

Lots of Timber In This Section



HALL & SNOW SAWMILL.

Ekalaka is situated adjoining the Sioux National Forest and we have two sawmills near town. Hall & Snow operate about seven miles from town while H. G. Lantis has a mill near the John Smith ranch. These gentlemen have a good trade and are live boosters.

Ekalaka State Bank Shows Prosperity

It was on August 22nd, 1908 that The Ekalaka Commercial State Bank was organized and opened up for business. Their first location was in the building now occupied by Stitzer's harness shop. At that time Tom Sigler and John Almbaugh had a notion store there and they allotted the bank about eight square feet off in one corner to keep their safe and set up a desk. As soon as the weather permitted, in January of the following year, their present building was erected. A glance at the list of officers at that time shows; Robt. Yokley, president; H. N. Sykes, vice president; John Oliver, cashier and Robt. Yokley, Kenneth McLean, H. N. Sykes, Septon Cady and John T. Smith as directors. On June 20, 1911 the Commercial State Bank and the Ekalaka Bank were consolidated and after increasing their capital stock to \$30,000, continued the business under the name of "The Ekalaka State Bank". At the time of the consolidation, the two banks showed the following statement:

Commercial State Bank	
Capital stock,	\$20,000.00
Deposits,	59,920.21
Loans,	61,477.47
Reserve,	18,973.93
Resources,	79,000.00
Ekalaka Bank	
Capital stock,	\$20,000.00
Deposits,	37,906.18
Loans,	31,304.26
Reserve,	22,931.06
Resources,	55,000.00

That since the consolidation, this bank has been steadily growing, is shown by the comparative statements of each year since that time, which are as follows:

December 31, 1912	
Deposits,	77,063.15
Loans and dis.	86,191.94
Reserve,	22,427.33
Resources,	108,000.00
December 31, 1913	
Surplus,	500.00
Deposits,	91,347.27
Loans and dis.	102,317.64
Reserve,	22,931.06
Resources,	125,000.00
December 31, 1914	
Surplus,	1,300.00
Deposits,	103,077.10
Loans and dis.	112,330.22
Reserve,	22,304.61
Resources,	135,000.00
December 31, 1915	
Surplus,	2,000.00
Deposits,	124,778.98
Loans and dis.	110,882.16
Reserve,	48,471.10
Resources,	159,000.00
December 23, 1916	
Surplus,	3,200.00
Deposits,	197,840.42
Loans and dis.	163,735.44
Reserve,	72,102.32
Resources,	235,000.00

In looking over the above figures, one can readily see that the business of the bank is under a conservative management. Since January 1st, 1915, H. B. Albert has had charge of the cashiers desk and his services to the bank have been highly creditable. At present, The Ekalaka State Bank is one of the soundest and most reliable in the state. The present officers are: Septon Cady, president; J. W. Hiscock, vice president; H. B. Albert, cashier; L. M. Elliott, ass't cashier and Septon Cady, J. W. Hiscock, H. B. Albert, E. J. Flasted and Mrs. Foster Cleveland, directors.

The prosperity of your home bank proves the prosperity of your country.

Wm. Freese Store

"Billy" Freese came here a long time before we got the Ekalaka habit. In fact, Billy is one of the real old timers. Prior to opening up his hardware store here he was located at Miles City where he bounced around in the business circle of that place at a lively clip for a number of years. In Ekalaka he has built up a good business besides holding down at one time or other about every "charity" job on record. His home is one of the best and most comfortable here and represents a substantial investment. Billy's experiences in Montana would make interesting reading, but for lack of space we can't go "gadding" about them. If its too cold, too warm, or not enough rain, blame Billy. He's our weather man also.

The Peck Company

W. H. Peck came to Montana on April 20, 1889 and struck his first job on the old Swift ranch 13 miles west of Ekalaka where he stayed until 1900 when he entered the employ of the old Ekalaka Mercantile Co., now the Charters store. In 1904 he opened up for business in his present quarters and continued the business under private ownership until March 1912 when he formed the W. H. Peck Co., with C. K. Putnam and Wm. Mowbay as his partners. Mr. Putnam retired from the firm in January of this year. Since last fall they have been endeavoring to close out their business but until they find a purchaser for the fixtures and buildings they will continue to conduct a cash grocery and handle a line of gent's furnishings.

Uncle Sams Agent

The day after we wore the shamrock and celebrated in honor of St. Patrick, in the year of 1913, S. J. Emswiler moved his trunk to Ekalaka. At that time Jack was employed by Uncle Sam in the forest service and was put in charge of the Ekalaka division. The following year he accepted a position in the office of Grant & Fuqua where he remained until Jan. 1, 1915 when he was appointed U. S. Commissioner for this district, a position he still retains. When the Play House was built, Mr. Emswiler was selected as manager, another job he still has. That he has great confidence in the future of Ekalaka is proven by the fact that he has invested in a number of lots on the West Side, the coming choice residential section.

