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Homer H. Lawton
Murdock, Nebraska

Bryan McDonald was a visitor at North Loup, where he was a guest of his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McDonald.

Superintendent of the Murdock schools and Mrs. Johnson will give a reception to their friends, which will be held on February 12th.

During the very bad roads, Lacy McDonald has been using horse power to make his mail deliveries. It takes longer, but is safer, and surer.

On last Tuesday E. W. Thimman moved the stock of Milo Buskirk to his new home over on the O street road, where he will farm the coming summer.

Mrs. M. G. Keedy was visiting for a few days during the past week at the home of William Umland, west of Eagle. Mr. Keedy going to bring the wife home on last Wednesday evening.

While leaving home last week contrary to instructions, a bull belonging to C. E. Stroy, wandered along the railway track and was struck by a Rock Island engine, and now there is one less bull.

Three of the teachers, Miss Roumelin, Miss Lewis and Miss Foster, were entertained at the Gorthey home at a 6 o'clock dinner Wednesday evening. They are the three Gorthey children's teachers.

John Eppings and the family were enjoying a visit at the home of friends and relatives at Murray, they making the trip via Elmwood and Union. This way, however, they did not find the roads any too good.

Miss Martha Theil has accepted a position nursing in Elmwood, she being the nurse for the patients of Dr. Liston, and all who shall have occasion to call this young woman will find her most efficient in her service.

The Murdock Mercantile company has on display in one of their windows a very fine bird house or colony, which was manufactured by Victor Thimman and which will provide accommodations for a goodly number of birds.

Clarence Ohms was with his neighbors getting the hogs dressed for their summer meat, on last Wednesday, and as the roads were so bad one could do nothing else, this afforded them an excellent opportunity to get the work done.

Mrs. John Bornemeyer has been having a very interesting time with one of her hands, which has a felon on it. The affection has been giving Mrs. Bornemeyer very much grief, and it is hoped it will soon be in its normal condition again.

We are extending our thanks to Messrs E. W. Thimman and John Eppings for the kindness of giving us a boost out of a mud hole on last Wednesday. We wished to express our thanks in a more substantial manner, but they would not have it thus.

Miss Ruth Miller, who has been convalescing nicely since undergoing an operation for appendicitis, was able to sit up for a short time in her bed and is considered as making good improvement and it is hoped she will soon be able to be up and around and well on the way to complete recovery.

Rev. H. R. Knosp of the Evangelical church of Murdock was placed on the program for the meeting which was held at Elmwood on Thursday of last week, and in the discourse of the theme of "Religious Education," made an excellent address and one that was well received by all of the large crowd who were there to hear him.

Primaries were held called for March 16th, for selection of candidates for members of the school board. Double the number of members to be elected will be placed in nomination. Two days later, on Monday, the 18th, there will be a caucus held for placing in nomination six candidates for a place on the vil-

lage board. There are three to be elected. Remember the dates.

The March wind, which came last Wednesday, and sure it was a March wind and no mistake, brought grief to the members of the association of young men who had erected a club house south of town on the right-of-way of the Rock Island, and where they met for recreation, pastime and on the occasion very much. However, Muj-ki-wiss, which is the Indian name for west wind, blew it down and the boys are now without a home.

With the coming of the electric current, one does not have to depend on whether the wind blows or not to have the water pumped, and with the installation of the electric pump, L. Neitzel has an extra windmill on his hands, so dismantling the source of power, he allowed the tower to stand and had Matt Thimman construct a birdhouse, which is to be installed on the windmill tower, and which is a veritable apartment house, as it has some sixty apartments and can accommodate a many party of feathered songsters. Mr. Neitzel loves the birds and was only too well pleased to provide a home for them.

For Sale
"Comfort" Barley Seed, from certified seed. Price \$1 per bushel.
DAN SCHLAPHOF.

Had a Good Sale
Fred Tonak, who has been a resident northeast of Murdock for the past six or eight years, held a sale on last Monday, March 4th, which was attended by a large crowd and at which the goods went at a very nice price. Mr. Tonak was very well pleased with the results of the sale. People are willing to pay a good price for good goods.

