

MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

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Harry V. McDonald was a visitor in Lincoln on Thursday of last week. John Scheel and wife were visiting in Greenwood at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Frank Hart and family.

Business called Dr. A. H. Smith to Lincoln on last Wednesday, where he had some professional matters to look after.

Miss Amanda Stroy, who is staying in Lincoln, where she is attending school, was a visitor at home for over last Sunday.

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A. J. Tool and daughter, Mrs. George Work, were visiting with old friends and also doing some shopping in Lincoln last Wednesday afternoon.

Very appropriate services at the Bible school as well as at the church and the Young Peoples' society were held at the Murdock church on Sunday, May 8th.

The telephone people have been doing some work on the farm lines, which they will put in condition for the present and will rebuild it the coming summer.

Miss Mamie Kieckmann, who is employed in Lincoln, was a visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deickmann, of near Murdock, for the week end.

Meredith Weddell has accepted a position as clerk in the Murdock postoffice, filling the place of Harry Gillespie who accepted a position in Omaha a short time since.

Sheriff Bert Reed, of Plattsmouth, was a visitor in Murdock on last Wednesday afternoon and was looking after some legal matters at this and other places that day.

Harry A. Williams was a visitor in Murdock on Wednesday of last week, stopping on his way home from a trip to Omaha, where he was looking after some business matters.

Elmer Etmund and family, of near Hickmann, were visiting in Murdock on last Sunday, being guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Etmund, where all enjoyed the visit a great deal.

E. M. Shatto has been putting his house, which he recently purchased, in good condition, and it will be occupied by the new barber, Mr. Walker, who is employed by Mr. Emil Kuehn.

During the past week the following people shelled and delivered corn to the Murdock elevators: Herman F. Schweppe, Herman Luetchens, Emil Holke, Will Luetchens and Albert Strach.

Henry Gakemeier, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Wilhelmia, were visiting in Greenwood on last Tuesday afternoon, they being guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Peters while there.

Harry Gillespie, who is employed with the Standard Oil company, in Omaha, was a visitor in Murdock over the week end, and returned to his work Sunday night, where he is liking the employment very well.

Fred Stock had his last car of cattle on the Omaha stock market one day last week. We do not mean the last that he will feed, but the last of the feeding for the past winter and spring, they being very nice ones.

Frank Gustin, of Elmwood, is looking after the meat market at Murdock, and an excellent man for the place at that, during the time when Mr. Lyle Hartman is finishing up his assessment of Stove Creek precinct.

Art Jones and family, of Weeping Water, were guests at the home of Mrs. George Vandenberg for the day last Sunday, and were joined by L. B. Gorthey and family of Murdock, all enjoying the day most pleasantly.

The Rev. F. L. Wiggart, of Elmwood was a visitor in Murdock on last Sunday and as the Rev. A. Stauss was not feeling well, consented to occupy the pulpit of the church and pleased the people by his excellent discourse.

Mrs. W. O. Gillespie was a visitor at Wabash on Tuesday of last week, where she was a guest at the home of her friend, Mrs. Wm. Langhorst for the afternoon and where the ladies enjoyed the afternoon very pleasantly.

Happy Robinson and the family, who have been making their home in Texas for some time, arrived in Murdock for a visit at the home of Mrs. Robinson's parents, A. J. Bauer and wife, of Murdock. All are enjoying a very nice visit.

Albert Timm and family were over to Ashland last Sunday, spending the day at Swift's lake and were accompanied by George Tonak and wife and Walter Enhart and wife. Needless to say, the merry crowd enjoyed the occasion very much.

Mrs. W. O. Gillespie, A. H. Ward and J. H. Buck, accompanied by Miss Viola Everett, were out last

Monday afternoon for a little while, looking after the matter of fishing, which is reported as being very good, they succeeding in landing a good catch.

Henry A. Tool and Lacey McDonald were over to Meadow fishing a few days since and caught two fine bass, one weighing five pounds and the other weighing three and a half pounds and you may bet they were as tickled as two kids with their first long pants.

W. T. Thimman was at Omaha on last Wednesday, where he took a mixed load of stock, which comprised sheep, cattle and hogs, to the South Omaha market. On his return, he brought with him a load of farming machinery, which he has sold to the farmers near Murdock.

W. T. Weddell has had installed in his home by the Nebraska Power company a cooling and refrigerating system known as the Kelvinator, which cares for all which is desired to be treated by refrigeration. This same system has been used for some time and has in every instance given entire satisfaction.

See the ad of Art Ward, who has just recently had installed by the Standard Oil company, two new gas pumps, one for Red Crown gas and one for Ethyl, and is prepared to look after your wants in this respect very nicely.

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Affidavits to Show Prejudice of the Judge

Counsel in Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Say They Are Best Legal Trump.

Boston, Mass., May 5.—The fight for freedom which Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti have waged with unremitting vigor since their conviction for murder six years ago entered today a new phase. Governor Fuller had before him a personally written plea for liberty backed by six striking affidavits which brought into the open charges of prejudice by the trial court never before published.

