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AGAIN CAUGHT MISREPRESENTING

That the promoters of the Baker division scheme are misrepresenting facts in getting signers for their petitions is without a doubt as will be shown by the following statement made by the Ismay Commercial Club in the last issue of the Ismay Journal:-

"Baker has been circulating a petition the past week for county division and stating that Baker and Ismay were working together. Every word of this statement is false and they are obtaining signatures by misrepresentation. We will oppose them. Ismay in all her county division affairs has taken the people into her confidence and worked in the open, giving all a square deal. We ask and expect the same in return, hence will oppose all underhanded schemes and tricks."

With Ismay, Terry, Carlyle, Ekalaka and nearly all the rest of the country besides a few miles of territory lying around Baker, opposing their scheme it seems that this last explosion from the dwellers of the lake will meet with trouble before the end arrives.

GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE

On Wednesday of this week Judge Sydney Sanner of the district court, issued an order directing that 14 names be selected from jury box No. 1, from which seven will be selected to sit on a grand jury which will investigate certain alleged irregularities in the expenditure of public moneys.

Just what is to be investigated is a matter of conjecture at this time although it has been hinted that those instrumental in having the jury drawn have in mind more particularly the matter of road work.

In issuing the order Judge Sanner set for the following reasons for calling the jury:

"It has been made to appear to the court by the representations and petitions of divers and sundry citizens and taxpayers of Custer county, Montana, that an investigation by a grand jury in the manner and form prescribed by statute, into the matter of expenditures; alleged irregularities in the performance of official duties by certain officials of said Custer county is desirable, and the court is of the opinion from the said representations that a grand jury is desirable and necessary at this time." The court then orders that a venire be drawn as stated.—Independent

School closes this evening for the term of 1910-11, and the children will then take on their summer vacation. Of the teachers, Mr. Welker will soon return

to his former home in Pennsylvania, while Mr. Yokley and the Misses Olsen and Markin will remain in this section. The teachers and children have done excellent work the past term as is shown by their monthly reports and all are to be congratulated on their success.

REAL ESTATE MOVEMENTS

The following is a list of the real estate transfers made in this section of the country the past month as furnished by the Calvin Investment Co.:-

Jacob Speelman and wife, to Hanah P. McDonnell, 3 acres in SE 1-4 NW 1-4 Sec. 32, 2N., 58E \$300.

J. H. Booth, to Hostetter and Rickards, lots 23 and 24, block 4, Citizens addition to Ekalaka, \$100.

J. W. Laney and wife, to F. S. McGrow, S1-2 SW1-4 and NE1-4 SW1-4 and NW1-4 SE1-4 of Sec. 5 2N. 58E., \$1,000

James O. Ferguson and wife, to Nora E. Perkins, E1-2 SW1-4 W1-2 SE1-4, Sec. 30 1S. 60E. \$650.

Wm. Ferguson and wife, to Robert N. Perkins, S1-2 NE1-4, N1-2 SE1-4, Sec. 31, 1S. 60E. \$1,600.

Emma N. Harris, to Mary E. Crisp, lot 18 in block 1 of Citizens addition to Ekalaka, \$260.

BOX ELDER NEWS ITEMS

Geo. Weigle made a trip to Ekalaka Saturday.

Fred Dworshak was seen in this vicinity last Sunday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kelly, a son.

W. J. and T. J. Kennedy left for Baker Monday, the latter returning to his home in Chicago but expects to return in the near future.

W. D. Wood and wife visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ole Flasted a few days last week.

Mr. Brunton, who had his leg broken is reported improving.

Several of our farmers are busy breaking sod and planting grain.

Mark Weber has returned to the valley after a short vacation.

George and Harve Thomas made a trip to the city Saturday.

There are several new houses being built in the valley.

The next Billiken Dance will be held on April 28th, and will be in the nature of a "poverty" and "hard time" dance.

Wm. Mowbray of Midland has leased his ranch and stock to the Clark Bros., and will remain in Ekalaka for some time. Floyd Clark, one of the leasers has been employed by Mr. Mowbray for some time past.

LOCAL NEWS AROUND

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

E. W. Jolley went to Baker Saturday on a short trip.

L. N. Arpan and wife were in town on land business Tuesday, from Box Elder.

Another rain has come and went and the big "grin" continues to grow.

