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ISMAY-EKALAKA ELECTRIC LINE

The Promoters to Push Work On New Line Soon.

We understand that at a meeting of the Ismay-Ekalaka railroad promoters held in Ekalaka, Tuesday, Kenneth McLean of Miles City was selected as one of the board members to fill the vacancy caused by the death of H. N. Sykes. It was further decided to open a permanent office in Ismay on or about the 15th of January. The proposed railway did not perish with the Fallon county election as predicted by many of our friends—the enemy and every effort will be put forth to make the project a reality. It is hoped that the actual work of road construction can be started in the spring. Electric roads are being constructed in many localities in the west, and the task is apparently not as stupendous as many believe. If the people of this section to be benefited the most by the construction of such a road, show their interest by subscribing to stock as liberally as possible, contributing the right-of-way, and by building as much of the road as the funds on hand will permit, there will be no real difficulty in securing outside capital to help complete the work. To enlist such support it must be clearly demonstrated that the people of the territory affected have faith in their own project, sufficient enthusiasm to go ahead and do all in their power to accomplish the desired result. And judging from the great interest now being manifested in the Ismay-Ekalaka project, there is little if any doubt but that the ground will be broken early in the spring.

It is up to the people and the communities to be most benefited, to exert every effort to raise as much money as possible, that the work on the road may begin as soon as the weather will permit in the spring.

Local News

The Eagle wishes all a Happy New Year.

Ike Williams and Bob Yates were among the Sykes visitors at the county seat during the week.

The prevalence of scarlet fever around Ismay has caused the people of that section to close some of their schools.

Otto Enerson, Sr. and family of Ericson arrived Tuesday and have moved into the "Dad" Foster residence. Mr. Enerson is the assessor of our new county and has already entered upon the duties of his office.

"Red" Smith is visiting in Ekalaka this week, having come up from Alzada. "Red" doesn't get over to Ekalaka very often,

but now that it is the county seat we expect to see more of him.

While here he has been consulting with some of our business men on the artesian well proposition and while he could not promise anything definite he believes that a good flow of water could be secured in the neighborhood of 400 feet. We understand that R. H. Ferguson will try for artesian water within the coming year.

R. B. Lowry went to his home at Westmore Saturday to spend Sunday with his family.

Ekalaka is getting more up-to-date every day, especially since the installation of the new street lights. We understand that some dozen or more of our business men will install these lights within the near future.

An editor who started about twenty years ago with only fifty-five cents is now worth \$190,000. His accumulation of wealth is owing to his frugality, good habits, strict attention to business, and the fact that an uncle died and left him \$99,999.—Ex.

A. O. Hesselberg of Terry has purchased the Westmore Press from F. C. Bunn, the new County Clerk and Recorder. The new proprietor has been employed on the Terry Tribune for some time past and is regarded as a good printer and newspaperman. The Eagle wishes him all kinds of success with his new paper, which we understand he will move to Baker at an early date. Mr. Hesselberg has announced that the paper will be democratic.

The marriage of Milo C Brown and Miss Lottie Sacht, both of Ekalaka occurred at the Methodist parsonage in Miles City last Friday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. T. H. Martin performing the ceremony. The newly married couple returned to Ekalaka the first of the week and after spending a few hours in town receiving congratulations of friends left for Mr. Brown's homestead north of town where they will make their future home. The young people have the best wishes of their many friends for a happy and prosperous married life.

Scaled Bids For Freightage.

Scaled bids will be received by the county commissioners not later than noon, Jan. 6th, 1914, for freightage the safes and furniture for Fallon County from Baker, Mont. to Ekalaka, Mont., and placed in the courthouse at a point to be designated by the commissioners. Invoice and weights of above named safes and furniture may be obtained at the clerk's office. Bids should be marked sealed bids for hauling safes and furniture from Baker to Ekalaka. The commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

F. C. Bunn,
Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

The Official Proceedings of The New County Board

The new board of county commissioners adjourned after a late session Thursday evening, December 18th, to meet in regular session on January 5th, 1914. Much important business was disposed of and the new county was given a flying start. Among the items not mentioned in last week's report was the letting of the contract for transcribing the records for the new county from the Custer county books. This work is to be done by Carl J. Skinner of Billings.

