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## FOREST FIRE NEAR EKALAKA

One of the worst forest fires in the history of the Ekalaka reserve is raging while we go to press. The fire started in Stagville gulch about six miles south of town where the old Clark sawmill was in operation years ago, the timber being struck by lightning Wednesday evening. Several parties went out that evening and the fire was reported extinguished next morning but yesterday afternoon the blaze again showed up and this time has got beyond control. After leaving this gulch the fire worked its way south and then with the wind changing swept westward towards Wear's, King's and Burt James, ranches. It is estimated that at this time (Friday morning 9 o'clock) the fire has covered an area of about 35 square miles with the fire working its way towards town.

## CATTLE RUSTLERS GETTING BUSY

Reports received almost daily from different sections of Custer and Dawson counties chronicling the disappearance of horses and cattle forces the conclusion that "rustling" in this section is more prevalent today than for years in this section.

Sam Sanderson this week has lost eight head of horses, Joe Dorce three or four, and many others have been victims of this seemingly united efforts to rustle all the surplus stock from the ranges.

The cattle part of the enterprise consists largely of losses along Powderriver and many are the stories told of the adaptability of that section to successful "rustling" methods.

It is reported that stock rustled is being run to the Great Northern and shipped to points east before the ranchers start in pursuit but the latest depredations were discovered within a day or so, and it is hoped that liberal rewards offered will bring results.

—Terry Tribune

## LOCALS

Alex Clark returned from a trip to Beach Wednesday.

Jack Anderson was in town this week from his ranch.

"Dutch" Prell was sojourning in town Saturday from his farmstead.

Star Dickson was a visitor in town from O'Fallon creek this week.

Frank Thompson returned yesterday morning with a load of flour for the R. C. Charters Co.

Dr. F. W. J. Johnston of Knowlton, Montana, will be at Ekalaka, Mont., on the first of every month for the purpose of treating sick and diseased stock and doing veterinary, dental and surgical work at Mallough's livery barn.

## LOCAL NEWS THAT IS NEWS

Before our next issue it is expected that the new fire engine will have been ordered.

Mrs. Joe McDonnell and child, Mell Zink and Jacob Hickman were visitors in town yesterday from Coal creek.

John Phalen made proof on his homestead before M. O. Tracy yesterday. His ranch is located on Box Elder near Gross' place.

I will do sewing for anyone wishing that kind of work done. Call at my home. Mrs. W. E. Sweeney, Ekalaka, Mont. 8-12tm

I guess old Puptown will have something to do about the candidates at the republican convention in Miles on Sept. 14. Ten delegates ought to have some say.

The board of trustees for the Ekalaka school district have asked for a tax levy of 8 mills for this district this year, 5 of which will be on bonds and 3 for the general.

J. F. Yale and mother left yesterday morning for San Antonio, Texas. Joe will return in a few weeks while his mother expects to remain in her old home this winter.

The last issue of the Miles City Independent made its appearance in the way of a 32 page boom edition, boosting Custer County and the state of Montana. The work of turning out this edition is a credit to the publishers.

Prof. Remi Deranleau, the blind piano tuner and violinist of Rapid City, S. D. will be in Ekalaka some time in September. Prof. is well known by many in this country, he having made several trips here before. Those wishing their pianos tuned and repaired should leave word at this office.

Miss Mary Carter of Miles City is visiting in town this week. Miss Carter is seeking the nomination for the office of county superintendent of schools on the republican ticket. Her friends thinking that Miss Mary Lee Wilson has held the job long enough have induced her to try for the nomination.

James Hunter was in town Tuesday from Miles City. While here Mr. Hunter announced that he would under no circumstances be a candidate for re-election as state representative on the republican ticket. This bit of news will be a surprise to his many friends as it was generally conceded that he would again be out after the nomination.

Chris Ramme returned to Ekalaka last week after an absence of over a year, which time has been spent at his old home in Germany. Mr. Ramme stopped over in Milwaukee, Wis. and Miles City while on his way home where he was visiting friends. In speaking of his trip he said he had a most enjoyable time and was glad to get back among his Montana friends.

## LOCAL ITEMS ABOUT TOWN

Eat at Coonen's. That's all. Mell Reese made a flying trip to Baker last week.

James Parks is again back of the counter in the Postoffice store.

Wm. Berger is having the outside of his house sided this week.

Lou Arpan was a visitor in town Tuesday from his ranch on Box Elder.

June G. Olsen is busy these days building his new house west of Wm. Freese's.

