

MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

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Co-operation

is the watchword of any community which makes for success.

Your co-operation and earnest work have made our success possible. Our friends are our greatest asset. With the co-operation of all interests of Murdock and surrounding community, we can make of ours a bigger and better town. So let us work together in 1928 to that end. We wish all our friends Prosperity, Health and Happiness. . . . May the coming year bring you Joy, Peace and Plenty.

Bank of Murdock

Murdock, Nebr.

Henry Amgwert and the good wife were spending last Sunday and Monday at the home of relatives in Omaha.

Miss Viola Everett is spending the holidays at the home of her father at Elliott, Iowa, and is sure enjoying the visit.

Mrs. Una McHugh had for her guests on Christmas day Fred Towle and family of Wabash and Henry Towle, of Douglas.

A bunch of the friends of Henry Barishman assisted in getting out the last of the corn for this gentleman on Wednesday of last week.

Miss Jessie Melvin was a visitor with friends and was also looking after some shopping matters in Lincoln on Wednesday of last week.

George Borneman and the family, of near Ashland, were visiting and looking after some business matters in Murdock on Wednesday of last week.

Rex Peters and the good wife, of Greenwood, were guests at the home of Henry Gakemeier for the week end last week, embracing Christmas as well.

Mr. and Mrs. George Utt entertained for Christmas day and had for their guests, the families of Diller Utt, of Havelock, and L. A. Gordon, of Omaha.

E. J. Vance, of west of Ashland, and a long time friend of W. T. Weddell, was a visitor in Murdock on last Wednesday and a guest of Mr. Weddell while here.

Franklin Vanscoyoc, teaching in the Murdock schools, was a visitor at the old home at Rippey, Iowa, for the holidays, where he spent the time with his parents.

Many of the people of Murdock were in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. H. A. Reeves, which was held on last Monday, an account of which will be given elsewhere in this paper.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Gorthey was had a most enjoyable day on Christmas, when Arthur Jones and family, of Weeping Water, and Mrs. George Vandenberg were present to assist in the enjoyment of the occasion.

Aurest Ruge, who has just had the house completed in Murdock, will move immediately and enjoy the new home, and when he shall have gotten moved, Frank Rosenow and family will move to the farm east of town where Mr. Ruge has lived before.

The graduating class of this last year, 1927, had a very enjoyable party at the school building on Tuesday of last week, at which time all present enjoyed the occasion very much. Steps were taken to keep the spirit of 1927 alive and active for the coming years.

Charles Kupke last week purchased the barn which was on the lots of L. B. Gorthey and had J. Johnson move the same to the property which Murdock. Mr. Kupke will expect to move to Murdock in a short time to make his home.

John W. Kruger and wife entertained at their home on Christmas day and had for their guests, John Amgwert and family, of Lincoln; Louis Hite and wife, of Cheney, and Mrs. Bessie Hite and son, Floyd, of Murdock, the occasion being enjoyed very pleasantly by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Gillespie entertained at their home on Christmas day and were blessed with Dr. and Mrs. Blatspeter and family, of Tobias, Wm. McNamara and family, of

Fairmont and Harry Gillespie and wife, of Omaha. The occasion was one of much pleasure to all present.

A. L. Tidd, as administrator of the Charles Schneider estate, was a visitor in Murdock on Tuesday of last week, selling the corn of the estate to the Weddell elevator, which was shelled and delivered on Wednesday of last week. The farm is being farmed by Paul Flemming, who by the way is one of the very best of farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles I. Long had for their guests on last Sunday Mr. H. C. Backemeyer and son Edgar. The other members of the Backemeyer family would have been there to enjoy the occasion, but for the fact that they were under quarantine and could not get out. They were released from their confinement on the second day afterwards, however.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tool and son, Douglas, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Meyer, they accompanying the latter to their home in Sioux City, when they returned home from visiting here. The trip to the city in Iowa was made in Mr. Meyer's auto, where all enjoyed the Christmas very much and the visiting party returned the following day via the train.

With reference to the squib we had in the paper last week, wherein we were joking about a boxing match, we were wrongly informed, for there was no boxing in the matter, the one doing the injury having come up and dealt a blow as a surprise which did the injury, striking not knowing how he was striking, and the other person unaware of it, for the blow fractured a rib, and has caused much suffering to the one injured.

