

LAST DAYS IN THE OLD ONTARIO STORE

R. B. Griffith Tells of 23 Years of Constant Growth of Department Store.

"Only two more days of business in the old Ontario," said R. B. Griffith this morning to an Evening Times man, "and yet it is not all regret at leaving the old for the new. To be sure there are memories associated with the old building which makes one regret, but we have been changing it so often that we are all accustomed to it. About every two years until six years ago we made important changes so that it is hard to say just where the old store leaves off and the later additions begin."

"I came to Grand Forks in 1881 and started a store in a building next door to the Union hotel. In 1883 I leased the old store on the corner of Third and DeMers. The building was erected in 1879 and a store was kept there by Veits & Twamley. James Twamley bought Veits out and finally sold the store and moved out of the building. I leased it and moved my goods there. The building was 50x50, with two store rooms. I kept groceries in one and dry goods and shoes in the other."

"The building faced on Third street and had a shed in the rear which was used for a stock room and barn. In 1887 I tore out this shed and put in an addition facing on DeMers avenue, with an entrance on the avenue. In 1884 I had cut an archway and connected the two store rooms and I now tore out all of the partitions and made one room of the entire store. In 1889 I bought the lot north of the store on Third street and erected a building 25x140 feet, with an archway into the old store room. In 1892 I bought the old Collins & Murphy building joining the store on DeMers and put up a brick building, filling out the building so that I now had 75x140 feet. In 1895 I remodelled the entire building, covering it with steel, putting on the capitol, finishing the old building as it stands today and remodeled and occupied the second floor. It is this building which is to be replaced with the new four story building. Shortly before this time I bought the old corner property."

"In 1897 I bought out the Iddings book store, the Ephraim clothing store being between. In 1900 I bought out Ephraim and also bought the Iddings and occupied the north store room building, which had been used for a store. I connected all of the store rooms with archways and the store room had much the same from that day on, facing 150 feet on Third street and 140 feet on DeMers avenue."

"As soon as the new building is completed we will tear out the partitions in the Iddings block and make it into a clothing department, 50x100 feet, giving us a fine location. The department in the Kruger building will be for groceries. The arrangement of the departments in the new building are not entirely decided upon."

The story told by Mr. Griffith of the beginning and development of his business was as interesting as the page from a romance. Little by little, step by step, he has built up the largest retail business in the state; not by any sudden or brilliant speculation,

but by careful attention to detail and superior business methods has he achieved his success. Mr. Griffith is not a man to mourn over the past and while he regrets leaving the old building in which he has won success and faced breakers and threatened reverses, he welcomes the new building with its conveniences and facilities for yet greater business success.

A VAUDEVILLE THEATER.

One to Be Erected in the City in North End This Spring.

It is understood that a building for a vaudeville theatre will be erected in Grand Forks in the north end of town, to cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000. The building will be 70x30 feet in size, one story high and finished with a stage and audience chamber.

The lumber for the building is being figured on and the roofing and tin work will be put on by the Grand Forks Sheet Metal Works.

The work on the building will be started about April 10 and the same is to be completed by May 15.

The capital interested was secured by a loan from a local agency and the parties who are interested expect to put on good, clean shows, polite vaudeville and the like.

ENFORCEMENT LEAGUE

Eleventh Annual Convention Will Be Held at Minot on Wednesday, March 28 in the Presbyterian Church—R. B. Griffith to Be Present.

On Wednesday of next week, March 28, will occur the eleventh annual convention of the North Dakota Enforcement league at Minot. This is the first convention to be held in the western part of the state and the interest in the outcome of the gathering is more than ordinary for this reason. R. B. Griffith and others interested in the enforcement movement will attend from Grand Forks.

The officers of the league are: R. B. Griffith, president; Frank Lynch, vice president; Rev. C. A. Macnamara, secretary; George Murray, field secretary. In addition to these officers the executive committee is made up of F. W. Honey, George Murray, Fred S. Jones, H. J. Hanson and R. M. Pollock.

The program for the convention is: Wednesday Morning.

10:00—Devotional exercises, Rev. R. A. McMullen.

10:20—Business session. Appointment of committees. Enrollment. Resolutions. Auditing. Nominations and elections.

10:30—Reports. President's annual address. Statement from field secretary. General secretary and financial agent. Treasurer. County vice presidents. Delegates. Greetings from other temperance organizations.

12:00—Adjournment.

Wednesday Afternoon.

2:00—Devotional exercises, Rev. G. L. Powell.

2:15—Law Enforcement in Western Part of State.

2:35—The Need of a State Temperance Commissioner, Geo. Murray.

