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## A. J. BROWER IS ELECTED

### Ronan Gives Him a Handsome Vote

#### EVERYTHING GOES DEMOCRATIC

Election day in Ronan passed off quietly, with a large vote being polled. From early morning till late at night the interest kept up, many farmers coming in early, and by noon just 100 votes were cast. Of this number the larger part were by farmers living at a great distance from town, many of the resident town voters not voting till later. From noon till 6 o'clock 216 votes were cast and every booth was occupied and several waiting all the time for an opportunity to mark their ballots. Aside from it being a presidential election, interest centered in the election of the local candidate, A. J. Brower, and his friends were tireless workers all day. This is shown by the result in Ronan precinct where he received 230 votes out of a total of 316 cast. It is just what elected him also, as he needed every vote he received.

As a whole, the democrats carried the precinct, Wilson having a plurality of 8 over Roosevelt and 72 over Taft. The vote standing Wilson 116, Taft 44, Roosevelt 108, Debs 30.

T. J. Walsh received 113, Dixon 109, Smith 54, for United States senator.

Edwards, the Bull Mooser, carried the precinct for governor, receiving 92, Stewart 91, Wilson 76, Duncan 40. For congress, John M. Evans of Missoula, was high man with 100, Stout, his running mate 93, Pray 91, Allen 58, Everett 73, Horkan 71, La-Beau 32, Mabie 29.

For the legislature, aside from Brower, Higgins led with 91 votes, the others trailing along close together.

The result in Missoula county shows that the democrats elected most of the county officers, the same being Kuphal, dem.; Higgins, rep.; Brower, rep.; Prescott, dem., and Glasscock, prog., for the legislature; Duncan and McCulloch for the district judges; Conlon, dem. clerk of court; Flynn, dem. county commissioner; Babington, dem. county clerk; Kelley, dem. sheriff; Hicklin, dem. treasurer; Currie, dem. assessor; Hebron, dem. county attorney; Hathaway, rep. auditor; Bonner, rep. surveyor, with Marsh, rep. for coroner, and Mrs. Reinhard, rep. for superintendent of schools, both claiming to be elected, and the chances in their favor.

The showing of the progressives in the county as a whole was a surprise to both the old parties. They did not succeed in electing but one officer, that of Glasscock for the legislature, but their combined vote will be more than the vote for either of the other parties.

The election has demonstrated one thing to the satisfaction of reservation voters. That is that the voting population here must be considered in future elections, Mr. Brower having demonstrated that with a practically unanimous vote as was given him, we could elect any man we wanted to. The vote in Ronan given Mr. Brower is what turned the trick for us.

The following is the vote for

each candidate in Ronan precinct:

Presidential electors, McCarthy 116, Cummings 44, Kohrs 108, Sholl 30.

United States Senator, Walsh 113, Smith 54, Dixon 109.

Representatives in Congress, Evans 100, Pray 91, Everett 73, La Beau 32.

Governor, Stewart 91, Wilson 76, Edwards 92, Duncan 40.

Lieutenant Governor, McDowell 94, Kinney 72, Symmes 91, Buzzell 38.

Associate Justice of Supreme Court, Sanner 98, Callaway 77, Farr 87.

Secretary of State, Alderson 96, Hazelbaker 89, Metcalf 80, Chapman 36.

Attorney General, Kelly 108, Paul 66, Sawyer 87.

State Treasurer, Rae 99, Enright 73, Thompson 84, Hamilton 36.

State Auditor, Keating 110, McCoy 66, Crumrine 79, Michaud 37.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dave 108, Terwilliger 69, Tower 84, Kriger 82.

Railroad Commissioner, Hall 98, Faust 66, Moore 88, McDermund 39.

Representatives State Legislature, Kuphal 80, Brower 230, Glasscock 66, Reely 33, Prescott 73, Marlowe 78, Holland 73, Fitzpatrick 62, Wallace 73, Hogan 76, McCormick 79, Higging 91, Simons 36, Henley 53, McDonald 65, Anderson 42, Hall 26, Benson 30, Auvinen 29, Henry 27.

Judges Fourth Judicial District, Duncan 130, Mulroney 107, Lentz 74.

Clerk District Court, Conlon 115, Boyd 76, West 61, Nelson 34.

County Commissioner, Flynn 104, Dallman 97, Briggs 55, Whitaker 31, Miller 5.

County Clerk and Recorder, Babington 119, Kramer 62, Perry 68, Arthur 35.

Sheriff, Kelley 141, Angevine 77, McCall 55, Kack 28.

County Treasurer, Hicklin 99, Peat 97, Gerber 62, Jamison 32.

County Assessor, Ourrie 134, Abbey 64, Latimer 56, Fabert 32.

County Attorney, Heyfron 125, Wayne 91.

County Auditor, Helfrich 104, Hathaway 84, Harnois 63, Hoover 33.

Superintendent of Schools, Cyr 102, Reinhard 101, Hord 56, Rolfe 29.

