

Our Policy

It is to be safe; conservative; accommodating; to be a helpful friend; to serve the whole people to the best of our ability; to grant loans on as generous terms as sound banking practices permit; but the greatest of these is

Safety

For safety is the best inducement ANY bank can offer ANY customer. Other matters are merely incidental.

We start the year 1918 with resources of

\$200,000

No borrowed money; no re-discounts.

During the war and the continuance of these abnormal crop and financial conditions, we intend to run this bank conservatively and absolutely safe, regardless of profits or any other consideration. We intend to employ only men of mature age and banking experience. On this basis we solicit a portion of your business.

RONAN STATE BANK

BUSINESS CARDS

A. K. RESNER, M. D.

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
EYES CORRECTLY FITTED WITH GLASSES
Second door west of Owl Drug Store
RONAN - MONTANA

JOHN P. SWEE

Lawyer

Practices in all the courts and before the U. S. Land Office.
Office next door north of Ronan State Bank.
RONAN - MONTANA

A. SUTHERLAND

Attorney at Law

Special attention given to collections.
Second Door North of Ronan State Bank
RONAN - MONTANA

DR. W. H. HARRISON

Practice limited to Diseases and Surgery of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, and the fitting of Glasses.
(Higgins Block)
MISSOULA - MONTANA

DR. W. R. SHEEN

Dentist

Office third door north of Ronan State Bank.
RONAN, MONT.

EARL D. COVELL

CIVIL ENGINEER AND GENERAL CONTRACTOR
Plans drawn and estimates given on all classes of construction.
Land and Irrigation Surveys Made
RONAN and MISSOULA - MONT.

E. R. Forsyth

Jas. Weston

FORSYTH & WESTON

Contractors and Builders
Plans and Estimates Furnished
Box 214 Ronan

Scarce Block

Office Rooms, unfurnished, \$10.00 per month
Living Rooms, unfurnished, \$5 to \$10
Hall, unfurnished, \$6.00 to \$7.50 per night
SPECIAL NOTICE

On occasions we will rent folding chairs, tables, dishes, etc. Reasonable charges will be made for use of same and delivery and return to store.

Same thing much cheaper at the Owl.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine.
Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.
After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by all Druggists, etc.

SAVE 1918 SAVE

It is an important matter to save for the year 1918. The question arises, "how" and "where" The effort is not great; just adopt cash dealing, then choose Lemire Bros. Saving sure and steady.

20 per cent off on all our Mackinaws, Stag Shirts, Sweaters, Blankets, Underwear, etc.

\$13.50 Mackinaws	..... \$10.80	\$6.50 Stag Shirts now	..... \$5.20
\$12.50 Mackinaws	..... \$10.00	\$5.50 Stag Shirts now	..... \$4.40
\$ 9.50 Mackinaws	..... \$ 7.60	\$2.50 Sweaters now	..... \$1.85
\$ 6.50 Extra heavy pants	..... \$ 5.20	\$8.50 Sweaters now	..... \$6.80
\$ 5.50 Extra heavy pants	..... \$ 4.40	\$2.00 Sweaters now	..... \$2.40

8-inch leather top rubbers, were \$4.00, now.....**3.25**

OVERSHOES	RUBBERS	GERMAN SOX
\$3.50 4-buckle over-shoes for men, special only \$3.00 per pair.	4-inch laced rubbers, all sizes, regular \$3.50, selling now at \$2.85	\$1.75 Men's german sox, special only \$1.25

35c Men's Cashmerete black hose, special pair.....**25c**

LEMIRE BROS. CASH STORE

THE STORE THAT SELLS FOR LESS

LOST—Two red sows, right ear cut off and left ear split, weight 250 lbs. Reward. Harry Townsend, Ronan—314f

Homer Carper came over from Butte Sunday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Carper. He returned Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reed, who have been in Missoula for some time past, returned to Ronan this week in time to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Take your prescriptions to the Owl Drug Store.—adv.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stansbury, Mrs. M. E. Rathbone, Mrs. Lloyd I. Wallace, Justus Rathbone and Ross Lemire all enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lemire.

HAY for sale, \$22.50 per ton, at the A. C. McDonald ranch on Post Creek.—John S. McVey. 31-35p

The Catholic Ladies' Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. J. F. O'Brien on Thursday, January 10th. There will be a meeting of officers at this time and all members are requested to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cooper left on Thursday of last week for their new home in Longmont, Colorado, where Mr. Cooper was transferred by the Great Western Sugar company.

