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CONTEST CASES

Are Now Being Heard Before M. O. Tracy.

Business has been rushing in U. S. Commissioner Tracy's office this week, the unusual activity being caused by the contest cases which were instituted against the N. P. railway company by several homesteaders who had filed on government land during the opening held on April 12th of this year. The railroad company had also filed on this land which is located within their land grant limits without first going into the matter of previous residence, which fact brought about the unusually large number of contest. In many cases residence had been established for some time, prior to the opening, which by a squatters right entitles the settler to possession.

Grafton Mason of St. Paul looked after the interests of the railroad company assisted by Walter H. Martin and B. S. Finlenworth of Miles City, while John G. Allee, considered the most efficient land attorney of Miles City ably supported many of the contestants in their claims. From the evidence introduced it is quit probable that those settlers having made improvements and established residence prior to the opening will be granted favorable decisions. The evidence taken before Mr. Tracy will be passed upon by the Register and Receiver at the land office in Miles City, and unless appeal is made to Washington their decision will be final.

NOTHING TO IT, SAYS THOMPSON

The Hon. "Thomas Henry Carter" Thompson, of Forsyth, whose particular mission at this particular time is to guard the feathery kingdom, was a Miles City visitor recently, enroute home from Ekalaka, where he spent a few days in pursuit of his duties. Mr. Thompson, as everybody knows, has been conspicuous in the public eye, because of his marked resemblance to the senior United States senator from this state. For some reason or other the Forsyth statesman does not regard the Helena statesman in the same high light as do others, and for that reason is often times the object of considerable good natured joking. But this explanation is made just as a preliminary.

Mr. Thompson was at Ekalaka recently, as stated heretofore, and by the way he is liked pretty well down in that country, but that does not prevent his friends from having a little fun at his expense. The Senator's double was seated in the hotel one evening, fatigued after his days' labor, when incidentally a fellow full of considerable development expressed amazement at a story which purported to have been

news to the effect that William Jennings Bryan had taken occasion to give his party leaders a severe rap, and at the same time spoke in the most plowing terms of the administration of President Taft.

"Wher'd you see that?" blurted out the game warden.

"In the Billings Gazette of today" retorted the other fellow.

"The Gazette lies like a horse thief," said Carter's double.

"It was an Associated Press report" and the Associated Press doesn't lie," was the rejoinder.

The bunch was all in on the deal, and made it so warm for the Forsythe man that he began gesticulating furiously. If, as the Saturday Evening Post said, Senator Carter's paint brush whiskers floated and flitted to the breeze of his own verbosity, then Thompson's whiskers were in a cyclone at this particular moment for the breeze was coming fast from the lungs of the Forsyth man.

It was more than he could stand to think that William J. Bryan had fallen in with the policies of President Taft, so he got up and walked around the new school house four times and by the time he got back all were in bed, so he retired to sleep the sleep of the peace-loving democrat.

The story is too good to keep and the Independent believes that Thompson's friends here should know about it. —Independent

NEWS ITEMS

IN TOWN

Lost—Between the Medicine rocks and Ekalaka on the Baker road, one trunk with a small grip inside. Finder please notify this office.

For Sale—Some yearling bucks Cotswell and Delane grades. Prices to suit purchaser. Can be seen at my ranch 25 miles northeast of town on Lane Jones.

R. E. Lambert

W. R. Bement and Dr. Kennworth a sheep specialist were visitors in town this week from Miles City. Mr. Bement is an old timer in Custer county and has many friends in this section whom he was renewing old acquaintance with.

U. S. Commissioner B. M. Melum of Capitol passed through town this week enroute to Miles City where he is going on a business trip. Mr. Melum says the newcomers are numerous in his section and that notwithstanding the drought this year, good crops are being realized by the farmers.

The republican primaries were held in the Ekalaka precinct last Saturday in the land office. During the opening of the polls 41 votes were cast, the ten delegates selected to attend the county convention in Miles City on the 12th being as follows:—C. D. Newberry, H. N. Sykes, A. W. Lucas, D. Laney, T. J. Martin, Geo. Crosby, L. W. Gilman, W. I. Maxwell, W. H. Peck and Jas.

LOCAL DOPE

Gathered By Our Reporter Since Last Week.

Elias Traweek and family are residing in town now.

Joe Lane has moved his family in town from the ranch.

Anyone wanting good greyhounds leave word at this office.

S. W. Davidson was over this week from Baker on a short business trip.

Miss Josie Barere is having a dwelling house erected west of Dr. E. O. Colvin's residence.

Mrs. Max Rickard left this week for a visit with friends in the northern part of the state.

