

# Beckwith Mercantile Co.

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## We Carry Everything for the Homesteader

Lumber, Building Material, Hardware, Barbed Wire, Fencing, Wagons, Buggies, Pumps, Groceries, Grain, Feed, Provisions, Clothing, Dry Goods, Footwear, etc.

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Complete stock of everything in the builders' line. See us before buying.

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## Abe Meillier, Blacksmith and Repair SHOP

I have just installed a power trip-hammer, emory wheel and band saw and am prepared to turn out all work in quick time. Horseshoeing and wagon work trade especially solicited. Shop located on A street, 1st door east of M. J. Benedict's.

RONAN, MONTANA

### NOTICE

Prices for Cleaning and Pressing:

ARTICLE	Cleaning and Pressing	Dry Cleaning and Pressing
Suit	\$1.00	\$1.50
Overcoat	1.00	1.50
Pair Pants	.25	.50
Leaves Coat	1.00	1.50
" Skirt	1.00	2.00
" Waist	.25	.50
Dress	.75	1.00
Gent's Fancy Vest	.50	2.00

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## Ronan Cafe

New location  
New furnishings  
Everything first-class

Single Meals 35 Cents

SHORT ORDERS

Fresh bread and pastry of all kinds.

CHARLES DORRIS.

## JOHN SING LAUNDRY

First-class work  
Reasonable prices

This laundry is now in operation east of Reservation Lumber Co.

Custom Work Solicited

RONAN, MONT.

## POLSON House Furnishing CO.

Undertakers, Embalmers

Modern Parlors for Funerals in Polson.

M. J. BENEDICT, Ronan Rep.

### Notice for Publication.

(Non-coal land)  
Department of the Interior, U.S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Aug 21, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Ernest C. Badger, of Ronan, Montana, who on May 16, 1910, made Hd. No. 02068, for NW NE, NE NW sec. 18, township 19 N, range 20 W, M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. Commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 9th day of October, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: W. D. Harris, and Henry Hill, of St. Ignatius, Montana, and R. A. Calkins and Ben Webb of Dixon, Montana.

JOSIAH SHULL, Register.

aug. 25-sept 22

### Wanted

Relinquishment near town wanted. Good water. State terms and conditions in first letter to

A. KLINGENBERG, Belton, Montana.

### Notice for Publication

(Non-coal land)  
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Aug. 14, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Harry Boyd of Ronan, Montana, who on May 10, 1910, made Hd. No. 02049, for Unit C, E $\frac{1}{2}$  NW, Sec. 21, T. 21 N., R. 20 W. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. Commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 2nd day of October, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: W. V. Windus, Henry Troendle, James Furrow and Andrew Eck, all of Ronan, Montana.

JOSIAH SHULL, Register.

aug 18-sept 15

### Notice for Publication.

(Non-coal land)  
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Aug 21, 1911. Notice is hereby given that William T. Ruedy, of Ronan, Montana, who on May 13, 1910, made Hd. No. 02019, for Unit B NE SW, SE SW section 23, township 20 N., range 20 W., M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. Commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 9th day of October, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: George H. Putney, John Thirkell, John Nordgren and Almon Hocker, all of Ronan, Montana.

JOSIAH SHULL, Register.

aug 25-sept 22

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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Aug. 14, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Helen McCrackin, of St. Ignatius, Montana, who on June 2, 1910, made Hd. No. 02380, for NW NW sec. 22, T. 19 N., R. 19 W. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, at Missoula, Montana, on the 2nd day of October, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Joseph McDonald, Andrew D. Magee, Edward Deschamps and Andrew B. Beckwith, all of St. Ignatius, Montana.

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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Aug. 21, 1911. Notice is hereby given that Jay H. Vaughan of Ronan, Montana, who on May 12, 1910, made Hd. No. 02007, for Unit E, N $\frac{1}{2}$  SW, Sec. 5, T. 20 N., R. 20 W. M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Coker F. Rathbone, a U. S. Commissioner, at Ronan, Montana, on the 9th day of October, 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Jacob P. Olson, Edgar L. McConnell, G. Howard Smith and Fred C. Guenzler, all of Ronan, Montana.

