The Ronan Pioneer

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Contributions of local news items solicited, but the publisher reserve the right to reject in whole or in part any such communication. All notices of meetings and entertainments held for profit will be charged regular rates.

The announcement has been made of the candidacy of Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin for president. This brings to the front a rival for the republican nomination when it had been supposed by many that President Taft would have no opposition. The progressives of the republican party are determined that a man representing their views shall make an effort to be elected and a campaign to secure for LaFollette the nomination will be made. It is said that aside from progressives many others heretofore affiliating with the party will support LaFollette under the belief that it means "LaFollette with a chance to win, with Taft sure defeat." Be that as it may, a great many republicans will welcome the chance to vote for LaFollette. The Wisconsin senator is a strong character; fearless when he believes he is right, and has been a clean man politically and socially, and should he be elected president the common people may rest assured of just and fair treatment. He would give an administration none will be ashamed of.

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From the letter on the first page of this paper it will be found that intending homesteaders who made application before the land office for the unclassified and unappraised land on the Flathead reservation, did so with some encouragement from the general land office. Assistant Commissioner Proudfit's letter says registers and receivers 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 lands had been classified and appraised." This would seem to give those who have heretofore applied for the land a claim on the land which it will be difficult for the department to cancel, as they were tentatively told that the land would be theirs as soon as it could be appraised and classified. Next the assistant commissioner says "it appears that the superintendent of the Flathead Agency is claiming the right to allot the unclassified lands to Indians." That's a new one. It has been generally supposed that the rolls closed for the further allotment when the reservation was thrown open, and this was especially true when the commissioner of the general land office issued his general order throwing the remaining "unentered" lands open to settlement and entry under the general homestead laws on November 1st last. To local residents who are acquainted with the conditions it appears that the tangle in land matters on the reservation is about the worst ever, and the department will probably have its hands full for years to come in unraveling the difficulties. What is most wanted, however, is that the question be speedily settled so that people who have made application for the class of land designated as "unappraised and unclassified" may know whether they are ever to get the land or not. If the Indian department is to be allowed to still further allot Indians on the land, when are the rolls to be considered closed? That looks like the biggest humbug of the whole fake show.

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The coronation parade in London yesterday is said to have been some show. Along with the pomp and ceremony there has been some hearteaches on the part of the rich American wives of some of the titled aristocracy of merry England. They had thought their money would furnish them with a precedence they did not receive, and it dampened their opinion of themselves and their dollars. To all such there is the consolation that they may again return to their native land and at less cost be given the right of precedence in one of Buffalo Bill's wild west parades or the chief attraction at any exhibition of Ringling Bros. It all amounts to the same thing, anyway.

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If President Taft's pet scheme—reciprocity with Canada—should fail of receiving a majority vote in the senate, how will he view the vote of those republicans who are against him in the matter? Either one or the other of them are without the pale of the party and this paper would like to be advised as to which is regular. There may be such a thing that neither one nor the other are at all times, but we would like to know.

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After reading the proposed new primary law in full, it has the unqualified endorsement of the Pioneer, with the exception of the "closed" primary feature. This may not help its passage one bit, but it relieves our minds to let you know it is O. K.

Remember the Dance

To raise a little more money with which to properly prepare for and pay the expenses of the coming celebration there will be a dance in the Ronan opera house Saturday evening, July 1st. It is expected that everybody in town will buy a ticket and that there will be a grand time. The ladies will furnish refreshments and the price will be only $1 for the danch and supper combined.

Did you get one of those nifty Ronan State Bank match boxes? Yours for a call at the bank.

A short ride through the country Saturday evening last demonstrated to the writer that there are some fine grain fields to be seen in any direction one goes. The prospects were never better than at the present time.

The Ronan State Bank this week received a new manganese safe from Chicago, weighing 3200 pounds and at a cost of $1250. This safe has been tested and is guaranteed to be burglar proof. It certainly looks formidable enough to withstand any attack.

C. M. Sutherland and family from west of Ronan, and L. N. Sutherland and family from Creston, Mont., children and grand-children of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sutherland, visited here a few days the first of the week. Like everyone who visits Ronan, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Sutherland are very much in love with the Mission valley and will invest more or less heavily in and about Ronan. They will doubtless make Ronan their future home.

Arrangements have been made for the erection of the largest and best open air dancing pavilion in Ronan for the coming celebration. This pavilion will be between the Mission pool hall and the Ronan State Bank, and will be known as the Ronan Open Air Dancing pavilion. Music will be furnished by a Missoula orchestra and dancing will be provided on both the 3rd and 4th, both afternoon and evening. The pavilion will be decorated with flags, Japanese lanterns, etc., and the intention is to make it pleasant for all who wish to participate.

Second-Hand Piano for Sale
Cheap. MISS MYRTLE IRWIN.

Glacier View

The McGran sisters entertained a brother from Big Arm last week.

Miss Nell Wade and a friend visited Claude and Miss Miller Sunday afternoon.

R. W. Newman and Will Mull were over to St. Ignatius and around Post creek last week.

Mr. and Mrs Bankard from over near the hills, attended Sunday school at Mrs. Schoonover's Sunday.

The committe appointed to look after the school building have made arrangements to begin building at once.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Newman are planning a visit this week to Camas Prairie where they have relatives.

Mr. Bengston who has a claim here, moved a building from Polson onto his land this week. Mr. Bengston works in the Mansur hardware store at Polson.

