A. A. Hoffman departed last Thursday evening for Chester, Montana, to make arrangements for improving his homestead on which he filed some time ago. He intends to break a large area of sod the coming season with a gang of plows using a twenty horse power Pioneer gasoline traction engine for motive power. He will also handle the agency for the Pioneer tractors and - Richmond automobiles with a large territory and headquarters at Almo and Chester and Mr. e Hoffman will be kept very busy looking after the various lines. His family will remain in Courtenay for the time being.