

## Orders For Christmas Candies And Nuts

By fraternal orders, schools and churches should be placed at once. Wholesale prices will be made on quantity lots.

## Auto Robes

A big line to choose from. Don't be caught out in a blizzard miles away without plenty of warm robes.

## Women's Silk Hosiery

Extra fine, durable quality in fashionable shades.

## Women's and Children's Winter Coats

A group of particularly attractive models priced to sell.

TRAVELING BAGS AND TRUNKS For Men and Women

## The Men's Shop

offers

## Wide End Scarfs

New four-in-hand scarfs, made of fine brocaded silks. Full flowing end style with slip-easy bands.

**HOW** about that new suit for Christmas? Leave your order today.

# A Letter From Santa

Toy Town, Labrador, November 29, 1917.

My Dear Children:

I know that you are looking forward to Christmas time and my first visit to my Ronan headquarters as usual and you are not going to be disappointed, even if it is war time.

I have sent a big supply of just such things as you want to "the Big Store" at Ronan—which will be my headquarters.

Come in about the last of next week and see how well prepared I am to furnish everything you want.

"Yours for a Merry Xmas,  
"SANTACLAUS."

"P. S.—Don't forget to write to me in care of "The Big Store," Ronan. You can mail your letters or HAND it to the lady at the candycounter."

"THE BIG STORE"

## STANLEY SCEARCE

RONAN, MONT.

## We Advise Early Shopping For The Holidays



Christmas Kodaks For Soldiers

The postoffice department is urging the early mailing of packages for delivery at the army cantonments before Christmas.

Come in now and see our big, fresh stock of kodaks and supplies.

## DRUG DEPARTMENT

Superior qualities in Boys' Machinaws and Suits

## It's An Urgent Matter

If you have any furniture, rug or carpet buying to do, you'd better take QUICK action. Furniture will soon be one of the hardest things in the world to get. Prices are going to reach an unexpected high level.

## THE RONAN PIONEER

Issued every Friday at Ronan, Missoula County, Montana, by M. E. Rathbone, publisher.

Space rates on application. Reading notices 10 cents per line. Legal advertising at state rates. Church and society notices at regular rates where profit is the object.

### BAND ORGANIZED

At a recent meeting a twenty-five piece band was organized. Joe Carr was chosen president; Walter Fisher, secretary and treasurer; Percy Carr, leader, and Floyd Carr, assistant leader. The names of all who are members are not available at this time, but after the first practice, which will be within the next day or two, full particulars will be given. A band was organized in Ronan a number of years ago at which time a number of instruments were purchased. Several members of this old band are still here and have joined the new organization and their assistance will be of great aid to the beginners. The Carr brothers are both musicians of unusual ability and under their direction, with the necessary cooperation, there is no reason why Ronan should not have a first class band, which is the greatest civic asset of which any town can boast. On his recent trip to Spokane, Mr. Carr purchased a number of good instruments at a nominal figure, and the first band practice promises to be one of enthusiasm.

### DEATH OF EFFIE RAY

Effie Ray, aged eight years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ray of Sloan, died Sunday at the St. Ignatius hospital of pneumonia. Funeral services were held Tuesday at St. Ignatius and burial made in the Catholic cemetery. The services were attended by a large number of friends of the sorrowing family from all parts of the valley who came to offer aid and sympathy in their grief.

The little girl was known and loved by many and her death, after so short an illness, was a shock to all, and sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved parents.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. White, of Ronan, Ho Whitney, Henry Booth and Harry Anderson were entertained Thanksgiving at the William Wolfe near Horte.

### SCHOOL NOTES

There will be two big games of basket ball in Ronan Friday night, one between Post Creek and Polson high schools, the other between Ronan and Dixon high schools. These will both be interesting and exciting games and will probably be the fastest yet played in the district. Come and root for the boys. Dance and lunch after the game.

Dr. Becker and Miss Savage are attending the State Teachers' convention at Butte this week. Miss Savage was requested to open a discussion in English.

J. R. Campbell, Mrs. Clara A. Bush and the members of the school board lunched at the cafeteria last week and afterward adjourned to the basket ball hall where the girls were practicing.

The class of 1918 held a meeting Wednesday at which they elected the following officers: Fred Eckley, president; Anna Lafontaine, vice president; Louise Eckley, secretary and treasurer; Dorothy Giese, class reporter. The class colors chosen were silver and electric blue, the class flower white rose.

Those who have never been absent nor tardy during the last month in the 5th and 8th grades are: Esterie Dupuis, Marie Heyron, Marguerite Marshman, Beulah Shennum, Wesley Adamson, Tom Bailey, John Delphels, Arthur Drowatzky, Chester Hardman, George McCormick, Rex McLeod, Thelma Hendricks, Alice Vessey, Josephine Vallee, Waldo Brown and Eugene Dupuis.

