

MURDOCK ITEMS

Miss Martha Theil is reported as being quite ill with an attack of the grippe.

Vernor Albright was looking after some business matters in Lincoln on last Monday.

Miss Charlotte Eliason, whose home is at Alma, was a visitor over the week end at the home of Charles Stroy.

Louis Hornbeck and the family, of Lincoln, were visiting with Murdock friends and relatives on last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. H. Ward and the children were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Keely, of Elmwood, for the day last Tuesday.

Paul Gall and wife, of Lincoln, the latter a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Buskirk, were visiting at the home of the parents of Mrs. Gall on last Sunday.

A. H. Ward and Meredith Weddell were over to Ashland on last Wednesday, where they were called to look after some business matters for a short time.

Many of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Eppings, who make their home at Manley, were over attending the dance which was given on last Tuesday evening.

John Schulling and Vernon Stewart, of Greenwood, were over to Murdock on last Wednesday afternoon, looking after some matters for the telephone company.

On last Thursday the Ladies Aid of the Evangelical church were meeting with Mrs. P. T. Johnson, and were entertained very nicely, they also doing excellent work for the church.

Arthur J. Tool was in attendance at the Hardware Dealers convention, which was in session last week at Lincoln. During the time, Mrs. Tool and son Douglass were looking after the store.

H. W. Tool and the good wife were over to Lincoln on last Tuesday, where Mrs. Tool visited with her folks, while Harold was rehearsing with the Shriners' band, of which he is a member.

Walter Stroy, who has been having a time with a finger which he had injured some time since, is now about able to get to work again, thanks to the careful treatment of Dr. L. D. Lee.

Emil Kuehn has been in Chicago, where he is looking after some business matters and at the same time visiting with a number of friends, which he has there. He was away for the entire of last week.

L. Neitzel has been feeling quite poorly for the past week, and while he has been staying with the work, he is hoping that he may be feeling more like looking after the business than he has been for some time.

Walter Stroy, who will engage in the auto accessory business with A. H. Jacobson, was a visitor in Lincoln on last Wednesday, where he was looking after some business matters pertaining to the business here.

Miss Alice Browne, of Lincoln, a sister-in-law of George Merdle, arrived in Murdock on last Monday, and has been visiting for the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merdle and with other friends here.

Omar Marshall, who has been making his home for some time at Grant, in the western portion of the state, is visiting for a couple of weeks with his mother, Mrs. Henry Oehrling, and was a visitor in Omaha for the day last Wednesday.

Dr. L. D. Lee, while at his work about the home had the misfortune to receive an injury to one of his fingers, which promised to give him some trouble, but by heroic treatment, the trouble was averted and the member is getting along nicely now.

Henry and Mrs. Guthmann on last Sunday entertained at their home and for an excellent dinner, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tool, and during the afternoon, both couples were visiting at Louisville, where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reese Hastain.

While Herman R. Smith, who is also justice of the peace and a carpenter, was at his work last Wednesday, he accidentally allowed the bit of one of his planes to come in contact with one of his fingers and received a very severe cut, which made him a very sore hand.

The Rock Island road has been making arrangements for the bettering of conditions of the train men by placing cinders over the yards at Murdock, and as to that, the other stations along their line, so that when it is windy the trainmen can get about in the performance of their duties without having to wade in the mud.

Play Basket Ball During the early portion of last week, the basketball fans were treated to a very fine series of games when the teams of Elmwood and those of the Murdock school played at the Murdock High school. The contest between the first team of the Murdock schools and the like team

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of Elmwood, resulted in a victory for the home team, the score being Murdock, 20, and Elmwood, 14, while the second team of Murdock won over the second team of Elmwood by a score of 12 to 4.

The winning of these games, played on Wednesday night, leaves Murdock feeling quite elated, as both sides were very desirous of taking the honors. Our boys are now all ready to beat Greenwood next Friday night (February 15th). Come out and see them do it. Don't forget the date, this Friday, February 15th.

Burial Vaults You care well for your loved ones while alive. One of our concrete vaults protects their remains when buried. An absolute guarantee. MILLER & GRUBER, tf-N Nehawka, Nebr.

Accepts New Position Frank Hart, who has been making his home at Glencoe, Wyoming, where he has been manager of an extensive lumber company, has resigned and accepted a position with the Dempster company, and has removed from the west to Red Oak, Iowa, where the family will soon be domiciled.

Celebrated Anniversary The Women's Christian Temperance Union, of Murdock, celebrated the birthday anniversary of Miss Francis E. Willard at the home of Mrs. L. Neitzel on last Friday, February 8th, at which time the ladies enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon and with an excellent program and the very fine luncheon which Mrs. Neitzel served made all very appreciative of the fine afternoon which the general hosts provided.

