before, made a solemn covenant that they would war no more and set the terms of the peace which they were agreeing upon with the world as witness of their covenant. Let us hope that the agreements and covenants which they made in the sight of God and the peoples of the world will ever be kept inviolate by the parties to this contract.

That Joshua should call this people to covenant with the Father of us all is not strange, and while the mercies of the Father were always extended toward us, we were not totting square with him. Joshua was simply calling the attention of the people to the fact that unless they did the honorable and square thing, they were to no longer expect to enjoy the blessings and mercies of the Father, for no one side of a contract can be made to stand when the other is repeatedly being broken. Therefore, Joshua was particular to draw their attention to the matter in such a forcible way that no one could misconstrue it.

Some, while they were pretending to worship God, had secret idols which they worshiped and Joshua called their attention to the fact that unless they should dispose of the gods of the peoples living beyond the river—that was in Egypt—they were not to expect anything from God.

That man is a great hypocrite who pretends he is doing something when in reality he is doing just the opposite. Be a man in the fullest sense of the word—you just as well stand for what you believe—do not pretend that you are one thing and thus deceive the people. They do not know just

where to put you. If you stand for law and order, stand for it. Do not say "It is none of my business whether the law is enforced or not." When your rights are trampled on, you are quick enough to "holler," and you make a good hard one at that, but when it is the other man you are not so much interested. We are not in need of such citizens, and as Teddy Roosevelt said some years ago, "They are not desirable citizens." We say you are not a true American unless you stand for the laws, for justice, for right, whether it touches you or the other fellow.

When Joshua said "You cannot serve God," he meant that while the people were dividing their allegiance they could not give it all to God, which has been given expression in a more common latter-day phrase, "One cannot serve two masters."

The people saw that they must choose whom they would serve, and they all cried with a loud voice, "We will serve Jehovah, our God, who brought us out of the house of bondage and who has cared for us and fed us and showered blessings on us continually. Jehovah had driven the heathen out before the advance of the children of Israel and they knew that He alone was God.

It is up to us to serve God, and not alone that, but to point the way to others. Joshua was faithful and for the people for whom he had given his life and for whom he had always worked, he was incessantly striving, and having thus given his all for them and being about to depart, for he did die in about a year after this last address, he knew it was time to demand of the people their choice of whom they would serve.

Joshua was the ambassador of the King, creator of heaven and earth, and the one who by right and title was the possessor of the earth and the fullness thereof, and in his treating with man as such representative of the Great Jehovah, he had the right to demand just where the people stood.

For if they were not willing to serve God and obey His commandments after what he had done for them, they were unworthy of the great blessings which God had bestowed upon them. Neither are we worthy of that great boon, eternal life, unless we are faithful to the discharge of our obligations to the Father, his son, Jesus Christ, and to our fellow men, who are his children and his representatives. When we are right with God, and with ourselves, we cannot be false to our fellow man.

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and to all other things will be added.

Some Sidelights on History of the Early Days Here

J. W. Berger of Murray Recalls Many Incidents of Otoe Indian Settlements.

Mr. J. W. Berger, who came to Nebraska on July 10th, 1858, and who has resided here since, related to the representative of the Journal his early experience as a Nebraskan, at the age of twelve years. He stated that the two high hills along the Missouri river some seven miles south of Plattsmouth, and one on the north, the other on the south side of the old town of Rock Bluffs, which was in its palmist days in the early sixties, and which continued a lively, rustling little city of some 500 inhabitants up until the middle seventies. The two hills known as Queen hill on the north of town and King hill on the south with the Rock Creek flowing to the Missouri between them, were named for two Indians, both dead, when the tribe of Otoe Indians left a few years before the coming of Mr. Berger.

On King hill was a noted chieftain, in a sitting posture but dead, and on Queen hill, the body of his wife, also dead, and when the white man came almost immediately the departure of the Otoe tribe, they buried the corpses and named the hills in honor of the dead chieftain and his wife. Mr. Berger tells that for many years after in the winter time, Pawnee tribes or detachments of them would come and winter along the river near the white settlement. A branch of the Rock Creek, which entered near the western portion of the old town of Rock Bluffs was called Squaw creek.

Mr. Berger tells of this town of Rock Bluffs being a most lively place as it was an outfitting place where emigrant trains were formed for the crossing of the then waste prairies for five hundred miles. He made his first trip in 1860 when he was fifteen years of age. Rock Bluffs was a lively town then with a string of saloons for a quarter of a mile along the Main street.

The first mayor of this stirring frontier town was Wm. Gilmour, the father of Uncle Wm. Gilmour now residing south of Plattsmouth. There was an Indian cemetery just north of Queen hill, which the early settlers dug up to find if possible Indian trinkets which were often buried with the Indian dead.

This cemetery was situated near Gibbs Point and near where a spring emptied into the muddy waters of the Missouri river.

Rock Bluffs as a town disappeared from the map and the large number of lots and blocks, many of which had buildings on them went back to farming lands late in the last century. A few of the buildings of the early times still remain to mark the site of the once prosperous city.

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