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## DO NOT HAVE TO PAY

Settlers on national forests under the act of June 11, 1906, will no longer have to pay for a survey, as they have had to do in the past on unsurveyed lands, when the claim goes to patent, said register Al Kircher to the Star. This relieves many of the settlers under the act, commonly known as the forest homestead law, from a burdensome expense. Relief from this burden has been brought about by an agreement between the secretary of the interior and the secretary of agriculture, whereby surveys made by employes of the forest service will be under the supervision of the surveyor general so that they can be accepted by the general land office as final.

Hitherto it has been necessary to make two surveys. Under the terms of the forest homestead law, national forest land can not be opened to settlement unless the secretary of agriculture has recommended to the secretary of the interior that it be listed for settlement, and listing is not possible until a survey has been made. The secretary of agriculture has no authority to list any land unless an examination has shown that the land is more suitable for agriculture than for forest purposes. So when land is applied for, employes of the department of agriculture are sent to ascertain its character, and at the same time make a survey of it by metes and bounds if a survey is necessary.

This survey however could not be accepted by the land department as a basis for a patent, because only surveys under the supervision of the surveyor general can, under the law be accepted as a basis for passing title. In consequence, under the procedure provided for when patent is sought to unsurveyed lands, the settler on land within a national forest has had to pay for a second survey. This has been felt to be especially hard because it has subjected settlers on national forests to an expense which settlers on surveyed public

lands do not have to bear. Since it merely duplicates the work of the first survey, there seems no reason why this first survey will not answer both for listing the land and for patenting it.

The survey for listing, made by forest officers, has always been without expense to the prospective homesteader. Under the new arrangement the field expense of the survey will continue to be paid by the department of agriculture, so that the applicant will merely be called on to meet the cost of checking up and platting the surveys by the surveyor general. This will remove one of the greatest objections to the working of the forest homestead law.—Independent.

## BOX ELDER NEWS.

W. D. Wood started for Baker on Monday.

A few of our valleyites have had the honor of eating venison.

John Leaton contemplates going to western Montana next week.

J. D. Gross was in this vicinity recently looking for some lost cattle.

Mrs. Chas. Lavell has almost completely recovered from her recent illness.

Geo. Dedlow made final proof on his homestead before Commissioner Dworshak.

Chester Hamilton and George Weigle were seen in our valley the last of the week.

W. Gross passed through the valley this week enroute to Omaha and other points in Nebraska.

According to a western farm paper, Montana averaged more bushels of grain per acre than any of the western states.

R. L. Biffle of Camp Crook was in town over Sunday visiting with his "puptown" friends. Mr. Biffle recently sold out his pool room at Camp Crook and expects to move to Wibaux in the near future where he will install a moving picture show.

## THE LOCAL LAYOUT

John Mable of Ridgway was in town Monday.

J. F. Beazley left yesterday for Baker via the auto line.

A. E. Bartlett left for Baker yesterday in the Ewalt auto.

E. C. Metheny and the editor made a flying trip to Baker in the auto Thursday.

A new lighting plant was installed in The Old Stand this week by J. G. Olsen.

Hans Boyd and John Alstrom were among the country folks spending Monday in town.

Geo. Sykes returned from Chicago Monday where he had been with a shipment of cattle.

J. K. Lambert was in town on Monday from Willard. He left on the auto Tuesday for Baker.

Wm. Riley and Anton Paulson were out joy riding Wednesday evening, that is, they think they were.

Lost—A cloth overcoat on Baker road, near Beaver creek finder leave at this office and receive reward.

Found—A gentleman's gold watch on the Chalk Buttes road. Owner can have same by paying for this notice.

E. W. Jolley returned the fore part of the week from Chicago where he had been with a shipment of sheep for G. Bradshaw.

Clarence Sisley returned the fore part of the week from the springs where he has been spending the past few months. He reports feeling finer than silk.

Taken up—One flea-bitten gray mare, about 15 years old, branded  on left shoulder and RD on right thigh. Owner can have same by paying for this notice.—Joseph DeMarsh.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Peck returned home Thursday, Mr. Peck after a few days sojourn in Miles City on business, while Mrs. Peck is returning from an extended visit with friends and relatives in Connecticut.

