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## THE RUSSIAN THISTLE

The extent to which the Russian thistle has spread during a dry year like the present one is, in some sections of the country rather alarming. Where grain crops are grown every year the thistles come in and take possession of the crop in a dry year. In some places they are so thick that not only have they crowded out the grain, but they have stunted their own growth as well.

The most discouraging thing about combatting any form of weeds is the fact that though you may get your farm apparently clean, the chances are that your neighbor will not touch his and you get the benefit of his weed seeds the following year. In places where the land is not all fenced this is especially true of the Russian thistle. The wind takes the dry plants in the fall and where unobstructed, blows them great distances scattering their seeds on the way. Even though your neighbors do not seem to care for their weeds and though they are liable to affect you the following year, still if you treat the weeds in the proper way you can keep them from doing great damage.

The summer fallow is the best way to get rid of any of the weeds on a dry farm and it is especially good for the Russian thistle. If the ground is thoroughly worked the summer fallow will remove the seeds from the surface soil for the time being, though more seeds may get in when the plant starts rolling in the fall.

Plowing the land immediately after the grain is taken off of it in the fall is a good way of combatting the thistles as many of their plants are plowed under that are not yet mature and then the plants that are further along are kept from rolling and scattering the seed. The chief objection to this method is that it is often difficult to plow at this time of the year owing to the rush of the other work.

Growing some winter crop, such as winter rye is hard on the

thistles. In preparing the land for the rye many of the thistles are killed and more of them are destroyed when the rye is harrowed a few times in the spring. Winter wheat will have the same effect but it is not as good as the rye as the latter is the hardier.

Much can be accomplished by harrowing the spring grain. Not only does this harm the thistle but it is of great benefit to the grain—Stockman and Farmer.

## BOX ELDER NEWS.

Mrs. D. G. Stanek is on the sick list.

John Howe came home Friday from town.

Frank Kesterson started for Baker Monday.

Several of our valleyites were visiting in "puptown" Saturday.

School began on Monday in the school district near Cleveland's.

J. D. Gross Sr. is helping B. B. Gross finish a dam at Sykes this week.

Geo. and John Gross had the good luck of capturing a pelican and it is on exhibition at the J. Gross Sr., ranch

J. D. Gross had the misfortune of having one of his cows so badly hurt by wolves, that he was compelled to kill her.

For Sale or Trade for Stock—One cook stove, one two seated rubber tire carriage, first-class furniture consisting of iron beds, 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.

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.

## THE LOCAL LAYOUT

Frank Osgood was among the visitors in town Monday.

R. V. Fuqua returned from Baker the fore part of the week.

Dr. E. J. Potterton of Baker spent the fore part of the week in town.

Deputy sheriff Jas. Mallough was over from Baker Tuesday on legal business.

John McNarie and G. M. Sweeney of Box Elder were Baker visitors this week.

W. B. Lambert and Don Campbell returned Monday from a trip around Beach, N. D.

E. J. and Ole Flasted were among the Ekalaka visitors to Baker during the past week.

Otto Newbary returned Saturday from Chicago where he had been with a shipment of cattle.

John Ryan, Martin Carey and Fred Dworshak went to Baker on Saturday to take in the sights.

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

R. F. Law came down from the North Side country the fore part of the week for a visit with his family.

Dick Pennington and James Chisholm were among the Chalk Butte visitors in town the fore part of the week.

Geo Boggs and J. H. Booth left Saturday for Baker where they will load out a shipment of sheep for the eastern market.

John Mable of Box Elder left for Baker Tuesday to meet his father who was coming in on the stage for a visit from Vermont.

The school teachers attending institute at Miles City returned Saturday and have again entered upon their duties at the public schools.

Jack Kennedy was a visitor in town this week. He had just returned from Omaha, Nebraska, where he disposed of a carload of horses.

Mrs. Libby Weaver and daughter, Mrs. Florence Hess returned Wednesday from Scranton, Penn. where they went to attend the funeral of their son and brother.

The Miller auto had an argument with mother earth Saturday and is now out of "kilter" and awaiting repairs from the factory. W. A. Beck has been handling the passenger traffic between here and Baker since.

Dumont Griffin was in from his ranch Wednesday and informed us that since the "tumble weeds" had taken possession of his place that he will trade the same for most anything, principally a poodle dog.

W. P. Nims returned Wednesday from Maquoketa, Iowa where he went to dispose of a carload of horses, and reports getting a fairly good price for the shipment Bill brought back with him four ferrets that he expects to aid in

exterminating the prairie dogs around the country.

A dance is advertised to take place in the I. O. O. F. hall this evening and a good crowd is expected to be in attendance.

Dan Dague has been erecting a large cage near the Kids Place in which he expects to put three coons. The animals were shipped here from Iowa.

The many friends of Miss Stella Olsen will be glad to learn that she received second prize—a gold watch—in the Baker Sentinal's voting contest.

Mrs. E. O. Colvin left Wednesday for Kenosha, Wis., to attend the funeral of her grandson who passed away Monday from an attack of scarlet fever.

It is rumored that the fire boys will give another big dance some time this winter. It is needless to say that they will have a good attendance should they see fit to give one.

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.

B. M. Davis has started hauling the lumber for his new store building that will be erected next to this office. Just what business Mr. Davis will engage in has not been learned as yet.

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

A case involving the ownership of some unsurveyed land and also trespassing occupied the attention of the justice court Monday. Parties from the Chalk Buttes were interested.

The recent spell of cold weather has made a good many of our residents sit up and take notice that winter was about to arrive. The different coal sheds have received their annual inventory and from appearances almost everybody is ready to "see it through".

## AUTOS SCARE TEAMS

John Alstrom had a narrow escape from injury last week on his way here from Baker with a load of supplies. While about four miles below town his team became frightened at the Clark auto and started off on the run, throwing John off on his "noodle". The team came into town and went to the livery barn while John finished the trip in the auto. No serious damage was done to either the team, John or the outfit, but it is said that the amount of flour strewn along the road made passerbys think that it had been snowing for a month.

Another accident was reported this week from teams being frightened by autos on the Baker road. On Sunday while W. A. Beck was coming to Ekalaka with a load of passengers, a team driven by Glen Harris became alarmed and in the mixup threw out the seat, which was occupied by Glen, Miss Anna Bowmer and sister. Both Glen and Miss Bowmer were stunned by the fall and slightly injured. They were taken to the Harris ranch immediately after the accident by Mr. Beck where they received care.

## CHURCH SERVICE

At the Union Church. Bible School at 10 o'clock, evening service at 7:30. Speaking by T. T. Phelps. Subject: "The Skeleton in the Heart". Music by choir.

## NOTICE

To The Stockholders of the Ekalaka Telephone Company.

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of said company will be held at the telephone office in Ekalaka at 1 p. m. on Nov. 20. You are requested to be present in person or by proxy—Important business that means money for you.

By order of H. N. Sykes, Pres.  
T. J. Martin Sec.-Treas.

THIS bank enters into the spirit of its customers' wishes and requirements and gives due consideration even to minor wants, or complaints if there are any. You are assured of courteous consideration of your requests even if it is not practicable to grant them.

**Ekalaka State Bank**

WATCH this space in the near future for we have something of importance to reveal to you. Something that will appeal to you, it's a give-away, that is, we are going to give it away to you, it is something valuable, not a lemon or white elephant, but something everybody wants. It's easy to get, we'll have it here in a short time, just be patient, we have to be till it arrives.

**Wilson & Olsen**