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SHOES and SLIPPERS For GIFTS



This Store is Ready
—FOR—
Christmas.

Ready for the demands you will make for the most sensible Gift. Of course Slippers will be popular, they always are. Then there will be Leggings, Overshoes; High Top Shoes with Buckles for Boys and Girls. We have Boys Moccasins.

BOYS SHOES THAT WILL WEAR



- Ladies Felt Fur trimmed Slippers..... **98c** and upwards
- Ladies Felt Slippers, Leather sole..... **\$1.00**
- Ladies all Felt Slippers..... **65c**
- Ladies warm lined Shoes..... **\$1.25** and upwards
- Childrens Felt Slippers..... **65c** upward
- Mens Felt Slippers..... **75c** and upwards
- Men's Fine Leather Slippers..... **75c to \$2.50**

Our stock of Shoes and Slippers was never more complete

Schwan Shoe Co.
AUSTIN, MINN.

"Don't it beat all!
Everybody wants



Headquarters for Christmas Gifts

Come in and look over our stock of Christmas goods—he largest and most beautiful we have ever had. Among the gifts of character and distinction that we are showing is



This is the nationally known fountain pen that fills itself in 4 seconds by one simple thumb-pressure, cleans itself, never leaks, and writes with superb smoothness and ease. Put up in beautiful Christmas boxes and exchangeable if point doesn't suit.

J. S. R. Scovill, Jeweler.

Austin, Minn.

Tel. 604-L.

R. N. A.

The annual election of officers of the Royal Neighbors was held Wednesday, 3rd, and resulted as follows:
Oracle—Mrs. Gertrude Frazier
Vice Oracle—Grace Kendall
Chancellor—Carrie Wright
Recorder—Eva Dolen
Receiver—Frances Moreland
Marshal—Anna Wright
Inner Sentinel—Clara Keyser
Outer Sentinel—Lillian Cooley
Manager 3 years—Lillian Prall
Physicians—Mrs. Fleeter and Donald Muscivan—Jessie Ward
Delegate—Gertrude Frazier
Alternate—Ida Clay.
Lunch was served. Several of the workmen came over to join the Neighbors at lunch.

Lady Maccabees.

At the annual election last Tuesday the Lady Maccabees chose the following officers to serve for the year 1914:
Past Commander—Mrs. Spence Barr
Past Com.—Mrs. Anna Arens
Lient. Com.—Mrs. Umhoefer
Record Keeper—Mrs. Julia Hinckley
Finance Auditor—Mrs. Tolbertson
Chaplain—Mrs. Nettie Underberger
Sergeant—Mrs. Eva Dolen
Mistress at Arms—Mrs. Blomiley
Sentinel—Mrs. Agnes Welsh
Picket—Mrs. May Marvalett
1st Color Bearer—Mrs. Jessie Wenzole
2nd Color Bearer—Mrs. Etta Deere
Captain of Guards—Miss Bernice Franklin.

FARMER BEN'S COLUMN

Nobody but a chump would ever put a lot of new dirt on roads in the late fall to freeze up loose and be knee deep every thaw besides being outlandishly rough. But you see just such fool business every year not only on the country roads but rite up on the Austin streets. The time to make new road and streets is early in the summer, then you get the settlin' of the whole half year before the freeze. I wish we had something like the French system of repairs of highways so that every time a tiny bump hole shows in the road a little gravel was put rite in to level it up before it got to gouge. Gravel in the fall may do for repairin' but makin' dirt roads or streets late in the year is the height of folly and shows want of common sense. We spend enuf on our highways to hav 'em all first class but we don't get 'em. In fact much of the road work spoils what was before tolerably good. We hav got to hav men at the business that know it.

Farmer Ben is persuaded that plenty of fresh air is almost a specific for pneumonia and tuberculosis. I notis that when that miner down in Pennsylvania was entombed recently the first thing a tub for him was to drive down a tide so he could get fresh air until they dug him out and he would hay died quick if he had ben kept in the rotten air many hours. But when it comes to shuttin' up our bedrooms thru all winter folks don't stop to think that it's the same poison rotten tomb that they sleep in. Just to think that there are bedrooms that are not aired out all winter so that the same old air is in there when spring opens that was shut up in the fall. Close air starves the blood and breeds all kinds of respiratory diseases. Many a victim of the white plague might hav ben spared the affliction if he had just kept his self full of fresh oxygen night and day. Cold air ain't so bad as foul hot air.