County Coroner, Kendrick 103, Marsh 95, Rohkramer 58, Liedtke 35.

Public Administrator, Ector 89, White 88, McBride 70, Johnson 38.

County Surveyor, Kuphal 68, Bonner 160, Hathaway 38, Rolfe 31.

Justices of the Peace Mission Township, Bailey 151.

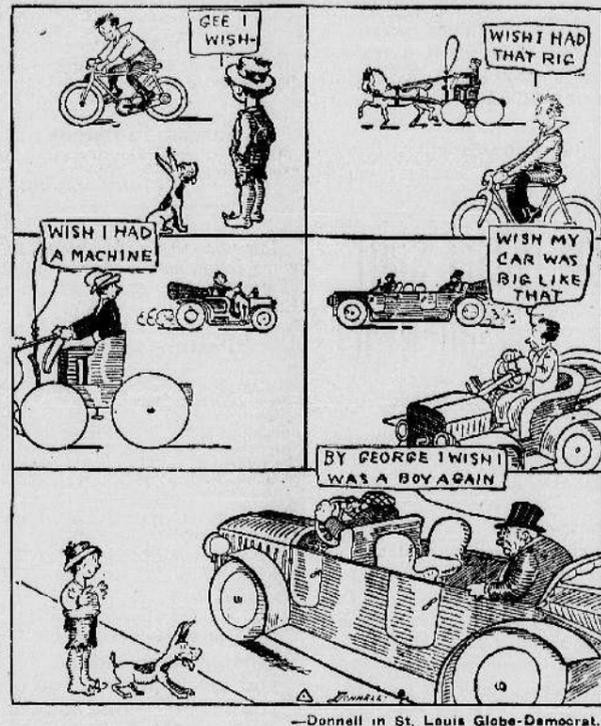
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### BUILDING NEW HOME FOR FIRST NATIONAL BANK

The Lumber Co., started work Monday morning on a new bank building for the First National bank. The site is on the corner east of the Pioneer office and will face the north with a side entrance on the east. It will be erected of lumber but it is the intention to veneer it in the spring or early summer.

This is another step toward rebuilding the town to its former size, prior to the fire, and with a continuance of the present progress in that direction it will be only a short time until this is accomplished and even surpassed. That the business men of Ronan have an abiding faith in the future of the country and town could not be shown in a more forcible manner than in the way they are going ahead with permanent and substantial improvements.

### WE'RE NEVER SATISFIED.



—Donnell in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## TWO STORIES FOR SCEARCE BLOCK AFTER ELECTION

Stanley Searce decided the first of the week to continue his new store building to a double story and work to that end is now proceeding. The upper floor will be used for office purposes and the furniture department. It will contain twelve fine office rooms and a furniture room 65x88 feet.

This will make the Searce block the largest and best store building on the Flathead reservation. Built of cement brick, modern in every respect, with every fire protection possible, it is a credit to the reservation country. Ronan and Mr. Searce. The first story is completed and the walls for the second story will be very nearly so this week and with good weather the entire structure will be ready for occupancy by the middle of December.

### GOVERNMENT AGENT HERE SELECTING AGENCY SITE

An agent from the department of Indian affairs has been on the reservation for the past week or ten days looking up a desirable location for the Indian agency, now located at Jocko, which it is proposed to move to a more centrally located point. In company with Major Morgan and Duncan McDonald the agent has visited Ronan, Ravalli, Dixon and a couple of contemplated sites on Post creek, but so far as known no expression has been heard as to the place most likely to be selected.

Ronan people believe the proper place for the new agency is at Ronan and would like very much to have this place selected. Other points are doubtless as anxious to be selected and the outcome will be watched with interest.

#### Notice

The next regular meeting of the Ronan Local of the Farmers' Union will be held at the Mud creek school house (4 1-2 miles west of town) next Sunday afternoon, Nov. 17, at 2:30 o'clock. J. D. COWGILL, Sec'y.

From Tacoma comes the good word that the Milwaukee railway has made another move to provide transportation for the great portions of Montana now unmarked by steel rails.

"Surveyors," the report says, "are in the field between Great Falls and Choteau, about 75 miles northwest, to which point the Lewistown-Great Falls extension, now building, will be rushed when the line is completed into Great Falls.

President Earling has already obtained an appropriation for the Choteau extension from the board of directors in New York. Eventually the Great Falls-Choteau line will be extended northwest to Kalispell or some point on the Missoula-Kalispell-Fernie line yet to be built. While the Milwaukee has surveyed many extensions in Washington, some of them will wait until Montana's needs are more adequately filled. Every Milwaukee executive, including President Earling, Mr. Goodnow, his assistant, President Williams and Vice President Ingersoll of the Puget Sound road is a firm believer in Montana's rapid developments. Further, every Milwaukee executive possesses a copy of the Great Northern railway's twenty-third annual report, showing the Hill road's projected 800 miles of second main line across Montana and part of North Dakota. The Milwaukee plans even more railroad building in Montana. That Great Northern map forms an incentive to keep laying new rails somewhere in Montana.

