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SCHOOL CLOSSES WITH EXERCISES

The closing exercises of the Ekalaka public schools were held in the I. O. O. F. hall last Friday evening. A good crowd turned out to hear the school children render their closing program and to say that did well and were repeatedly encored would only be a mild expression and one, not giving the school children their just credit. The program was opened by "Address of Welcome" after which the 4th to the 8th grades sang "America" in a creditably manner. The singing by the eighth grade pupils was highly appreciated by the audience as was also the different recitations and songs by the other children. Barbra Olsen and Laura Yokely did exceptionally well in rendering a dialogue entitled "A Dead Bird". "Mark Twain's Interview" by Leroy Owens and Alvin Thompson and the song, "Just Before The Battle Mother" by Alpha Thompson were two interesting and well rendered parts of the program.

After the conclusion of the program by the children, Prof. F. L. Funkenbusch made a few well chosen remarks on the schools here, after which he thanked the people in this territory on the part of the teachers for the courteous treatment which has been accorded them while here. Too much credit cannot be given the teachers for the excellent work which they have accomplished in the schools here during the year just finished and we hope that by the time the next term commences they will have better and more convenient quarters in which to continue the good work.

The following is the program of the closing exercises:-

A-DRESS OF WELCOME.

America.....	4th-8th Grades
Vacation.....	Alpha Thompson
Sun Flower Drill.....	Sixteen Boys
Origin of Star Spangled Banner.....	Gertrude King
Star Spangled Banner.....	Eighth Grade
The Farmer's Scare Crow.....	Laura Conger
The Dead Bird.....	Barbra Olsen Laura Yokley
Dad.....	Daniel Hedges
School Bells (Song).....	Miss Miller's Room
Girls' Dialogue.....	Miss Markin's Room
The Naughty Girl.....	Barbra Olsen
Old Black Joe.....	Alpha Thompson Katherine Taylor
Marion's Ironing.....	Elizabeth Taylor
Flag Drill.....	Nine Boys
Kitty and I.....	Anita Ewalt
Competing Railroads.....	Four Boys
Bird Song.....	Twelve Girls
Joe's Trial.....	Five Boys
Just Before The Battle Mother.....	Alpha Thompson
Mark Twain's Interview.....	Leroy Owens Alvin Thompson
Sweet Afton.....	Eighth Grade
My Faith Looks Up To Thee (Tableau)	
Vacation Song.....	Room Two

CONCLUSION.

SCHOOL LIBRARY AND EXAMINATION

The school library and all fixtures will be taken elsewhere during the progress of the new building. The library will be located in Mr. Peck's store, where books may be had by all pupils of this district according to rules and regulations governing the use of these books. To those who do "text book" work during the summer the privilege of a special examination will be allowed when school opens in September. If the test at that time meet the approval of the teachers, full credit will be given as if the work had been done in school, but all weak subjects should be reviewed rather than new ones taken up.

To insure the safe return of these books some security will be required. Either a small deposit or the signature of a reliable person will be required. The library is not yet arranged. Full information will be given next week.

Those who had quit school previous to the close and were not present for the final examination will be required to take the September test to pass into next grade.

In a recent letter from the County Superintendent, she says: "I will appoint Mrs. Taylor to conduct the eighth grade examination at Ekalaka. You might give this local mention in the Eagle, stating that all pupils in the surrounding neighborhood, eligible, will be admitted to this examination" The examination will be held in the Ekalaka school building May 20-21. The ruling of the State Board of Education is, that only those who have completed the eighth grade work in a satisfactory manner are eligible to this examination. —F.L. Funkenbusch.

THE BLOW THAT KILLED---

At the lot sale held at Buffalo, the new county seat of Harding County, S. D. Monday, May, 3rd not a single lot was disposed of at the auction block. There was a good crowd in attendance from the surrounding country but it seemed as though no one wished to invest in that supposed booming town. Even knowing that the proceeds were to be used in building the "promised new free court house", those present refused to bid and in consequence Buffalo is no better off now for a court house that before. If the voters of Harding county would have located the new seat at Camp Crook, like they should have done, they would today have good headquarters for the county officials. Building a town out of "hot-air" has been tried before.

LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING DOING

This is to certify that we the undersigned do hereby openly challenge the married men of Ekalaka to play a game of ball on the home diamond, Sunday May 16, at 2:30 o'clock. We are tired of hearing arguments, etc., in regards to the superior players and we want to see the battle fought out fair and square on the ball grounds. If you "graduates of bachelorhood" think you can get away with any grapes next Sunday, come out and show us. We never did think you could play ball.

Signed,
The Single Men's Team.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Ole Olsen brought the Crook mail in on his automobile Wednesday.

Wm. Dallas of Billings, Mont. arrived in town this week. He has taken a contract to survey several townships near here for the government.

Prof. Funkenbusch is operating the cash register at the Ekalaka Hotel now, and hopes thereby to "save" money enough to pay his board bill and stage fare to Baker.

Tom Young of the Chalk Buttes was arrested last Friday on a warrant sworn out by Harry Longfield charging assault and battery. Mr. Young was fined \$25. and costs by Judge Lambert.

Miss Mary Miller who has been teaching the middle grades here in the public schools the past term left Monday for Stacy, Mont. where her parents reside. She expects to remain their permanently.

U. S. Commissioner Tracy received word from the U. S. Land Office this week that after May 5th entries would be received under the act of Feb. 19th 1909, known as the "320 acre homestead law". It says that all of the land in this district comes under this new act except a strip of about three miles on each side of certain streams. Mr. Tracy has received plats showing the exact location of the lands reserved and those open for settlement under the new law.

LOOK OUT COLD WAVE COMING

That is, we expect a cold wave, for we have had two shipments of potatoes frozen and now the third and last shipment is on the road and will be here in a few days. The lambing season is on and so is our complete line of Rubber Boots, for men, boys and girls. Also complete line of Men's "Blizzard" Rubbers. Ask for our new style, Triumph "Blizzard". Our stock of slickers are going fast. We have the best saddle rope on the market, try it. Watch for our ad next week.

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