A card from J. C. Kinnich requests that the Pioneer be sent to them at Mabel, Oregon. They have been away about a month but expect to return to continue farming their land near Horte.

Miss J. M. Wright has resigned her position at the confectionery counter of the Big Store and left Saturday for her old home in Kansas. She announced her intention to enlist in the Red Cross service.

Mrs. R. A. Jensen was called to Livingston this week on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Walter Dorssett, who underwent an operation at that place on Christmas day. Mrs. Jensen will return home as soon as Mrs. Dorssett's condition permits.

Miss Vesta Bradley, who is a niece of E. L. McConnell, has taken a position in the Seeger store. She is in charge of the confectionery counter and on Saturday afternoon of each week she will give food demonstrations in the grocery department.

Mrs. Dan J. Heyfron will leave the last of this week for Spokane where she is taking her daughter, Louise, to place her in school. From Spokane Mrs. Heyfron will go to Butte for a visit with her sister, Mr. Heyfron has decided to remain in Ronan during the winter months.

Mrs. W. H. Clubb and daughter, Helena, came down from Polson Sunday to spend Christmas with Mr. Clubb, and all three were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Swee. She returned to Polson Wednesday but expects to be in Ronan permanently after the first of the year.

The Pioneer is reliably informed that a local freight train will operate steadily between Dixon and Polson during the winter. The large volume of freight shipped to the reservation via Dixon justifies this service and with this accommodation the usual difficulty in getting freight to Ronan from railroad points will be overcome. Local merchants are cleaning up freight at warehouses and freight depots at Ravalli and shipping it to Dixon by local freight, from which point it is to be transported to Ronan over the new line.

That there are no pro-Germans in the Horte neighborhood is the opinion since the mass meeting held at the Round Butte school house Thursday night of last week. The purpose of the meeting was to protest against and squelch the rumor which has been circulated recently that the sentiment of that locality had a tendency to lean towards the pro-German views. It appears, however, that the meeting cleared up the situation for there was not one of the large crowd present who did not declare himself to be a red blooded American and a staunch supporter of the stars and stripes. While it is a regrettable fact that almost every community has its German sympathizer, this community as far as is known, is strictly anti-German and loyal to the cause and therefore any evidences of disloyalty would not be tolerated, but the offender would quickly be taken in hand and punished in the same manner as in the larger cities where almost daily large fines and jail sentences are imposed for seditious utterances.

Rough lumber at the C. B. Hogan ranch in Section 1, Twp. 19, Range 20, \$18.00 per M. feet. Reservation Land and Lumber Co. 35tf

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According to the local merchants, the holiday trade this season has far exceeded any previous year, notwithstanding the war economy which is in practice everywhere and the poor crop year. Every day last week brought increased numbers of busy shoppers from far and near, but the crowds in town on Saturday and Monday, the last two shopping days before Christmas, were record breaking and the stores remained open on Monday night, to accommodate the shoppers. Merchants state that fifty per cent of their sales were cash and that the months' totals for both cash and credit will amount to an exceptionally high figure, and that business is not only "as usual," but "better than usual."

D. D. Hull returned Saturday from a trip to Tacoma and San Francisco. His intention was to remain there for the winter, but the doctors advised him to return to Montana as that climate did not suit his condition. While in Tacoma Mr. Hull enjoyed a short visit with his son, Phil, who is now a sergeant at Camp Lewis, but on account of the poor train service resulting from the numerous washouts, did not go to Seattle to see Ben Hull. He states that it rained almost every day during his absence, that parts of Oregon and Washington are under water from the heavy downpour, bridges and galls washed out until traveling was a hardship and a danger and that he was delighted to be back in Montana and Ronan in particular.

Harvey Roberts, who enlisted the latter part of November in the aviation corps, writes the Pioneer from San Antonio, Texas, giving his address as Camp Kelly, No. 1, Ltn. 62, and tells interesting experiences in connection with the camp life. He states that they are making a camp for the drafted men at that point and all enlisted men will be moved by January 1st. Harold Resner, who was with Mr. Roberts, was transferred to Mount Clemens, Michigan, on December 17. He says "some weather down here when they start to move Texas, as the saying goes. The dust is so thick one cannot see twenty feet and a Montana snow storm has nothing on it." His principal diversion so far has been pick and shovel work which is a form of amusement the majority of soldier boys are treated to in their early training.

