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It Means Every Advantage.

**MINNEAPOLIS DRY GOODS CO.**  
Where your dollar does its duty.

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This Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

**Bed Furnishings As Xmas Gifts**  
Second Floor Annex

USEFUL, sensible giving describes these comfortable materials. You'll remember the donor every zero morning when Jack Frost tries to get you—and can't.

Fine, white wool Crib Blankets, with the word "Baby" silk embroidered in the center, pair \$5, \$4.50, \$4.00, \$3.50, \$3.00 and ..... **\$2.50**

Queen down Bed Pillows, in very handsome art tickings—  
4 pounds to the pair, pair..... **\$4.50**  
5 pounds to the pair, pair..... **\$5.50**

Fine, wool eiderdown Blankets, in white, with pink or blue borders, or solid pink or blue; pair..... **\$18.00**

Eiderdown Puffs, fine quality satcen covers; size 6x7; each, \$5.00, \$6.50 and ..... **\$7.50**

With handsome silk covers, each, \$12, \$16.50, \$22 and ..... **\$25.00**

**Wanted at Once**  
**25 Salespeople 25**  
Those of Experience Preferred

**Pictures Framed**  
On Short Notice—Basement

BRING your pictures at once and avoid the rush.

25c molding, at ..... **19c**  
20c molding, at ..... **15c**  
15c and 15c molding, at ..... **10c**  
10c molding, at ..... **7c**

We also have a beautiful line of oil paintings, pastels and carbon prints at very low prices. All the latest novelties, such as Little Bear Behind ..... **75c**  
Nobody Loves Me ..... **50c**

**Beautiful Fur Lined Coats**  
They Are Priced Surprisingly Low

WE have a splendid line of fine broadcloth garments in a variety of linings and collars. Prices range—  
**\$19.50 \$25.00 \$35.00 \$47.50 \$57.50 up to \$85.00**

**Stylish Fur Collared Coats**  
We Show Them In Wide Variety

NOTHING finer for a Christmas gift than one of these handsome coats. They come in fine broadcloths and kerseys, either plain or quilted linings. Collars of many different furs. Prices range—  
**\$11.75 \$14.75 \$18.75 \$22.50 \$25.00 up to \$50.00**

For Holi-days  
And All-days

**MAIDWELL \$4**  
the shoes for women.

**FOOT-SCHULZE \$4**  
the shoes for men.

Fastidiously planned and made to please the correct dressers who appreciate footwear without a peer in the realm of top class shoe-making.

Ask the best dealer you know.

Foot-Schulze & Co.  
Saint Paul

Look for this mark on the sole.

**BRING IN YOUR RED STAMPS**

In order to help our collectors fill their S. & H. Green books before Christmas we will exchange

**One S. & H. Green Stamp or One Sperry Gold Stamp**

for each Red stamp presented at our store, 616 Hennepin Avenue. We will also give S. & H. Green Stamps or Sperry Gold Stamps for your Tobacco Tags, etc., as usual.

If You Want Premiums, Collect S. & H. Green Trading Stamps.

If You Want Merchandise, Collect Sperry Gold Stamps.

**PRESIDENT ISSUES CANAL MESSAGE**

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commission breathes honesty as it breathes efficiency and energy. The contract plan is strongly urged. The president's conclusion is that a plan to let outmost of the work by contract will give the maximum of advantage and the minimum of disadvantage.

A seven-headed commission is regarded as cumbersome, and it is suggested that there should be but one commissioner, with such heads of departments and other officers under him as may be found necessary.

**Badges for Builders.**

Near the close of the message is this: "A badge is to be given to every American citizen who for a specified time has taken part in this work; for participation in it will hereafter be held to reflect honor upon the man participating just as it reflects honor upon a soldier to have belonged to a mighty army in a great war for righteousness."

**Pleads Navy Changes.**

In another special message transmitted to congress today the president earnestly recommends early consideration of the naval reorganization bill, saying that should it be enacted into law it will cause officers on the seagoing list to reach the grade of captain at 48 and rear admirals at 55 and will assure their serving seven years in the grade of captain and seven years in the grade of rear admiral, thus enabling them to become thoroughly skilful and efficient in these grades.

