

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Interesting Happenings In And About The Town

Fruit at Blaine's.

Girls wanted at Ramme's.

Blaine is still doing watch work.

Robt. Ridgway and wife are visitors in town today.

Gay Stewart held a dance at his place last Friday evening.

Mrs. Martin Carey entertained a few friends yesterday afternoon.

Miss Margaret Perkins left Saturday for a visit with relatives in Texas.

Dr. G. A. Baker went to Miles City yesterday on a short business trip.

Eleven loads of grain passed through town yesterday, enroute to the railroad.

H. H. Hedges has returned from Chicago where he went with a shipment of his cattle.

G. G. Grant came over from Baker Tuesday evening to be present at his auction sale the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Downer returned Wednesday from a trip to the Black Hills country and at Alzada.

A business meeting of the W. C. T. U. is called for Thursday, November 18th, at 3 o'clock p. m.—adv.

Dick Ferguson made a trip over the Baker telephone line this week repairing up loose joints, etc.

John Rolison will soon commence the building of a new house and barns on his homestead west of town.

Ranchers and farmers of the Box Elder and Chalk Buttes country are reporting considerable loss of stock from black-leg.

J. W. Lundell of Gowrie, Iowa arrived this week and has accepted a position with J. G. Olsen as druggist in the Ekalaka Drug Co.

If you wish to have any papers in connection with your Homestead or Desert Land Entry prepared, see S. J. Emswiler, U. S. Commissioner.

Candidates for state offices at the election next year are popping up in all parts of the state. It's better to pop early than not at all. Eh! Billy?

C. D. Newbary was reported on the sick list Saturday and at the present time is progressing nicely. Dr. Sherill of Camp Crook was called in attendance.

Girls wanted at Ramme's.

Private boarders wanted—Mrs. W. E. Owens.

Edwin Lake of Baker was a visitor in town Saturday.

Walter Brown of Powder river spent Wednesday in town.

Dick Johnson of the Baker Mercantile Co. was transacting business here Tuesday.

Robt. Yokley of Miles City was here the fore part of the week and visited his ranch.

Steve Mefford, the local road supervisor, is working on the Plevna road at this time.

Miss Alice Hurst has returned from Hettinger, N. D. where she had been visiting relatives.

Sam Mellor is limping around as the result of stepping on some nails while working with the mill crew.

Roy Hockett of Kimball made proof on his desert claim before Commissioner Emswiler this week.

C. N. Hyde of Elgin was among the town visitors Tuesday and also renewed his subscription to the "bird".

Ethel L. Smith was among the homesteaders to submit proof before the local U. S. Commissioner the past week.

Jake Ridgway was over from Camp Crook the fore part of the week, bringing Dr. Sherill over on a hurry-up call.

Tie Lantis has decided that he will take another try at operating a Ford, having purchased the Hight car this week.

Saturday was a very busy day in town for the merchants, a large number of country people shopping at that time.

L. M. Elliott has purchased the "two-lunger" from Dr. Baker and will hereafter donate to the cause through John D.

A dance was held at the Sherwin school house west of town Saturday evening and a number from Ekalaka attended, all reporting a good time.

The members of the Ladies Sewing Circle gave a dinner in the building adjoining the Peck store Saturday and were well repaid financially for their efforts.

The public auction at the G. G. Grant place Wednesday, was well attended considering the stormy weather. Everything advertised was sold and a good price secured.

Samuel Hamilton made proof on his homestead last Friday and is now out on parole until patent issues. Sam served his five years for Uncle Sam without a kick and has become one of our prosperous homesteaders.

Blaine-Heard

Announcements were received Saturday announcing the marriage at LeClaire, Iowa of Miss Grace Frances Heard and Harlan P. Blaine. The ceremony took place Thursday, November 4th at the home of the bride, Rev. M. Kroetzer, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating. The groom is one of the popular merchants of Ekalaka, having come here about two years ago from Cedar Falls, Iowa and has a well established jewelry and confectionery business in the postoffice. The bride has been the teacher of the intermediate department of the LeClaire high school for the past two years where she has a host of friends and acquaintances. The newlyweds arrived in Ekalaka Tuesday and have established their new home at the Speelman residence on Mormon street, adjoining the school property. As evidence of their friendship and good wishes, a number of the young people of the town gave the bride and groom an old fashioned charivari.

It looks as if we're going to have some winter after all. Those who were planning a Sunday trip to the country and a pleasant outdoor rest were sadly disappointed as before noon it had set to raining, followed later with snow. Another hint to inspect our coal house was given Wednesday when a snow storm set in, but not enough fell however to make us shovel. Of late the weather has been ideal for the threshers and many homesteaders have been relieved of the sour looks that they possessed a few weeks ago during the rainy spell. There is yet a large amount of grain to be threshed in the surrounding country and it may be that the weather dispenser will yet yield to the pleadings of those so unfortunate and hang out his sign of fair and warmer.

The Miles City American have just completed their brand book which was commenced some time ago. In this handy volume, which ought to be in the possession of every stockman, nearly 7000 brands are recorded, brands which are used in Custer, Prairie, Wibaux and Fallon counties. We understand that the American is giving a copy of the book free with every yearly subscription of \$1.50 which certainly is a bargain, considering the value of the book.

Saturday morning Frank Lane was brought before the Justice court for hearing and changed his plea of "not guilty" to "guilty" and was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail with an added \$100. fine.

