

# THE ROUNDUP RECORD

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## YOUNG BULGARIAN COMMITTS SUICIDE

STEVE KOLOFF BLOWS OUT HIS  
BRAINS WITH .38 CALIBRE  
REVOLVER.

## Foul Play Is Discredited

Fellow Countrymen Dissatisfied at  
Suicide Verdict of Coroner's Jury Tele-  
graph Gov. Stewart Requesting In-  
vestigation But Without Result—All  
the Evidence Submitted at Coroner's  
Inquest Tended to Prove Case a  
Suicide.

Steve Koloff, one of the most prom-  
inent of the young Bulgarians of this  
vicinity, last Saturday evening about  
9:30 o'clock committed suicide by  
shooting himself thru the head with  
a .38 calibre revolver on the Bert  
Ames ranch about five miles north of  
the city. Mr. Ames immediately re-  
ported the matter to Sheriff Fisco,  
who, together with Coroner O'Connor  
went out to investigate, and finding it  
apparently a suicide, brought the body  
to the morgue. An inquest was held  
Monday afternoon, the jury finding a  
verdict of suicide on the evidence sub-  
mitted.

Young Koloff was in town on Sat-  
urday afternoon together with Tex  
Rickard. He was driving a four  
horse team and was to haul a load of  
lumber out to Rickard's homestead.  
Rickard testified that they had a few  
glasses of beer together, but that Ko-  
loff was not the least drunk, appar-  
ently. Later as they started for the  
country, the four horse team driven  
by Koloff as well as the team driven  
by Rickard ran away and he testified  
that he did not know what became of  
Koloff after that. It was supposed  
Koloff then went out to the Ames  
ranch on foot and that becoming sud-  
denly remorseful over his misfortune  
in having the team run away and  
damaging the property in his charge,  
and having had enough drink to make  
it possible for him to exaggerate his  
difficulties, he had determined to end  
his life and his troubles.

Mr. Ames testified, and his testi-  
mony was corroborated by the testi-  
mony of two others, that he was called  
to the front door by Koloff about  
9:30 Saturday evening after he had  
retired, and when he answered the  
call, he saw Koloff standing about 30  
feet in the front of the house with a  
gun in his hand, and that the man told  
him that he intended to shoot him-  
self. Ames tried to reason with him,  
telling him that the fact that the  
team which Koloff had been driving  
had run away was nothing to worry  
about; that he would dress and go  
along with him to hunt the horses.  
Koloff still reiterated his intention of  
killing himself and Ames again ask-  
ing him to wait, partly shut the door  
to go back and get his clothes. Just  
as he closed the door, young Koloff  
placed the gun to his head and fired.  
Mr. Ames immediately notified the  
sheriff and came in to town and  
brought the county physician out.  
When they reached there, they found  
that life was extinct.

The testimony of Georgiana Carroll  
who was staying at the Ames ranch,  
corroborated Mr. Ames' story and a  
little brother of the girl testified that  
on a trip to Flatwillow which he took  
recently with the deceased, the young  
man had fired the gun and intimated  
that he would one day commit suicide  
by means of it.

Tuesday afternoon, two of the lead-  
ing men among the Bulgarians of the  
county, Peter Evanoff and Dion Re-  
potz—sent a telegram to Governor  
Stewart asking him to send a detec-  
tive to investigate the case as they  
did not believe that the right verdict  
had been rendered, or if he did not  
send a detective to notify the Bulgar-  
ian consul. A telegram was received  
by them from Governor Stewart on  
Wednesday morning, advising them  
that the state had made no appropria-  
tion to cover the employment of de-  
tectives and that they should properly  
take this matter up with the sheriff  
and coroner of the county.

Rumors have been rife since the in-  
quest of a further investigation of the  
case but it is difficult to see how, un-  
der the circumstances, any other con-  
clusion could be arrived at. Because  
of the one-sidedness of the testimony,  
a number have expressed themselves

## HENDRIX MERCANTILE CO. MOVING INTO NEW HOME

Goods Now Being Moved in Readiness  
for Opening of the New Store  
Next Monday Morning.