Mrs. L. J. Spohn gave a very enjoyable hallo'een party at her home on Morman street Tuesday evening. A large number of guest were present and the evening was spent in games after which a delightful supper was served.

Strayed—From my homestead about Sept. 24th, one team of geldings, one dark brown with three white feet, one dark bay with rope burn on right front foot, white strip in forehead, weight about 1400 each.—Reward for their recovery.—Ira Sherwin.

For Sale or Trade for Stock—One cook stove, one two seated rubber tire carriage, first-class furniture consisting of iron bedsteads, springs, mattresses, dining room and rocking chairs, side board, bed room suit, and bureaus. Inquire at this office or G. L. Snyder's ranch, 6 miles west and one mile south of town.

Hallo'een passed off very quietly and no damage was brought about by the youngsters.

The school children are enjoying a weeks vacation while the teachers are attending institute.

On account of the principal owners being absent the auction sale of the Box Elder Dipping Tank Co. has been postponed until Saturday, November 25th.—By order of Committee.

Among the teachers that have gone from this part of the country to Mile City to attend the institute this week are:—Clarence Yokley, Lucy Markin, Josie Barriere, Lucile Snyder, Mrs. S. A. Holt, M. P. Estes, Stella Olsen and Gertrude Flynn.

The Old Stand of Sam Davidson's is now open for business. The best of care taken with your teams and the best hay and grain on the market is fed at this barn. Teams to hay over night, 50 cts; teams to hay at noon, 25 cents. Livery rigs at from \$3 to \$5 with drivers.—H. E. Robinson, Baker, Montana.

Two prominent young people were united in marriage last Tuesday when Miss Alberta Baker became the bride of Harry N. Smith. Judge Dworshak read the marriage ceremony which took place at the home of the groom's parents southwest of town. The bride is a niece of Mrs. T. J. Martin while the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Smith.

## GRAND ROUND-UP

At the Union Church Sunday Nov. 5, at 7 p. m. to encourage the Union Cause. Reserved seats for outlaws and black sheep. Lambs and tenderfeet barred. Address by T. T. Phelps: "Blotched Brands". Be sure to come, and bring your friends.

## PRAIRIE DALE ITEWS

A. F. Strain made a business trip to Ekalaka Monday.

Ed. Rockhold went to Ekalaka Saturday after supplies for his ranch.

Joe Cornish returned from his trip to Belle Fourche the fore part of the week.

Ora Buckmaster says that he is living on quail and toast since he is keeping bachelor hall.

The Gundlach family orchestra furnished the music for the dance which was enjoyed by all.

John Hirz has returned from a trip to Canada, and reports that it is a fine country with good crops.

What has become of our Box Elder correspondent. Wake up and give us the news from over there.

The dance at the school house last Friday night was well attended, and everyone reported having a nice time.

Fred Dworshak was out from town the first of the week rounding up his horses to put them in pasture for winter.

Jim Hurst made a business trip over to Grant Bros. and day last week. Miss Ruth accompanied him as far as Ekalaka and spent the day in town.

Mrs. O. Buckmaster departed Thursday, accompanied by her two daughters, Beatrice and Alice, for Bassett, Neb. to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Howse.

Prof. Remi Deranleau, the piano tuner from Rapid City, S. D. has notified this office that he expects to arrive in Ekalaka about the 20th of this month, when he will be prepared to fix up your pianos. His work is guaranteed and those who have secured his services before, recommend him highly. All those who have pianos that are in need of tuning or other repairs are requested to leave word at this office as soon as possible.

The man who pays his bills by check is secure in the knowledge that he never will have to pay them twice. The very fact that he does pay by check gives him a dignified standing among business men. If you are not familiar with our facilities for making you a man "with a check book" we will be glad to enlighten you.

**Ekalaka State Bank**

## LET US

Remind you that we are headquarters for fruits, fancy candies, high grade cigars, stationery and school supplies.

Winter Apples will soon be in, let us figure with you for your supply.

**Wilson & Olsen**