

## FIRE CHIEF HAS NEW JOB

Under the provisions of H. B. 77 approved by the governor, establishing the office of state fire marshal, the cause, origin and circumstances of each fire occurring in cities, villages and organized townships must be investigated. Such investigation shall be started within two days, not including Sunday of the day the fire occurred.

This investigation to be made by the chief of the fire department of each city or village where a fire department is established, the mayor of an incorporated town where there is no department and by the justice of the peace in organized townships. These officers may summon any witness to appear before them and give testimony in relation to the fire, and have power to cause the arrest of any person who in his opinion may be charged with arson.

The law also provides that the above officers at all reasonable hours may enter all buildings and upon all premises within their jurisdiction for the purpose of examination. If an officer finds a building or structure for any cause especially liable to fire, and so situated as to endanger other buildings or property, or if he finds in a building or upon any premises any combustible or explosive material or inflammable conditions dangerous to the safety of such buildings, or premises, he shall cause buildings to be repaired, materials removed or conditions remedied. Such orders shall be complied with by the owner or occupant of such building or premises.

Any owner or occupant of buildings or premises who fails to comply with the orders of the authorities shall be fined not less than ten dollars for each day neglect.

## LOCALS NEWS AROUND TOWN

J. J. Rodgers was a Box Elder visitor in town Saturday.

Anton Paulsen was in town the fore part of the week from his ranch.

James Munro was in town from the O'Fallon creek country Monday.

Harve Massengale was in town Saturday and returned home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Jones were visitors in town from Box Elder on Monday.

Strayed from Joe Donley's pasture, east of Sawmill Gulch. One sorrel gelding, branded, RM on left shoulder, crop eared, weight 950 pounds. One sorrel mare, branded, — on left shoulder wt. 950 pounds. Liberal reward for same.

Notify, F. W. Snow, Eka'a'a.

There will be a regular Billiken club dance in the hall tomorrow evening.

The annual school election will be held at the school house tomorrow afternoon.

Roy Copp of Cabin creek was in town after ranch supplies the first of the week.

Chas. Clark of Baker came over in his auto Tuesday with a load of passengers.

John L. Howe spent Tuesday and Wednesday in town from his homestead south of town.

Wm. Merritt, deputy sheriff from Belle Fourche spent the fore part of the week in town.

John Ryan has connected up with his working clothes and can now be seen doing the big "stunt" down on the farm.

Harry Howitz a traveling cigar salesman of Helena was in town Wednesday drumming up business with our merchants.

John W. Hogan, the insurance agent left this week after spending some time here in the interest of the Montana Life Insurance Co.

Beginning with April 1st, I will be prepared to do land surveying, reservoir and ditch work. By notifying me at once, your work will receive prompt attention. — J. Cory, Ekalaka.

You can't tell what a fellow can do besides looking after his profession. We have heard that Dr. Baker is some carpenter besides being a doctor of medicine.

W. H. Peck is still on the sick list and has been slightly worse this week. His many friends are hoping to see him about in a short time and again able to be around the store.

Jack Strauser was in town from his ranch on Powder river the first of the week visiting with his friends here. Jack reports the loss of a valuable saddle horse which he is advertising for in this issue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hutchinson and Miss Cora Gray were visitors in town last Friday. Mr. Hutchinson just returned from Spearfish, S. D. where his wife had been visiting for some time. They left Saturday morning for the Harris ranch on Powder river.

And Tuesday the wind blew, at the rate of about 'steen miles per second. It being a rather warm wind we are inclined to believe that it originated from Bro. Scanlon's article of last week in the Independent on the county division meeting at Baker. "Hot air" travels fast, and even in newspapers doesn't help much at this time.

Stayed—Three work mares, one brown with foal, fore top cut off, shed with 'neverslips' on three feet, branded — on left thigh; one gray, same description and one bay mare branded 2M on right thigh with foal. Weight about 1000 lbs each. Lost near the Wiley ranch south of Baker. If found notify C. E. Stewart, Ekalaka and receive reward.

## LOCAL NEWS AROUND

Local Happenings Briefly Told Concerning People In And Out Of The Town.

J. H. Booth left yesterday on the auto for Miles City where he will spend a few days.

Sharpless Walker, county attorney was down from Miles City on legal business Tuesday evening.

Denver Lane has been appointed road supervisor for this district in place of L. F. Kennedy, resigned.

How long should a girl of 16 wear her dresses? From when she gets up in the morning until she retires at night.