Government Crop Report

A summary of preliminary estimates of crop production, and prices, for the State of Montana compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates, U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

Wheat—Estimate this year 30,697,000 bu., final estimate last year 18,356,000; price November 1 to producers 78 cts. per bu., year ago 92 cts.

Oats—Estimate this year 25,968,000 bu., final estimate last year 18,550,000; price November 1 to producers 29 cts. per bu., year ago 35 cts.

Barley—Estimate this year 2,142,000 bu., final estimate last year 2,195,000; price November 1 to producers 48 cts. per bu., year ago 60 cts.

Potatoes—Estimate this year 6,040,000 bu., final estimate last year 5,180,000; price November 1 to producers 42 cts. per bu., year ago 67 cts.

Apples—Estimate this year 347,000 bbls., final estimate last year 300,000; price October 15 to producers \$1.05 per bu., year ago \$0.99.

Flaxseed—Estimate this year 3,020,000 bu., final estimate last year 2,550,000; price November 1 to producers \$1.58 per bu.

Mortgaging a Homestead.

Quite a number of our homesteaders are selling out—that is, they borrow from a thousand to fifteen hundred dollars on their places and they will never pay the loans, as they do not invest in anything from which there is hope of getting money with which to redeem. The only thing that would tempt me to mortgage would be to get stock. That is the only thing that I can see that will increase faster than the interest.

Going in debt just because one can get the money, is a dangerous practice. It is the use one makes of the money that counts. A Montana farmer who needed money to see himself through the harvest season went to a bank and, in request for an accommodation, was surprised to have it promptly granted. He said afterwards if he had known he could get money so easily he would have asked for a thousand dollars instead of five hundred. Think of that! When he had use of but five hundred!

We were told of one man who lived on his homestead the required time and put in the remaining months working for a neighbor. When he proved up he said to his boss that he could borrow a thousand dollars on his place, and he believed he would do it and have a good time. The boss said to him: "You do a fool-

ish thing like that and I'll kick you off the place, and you need never expect to come back."

Many a farmer needs discouragement of this kind to keep him from borrowing money that he does not need, or that he will not invest so as to bring him greater returns than the interest he has to pay.

There are men who have to borrow money who make good use of it. We believe it a good idea for the lender to question the borrower and refuse to make a loan where there is a doubt about the being put where it will prove remunerative. It would be better for most men if it were harder for them to borrow money. If they worked as hard to keep from borrowing as they are often compelled to work afterwards to get the loan paid off, their not being able to borrow money easily would be the greatest blessing in the world to them. —Northwestern Stockman.

Last week we neglected to mention the commencement of a new serial story in the Eagle, "Along The Border." This story is a tale of the Bushwhacker and Jayhawker days of the Civil war and should make exceptional good reading during the coming winter months. By the way, are you one who reads the inside pages of the Eagle? If not, commence today. Each week this paper presents many interesting stories and news items on its inside pages for our readers. Current Events, Stories for Young Folks, Ladies Fancies, Short Stories, Religious News, Sporting Dope, Jokes and articles of interest to the farmer are among the interesting inside news to be found this week. We endeavor to make the Eagle your home paper, so read it all.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pickard have returned to Ekalaka from their claim near Camp Crook. Mr. Pickard made final proof on his homestead last week and will now devote his time and efforts at the meat market, conducted with his brother.

V. B. Ackerman and wife of Alzada spent Saturday in town with old time friends. Mr. Ackerman says business in Alzada has been good this fall and summer for all merchants.

According to the Alzada Fair-play that town is having a building boom and Brother O'Shaughnessy says that spring will find our southern neighbor up and join'.

John Gross is in town today from his ranch on Box Elder. Mr. Gross has been slightly under the weather with a lame back and a touch of the real tooth ache.

STOCKHOLDERS MET

Mill Boosters Meet And Discuss Business

Some eighteen stockholders of the Ekalaka Milling Company met in the fire hall Monday, pursuant to a notice recently sent out by the secretary. Vice president W. H. Peck presided over the meeting and explained in general, the work thus far accomplished, the financial situation and the progress of the contractors. A general discussion was held amongst those present as to general arrangements for the opening of the elevator and other work that must be done before the enterprise is fully standing upon its own feet. Several stockholders told of hearing stories being circulated in their respective districts casting reflections upon the mill project and upon explaining the nature of these stories Mr. Peck and other officials of the company took it upon themselves to give the real truth of the matter and set everyone right. Much good was derived from the meeting and those present are far better prepared now to explain to others the real purpose of the new project and the many advantages to be had by the completion of the mill and elevator.

Major Curtis C. Oehme of Billings, inspector of the 3rd Battalion, I. O. O. F. was here Saturday evening to make an inspection of Custer Canton No. 6. The Major was well pleased with the work of this Canton, but made many suggestions as to improvements and we understand that the boys have taken their drill books home preparing for the next inspection.

S. J. Emswiler, Theron Comstock and J. G. Olsen left yesterday morning bright and early for a ten day deer hunt southwest of Boyes. The boys started out with two cars, one for the commissary and ammunition department and the other to fetch back the proof of their looked for success.

The marriage of Wm. Parks of Ekalaka and Minnie D. Behring of Pinele occurred Sunday at the parsonage in Ekalaka, Rev. F. M. Faith officiating. Mr. Parks was formerly a resident of this place, now residing at Pinele, where the newly married couple will make their future home.

A real estate deal was made this week whereby J. W. Grant became the owner of the Rolla Talkington homestead west of town. Mr. Talkington accepted as part payment a bunch of cattle.

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