### IMPORTANT RECLAMATION AMENDMENT IS SIGNED

The reclamation service has issued the following notice, which will be of interest to all home-stead entrymen on the government projects in Montana and other states:

"The president recently signed one of the most important of the amendments of the reclamation act. The latter has been on the statute books for 10 years. About \$75,000,000 have been ex-

## WILSON WINS PRESIDENCY

pendent in building works which, although not yet completed, are already furnishing water to about 15,000 farms. One of the difficulties experienced by the settler upon the public lands reclaimed under the terms of this act has been that they could not obtain patent to the land until the water provided under the terms of the act has been paid for, and thus they could not use the land as the basis for borrowing money to improve their farms and enable them to get a start.

"The recent amendment provides that the settlers may obtain patent to the land upon compliance with the provision of law applicable to such lands as to residence, reclamation and cultivation. In other words, if they have lived upon the land for three years, have reclaimed at least one-half of the irrigable area and have kept up the charges, patent can issue and thus the entryman will be in a position to borrow money upon the land.

"While this is the primary object of the law, there are also even more far-reaching provisions, the most important and radical of which is the absolute limitation of water rights obtained under the reclamation act not to exceed 160 acres. Under the law, as it formerly stood, it might be possible for a man or corporation to purchase the farms into a considerable holding. Now however, if this is done the water right will be forfeited, and provision is made that any excess land over 160 acres, which is acquired in good faith by descent, by law or by foreclosure of the lien may be held for two years and no longer, and the excess holding shall be forfeited to the United States. This prevents consolidation of lands irrigated by works built by the government, and while it may work a hardship in some cases, it is believed will result beneficially. No large owner can thus enjoy the liberality of the government.

"Attempts have been made in the past to evade the 160 acre limitation by subdividing the lands, putting the title in the names of near relatives, but it is probable that under the wording of this act such attempts to evade the letter of the law may jeopardize the ownership of the property to an extent at least to prevent any considerable evasion of the intent.

"Another provision which will greatly add to the convenience of the water user is that permitting payment to be made directly to the local offices of the reclamation service instead of requiring payments to be made at the remote land offices, involving, in some cases, expensive journeys. This also reduces the cost of accounting, as only one set of accounts need be kept, and that upon the project itself, cutting out the records which formerly have been maintained in the land offices."

On the referendum vote in Ronan precinct the measures generally carried. The vote on the militia bill stood 128 for, 131 against; for bonds for county fair purchase the vote stood 120 for and 154 against; to purchase the asylum 135 for and 87 against. Voters generally took keen interest in many of these propositions, more so than usually happens.

### Democrats Returned to Power.

#### TAFT MAKES POOR SHOWING

Early returns Tuesday night indicated a sweeping victory for the democratic party in Tuesday's election, and the later returns made it even more of a general clean-up.

Wilson appears to have at least 387 electoral votes, Taft 12 and Roosevelt 70, with Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wyoming in doubt. The democrats have increased their majority in the lower house of congress and are claiming control of the senate. It is conceded to be the most sweeping victory recorded in years and after March 4th next the democratic party will be in absolute control of all branches of the government. It was not only a national victory but many heretofore republicans states have been carried by the democrats.

In Illinois, California, Washington, Michigan, South Dakota and several other states the Bull Moose vote was a big factor, carrying some for the head of the ticket and winning many of the state and county officers and electing a number of congressmen. Congressman Berger of Milwaukee, the only socialist in congress, was defeated for re-election by a fusion of democrats and republicans.

Tabulated returns, incomplete, of Missoula county, and other general election news will be found on another page of this paper.

### WILSON DAY WAS WELL ATTENDED

The Wilson Day meeting last Saturday evening was well attended the hall being crowded. Everybody brought their pipes and alfalfa tobacco made a peace smoke which sufficed to remove all the rancor and ill feeling engendered during the campaign. The Wilson high balls were a good sample of cider, served by Ross Lemire.

The discussion was participated in by adherents of all the parties, being led by F. J. White for the republicans, who told one of the best base ball stories of the season and it has been agreed to vote him a Carnegie medal; Rev. J. G. Ross was next as an advocate of the democratic party followed by Dr. W. R. Sheen for the Bull Moosers and E. E. Healey for the socialists. Then Iver M. Brandjord for the democrats and Dr. M. W. Hall for the progressives. Each side was then given three minutes for rebuttal and White, Ross, Sheen, Healey and Brandjord summed up for their respective sides.

A vote was then taken on the best speech made during the evening, and whether it had anything to do with the sentiment or not the Pioneer is not prepared to state but the result was favorable to the socialists as it stood.

Socialists 81, Democrats 68, Bull Moosers 35 and Republicans 3.

Next to A. J. Brower Jim Bonner worked better in the "high" in Ronan than any other man on the ticket.