3:00—Draft of Temperance Commissioner Bill, introduced by Mr. R. M. Pollock, Fargo. Discussion of commissioner bill. Reports of committees.

Wednesday Evening.

Popular meeting in the opera house. Chairman, R. B. Griffith. Music, male quartet; violin solo, Miss M. Dahle; address, "Sober Thoughts on Prohibition," Rev. F. G. Foster.

Transfer Made Today. A transfer was made today whereby Otis W. Henry sold to Sarah M. Wyman a quarter section in Union township for the consideration of \$4,000.

SPECIAL SALE

Ladies' Imported Japanese Embroidered Waist and Skirt Patterns

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\$3.50 Waist Patterns \$2.00

All ladies are especially invited to inspect these fine imported patterns, which are the finest ever shown in your city.

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In order to meet new customers and introduce my new Spring stock of Miller Hand Made clothes I have decided to let every man in Grand Forks come to my store, for 8 days, and select any of the articles advertised below and deduct 25 per cent. from my regular prices, pay the balance and get a new Spring suit without the profit : : : I want to prove to you that I sell

BETTER GOODS FOR THE SAME MONEY : OR EQUAL GOODS FOR LESS MONEY :



Sale starts Saturday, March 24th at 8 A. M. **8 DAYS 8** Sale closes Saturday, March 31st at 8 P. M.

MEN'S DEPARTMENT

Men's cassimere suits, marked \$7-- 25 per cent off 8 days' sale **5.25**

Men's worsted suits marked \$10, 25 per cent off 8 days' sale **7.50**

Men's Miller hand made suits marked \$15, 25 per cent off 8 days' sale **11.25**

Men's Miller hand made suits marked \$18, 25 per cent off 8 days' sale **13.50**

Men's Miller hand made imported cassimere suits marked \$20, 25 per cent off 8 days' sale **15.00**

Men's Miller hand made finest Globe mills worsted suits, all imported goods, hand made button holes, collar and lapels, the best to be had, marked in plain figures \$22, 25 per cent off 8 days' sale **16.50**

Young Men's Department

You may deduct 25 per cent from the marked price of any young man's suit in the house.

Children's Department

Closing out this department 50 per cent reduction.

3-piece suits marked \$2.50, 8 days' sale **1.25**

3-piece suits marked \$3.00, 8 days' sale **1.50**

3-piece suits marked \$4.00, 8 days' sale **2.00**

Shoes

Red School House Shoes for men, boys and children need no introduction. You know what they are. 25 per cent off our regular prices.

Men's \$2.50 shoes **1.87**

Men's \$3.00 shoes **2.25**

Men's \$3.50 shoes **2.62**

Men's \$4.00 shoes **3.00**

Men's \$5.00 shoes **3.75**

Boys and children's \$1.25 shoes **95c**

Boys and children's \$2.00 shoes **1.50**

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MAYOR DUIS' FLIMSY EXCUSE FOR DRAINING

The Railway Right-of-Way at the Expense of the City.

Mayor Duis has finally been forced to make an explanation—and a decidedly lame and impotent one, it is—of his reasons for causing a drain to be constructed across the property of the Great Northern railway at the expense of the tax payers of the city.

The drain or sewer in question is sufficiently large for a man to walk upright in, and cost the city \$57,032. If it is necessary to dig ditches to this sewer and drain the railway right-of-way into it in order to properly flush the same, the petitioners who asked for the sewer, together with the mayor and city council who were instrumental in putting it in, have unquestionably made a grave mistake in expending the city's money for such a purpose.

The mayor's alleged reason for constructing the drain is absolutely groundless and childish. There is not a house south of the railway right-of-way and west of the line of Washington street.

Surely the mayor might have invented a better excuse for having given the railway company the right-of-way across city property, or for having allowed the Herald's improvements to go unassessed until the matter was looked into by a committee.

His crude manner of dodging the issue is on a par with the statement which he makes at each of his nightly campaign meetings, when he claims that there was a \$25,000 deficit in the water works fund in 1900—when as a matter of fact the official records show that the water works was operated at a profit each and every year of Dinnie's administration; it is on a par with his telling how many bonds he has paid off, and failing to explain how or from what funds he paid them; it is on a par with his recommendations to the city council to purchase property, with the city's money, that the city has no more use for than it has for a balloon; it is on a par with his circular letter to the traveling men, and his financial dealings with the city band.

If he is so desirous of having the sewers properly flushed, we suggest that he dig some surface drains to flush the sewers in the central part of the city so as to obviate the offensive odor that greets pedestrians when passing on the windward side of the manholes, and to make another—and, let us hope, less inglorious—attempt to show the people why he is so considerate of the railway company's interests.

