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Eight Years Of -----

The Eagle today completes its eighth year of public service under private ownership.

We were tempted to say "private management" but upon second thought, did not say it. As a matter of fact so many people try to manage the Eagle that it is really a wonder that it gets any management at all at times. In writing the head for this little birthday effusion, we didn't get it finished either. It was easy to start off with, "Eight Years Of" but what to say next? Some might suggest, "hell" or "scandal" or "fraud" or "insanity" or "knocking" or "hot-air" or "sensation" or "boosting" or a lot of other things that could be found in Noah Webster's big book, but none of them seems to just suit us.

In the eight years just spoken of we have been accused of about every sin in the social calendar. And we got it from every direction. Sometimes the doctor or lawyer, sometimes the saloon-keeper, other times the church-goer or the preacher, sometimes the merchant, many times the politician, and even sometimes the old maids and married girls. Everyone seems to at one time or other taken a "wham" at the poor old Eagle bird, but the good part of it all is that they do not all do it at the same time. It's like Villa's army. The permanently disabled portion is always in the hospital but will be around

in a few days while others are taking their places.

When we started in business we did not do so to run anybody out of business or to discredit any person who had a legal or moral right to credit, or to advertise any particular business house without getting paid for it. We just wanted to make a living like regular people, an idea that at first did not soak into everybody's head. No political party started us in business either. But running off at the "top noodle" in this way does not get us anywhere with our argument. If we remember right, we started to write a caption for this story. Here's our choice:

"Eight Years Of Fun"

And believe us, it has been a lot of fun. We have enjoyed the past eight years in Ekalaka and are glad to have found and associated with such a good bunch of boosters as reside here. We have witnessed the wonderful growth of the town, and have helped it grow. We've been through two county seat fights, several political campaigns and mixed in with several other matters that were for the betterment of the town and community, and while we have not always been on the winning side we went down to defeat with colors flying. The bird today has a good home, and we hope that we may serve you as well in the future as we have in the past.

We're Here Because -----

In looking back over the past eight years we have many reasons to feel that Ekalaka has not been backward in keeping up with the other towns of the state and that she has done her share towards boosting the Treasure state natural resources. We tried to list up the many new business houses and homes that have been added since the birth of the Eagle but so many changes have taken place that we hesitate to make a verified statement. The old town has been steadily growing, and this, without any sensational boom. The new men who have located in Ekalaka are here because they believe in the future of the town and because they know the possibilities and opportunities that are here. The following is a list of those who followed our trail to Ekalaka or rather, entered into business here during the past 8 years:-

June G. Olsen of the Ekalaka Drug Co.

J. W. Grant of the Grent & Fuqua firm.

Wm. Mowbray of the W. H. Peck Co.

C. G. Rickard of the Old Stand.

L. T. Ramme of the Ramme House.

Oscar Gilbertson and W. H. Rogers of The Corner.

F. M. Dworshak, real estate.

G. W. Stitser, harness shop.

S. A. Holt of the Reliable drug store.

John Cozad of the Royal Cafe.

Frank Voss of the Ekalaka Garage.

W. P. Nims, feed barn.

S. F. Urban, blacksmith.

C. K. Putnam, furniture store.

Emil Johnson, feed barn.

E. H. Johnson of the Beaver Valley Press.

H. B. Albert, cashier of the Ekalaka State Bank.

C. L. Proctor, jeweler.

J. V. Lofquist, tailor.

S. J. Emswiler, manager of The Play House and U. S. Commissioner.

Pickard Bros., meat market.

Ollie Hedges, of the postoffice store.

John Rice, suitorium.

Bruce Haven, barber shop.

L. L. Wheeler and W. W. Palmer, lawyers.

These 100 per cent boosters together with the old timers comprise as efficient, honest and stick-together business organization as may be found anywhere. May success crown their efforts during the coming year.

Ekalaka Drug Co.

The Ekalaka Drug Co., owned and managed by June G. Olsen is one of the pioneer business houses of Ekalaka, having found its origin in the establishment of the post office at Ekalaka by the government. For many years Jay E. Wilson, now a resident of Glacier, Wash., owned the store, who in May, 1910 sold a half interest to Mr. Olsen. On June 1, 1914 Mr. Olsen became the sole proprietor and he has been carrying on the business ever since. That June has made a success of his business in Ekalaka is proven by the fact that when he first entered the store his financial statement showed him about 1100 round dollars "in the red" while today he has over \$13,000 invested in his residence and business property in Ekalaka. He also owns 320 acres of farm land north of town. In May of this year, Mr. Olsen, successfully passed the State Medical Board and received his certificate as a registered pharmacist. He has in charge of his jewelry department, C. L. Proctor, an expert jeweler and engraver besides an experienced optician.

R. C. Charters Co.

The R. C. Charters Co. is recognized by the leading financial institutions of the country and the large wholesale houses as one of the safest and soundest mercantile establishments in the west. Their credit rating is placed at \$250,000, showing that it has been conservatively managed since May, 1907 when it was organized and incorporated under the state laws. The officers and stockholders are C. H. Emerson, President, J. W. Haddock, vice president and treasurer, and Mrs. J. W. Emerson all residents of this section of the county. Since July 1st, 1914 the store has been under the management of Martin F. Carey who came here in the spring of 1908 from Belfield, N. D. to accept a position as clerk in this establishment. At the present time five clerks are maintained on the payroll and these are always kept "in the harness" by the tremendous business that is being done at this store. The R. C. Charters Co. is one of the oldest, if not the oldest business houses in Ekalaka and its origin dates back to the buffalo days when Ekalaka was but a postoffice. At the present this company has over \$40,000 invested in property in town and with the passing of each year new additions and improvements are being made by them. Owing to its location, away from the railroad, they carry a larger stock of goods on hand than any other like establishment in eastern Montana.

S. A. Holt, Drugs.

One of the new business houses that has been added during the past two years is that of The Reliable Drug Store. S. A. Holt, proprietor, established himself at Ekalaka on July 1st, 1915, after having put in five years proving to Uncle Sam that he could not be starved to death on a half section of free homestead land that he acquired on Box Elder. Prior to coming to Montana Mr. Holt was located at Bristow, Nebr., and also at Gross, Nebr., at both places having been engaged in the drug business. Mr. Holt is a registered pharmacist, holding licenses in the states of Montana, Iowa and Nebraska. In the spring of this year at the annual town election Mr. Holt was selected as our Mayor, a position he has filled with satisfaction to all. He is greatly interested in the future of Ekalaka and particularly this section of the state and predicts that it is bound to

be one of the great agricultural districts of Montana within a few years. Mrs. S. A. Holt was for a few years one of the teachers in the Ekalaka public schools and won for herself much credit.

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