The Hendrix Mercantile Co. will  
open for business in their new loca-  
tion at the corner of Main street and  
Third Avenue next Monday morning,  
the moving of the stock of goods from  
the old place now being in progress.  
The new stock of general merchandise  
purchased by E. L. Hendrix on his  
recent trip to the eastern markets is  
also arriving and being put in place  
in the new store. When settled in  
the new location the Hendrix Mercan-  
tile Co. will have one of the best ar-  
ranged and most up-to-date stores in  
Montana, everything being arranged  
with an eye to the comfort and con-  
venience of the public as well as to  
the expeditious handling of orders  
and shipments of goods as they come  
in. The large basement will be  
utilized as a store room, a freight ele-  
vator being provided to lift goods  
to the ground floor.

One of the features of the new store  
is a special rest room for ladies who  
desire to make their headquarters  
there while in the city. Elevated  
over this room is the office which com-  
mands a view of the entire store. The  
grocery department which occupies  
the back part of the store fronting  
Third Avenue is equipped with a large  
number of convenient bins and other  
labor saving appliances to assist in  
the expeditious handling of grocery  
orders.

Manager Hendrix expects to have a  
formal opening of the new store after  
things get straightened out better, at  
which time suitable souvenirs will be  
given to visitors.

## DUEL OVER AMOUNT OF SALT NEEDED IN MULLIGAN

BILLINGS, MONTANA, Nov. 12.—  
Because they could not agree upon  
the amount of salt which should enter  
into the making of a "mulligan" stew,  
Fred H. Piper and Alexander Marsh,  
both Scotch, both sheepherders and  
old-time friends fought a duel in the  
basement of a saloon, with the result  
that Marshall is in the hospital and  
Piper is held in jail pending the result  
of his victim's injuries.

Attention of men in the saloon was  
attracted to the cellar by the cries of  
Marshall as he was repeatedly slashed  
across the face with a knife in the  
hands of Piper. A policeman was  
called and when he arrived on the  
scene and prevented a probable murder  
Marshall was found unconscious  
with Piper still bent on wielding his  
knife. At the hospital surgeons sewed  
up nine long gashes on Marshall's  
face and several on his body. Piper  
claims to have acted in self-defense,  
altho Marshall was not armed.

as dissatisfied, but no one has as yet  
appeared consumed with a desire to  
spend any money investigating the  
case and as a matter of fact it seems  
that it is one of the clearest cases of  
suicide that has occurred here for  
some time. In the other recent cases  
the local authorities have had to deal  
with a decomposed body found at  
some point or another and about all  
the evidence that has been obtainable  
has been that the body was dead when  
found.

Steve Koloff was just past 21 years  
of age, was reputed to be temperate  
in his habits and of a cheerful dispo-  
sition. He had no relatives in this  
country, the last year two of his  
brothers were here. One of his broth-  
ers was killed a few months ago in  
the war in Bulgaria and his other  
brother left here last spring after  
having suffered an accident at the  
coal docks, and having been paid a  
considerable amount of money by the  
railroad company on account of his  
accidental injuries. Steve had quite  
a bunch of money stowed away in the  
local banks and in one of the banks  
of his fatherland besides owning an  
equity in some property in George-  
town, Montana. His sunny disposi-  
tion had made him many friends in  
town where he had been employed  
for the last three years with the ex-  
ception of the last two months when  
he had been working for Mr. Ames.

LATER.—The county coroner has  
just advised a representative of The  
Record that a jury will be called and  
another inquest held tomorrow after-  
noon to inquire more fully into the  
evidence, and to question some wit-  
nesses that the testimony at the form-  
er inquest disclosed.

## Principals In the White House Wedding and Scene of Ceremony



THE eyes of the nation, particularly of the female portion of it, are fas-  
tened on the White House, where on Nov. 25 Miss Jessie Woodrow  
Wilson, second daughter of the president, will marry Francis B. Sayre.  
This will be the thirteenth White House wedding. It will occur in  
the east room, and the formal invitations have been issued. The president's  
wishes that the wedding be as simple as possible are not likely to be strictly  
followed out, for it is apparent that the marriage will be one of much interest.  
It is true, however, that there was not as much publicity as in the case of the  
Alice Roosevelt wedding seven years ago. The famous east room, scene of  
several other White House weddings, is here shown, together with pictures of  
the young principals in the event.

