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Popular Election of Senators About Realized

The United States senate has finally passed a measure providing for submission to the several states of an amendment to the constitution allowing the popular election of United States senators. This bill has already passed the house and only remains to be agreed upon by both houses as to some amendments made by the senate. This amendment was one providing that the United States shall continue federal control of such elections. The vote on this amendment was a tie and was decided by the vice-president casting an affirmative vote.

On the general question as to submitting the constitutional amendment to the states, the vote was 64 to 24, both of the Montana senators being found in favor of the bill. Of the 24 negative votes 16 were republicans and eight democrats.

The resolution as amended and passed follows:

That in lieu of the first paragraph of section 3 of article 1 of the constitution of the United States and in lieu of so much of paragraph 2 of the same section as relates to the filing of vacancies, the following be proposed as amendment to the constitution, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states:

"The senate of the United States shall be composed of two senators from each state, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each senator shall have one vote. The electors in each state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislatures.

"When vacancies happen in the representation of any state in the senate the executive authority of such state shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies: Provided, that the legislature of any state may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct.

"This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the election or term of any senator chosen before it becomes valid as part of the constitution.

The amended resolution now will go into conference between the senate and house and some senators predict that the house will refuse to accept it.

Dixon and Moise Valley.

I. H. Clark made a business trip to Ronan Tuesday.

John Dale of Moise valley has returned to work at Missoula.

W. A. Clark of Moise valley went to Stevensville Wednesday on business.

The Moise Valley club will give another enjoyable dance next Friday evening.

William Lindberg returned to Dixon Thursday after a few days spent in Missoula on business.

Will Shuh and Earl Schoonover were in Ravalli Thursday looking for two horses they lost recently.

Miss Ivy Solberger and mother Mrs. S. F. Solberger of Moise, left Monday for a visit to Hamilton.

Mrs. S. J. Taylor departed from Dixon last Saturday for her home in Bakersfield, Calif., after a month's visit with her daughter

Mrs. M. L. Handy and family in Moiese valley.

Charles F. Blackmon and Joseph Johnson of Moiese valley spent Tuesday at Jocko on business.

Miss Hart of Missoula is the guest of Margaret F. Blackmon at the home of her parents in Moiese valley.

Lee Butcher returned to Dixon last week from a visit at Stevensville and is now employed at the express office.

Charles Rathbun and family left Dixon on Monday and drove to Stevensville where they will visit friends and relatives for a week.

Fred Fullerton, who has been visiting his brother, H. E. Fullerton, on his claim 8 miles north of Dixon the past month, left for his home in Hamilton last Saturday.

Great Grain

"I have seen a good deal of farming in my life," said Deputy Sheriff Swan Johnson to the Missoulian, "but I have never seen any such grain as there is on the reservation this month. Around Ronan and St. Ignatius the winter wheat is knee high and is growing so fast that you can almost see the change from day to day. There are miles and miles of it, too. There is a great area of land in cultivation this year and it is being cultivated by farmers who know their business. It is worth the trip, just to see the kind of farming they are doing. The weather has been just right for the grain crop and the yield this year will be immense. The grain is now so far along that it will get through all right. If there are some good showers about the time the grain is heading out, there will be nothing to it, nothing at all. On the other side of the river the crops are just as good though there is not as much land cultivated. The new farmers are feeling fine and they have reason to. They have come to a great country and one of these days it will be known all over the world."

Reclamation 9, Independents 5

The Ronan Independents went out to the Flathead Reclamation camp last Sunday and took the short end of the score in what was said to have been a fast game. Up to the seventh inning it looked like the town boys would win out but the U. S. R. S. sluggers got busy in that inning and pounded in enough runs to win the game.

Ball Game Next Sunday

The Ronan Grays will play the U. S. R. S. on the Ronan diamond next Sunday. The Reclamation boys have a strong team, the battery being exceptionally good. A great game is expected next Sunday.

No charge is made for seats in the grandstand, but the 25 cents collected at the gate goes to pay the expense of the visiting team and toward keeping the diamond in shape. A liberal patronage is expected by those who have the management of the team as it is impossible to furnish the amusement without some assistance on the part of the public who enjoy a game of ball.

Several expensive games are coming up in the near future, among which is the game on July 4th with the Missoula Tigers, and to meet the expenses to be incurred it is hoped that the attendance at the games between now and then will furnish a neat sum. Turn out and give the boys a boost so far as revenue is concerned.

The Pioneer is pleased to know that it did not tell all it could last week regarding the crop prospects around Ronan. One gentleman asked the first of the week if the Pioneer was trying to queer the farmers raising all the wheat here, by giving away the secrets of the trade. He says that when the stock gamblers on the different wheat exchanges become aware of the enormous crop which is growing in the Mission valley that wheat will drop to 50 cents per bushel. That would be a calamity the paper never thought of, and believe us, what the Mission valley will raise for years to come will no more raise or lower the price of the world's wheat than a good rain would overflow the coast of the Pacific or the Atlantic. This is a great country, all right, but the mouths to eat the wheat we raise are increasing every day, and the available acreage to produce that wheat is becoming less and less each year.