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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Missoula, Montana, Aug. 21, 1911. Notice is hereby given that George H. Giles, of Dixon, Montana, who on May 25, 1910, made Hd. No. 02283, for NE SE Sec. 13, twp. 19 n, range 22 w., M. M., has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before G. E. Whiteman, a U. S. Commissioner, at Dixon, Montana, on the 23rd day of Oct., 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Louis Dols, Frank Bernatz, Andrew Madsen, Henry G. D. Hall, all of Dixon, Montana.

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### CONQUERING THE AIR.

The Chemist is in the Battle as Well as the Aviator.

The conquest of the air is being made by the chemist as well as by the aviator. The advantage is with the chemist, who not only supplies the aviator with useful things, such as the bag and the gas, the frame of the heavier than air machine, the motor and the gasoline, but with remarkable results has also made an independent study of the air.

It is pleasant to have our theories verified. When air was liquefied and solidified, as the theory of heat predicted it would be, there was intense satisfaction in scientific circles. The first great expectations of what liquid air might do were not realized, but important uses for it are being found. Since its constituents have different boiling points they can be separated from one another by the same methods of distillation that are employed to separate alcohol from water. Thus is obtained nitrogen, from which is manufactured a fertilizer essential to the growth of wheat, known as nitrolime or calcium cyanamide. This is prepared by passing nitrogen over red-hot calcium carbide.

The oxygen separated in the distillation process is not wasted, but is used, for instance, in the oxyacetylene blowpipe, the flame temperature of which is nearly equal to that of the electric arc.

The blowpipe is employed to make large rubies by melting small ones together, to weld iron and steel, to cut steel beams any desired length and to cut portholes in the sides of battleships and to do the latter so rapidly as to displace the older mechanical methods.

### THE SARGASSO SEA.

If You See It Lying Around Loose Notify the Geographers.

If any one has seen anything of the Sargasso sea he will confer a great favor upon the geographers by reporting his discovery, says a writer in Success Magazine. For some time there has been a suspicion that this prominent feature of the Atlantic ocean maps and of the stories of old sailors is largely mythical.

A recent Norwegian expedition sent out to search for the Sargasso sea reports a great deal of sea, but very little sargasso. It is true that they discovered a place in the north Atlantic where seaweed is rather common, but as for a mass of marine plants so dense that sailing vessels are held fast in it while the mariners die a lingering death of starvation—there is nothing in it. In fact, these meddlesome Scandinavians hint broadly that there has never been any such place.

If any one will kindly return the Sargasso sea to its proper place in the Atlantic ocean all will be forgiven and no questions asked; otherwise nothing can save this well known phenomenon from going the way of the sea serpent, the mermaid and Dr. Cook's great discovery.

### Johannesburg's Rise and Progress.

If any one gifted with prescience a generation ago had written out the story of Johannesburg's rise and progress he would have been regarded as a burlesque Jules Verne. For a city to spring up in the center of South Africa in twenty years, to attract a quarter of a million settled population and crowd an enormous municipal development within a single decade sounds certainly more like imagination than fact. So does the arrangement by which she farms her black domestics out in a suburb ten miles away and runs special trains for them morning and night. But one secret of the town's success rests on her natural throne of forty mile ridge 6,000 feet above the sea and her nine hours of sunshine a day in perhaps the mildest and most equable climate in the world.—Pall Mall Gazette.

### Dickens' Desk.

A writing desk which belonged to Charles Dickens was sold the other day at the mart in Wellington street. This is the desk whose reckless treatment by American railway porters he bitterly laments in a letter addressed to John Forster, dated Dec. 22, 1867. "Nearly every case I have," he writes, "is already broken. When we started from Boston yesterday I beheld, to my unspeakable amazement, Scott, my dresser, bearing a flushed countenance against the wall of the car and weeping bitterly. It was over my smashed writing desk." Among other relics of the novelist which will come under the hammer is the cane chair used by him in his private office when he edited All the Year Round.—Westminster Gazette.

