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## NEW MAIL SERVICE MONDAY

Official information was received by Postmaster J. E. Wilson this week that commencing Monday Sept. 27th the Miles-Ekalaka mail line would be discontinued and the new Ismay line would then commence. Gordon Taylor of Ismay has been awarded the contract for \$1600 per annum and the contract holds until June 30, 1910.

The first mail over this line will arrive at 8:00 o'clock p. m. on Monday next after which time regular three-times-a-week trips will be made, the mail arriving on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's and leaves on Tuesday's Thursday's and Saturday's.

With the mail not due to arrive here until 8:00 o'clock p. m., another uncalled for hardship is to be worked upon the 600 patrons of this office. Instead of receiving our mail on the evening of it's arrival we must wait until the next morning. At present it takes the two clerks in this post-office between one and two hours to distribute our mail and as this office closes at 9:00 o'clock the mail will not be distributed until the next morning. This plan makes it very inconvenient for all as answers to letters, etc. must be held here two days awaiting the next mail. If it were possible for us to receive our mail on the evening of arrival it would save us time and expense. To receive our mail from a point nearly 50 miles nearer than before and receive poorer service may sound "fishy" to the government official but yet it will be a fact. During the winter months when the roads are bad, there is no telling of when the mail will arrive.

When the thrice-a-week Baker route was petitioned for, a bid of \$1500 was rejected as being too high and now the government establishes a route at the cost of \$1600 than makes mail service worse for the patrons of this office. It seems that our 600 post-office patrons should have a little to say in regards to their mail service and that the government would work for their interest instead of the Earlingburt Merc. Co. and others at Ismay.

## DEATH CLAIMS MARGUERITE LANE

Last Monday morning at 4 o'clock occurred the death of Marguerite, the one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lane. Death was caused by cholera infantum, which disease the little child had been suffering with for some time. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the church, Rev. John Oliver officiating, after which the remains were laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved parents in this, their hour of bereavement.

## AT WORK ON NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

The new school building which was first planned about fifteen months ago for Ekalaka is now in the course of construction. At the school election held in 1908 the voters of this district voted to issue \$8,000 in school bonds for the erection of a new school house and for unknown reasons the work of despoising of the bonds, etc. was not accomplished until a short time ago when the new school board set to work to secure better quarters for the school children of this district. As a result of their work Contractor Ole Kortfelt of Miles City and crew of workmen commenced work on Ekalaka's new school house this week. Mr. Kortfelt came down from Miles Tuesday evening where he was looking up material for the new building which will arrive in a short time.

Ekalaka's new school house when completed will be a structure that the people of this district may be proud of. The plans now on file with the school clerk if carried out, will make a school building that will be a credit to the town and will give plenty of room for the teachers and the school children who will be obliged to occupy it. The lack of room for the past two years brought about the necessity of erecting this new building and after it's completion the room question will be solved.

The new school building is to be two stories high with a 60 ft. front and a basement. Twelve windows in the front and rear and eight on each side. The basement will be 22 x 44 and will consist of a cement floor boiler room for the heating plant and a fuel room.

The first floor will consist of two 22 x 45 class rooms with a 12 foot hall between. In this hall will be located the cloak rooms and the stairways up to the second floor and down to the boiler room. A vestibule 5 x 20 will be located at the front entrance and one 5 x 13 at the rear which will give the children ample room to enter and depart from the building and avoid the crowding so noticeable in the past.

The second floor will be about the same as the first with only a few minor changes. This floor will also have two 22 x 45 class rooms and a 12 foot hall. At the rear of the hall will be located a room 12 x 12 to be used as a teachers room. Two cloak rooms will occupy the center of the hall and the stairway at the front end of the hall. A fire escape will be put at the rear of the building for use in case of fire on this floor. Four radiators in each room and several in the halls will solve the heating question of the building. The new building is being erected just south of the present building.

The contract for the building was let to Mr. Kortfelt whose bid was \$8,550 and the contract

## THE TOWN'S HAPPENINGS

Burt James and family were visiting in town yesterday.

Chas. Lavell of Box Elder was in town Saturday on a business trip.

Denver Lane, Bill Yates and Al Tubbs each brought in a load of freight this week.

Geo. Mains is over from Camp Crook consulting with Dr. Hedges our up-to date dentist.

An addition is being built onto the ware house of the R. C. Charters Co. east of the store.

The Baker-Ekalaka automobile line is now in full operation and doing good business under the management of Frank Simpson.

Born—To Mr and Mrs A. E. Bartlett Tuesday morning, a girl. Mother and child doing nicely and Ace wearing a smile "worth millions."

Attorney Sharpless Walker of Miles City was a visitor in town this week. He made a trip to Box Elder Monday with Geo. Boggs and Dr. Baker in the latter's auto.

Dick Selway, the large wool-grower of Willow Creek was visiting among town people Wednesday. He was enroute to the Chalk Buttes where he has sheep interests to look after.

Mrs. Robt. Smith and son Milton left Wednesday via Simpson's automobile for Baker from which place they will journey to Quincey, Ill. by rail. Milton will attend school there this year.

Griggs Newman returned yesterday noon from Chicago where he went with a stock shipment. He took in the Minnesota and South Dakota state fairs while away and reports having a great time.

Dr. Albert Sherrill of Camp Crook passed through town yesterday enroute from Marmarth home. He was bringing back his auto which was put out of commission some time ago in the North Dakota town.

The Misses Mable Gross, Estlla Hoffman and Mable Terrett left Sunday on the auto line for Baker from which place they will take the train for Miles city where they will attend the Vrsuline Convent this year.

calls for the building to be finished by Jan. 1st 1910 so that during the holiday vacation the change from the old to the new building may be made. When finished this new school building will rank among the best in the smaller towns in the country. Last year the enrollment list reached the 100 mark and this years enrollment is expected to pass that mark. The extra teacher and extra grade was a much needed addition to our schools and the year 1909-10 will no doubt show better results along educational lines than any previous year since the establishment of this district.

## Notice-My Store

Will be Closed For Our

## INVOICE

On Sept 29th and 30th.

All Outstanding Accounts Must be Paid on or Before Oct 1st.

W. H. PECK

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We handle everything

The R. C. Charters Company.