Those who have been neither absent nor tardy in the 4th grade are Genevieve Hardman, Isabelle Baldwin, Bertram Driskill, Evelyn Farnham, Bonnie Fox, Florence Kane, Patricia Swinehart, Georgian Eckley, Louis Bear, Glen Connelly, Earl Hollingsworth, Hugh Lemire, Charlie Tenant and Donovan McLeod.

The grounds around the high school building are being graded and leveled off this week.

### NEW PAPER FOR POLSON

The first issue of the Polson Chief, the new weekly newspaper recently started in Polson, made its appearance last Thursday, and is a well printed, newsy paper. The editor is W. A. Gullord, formerly of Wisconsin. The Pioneer extends the best of fraternal wishes for the prosperity of the Chief.

The Catholic Guild dance which was given Wednesday night was a huge success. In addition to a large attendance from town and country tributary, twelve carloads came down from Polson. The hall was decorated by skillful hands with red, white and blue bunting, flags and draperies and the good music furnished by the Round Butte orchestra added to the good time. Thirty-five baskets were auctioned and many extra lunches served which netted the ladies \$102.20, and about eighty dance tickets were sold. The guild expects to realize in the neighborhood of \$119.

### WEDDINGS ON SHORT NOTICE

How Missionaries in the Early Days Obtained Their Wives.

There is a touch of comedy about the businesslike way in which several of the early missionaries went to work to obtain wives before they left the shores of New England, writes the Rev. Francis E. Clark in Youth's Companion. The call to go to Hawaii was somewhat sudden and imperative. As a rule, only one vessel that would take passengers sailed in the course of a year for Honolulu, and of course it went by the way of Cape Horn. Often not more than a few days or weeks elapsed between the decision of the young theologian to accept the commission of the American board and the sailing of the packet ship. But the rule of the board was that the applicants must be married before they sailed for the field. Ay, there was the rub, for in many cases they had not decided whom to ask to be their brides.

But the time and tide would not wait for a long courtship, and so brothers or cousins or roommates were asked to intercede with eligible maidens, whom perhaps the prospective bridegrooms had never seen. It is even said that the young theologians haunted "female seminaries," and that the good, pretty and pious girls were lined up for their inspection.

Although this may be an exaggeration, it is certain that several of the brides who in the early days went with their missionary husbands to Hawaii were wooed by proxy, at least during the preliminary stages of the wooing. It should be added that, so far as is known, all those marriages turned out most happily, both for the young couples and for the work in which they were engaged. Their high purpose, their common sacrifice and their great mission in life drew them close together.

## East or West



A Sign of the BEST

Tickets and information from

N. H. MASON, Agent,  
MISSOULA, MONTANA

A. M. CLELAND, Gen'l Passenger Ag't., ST. PAUL, MINN.

## Christmas Jewellery

Now being shown at Bear's Jewellery Store was bought before the heavy advance in these lines and will make it possible for you to give presents of Jewellery for Christmas and make your dollar go farther.

### Rings

Large assortment of rings of all sizes and kinds. The famous WWW rings that the stones are guaranteed to stay in, from . \$1.00 to \$50.00

### Watches

All sizes and makes. Wrist watches... \$55.00 up Other watches... \$3.50 up

### Silverware

The highest grade silver ware in the world, the famous Alvin Plate. Pyrex Casseroles, metal trimmed.

### Ivory, Glass

The very best in French Ivory. Cut Glass, Silver deposit and China Ware.

From the above line you can select presents for everyone from baby to grandparents. This is only a mention of the complete stock of Christmas goods. If you want a diamond, see me before you buy.

J. B BEAR, The Jeweler

## RONAN GARAGE CO.

Now have a complete stock of Ford parts and accessories. Also GOODRICH TIRES and TUBES.

AGENTS FOR FORD CARS AND TRUCKS

Touring Car, \$432.00. Roadster, \$416.65. Ford Truck, \$678.15 These prices F. O. B. Ronan

If you are going to need a car or truck in the spring, place your order now and we will guarantee you prompt delivery.

## RONAN GARAGE COMPANY

PHONE NO. 423.

J. L. JONES, Manager.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

All sleeping rooms of the Ronan Hotel have been thoroughly renovated, rugs cleaned and put in first class condition. Your patronage solicited. 30-31

Rough Lumber at the Rogers' mill, only \$16.00 per M. feet.—Reservation Land & Lumber Co. 30-31

Pigs for Sale—Pure bred big type Poland China pigs, both sex.—John Gillette, Horte, Mont. 30-35-p