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## ON MEMORIAL DAY

The Residents of This Part of The Country Will Hold Services.

That Memorial day, May 30th, will be observed in Ekalaka is shown by a call made below by the committee in charge. It is the intention of this committee to arrange for all lodges and other organizations to be represented and to fittingly observe this day, which is set aside as the time for decorating the graves of departed friends and relatives each year. Let all those interested notify this committee and help to arrange the program.

Attention! G. A. R. Veterans, Spanish War Veterans; S. of V., and Grand Sons of G. A. R., You are hereby requested to come and assist us in the observance of Memorial Day, on May 30, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day. If you are one of the above or know of any who are, send in your or their names to the committee, that arrangements may be made for the parade. All members of other organizations are especially invited to attend.

Committee W. H. Peck  
J. P. Hedges.

## BASE BALL TEAM ORGANIZED

The base ball enthusiasts held their annual meeting at this office Saturday evening and elected officers for the Ekalaka Base Ball Team for the coming year, as follows; E. C. Metheny, Manager; W. C. Smith Captain; Harry Sykes, Sec-Treas. A committee of two was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the club and report that within six hours time they had received about \$75.00. The ball grounds have been cleaned and the boys are practicing every day, preparing for some good games here this season. The first games will probably be held on the 20th and 21st of this month when the Haley, N. D. team will cross bats with the Ekalaka team. The N. D. bunch have written for these games here, and if nothing happens, they will be pulled off per schedule.

## A TIMELY PLEA FOR ACTION

It is a pleasant thought, one replete with the utmost satisfaction and self-bestowed reward for long weeks of toil, that comes to the homesteader these days as he sits in his easy chair of an evening and dreams of future days of plenty. He sees the two hundred acres of flat covered with 40 bu. to the acre wheat, the south slope is heavy with corn, and the field of oats over in the other corner are going

to thresh—well, bounded by the limits of amagination. Dreams such as these, as we say, are pleasant and well within the realms of possibility, but in them selves avail one nothing.

In talking with pioneers from different parts of the middle west that helped reconstruct the frontier of fifty years ago into one hundred dollar farm lands and in studying the economies of the reconstruction periods we conclude that in the past it has not been the original settlers in a new country that have reaped the harvests. In accordance with the inevitable law of the survival of the fittest most of the holders dropped out of the race and drifted elsewhere, while others flushed in to take their places. It has been the second and even the third generation that has gained profits from the toil of the first.

In those days men tilled the soil as did their fathers before them. Improved methods were too complex to grasp and experimental was too hazardous to attempt. Times have changed. Gradually the experimental period advanced until today, farming in semi-arid countries is an exact science. The man that studies his soil construction and applies systematically and intelligently the proper methods as laid down by specialists who, as results have shown, are competent to advise is the man who is going to make the immediate profit. In every farm journal, in every agricultural bureau report, in every dry farmers congress he can find the mistakes of his forefathers epitomized and presented in such a form as to be readily worked and profitid by.

By the study and application of these improved and accepted methods and in no other way can the settlers in Beaver and Box Elder valleys pass by the long and tedious reconstruction period that has made the development of a new country such a hardship in the past. Those of us who are not farmers, let us observe the ways of our more experienced neighbors; those of us who claim to be farmers, let us read more extensively and practice more concientiously the teachings of the wise men.

Let us cease grumbling about the dry seasons, the high cost of living, the failure of the railroad to build to our dooryards, and do what we can with what we have got. Once the farmer makes good and the rest will follow—its all up to him. Raise your wheat flax, oats, corn, etc, and raise lots of it. The results will be the fulfillment of your twilight dreams.

Rumors from Rapid City state that the Milwaukee railroad is going to build from that place to Miles City this year and that the contractors are already on the job. Guess maybe Custer county will get more than one new line this year from the looks of things now that the N. P. has also started operations on their line from Mandan to Terry.

## THE LOCAL LAYOUT

The Happenings of The Week In Town As Seen By The Eagle Reporter.

John Burns was in town Wednesday from Box Elder.

Wm. Houston is in town from his ranch on Powder river.

The Billiken club held its regular monthly meeting Sunday.

Jack Hogan left for Baker Monday after a load of freight.

