

# The Ekalaka Eagle

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## WILL CELEBRATE HERE IN JULY

At the regular meeting Tuesday evening of the Stockgrowers and Business Men's Club it was unanimously decided to celebrate the 4th of July this year by having a two days celebration on the 5th and 6th, on account of the 4th coming on Sunday. The majority of the business men in town were present at this meeting and all expressed themselves as in favor of the proposed celebration and promised their liberal support in making it a success in every possible way. The Camp Crook people will celebrate on the 2th and 3rd, at which time they are expecting us all over there. The ball team, band, Canton Custer No. 6 I. O. O. F. and many other people will no doubt comprise the Ekalaka delegation there, and in return they promise to come here for the 5th and 6th. More arrangements in this respect will be decided on later.

A committee of four was appointed to canvas among the merchants and see what money could be raised and to arrange an elaborate program for the two days, which will consist of horse races, foot races, relay, chariot and other novelty races, broncho busting, fire fighting exhibition, base ball games, band concerts, dancing and many other games and sports. Good prizes will be given to the winners of the various sports and a royal good time is guaranteed everyone who comes here to celebrate. Ekalaka has never been known to show the "green feather" when it came to showing outsiders as well as the home people a good time and if you never have had the opportunity of taking in one of our celebrations, come this year and let us show you a real live western "blowout". The base ball boys here are trying to arrange games with the Camp Crook and Baker boys on these dates and if this is done you will be treated to plenty of this great American sport. Canton Custer No. 6, I. O. O. F. will no doubt appear for a drill in full dress uniform at this celebration, which event alone will be well worth seeing. The band is making good headway and no doubt will be able to render some good music on these days which will be a good drawing card. Many people from Camp Crook, Baker, Ewalt and other nearby towns have signified their intentions of coming here to celebrate and therefore, we are looking forward for the largest crowd ever, to gather in Ekalaka on Monday and Tuesday, July 5th and 6th. Begin to plan now for a trip here during these two big days which will be spent in having a good time and renewing old acquaintances. The key to the town will be thrown in the well on this occasion and the motto will forever be "A Square Deal". Be Americans! Be Patriotic!! Celebrate!!!

## CUSTER COUNTY PIONEER DIES

A busy life, filled with care, anxiety, pain, pleasure, satisfaction and bereavement was closed, with the going out of the spark of life of H. B. Bickerdyke at his home at Ericson, Mont., on last Friday morning at 6 o'clock. Mr. Bickerdyke was stricken last Wednesday morning with a stroke of paralysis and up until the time of his death had lost all control of himself.

H. B. Bickerdyke was one of Custer County's earliest settlers, he having settled in this county in 1882. During the early 80's he had a contract for the carrying of the U. S. Mail from Miles City to Ericson. After the abandonment of the route he was appointed post-master at Ericson which position he was holding at the time of his death. Deceased leaves a wife and 9 children to mourn his sudden departure from this life. Mr. Bickerdyke was born in 1854 and was an honest, honorable and kind man, numbering his friends by all who new him. Many were the sorrows and griefs of his life but with it all he was cheerful and optimistic. The sorrowing family has the sympathy of their many friends in the death of a loving husband and father. The funeral was held at the home Sunday at 1 o'clock, the remains being laid to rest in the Capitol cemetery.

## LADIES AID TO HOLD SOCIAL

The Ladies Aid Society will give an "Experience Social" in the Union Church on Friday evening, May 14th where they will serve cake and coffee at 15 cents. In addition to this we are to be treated with a unique program. All the ladies have been requested to earn the sum of one dollar in some way, and at this social they will be called upon to give their experience as to how she earned it.

The business men and citizens of Ekalaka are now given a chance to get their yard cleaned, shoes shined, washing done, patching or anything else done in this respect. The storekeepers can get their packages delivered or their windows washed. In fact, the ladies are coming around after work so prepare a job for them. The social is for the benefit of the church.

## BIG DEAL CLOSED HERE THIS WEEK

One of the most important real estate transfers this spring was brought about Monday when Septon Cady purchased about 480 acres of land from R. C. Charters. Part of this land adjoins Mr. Cady's homestead northwest of town while the rest is a piece of timber land up in the hills.

## SCHOOL BOARD MET SATURDAY

The board of trustees of district No. 15 met in special session last Saturday morning and transacted considerable important business. The following teachers were engaged to teach the Ekalaka schools for the ensuing term:- F. L. Funkenbusch, Miss Lucy Markin, Clarence Yokely and Miss Anna Olsen.

All of the above teachers are well known in Ekalaka with the exception of Mr. Yokely who arrived here last Thursday evening from the state of Missouri. He is a nephew of Robt. L. Yokely of this place and is a gentleman who no doubt will "make good" as a teacher in our public schools.

Miss Miller, who has been teaching the middle grades the past term was not an applicant for a position this year. During the past term she has accomplished some excellent work in her room and it is with regret to many that she will not be here to continue the good work next fall. During the past term only three teachers have been engaged in this district, but the steady increase of the enrollment has demanded that another instructor be added to the list. The proposed new school house will no doubt be nearing completion at the commencement of the next term which will be a great improvement over the present building and a benefit to the school children in this district.

## CAMP CROOK COUPLE MARRIED

Harry Holman and Mrs. May Wirt left town last Thursday with their destination known to no one but themselves.

On their return the fact was made known that they had gone to Buffalo, procured the first marriage license to be issued in Harding county and had been married by Rev. J. M. Gardner at his home on Valley Creek.

While this event does not come as a surprise to Crookites, yet it culminated sooner than many had expected it would.

Mr. Holman is one of the prosperous young ranchers of this region, and bids fair to be one of the leaders in that business before many years. He has acquired valuable real estate holdings since coming here, and is continually adding to his properties.

Mrs. Wirt is a native of the west. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Speelman of Ekalaka, and has spent her past life in this country and numbering her friends by her acquaintances.

The Gazette extends congratulations to the happy couple and wishes them many years of happiness and prosperity.—Range Gazette.

## LOOK OUT COLD WAVE COMING

That is, we expect a cold wave, for we have had two shipments of potatoes frozen and now the third and last shipment is on the road and will be here in a few days. The lambing season is on and so is our complete line of Rubber Boots, for men, boys and girls. Also complete line of Men's "Blizzard" Rubbers. Ask for our new style, Triumph "Blizzard". Our stock of slickers are going fast. We have the best saddle rope on the market, try it. Watch for our ad next week.

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