The bill also establishes the grade of vice admiral on occasions of official importance, of international council or of combined naval action the interests of this great nation demand that our naval representatives shall rank as the equal of the naval representatives of other powers.

**Saving of Millions.**

The president says that, if the proposed plan of promotion is carried out it will as compared with existing law make a saving of more than \$5,000,000 during the next seven years.

The principal part of this saving is made by stopping the voluntary retirement of young lieutenant commanders with the rank and pay of commanders upon the retired list.

The president is firmly of the opinion that unless the present condition of the higher commissioned personnel is rectified by judicious legislation the future of our navy will be gravely compromised.

**Guard Public Lands.**

In still another message the president urges the repeal of timber and stone act, demands the radical amendment of the desert land act, urges the repeal of the commutation clause of the homestead act, all of which he declares now serve to turn great tracts of land over to speculators and corporations.

To prevent the fraudulent acquisition of public lands, the president says he has directed the secretary of the interior to allow no patent to be issued to public lands under any law until, by an examination on the ground actual compliance with that law has been found to exist. The president believes that there should be provisions for leasing coal, oil and gas rights under proper restrictions.

He urges the revision and re-enactment of the existing laws affecting rights of way and privileges on public lands and reservations in one comprehensive act, providing that the regulations now in force in any cases may be extended to all. Legislation is recommended in line with the proposal to allow railroads to consolidate their holdings of timber within forest reserves by exchange after deeding their lands to the government.

The president recommends that the secretary of the treasury be authorized to advance to the forest service upon the security of the standing timber an amount, say \$5,000,000, sufficient to provide a reasonable working capital for the national forests to bear interest and to be repaid in annual installments of ten years.

The power to create national forests by proclamation should be extended to Indian lands, the Indians to be paid the full value of land thus taken.

The president recommends legislation which will provide for government control of the public range thru the department of agriculture to insure to each locality rules for grazing special ly adapted to its needs and to authorize the collection of a reasonable grazing fee. He says he will see to it that illegal fences are removed unless congress takes steps to legalize proper fencing by government control of the range.

**Congress Sets Its Vacation.**

Washington, Dec. 17.—The senate today agreed to the holiday adjournment resolution which provides that if adjournment is had next Thursday it shall be until Jan. 3 next.

**Nelson on Committee.**

Washington, Dec. 17.—Speaker Cannon today announced the assignment of Nelson of Wisconsin to the committee on Pacific railroads and expenditures in state department.

**The Christmas Present**

Column on the "Want Page" will be of great assistance to you in buying your presents.

**WOLPERT GROCERY CO**  
23-So. 6th St.

- Buy right. Be your own grocer. Buy your groceries at wholesale.
- CIGARS**—Just received 25,000 of Cigaroma Cuban hand made cigars. Highest grade of \$55.00 in the market. While they last for Christmas week, 50 in box, for \$1. Come in and try one and you will surely buy.
- CANDIES**—Tons of candies for Christmas at market lowest prices.
- Best Mixed Nuts, 5 lbs for... **80c**  
Seeded Raisins, 3 pkgs..... **28c**  
Crisp Citron, 1b..... **22c**  
Olive Oil, Juliet's imported, quart bottle..... **65c**  
Empress Tea, in 1lb tinfoil pkg., guaranteed highest grade sundried Japan on the market, same as you pay 80c lb; our price **35c**  
5lb can I. C. Baking Powder... **45c**  
Pure Buckwheat, 10-lb sack... **30c**  
Selected Queen Olives, quart... **30c**  
Kunkell Bros.' pure Chocolate 1b..... **25c**  
Best Popcorn, 7 lbs for... **25c**  
Vanilla or Lemon Extract, two 2-oz bottles..... **25c**  
Best Rolled Oats, 10 lbs for... **22c**  
Shredded Wheat, 2 pkgs..... **20c**  
Veal Steak, lb..... **12c**  
Round Steak, lb..... **9c**  
Pork Loins, lb..... **11c**  
Pork Chops, lb..... **12c**  
Cot. Roast, lb..... **7c**  
Whole Codfish and Ludafock, 8c T. C. 1905. N. W., 406.