Bobby Yates returned from Baker Monday evening with an eight-horse load of freight.

M. A. McLean was in town from his ranch on Box Elder Tuesday on a business trip.

L. F. Kennedy, the road supervisor is repairing the bridges around Ekalaka this week.

C. M. Peabody and A. T. Sprague were visitors in town Tuesday from their ranches.

The republican primaries will be held on September 3rd and the convention in Miles City on the 14th.

John Hefrin of Baker was visiting in town Sunday between the arrival and departure of the auto.

County attorney Sharpless Walker was in town on a short business trip last week from Miles City.

The Ekalaka precinct will have ten representatives at the republican county convention in Miles on Sept 14th.

C. K. Putnam returned Sunday from a business trip to Baker, where he was looking up freight shipments for the R. C. Charters Co.

H. M. Lewis, deputy county surveyor returned to Miles City Friday after spending a week in this part of the county viewing new roads.

Dr. G. A. Baker moved his household goods out on his ranch this week. His mother and sister will reside there this winter in company with the Doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hughes were presented with a bouncing baby girl Monday. Mother and child are well and Charley is wearing the smile that won't come off.

By reason of the increase in the tax list of Custer County this year, the county is now in the third class order, and therefore the office of County Auditor will be created at the next election.

It was reported in town this week that Elijah Mulkey who has the old 101 ranch on Beaver Creek was kicked by a horse causing seven ribs to be broken. A doctor was called from Mar-marh and Mr. Mulkey is now on the fair way to recovery.

## FALL FAIR AND RACE MEETING

At a special meeting held Tuesday evening by the members of the Commercial club the dates for the fair this fall were decided on September 22nd and 23rd being the days. The program committee made themselves busy and arranged a program which will be found on another page in this issue. The committee on subscriptions reported getting \$412.00 the first day and expect to increase this amount before the end of the week. Arrangements are being made for many other attractions not on the program at this time, and also to secure the band to furnish the music. Keep posted on the preparations being made for this big event and paste the date in your hat.

## DR. DAVE BAKER MAKING GOOD

The wrestling match that was held in the Bank Hall Tuesday evening between Dr. Baker and Billy Sherrard ex-welter weight champion of Iowa; was won by the former, who secured the last two falls. Sherrard got the first fall in eighteen minutes, but the local man came back strong and pinned the Iowa man to the mat in three minutes. The last fall went twenty-eight minutes during which time both men put up a good exhibition of the game with Baker working on the offensive side. The local artist outweighed Sherrard and had far the best endurance qualities, though the latter was well science. H. C. Well of Miles City refereed the match and his decisions met the approval of the large audience present.—Bowman County News.

Lost Strayed or Stolen—One bay horse 3 years old with strip in face, branded on left shoulder. Ten dollars reward will be paid for his return to Mallough's livery barn or information leading to his recovery. L. Hatlett.

## PERSONALS AROUND TOWN

The residents on Box Elder report a heavy rain in that section last Friday. The water holes are reported pretty well filled up and prospects for winter feed slightly better.

James Hunter is down from Miles City visiting at his ranch on Beaver Creek this week. Mr. Hunter is accompanied by Capt. Howard of Ft. Keogh Remount Station who is out on a business trip.

We received a subscription this week that goes to Alaska. Now when it comes to the "birds" flying north at this time of the year there is nothing to expect but a very mild winter. Some of our residents seem so certain about the weather that they propose pulling off a sweet pea carnival on New Years day.

O. A. Dahl and H. L. Cory returned Friday evening from a weeks trip in the Powder river country. They report a shortage of all kinds of crops in that part of the county and found everybody busy getting up what hay they could, to pull them through the winter. Live stock has never looked better and with an open winter the stockmen will come out in the spring with a very small loss.

J. H. Booth returned from a trip to the county seat Monday. Mr. Booth went in to be present at the "kickers" meeting that was held at the court house last Friday and Saturday for those who had complaints to make against the recent increase in the assessment list of the county. The amount of the increase was \$3,418,490.00, most of which was on the value of real estate. Nearly all of the heavy property owners in the county were present among them being the representatives of the Northern Pacific railroad company, which concern was assessed in the sum \$1,553,933. The meeting adjourned with the private owners agreeing to stand for the raise providing the railroads "came through".

## Josh Billings

Says "The best time to set a hen is when the hen is ready". We say "The best time to buy fruits, soft drinks, candy, etc. is when you want it."

WE ALWAYS HAVE THE BEST.

Wilson & Olsen.