The plea was Vanzetti's own. The affidavits were from prominent persons who made allegations of bias and impropriety on the part of Judge Webster Thayer, who after being upheld by the supreme court in his refusal of a new trial recently sentenced both prisoners to death.

Sacco's decision not to join in the petition for clemency was attributed by counsel and a psychiatrist to a conviction that to do so would be against "his faith" as an anarchist.

Vanzetti called for an investigation on behalf of both. Refusing to ask "mercy," his petition again and again demanded only "justice." He maintained both men were innocent.

Signers of the affidavits were George U. Crocker, Boston attorney and former city treasurer; Robert B. Bentley, dramatic editor of Life; Elizabeth Bernkopf, reporter; Frank P. Sibley, reporter; John Nicholas Beffel, reporter, and Mrs. Louise B. Rantoul of Jamaica Plain, socially prominent, who represented the Greater Boston Federation of Churches at the trial.

The statements were termed by the defense counsel as their best legal trump.

Bentley told of Judge Thayer's remarks to Loring Coes and several others at the Worcester Golf club in 1921, the year of the trials.

Bentley deposed that the judge denounced the defendants in terms specifically set forth. The affidavit declared the judge said he "would get them good and proper" and "would get those guys hanged," "would like to hang a few dozen of 'em" and could "outwit the court of Massachusetts."

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SING JOHN BROWN'S BODY

London, May 5.—Amid an attempt by the laborites to sing "John Brown's Body" which was stopped by a sharp reprimand from the speaker, and the chanting of "Glory Hallelujah" by laborites in the lobbies, the house of commons tonight passed the second reading of the trades union bill, which aims to prevent general strikes and strikes of a coercive nature.

When the motion of J. R. Clynes to reject the bill was put, it was defeated 336 to 171. The bill was referred to the committee of the whole house, instead of the usual small committee, and the committee stage will begin next Tuesday.

Four Heads of Iowa Medical College Quit

Student Revolution Follows Resignation of Faculty Leaders at the University of Iowa.

Iowa City, Ia., May 6.—Four members of the University of Iowa medical staff, including its dean, had resigned here tonight and the student body of the college has come on record favoring an investigation of conditions by the state board of education.

Dr. Charles J. Rowan, head of the surgery department, tendered his resignation Saturday and announced Tuesday that it was done because he believed the school was being administered improperly.

Dr. Frank J. Rohrer resigned Tuesday with the resignation of the other three. His resignation was motivated by a "lack of respect and confidence in the present administration."

Dr. Lee Wallace Dean, head of the school, preserved an impassive silence throughout the week, but his resignation was presented today to the state board of education by President Walter A. Jessup. When told of its acceptance, Dean declared himself pleased and said that his resignation had been in President Jessup's hands for several months.

Leaders of the student revolution, undismayed by the resignation of Dr. Dean, which followed within a few hours of their action, said last night they expected their complaint to bring a state investigation regarding the school's resignation.

It is rumored that Dr. Rowan will be asked to become the new dean of the college and Dr. Dean will be retained as head of the department of oral surgery.

WHAT IS EVIDENCE?

Every once in a while something occurs to upset our ideas concerning the kind of evidence that is worthy of credence. Such an occurrence is seen in the case of Conda Dabney, convicted in Kentucky nearly a year ago and given life imprisonment for the murder of a young woman.

At the trial another woman swore that she was an eye witness to the crime, and a considerable array of circumstantial evidence was presented to corroborate her testimony. At the time of Dabney's conviction, practically everyone felt that the verdict was just.

Yet, a few weeks ago the woman who was supposed to have been murdered, showed up and Dabney was released, but think of what he and his family suffered by the diabolical attempt to hang him long and shoot him under water for a hundred yards or more.

Many cases are of record in which it was proved later that innocent persons have actually been put to death through perjured testimony. In some instances in which the condemned men have confessed murder the supposed victims have turned up alive.

All this illustrates how unreliable the most convincing evidence may be, and while it is doubtless true that for every innocent person punished through guilty misaccusation, it shows that a grave responsibility rests upon a jury, particularly when a human life is at stake.

JUST HOW DRY IS U. S.? READ

Windsor, Ont., May 4.—Liquor export business from Canada to the dry United States is estimated to have netted C. A. Savard, said to reside in Detroit, Mich., more than \$280,000 a year in profits, according to N. W. Rowell, counsel for the Royal Canadian commission of customs which is investigating alleged rum activities across the international boundary.

Savard must appear before the commission to give testimony Wednesday it was said, or run the risk of having his Canadian liquor supply summarily cut off.

Another liquor dealer told the commission his annual exports to the United States totaled nearly \$2,000,000 a year.

U. OF N. GREEK AWARDS

Lincoln, Neb., May 4.—Zeta Beta Tau fraternity and Sigma Delta Tau sorority won first place prizes in the annual interfraternity and intersorority scholarship awards of the University of Nebraska for the past school year, it was announced here tonight. In the fraternity list, Farm House was second and Kappa Sigma third, while Delta Zeta and Alpha Delta Theta were second and third among the sororities.

Legal blanks of all kinds for sale at the Journal office.