This step mother abuse seems to Farmer Ben many times to be cruelly unjust. If any one ever had reason for sympathy it's she. She takes the burden of a lot of motherless youngsters and raises 'em and sees they are dressed and kept neat and looked after in a thousand ways and usually she gets mity little thanks or appreciation. The step children are too apt to look on her as an intruder and make life hard by disobedience and insubordination and think she has no rightful authority and she might be a saint from heaven but she couldn't please lots of the little ingrates. Many a woman has out of the goodness of her heart and agens her better judgment taken up the step mother burden only to find it mountain heavy. And the bigger the step children the more unthankful they get sometimes. Of course I see beautiful exceptions and it looks like a little heaven to hav motherless ones provided with a home insted of bein' scattered, and hav a woman's love and watchcare.

I get more and more spicious of this good roads monstrosity. My paper says that there are before congress this blessed mimit bills callin' for ultimate road expenditures of five billion dollars. I tell you this is goin' to be the biggest pork barrel steal and graft. We used to fight agens the river and harbor steal when congressmen used to hav appropriations for the development of every little creek in the country. That was frowned out but this good roads graft will hav no end if it once gets started. See how it already is in York state. The graftin' contractors get road contracts for \$12,000 a mile and actually spend \$5,000 on the mile and pocket the balance, so I am informed. I'm in favor of Uncle Sam helpin' on a few main line trunk highways and in those cases there should be the utmost scrutiny and economy and thorough work demanded. But I tell you I'm unalterably opposed to the present conditions of the main part of road money goin' to salaries and expense and the small end to actual good roads.

Our gal Sarah and her ma hav got most of their Christmas shoppin' done. I tell you they've got the business down fine. They ain't spreadin' out big in money values but they know pretty well what they're goin' after before they leave home for the stores. They sit down and read over the advertisements in the paper and it's wonderful how helpful and suggestiv they are. Out of the hundreds of things listed by the live merchants they select something appropriate for each friend

they're goin' to remember with a gift and when they get to the store they ask for what they want and they soon select it and get out. I bet there ain't any two women that trade in Austin that are any more welcome by the clerks. There is a bunch of women shoppers tho that the clerks just detest and hate and that is a few who don't wish to buy or don't know what they want and the clerks get down all the stuff in the store to show 'em and then after an hour wasted on 'em they say they won't buy today but will call again.

One of the nicest things about our humble home is the birds. They hav plenty of shelter in our evergreens and they get a lettle feed thru the winter when they can't pick it elsewhere. A bird is as wise as a human in some ways. They know where they're treated kindly and they come back there season after season. It's a joy to see 'em pick up the crumbs and wheat we throw out to 'em when it's snowy and cold and we get well paid for it the next season when they pick bugs and grubs by the million. If it wasn't for the birds we wouldn't hav any fruit and garden truck hardly at all. It's gettin' worse all the time as it is. When I first came to this country I put out currant brush and I never saw a currant worm for years. Apples were smooth and free from the pests that now sting and spoil 'em, and the prairie chickens and quails were plenty so our field crops was free from lots of the troublesome attacks of today. So I love the birds and protect and happily 'em.

FARMER BEN.

McIntyre Post G. A. R. Election.

The annual election of McIntyre Post G. A. R. was held Saturday afternoon and the following officers were elected for the coming year:
Commander—Ira Snyder
S. V. Commander—A. H. Davison
Jr. V. Commander—Evan Watkins
Chaplain—J. D. Smith
Quartermaster—James Deltmer
Officer of the Day—J. J. Jeffries
Officer of the Guard—Robert Tyrer
Sentinel—O. H. Rindy
Delegate to State Convention—J. D. Smith
Alternate—George Hessler.

There was a good attendance of members and the Relief Corps served a nice luncheon following the election.

W. R. Corps.

At the annual meeting of McIntyre W. R. Corps held Wednesday afternoon the following officers were elected:
President—Eva Davison
Sr. Vice President—Anna Peck
Jr. Vice President—Millie Gregg
Treasurer—Julia Brown
Chaplain—Emma Neller
Conductor—Jessie Loe
Guard—Georgianna Moreland
Delegates—Clara Urbatch, Alice M. Barr, Bertha Warfield, Mattie Fairbanks, Lena C. Magee, Anna Vavruska, Anna Gregg, Catherine Myers, Mary Gifford, Ada Decker.