Gave Party for School
Misses Mildred Foster, of the Murdock schools, and Mary Tool, of the Bank of Murdock, gave a most enjoyable party to the school at the school building on last Saturday, having especially as their guests of honor the Young Women's Bible class of the Evangelical church of Murdock. A most delightful time was had, the evening being filled with good games and an excellent program, with refreshments at an appropriate hour.

Attends Nephew's Funeral
Late last week, J. Johanson received the sad news of the passing of one of the sons of a sister, Herman Bronson, at Davenport, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Johanson departed late last week for the home in Iowa, to be at the funeral, which was held on last Sunday. The nephew was 33 years of age, and had undergone an operation for gonorrhea, from which he was not able to recover. Mr. and Mrs. Johanson returned home after the funeral, getting here Tuesday evening and report that they found the roads fine in Iowa, as they were all paved, but this side of Louisville they found them very bad.

Hold Series of Meetings
The Evangelical churches over the state have been holding a series of meetings looking towards giving a better religious education to the members of their church and the public generally. During the past week, there was a meeting at the Evangelical church of Murdock, at which there were present very able speakers from elsewhere and much interest was manifested in the movement. Rev. Charles Levine, of Elmwood, the pastor of the Evangelical church at that place, was one of the principal speakers at the meeting held in Murdock on last Wednesday. He had somewhat of a time getting

to the meeting on account of the very bad roads, still he made up for the delay in the excellent address which he gave both in the afternoon and evening.

Is Great Grandfather
M. E. Shatto is wearing his honors very nicely now, notwithstanding they are such as do not come to everyone. Last week, at Denver, there was born a young lady who tipped the scales at seven pounds and is a great-granddaughter of this Murdock man. The young lady, together with her mother, Mrs. Ruby Rainbaugh, is getting along nicely. Mr. Shatto is well pleased over the fact of being a great-grandfather and is bearing his honors well.

Murdock Wins Over Liberty
In the state tournament held at Lincoln the latter part of last week, Murdock was the only town in Cass county to survive the district eliminations and get into the tourney. In the initial game, our boys played against the team from Liberty, Murdock winning by a score of 20 to 10. The Murdock boys have been playing good ball and we were looking for them to show good form and were not disappointed.

In their second game they were up against a harder proposition, meeting the well trained team from Bennett, Nebraska, and there is certainly no lack of honor due the home town boys, for although they lost, the score was mighty close, being 20 to 23, which speaks well for the playing of the Murdock team. The Bennett team went down to defeat in the eliminated in the next round of play. Throughout the season, our boys have made a good record and one that entitles them to the plaudits of their friends and schoolmates.

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American Troops May be Ordered to Enter Mexico

Action Indicated Should Threatened Juarez Fighting Peril Americans

El Paso, Tex., March 6.—United States military authorities here tonight indicated that American troops would cross the border and enter Juarez, Mexico, if street fighting which may develop there, threatens to endanger lives of Americans on this side of the border.

In 1915 American forces drove Pancho Villa out of Juarez after bullets fired in Juarez had killed Americans in El Paso.

The Seventh United States cavalry at Fort Bliss has been ordered to tomorrow with full pack and field equipment, it was learned Wednesday night. No reason was given for the order.

Police lines have been established by the local authorities in the lower part of this city near the international border.

Major General William Lassiter of the Eighth army corps at San Antonio and Major General John L. Hines of the Ninth corps at San Francisco, who have control forces in the border states, have full authority to dispose as they see fit, without consultation with the war department.

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Deaths in Blast Mount to 6; No Inquest Planned

County Attorney of Dodge County Says No Responsibility is Seen in Case.

Scribner, Neb., March 8.—Deaths in the explosion of five hundred pounds in dynamite during a barn fire here last night rose to six today.

W. F. Strube, 34, a garage owner, and Arthur Schoeneck, 25, truck driver, died this afternoon of the injuries suffered when the terrific blast felled more than a hundred volunteer firemen and spectators.

The injured list totals nearly 50. Several remain in critical condition and may die.

Gus Fitzback, 26, assistant postmaster; Guy E. Clark, 38, a barber; Fred Felgner, 22, grain merchant, and Henry Wibbels, 24, an auto mechanic, were dead soon after the blast.

There were 10 cases of dynamite stored in the barn.

In the light of the blaze has not been determined, Carl Hollander, owner of the place, bordering on nervous collapse following the tragedy is at the home of a son-in-law in Fremont. He said late today that defective wiring in his automobile might have started the fire and the dynamite was set off by the explosion of the gasoline tank.

