

# THE RONAN PIONEER

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## Ladies' Aid Entertainment a Great Success

That was the universal verdict rendered by the large number of people who attended the Ladies' aid entertainment at the opera house Wednesday evening. It was simply amazing to the audience to know that the ladies of Ronan could put on such a show in so short a time and with the limited number of ladies to take part.

The entertainment consisted of the following program:

- Piano Solo.....Mrs. C. Truman Welch
- Pantomime Reading.....Mrs. I. Martinson Brandjord
- Quartette.....Mrs. J. Timothy Warner
- Pantomime Reading.....Mrs. H. Austin Weld, D. D.
- Music.....Mrs. Stillman
- Pantomime Solo.....Miss Wolf

### BLUEBEARD

(A tableau in four acts)

#### Cast of characters

- Father.....Mrs. H. Austin Weld
- Priest.....Mrs. A. James Brower
- Brother Ephraim.....Mrs. I. Martinson Brandjord
- Brother Hiram.....Byrl Rathbone
- Sister Ann.....Mrs. H. Erskine Stansbery
- Fatima.....Mrs. D. Newcomb Mason

### BLUEBEARD

Mrs. C. Truman Welch

Wives and pages.....

The pantomimes consisted of each lady acting in shadow how she earned her dollar, and the audience were to guess, if they could, who it was.

The cakewalk by Mrs. Weld and the boxing contest between Mrs. Weld and Mrs. Welch received the most applause. All did their parts well, however. The Mother Hubbard sermon by H. Austin Weld, D. D., was another amusing number, and the recitations by Mrs. Brandjord and Mrs. Warner were also of a high character. Mrs. Stillman at the piano and the Misses Wolf in their singing were loudly applauded.

The proceeds are to be devoted to the payment of the art windows in the new church, and they netted a neat sum.

The green-eyed monster has certainly got the Polson Sentinel man. Just because he sees the town of Ronan forging ahead of that town on the lake with nothing surrounding it but hills, and nothing to keep it going but a memory of what "might have been," he attempts to belittle a community by scurulous remarks in what he calls his newspaper. They have not the means nor the ambition to get up a good Fourth of July celebration and when Ronan does that person who is supposed to edit the alleged newspaper tears around and weeps tears as big as turkey eggs. It will be fully demonstrated when the evening of July 4th rolls around that Ronan has kept her word and had the "first real old fashioned celebration ever held on the reservation." It will be apparent to all that some effort had been made to provide shelter and shade for the guests of the town on that day, and not compel the people to stand around in a scorching sun and a cloud of alkali dust from morn till night as that town did last year. We want to show the people who come here on that day a good time and do not intend to just merely "get the money." Get over you, rough, Williams, old

boy, and come over on the Fourth and see what a real live town looks like. It will do you good.

### Change in the First National

Frank S. Lusk came up from Missoula Monday and the stockholders of the First National Bank of Ronan held an important business meeting.

It developed that J. D. Larson, lately of the First National Bank of Malta, had acquired a controlling interest in the bank stock and this fact, coupled with the necessity to conduct the institution on economic lines made it necessary that Mr. Larson take charge and he was elected to the position of cashier, Mr. Weld resigning.

It should be said that Mr. Weld leaves the bank holding the highest esteem of the institution and while he has nothing in view at the present time, he feels confident in the near future of bettering his present position. He has been with the bank ever since it opened its doors and to him the credit must be given for the position it holds in the community.

Mr. Larson will be the active head of the bank in the future and with the strong backing the bank has, will surely succeed in retaining all old customers and expects to add many new ones.

### Good Roads Convention

From present indications there will be a large number from Ronan who will attend the Good Roads convention at Missoula next week. This convention meets on the 27th and lasts two days, and one of the side attractions will be the flying of Eugene Ely, the aviator. The delegates from Ronan to the convention are A. M. Sterling, appointed by Gov. Norris as a delegate at large for Missoula county; M. J. Benedict, Ross Lemire, B. H. Denison, Stanley Searce and A. Sutherland. All of them have signified their intention of attending and Ronan will be well represented.

