

# The Ronan Pioneer

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Ronan, Montana, April 7, 1911.

Almost every day some one is in town complaining about being fenced in. The condition which has brought about this state of affairs is the manner in which the different farm units are divided. For instance, some of the sections are divided into 16 different farms. Necessarily only 10 of these units are on section lines and six of them are situated in the interior of the section. Those parties who homesteaded the units away from the section lines are without a road into or out of their places. They are now anxious to know where they are at. The government surveyed and classified each one into a separate farm unit but made no provision by which they had a road to and from their places. Then, too, quite a number with farms along section lines are in just as much difficulty by reason of some of the farms being located in one or more sections. Some of those whose lands are so situated have fenced across the section lines and thus closed up the road. This makes it bad in many places and still seems a hardship on the man with only 80 acres to be forced to fence one half of his land away from the other half. No one's farm is of much value if he has no road to it. It would be the same with the man who has land on both sides. Therefore some method should be adopted whereby each and everyone has ingress and egress to his home.

Governor Norris has placed it square up to the membership of the legislature as to whether or not an extra session will be called to pass an adequate primary law. That is a course just a little unusual for an executive to pursue but it seems wise under all the conditions prevailing in this state at the present time. Influences are at work in this state to prevent the people from exercising very much influence in the nomination of officers, both state and national. At the present time there is a demand for a state wide primary law, and those who are acquainted with the conditions and the workings of the Oregon primary law are in favor of that law being enacted in this state. Should the members of the legislature, as at present constituted, refuse to express themselves on the subject in a number sufficient to insure speedy enactment of a primary law then it should be the duty of the governor to call the special session and put them on record again. Both the democrats and republicans adopted resolutions favoring a primary law and to be honest with the people they should now fulfill the pledge given last fall. The party or the man who refuses now to redeem the party promises should be known that tab may be kept on him or it in the future.

The decision of the supreme court declaring unconstitutional the non-political judiciary law, seems to indicate that a change in the personnel of that body was badly needed last fall when one of the present incumbents was seeking re-election. The best thing the people of this state can do is to retire the majority members of that body at the first opportunity. Justice Smith wrote an able dissenting opinion which sounds much more reasonable than the opinion which will become a part of the law of this state, and he is to be congratulated on his stand in the premises.

The extra session of congress called by President Taft is now in working order. Champ Clark has been elected speaker, the first democrat to occupy that position since Charles F. Crisp was speaker. Representative Mann of Illinois was selected as the republican house leader, Ex-Speaker Joe Cannon declining to be a candidate. The president's message was read and it dealt almost entirely with Canadian reciprocity and it is expected this measure will receive the first attention of congress. The democrats have mapped out a program for the session which includes revision of the tariff schedule by schedule, and will probably carry the session into the middle of the summer. Opposition to this plan will be presented by the republicans and a long drawn out fight is probable. In the senate, Hon. Henry L. Myers, the new senator from Montana, was presented by Senator Dixon and upon his credentials being found in due form, he was sworn in and assigned a seat in a good position. Washington dispatches say he is making many friends, and it is predicted that he will become one of the most prominent members of that body. There are still two vacancies in the senate, one from Colorado and the other from Iowa, where a bitter fight is on for a successor of the late Senator Dolliver.

Senator LaFollette has again introduced a resolution looking to the unseating of Senator Lorimer of Illinois who is accused of having purchased his seat in the senate. New and startling evidence has been found to support the accusation.

How about that job printing?

Ice cream every day now at the Star Bottling Works.

Seed Barley. STANLEY SCEARCE.

Clarence M. Sutherland of Polson, son of A. Sutherland, was down Tuesday from the lake town and filed on 160 acres in 21-21. He will soon be a Ronan booster now.

The Ladies' aid met with Mrs. Stanley Scearce this week, and in two weeks from yesterday will meet at Mrs. Cliff Welch's, where they will be entertained by Mrs. J. C. Luallin.

G. F. Foster has purchased the S. A. Rice house and lot on the south side of the creek. They are occupying this residence at the present time and save a moving job in the bargain.

Schaerer & Nielsen write the Pioneer that they will have to quit advertising their printing business, as it brings them more business than they can do. To stop will do the business all right.

Major Morgan was in town overnight the first of the week and expected to remain a day or two on business, but a telephone message from Sheriff Kelley made him hurry away to the county seat.

C. S. Webster of the forestry department, Washington, D. C., was in town this week. He makes annual trips to the various forest reserves and was entirely satisfied with conditions found on the Flathead.