The dynamite caps were stored 20 feet from the explosive, he said.

Will Be No Inquest.
No inquest into the tragedy will be held, County Attorney Mahlin of Fremont said late last night. "I see no criminal responsibility," said Mr. Mahlin. "I have had the law covering storage of dynamite looked up and am told there is nothing illegal in the case. It was kept outside the city limits."

Fred Pascherer, the fire chief, was operated upon late this afternoon. He had refused to go on the operating table until all other seriously wounded had been cared for.

Schoeneck was engaged to marry Miss Louise Witt. She remained at his bedside until death, then collapsed and was taken home. Schoeneck was a son of Arthur Schoeneck, sr. He leaves three brothers, William and Jack of Fremont, and Mertan, traveling with the Six Brown Brothers, saxophone players.

Though some of the firemen had been warned of the danger, more than one hundred persons were knocked to the ground when the dynamite blew up. The barn was blown to bits, four other farm buildings were wrecked and set afire. A white curtain of flame reached high into the night sky, carrying with it timbers, stones, and bodies of some of the victims. Mangled and unconscious men were carried as much as 75 feet.

The injured:
Fred Pascherer, fire chief, broken arm, burns, cuts. Suffering severely from shock.

Elmer Steil, printer, leg and arm injuries. Severely shocked.

Clarence Zucker, 32, assistant fire chief, broken leg.

Ed Spuring, 38, mail carrier, body cuts and bruises.

Lester Ehlers, 29, electrician, cuts and bruises.

Given Ehlers, 25, electrician, broken arm.

Henry Rich, 45, farmer, body filled with wood particles.

William A. Weigand, 45, farmer, head severely cut.

G. P. Johns, 48, farmer, face and body burns.

Joe Rumary, laborer, skull fracture.

Ed Foeler, 27, butcher, spike driven through arm.

William Maier, retired farmer, head and body injuries.

John Sharp, restaurant owner, body burns. Eye removed in operation.

Elmer Hershberger, 22, barber, body cuts.

William Shorten, 28, baker, head lacerated.

MUST NOT JOIN THE ROTARY

New York—I. D. Sutton of Tampico, Mexico, president of the International Rotary, returned with Mrs. Sutton on the liner Berengaria Wednesday after a visit to the Vatican where he sought the attitude of the Catholic church toward luncheon clubs, such as Rotary.

Mr. Sutton said the consistorial congregation decided on Feb. 10, before he reached Rome, that Catholic priests would not be allowed to join Rotary clubs.

"While the position of the Vatican on the priesthood was final," he said, "there was decision as to laymen participating in Rotary or similar clubs."

Plan Demands Expenditure of a \$6,000,000 Fund

Huge State Expenditure for Educational Purposes Asked Explained by Dr. Paul Mort

It will cost the state of Nebraska \$6,000,000 the first year to put into effect the state teachers' association plan for so-called "equalization of educational opportunities," the house committee on education learned on Tuesday afternoon from Dr. Paul Mort of New York, who appeared before it to explain the scheme, that he formulated last year at the request of that organization.

The cost would increase from year to year until as outlined by Dr. Mort in a bulletin issued some time ago, it would reach \$19,000,000 per year, or three times as much money as the state now collects in direct taxes for all governmental purposes.

Money collected for the state "equalization" fund would be distributed among the school districts in all counties; but before any district could get any of the money it would be required to agree that part of the state's contribution should be spent for special superintendence of supervision. Each district, therefore, would have to employ a supervisory officer of its own, or join with other districts in hiring one jointly.

Under present laws, no district can receive state aid for its schools until it has levied a tax of 8 mills on its own citizens. The bill under consideration, H. R. 482, would cut this requirement to 1.7 mills the first year, and 2.7 mills as a permanent basis.

The state would be expected to make up the remainder of the revenue necessary to furnish "standard" instruction. All taxpayers would have to contribute to the general pot for this purpose. In any district where the people might desire the schools of the highest type, they would be required to pay for the necessary revenue, the same as they do now, after contributing to the state fund. The chief benefits would go to districts which do not levy a high enough tax to maintain modern schools.