### Observatory Without Telescopes.

The Carnegie observatory on Mount Wilson, in California, is of white canvas, like some huge net. You look for telescopes inside, but in vain; a series of mirrors appear instead, and it is the third of these that does the magnifying instead of the usual telescope tube. Visitors are accommodated in chalets, a little house being apportioned to each guest. Observations have been carried on since April, 1904, and every day a photoheliograph is taken and several other pictures by means of the spectroheliogram.—London Globe.

### United States Vessels Not in the Navy.

Considerably less than half the boats belonging to the United States government are a part of the navy. The war department controls a greater number of craft of all kinds than is found on the navy lists, while the departments of the treasury, commerce and labor and agriculture all have fleets under their jurisdiction. According to the latest government figures, there are but 340 vessels flying the naval pennant.—Popular Mechanics.

### A MINING STOCK TIP.

Isham Paid to Get It, and Then He Wouldn't Use It.

"I saw the other day what was for me a new dodge for putting the unsophisticated from their cash in exchange for worthless mining stock," relates Frederic S. Isham, the author. "It happened in a little mining camp in Canada.

"A fortune teller had pitched his tent opposite a 'broker's' shop, where a certain stock—say the Victorian 'mine,' not even a prospect—was being boomed. Having nothing better to do, one or two of us strolled into the fortune teller's place.

"He was the most plausible, persuasive and mystical kind of a mortal.

"You are going to make a great deal of money," he said to me after impressive preliminaries. "Weren't you thinking of buying a block of mining stock today?"

"No, I wasn't, but I was invited to buy some."

"He went into another trance. 'I can't quite see it, what stock you are going to buy, but it begins with a V—the Victor?—yes, that seems it or like it—almost it. I can't quite tell any more. Only if you buy it you'll be very rich—sell for ten for one in a month—Victor, or something like it, is going to 640, and—'

"At this stage the fortune teller awoke. He came out of his trance professing not to know what he had been saying. We paid him and went out. Only we didn't buy any Victor or Victorian.

"The last I heard of the fortune teller the authorities were looking for him and his pal, the broker. Needless to say, neither has been found yet. They did very well, however, while they lasted—cleaned up twenty thousand or so."—New York Sun.

### SENATOR ROOT'S ATTITUDE.

Fully Explained in a Little Note to the Vice President.

Senator Root, former secretary of state, is given to writing little personal notes to friends when he is weary of the tedium of any formal body of which he is a member. When he was at The Hague last summer as attorney in the fisheries arbitration he penned many of these missives to his associate, Samuel J. Elder of Boston, such as, "Sam, keep an eye on the clock."

There is a certain western senator who talks so much that he wears the senate to a frazzle. One day last session this senator was making his sixth or seventh speech of the afternoon. Senator Root became absorbed in conversation with the late Senator Clay of Georgia. It was such an audible conversation as to be strictly against the rules. Vice President Sherman rapped sternly for order and at last caught Senator Root's eye, whereupon the conversation ceased.

A few minutes later a page handed a note up to the vice president's desk. It was from Senator Root and read: "If the vice president wishes me simply to be in order I will obey, but if he wishes me to listen to that speech of Senator Blank he may go to a hotter place than Washington."—Washington Letter to Boston Herald.

### The Use of Antitoxin.

The American Medicine, strongly urging a more general use of diphtheria antitoxin, says that "the time is close at hand when failure to use antitoxin will impose criminal as well as civil responsibility." It adds that "for a medical man to assume an antagonistic attitude to antitoxin comes perilously near to willful negligence" and declares that the death rate from diphtheria has been steadily going down since the discovery of the preventive serum. "France has led the way," says this medical authority, "and with its mortality rate the lowest of all the civilized countries of the world takes unquestionable leadership among progressive nations. Her success, however, serves to put all the other countries to shame. If France can achieve such a distinctive triumph over one of humanity's dread diseases other countries can do likewise."

### The Northwest Passage.

The search for the northwest passage began almost immediately after the discovery of America. In 1585 a company was formed in London for the purpose of discovering such a passage, and from that time on for more than three centuries the quest was kept up. For many years the British parliament had a standing reward of \$100,000 for the one who should succeed in finding a way around North America into the Pacific. It was only yesterday, as it were, that the work was completely done by A. Amundsen, who in 1906 succeeded in sailing through every foot of the long sought passage.—New York American.