Ronan 11 Mission 10

That was the score at the close of last Sunday's game. It was so close all the way through as to make it the most interesting game played on the Ronan diamond this year. Those Mission fans came up prepared to root and they did it with a vim to encourage any team, and it required the hardest kind of work for the Grays to pull victory away from the boys with the red suits.

The game was not only interesting because it was so close but for the reason that it was a hit and run game, more real slugging taking place than at any of the other games. Ronan used two pitchers, both Wagners, while Dishmon went the full nine innings for the Mission. Claude Wagner was in the box first for four innings and then Earl tried his arm out. Both were effective only that they have not had any practice in the pitching line this year. Dishmon was batted freely, and but for his good support the score for Ronan would have been much larger. The Mission boys have improved wonderfully during the past two weeks, which shows that they have been out at practice.

Some complaint was heard against the decisions of the umpire, but that is so common at a ball game it is not considered beyond the limits of the ground and is forgotten after the game is over. Both sides kicked some last Sunday. It is a pleasure to have the Mission boys play here, win or lose, as they are all a gentlemanly lot of ball players. Of course Andrew Beckwith was up to manage the team, and promptly made a return game on the Mission field for July 2, at which time they promise to wallop the Grays in short order.

The lineup Sunday was: Ronan--Broughton, left field; E. Wagner, 3rd base and pitcher; Taylor, shortstop; T. Wagner, catcher; Dupuis, 2nd and 3rd base; Ryder, right field; C. Wagner, pitcher and 2nd base; Jackson, 1st base; Lucier, center field. Mission--J. Dishmon, pitcher; Carney, 2nd base; R. Dishmon, 1st base; Gobin, center field; Goit, shortstop; Beachboard, 3rd base; Gardipy, right field; Pierre, catcher; Moss, left field; Corey, left field. Courville was umpire.

Score by innings:

Ronan--4 1 1 0 2 0 2 0 1--11

Mission---0 1 4 0 0 0 2 3--10

Storage provided by H. M. Gehlert at the Ronan Meat Market.

Those people at St. Ignatius are up and doing. They raised by popular subscription over \$400 with which to hold a celebration on July 4th. Thinking that amount just a little short of the money they should have, they gave a dance last Saturday night and increased the cash reserve close to \$75 more. Then they are advertising the fact that the Mission will celebrate. They have gotten out a program full of events from 10 a. m. until 9 p. m. They are telling about it too, wherever you see a man from that town in conversation with another. If that won't get them a crowd then there is no virtue in printer's ink or in publicity, no matter how it is given. St. Ignatius has two general stores, a barber shop, two blacksmith shops, a livery stable, two pool halls, and every man in town is a booster.

We will buy and sell real-estate. The Flathead Land Company, upstairs in the new Pioneer building.

Direct Primary Law

The committee appointed by Gov. Norris, composed of members of the legislative assembly, to draft a primary election law to be submitted to a special session of the legislature, to be called, has reported. This committee has agreed upon a measure which will be submitted to the members of the legislature by mail and should a majority agree to vote for the bill, as reported by this special committee, it is believed Gov. Norris will call a special session and give them a chance to do so.

From a synopsis of the proposed law which has been published, it will be seen that party machinery has been pretty well taken care of. Section 21 provides that a voter must declare his party affiliation and the primary election judges shall record opposite his name this declaration. Thereafter to participate in primary elections he must continue to vote that party ticket, or must file with the county clerk a written declaration of such change in party preference.

To these features of the proposed law the Pioneer objects. This paper does not believe the best interests of the people are served by bolstering up party politics to the detriment of the service and the exclusion of good men from a nomination.

Parties should be a means of securing good men for office, if their services are of any value, and the method proposed does not strike at the root of the evil so long complained against. A primary law to be effective should provide for only one ballot, with all the candidates' names thereon, with party affiliation designated of course, and let the voter do the rest. That would be a primary law pure and simple and would nominate the voters' choice for the different offices.

Celebration Dance

The committee having charge of the celebration in Ronan has decided to give a big celebration dance on Saturday, July 1st, at the Ronan Opera house. Stinger & Luallin, the managers of the opera house, have donated the use of the hall and the musicians have agreed to donate their services, so it is expected the committee will realize a handsome sum for the celebration fund.

The ladies of the town are requested to bring some kind of refreshments, as a supper will be served at the one price of \$1 for each gentleman, with no extra charges for the supper. The committee needs the money and everybody is invited to attend the dance, or buy a ticket anyway.

Local Happenings In and About St. Ignatius

Chas. La Fontaine has opened up a candy factory here.

Col. J. C. Denny and wife were in the Mission the first part of the week.

Mr. Williams of Post creek stopped in the Mission a few hours last Tuesday.

John Dishmon was called to Helena to appear before the Federal grand jury.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hodgins of Post creek were in attendance at the benefit dance.

Mrs. Wm. H. Sabin of Spring creek ranch was a Mission visitor the early part of this week.