### Band Rehearsal

There will be a band rehearsal next Monday afternoon and evening. All musicians who are to assist in the musical features of the celebration on July 4th are urgently requested to be present. Those living at a distance will be provided with dinner and supper and should they desire to remain in town over night their expenses will be met by the committee.

Some instruments have been ordered from Chicago and will be here in time for a rehearsal next Monday and from that time on there will be music in the air around Ronan.

### Paint Government Buildings

Major Morgan was in town last Friday afternoon and while here made arrangements with Schaefer & Neilsen for the painting of the five government buildings on the grounds just north of the Ronan townsite. These gentlemen are at the work this week and from appearances will have given each of the buildings a coat of canopy with white trimmings in short order. It improves the general appearance of the town very much to see all the buildings neatly painted and we are under obligations to the Major for his interest in the matter.

### Farmers' Mutual Election

The Flathead Farmers' Mutual Association met at the residence of Warren D. Harris in 19-20 last Sunday. The principal business of the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing term and resulted as follows: Past president, Jos. Gossett; president, Warren D. Harris; vice president, J. R. Conrey; secretary-treasurer, E. C. Badger; sergeant-at-arms, Gottfrid Wallman.

The next meeting will be held at Lake McDonald on July 2nd, and it being more on the order of a picnic than a business meeting, it is expected that more than the usual number will be present.

Picnicking parties were the order of the day last Sunday. Quite a number took advantage of the fine day and went in different directions to fish and enjoy the shade along the streams and in the mountains nearby the town. If there is one thing Ronan can boast of more than another, it is the pleasurable places one may visit without much effort as the shady nook and cooling brook are within easy reach of all.

## Stand by the Flag

Stand by the flag! Its stripes have streamed in glory,  
To fees a fear, to friends a festal robe,  
And spread in rhythmic lines the sacred story  
Of freedom's triumphs over all the globe.

Stand by the flag! On land and ocean billow  
By it your fathers stood unmoved and true,  
Living, defended; dying, from their pillow,  
With their last blessing, passing it on to you.

Stand by the flag! Immortal heroes bore it  
Through sulphurous smoke, deep moat and armed defense;  
And their imperial shades still hover o'er it,  
A guard celestial from Omnipotence.

—John Nichols Wilder

## Nicest Game This Season

The game between Ronan and the U. S. R. S. last Sunday was the nicest game played in Ronan this season. Not that it was the closest by any means, but by reason of the fact that there was not a kick or complaint made, and everything was as pleasant as could be. Spencer Sterling umpired and while it was not expected he would be absolutely right on every decision, he gave universal satisfaction and pleased the players all the way through.

For the locals Hull was first in the box and the blue suit fellows didn't do a thing to him but just swipe the ball in every direction and in the sixth inning made five runs and could have made more had they needed them. After that Earl Wagner went in and they hit him about as they wanted to, and the score was 7 to 12 in favor of the U. S. R. S. The government water boys changed pitchers in the sixth also and the way Harris, the last slab artist, retired the heavy hitters from Ronan was heartrending. It was simply one, two, three, and then go back to the field for them. It was a fine exhibition of good ball playing, but for the home fans it did not look so good.

Some of the regular players were absent and this made it necessary to pick up some who had not played before this year, including Addie Sterling who held down the first sack for eight innings and who demonstrated that he is some ball player yet. Addie exploded the theory that no one can "come back" to the entire satisfaction of everyone.

Another game will be played between the same teams next Sunday on the Ronan diamond and those who stayed away last Sunday will miss a good game if they absent themselves next time. The reclamation bunch are a gentlemanly lot of ball players and we are glad to know that they are to play here several times again before the season closes.

Following was the lineup:  
Broughton, left field; Taylor, shortstop; E. Wagner, 3rd base; T. Wagner, center field; Dupuis, catcher; Ryder, 2nd base; Resner, right field; Sterling, 1st base; Hull, pitcher.