While at their breakfast on last Monday morning, and with nothing to claim their attention, as it was Christmas day, the family of H. V. McDonald entered into a discussion as to what to do, when someone suggested that they go to Hampton and visit with Gayle McDonald and family, and in a few moments they were on the road, and all the family spent the day and night with the son and family, at Hampton, returning the day following, and all enjoying the visit very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hornbeck, of Lincoln, entertained at their home on Christmas day and had for their guests, Dr. and Mrs. Russell Hornbeck and Mrs. Charles Backemeyer, the latter the mother of Mrs. Hornbeck, and Mrs. Jerusa Wetherford, a sister of Louis Hornbeck, all of Lincoln, and I. G. Hornbeik, of Murdock, who made up the Christmas party. The joyousness of the occasion as it was wont to be, was dimmed by the recent death of I. J. Wetherford, the husband of Mrs. Wetherford, which occurred on December 13th and the going saddened the otherwise happy event. Mr. Wetherford was well and very favorably known here and as brother-in-law to the three Hornbeck boys, had often visited in Murdock.

At Liberty Again

The family of H. A. Gutmman, who have been kept at home for some time on account of the illness of Miss Janet, were released from quarantine on last Friday, and are now at liberty, after having been kept so close with the quarantine, are enjoying their getting out again and getting the free air. Miss Janet has not suffered much from the illness, but the health regulations have kept her at

home as well as the other members of the family. Harold Tool, who was also kept at home for a time, has been released from quarantine, although the family are still kept at the home.

All Enjoy Christmas

All the churches in this vicinity enjoyed the celebration of the passing of Christmas with programs and Christmas cheer. There were entertainments given at the Murdock church, the Callihan church, the one north of Murdock, and the one known as the Louisville church, with treats for the kiddies also.

Enjoyed the Christmas

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Tool, the entire family were home for Christmas day and all enjoyed the occasion greatly. Miss Mary Tool, who is spending the holidays at home; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tool, who are now spending their time at Ulysses, and Richard Tool, who is at Kingsley, Iowa, with the parents, making up the list of the family.

Received a Card Shower

The many friends of Henry Reichmann, who has not been in the best of health, but withal has a host of friends, took occasion at Christmas time, which is really the finest of all the year, and showered this excellent gentleman with cards bearing Christmas greetings and best wishes for his health and happiness. Mr. Reichmann surely appreciates the kindly expressions of his many, many friends.

Thanks to My Friends

I desire at this time to express thanks for the very kind manner in which my many friends have expressed their friendship towards me at this joyous Christmas time, and also wish to say, "May your days be filled with joy, health and prosperity."—Henry Reichmann.

They Meet with Mother

Now we like that, that the families of the children should meet with mother on Christmas, the very happiest season of the year, and make that mother the dearest object on earth, happy as nothing else could do, than for all the family to be present on this event.

On last Sunday the children of Mrs. Margaret Bornemeier, of Elmwood, were all at the home and celebrated the Merry Christmas with the mother. Louis Bornemeier and John Bornemeier and families, of Murdock, were present, as were also William Bornemeier and August Bornemeier and their families of near Elmwood, and Paul Bornemeier and family.

Mrs. Paul Bornemeier, being a daughter and marrying a man by the same name. However, all enjoyed the occasion very pleasantly at the home of mother.

Enjoys a Visit Back in the Old Vermont Home

H. M. Pollard Returns from Journeying Through the Green Mountain State.

H. M. Pollard, who has been at Ludlow, Vermont, and other nearby towns for the past four months, returned home Wednesday morning, after a very delightful trip and visit. He made the trip east with Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Tucker late in the summer, when they drove through the eastern states on their vacation and Mr. Pollard returned on the train.

While in the east Mr. Pollard was visiting with relatives at his old home and attending to matters of business while there. The greater part of his time was spent in or near Ludlow, Vermont, the home of President Coolidge.

While there, he was in the big flood area and witnessed the flood in all stages of its great destruction. The town was without communication for several days and the only news of the outside world was thru daily papers which were dropped occasionally by an airplane and these papers were read by one family and then passed on to another. The water supply was rendered useless by the flood and it was four or five days before the water system could be placed in operation.

At the time Mr. Pollard left Vermont a week ago Monday there was a foot of snow on the ground and he learned another three feet had fallen shortly after his departure. Real cold weather did not set in in that region until a few days ago.

He returned home by way of Boston, where he visited for a few days with relatives and the route home was through Chicago.