Mrs. Sterling of Ronan entertained some of the Glacier View ladies last Friday. She not only served to them a dainty lunch, but gave them also a rare treat by way of a musical program. Mrs. Downey gave a solo which was much enjoyed by all. Dr. and Mrs. Hall gave some fine instrumental selections on piano and mandolin. Mrs. Spencer gave us a few of our favorite songs. Whether it is a lullaby, a pathetic or humorous song, she sings in an easy, pleasing manner. I think when the gods were bestowing their gifts they meted out a double portion to Mrs. Spencer. The ladies were very grateful to Mrs. Sterling for giving them such a pleasant day.

Lead The Fashions

Bradley & Metcalf Company's shoes are always first to come out in the new styles—have been for 66 years.

And their very latest for *Women* is the "Clio." It's neat—nobby, and gives the foot that small, dainty appearance.

But comfort is not sacrificed for style in the "Clio"—it is *combined* with it.

The counters are accurately moulded to the exact size and shape of the foot, and do away with that painful "breaking in," necessary with most shoes.

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OUR SUMMER WHITE SALE

Now is the time to buy your Fourth of July suits and dresses. We have on hand beautiful midsummer goods and ready-made wearing apparel. From now until after the 4th we will sell these goods and garments at a decided reduction in price.

Some of our Prices

White dress goods, regular 35ct grade, to be had now for, per yard	30c
" " " " 25ct " " " " " " " "	20c
" dotted Swiss " 28ct " " " " " " " "	20c
" waist good " 35 and 25ct grades, to be had now for, per yard	30 and 20c
" shirtings with small figures, regular 8 1-2 and 10c goods, until after the 4th at 18 yards for	$1 00
20 and 25ct tea aprons now	15c
50 and 60ct corset covers now	40c
20ct curtain goods now	17c
$1 50 night gowns now	1 25
Summer silks, regular 60ct grades, now per yard	50c
Embroideries and insertions per yard 5c to	50c
Men's $4 00 white silk shirts, now	$3 00
" 2 85 white summer shirts	2 50
" 1 50 white night shirts	1 25
" 3 00 negligee shirts now	2 50

M. J. Benedict's

Ronan, Montana

O. H. P. Shelley of Helena, state manager of the Modern Brotherhood of America, is in town today.

A newsy letter from St. Ignatius arrived this morning too late for this week's issue. Communications must reach the office by Thursday noon to insure publication, and correspondents will confer a favor by sending in their letters promptly on time.

Sloan

Jack Lowe has filed on a 160 in 30-19-22.

Mrs. Allen Sloan spent Sunday at St. Ignatius and returned Monday.

George Sloan is gathering buffalo for Chas. Allard and has them all but two.

Miss Bartell of Camas Prairie stopped at the Ferry hotel on her way to Dixon.

R. G. Hopkins of Saltese is contesting the claim of James Baxter of Missoula.

John Puils and son have come to prove up on their claims on the Little Bitter Root.

A. A. Alvord and E. F. Lee of Camas were Sloan visitors the early part of the week.

John Herman, the cattle king of Camas Prairie, passed through Sloan on his way to the east side roundup.

Mrs. and Mrs. B. P. Anderson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scearce last Sunday at their ranch in the bend of the river.

E. McEchran of Saltese was looking over the country in this section and has gone to Missoula to make a filing on a 160 in 23-21-22.

Frank Simons went through here with his car Tuesday to Ronan with the expectation of running between Polson, Ronan and Ravalli.

For Sale

Four-Room House and Furniture; 4 lots; at a reasonable figure.

S. A. Rice

Try Bear Brand Watches Jewelry and Repairing

Now is the Time to Do Your Summer Plowing

The groond is in good condition and breaks fine. I have two rigs running and am able to give your order prompt attention.

Henry F. Pierce
Office in Pioneer Bld'g, RONAN.

Plowing done in order as booked.

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Ladies and Childrens' Trimmed Hats

FROM JUNE 10 TO JULY 10

FLOWERS, RIBBONS, Etc.

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NORTH BOUND
Lv. Ravalli 10:30 A. M. — Lv. Mission 11:00 A. M. — Ar. Ronan 1:00 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND
Lv. Ronan 2:00 P. M. — Lv. Mission 3:45 P. M. — Ar. Ravalli 4:15 P. M.

Fare Ronan to Mission or Ravalli $2.50

Baggage. Express or Freight 1 cent per pound. Minimum package 25c. Minimum trunk $1.00.

ARROW 7 PASSENGER

NORTH BOUND
Lv. Ronan 9:00 A.M. 1:00 P. M. — Ar. Polson 10:00 A. M 2:00 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND
Lv. Polson 12:00 Noon 4:00 P. M. — Ar. Ronan 1:00 P. M. 5:00 P. M.

Fare $2.00
Two Round Trips Daily

RAVALLI TO POLSON IN 3 HOURS TRAVEL

Reservation Land and Lumber Company

Capital $50,000.00 *RONAN, MONT.*

Lumber Department

We have just bought the Beckwith lumber business at Ronan, including all the lumber at the Dupuis mill and at the Raymond mill.

We try to carry a good assortment of Lumber and other building materials; we try to keep the prices down; but our stock is not so complete as we intend to make it. See what we have before buying.

We are connected with the Beckwith Lumber Yard at Ravalli and can sell you lumber directly from that point.

G. E. BROUGHTON, President — G. H. BECKWITH, Vice-President — I. M. BRANDJORD, Secretary — J. J. ROGERS, Manager