

# The Ekalaka Eagle

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## ABOUT THE MAIL CONTRACT

Bids for the carrying of the U. S. mail between here and Baker have again been all rejected on account of being too high. These last bids were called for by Mch. 2, 1909 and the contract was to commence on the 15th but for the above reason nothing was done and it was not until last week, that we heard any word in regard to the matter from the department. The following letter was received by Postmaster J. E. Wilson, which shows the governments view on the subject:-

"March 29, 1909.

Sir:

Referring to the petitions received from the patrons of your office for the establishment of a star route from Ekalaka to Baker, Montana, you are informed that the Department has endeavored, through the issue of a number of advertisements, to establish the service desired. The only bid received for such service under the recent advertisement is at the rate of \$1500 per annum, which is entirely too high for the service required, and no bid was received under the recent advertisement for service from Tee Dee to Ismay, for the supply of the office at Tee Dee in the event that the supply of your office from Miles City would be omitted on the establishment of the route from Ekalaka to Baker. Therefore, it is not deemed advisable to take any further action at this time in regard to this matter, and the present supply of Ekalaka will be continued.

Very respectfully,

Joseph Stewart,

Second Assistant Postmaster General."

In this communication the department says that a bid of \$1500 was rejected and that this was the only bid that was submitted to them. The Camp Crook line pays \$1480 a year and as the proposed Baker route would carry nearly eight times as much mail as the Crook line, we see no excuse why the department should reject the bid because it costs only \$20 more a year to operate it.

The present line from Miles City pays \$3690 a year and even at that it is reported that it is not a paying proposition. If they should discontinue this line and pay \$1500 for a line from here to Baker they would still have \$2190 left with which to operate a line from Ismay or Miles to Tee Dee and in this way would give us all better mail service. The matter of having this mail line between here and Baker has been an important topic among the citizens of this territory and it is now arriving at such a stage that we must demand that this be put in operation at once. Let us get together and show proof why this must be done and the advantages that will be derived therefrom.

## BUSINESS MENS CLUB ORGANIZED

The citizens and business men of Ekalaka gathered at the restaurant office last Tuesday evening where the organization of "The Stockgrowers and Business Men's Club of Ekalaka" was perfected. A fair sized crowd was in attendance and everything was carried out in an excellent way. The committee appointed at the last meeting to look around and ascertain the names of all those who wished to join reported a list of nearly 30 persons and from their report there seems to be no doubt but that we can have a large membership in the club. After considerable discussion among those present, the election of officers took place, with the following result:-

President, Dr. J. P. Hedges,  
Vice Pres. A. W. Lucas,  
Secretary, H. D. Routtall,  
Treasurer, J. H. Booth,  
Seargent-at-Arms T. J. Martin,  
Board of Directors, G. G. Grant, E. C. Metheny and W. H. Peck.

A committee of three was appointed by the president to draft by-laws to be presented at the next meeting, those on this committee being, W. H. Peck, A. W. Lucas and O. A. Dahl. After this a motion was made to adjourn until Tuesday evening, April 20, 1909 at 8 o'clock sharp, at which time it is expected that every property owner and citizen of Ekalaka and vicinity will turn out and have a voice in the meeting. If you are a booster of this town and country, show your good intentions by attending this meeting. Matters of vital importance to all will be discussed and it will be to your advantage to attend. Come out Tuesday evening, April 20, at the restaurant.

## SHEEP ORDERED TO BE INSPECTED

The following notice has been given by the President of the State Board of Sheep Commissioners and will be of interest to the many sheepmen in this territory:-

Office of the State Veterinarian, Helena, Montana, March 29th, 1909.

This is to notify all Sheepmen in the State of Montana, that no sheep will be permitted to trail from one point in a county to any point outside that county, or for any distance greater than 25 miles, unless such sheep have been properly inspected by an Inspector of this Department, and a health Certificate issued granting such permission; which certificate must state that all such sheep are clean and free from communicable disease of any character.

T. C. Power,  
President State Board of Sheep Commissioners.

M. E. Knowles,  
State Veterinarian.

## RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

Whereas:- The Angel of Death has twice invaded the home of our dearly beloved Brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Laney, and removed therefrom their beloved daughters, Dolly and Marguerite Laney.

Therefore:- Be it resolved, that we extend to them in their double affliction, our heartfelt sympathy. At such a time and on such an occasion, words fail to express our pain and sorrow, we cannot comfort, we cannot question, the reason why; we can only bow in submission to the Divine Will, and pray that God may comfort them and us, for their sorrow is our sorrow, their loss our loss, and their pain our pain. Tho time and distance separate us, yet, out of the fullness of our hearts, do we tender them our sympathy and our faith that, "He who ruleth over us all, Doeth all things as He will.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these Resolutions be spread on our Minutes, a copy be inserted in the Ekalaka Eagle, and a copy be sent to the family.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. & T.

Nellie E. Wear, Chair.  
Clay W. Taylor,  
W. H. Peck.

Com. on Resolutions.

For the Gertrude Rebekah Lodge, No. 37.

To the Officers and Members of Beaver Lodge No. 65 I. O. O. F. We, your Committee appointed to draft resolutions on the death of the daughters of our beloved brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Laney, beg leave to submit the following:-

Whereas: The Angel of Death has invaded the home of our beloved brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Laney, and taken from their midst their beloved daughters, the Misses Dolly and Marguerite, thereby leaving a home of sorry and grief.

Be it therefore Resolved: That we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing parents and family in their recent bereavement, and offer a kind word of condolence at this, a dark hour in the lives of our worthy and beloved brother and sister.

Be it further Resolved; That we send a copy of these resolutions to the bereaved parents and family and that a copy be spread on the records of our lodge, and a copy be printed.

June G. Olsen, Chair.  
S. W. Davidson,  
W. Freeze.

Committee.

## ARRIVES WITH NEW GOODS

Horace Sparks and wife of Baker arrived in town Wednesday evening. Mrs. Sparks is holding a sale of fine Millinery at Peck's store this week.

## They Keep On Eating

You don't eat one meal and make that last a month. You keep on eating Van Camp's Pork and Beans.

We have them in the No. 1, 2, and 3 size, plain or with tomato sauce.



Try the Best Beans Once and Know How Good Beans Can Be.

Try Van Camp's PORK AND BEANS

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## Don't Take Chances

You Ought Not To -- You Don't Have To

WE DON'T take chances in the treatment of our customers. We keep our promises. When a customer is disappointed he loses confidence. At this time of the year a good many require large bills of goods and we ask you to give us a chance to compare prices and quality of goods with any offered by any house. We are right here to do business with you and don't ask any odds, either in price or quality of goods. We don't even urge, being a home concern, but simply ask for an opportunity to sell you on a pure business basis. We save you money, trouble and expense, and are here every day in the year to make our statements good. We have the experience and a thorough knowledge of merchandise, buy in large quantities for spot cash and we give our customers the benefit of this together with prompt service. We are anxious to demonstrate to you the service and saving we can render, and will appreciate a trial.

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