Wm. Mowbray arrived in town Sunday and has accepted a position with the W. H. Peck Co.

H. L. Nash and T. F. Scofield were visitors in town Saturday from their homesteads west of town.

Miss Idella Olsen returned from Ewalt last week where she has been teaching school the past term.

Wm Berger is now employed at the Old Stand taking the place of Wm. Walker who has gone to "honyocking"

Work has commenced on the new addition to the postoffice building, under the supervision of Coonen and Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Farwell spent Tuesday in town attending to land matters before the local U. S. Commissioner.

"Cap" Zink has taken upon himself the task of assisting in the setting up of machinery for the R. C. Charters Co.

M. O. Tracy had the misfortune to fall and cut himself about the face Thursday evening on the stairway of the Ekalaka hotel.

G. L. Snyder was in town from his ranch Saturday. Mr. Snyder has just returned from Marion, Iowa and now has settled permanently on Montana soil.

The Ekalaka Commercial Club especially requests the presence of a delegation here next Monday from Baker even if they only come to make good their word.

Dave Barber was over from Baker last week, presumably on business connected with the division scheme that has popped out of the noodles of the Bakerites.

A. E. Dague and J. N. Nims went to Baker last week. Mr. Nims continued to his home in Maquoketa, Iowa after spending several days here visiting his son Wm.

Thomas Siglar dropped in on his Ekalaka friends Monday evening from Box Elder. Tom is looking fine and no doubt has been enjoying himself with ranch life.

At the regular meeting of the Commercial club Tuesday evening, A. W. Lucas, P. A. Malmquist and T. J. Martin were appointed a committee to arrange sleeping accommodations for the large crowd of delegates that is expected here next Monday.

Wanted—A girl to do general house work. J. P. Hedges.

The fixtures in the new drug store have been all set up and Mr. O'Bannon informs us that he is now ready to serve the public. The fixtures are a credit to the town as is also the stock carried.

We neglected to mention in last weeks issue the change that had been made in the forest service at this place in the matter of rangers. A. C. Haines having left for Comp Crook where he will be connected with the district office. He has been succeeded here by S. J. Emswiler who heretofore was stationed in the Slim Buttes district.

Business at the U. S. Commissioner office here was exceptionally lively Tuesday on account of several new townships being opened for filing at that time. Among the new country just opened up was Townships 2 and 3 S. R. 59 and 1 north. 61 and 62. This territory lies in the Box Eldea valley and is considered a very good piece of Montana soil.

The Ismay Journal will now be published at Ismay instead of Miles City as has been the case for some time past. Harry W. Willson a newcomer from Wisconsin has taken charge of the paper and starts out with a very bright future before him. We congratulate him on the decided change already taken place and know that with this start he will give Ismay a good clean paper hereafter.

The big mass meeting called to be held here will be held next Monday and you are all requested to attend. There has been rumors that since the move made by the Baker people, this meeting would be called off, but this is not the case. The meeting was decided on at a gathering of many of the delegates over the east end of the county who met at Baker last month and will be pulled off as per schedule, regardless of other movements in the division line. Letters were sent out this week to nearly all those interested and a large crowd is looked for.

LOCALS NEWS AROUND TOWN

Hans Boyd and John Alstrom were in town from their ranches yesterday.

Dick Pennington and Frank Osgood of the Chalk Buttes spent Wednesday in town.

Russell Denny of Box Elder was in Tuesday filing on land before Commissioner Dworshak.

Frank Harrington was in town from his ranch on Box Elder Tuesday evening on legal business.

J. H. Booth and A. E. Dague set out trees on their residence property the fore part of the week.

Felix, James and Harry Carroll of Box Elder spent Tuesday in town on business at the U. S. Commissioners office.

From the fact that a grand jury will be drawn this week to look into the affairs of the county it seems that we are to have more excitement in the near future, other than county division.

W. H. Peck received a 20 h. p. Minn. Universal Farm Motor last week and now has the same on display in his yard. It is one of the latest types of the gasoline engine tractors and is receiving the attention of many of the people in this part of the country.

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, Ekalaka.

\$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.

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