Richard McLeod is having a new floor put in the old pool room and has moved his tables up stairs. A 10-foot stage will also be built on the south end of the lower floor room and a family theatre is promised.

L. M. Brandjord, G. H. Broughton and Dr. Fuhrer have each purchased an acre tract on 2d. Clairmont adjoining the Scearce addition on the south. Both Mr. Brandjord and Mr. Broughton will build new residences at an early date.

A new cash system has been installed in the Big Store this week. This system is connected with four of the departments and provides a means to carry the cash to the cashier direct from the department in which the goods are purchased. It is a vast improvement over the old order of things.

I am a contestant in the Missoulian's Home contest. I shall not be able to see all personally so take this method of soliciting your subscriptions. Any one taking a daily paper or desiring a daily will confer a favor by giving me a subscription to "The Missoulian."

BARBARA A. KAIN.

W. M. McGarrath arrived from Rogers, Arkansas, this week and is tickled with the move made when he came here. Mr. McGarrath has been a subscriber to the Pioneer and says it is to this paper he owes his change of location. He will live in Ronan and is welcomed to the town and country.

Geo. B. Spaulding and M. Swayze of Hamilton, were in Ronan this week seeking land. They were attracted afterward by the glowing accounts given of the town and surrounding country by the traveling men making their places. Ronan is some town in the eyes of all traveling men who come here and they are not slow about telling about us.

The contract was signed up Monday between Andrew Stinger and Grunert & Carper by which the latter are to add another story to the Ronan theatre building. This upper floor will provide extra rooms for the Central hotel, something which is needed at the present time in Ronan very much. There is not a night but the scarcity of beds felt by both hotel men and the traveling public, and to accommodate the increasing hotel trade these rooms have been added. The building is 28x100 and will add 14 more large sleeping rooms and a hallway the entire length.

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Moved to New Quarters.

Chas. Dorris has moved the Ronan Cafe to the room built especially for him by Stanley Scearce. It is north of the big store and just across the alley from Cash Coulter's blacksmith shop. When he has completed all the arrangements contemplated Mr. Dorris will have a modern equipped cafe as can be found anywhere. He will be prepared to meet the demands of the hungry public at all hours and will endeavor to please each and every one who favors him with a call.

Recovering From Injury

B. M. Mendenhall living southwest of Ronan was badly injured on March 25th by being kicked on the right leg near the hip by one of his horses. Mr. Mendenhall had gone into the stall beside the horse and would undoubtedly been killed had not the force of the kick pushed him through the partition and away from the animal. Dr. Fuhrer was called and it required ten stitches to close up the cut on his hip. The doctor has visited him daily ever since and Tuesday he was able for the first time to stand on his feet. With no complications arising he will be around again soon.

Here to Locate.

E. F. Crawford of Washington, D. C., came to Ronan lately searching for the best town in the state to locate in, and here he will stay. He is a lawyer of long years practice, and while not expecting to again enter the practice, has a son who will be here in the early fall who will. He has another son who is an expert dairyman and he also will locate near Ronan and establish a dairy on modern ideas and methods on a large scale.

Mr. Crawford comes well recommended as a gentleman and a lawyer, and carries with him that personality which confirms the belief that his friends are not overrating anything.

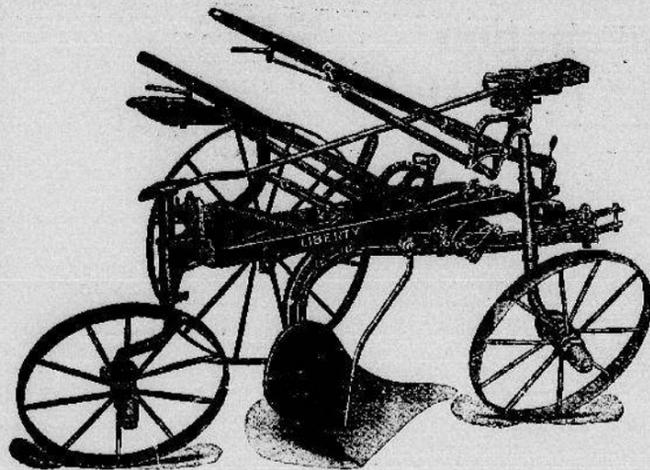
School Election

The school election last Saturday was a tame affair so far as Ronan is concerned at least. Only three voters came out and took part in the election. There being only one ticket running probably caused so little interest

## The Little Store With the Big Stock

Nearly Everything for Nearly Everybody

Just received a car load of Farm machinery of the right kind and price, for cash or on time.