The first installment of the official proceedings follows:

DECEMBER 15.

The first meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fallon County was held at the Commercial State Bank at 10:45 a. m. Meeting called to order by the Sheriff. On motion of C. L. Wood, seconded by B. C. Baldwin, T. A. Fitzsimmons was elected Chairman.

County Superintendent Grace V. Eells suggested the name of F. L. Funkenbusch to the commissioners as a member of the Board of School Examiners. The matter was taken under advisement.

The resignation of F. F. Kelling of Baker as Justice of the Peace was accepted.

The application of L. C. Burns for appointment as Justice of the Peace for the unexpired term of F. F. Kelling, resigned, was considered and Mr. Burns was appointed.

Commissioners moved a recess until 1:00 p. m.

Commissioners reconvened at 1:00 p. m.

The commissioners voted unanimously in favor of renewing the saloon license of Rogers & Gilbertson, and authorized the county treasurer to issue a renewal of license for six months on payment of one hundred sixty five dollars (\$165.00).

Moved by Baldwin and seconded by Wood that sealed bids for county printing and blank books be received by the commissioners not later than noon Dec. 16. Bids to be presented at statutory rates or discount therefrom. The commissioners reserved the right to reject any or all bids. Blank books of medium double cap or smaller, to be of full Russia, and larger books three fourths Russia and canvass, bound books to be of forty pound Byron Weston ledger, and loose leaf books thirty six pound Byron Weston ledger. In case Byron Weston ledger cannot be furnished bids will be accepted for L. L. Brown's ledger or Berkshire Hills ledger. Weight of paper for blanks to be thirty two pounds double cap. All printing not enumerated or not coming under statutes to be furnished

at like rates. Motion prevailed. Recess moved until 5:00 p. m. Commissioners reconvened at 5:00 p. m.

Moved by Wood and seconded by Baldwin that the matter of transcribing the records be taken up at 10:00 a. m. the following day. Motion carried.

Recess moved until 9:00 a. m. Dec. 16.

DECEMBER 16.

Commissioners reconvened at 9:30 a. m.

Moved by Baldwin and seconded by Wood that two deputy sheriffs be appointed by the sheriff at a salary of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) a month each, motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Fitzsimmons, seconded by Baldwin, that application for appointment of health officer be taken up at 2:00 p. m. Motion carried.

The matter of transcribing the records was taken up at 10:00 a. m., the bids of Carl J. Skinner, Thomas Butler and Custer Abstract Company being considered. The commissioners requested that Carl Calvin and Thomas Butler explain their bids. Mr. Calvin appeared for Custer Abstract Co. and explained his bid. Mr. Butler explained his bid. Carl J. Skinner appeared before the board with Atty. Don Campbell explaining the bid of Mr. Skinner. Moved by Baldwin and seconded by

Wood that a vote be taken on Mr. Skinner's bid for transcribing records, to ascertain whether or not Mr. Skinner's bid should be accepted. Motion prevailed. Voting aye, Wood. Those voting nay, Baldwin and Fitzsimmons. Motion lost.

Recess moved until 2:00 p. m. Commissioners reconvened at 2:00 p. m.

Motion made by Wood to reconsider Mr. Skinner's bid for transcribing the records. The matter was laid on the table there being no second to the motion.

Moved by Wood and seconded by Fitzsimmons that John Oliver be recommended by the board of commissioners to Governor Stewart as one of the appraisers to assist in settling up affairs between Custer and Fallon Counties. Motion prevailed.

Moved by Fitzsimmons that the commissioners advertise for bids for the transcribing of the records. Motion received no second.

Moved by Baldwin that bids of Carl J. Skinner, Custer Abstract Co. and Thomas Butler for transcribing records be rejected. Motion seconded by Fitzsimmons. Those voting aye were Baldwin and Fitzsimmons. Voting nay, Wood. Motion prevailed.

Sealed bids for county printing.

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of the
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Ekalaka Drug Co.