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION-  
ERS IN SPECIAL SESSION  
NOVEMBER 4.

Proceedings of the Board of Com-  
missioners of Musselshell County,  
Montana, in special session on Novem-  
ber 4th, 1913.

Present: C. M. Jacobs, chairman;  
Olaf Jenvold, commissioner and Fred  
E. Renshaw, clerk. Meeting called  
at 10:00 a. m. pursuant to call of  
chairman.

Petition of Wright Harvey to con-  
duct retail liquor business at Coal  
Camp on Carpenter Creek was granted.

Application of Fred W. Dralle for  
license to conduct a retail liquor busi-  
ness at Gibbtown was granted.

The returns of the Melstone town  
election was canvassed and the follow-  
ing officers were declared elected:—  
Mayor, C. W. Greening; Aldermen for  
the first ward, Chas. H. Arnold and  
Al B. Smith; Aldermen for the Sec-  
ond ward, Harry L. Paulson and Chas.  
F. Grant.

Tax sale on lot 11, block 2, Park ad-  
dition, cancelled.

Affidavit for C. E. Snyder on taxes  
on Desert Claim taxed on Receivers'  
Receipt—contested—No Patent. SW 1/4  
SE 1/2 Sec. 18-6-20; S 1/2 SW 1/4, NW 1/4  
SW 1/4, Sec. 18-6-20. 1911 Tax.

F. C. Metzger, E. J. Parkinson  
and John C. Sutherland were appoint-  
ed viewers on Road petitioned for by  
R. W. Tartt, et al.

Road petitioned for by Jens A.  
Houglum, et al was declared a County  
Road as per viewers reports and or-  
dered surveyed and platted.

Road District No. 25 was created  
embracing all of Township Five (5)  
North, Range Twenty (20) East and  
that part of Township Six (6) North  
Range Twenty (20) East, south of the  
Musselshell river.

H. S. Young was appointed Super-  
visor of Road District No. 25.

The County Attorney was instructed  
to prepare an itemized statement of  
the deficiencies of E. W. Small, Jus-  
tice of the Peace, and to effect a set-  
tlement with the Title Guarantee &  
Surety Company on the bond of said  
E. W. Small, as Justice of the Peace  
of Roundup Township.

An award of \$20 per acre for right  
of way on proposed N. J. Rath's et al  
road was made.

Road petitioned for by N. J. Rath's  
et al, was declared a County Road as  
per Viewers report and ordered sur-  
veyed and platted.

## REGISTRATION VERY LIGHT

Very Little Opposition Has Developed  
and Bond Issue Is Expected to  
Carry.

The registration on Monday and  
Tuesday for the water works bond  
election was very light. The total  
number registered now is 121. Another  
opportunity to register will be given  
tomorrow, tho that is only for those  
who for some reason or another were  
out of town last Monday and Tuesday.  
The registration will probably be less  
for this election than for the sewer  
bond election. The registration for  
that election was about 140, and it  
seems hardly possible that 20 of the  
qualified voters of this little city  
should be gone on one and the same  
day.

Very little opposition seems to have  
developed to the successful outcome  
of the election, and the active sup-  
porters of the cause have discovered  
only passive objections to the issue.  
There are a few who seem unable to  
get the facts straight but they are de-  
cidedly in the minority. It is confi-  
dently expected that the issue will car-  
ry with a big majority.