He has many interesting stories to tell his friends and as everyone is desirous of hearing of his fine trip and visit, his friends suggest that all gather at the Auditorium, where he may tell them all of his experiences and the sights he saw at the same time.—Nehawka Enterprise.

Miss Lillian Lamphere, who is making her home at Lincoln and attending school at that place, returned this morning to the capitol city after the Christmas vacation here.

Get your school supplies at the Bates Book and Stationery Store, where you will find the complete line at all times.

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Mr. Todd was doing some work around the farm yard when he discovered a good sized bull snake calmly crawling around in the vicinity of the corn crib and seemingly unaware of the fact that he was several weeks overdue in getting into his winter quarters.

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ORDER OF HEARING on Petition for Appointment of Administrator.

The State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss.

In the matter of the estate of George R. Reynolds, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Allie Millbern praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Frank A. Clodt, as Administrator;

Ordered, that January 27th, A. D. 1928, at ten o'clock a. m., is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a County Court to be held in and for said county, and show cause why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted; and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a semi-weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

Dated December 29th, 1927.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

(Seal) j2-3w County Judge.

ORDER OF HEARING AND NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.

State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss.

To all persons interested in the estate of Eli M. Smith, deceased:

On reading the petition of Caroline Smith praying that the instrument filed in this court on the 27th day of December, 1927, and purporting to be the last will and testament of the said deceased, may be proved and allowed, and recorded as the last will and testament of Eli M. Smith, deceased; that said instrument be admitted to probate, and the administration of said estate be granted to Caroline Smith, as executrix;

It is hereby ordered that you, and all persons interested in said matter, may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the 27th day of January, A. D. 1928, at ten o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this Order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a semi-weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

Witness my hand, and seal of said court, this 27th day of December, A. D. 1927.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

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NOTICE OF SUIT TO QUIET TITLE

In the District Court of the County of Cass, Nebraska.

Searl S. Davis, Plaintiff

vs. Columbus Jenkins et al., Defendants

To the defendants, Columbus Jenkins; Mrs. Columbus Jenkins, first real name unknown; J. T. Moore, first real name unknown; Mrs. J. T. Moore, first real name unknown; Robert W. Newell, and all persons having or claiming any interest in and to the east half (E 1/2) of the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of Section twenty-nine (29), Township twelve (12), Range twelve (12), east of the 6th P. M., in the County of Cass, Nebraska, real names unknown:

You and each of you are hereby notified that Searl S. Davis, Plaintiff, has filed petition and commenced an action in the District Court of the County of Cass, Nebraska, on the 2nd day of January, 1928, against you and each of you, and others, the object, purpose and prayer of which is to obtain a decree of court quieting the title to the east half (E 1/2) of the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of Section twenty-nine (29), Township twelve (12), Range twelve (12), east of the 6th P. M., in the County of Cass, Nebraska, as against you and each of you, and for a construction of the last will and testament of William H. Newell, deceased, with reference thereto, and for such other relief as may be just and equitable.

You and each of you are further notified that you are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 13th day of February, 1928, or the allegations of said petition will be taken as true and a decree rendered in favor of plaintiff and against you and each of you, according to the prayer of said petition.

Dated this 2nd day of January, A. D. 1928.

SEARL S. DAVIS, Plaintiff.

W. A. ROBERTSON, Atty. for Plaintiff.

j2-4w.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

In the District Court of the County of Cass, Nebraska.

In the matter of the Estate of Mary C. Murphy, Deceased; Application of H. A. Schneider, Administrator c. t. a., for License to Sell Real Estate to Pay Legacies.

Now, on this 2nd day of January, 1928, there was presented to the Court, the petition of H. A. Schneider, Administrator c. t. a., of the estate of Mary C. Murphy, deceased, for license to sell Lots one (1), two (2),

Happy New Year

Wescott's

One Price And No Monkey Business

three (3) and four (4), in Block three (3), in White's Addition to the City of Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, for the purpose of paying legacies as provided by the last will and testament of said deceased, and it appearing that there is not sufficient personal estate in the hands of the Administrator with the will annexed, to pay the debts against said deceased, the expense of administration, and to pay such legacies and it further appearing that the personal property collected by said Administrator amounts to \$6,449.48; that the claims against said estate amount to \$2,175.49; that the special bequests under the last will and testament of said deceased amount to \$5,876.00 and that the costs of administration will amount to approximately \$500.00 and that an order should be entered directing all persons interested in said estate to appear and show cause why a license should not be granted to said Administrator with will annexed of said estate, to sell said real estate.