M. W. A. Officers.

The Workmen re-elected all officers at their annual election last Wednesday. The officers are:
V. C.—R. J. Thomson
W. A.—Frank Felch
E. B.—J. C. Hall
Clerk—E. H. Sterling
Manager—J. E. Detwiler
Escort—W. A. Richards.

Unity Chapter O. E. S.

Unity Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star elected their officers for the ensuing year Monday evening. They are:
Worthy Matron—Mrs. Alice Hall
Worthy Patron—A. O. Harpman
Asso. Matron—Mrs. C. S. Campbell
Secretary—Mrs. Edith Robinson
Treasurer—Mrs. Edna Gregson
Conductress—Miss Helen Olson
Asso. Conductress—Miss Anna Noble
Trustee—Mrs. W. J. Aultfather.

A. O. U. W.

The Workmen elected the following officers at their meeting Thursday night:
Master Workman—John W. A. Jensen
Foreman—Dan Tubbs
Overseer—Chas. Eagen
Recorder—Lafayette French
Financier—Carlton Fairbanks
Receiver—J. L. Mitchell
Inside Watch—Ed Blomiley
Outside Watch—H. Lange
Trustee—E. A. Dalager.

Yeomen Elect Officers.

The following have been chosen by the B. A. Yeomen as officers for the coming year:
Foreman—Mrs. Maggie Smith
M. of C.—Mrs. Carrie Wright
Chaplain—Mrs. Mary Newman
Correspondent—A. L. Lickteig
M. of A.—Mrs. Mattie Fairbanks
Overseer—Mrs. Mary Lickteig
Guard—Mrs. Ruth Henkus
Watchman—Mrs. Clara Kasak
Sentinel—Mrs. Ida Myatt
Lady Rowena—Mrs. Tena Franking
Lady Rebecca—Mrs. B. Dovenberg
Musician—Lela Myatt

AUCTION, DRAFT DEC.

At Austin, Thursday, Dec. 18, at Furney & Bassett's barn. Carload. All young and well broken. Also registered Percheron stallion, a good one. Year's time gives.

For a Christmas Present Something Practical Is More Appreciated Than a Lot of Truck.

There is nothing that will make a more sensible present for a gentleman than one of our **Baron Suits or Overcoats, or a pair of Dr. Reed's Cushion Sole Shoes.**

One of our Boys' Chinchilla Overcoats, or Makinaw Reefers will make the little fellow happy.

We have a beautiful line of Bathrobes, Mufflers, Sealskin Caps, Silk Hose and Ties, Sweaters, Silk Umbrellas, Suit Cases and Bags and many other items that will make sensible Christmas presents.

Our Neckwear at 25c and 50c and our Combination Sets of Ties and Hose at 25c and \$1 are especially attractive and great values.

You know that what you buy from us is good. If not found satisfactory, it is made good.

GEORGE HIRSH.
AUSTIN, MINN.

A HOLD UP

Of course if your wife demands a little money it is sometimes a good thing to have a little coin handy, but even then she will usually accept a check on the bank and be glad to get it.

But suppose some real "hold up" man should some time stick a gun under your nose and demand: "Hands up." What then? If you are in the habit of carrying around much money in your clothes right then you will wish you were one of those prudent men, the modern kind, who keep their money in the bank and pay by checks. We invite you to open an account with us.

Four per cent interest paid on Time and Savings Deposits.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank
AUSTIN, MINNESOTA.

O. H. KOCH, President
R. F. DOROW, Vice-Pres.
ALEX S. CAMPBELL, Vice-Pres.

A. M. SMITH, Cashier
H. L. BRANDT, Ass't Cash.
J. E. CRIPPEN, Ass't Cash.

Christmas is Coming.

When buying Candies for Christmas don't forget that we carry the largest and best line of Fancy Boxes and Home Made Candies in the City with prices to suit almost any purse.

All kinds of New Nuts.

We also have a large stock of Fancy Case Pipes. Tobaccos in Glass Hunidors and Cigars in Christmas boxes. Special prices to church committees and school teachers.

OWATONNA FRUIT CO.
AUSTIN, MINN.