Miss Emma Clark left this week for Deadwood, S. D. where she will attend school this winter.

W. I. Maxwell and family of O'Fallon creek were in town the fore part of the week, on land business.

The Ekalaka Band and Cory's Orchestra will leave next Thurs. for Camp Crook where they will furnish the music for the Harding county fair.

Attorney Cornish of Baker was a visitor in town this week. Mr. Cornish has made a life practice of law and has opened up an office in that railroad town.

Miss Lucy Markin returned from Baker last week where she has been visiting friends and relatives. She is now back to her duties as teacher in the Ekalaka schools.

The entertainment committee of the I. O. O. F. lodge gave a dance last Friday evening, the affair being attended by about 20 couple. J. P. Gundlach and wife furnished the music.

Hugh Hunter was in town yesterday in the interest of his campaign for the office of sheriff. He says everything looks brighter each day and feels safe in landing the nomination, at the county convention in Miles City on the 12th.

Born on Friday evening, Sept. 2nd to Mr. and Mrs. Ole Markuson at the Sven Olsen ranch on Beaver Creek, a baby girl. Mother and child are doing nicely and Ole is receiving the congratulations of his many friends.

Frank L. and Grover C. Funkenbusch passed through town yesterday enroute to Miles City on a business trip. The professor has given up teaching school and is now in company with his brother is "honyocking" it up on Powderriver near Broadus.

"MONTANA."

The following piece of poetry is from the pen of an Iowa young lady who made this territory a visit a short time ago. That she was well impressed with the western ways and people is

On the 19th day of old July
In the year of 1910
I left my work and Eastern home
For that glorious western land.

To the prairies of Montana
Where I hoped to find
Two dear friends awaiting me
And as ever true and kind.

My expectations all came true
And two short weeks I spent
Takin' in the western sights
And miles and miles we went.

Sometimes horseback riding
Sometimes the bronchs we'd drive

Having such a lovely time
I scarce knew I was alive.

The breaks and buttes and bad lands

The prairie dogs and such
All were interesting to me
And to my friends as much.

The cactus was a common sight
Likewise, the rattle-snake
Bands of sheep and droves of
bronch's
Would make the best eyes ache.

The coral and shack or sod-house
A hen house and barn
Were found upon these "farm-
steads"

This is no western yarn.

Corn, oats, flax, and barley
On this land they raise
Good as in old Iowa
With all it's pomp and praise.

But most of all I wish to tell
What appealed to me the best
Was brotherly love and friendship
To stranger, neighbor, guest.

These two weeks passed all to
soon

They seemed to me a day
And on the first of August
I started back to Iowa.

Gone but not forgotten
"Absent but dear"
These are truthful sayings
And I tried to hide a tear.

Two more such friends I'll never
find

They're not found in a day
And I can ne'er repay such kind-
ness

In any sort of way.
But the Best of friends must
sometimes part

And so I say good day
To dear friends in Montana
And go home to Iowa.

ENGINE ARRIVES

New Fire Fighting Apparatus Is Here.

The new gasoline fire engine arrived Wednesday afternoon and is now awaiting the arrival of the engineer who will be here today to instruct the Ekalaka fire Co. in the operation of the same. A special meeting has been called for this afternoon at which time the several captains, foremans, etc. will be selected who will care for the new fire fighting equipment. The new engine is manufactured by the Waterous Fire Engine Co. of St. Paul and has a capacity of about 350 gal's. per minute, it is hand draft and 47 horse power. Besides the engine there is a new hose cart, 750 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose, and all necessary nozzles, wrenches, etc. The price of the equipment is \$1,575. F. O. B. Baker, Mont.

The next move to be made by the fire department is to erect a fire house and dig a well fifteen feet square, which improvement will be commenced at once. The members of the department will begin practicing with this outfit at once and thus prepare to take care of any fire that might break out in town. A new set of rules and by-laws are to be adopted at the next regular meeting, which when put in force will put the different companies under strictly business rules and in conformity with the laws of the state, also, foolishness will be a thing of the past with the Ekalaka fire department.

Ekalaka should be proud of the fact that her fire fighting equipment is keeping pace with the rapid growth of this thrifty inland town. Today she boasts of the best and most efficient fire protection of any town of its size in the state. Many thanks are due to its citizens whose hearty support enabled us to procure this needed improvement.

Lost—Somewhere in Ekalaka, one ladies belt and belt pin. Finder leave at this office.

Fruit! Fruit! Fruit!
Of All Kinds.

100-Boxes-100

Just received in fine condition, and are to be sold at prices the lowest yet. A Special low price by the box.

Wilson & Olsen.