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BUILDING AGAIN CATCHES ON FIRE

Last evening at about 11 o'clock fire was discovered in Phil Boot-sma's building on upper Main street which totally destroyed the building and all its contents. At the time when the alarm was turned in, the front of the building was a solid mass of flames and before the firemen arrived the fire had gained such head-way that there was no possible way of saving either the building or the contents. The efforts of the firemen were then directed to keeping the flames from spreading to the adjoining property and with the wind in their favor no other property was damaged. Among the other losers by the fire was Ole Kort-felt the school house contractor who had about \$400 worth of stucco, paper, etc. stored there for use on the new school house. Phil's photo gallery was located in the building and his entire outfit was destroyed with the exception of the camera and a few other fixtures which he was using down town in taking a flash light at the time of the fire.

The cause of the fire is not exactly known but it is supposed it was started from the careless throwing down of a match. Insurance to the amount of about \$500 was carried on the building and contents. This is the second time that the building has caught on fire, the other event taking place last April when the Eagle got it's tail scorched.

NEW ROAD TO CAMP CROOK

County Surveyor Feanall returned to Miles City Tuesday after completing his work in this section. While here Mr. Feanall changed the route of the Conger hill road and also surveyed out a new mail road to Crook. The new road starts near J. H. Booths residence running east through Mrs. Clay W. Taylor's pasture and then taking the road past the sawmill striking the old Camp Crook road near J. W. Hiscock's mail Box making the distance between here and Camp Crook between 6 and 7 miles shorter.

The new road has been recommended to the county commissioners and it is thought that they will declare it open for public use within a short time. The work of getting this new road and the change in the Conger hill route was due to the earnest efforts of our commercial club.

RAILROAD COMING?

H. M. Haines, C. M. & P. S. Railroad Immigrant Agent spent the fore part of the week in this section. His business was somewhat of a secret and from his own statement that "things will soon change in this country" we can take it that the railroad people are figuring on something of interest to this immediate vicinity.

FOR BETTER FIRE PROTECTION

The special meeting of the fire company was fairly well attended Tuesday evening when the question of better fire protection for Ekalaka was discussed. From remarks made it seems to be the opinion of the majority of the taxpayers that the "open well" system of fire protection is the best, most convenient and cheapest. In installing this system it will be necessary for us to purchase a gasoline fire engine, about 500 feet of good hose, some ladders, lanterns, etc. and to also dig several open wells in different parts of town. We have an unlimited supply of water and all that is necessary is something to pump the water and force it through the hose. A committee was appointed to get prices of several different outfits which committee, will report at the next meeting. In the meantime we will live in hopes of having no fires and getting good material with which to fight a fire should one occur in the town. Until the report of this committee, no definite steps will be taken.

COAL MINE CLOSED DOWN

John Church, the government land inspector was a business caller in town this week, his mission here being for the purpose of investigating into the illegal trespassing upon government land. As a result of his visit here, a good many of our townspeople are without their needed supply of coal, inasmuch as Mr. Church stopped operations at the Cleveland & Crosby mine on Monday. The mine is located on government property and coal must not be removed without authority from the government officials.

Efforts are now being made through the circulation of a petition, to have the government allow us to take enough coal for our use but as to the outcome we are not in any position to state. To be without coal here this winter would work a hardship on many of our residents and we believe and hope satisfactory arrangements will be made whereby we may all procure native coal this winter.

LOCAL NOTES

Stewart Unruh was visiting in town this week from Midland.

Brice Lambert left Tuesday for Baker with E. C. Metheny's household goods.

A boosters club is about to be organized. One of the oaths to take will be that you will hide your hammer and swear to boost the town and in case you are caught knocking, for each offense, a souse in the tank is the penalty.

COMMERCIAL CLUB GETTING BUSY

The commercial club met in regular session last Tuesday evening transacting considerable business of importance. The daily mail line to Baker subject, was again discussed and after exchanging views on the question it was decided to send a committee composed of J. H. Booth and O. A. Dahi, to Baker to discuss this important subject with their club with a view of making arrangements so that the work of securing this line will be pushed ahead in a hurry.

With the co-operation of the Baker club we believe we can secure this line which is greatly needed for our thriving town.

LOCAL TALK WORTH NOTEING

Henry Viles was skirmishing around the village Tuesday.

A. W. Lucas pays the highest cash price for hides, furs and pelts.

J. J. Rogers of Box Elder was in town Wednesday on a business trip.

M. O. Tracy is still confined to his house with kidney trouble. He is however slowly recovering.

Dr. Baker has moved his office from Room 1 in the Lucas hotel to Dr. J. P. Hedges' dentist shop where he will remain permanently.

Dr. L. M. Kromer nerve and eye specialists of Helena was in town the fore part of this week attending business matters in his line.

A representative of the C. M. & P. S. railroad has been in this vicinity for several days past looking up section corners, etc. Wonder what's doing?

A new organ has been added to the equipment of the lodge rooms by the Gertrude Rebekah lodge. The instrument was purchased through Miles City parties.

The entertainment committee of Beaver Lodge No. 65 will give a grand ball in the I. O. O. F. hall Thanksgiving evening, Nov. 25th. Good music and a good time is guaranteed.

The Hallow' eve dance given in the hall last Friday evening by the orchestra was well attended and a good time was had by all. Dancing was continued until 3 o'clock in the morning.

Ed. Latham of the experimental farm at Baker was a visitor in town this week Mr. Latham reports everything coming along good at the farm and expects to do some extensive farming next year.

John Hefrin has moved from his ranch on Horse creek to Baker where he bought out A. S. Way in the saloon business. Mrs. Hefrin and son Eddie were in town yesterday enroute to join Mr. Hefrin at Baker.

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