U. S. R. S.—Thomas, catcher; Jones, shortstop; DePuy, 2nd base; Stottler, 3rd base; Johnson, left field; Moody, 1st base; Gordon and Gould, center field; Cannel, right field; Covall and Harris, pitchers. Score by innings:

U. S. R. S.—0 1 1 1 0 5 2 2 0—12  
Ronan 2 0 2 2 1 0 0 0—7

Alva Pierce of Cheney, Wash., an uncle of Henry F. Pierce, is visiting the latter this week. Mr. Pierce is connected with the Security National Bank of Cheney and is an experienced wheat raiser, and in talking to him Tuesday he said he never in his life saw such prospects as he has seen here and that for a new county it was simply wonderful. He may decide to become one of the many new investors on the Flathead.

## Independents 3 Mission 20

Bolivar Searce took his Independents down to the Mission last Sunday and the slaughter among his players was awful. The Red Men of the Mission just romped around the bases until they were tired out and then retired to rest up for the next turn at the merry-go-round. It was an ideal day for ball playing and a large crowd attended and rooted in a way to please the most fastidious fan. The Independents report having been treated royally by the Mission people and their only regret is that that they were beaten.

The Mission Reds have a game scheduled with the Ronan Grays for July 2nd at which time they promise to scalp the boys from Ronan without any ado about it. Their boys are practicing daily for this game and it will be some ball game.

Their next game after the July 2nd date will be on the 4th when the strong Moiese valley team will meet them.

### A Sane Fourth

The last legislature made a law which tends toward making the celebrations not only sane but more safe. Here is the first section of the act:

1. Any person who shall sell, trade, exchange or give away, or offer to sell, trade, exchange or give away, or who shall have the possession of what is known as toy pistols, toy cannons, cap pistols, explosive canes or other devices or appliances for the use of blank cartridges or caps containing chlorate of potash mixture or other explosive substance prepared for use in or intended for use in toy pistols, cap pistols, explosive canes or other such appliances, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

### The Truth Hurts

Another fit was thrown last week by the Polson Sentinel because this paper said that the doctor in charge of the Ronan hospital said the typhoid fever case recently terminating fatally was contracted in Polson. If the truth hurts who is to blame? That is no good reason why that mud slinging duffer should spiel a column of gush, is it? Clean up your town with some of the energy you are using and no cause will exist for the truth to hurt.

That typhoid fever should be prevalent in a town is a calamity, and no one is more sorry than Ronan that a neighboring town should be so afflicted, but that does not lessen the truthfulness of the statement in any particular. It may occur in any town, so why so much fuss is made is not entirely clear.

Perhaps it is only that individual alone who shouts and cries about the statement, and the truth is the people living in Polson, aside from the Sentinel man, pay no particular attention to the matter. They have sense.

## Unclassified and Unappraised Flathead Lands

The following letter has been received from the Missoula land office with a request that it be published for the information of all concerned. It will be seen by reading same that on August 26, 1910, registers and receivers were instructed to receive applications for the unclassified and unappraised tracts on the Flathead Indian reservation, but that they were to suspend same pending their appraisal and classification. This order has now been cancelled and registers and receivers are ordered to reject such applications hereafter. Following is the letter:

Washington, June 14, 1911.  
Register and Receiver,  
Missoula, Montana.

Sirs: By letter "K" of August 26, 1910, you were instructed with the consent of the applicants to receive applications to enter unappraised and unclassified tracts in the Flathead Indian reservation, and to suspend the applications until the land had been duly classified and appraised.

It appears that the superintendent of the Flathead agency is claiming the right to allot the unclassified lands to Indians. In order to avoid any confusion, expense and embarrassment to future homestead applicants and settlers, said letter "K" of August 26, 1910, is hereby recalled and hereafter you will reject all of said applications and advise applicants and settlers that they can gain no rights by application or settlement on such lands subsequent to the date hereof until they have been duly classified and appraised.

You will post a copy of this in your office and give the same to newspapers as a matter of news. Give wide publicity hereto and acknowledge receipt hereof.

Yours respectfully,  
S. V. PROUDFIT,  
Assistant Commissioner.  
Board of Law Review  
by W. H. Lewis.