Critics of H. R. 482 assert that it would centralize control of schools and take their management out of the hands of local authorities.

OMAHA HAS A NIGHT FIRE
Omaha—With a crowd of spectators looking on, firemen carried nineteen persons to safety down ladders from smoke filled rooms on the second and third floors of the old Barker block, where fire broke out shortly before midnight Wednesday. Among the rescues were three women and two children. Smoke from a blaze starting in the basement spread so quickly that guests in that part of the building operated as a hotel, were unable to use the single stairway to reach the street. Most of them had been awakened by passersby.

Firemen found roomers stumbling blindly thru dense smoke in the second and third floor hallways, most of them only partly clothed.

The fire damage estimated at several thousand dollars was confined to the basement.

BIRD VERDICT CLEARS BARTH
Wahoo, March 7.—County Attorney Galloway, Thursday after stating that Jake Bird's testimony would now be "greatly if not wholly discredited," entered a nolle prosequere of the criminal prosecution against Conrad Bath, Burlington special agent. Barth was charged with second degree murder in the death of Gordon Grigor, Cleveland youth, July 12, 1928.

Bird, a Negro, claiming to be an eye-witness to the accident, said Barth pushed the Grigor boy under the wheels of a moving train.

Recently Bird was convicted of attempting to murder Harold Striling of Omaha and sentenced to 30 years in the Iowa prison.

Of course, we haven't yet had a personal interest in any fires. No doubt the screaming sounds very sweet to one whose property is blazing merrily, or if it doesn't they ought to amend the arsen laws.

Extra Session is Called to Open April 15

Agricultural Relief and "Limited" Tariff Changes Proposed—First Proclamation

Washington, March 7.—President Hoover issued a proclamation today calling the Seventy-first congress into an extraordinary session on Monday, April 15, for enactment of further farm relief and limited tariff revision legislation and for the transaction of such other urgent business as many come before it.

Besides this, the chief executive received assurance of the support from leading democrats of the foreign relations committee in his efforts to bring about American membership in the World court and discussed a variety of other subjects with more than a score of callers.

The call for the extra session—the first proclamation issued by the new president—declared that "legislation to effect further agricultural relief and legislation for limited changes in the tariff cannot in justice to our farmers, our labor and our manufacturers be postponed."

With these words, the only ones specifically mentioned in the proclamation, the action of the extra session will not be limited to them. One other major piece of legislation which has the president's support is that directing the taking of the 1930 census and the reapportionment of the membership of the house of representatives on the basis of that census.

Other Urgent Matters.
Several other matters of an urgent character also probably will be considered, along with a large number of nominations for various public offices which the president is expected to send to the senate very early in the session. These will include judicial, diplomatic and general appointments, embracing some assistant secretaries of the various federal departments of the government.

Before the proclamation was issued the president discussed the extra session with Vice President Curtis. Senator Watson of Indiana, the new republican leader of the senate; Senator Moses of New Hampshire, president pro tempore of the senate, and Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, Senator Candenberg said the republican membership of both the house and senate "will be 100 per cent behind the reapportionment and census measure."

The program of procedure for the first session of the new congress is yet to be worked out, with the majority leaders in each house making their first action on the body on the floor. Senator Watson thinks the house should act on the tariff revision through a farm relief bill so that there will be continuous and interchangeable work at both ends of the capital.

Representative Tilson of Connecticut, the house leader, proposes that the house act first on farm relief and then take up the tariff bill, which now is expected to be ready about April 20. This plan would leave the senate without a legislative program for two or three weeks, a situation which its leaders would avoid if possible, because of their apprehension that the senate might embrace this opportunity to embark upon a program of general legislation.

Discuss Root's Mission.
The mission of Elihu Root, over-seer of the American reservations to the World court by the other nations members of that tribunal was discussed by Senators Swanson of Virginia and Walsh of Montana, democrats on the senate foreign relations committee.

Both were ardent supporters of American adherence to the court protocol and they approved the efforts now being made to bring about American participation in the court's deliberations. They also expressed satisfaction with the president's pronouncement on this subject in his inaugural address.

It was stated today at the white house that the president would make no appointments to places in the various department and independent agencies of the government before next week. A number of assistant secretaries and other officials have tendered their resignations and their successors must be named in the near future. Many recommendations already have been received.—Lincoln Star.

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