If you have land troubles, see the advertisement of O. A. Dahl on page 6.

H. L. Nash spent Wednesday in town from his ranch on upper Beaver creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harris were in town Tuesday buying supplies for their ranch at Williard.

Frank Harrington was seen on the streets Monday, having come up from his homestead on Box Elder.

Clement Renan of Tee Dee made final proof on his desert claim before the local U. S. Commissioner Tuesday.

Frank Murphy who has been over from Mizpah on a business trip through this section, returned home Tuesday.

Lost—Between W. J. Kennedy and D. G. Stanek's ranch, one chamois skin tobacco pouch. Return to Mike Ryan and receive reward.

Nick and Walter Price were visitors in town Tuesday from Tee Dee. They appeared as witnesses for Clement Renan on his desert land proof.

Camp Crook is contemplating putting in a system of fire protection. This is a good move on their part and shows the progressiveness of their citizens.

Through an advertisement in the Eagle, Jack Strauser has recovered a lost saddle horse. It is needless to say that "Dutch" is satisfied that it pays to advertise in this paper.

A. Paisley, U. S. postoffice inspector spent last week here looking over the books of this office. He reports everything in Postmaster Wilson's charge as O. K. and commended him on his work.

The Commercial club met Monday evening and talked over the ware house proposition. Work is expected to commence as soon as the head officials of the Milwaukee can be heard from.

## TEN REASONS FOR HOME-TRADE

An exchange gives the following ten reasons for spending your money at home:

Your home merchants can duplicate prices made by any responsible concern anywhere on goods of equal quality, in the

same quantities and on the same basis of delivery and payment.

You can examine your purchase in the home stores and be assured of satisfaction before investing your money.

Your home merchants are always ready and willing to make right any error or defective articles purchased.

Your home merchants help support, through direct or indirect taxation, your schools, churches, libraries and other public institutions.

Your home merchants help to make a good local market for everything you have to sell, and that market—more than any other one factor—gives your land its present value.

Your home merchants are your good friends, ever ready to extend a helping hand in time of need.

If this community is good enough for you to live in and make your money in, it is good enough to spend it in.

The best citizens in this community are those who believe in and practice home patronage. Be one of the best.

The merchant in the distant city gives you nothing valueable that your home merchants can not give you—and the former cannot and will not do for you many things the latter do gladly.

Every dollar kept in circulation in this community helps increase property values. Every dollar sent out of this community that could as well be spent here hinders the wheel of progress and helps build up some other community at your expense.

James Munro was in town on land business before the U. S. Commissioner.

S. E. Cottrell moved his household goods from Baker this week to his homestead on Box Elder.

O. A. Dahl received official notice Monday that he had been duly admitted to practice before the U. S. Land Office.

Deputy Sheriff George Crosby returned last evening from a weeks trip through the southeastern part of the county.

## SECOND HOMESTEAD

Law Passed And Will Be Of Benefit To Many Residents In This State.

We have had many inquiries from those who have once exercised their homestead right, but have lost, forfeited or abandoned the same, as to whether or not second entry could be made. The following is an act passed during the last session of the Sixty-first Congress which indicates that such homestead rights are revived:

"That any person who, prior to the approval of this Act, has made entry under the homestead or desert-land laws but who subsequently to such entry, from any cause shall have lost, forfeited or abandoned the same, shall be entitled to the benefits of the homestead or desert-land laws as though such former entry had not been made, and any person applying for a second homestead or desert-land entry under this act shall furnish description and the date of his former entry: Provided that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any person whose former entry was cancelled for fraud or who relinquished his former entry for a valueable consideration in excess of the filing fees paid by him for his original entry. Approved Feb. 3-11.—News

A. W. Hardy spent Saturday and Sunday in town from his ranch.

Jim Young was up from the Williard country Saturday attending lodge.

Dan Bowman, government sheep inspector from Tee Dee was a visitor in town Tuesday evening and Wednesday. In speaking about the Baker county division move Mr. Bowman said he believed everybody in that part of the country were in favor of division north and south with Ismay as the county seat, and not for Baker's scheme.

## MOVING

That's What's Keeping Us Busy This Week and it won't be long until we are again able to fill your wants in our line from a much larger stock. Drop in and see the change being made.

Wilson & Olsen