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Cash Coulter was in Ronan yesterday from Charlot, his first visit to Ronan for some time. He has had charge of the beet dump at Charlot for the Great Western Sugar company and during the hauling season was rather closely confined. He reports in the neighborhood of two hundred tons of beets delivered at the Charlot dump, which is considered a good record for an experimental year. Most all farmers signify their intention of putting in an increased acreage next year. At present Mr. Coulter is putting up an office and preparing to enter the real estate business with the opening of spring.

James Wood, Jr. was in from his ranch on the big flat yesterday and reports that he has disposed of his crop of sugar beets at what he considers a profit sufficient to induce him to increase his acreage of beets for the coming year.

RONAN LOSES TWO YOUNG BUSINESS MEN

Leon Bishop, cashier of the Ronan State Bank for the past two years, has tendered his resignation, the same to take effect the first of the year, and expects to leave on the following Saturday, January 5th, for New York City, where he will enter school and take up a course in commerce, accounts and finance. Mr. Bishop is subject to the second draft, under the new classification, and while waiting for the call he will take advantage of the opportunity to better equip himself to obtain a good position in the army as well as to aid him later in civilian life. Mr. Bishop has made many friends in Ronan and surrounding country by his courteous treatment of customers of the bank and all join in extending good wishes to him for the future.

John Schmitz, who has for the past several months held the position of assistant cashier and bookkeeper of the Ronan State Bank, has also resigned and will leave with Mr. Bishop for his home in Belgrade, Minnesota, for a short visit with his parents. He is also subject to the first draft and announces his intention to enlist in the navy after a short visit at home. While Mr. Schmitz's residence in Ronan has been short, he is extremely well liked and will be missed by the circle of friends he has made here.

Bath or Lounging Robes Handsome Kimonos Cover-All Aprons

Bath or lounging robes made of genuine soft blanket cloth in pretty designs. The robes are cut loose and are trimmed on the pockets, collar and cuffs with bands of Sol satin. They are held at the waist line by a tasseled rope girdle cord. Price

\$2.50 to \$5.00

Handsome Kimonos

Made of good quality of fleeced flannelette, has deep collars and reversed edge with satin. They come in different colors and sizes. Price

\$2.00 to \$3.50

Cover-All Aprons

Made of good quality of striped percale. Aprons fastened in front with pearl buttons, have belt of self material, and are trimmed on pockets, cuffs, neck and front with piping. Come in light and dark colors. Price

\$1.25 to \$1.50

If you don't see what you want, ask us for it. We certainly have it.

A. M. Sterling Co.

"THE OLD RELIABLE STORE"

Reservation Land and Lumber Co. NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

Wishes are idle; even "wishbones" are feeble; but work is mighty. The world's great struggle of today is made up of a vast multitude of little deeds. Let us, at the beginning of this New Year, firmly resolve to do "our bit." Let us do our utmost to cultivate every acre at our disposal so that we may feed our people at home, the brave men in the trenches, and all our allies in this gigantic struggle.

It is our humble ambition to provide you with MATERIALS for SHELTER for yourself and family, for your valuable animals, expensive tools and implements used in this work, and for the precious crops that you raise, so that nothing is wasted. In this way we shall endeavor to cooperate with you in your great and noble work of feeding and clothing the vast army that fight and die for the overthrow of militarism, for the Rule of Democracy and for the establishment of a just and lasting peace—for "Freedom for everybody everywhere and forever."

Reservation Land and Lumber Co.

RONAN, MONTANA

POSTS

No. 1 Sound Fir Posts at our Ronan yard

10 Cents Each

Take a load home when you come to town

Rough Lumber **\$18.00 per M.** At Ronan

Erwin-Wilson Lbr. Co.

Ronan

Charlot

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT; OPEN AN ACCOUNT WITH

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RONAN

The steady growth of this bank during the past seven years of its existence has been brought about only by making it a practice of dealing square with our patrons, and by pursuing only straightforward banking methods.

It is a continuation of this policy that we offer for the coming year, backed by the judgment of five Directors, and strengthened by our membership in the Federal Reserve System.

To our friends and patrons, we wish a most Happy and Prosperous New Year, and solicit your business for 1918.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

F. J. WHITE, Cashier.