## BOWLING

Two bowling matches were held at  
Case's alleys last Friday and Satur-  
day between the Ramblers and the  
Colts, the latter team being Heiney  
Fletcher's well known bowlers from  
Klein. Honors were divided evenly.  
Scores were as follows:

Ramblers:	Tot. Avg.
Chas. Thomas .166 184 169—459 153	
Peterson .215 183 143—541 189	
Wilson .170 180 167—517 172	
Total .555 503 439—1447	
Colts:	

	Tot. Avg.
Earl Fletcher .193 185 187—565 188	
Dad Fletcher .176 146 177—499 166	
Jess Munger .143 156 171—470 157	
Total .453 488 497—1438	

	Tot. Avg.
Chas. Thomas .187 196 144—527 176	
V. Snyder .173 145 175—493 164	
Ray Bushnell .145 162 120—427 142	
Totals .555 547 419—1517	
Colts:	

	Tot. Avg.
Earl Fletcher .138 178 144—560 153	
Dad Fletcher .162 185 178—525 175	
Jess Munger .153 125 175—453 151	
Total .512 487 535—1534	

The Colts have thus far this season  
played seven games, losing one.  
Bert Peterson makes high score of  
week. Win's box of cigars on 215.  
Earl Fletcher makes highest average  
in match game, 188 1-3.  
Ramblers:

## POSTOFFICE LOCATION IS STILL UNDECIDED

All Bids Returned for Changes—Bid-  
ders Must Agree to Provide Nec-  
essary Parcel Post Equipment

No word has as yet been received  
here from the postoffice department  
as to the probable location of the post-  
office. Last Saturday all bids that  
had been submitted to Postoffice In-  
spector Paisley of Bozeman were re-  
turned for additions which had been  
omitted for the reason that the blank  
forms did not provide for the furnish-  
ing of parcel post equipment. Five  
bids were returned with the necessary  
changes made. These five bids were  
submitted by Mat Polich (3), M. M.  
Klein and F. M. Wall. The bid origi-  
nally submitted by Chas. Brookman  
has been withdrawn.

C. E. Wofford, the new postmaster,  
received his commission this week  
but as the government has not yet  
provided a place for the office with  
the proper equipment, Postmaster  
Schrump has refused to turn over the  
office.

## ANOTHER JOINS BENEDICTS

Charley Comstock, Popular Young  
Blacksmith of Roundup, Takes  
Unto Himself a Wife.

Bad news always travels on wings  
but good news oft mopes along on a  
flat tire. So it happened with the  
good news of the marriage of Charley  
Comstock, the popular young black-  
smith of this city, and Miss Ruby  
Scaife, one of Roundup's accomplish-  
ed young ladies. The marriage took  
place Saturday, Nov. 1, at Butte, Rev.  
Gronewald of that city performing  
the ceremony. The newlyweds re-  
turned to Roundup Sunday and will  
make their permanent home here.

The bride is the daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. Scaife, who last summer  
conducted the St. Paul boarding house  
on Railway avenue. She is a young  
lady of high attainments and has  
many friends here. Her parents now  
reside in Deering, N. D.

The bridegroom has been a fixture  
of Roundup ever since the Miracle of  
the Musselshell happened, and by his  
industry and close attention has built  
up a thriving business.

The Record joins their friends here  
in extending congratulations and wish-  
ing them a happy and prosperous voy-  
age over the turbulent sea of matri-  
mony.

## MAY HAVE FRANCHISE IF THEY REDUCE RATES

LIVINGSTON, MONT., Nov. 12.—  
According to word reaching J. E.  
Swindlehurst today, Secretary of In-  
terior Lane has offered the Monida-  
Yellowstone franchise to the Mon-  
tana men if they will make the same  
reduction in rates as offered by F. J.  
Haynes, from whom the franchise was  
taken and who is attempting to secure  
it again.

The Midland Empire is still feeling  
the effects of the drouth which visited  
the Southern states during the past  
summer, driving many of the farmers  
to look for another location. The  
splendid results obtained by Eastern  
Montana farmers for the past few  
years has attracted considerable at-  
tention and the drouth stricken farm-  
ers at once looked Montanaward for  
relief.

The first special permit for the es-  
tablishment of summer residences in  
the Jefferson national forest was  
issued in Great Falls to Walter S.  
Bright, giving him the right to a tract  
near the south fork of the Judith  
river.

