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TO STAMP OUT DISEASE

Government to Appropriate Good Sum to This Section

The dourine infection, which has been particularly prevalent in Dawson and Custer counties for a year or two past, and which has constituted a serious menace to range horsemen because of the death sentence that the law imposed on the diseased animals, with no available fund from which to reimburse the unfortunate owners for animals thus destroyed, will be a menace no longer, if the exertions of State Veterinarian Butler are crowned with the success which he now anticipates.

Ever since he assumed the duties of state veterinarian, Dr. Butler has been impressed with the necessity of eradicating the dourine infection, but has been hampered in the full performance of his duty by the stubborn fact that the fund for reimbursement for animals killed was at the best a meagre one, and most of the time exhausted. The veterinarian's duty to the horse interest at large demanded the prompt slaughter of the diseased animals, while a sympathetic interest with the individual grower tended to restrain the severities of the law, if palliative measures could be adopted.

Now it is different. Through the efforts of Dr. Butler, working through our congressional delegation, a rider was attached to the bill appropriating \$500,000 for hog cholera abatement, appropriating \$100,000 for the eradication of dourine among horses in the northwestern states. This appropriation is to be used in putting a sufficient force of veterinary surgeons in the field to locate and isolate every case of dourine in the infected sections, and presumably to dispose of all animals found to be affected, as the bill also provides for the reimbursement of the owner, one half by the government and one half by the state.

When last here a few weeks ago, Dr. Butler informed The Journal that he had been working in this direction and hopes of success. Now he is informed that the bill has passed both houses and awaits only the president's signature to become a law. As quoted in the Helena Independent, Dr. Butler says this will put fifteen veterinary surgeons in the field of eastern Montana, charged with the duty of making a thorough study of the local situation by taking blood samples from all suspected animals and making the test, so that, in the course of the year, this menace that has clouded the horse-breeding industry in this section for so long, will be thoroughly stamped out.

A recent report from Dr. Butler indicates that the rigor of a

northern winter is no protection against the advancing army of immigrants, for in his record of live stock coming into the state in the month of January he reports 161 certifications—which means that many bunches of immigrants—covering 575 horses, 1,014 cattle and 44 swine.—Stockgrowers Journal.

Miss Stella Hoffman spent the fore part of the week visiting friends in town, the guest of Mrs. Emma Merriam of the "hello" office.

Ray Delaney and Bobbie Yates arrived Wednesday from Baker with loads of freight for Ekalaka merchants, having survived thru the blizzard and storm in fine shape.

A marriage license was issued by Clerk of court Keener Monday to Daniel McManus and Miss Ruth Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Thompson of Ekalaka.

The regular meeting of the fire department was held Tuesday evening. Four new members, Floyd Clark, Jack McPherson, Robt. Lowry and Win Rodgers were taken in.

Mrs. Geo. G. Baker went to Miles City last Saturday and Tuesday of this week underwent an operation at the hospital there. At the present time she is improving and progressing nicely.

The Custer Canton dance held last Friday was well attended and a large crowd enjoyed themselves. Music was furnished by Webster's orchestra and supper was served at the Thompson House.

Al. Olsen who has been confined in the Miles City hospital for the past two weeks, recovering from an operation for appendicitis has written his friends here that he is feeling fine and expects to return here within a week or so.

The Ekalaka band is progressing nicely and from all indications the county seat will boast of splendid musical organization the coming year. Regular practices are being held and the boys are showing that they are capable of delivering the goods. It is the intention of the band boys to give regular concerts on the street during the summer months at such times as the weather man will give his consent.

The fire boys are leaving nothing unfinished to make their semi-annual ball next Friday evening, March 6th, the big social event of the season. Tickets are for sale by all firemen and also at all the principal business houses in town. The proceeds of the coming dance will be used to improve the upper room of the fire hall and the boys expect to soon boast of a first-class hall in all respects. It is hoped that everyone interested in the welfare of Ekalaka will avail themselves of the opportunity to purchase a ticket and thus help the fire company to fix up their hall and purchase needed fire fighting apparatus.

DOINGS IN AND AROUND TOWN

"Did You?" That's the question. Get in the game and purchase a dance ticket for the firemen's big semi-annual ball.

Tom Black is laid up this week and has been ever since last Thursday, the result of a hop, skip, jump and fall sustained last week.

Sheriff Mat Jones went to Miles City the fore part of the week where he expects to take into custody Ike Bishham who is wanted on a charge of defrauding his creditors.

John Butler was among the residents from the Chalk Buttes in town yesterday. Mr. Butler made proof on his homestead while in town and had as his witnesses, Price Todd and Frank Thompson.

Claude Virils of Carlyle was a visitor at the county seat yesterday and while here sold to Claude Walker and James Brooks his Big 4 gas engine outfit. The new owners expect to freight with the outfit between here and Baker during dull seasons for plowing and threshing.

County Treasurer Emil Lentz is now comfortably located in the court house but like the rest of the county officials is anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new safes. The county clerk and clerk of court will move into the court house as soon as the safes, etc., arrive.

Postmaster J. E. Wilson has received word from the postoffice department that all bids recently submitted for the carrying of the mails on the routes of Ridgway, Camp Crook, Baker and Chalk Buttes have been rejected and Mr. Wilson urges all bidders to come in and talk the matter over with him, when the "whyfor" and further instructions will be gladly given.

The first regular meeting of the Ekalaka Booster's club will be held in the club rooms next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock p. m. This will be the first meeting under the reorganization and will mark the closing of the list for charter members. At present some fifty enterprising citizens of the town and vicinity have signed up and it is expected that before winter is over, some hundred or more will have become members. It is the intention of the club officers to equip the club rooms at once with chairs and other furniture and also to install some pool or billiard tables for their own amusement as well as the visitors. The club rooms will be open to all outside visitors at all times upon invitation of any member. As considerable business should be transacted at the next meeting the officers request all members who have signed up as charter members to attend and also present the names of as

many new members as possible by that time. The Ekalaka Boosters club extends an invitation to everyone to become a member and your desires in this line will be promptly attended to by the secretary who can be found at nearly all times in his office in the club rooms. During the meeting next week Mr. Oliver will give those present a talk on the settling of the differences between Custer and Fallon counties, he being a member of that commission.

The marriage of Daniel McManus to Miss Ruth Thompson occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Speelman, Rev. W. S. Bowden officiating. The new-

ly married couple have the best wishes of their many friends for a very prosperous and happy married life. Both of the contracting parties are well known among the younger set in Ekalaka and have a host of friends and acquaintances.

John Oliver has returned from Miles City, and is again behind the cashier's window in the bank.

"Dick" Pennington returned yesterday from a visit in San Antonio, Texas.

For sale—12 young brood sows weighing about 250 lbs. Will farrow about May 1st. — T. F. Schofield, 10 miles west of Ekalaka.

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