Married at Lincoln Louis Lau, one of the excellent young farmers of this section, was united in marriage on Thursday of last week, January 31st, at the home of the pastor of the Lutheran church of Lincoln, when he became the husband of Miss Alhina Pentel of Deshler. The young couple will make their home west of Murdock on the Henry Barishman place, which has been put in good condition but recently for their home. Mr. Lau is well and favorably known and with the bonnie lass who is becoming Mrs. Lau are well thought of and will, we are sure, make a success of the farm life, and Louis is sure a worker and an excellent young man as well. The Journal, with their many friends at Murdock, are extending congratulations and best wishes.

FOR SALE Having purchased a home in Omaha, and will be moving there soon and am offering my 6-room, strictly modern bungalow at Murdock with 2 car garage. Come to the home and we will be glad to show you the property. JESS LANDHOLM, Murdock, Nebr. 14-2tw.

As They Played The Elmwood line-up for the basketball game which was played on last Tuesday at the Murdock gymnasium, the home team won over the visitors, was as follows: Hulfish, rf; Boyd, lf; Brockmann, cf; Wilkins, rf; Jackson, lg. For Murdock the lineup was: A. Backmeyer, rf; McHugh, lf; Thimman, c; C. Backmeyer, lg; Tool, rg. The boys played a wonderful game and may be expected to do equally as well against Greenwood here Friday night. The score of this game, as well as that between the second teams, see the account elsewhere in this department.

We Missed the Items There appeared in the Ashland Gazette two very important items which we, in our canvassing of the city last week failed to unearth, they being the birth of two babies—one a son of one of our citizens and the other a daughter of another couple. We extend congratulations and that is all we can do at this late date.

Will Rebuild This Summer The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company, which now owns the telephone equipment in Murdock, have announced that they will with the opening up of spring begin the rebuilding of their telephone lines here and also those radiating out of the town, and when the rebuilding job has been completed they expect to have the exchange in the very best possible condition. The present equipment has been in use for a long time and by reason of its long usage has gotten so that a better system of lines are required.

Had Most Enjoyable Time On February 5th, 1929, Mr. and Mrs. John Eppings were united in marriage at Monticello, Mo., and have been residing in Nebraska for more than a dozen years and have made their home in Murdock for the past four years, and on last Tuesday evening celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary with a dance at the M. W. A., at which there were present a large number of their friends to assist in making the evening one of much pleasure. The Lancaster orchestra, of Murray, which is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Lancaster, Earl Lancaster, Everett Lancaster and Roy Lancaster, provided the music and which sure was the very best. All enjoyed the occasion and all had a wonderful good time. Messrs and Mesdames J. W. Hendricks, Wm. Wehrlein and Harry McCulley.

Trinity Church Give Play The members of the Trinity Lutheran church north of Murdock presented at the auditorium of the Murdock school a very creditable play, "The Old Fashioned Mother," a story of home life and church work as well as filled with sparkling wit and humor as well as pathos. There was a large and appreciative audience at

the school Thursday and Saturday nights and all were well pleased with the presentation.

The following is the cast of characters, all taking their parts with credit to themselves and the play:

Deborah Underhill, a mother of Israel, Mrs. Louise Zoch. Miss Lowitz Loviny Custard, plain sewing and gossip, Mrs. Minnie Lenhard.

Isabel Simpcock, the village belle, Mrs. Selma Gakemier. Gloriana Perkins, as good as gold, Miss Irene Rau.

Sukey Pindle, the widdier's mite, Miss Dorothy Gakemier. John Underhill, the prodigal son, John Gakemier.

Charley Underhill, the eldgr brother, Walter Lenhard.

Brother Jonah Quackenbush, a whitened sepulchre, Paul Kupke. Jeremiah Gosling, "Jerry," a merry heart, Rex Peters.

Enoch Rone, an outcast and a wanderer, Martin Blum. Quintus Todd, the county sheriff, Carl Kupke.

The village choir.

Nebraska is Second in Federal Road Work

Hal 278 Miles Brought to Higher Construction Types in 1928—Money Well Spent.

Washington, Feb. 8.—In highway mileage already improved with federal aid and brought to higher types of construction, Nebraska ranked second in 1928, with 278 miles. It completed 483 miles of highway that had not previously been improved, giving it third rank in this particular.

These facts are brought out by the bureau of public roads, in a report revealing that during the year 7,625 miles of highway had been added to the national highway system.

It is particularly noted by the bureau that during the year and also in the past few years, middle western states have taken the lead in road improvement. South Dakota was first and North Dakota second in the total mileage of roads constructed that had not previously been improved, their figures being 578 and 190 miles, respectively.

