

A BANK'S OBLIGATIONS

Just as our clients plan to meet their obligations here when they become due, the officers and employes of this bank plan to meet every obligation imposed by its relations with its clients.

Safety of money held in trust; substantial aid in the promotion of depositors' interests; willing consideration of meritorious projects; recompense for service based on equity—these are some of the obligations which are recognized by this institution, on the basis of which it invites business, individual and savings accounts.

Ronan State Bank

Ronan, Montana

Business Column

Safety deposit boxes for rent at the Ronan State Bank.

Big chicken dinner every Sunday hereafter at the Ronan Cafe, from 11:30 to 4:00 o'clock. 22¢

Special Xmas Edison Phonograph and records now on sale at Benedict's.

Do not take any chances on fire during the winter, but insure your property today through the Ronan State Bank.

The Big Store now has a lumber yard at the rear of the store. You are invited to inspect this stock and get estimates.—See main office.

Don't forget that Miller the Tinner, does all kinds of tin and sheet iron work, smoke stacks, water cans, etc. Give him a call.

Brown Leghorn Cockrels

Also a few pullets and hens for sale. Enquire at this office or of M. E. Campion.

4 Room Cottage and 2 Lots

For sale. 11¢f
VOUGHT & HELMERS, Ronan.

Xmas Suggestions

Violins, mandolins, guitars, sewing machines.
32-4 WHITNEY BROS.

Lost

Round Masonic watch charm with photo inside. Finder please leave at Pioneer office. Reward.

For Sale

Six room house and two lots. Gravity shooting gallery. Small store building for rent. 311½ W. M. MCGARRAH.

Wood for Sale

Sawed in 16 inch lengths. Will trade for oats or wheat. At the Levi Allard place 4 miles N. E. of Ronan.
301½ S. G. IRISH.

Seed Oats for Sale

Sixty day oats, heavy and free from wild oats or other weeds; also a quantity of Bald barley of excellent quality, highly recommended as a feed for stock, especially hogs. Address Jas. Kerns, Ronan, Twp. 19, R. 20.

For Sale

Thoroughbred Barred Plymouth Rock pullets and cockrels.
BECKWITH & HEISE,
St. Ignatius, Montana.

Wanted

All kinds of hides, either green or dry. Highest cash price paid.
H. M. GEHLERT.

LEMIRE BROS. CASH STORE

Christmas Headquarters for all Ronan!

This is the Only Store with the Big Christmas Stock

The Only Store of Bargain Prices

The Only Store for You to Use

We will dispose of the balance of our Christmas Goods and Toys at Rock Bottom Prices.

At Lemire Bros. you will find suitable gifts for Fither, Mother, Brothers, Sisters, Babies, and even for your Sweetheart.

Call and get a Souvenir FREE

Buy your Christmas delicacies from us. All the luxuries you can think of are contained in our immense stock. Everything to make the feast complete: Condensed Peels, New Nuts, Raisins, Currants, Mince Meat, Plum Puddings, Sour and Sweet Pickles, Olives, Sweet Naval Oranges, Lemons, Bananas, Sweet Spuds, Celery, Cucumbers, Honey, Boiled Cider, Sweet Cider, and Apples—the best the market can afford at only \$1.15 a box.

Xmas Mixed Candy 2 lbs for 25c.

Come in. Take a look around—you are always welcome.

On Christmas

"SEAL" your Dinner

There'll be more good fellowship—more Christmas cheer—more of the holiday spirit about the table if you finish your dinner with

Chase & Sanborn's
"SEAL BRAND"
Coffee

"IT'S THE FINEST CROWN"

"SEAL" every Meal

1 lb can 45c

2 lb " 85c

For sale by

LEMIRE BROS.

H. Yeager of Lewistown, national bank examiner for Montana, was in Ronan officially last Friday.

M. J. Benedict is selling Xmas candies at 10c the pound.

Frank Rogers, one of the homesteaders who made commutation proof on a homestead in 21-20 lately, writes from Highland, California, to have the Pioneer sent to him there until spring. He says that California is all right but that he will be better satisfied when he returns to the farm on the Flathead.

Go to headquarters to do your Xmas shopping. At the "Little Store with the Big Stock."

County Commissioner Dan McQuarrie and County Surveyor Jas. H. Bonner came up from Missoula Saturday and stayed here until Monday. They were combining official business with private interests and each time they come go home more enthused than ever over Ronan and the surrounding country.

Some fine diamonds ready for setting, nice Christmas presents, at Bear's, the postoffice jeweler.

Joseph Cernik and Arthur Bronson, both successful ranchers seven miles west of town, left Wednesday for Nebraska to spend the holidays with friends and relatives. Joseph has had a carpenter at work the past week remodeling his house, and it has been whispered around by his near bachelor friends that a bride would accompany him on his return. J. J. Corrigan will accompany the boys as far as Missoula.

Thoroughbred Rhode Island Red roosters for sale. Inquire of Mrs. Dorothea Stillman, Ronan, Mont.

The Missoulian Christmas number, issued last Sunday morning, is a very creditable Missoula and Western Montana edition. It is filled with illustrations from all sections of Western Montana, contains many stories of the past and present development and altogether will greatly assist in the further advertisement of the many great natural resources of the section represented. Besides being a good newspaper, the Missoulian is thoroughly western in every way.