Engineers in Louisiana are Watching Levee

Serious Situations Continue to Loom Up as Waters Rush Toward Sea; Relief Work Advances

New Orleans, May 6.—While a thrilling drama of life saving was unfolding across inundated northeastern Louisiana today, engineers directing the forces combating the Mississippi flood, adopted a policy of watchful waiting along wide fronts where danger is likely to develop as the crest moves on to the gulf. Serious situations were reported in some of the flooded sections of the Huger Flood between the Mississippi and the Ouachita rivers, but the relief machine was straining every nerve to prevent any serious loss of life.

Reports received here from many sections of the flood area were that hundreds of persons in remote places were trapped in their homes. The task of searching them out and taking them to safety was the one upon which the rescue squadron concentrated.

Several thousands are reported on Macon ridge, which probably soon will be swallowed up by the rushing flood waters, but officials expressed confidence that all of them could be removed in time. With nearly a score of towns already flooded, others were threatened with serious damage.

Water in Tallulah was three feet deep and rising rapidly, while there were two or three feet in Rayfield.

South of Alexandria, where a threatening situation is being developed by the rising tide in the Red river more than one hundred idle men literally have been conscripted by the courts for levee work and plantation owners have been sending large forces from their fields to the danger points.

Back waters from the La Fourche levee still were battering the levees at Monroe, a town of 30,000 people, and had entered the lower sections, which were being evacuated. The water was not expected to get much higher. Also the weight of the Great Lake to the north had set up a swift, down state stream, eighty mile front along the Old Red and Atchafalaya rivers still was being held for the protection of the Louisiana sugar cane section to the south.

There were no reports of additional crevasses along the Mississippi. An increasing feeling of security was noticeable in New Orleans as a result of the forecast by Dr. I. M. Cline, weather bureau meteorologist, that the river here would not rise above twenty-one feet. This is several feet below flood stage.

Refuge Camps Endangered. Baton Rouge, La., May 6.—Waters have isolated and endangered several refuge camps in northeastern Louisiana, heaping a new burden upon the Red Cross in its task of rescuing and housing the 70,000 persons affected by the flood.

Red Cross officials said today that refuge camps have been endangered, while several others have been cut off from the base of supplies. Those endangered were listed as the camps at Oak Grove, Harrisburg, and Columbia, while those cut off from ordinary means of transportation are those at Lake and Lake Providence.

Although long accustomed to battling giant breakers in coastal storms, some hundred and fifty salt water hardened life savers of the coast guard now on duty in the flood area in this state are getting new thrills in shooting and dodging eddies of levee crevasses.

Incidentally they are introducing new methods of rescue work along the inland rivers, astounding old time river men who rarely will undertake to put a boat thru crevasse waters because of the whirlpool which they say can suck down boats and even shoot them under water for a hundred yards or more.

PLANE READY FOR TRIP

Le Bourget, France, May 6.—In a guarded shed, in this air port, Captain Charles Nungesser's plane "The White Bird" is receiving the finishing touches of preparation for the projected flight of the French war ace from this base to New York. It had been expected that he would take off before dawn tomorrow, but after a conference this evening at which weather conditions were studied, it was reported that the fliers were unlikely to leave tomorrow.

Capt. Francois Coll flew from Villa Coublay to this starting base this afternoon.

PLANE RACES WITH DEATH

Little Rock, Ark., May 4.—An army airplane, engaged in flood relief work in Arkansas, raced with death today when it served as an ambulance to rush a fifteen-year-old girl to a hospital here for an emergency appendicitis operation.

The girl, Dr. Lewis, daughter of a druggist at Searcy, Ark., probably owes her life to the use of the plane, physicians said. Sergeant Landley of Kelly field, Texas, made the flight of sixty miles and return in less than an hour.

HIT U. S. TARIFF POLICY

Washington, May 4.—An attack on the tariff policy of the United States was made at today's session of the third Pan-American commercial conference here by delegates from Argentina and Uruguay, who contended it worked to the disadvantage of Latin-American countries.

It was defended by John H. Payne, a member of the Inter-American high commission, and a former president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, who cited statistics in support of his view that it is fair to all nations concerned.

MANLEY NEWS ITEMS

Just at this time there is a large amount of corn going to market thru the elevator at this place.

Robert Connors was a visitor in Lincoln on Wednesday of last week, where he was called to look after some business.

Mrs. Oscar Dowler and the little ones were visiting for most of the past week at the home of relatives at Weeping Water.

Fred W. Smith, W. R. Young and Gust Swanson, of Plattsmouth, were in Manley on last Wednesday looking after some business matters.

Grover Lauritzen is sporting a new car which he received from the Cole Motor company, of Weeping Water, trading the one he had in on the purchase.

Mrs. Rudolph Bergman has been feeling quite poorly during the past two weeks and while slightly better at this time, is not in her usual good health.

Edward and Albert Selker, of Elmwood, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Stander on last Sunday, and there all enjoyed the day most splendidly.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Moeckenhaupt, of near Alvo, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Moeckenhaupt were spending last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moeckenhaupt.