North Dakota headed the list of states which brought previously improved roads to a higher state of development, with 385 miles. South Dakota was third, with 252 miles; Minnesota fourth, with 118 miles, and Iowa fifth, with 106 miles.

It is pointed out that only 76 thousand miles of the federal aid system have been improved, leaving \$2 thousand miles awaiting attention. Should the federal government withhold federal aid, as has been agitated in recent years by President Coolidge and others, the pretentious scheme of improving all this vast artery of highways under improvement would, in the opinion of the bureau, collapse.

Officials of the bureau regard the 75 million dollars allotted annual by congress as one of the most meritorious appropriations, and have stated that the aid should be continued until the entire federal system has been completed.

A FARM LABOR PROBLEM

The Harris bill, which practically excludes Mexican common labor from the United States, has been unanimously reported for passage at Washington.

The common labor supply on farms in the southwestern part of the United States is a serious problem and Mexican labor which comes in to harvest the seasonal crops and which returns to Mexico when the husk is over, seems to be the principal source of supply. It is estimated that 70,000 such laborers are used each year, while under the proposed legislation this number would be cut down to about 12,000.

It is stated by persons in authority who have dealt with Mexican common labor, that it does not compete with white labor and that biologically and otherwise it is preferable to Philippine, Porto Rican and Negro labor. In the sugar beet fields, in mines and on the railroad section gangs in the semi-arid sections of the Southwest no other labor seems able to stand the heat as well as the Mexicans.

This problem is a serious one and deserving of the fullest investigation and consideration free from prejudice or political pressure.

Miller Huggins has been arrested as a loiterer, in Florida. We have often wondered how long it would be before someone tumbled to that fellow.

Sweet Clover SEED

The second carload of Sweet Clover Seed is Now Rolling

Will arrive at Murray about Friday, February 15th. Same high quality at same price.

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Road Sign Laws Now Effective in Forty-one States

Survey Finds Best Defined Rules in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Washington—Only seven states are without regulations governing commercial advertising along public highways, it is stated by the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Agriculture, which has recently made a survey.

The states having no such regulations are Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Kansas, Wyoming and Arkansas.

Massachusetts and Connecticut have the best-defined and most rigid laws. Before commercial advertising signs may be erected in them, licenses must be obtained from state authorities at state annual fees, and if the agency is outside the state, bond must be furnished. Each license bears a number and date.

The state authorities of Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont have the right to exact fines for signs which do not conform to the rules and remove them. The cost of removal, after due notice has been served, is collected from the advertising agencies or from the advertisers on bonds.

Advertising signs in Connecticut may not be placed within 15 feet of the right of way of a highway, and in Massachusetts within 500 feet. Within these two states, cities and towns may further regulate and restrict advertising signs in a manner not inconsistent with state laws.

Local authorities may remove non-conforming signs within their jurisdictions.

In Florida the state road department prohibits advertising signs on the highways and imposes on agencies in the bill posting business a license tax of \$5 in cities and towns of less than 10,000 and \$30 for towns and cities having more than 10,000 people. Other states have varying laws.

Welch Retains Seat in Senate

Gaines Thirty-seven on Recount of All Ballots Cast—Majority of Three, First Count

The election of Andy J. Welch of Milford to the Eighteenth district senatorial seat, contested by Charles Meacham, jr., of Dorchester, was decided in favor of Welch by the senate committee on privileges and elections today. The committee recounted the votes, giving Welch 6,263 and Meacham 6,323, a majority of 40 for the former.

Welch, a democrat, was declared winner over Meacham at the November election by a majority of three votes. Meacham contested Welch's seat on the ground that irregularities existed in both Saline and Seward counties, which comprise the district.

The committee on privileges and elections, headed by Senator McGowan of Norfolk started the recount about a month ago, but it was discontinued for almost two weeks when a ballot box from Lincoln precinct in Saline county was found empty. The ballots were later found, but the committee voted to discontinue the recount. Later it reconsidered and last night finished the task.

The senate unanimously adopted the committee's report when it was submitted this morning and Senator Welch, who has occupied his seat during the contest, was loudly applauded.

While Senator Welch picked up a vote here or there in the various precincts, Meacham lost in Crete, Friend, Union and Seward. The original election gave Meacham 844 votes in Crete, but the recount cut this number down to 819. Meacham also lost eight votes in Friend, five in Union, and twelve in Seward. Both candidates lost a considerable number of votes because of incorrectly marked ballots.