A rousing meeting of the local aerie  
of Eagles was held last Wednesday  
evening when a large class of candi-  
dates were examined as to their fit-  
ness to join in the flights of the birds.  
Mr. Madden with his automobile ex-  
perience was found to be particularly  
adapted to rapid flights and Wright  
Harvey with his experience in riding  
range bronchos felt confident that the  
bucking goat held no terrors for him.  
Later he qualified the statement some-  
what and claimed that he would have  
made a better showing as a buster  
if he had not been deprived of his  
spurs. C. K. Clarke was admitted  
on probation, the birds promising him  
a test on age at one of the coming  
meetings but he did not seem greatly  
disturbed by the promise. A number  
of candidates will be taken in at the  
next regular meeting on the 26th of  
this month.

## MELSTONE HAS LIVELY ELECTION

TWO MELSTONITES CHARGED  
WITH BRIBERY AT FIRST  
TOWN ELECTION.

## Dollar and Half For Vote

Stranger Who Accepted Money to  
Vote Is Under Arrest for Imperson-  
ating Another—Offenses Charged  
Are Serious—"Drys" Triumph Over  
"Open" Faction.

A good, old-fashioned election with  
four candidates for mayor in the field,  
repeater votes and other trimmings  
of modernity was pulled off in the  
enterprising little, newly incorporated  
city of Melstone last Saturday. Some  
of the voters at this first city election  
were evidently like boys with a new  
toy and apparently three of them  
experimented with it without realiz-  
ing some of the dangerous features  
of the experimentation. It was a  
case of a fight between the "dry" and  
"open" factions of the town and the  
"drys" not only elected their candi-  
date but managed to find a couple of  
representatives of the other side with  
"the goods on them" in the shape of a  
poor, temporary sojourner whom they  
had induced, for a paltry one dollar  
and fifty cents to vote there tho he  
had never seen the town before and  
now hopes never to see it again.

On complaint of Justice Flemming  
of Melstone, Elmer McCann was  
brought up here last Saturday even-  
ing and it was alleged that he had  
voted in the place of, and impersonat-  
ed, Elmer Swason a legal resident and  
registered voter who was temporarily  
out of town on election day. When  
Mr. Swason returned and found that  
he was supposed to have voted he  
started to investigate with the result  
that the other Elmer was pinched for  
impersonating a voter which is a  
felony. When he was placed here  
in the county jail Saturday night he  
hesitated at playing the part of goat  
all by himself and opened his heart  
to County Attorney Jeffries with the  
result that Rev. Millard was given a  
trip to Melstone to gather in John La  
Favor and Arthur I. Smith who were  
respectively alleged to be guilty of  
having contributed one silver dollar  
and one silver half dollar  
to the slush fund which caused the  
moral downfall of his poor wayfarer,  
and led him to vote illegally.

John LaFavor and Arthur I. Smith  
were arraigned here Sunday evening  
charged with bribery at an election  
and they both entered pleas of not  
guilty and their preliminary examina-  
tions were set for Monday, November  
17th. John LaFavor gave a personal  
bond of \$1,000 for his appearance and  
Smith gave a cash bond of \$500 for  
his appearance on that day. They  
have retained C. H. Tyler to defend  
them.

The prominence of the two men  
charged with bribery, and the fact  
that Melstone is practically the first  
town in the state where the wet and  
dry issue has been joined with a suc-  
cessful outcome for the "drys" makes  
this case very interesting. It is not  
expected that any effort will be made  
to have the election declared illegal  
because of this irregularity.

The successful candidates in the  
election were: C. W. Greening,  
Mayor; C. F. Grant and Harvey Paul-  
son, aldermen from the first ward;  
C. H. Arnold and A. B. Smith, alder-  
men from the second ward.

## PURE SEED EXPOSITION

BILLINGS, MONTANA, Nov. 13.—  
The committee which has been solici-  
ting cash prizes for the first annual  
pure seed exposition, to be held in  
Billings next month, has been meeting  
with encouraging success during the  
two days it has been working. Work-  
ing only a few hours each day, the  
committee has collected a little more  
than \$500 in amounts ranging from \$10  
to \$50. The premium list will be a  
long one and interest in the exposition  
is keen—and a long list of exhibitors  
is expected. Combined with the seed  
show will be a Farmers' Institute and  
Boys and Girls' Corn Contest.

By a vote of 52 to 15, the citizens of  
Columbus have decided to issue bonds  
for a municipal water system.