

# CONTRACT LET TO FINISH WELL ON POPLAR DOME

**Pioneer Oil & Gas Company Will Complete Well on Booth Place South of Poplar in Richland County. — Drillers to Go 3500 Feet. — Phillips Optimistic Over Prospects and Predicts that New Field Will Be One of the Biggest in the State.**

While it was generally known about town that a drilling contractor had been here to look over the ground for the Pioneer Oil & Gas company, and submit a proposition to complete its well on the Booth farm south of the river, nothing definite was given out as to results. On being interviewed this week by our representative, the officers of the company, realizing that the news would be of considerable interest locally, stated that a contract had been signed with the Diamond Drill Contracting company, of Spokane, Washington, to continue the present well to a depth of 3,500 feet, unless previously stopped by the company on account of oil production or otherwise.

J. W. Phillips, president of the company, further stated that this contract would afford a thorough test of the structure at or near its center, and would be of great value in any other drilling, since the company would have a perfect log of all the strata penetrated, thru using this core drill method. He also stated that this drilling company enjoyed a splendid reputation for reliability, and has contracted to reach 2500 feet or no pay at all, with heavy forfeits for failure to reach 3,000 feet and 3,500 feet respectively, if it is found necessary to go down to those depths.

Drilling is to start just as soon as the machine and equipment can reach here from Spokane, and in the meantime water and coal are being arranged for and men are busy at the plant getting everything in readiness for operations.

Two carloads of casing and equipment will have to be transported to the well site, and it will be necessary to do considerable work on the roads on both sides of the river to make them passable for heavy hauling, he said.

A number of townsmen have visited the scene of the new oil discoveries in the Kevin-Sunset district, and were astounded at the activity in all lines of business inaugurated immediately after the announcement of these strikes and the influx of so many of the big oil operators. The Independent realizes something of what it will mean to Poplar and the surrounding country should oil be discovered here. We know, too, that our local men are not, under present conditions, able to finance the drilling of such a test well alone, and therefore we believe much credit should be given to the Pioneer Oil & Gas company for succeeding in interesting outside capital in developing this structure for oil. It lays here for untold thousands of years until the geologist of that company first noted its possibilities, and it behooves all who are interested in furthering its development (and who are not?) to do everything in their power to help push this test well to completion now that a guaranteed contract affords the opportunity.

Discard your smoked glasses, let in the clear light of day, and try to vision the future expansion of industry in this community should this well once prove the field and thus bear out the contention of the dozen or more eminent geologists who have confirmed the report made by J. W. Phillips, and as we understand, have pronounced the Poplar dome one of the most favorable structures for oil production in the whole United States.—Poplar Independent.

## MAYBE HENRY'S OUT OF STEP

Henry Ford may gather from all the talk in congress about his Muscle Shoals offer that some people either know nothing at all about it or know more than he does.

A favorite disposal ground for stolen automobiles is said to be Mexico City and other large Mexican towns.

## Will Try to Cross the Continent in One Day



Lieutenant Leland S. Andrews, U. S. A., has been given permission by the chief of the army air service to attempt to fly across the United States, from Jacksonville, Fla., to San Diego, Cal., in one day. Early in May he made the first lap of the coast-to-coast trip by flying from San Diego to San Antonio, Tex., in eleven hours and thirty minutes. Lieutenant James H. Doolittle will make the flight with him as alternate pilot.

## CHIEF JUSTICE JOB IS CENTER OF INTEREST

Helena, Aug. 3.—Decision of Chief Justice Theodore Brantly of Deer Lodge to retire from the race for re-election seems to have shifted interest in the present political campaign from the race between candidates for the United States senate to that between those who seem to have set first place on the high bench as their goal.

Up to the time Chief Justice Brantly had announced his retirement only two Republicans and two Democrats had filed for the place of chief justice. The Republicans were Frank N. Utter, lawyer at Havre, who formerly was district judge for Valley, Richland and Sheridan counties, and E. A. LaBossiere, lawyer in Great Falls. The Democrats were Joseph P. Donnelly, also a lawyer in Havre, and John W. Stanton, also a lawyer in Great Falls.

Chief Justice Brantly filed his declaration of becoming a candidate for re-election on February 15. On July 5 he filed his completed petition which contained 2,892 signers, but on July 24, at the advice of his physicians, he gave the secretary of state notice of withdrawal. Frank N. Utter filed his declaration of intention on May 31, E. A. LaBossiere filed on June 29, Donnelly on July 20 and Stanton on June 21.

On July 25, the day following the announcement of the withdrawal of Chief Justice Brantly, Lew L. Callaway of Great Falls filed his intention of becoming a Republican candidate to succeed Judge Brantly, and on July 28, George W. Farr, of Miles City, present associate justice, also filed his declaration of becoming a Republican chief justice candidate. Since Judge Brantly's retirement there has been only one additional Democratic candidate to file for the chief justiceship, that candidate being Judge Joseph R. Jackson of the district court, and former member of the supreme court commission, who filed on July 26.