Go to M. J. Benedict's for your Christmas chinaware. He is selling real hand painted china at half price until after holidays.

Miss Byrl Rathbone returned Wednesday from attending the State Normal college at Dillon, to spend the holiday vacation with her parents and brothers in Ronan. On Monday last she met with what might have been a very serious accident. She was engaged in the gymnasium work and in running across the hall came to the wall so suddenly as to dislocate her right arm at the elbow and is carrying it in a plaster cast until it heals. While quite inconvenient, it does not pain her and with proper care will be all right by the time her vacation is over.

ONLY Two More Shopping Days

Until Christmas!

If you have not completed your Christmas Shopping, remember that we have many useful and appropriate articles for both old and young---the largest assortment in Ronan

A Merry Christmas to All.

A. M. STERLING CO.

THE OLD RELIABLE STORE

A. J. Brower of the Ronan State Bank, went down to Missoula Tuesday on business.

Faney and plain jewelry, and toilet sets, at Bear's

Frank Myers sold his house and lot in Scarce addition last Saturday to Chas. Dorris. Mr. Dorris sold two lots the same day in Smead addition to C. M. Walker. Ronan real estate is on the move, and there is no wind blowing either.

Don't forget that piano for Xmas. Missoula prices, easy terms. 32-4 WHITNEY BROS.

Knut A. Hagen of Jocko has been transferred to Ronan temporarily to assist in the government flour mill. He is in the Indian service. He says that two shifts will be kept busy for some weeks turning out the grists the farmers have already stored in the mill at this place.

Car load of horses for sale by Brower & Hollingsworth, Ronan, Montana.

While here Monday County Surveyor Jim Bonner made a real estate deal which will certainly yield him a handsome profit. He bought the 50 foot corner lot just west of Lemire Bros. store of W. M. McGarrah, through the Flathead Land Co., and it only took about two minutes to do it, too.

If you want any photos for Christmas see Bigelow at once, as he will be busy all the month.

By request, the Pioneer is urged this week to call the attention of parents to the necessity of their visiting the local schools. All those who have children attending school should visit the schools as often as possible and by their attention to matters, be in a position to aid the teachers in their work.

For Christmas novelties and jewelry, try Bear, the postoffice jeweler.

An amateur theatrical is being planned to raise any deficit which may arise from the lyceum course which has been held in Ronan this winter. Competent parties have taken hold of the matter and something good in this line is promised during January sometime. This will be an entertainment which all will wish to attend, and as the matter progresses more definite mention will be made in the Pioneer.

There will be a dance at the opera house next Monday night, with a supper at midnight at the Central Hotel. Everybody invited.

Some more snow fell Tuesday night and the ground was covered with about three inches of the beautiful on Wednesday morning.

Ronan business men have been distributing some very handsome calendars this week. All are real works of art and any one of them would be appreciated.

Attorney John P. Swee went to Polson Monday evening to try a law suit before Justice Bailey, but it was transferred to Big Arm where all the parties reside.

One store reports having received 150 dozen fresh eggs Wednesday and paid 50 cents per dozen for them. Fresh eggs are hard to find and this supply went quickly.

W. S. Hollingsworth made a hurried trip to Ravalli Tuesday and broke his auto again just as he arrived there. He has a lucky streak these days in breaking down at the most convenient point possible.

Chas. Dorris announces another of his fine turkey dinners on Christmas day. Charley always looks out for those who must eat a holiday dinner away from home and provides the best possible for all such occasions.

President Taft has abrogated the treaty with Russia and thus forestalled action by congress. This action was taken because Russia refused to recognize passports issued to Jewish citizens of the United States.

A card was received this week from G. Howard Smith, dated at the Park Avenue hotel, New York City. He sends best regards to all old friends and says that while New York is the big burg, "Oh, you Ronan!"

Governor Norris of Montana, was elected permanent president of the Western Governors' association and Governor West of Oregon secretary, at a meeting held in St. Paul, on the 16th, after making a tour of education throughout the east. The object of the association will be to discuss matters regarding the development of the west with a view toward concerted action.

She Didn't Know

"Now, Harold," said the teacher, "if there were 11 sheep in a field and six jumped the fence, how many would there be left?"

"None," replied Harold. "Why, there would," said she. "No, ma'am, there wouldn't," persisted he. "You may know arithmetic but you don't know sheep."

If you need any nursery stock to plant next spring it will be worth your while to read our ad. in this issue of the Pioneer and send us your list of wants.

MONTANA NURSERY CO.
Billings, Mont.

Judge Hunt to Montana

Judge William H. Hunt of the court of commerce, is to hold court in Montana a couple of weeks, commencing on the 20th inst.

His coming at this time to handle the mass of business that has accumulated since the retirement of Carl Rasch from the federal bench, is taken to mean that the appointment of a federal judge for this district will not be made for some little time.

As a guess toward the solution of the embrolio into which the factions are now engaged regarding the appointment of a successor to Carl Rasch, it will not be a bad one to make that Judge Hunt will again adorn the bench of this district. The uncertainty of the tenure of the commerce court would also indicate this course.

Xmas candy, 10c the pound, at Benedict's.

Wanted

Patented Lands

If your land is patented and you wish to sell same at a reasonable price we shall be glad to correspond with you.

We now want a desirable 40 or 80 with moderate improvements.

Write us what you have for sale.

W. H. Smead Company
Missoula, Montana.