Grant & Fuqua Co.

Grant and Fuqua, dealing in livestock and deeded lands, organized their firm shortly after the influx of homesteaders to this section. At first their specialty was livestock, farm loans and locating but as soon as the homesteaders began to receive patents to their ranches and farms they entered the deeded land game, not as land speculators but as agents. They make a specialty of Box Elder and Beaver Creek lands and have such an acquaintance and knowledge of this section of the state that their business has rapidly increased. Mr. J. W. Grant, the senior member of the firm came here in the spring of 1910 from Bloomfield, Nebr. to homestead land while his partner Mr. R. V. Fuqua had already been located here and at that time was engaged in the sheep business. This company ranks among the leading real estate firms of the state for honest dealings, financial rating and reliability.

And Also Plenty of Coal



THE PARKS COAL MINE.

We're not going to run shy of coal in Ekalaka unless the haulers go on a strike. The coal supply is unlimited for the needs of this country. Trepanier Brothers and Chas. Parks are delivering our coal this winter and their business is rushing. (see weather report)

Putnam - Furniture Hedges Old Timer

C. K. Putnam has had a varied career since locating in Ekalaka. Landing here in July, 1908 his first job found him driving nails and doing other carpenter work. When the Eagle hatched he was our type-sticker but later he entered the employ of the W. H. Peck store. In March, 1912 he bought a third interest in this store and stayed with them until Jan. 1st, 1916 when he sold out. After attending the state university of Minnesota where he successfully graduated as an embalmer and undertaker, he returned to Ekalaka and after receiving his license for this state, set out to build up the furniture store business that he enjoys at present. The Putnam store is a credit to the town and a very splendid stock of goods is always on display. Charlie holds a life certificate for being a Ekalaka booster.

Dr. J. P. Hedges came here just after they dug the Little Missouri river in the 80 something. Ever since he has been doing our dental work and his reputation for doing good work in that line is not lacking.

Real Estate Dealer

Fred Dworschak came here from Nebraska with the rush of the homesteaders in 1910 and after locating was employed by the telephone company for some time. He was for a few years U. S. Commissioner in this section, after which he entered into the real estate and farm loan business. Fred enjoys a good business and has become one of the big boosters for Ekalaka and Fallon County. He is one of the present members of the town board.

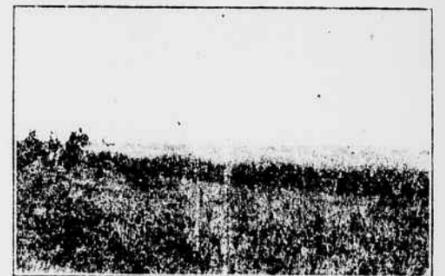
The Amusement Co

We used to contend ourselves with a quiet game of seven-up, or pitching horseshoes, but not so now. The Play House was built to fill a long felt want in the amusement line in Ekalaka and since its opening it has enjoyed a very liberal patronage. Roller skating commenced on Feb. 12th of this year, the first dance was on Feb. 22nd and motion pictures arrived on April 4th. Shows are given now twice a week, Sunday and Thursday evenings while on Friday and Saturday evening the place is open for roller skating. The Play House is owned by The Amusement Co., composed of S. J. Emswiler, L. M. Elliott, C. K. Putnam, H. G. Lantis and C. G. Rickard, and represents an investment of over \$5,000.

Nims Is A Booster

Bill Nims knows a good thing, even if he can't see it. He came to Ekalaka upon the solicitation of friends and found that it is just about as good a place as was ever placed on the map. Since coming here Mr. Nims has mixed in several lines of business, first in the meat market, then a garage and now the feed barn and lumber yard. He is the owner choice business locations, besides several hundred acres of farming land north of town. At present he is building a large new lumber shed and more yards, which he will stock up in the spring.

Besides Big Crops and Good Land



ON J. W. GRANT'S FARM

The weather is far from favorable for the farmer at the present time but just as soon as the frost is out of the ground, watch central Fallon County. The acreage into fall crops was increased tremendously in this section the past fall.

We Thank You

As we cross the threshold of a new year, we wish to thank those who have honored us with their confidence and trade during the year that is gone.

We strive always to protect and promote the interests of our friends and customers in every way and we are gratified to note the generous response which this policy brings.

During the coming year we shall make every effort to serve you even better than in the past.

We extend to all sincere wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year

The Reliable Drug Store
S. A. HOLT, Ph. G., Proprietor

What Is The Difference

About the NAME of a movie show? The Great Problem is to get good ones and have 'em delivered. Know then that there will be a GOOD one at The Play House on New Year Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31. Also one of our Famous Dances, Monday Night, January 1st, 1917. And Mrs. Owens will serve midnight supper at 35c a plate.

The Ekalaka Drug Co.

Wishes You and Yours

A Happy,

Prosperous

New Year