Mrs. Joe Allard and her niece Miss Anrie Russell of Kalispell were Mission visitors this week.

The Michaud hotel is nearing completion and will probably be opened to the public on the 4th.

The Mission band is fast assuming shape and will give its first public concert on the Fourth of July.

Mrs. J. E. Cuming and her daughter Marion are the guests of Joel Cushing at his bungalow, "Lemon Inn."

The Stinger-Luallin moving pictures were presented before a large audience at the Mission last Sunday evening.

Misses Florence and Alice Demers together with John Allen were the guests of Addison K. Lusk last Sunday.

Dr. Fuhrer of Ronan was in the Mission Wednesday in attendance on Mrs. Repas, who is rapidly improving.

C. O. Holt of Missoula has begun the construction of a large cafe that will be opened to the public on the Fourth.

Chas. W. Donnally and Joel Cushing entertained informally Sunday evening in honor of Mrs. Meglasson's house guests.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Flynn are rejoicing over the advent of a nine pound boy. Mrs. Flynn and the child are both doing very well.

W. N. Hill, engineer in the U. S. R. S., left for Helena where he will stay for a couple of weeks engaged in work in the supervising engineer's office.

A number of enthusiastic base ball fans accompanied the Mission team to Ronan last Sunday. It was a hard game to lose but it was a case of too much umpire.

Mrs. Zephyr Gardipe and Mrs. Esther Dumontier have as their guest Mrs. L. Williams of Wallace, Idaho. They attended the Ronan-Mission ball game last Sunday.

Misses Young, Runice and Stienbach of Spokane, Wash., are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meglasson. They will stay over for the Fourth of July celebration.

The Mission ball team will play Bolivar Searce's team at the Mission on Sunday, June 17th, and on the following Sunday will play the Missoula Ry. team. The Ronan first team is booked for July 2nd and on the 4th a match game will be had with the Moiese valley team.

A large crowd was present at the Mission hall last Saturday evening at the benefit dance for the Fourth of July celebration. Music was furnished by a Missoula orchestra. About seventy-five dollars was realized from the dance. Supper was served after the dance at the residence

of Mrs. Earl Heinote who was assisted by Mrs. A. M. Goit.

The schools of the Fathers, the Sister of Providence and of the Ursulines, will all close Sunday. There will be the usual Corpus Christi procession Sunday morning after high mass and in the afternoon the scholars will leave for their homes. A large attendance is expected for the Corpus Christi procession.

Over at Ft. Benton they are protesting against the local telephone service given the town by the Rocky Mountain Bell company. Over here the people must be content with simply one long distance station to which all patrons must walk if they want to use that octopus' means of communicating with other towns on the line. Ronan would be satisfied with almost any kind of service (if you don't care what you say) provided an exchange was installed. The money which the Rocky Mountain Bell gets every month from Ronan warrants us in demanding an exchange and just so long as the people here meekly contribute the money they are now giving the company, just so long will they rub it in.

Kalispell Will Celebrate

For the first time in two years Kalispell will celebrate the Fourth of July. A feature of the entertainment will be that everything will be free for the visitors. Kalispell will show her appreciation of the good business of the season and this celebration will be on her. Free parade, free dancing, free lemonade, free moving picture shows and free fireworks. The only charge will be for the ball games with Polson in the forenoon and Whitefish in the afternoon. Three brass bands will be in attendance and orchestra's will give music for free dancing at the halls. Moving picture shows will run all afternoon with no admission charge. At night a special fireworks program costing \$1000 will be given. This will be the finest pyrotechnic exhibition ever seen in Montana. It consists of all new stuff never before seen in Kalispell and contains 57 different and distinct effects. Among them are the dirigible airship in fiery outlines, 35 feet in length, the flying pigeons, the golden sunset, a mammoth wheel of fire that has a circumference of 300 feet, and the Minnehaha falls, a beautiful cataract of fire 100 feet in length. Everybody is invited to come and celebrate Independence Day.

Sloan

Frank Simons returned from Wallace, Idaho, this week.

Ben Grigsby has gone to work on the ditch for the government.

Arthur Ray and family are visiting relatives at Sloan this week.

Jack Lowe and wife are visiting his brother on the Pioneer ranch.

Mrs. Agnes M. Dupuis is visiting her folks for a few days this week.

W. P. Stillman is expecting his father, C. F. Stillman, for a visit from McNeel, S. D.

W. M. Bond was in from his ranch yesterday and says he has spring onions as large as hen eggs.

Ben Raymond and family and Levi Allard and family drove through to Camas Hot Springs for a few weeks stay.

Blanch Sloan has returned home from Lawrence, Kans., where she attended Haskell Institute for a term of three years.

Two auto loads lead by Stanley Searce were over visiting Frank Searce Sunday, and while here took advantage of the fishing and returned to Ronan with two car loads.

Chief Police J. J. Miller of Wallace, Idaho, looked over the country in the vicinity of Sloan and has gone to Missoula to file; also A. Miller of the same place.

FOUND--An office key. Call at Pioneer office and get it.