In the race for the United States senatorial toga there has been no change in the personnel of the candidates, nearly all of whom have been engaged in single-handed campaign over the state.

The list of all candidates who had filed their petitions with the secretary of state up to Monday night were:

Chief Justices, Republican.  
Lew L. Callaway, Great Falls.  
George W. Farr, Miles City.  
E. A. LaBossiere, Great Falls.  
Frank N. Utter, Havre.

Chief Justice, Democrat.  
John W. Stanton, Great Falls  
Joseph P. Donnelly, Havre.  
Joseph R. Jackson, Butte.

Associate Justices, Republican  
Miles J. Cavanaugh, Butte.  
Albert P. Stark, Livingston.  
Jess H. Stevens, Kalispell.  
The late Frank B. Reynolds of Billings, former associate justice, had filed for re-nomination. He died on May 18.

Associate Justices, Democratic.  
John A. Matthews, Townsend.  
Arthur G. Waite, Big Sandy.

Supreme Court Clerks  
Dana M. Easton, Poplar, Republican.  
J. T. Carroll, Billings, Democrat.  
U. S. Senator, Republican.  
J. W. Anderson, Sidney  
Charles N. Pray, Great Falls.  
Wellington D. Rankin, Lewistown.  
Carl W. Riddick, Lewistown.  
Dr. J. C. F. Siegfried, Bear Creek.  
U. S. Senator, Democrat.  
James F. O'Connor, Livingston.  
Tom Stout, Lewistown.  
Hugh R. Wells, Miles City.  
Burton K. Wheeler, Butte.

Congress (First District) Republican  
Washington J. McCormick, Missoula.  
John McLaughlin, Stevensville.  
Charles F. Juttner, Butte.

Congress (First District) Democrat.  
Byron E. Cooney, Butte.  
John M. Evans, Missoula.  
Mert S. Gould, Twin Bridges.  
Mrs. Maggie Smith Hathaway, Stevensville.

John F. McKay, Noxon.  
Congress (Second Dist.), Republican  
Oscar J. Collins, Plentywood.  
J. M. Burlingame, Great Falls.  
John J. Fleming, Forest Grove.  
P. R. Flint, Great Falls.  
Fred C. Gabriel, Malta.

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George H. Kirk, Benchland.  
Scott Leavitt, Great Falls.  
Jerome G. Locke, Livingston.  
Harrison F. McConnell, Poplar.

Congress (Second District) Democrat  
Dan McKay, Glasgow.  
Preston B. Moss, Billings.  
R. R. Commissioner, Republican  
Daniel Boyle, Helena.  
Walter B. Sands, Chinook.  
R. R. Commissioner, Democrat.  
Jess E. Allen, Lewistown.  
J. W. "Jim" Drake, Lewistown.  
E. J. Johnson, Silver Bow.

District Judges.  
Fourth District, Republican—E. C. Kurtz, Hamilton; Charles N. Madeen, Missoula; James M. Self, Hamilton, Democrat—John E. Peterson, Missoula.  
Fifth District, Republican—Lyman H. Bennett, Virginia City; C. W. Robinson, Dillon. Democrat—James E. Kelly, Boulder.

## ALMS SEEKERS A PROBLEM

Just what to do, or how to handle the great number of alms seekers that canvass the average town during the year is an ever vexing problem to those who do not wish to turn a deaf ear to misfortunates in need, and many times he digs up when he knows he is being imposed upon. But he does so in fear that he may be mistaken in sizing up the dishonesty of the beggar and would rather part with a few dimes than make the mistake of depriving one in real need of assistance.

They all have a plausible story. Some are deaf and dumb, others have had the flu and trying to collect money enough to get treatment for their present poor physical condition. Anyway, it is hard to turn them away without some sort of an offering, while at the same time one is well aware that every state has institutions where unfortunates may receive the best of care, and the taxpayers are assessed to foot the expense.

It seems that some good plan might be worked out in every town whereby the regular grafter could be detected and shown up in a fashion to suit his case, while those that are needy of temporary assistance could be readily and efficiently cared for. It is regrettable that any needy person is forced to beg. Also it is a disgrace that many unprincipled grafters make a regular business of panhandling the public.

## EUROPE WANTS CHARITY

America believes in hands across the sea, but her trouble is that Europe's interest is limited to hand-outs across the sea.—Boston Transcript.

## BAD WEATHER FOR DEMOCRATS

If it is true that Maine is a political barometer, those who are praying for a split in the Republican ranks are up against an awful job.—Detroit Free Press.

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## Political Announcements

Lincoln Working announces that he will be a candidate for re-election as County Attorney.  
Published June 9, to Aug. 25, incl.

**FOR CLERK AND RECORDER**  
To the Voters of Valley County:  
I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-nomination on the Republican ticket for the office of County Clerk and Recorder subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held on August 29th. Your vote and support will be appreciated.  
**LOU E. BRETZKE,**  
July 21, Aug. 25, incl.

**FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
To the Voters of Valley County:  
I hereby announce my candidacy for State Representative from Valley County on the Republican ticket subject to the wishes of the voters at the August primaries.  
**WILLIAM M. RUFFCORN,**  
July 28-Aug. 25, incl.

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election as State Representative from Valley County. If nominated and elected I will stand for a just and economical administration.  
**K. H. KNUDSTVIG,**

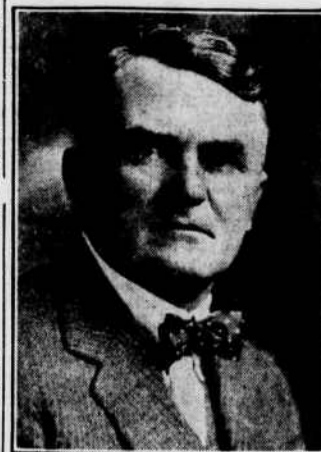
**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SHERIFF**  
I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election as Sheriff subject to the wishes of the Republican electors at the primary election, August 29th. If nominated and elected I pledge myself to an economical administration and strict enforcement of the law.  
**C. A. HALL,**  
July 21, Aug. 25, incl.

**TO THE VOTERS OF VALLEY COUNTY**  
I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for county attorney of Valley county subject to the wishes of the voters at the August primaries.  
**CLARENCE H. ROBERTS,**  
Published June 9—Aug. 25, incl.

**FOR STATE SENATOR**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of State Senator, subject to the wishes of the Democratic electors at the primaries on August 29th.  
**PETER PETERSON,**  
July 14 to Aug. 25, incl.

**TO THE VOTERS OF VALLEY COUNTY**  
I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for State Senator on the Republican ticket. If nominated and elected, will support Governor Dixon's administration and use my best efforts to pass constructive legislation toward reduction of taxation and economy in government.  
**JOHN ETCHART,**  
Pub. June 2—Aug. 25, incl.

**TO THE VOTERS OF VALLEY COUNTY**  
I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for re-election as State Representative on the Republican ticket.  
If nominated and elected, I will support the administrative policies of Governor Dixon and exert every effort to secure the enactment of constructive legislation to accomplish tax equalization and reduction, and economy in government.  
**F. B. GILLETTE,**  
Pub. June 2,—Aug. 25, Incl.



**FOR STATE SENATOR**  
To the Voters of Valley County:  
I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for the office of State Senator subject to the wishes of the voters at the August primaries, and respectfully solicit your support.  
**MATT MURRAY,**  
Glasgow, Montana.

**FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT**  
I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for County Superintendent on the Republican ticket subject to the wishes of the voters at the August primaries.  
**LILLIAN BETZ,**  
July 28-Aug. 25, incl.

**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SHERIFF**  
I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for Sheriff, and will appreciate your support in the primaries. If nominated and elected will endeavor to give economical enforcement of the law.  
**H. H. SEELEY,**  
July 15-Aug. 25, incl.

**FOR CLERK AND RECORDER**  
I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for County Clerk and Recorder, subject to the will of the voters at the August 29 primaries. Your support and vote solicited.  
**J. W. BARR,**  
Glasgow, Montana 9-1fc

**TO THE VOTERS OF VALLEY COUNTY**  
I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for state senator of Valley county, and respectfully ask your support at the primaries.

I have lived and farmed here for the past twelve years and believe I know the needs of the people as well as anyone else. Realizing that farming is the fundamental fact of Valley county, I will if sustained at the polls, pledge you my entire time and energy for the upbuilding of that industry, and stand for equal justice for all without fear or favor.  
Yours for a square deal,  
**C. M. PETERSON,**  
Published June 9, Aug 25, incl.

**FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
I wish to announce my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Member of the House of Representatives from Valley county subject to

the wishes of the voters at the August 29th primaries.

**W. H. PATTERSON,**  
Eighth Point, Mont.  
Aug. 4 tf.

**FOR COUNTY TREASURER**  
I hereby announce my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the office of county treasurer subject to the wishes of the voters of Valley county at the August 29th primaries.  
**J. L. TRUSCOTT,**  
Glasgow, Montana.  
Aug. 4 tf

**FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR**  
I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for the office of county surveyor subject to the wishes of the voters at the August 29th primaries.  
**W. H. MANN,**  
Glasgow, Montana.

**FOR CONSTABLE**  
I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of Constable of Glasgow township subject to the wishes of the voters at the August 29th primaries.  
**MRS. LUCY K. SPACE,**  
Glasgow, Montana.

**FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER**  
I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for the office of County Commissioner subject to the wishes of the voters at the August 29th primaries.  
**CARL J. ANDERSON,**  
Opheim, Montana.

"I was saving these for a rainy day," said the pretty girl to herself. Then she took a second thought. "But I guess a windy day will do just as well," she murmured, and forthwith put them on and continued dressing.

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