Wagons,  
Buggies,  
Plows,  
Harrows  
Discs,  
Drills,  
and  
other  
farm ma-  
chinery.

Don't forget to come in and pick out your new spring shoes, slippers and dress goods while stocks are complete.

Remember the place, at

**M. J. Benedict's**  
Ronan, Montana

### FRED SPENCER

Brick Work  
and Chimneys

Address, Ronan, Mont.

being taken, but those who could vote might have shown a desire to make the vote as large as possible.

At St. Ignatius some opposition developed it would appear from the result as canvassed, as Harry Gobel polled 10 votes although his name did not appear on the official ballot.

At Ravalli 15 patriots ventured to the polls, which number included some women. They cast a unanimous vote for the ticket nominated at the five precincts in the district.

The total vote cast was 53 and of this number the following received the number of votes opposite their respective names:

Three year term.	
John Innes	53
W. H. Sabin	36
Harry Gobel	10
Two year term.	
James Grant	48
C. E. Ripley	49
One year term.	
Harriette P. Geiger	60

The above trustees take office on April 15, and the present board will meet in session at Ronan on Friday, April 14th, to canvass the vote and transact such other business as may require their attention before turning affairs over to their successors.

The Ronan Commercial club has ordered several thousand leaflets for free distribution, and it will be found entire in this issue of the Pioneer. This advertising is intended to state the truth and nothing but the truth, concerning the Mission valley and Ronan, which it is intended shall incidentally be benefitted by the publicity. With this object in view the committee on public affairs, appointed by the club, and composed of A. M. Thornburgh, Ives M. Brandjord and Ross Lemire, have carefully considered each and every statement they have made, and if need be are ready with an affidavit as to its truthfulness. That the committee has done its work well no one will deny and they should be continued in the good work.

Parties at a distance who desire a copy can do so by addressing the secretary, John P. Sweet, and anyone who desires to send same to distant friends can also procure copies of Mr. Sweet.

For Sale

Horses, seed wheat, seed potatoes. Four miles south of Polson on stage road. WALTER STORMS.

Wanted

A man with outfit to plow and seed 25 acres. Call at ranch 4 miles south of Ronan, or at this office. W. T. RUEBY.

For Sale.

Several young milk cows. Price for cow and calf, \$65. Some first class clean, hard seed wheat, about 7 tons of hay at \$20 per ton. Call at ranch 1 1/4 miles south of the upper Post creek bridge. 4th ED. DESCHAMPS.

Taken up

By the undersigned one white faced sorrel horse wt. about 1300 lbs., blind, unbranded, four white feet. Owner call and pay for this adv. and take the horse. J. J. CORRIGAN

### RONAN STATE BANK

Ronan, Montana

Capital \$20,000.00 Individual Responsibility \$200,000.00

The banking laws of this state demand that each state bank shall keep a cash reserve aggregating at least 15 per cent of all its check deposits; conservative banks usually keep a much larger reserve; Ronan State Bank is a conservative bank;

Its deposits exceed \$46,000.00;  
Its cash reserve exceeds \$36,000.00  
Or more than 75 per cent of all deposits;  
Or Five times what the law demand.

It is the ambition of Ronan State Bank to SERVE old and new customers in the fullest measure.

A. J. BROWER, President. IVER M. BRANDJORD, Vice-Pres. G. E. BROUGHTON, Cashier.

### ROSEGG BROS.

CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS  
Ronan, Montana

We will build for you in town or country. Good work cheap, and quickly done. Will put up houses in any size or style and will be glad to give you our rates. Post office address, Ronan, Montana.

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SHOP JUST EAST OF POSTOFFICE

Having studied the anatomy and pathology of the foot, and having 19 years experience, am able to correct faulted action from stumbling, interfering, forging or over-reaching, scalping, cross-firing, mixed gate or treading. Repair work from a tin cup to a saw mill in connection.

HARRY BURLAND, PROP.

DO YOU INTEND TO

**BUILD A HOUSE, STORE  
BARN, ANYTHING?**

If you do, then see us before you do so. Plans furnished, Estimates given.

**GRUNERT & CARPER**

Headquarters at Central Hotel. RONAN, MONTANA

## Easter Dance

Monday, April 17

Grand Opening of Mission Hall

ST. IGNATIUS, MONTANA

Fine Music. The largest dance floor on the reservation. Refreshment counter. Everyone invited and a good time for every one. Tickets, \$1.00.

Mission Hall Co., Proprietors