J. W. Grant left yesterday for Baker where in company with his brother they have leased the Shreve livery barn.

Now there it goes again. Just as soon as we got an auto with a sound like a locomotive, they go and take the darn whistle off.

T. J. Martin returned Sunday evening from Camp Crook where he again acted as auctioneer at another horse sale their Saturday.

"I love but her" sang the young man. "If it's butter you want" said the old man from the upper window "go to the grocery store.

Phil, the painter is spending these days out at the Wear ranch where he is improving the appearance of the house and barn with a new coat of paint.

The carload of good work mares from Iowa has arrived and are now on sale. Anyone wishing to buy some good stuff should see me at once. — Wm. Nims.

Teacher—"How many of you boys have ever been in a small county village away from such a large town as Ekalaka." Up comes a hand. "Well Johnnie, where have you been?" "Terry!"

"Dad" Speelman was down town Wednesday visiting with his friends. Dad has been laid up with rheumatism nearly all winter and hasn't been able to make very many trips down town.

Word was received by Mrs. Geo. Crosby this week that her father, Nathan Hockett had died at his home in Carson, Oregon on the 22nd instant. Deceased was 81 years of age and was a former resident of this county.

How should a girl who wears a hobble skirt get into an auto with a high entrance? Place one stick of dynamite under your feet, light the fuse and use an umbrella to direct your course downward into the car.

G. M. Sweeney was in town from his ranch Wednesday after ranch supplies. He tells us that he is going to have a big sale down at his place in the near future which will be advertised in this paper in a few weeks.

I have a sum of money to loan, what security should the borrower have? If it is a baby, a safety pin.

Frank O. Neil who lives at the mouth of trail creek on Powder river was visiting Ekalaka people Monday.

J. N. Nims, father of Wm. Nims, D. M. Davis and Harold Grant were arrivals last week from Maquoketa, Iowa, with a carload of work mares. Messers Nims and Davis will return to their home next week.

There is some talk of the bonding of the fire district under the new law, the money from which will be used to pay off the outstanding notes and to finish up the new hall. It would be a good move and should be taken up.

J. W. Daly has received his gasoline engine and now has the same installed in his blacksmith shop. He will receive a new trip hammer in a few days and intends then to cut out some of the "strong arm" power, heretofore used in pounding out plow points, etc.

If the party who by accident or purposely, kidnapped the editors fountain pen will please return the same he will receive our thanks. We don't need the pen of course, but as it was purchased at a time when we had money, we want it as a remembrance of the unusual occasion.

According to a new law passed by the town boosters, it is up to every member of the commercial club and fire department to furnish a chair for the new fire hall at once. This being the case, we will allow any subscriber to this paper to turn one in to us as part or full payment on their subscription.

\$10.00 Reward—For information leading to the recovery of one white saddle horse, a bird brand on left shoulder, S on right shoulder and on left thigh, dark mane and tail. Last seen about Xmas and strayed from the C. D. Newbary pasture. If found notify this office and get reward—"Dutch" Jack Strauser.

## HERD LAW IN SO. DAKOTA

We have had so many inquiries about the herd law that we have written Governor Vessey about the matter, and a letter from his private secretary informs us that the law was approved March 4. This act extends the herd law to the western part of South Dakota as well as the eastern part of the state. At the present time this law will work a hardship on the stockmen as the law will go into effect July 1st unless it is referred. It will be impossible for the stockmen to reduce their herds by July 1st and the only way out of the matter will be for them to herd their stock night and day. —Bee, Belle Fourche, S. D.

## CITIZENS WHO ARE NOT WANTED

There are certain people throughout the country that are storing up a bunch of trouble for themselves through their desire to ransack every homeseekers cabin while the owner is away. The sheriff is getting a list of stolen property and some of these days he will make a trip with a pocket full of search warrants and somebody will be getting a free passage to Deer Lodge. A person who breaks into a homeseekers cabin and helps himself while the owner is away doesn't get much sympathy at the bar of justice. If one of these thieves was caught doing this a few years ago he wouldn't be given much of a chance to explain himself.

Beaver Lodge, No. 65 I. O. O. F. Meets Every Saturday Night At 8 O'clock p. m. All Visiting Odd Fellows Are Welcome.

Stevens Brower, Per. Secretary.

## STATIONERY

### DRUGS                      JEWELRY

Fancy Candies, Cigars, Tobacco, School Supplies, Etc. We have a large stock and the arrival of more goods is an every day occurrence.

Our Easter Post cards and booklets are already in. Don't fail to look them over. Prices, 3 for 5c and up.

## Wilson & Olsen