DEMOCRATS APPOINTED TO FORM STATE CLUB

Following vote of democrats at the Jackson dinner in January, Arthur F. Mullen, national committeeman, Thursday named members of a committee that will take steps to form a statewide democratic club. He selected Joseph T. Votava, chairman; State Chairman Thomas S. Allen, Lincoln; C. L. West, Omaha; Mrs. G. Ryan, Grand Island, national committeewoman; William Ritchie, jr., Omaha; Mrs. Mabel Gillespie, Gretna; L. A. Kinney, Hastings; Mrs. Odessa Carter Jensen, vice-chairman of the state committee, Blair; and Otto F. Weyer, Columbus.

Mrs. Loe has power and authority to decide in what manner the club shall be organized. At the banquet suggestion came from Mr. Votava, who recalled the effectiveness of the Bryan Volunteers in early campaigns and said the work of the club should be kept alive between campaigns by some representative group in each county.

ENDOWMENT FOR HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

New York, Feb. 7.—The American Hebrew, in its current issue, says that the union of American Hebrew congregations will be able to announce at its convention which opens in San Francisco Sunday that half of the \$5,000,000 endowment fund for the Hebrew Union college at Cincinnati has been raised.

TEACHER WED TO PUPIL

Tappen, N. D., Feb. 6.—Miss Gertrude Murdock, twenty-seven, principal of Tappen high school, has been married to Gordon Bell, seventeen, sophomore in the school. The teacher, wife and her young husband are attending their classes after a one-day honeymoon.

The school board has given Mrs. Bell permission to keep her husband in her classes and will retain her as principal. The husband is continuing to live with his parents but Mrs. Bell will continue to live with friends. The marriage took place Jan. 29, it was revealed today.

'Only Eleven Bob' for Week's Work, Miner Reports

Dole Pays Better, British Collier Finds—Prince Ends Northern Tour

London—The Prince of Wales has returned from his three days' tour of the distressed coalfields of Northumberland and Durham, and is now to discuss with the Prime Minister action to deal with the stubborn facts of the tragic situation which he has been endeavoring to elucidate for himself. Everywhere he has had the friendliest reception from unemployed miners and their families, whose appreciation of his desire to understand their case is shown in cordial demonstrations in every mining village he has visited.

Much attention has been drawn during the tour to the towsness of the wages now earned, even by workers not unemployed. Arthur J. Cook, secretary of the Miners' Federation, says: "I am glad someone in high authority has seen for himself the pay sheets which show the low amounts being taken home by many of our people." Colliery owners deny the accuracy of the wages figures which the miners' representatives have published, and explain that as the minimum wage for hewers is about 7s. daily, with free house and coal, they can only be accounted for by reductions made at collieries at the men's own request, for personal or other expenses.

Nevertheless the fact that wages are so low is taken to account for the report that one colliery, which would otherwise have reopened, has remained closed owing to the difficulty of finding men willing to accept the terms available, in view of the relief they can obtain from the state insurance fund so long as they remain unemployed.

One of the miners is reported to have put it: "Wat's good of worken when an can git see much without worken?" The 'ole thing's rank. An drew only 11 bob last week. If a'd been on dole relief a'd been much better off, at tell ye." This is one of the things that is to be investigated as a result of the Prince's tour.

ASSASSIN IS DENIED STAY

Mexico City, Feb. 6.—The Mexican supreme court today declined to interfere with the execution of Jose de Leon Toral, condemned assassin of President-elect Obregon.

The court refused the writ of injunction applied for by Toral's attorneys, in their last minute efforts to save his life. The date and place of execution will not be announced until provisional President Portes Gil has passed upon a petition for clemency.

Thygeson Drug Store Robbed of Pens and Quantity of Narcotics Taken by Visitors.

Burglars who entered the Thygeson Drug Store at Nebraska City sometime Tuesday night carried away merchandise valued at \$300. The stolen goods consisted of narcotics, fountain pens and watches.

Mark Stahhut, opening the store at 8 o'clock Wednesday, noticed a fountain pen case in the front of the store had been stripped. Investigation showed that there was a broken window in the rear and that the narcotic cabinet had been broken into and several drugs taken.

Officers believe the robbery was committed by someone who wanted narcotics more than anything else. No person whose activities were suspicious had been in the store Tuesday of Tuesday night, store people said.

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Nebraska City Has Visit from Burglars Also

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CONDEMNED MAN ASKS PERMISSION TO MARRY

Liverpool, Feb. 7.—From the cell where he awaits execution, Joseph Reginald Victor Clarke, known as "the boy with a hundred sweethearts," today made application of the home secretary for permission to marry the daughter of the woman he murdered, but failed to get permission. His desired bride is Mary Agnes Fontaine, a former sweetheart, whom he was charged with attempting to kill after he had killed Mrs. Alice Fontaine.

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