It is therefore Ordered that all persons interested in the estate of Mary C. Murphy, deceased, appear before James T. Begley, Judge of the District Court, within and for Cass county, Nebraska, on the 20th day of February, 1928, at 10:00 a. m., at chambers in the court house in the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, to show cause, if any there be, why a license should not be granted to H. A. Schneider, Administrator with will annexed, of the estate of Mary C. Murphy, deceased, to sell Lots 1, 2,

3 and 4, in Block 3, in White's Addition to the City of Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, for the purpose of paying legacies as provided

by the last will and testament of the said Mary C. Murphy, deceased.

It is further Ordered, that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be served upon all persons interested in said estate by publication of this Order for four successive weeks in the Plattsmouth Journal, a newspaper printed, and of general circulation in the County of Cass, Nebraska.

BY THE COURT. JAMES T. BEGLEY, Judge of the District Court.

MINE WAGES INCREASED

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 29.—The Colorado Fuel & Iron company, largest producing coal operators in Colorado, today announced a wage increase for coal miners at all its southern Colorado mines, effective Jan. 1, 1928. The increase is the second since Sept. 1.

Under the new increase, totaling thirty-two cents a day, coal miners will receive a basic wage of \$6.52.

This is \$1 a day more than was paid prior to Sept. 1 of this year.

The strike of the Colorado coal miners called on Oct. 18 by the Industrial Workers of the World, followed a demand for a restoration of the Jacksonville scale of \$7.75 a day in Colorado mines. The strike was started in the face of a wage increase of sixty-ninth cents a day granted by the C. F. & I. on Oct. 1.

Approximately 4,000 men will receive the increase.

Many of the most beautiful designs and shades of crepe paper and crepe paper novelties can be found in the Deacons line on sale at the Bates Book and Gift Shop.

Furniture, Rugs and All Household Equipment!

Offered in this week's specials. Read the list carefully and see what you may want!

NEW AND USED GOODS

One new \$225 Overstuffed Mohair Living Room Suite, taupe and rose, with reverse cushions, \$159.50; one new \$175 Imported Jacquard Living Room Suite, \$129.50; one slightly used Bed Davenport, in jacquard, \$39.50; one \$65 Quarter Sawed Oak Duofold, just like new, \$35.00; one \$45 genuine Leather Upholstered Rocker, \$15.00; one \$75 genuine Mohair Overstuffed Chair, \$35.00; one Overstuffed Rocker, \$19.50; one Occasional Chair, \$14.50; ten other Velvet and Leather Seat Rockers, from \$4.50 to \$9.50; Kitchen Chairs, 85c to \$1.50; Dining Room Chairs, solid Oak, \$1.75 each; Sewing Rockers and Childs' Rockers, \$1.00 to \$2.50 each; 6-piece English Oak Dining Room Suite, \$35.00; one 54-inch Golden Oak Plank Top Table, 8-foot extension, \$19.50; four Oak Library Tables, \$5.00 to \$7.50; one Mahogany Table, \$7.50; one Sectional Book Case, \$15.00; two Princess Dressers, \$9.00 and \$15.00; one large Mahogany Dresser, \$17.50; five Oak Dressers, \$5.00 to \$10.00; one Chiffonier, \$9.00; one Mahogany Bed and Dresser to match, \$25.00; six new Walnut Finish Simmons Beds, \$5.00 to \$12.50 each; five Beds, \$1.50 to \$3.50 each; ten Bed Springs, \$3.00 to \$12.50 each.

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The best line of new Mattresses I have ever offered!

Full size, all cotton Mattress for only \$ 6.95

\$12.50 50-lb. Fancy Tick Layer Cotton Mattress for 8.95

18.00 55-lb. Bound Edge Layer Cotton Mattress for 12.50

30.00 55-lb. Genuine Felt Guaranteed Mattress for 19.50

KITCHEN FURNITURE - RUGS

One Federal Electric Washer, cost \$125, for \$39.50; two Kitchen Ranges, \$10.00 and \$25.00; one Heater, \$4.50; one Gas Range, \$10.00; one Gasoline Range, \$7.50; one two-burner Oil Stove, \$7.50; one new \$45 Grey Enamel Kitchen Cabinet, \$29.75; three used Kitchen Cabinets, \$7.50 and \$10.00 each; three Kitchen Tables, \$1.50 to \$3.5