### Bird Man at Missoula

The Missoula Chamber of Commerce has signed a contract with the Curtis Aeroplane company whereby Eugene Ely, the noted and expert aviator, will make several sensational flights at Missoula on June 28th, while the Good Roads congress is in session.

S. Rayl, manager for Mr. Ely, pronounced the grounds at Missoula where the flights will be made, the finest he has ever seen with the exception of San Francisco. There will be room for everyone and all can see. Excellent car and train service will be conducted between the city and the grounds.

Eugene Ely, ever since he flew off a battleship, circled around it, and then alighted on the same ship, has been in great demand in all parts of the country.

The event at Missoula will be worth going miles to see. The railroads have made special rates and the Garden City can amply take care of the largest crowds.

### Civil Service Examination

An examination for field clerk, for the reclamation bureau, will be held at the office of the U. S. reclamation service, St. Ignatius, July 5th. The subjects upon which examinations will be held are spelling, arithmetic, report writing, penmanship, and copying from plain copy. Also elements of typewriting and stenography.

For information in regard to the typewriting tests, applicants should apply for form 1424 either to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or to the secretary of the board of examiners at the post

office at St. Paul, Minn., Seattle, Wash., San Francisco, Cal., custom house New Orleans, La., or old custom house, St. Louis, Mo. Age limit 18 years or over on the date of examination.

It is desired to obtain eligibles in the vicinity of the reclamation projects. Appointees will be required to pay their traveling expenses to the place of employment. The time of employment may be very limited, and there is no obligation to continue this employment.

Applicants should at once apply for Form 304 either to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or to the secretary of the board of examiners at any of the places above mentioned. No application will be accepted unless properly executed and filed with the commission at Washington. In applying for this examination the exact title as given at the head of this announcement should be used in the application.

### Dixon and Moiese Valley.

L. Dols of Moiese valley is in Wallace, Idaho on business.

Miss Niada Curtis of Dixon visited last week in Moiese valley with friends.

W. A. Clark returned home Friday from a business trip to Stevensville.

Clarence Smith returned home Sunday from a visit with relatives in Stevensville.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Whiteset have their niece of Stevensville visiting them this week.

Mrs. L. A. Buffum of New Hampshire arrived Tuesday from Stevensville and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clark.

Miss Agnes Holowell of Missoula arrived Tuesday in this valley and will spend the summer with her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. Dols.

Mrs. Montgomery, of Sand Point, Idaho, who is visiting her father, J. W. Marshall, was a guest at the Moiese club house Friday evening.

James H. Schoonover of Moiese valley, left Dixon Sunday for Philipsburg where he will visit his parents before leaving with a surveying party for Whitefish.

Miss May Kreis of Moiese valley went to Missoula Tuesday where she will visit friends. Miss Marie Young of Centralia, Illinois accompanied Miss Kreis.

The Moiese Club dance last Friday evening was a very enjoyable affair. Those from out of town who enjoyed the dance were Miss Montgomery of Sand Point, Idaho, Miss Holoham of Missoula, Miss Curtis of Dixon, Messrs. Berry of Ronan, Kirk, Dunlap and Bunch of Dixon.

The ladies of Moiese valley will entertain their husbands and gentlemen friends on Friday evening, June 30th, at the Moiese Club house. At a meeting held at Mrs. H. G. D. Hall's home, Mrs. C. A. Swope was elected chairman and appointed committees to take charge of the affair. The entertainment committee consists of Miss Harriette P. Geiger, chairman, Mrs. H. E. Moffett and Mrs. C. Kroll. The refreshment committee is Miss May Kreis, chairman Misses Ethel Lyon and Margaret Blackmon and the decorating committee is Messdames Swope, Gross, Pritchard, Misses Brown, McAuley and Barton.

Joe, Bouchard and wife started yesterday for a two months visit to Joe's old home in Canada. They go from here to St. Jean Deschillons, Province of Quebec, where they will visit relatives and friends. On their return home they will come by way of Jersey City, N. J., where their son Joe is staying this summer. They will also visit another son, Louis, on the Yellowstone on their return, where Luke will stop and spend the summer.