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Just Telephone Either Line at Your Service.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS know well that "there's no time like the present," and no present but takes time for its selection, yet every season there's a small army of hurried, tired humanity rushing hither and thither, paying the debt due to procrastination. Really, such buying is unsatisfactory to you, to us, and to the recipient of your favors. You can make more gratifying purchases if you shop early and—(may we add)—if you shop at a store with an established reputation for reliability, such as "The Minneapolis."

In compliance with the demands of established custom, this store will be open evenings until Christmas.

**Toys—Playthings—Dolls**  
Of Every Kind and Price

An Assortment Most Complete.  
Wonderland for Little Folks.

We know that a visit to our basement toy store will impress you as being a remarkably complete showing of Santa Claus' wares, but what we wish particularly to emphasize is that

**Our Prices Are Absolutely Lowest.**

We know this to be a fact and wish you to verify the statement by personal inquiry and investigation. All our toys are direct importations to us from our buyers in Germany, and these first-hand advantages enable us to quote prices extremely low.

Bring along the youngsters—Santa Claus is strolling about the floor and wants to meet them.

Branch Postoffice, main floor balcony. Every facility for mailing and forwarding Xmas packages.

**Long Kimonos and Bath Robes**  
Have You Thought of These?  
Useful, Therefore Acceptable.

These garments are made of a variety of very pretty materials such as eiderdown, cotton velour, silk and light weight fleeced fabrics.

One is that of a heavy fleeced material, satin facings on front and sleeves of silk and satin. Heavy cord and tassels. Splendid front and sleeves. Heavy cord and tassels. Splendid value... **\$3.95**

Others in cotton velour in colors of blue, red, pink and tan at \$1.50, \$2.25, \$3.95 and..... **\$4.50**

Some pretty ones in eiderdown in colors of blue, red, pink and gray at \$3.50, \$3.95, \$5.00, \$5.95 and..... **\$7.50**

An excellent showing of silk robes in various colors and combinations at \$3.95, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$7.50 and..... **\$8.75**

You will find our large assortments well worthy your careful inspection.

Colored tissue for wrapping Christmas packages. Foot main elevator stairway. 12 sheets for 10c.

**To Give Furniture Is to Give Well**

Appreciated by everyone.  
Makes a house—a home.

'Tis wise to pick out furniture gifts now. Go over our display and then have us "tag" goods purchased for future delivery. One thing we're sure of—you'll have no after regrets through our furniture not measuring up to expectations. No, indeed. That's our hobby—quality—hand in hand with low prices.

**Mission Rocker, \$3.75**  
Weathered oak rocker, seat upholstered in Boston leather, at special ..... **\$3.75**

**Children's Rocker, \$1.48**  
Like illustration, finished in golden or weathered oak. A good substantial present for—"a good little girl." This sale ..... **\$1.48**

**Magazine Rack, \$2.98**  
For books, magazines or periodicals of any kind. Of solid oak and golden oak finished. This week..... **\$2.98**

**Morris Chair, \$10.48**  
Over forty patterns to select from, in all styles, woods and prices. This chair, a special at ..... **\$10.48**

Exquisite holly ribbons and dainty novelties at our big ribbon counter. Center store section.

**'Cubator' Toilet Preparations**  
—Drug Sundries—

THEY are made of pure ingredients, are healing, soothing and absolutely harmless to the skin. Our prices lowest every day.

Cubator Cream, 50c pkg... **34c**  
Cubator Lotion, 50c pkg... **34c**  
Cubator Soap, 25c pkg... **18c**  
Cubator Powder, 25c pkg... **18c**

**The "Arnold" Bed Slippers**  
—Second Floor—

A Pair **25c**

**'Novent' Petticoats**  
Common Sense Fashion Garments.

Most All Women Prefer Them.  
All Stores Don't Sell Them.

The celebrated "Novent" petticoats have no vents, seams, gores, gathers, gussets or hooks. They are glove fitting, having full figured jersey tops, ending at base in a wide, full flounce. They come in various grades and the prices \$1.50, \$2.50 to... **\$5.00**

We Are Splendidly Prepared to Handle All Holiday Business With Promptness and Satisfaction.