### New Berlin Handles Thefts.

The Berlin police have a plan for electrically printing notices of robbery, offers of reward, etc., in such a way that the notices leave an automatic electric typewriter ready to be posted up. In two or three minutes after a robbery has been announced at one station descriptions of the thieves or whatever information is to be communicated can be on the notice board of every station in the city and suburbs.

### One Way to Pay Doctor Bills.

Every time the young emperor of China gets the colic the royal physicians are notified that their salary is cut off until his majesty is perfectly well again. The passionate zeal with which the physicians of the royal household work to get the emperor back into a condition of health where their salaries will begin again is said to be something astounding.

### AT THE AUCTION.

Man Who Kneels Down is Always Good Natured.

Great day. Folks have come from miles around because it is not only a sale, but a social event. On a platform in front of the barn stands the auctioneer, a merry, fluent, white whiskered importation from Gilesburg, twenty-four miles away.

Auctioneer—Now, my good people, I have here in my hands a half a sack of—(aside) what is this, George? (to the multitude)—a half sack of beets. We have got a lot of dead beets up our way (loud laughter), but these are live beets. Who wants 'em? Who'll give me a bid?

Horrible Yawp—Five cents!

Auctioneer—Five cents. Thank you. You ain't going to beat yourself on this, are you? (Laughter.) I'm offered 5 cents for this sack of beets. Who'll give me ten?

Old Man Hawkins (squealing)—Ten cents!

Auctioneer—Thank you, uncle. I'm offered 10 cents for this bag of beets, and they are not dead beets either. (General snicker.) Who'll give me fifteen? Fifteen?

Mrs. Bodders is about to bid fifteen, but doesn't decide quick enough, and the words are taken out of her mouth by Bill Hoover, who says loudly, "I'll give ye 15 cents!"

Auctioneer—Fifteen cents for a sack of beets and all live ones! Who'll make it twenty?

O. M. H.—Twenty!

Auctioneer—Twenty! Make it twenty-five!

H. Y.—Twenty-five!

Auctioneer (very much excited)—Twenty-five! Make it thirty!

H. Y. (still more excited)—Thirty!

Auctioneer (after the usual agony)—Sold to this gentleman for 30 cents.

All good, aren't they, uncle?

H. Y. (opening bag)—Them ain't beets; them's carrots.

Auctioneer—So they are, uncle, so they are. Carrots are better than dead beets, ain't they? (General titter of approval. He proceeds to the next article and the next joke.)—R. L. Leigh in Puck.

### Choice of Three.

"You'll have to do one of three things," declared the very portly conductor.

The ticketless passenger looked up insolently and said, "Well?"

"Show yer ticket, pay yer fare or git off," answered the very portly conductor.

The insolent passenger leaned out of the window.

"And you, too, my friend," he said seriously, "will have to do one of three things."

"Well?" queried the portly conductor confidently.

"Walk more," retorted the passenger.

"ent less or bust!"

And by the time the fat conductor had recovered the train had left the station.—Buffalo News.

### Out of Her Line.

"Mamma," said the young wife, "George is so irritable. He scolds nearly all the time."

"You must seem to humor him, Janet," counseled her mother. "Smooth his fur for the right way. It's easy enough to trim his claws if you—"

"Trim his claws! Mamma, I'm no manicure!"—Chicago Tribune.

### She Knew.

One day when Molly was about four years old she was sent to feed the pigs. When she came back she said, "That stuff isn't fit to give to pigs."

"How do you know?" asked her mother.

"'Cause I tasted it!"—Dellmeater.

### What They're Usually Called.

The Shade (crossing the Sixty)—So you are called Charon, eh? Rather a romantic name for a boatman!

The Ferryman (pleased)—It certainly is some improvement on "Hey, Bill!" isn't it?—Sunday Illustrated Magazine.

### On the Stage.

"We've got to get somebody to play this light part."

"Why not the electrician?"—Baltimore American.

### Just Sol.

"What's a good thing for a black eye?"

"A plausible explanation."—Boston Transcript.

### A Pair of Impossibles.