NEGOTIATING FOR LAND

See Road in Communication With Party Owning Tract of Land Just North of City Limits—See May Strike Limits at End of North Third Street. That there is something in the story that the Soo road is planning to build

a branch into the city from the north is evidenced by the fact that they are corresponding with a local business man who owns a tract of land just outside the city limits on the north. They have been corresponding with this gentleman, and while they have not assured him that they intended to build, they have opened negotiations for a tract of land. It seems quite certain that the road will build in here this summer.

It is probable that they will enter the city limits about where North Third street strikes the city limits and that their station will be on Fifth or Sixth streets as far down as they can secure land at a reasonable price. It is probable that they will get within five or six blocks of the federal building.

Back at Her Desk. Miss Kate Kelley, of the force at the register of deed's office at the court house, who has been seriously ill for some time, is back at her desk today.

WILL ADJOURN COURT

Only One More Case on the Calendar and That May Be Continued—Arguments Being Made in the Case of Mrs. Edmonds by the Attorneys.

It is more than probable that the conclusion of the damage case of Mrs. Edwards against the city will clean up the calendar for the March term of the district court. All of the remaining cases but one have either been continued or settled. It is probable that the remaining case will be continued. A motion will be made to that end this afternoon. Even if the case goes to trial, it will probably be short and an adjournment will be made tomorrow and the jury discharged. It is quite possible that the jury

will be discharged this evening. The \$5,000 damage case of Mrs. Edmonds, who fell and broke her arm last near near the Stanchfield store on DeMers avenue, has dragged out all day. This afternoon the two attorneys, George A. Bangs for the city and Tracy R. Bangs for the plaintiff, made their arguments and the jury retired and are out as The Evening Times goes to press.

Date Not Certain. It is not certain that Maud Balington Booth will be here to fill her engagement in the Y. M. C. A. entertainment course on March 28. She has cancelled her engagements for the remainder of the season and it is not known whether Grand Forks is included or not.

Have Moved. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Packard have removed from 404 South Fourth street to 415 Cheyenne avenue, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Witham.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

D. McQuarrie of Crystal was here on business last night.

C. A. Rue came in from Lansford last night and will make a short visit in the city.

J. D. McDonald of Towner arrived from the west last night.

F. S. Flasher and J. W. Hammond were in from Inkster yesterday, spending the night in the city.

Hon. E. C. Cooper returned this morning from a trip through the western part of the state.

John Daws went to Devils Lake on business today.

Wm. MacKenzie of Grafton was here today.

New Millinery Firm.

The building which will be occupied by J. H. Baird as a millinery store is what is known as the Ferguson building. The stock will be ready about April 3, and will be the finest store of its character in the northwest.

Spring Challenge Sale

A sale of new Spring stock of Jewelry, Watches, Silverware, Cut Glass and Fancy China. I don't want to indulge in any "fancy work" talk about this sale, it's plain business with me---should be with you. I am here to sell you a new and up to date stock at less prices than others ask for old stock and odd, out of date sets. My challenge price offer is good any time.

<p>CHALLENGE SALE</p> <p>WATCHES</p> <p>\$12.50</p> <p>A remarkable challenge watch sale; a saving of \$5.50 on one of the best watches made. Do you want one of these new, latest model, famous 15-jewel, nickel movement in a 20-year guaranteed gold filled case, plain or engraved, stem wind and set? This is a standard make \$18 watch. During my Challenge Sale \$12.50</p>	<p>Sterling Silver Ware</p> <p>Quality counts here. My silverware is of such a quality that I do not have to sell by the pound.</p> <p>Others— \$1.00 Sterling Silverware 50c</p> <p>Others— \$2.00 Sterling Silver pieces \$1.00</p> <p>Others— \$5.00 Sterling Silver pieces \$2.50</p> <p>Others— \$10.00 Sterling Silver pieces \$5.00</p>	<p>CHALLENGE SALE</p> <p>CUT GLASS</p> <p>AND HAND PAINTED CHINA</p> <p>New Spring Designs.</p> <p>Others— \$3.00 Cut Glass pieces \$1.50</p> <p>Others— \$5.00 Cut Glass pieces \$2.50</p> <p>Others— \$10.00 Cut Glass pieces \$5.00</p> <p>Others— \$15.00 Cut Glass pieces \$7.50</p> <p>Challenge Price 8-Inch Cut Glass Bowls for \$3.00</p> <p>Challenge prices on Hand Painted China in proportion.</p>	<p>OPTICAL DEPARTMENT</p> <p>No matter how much trouble you have had with your glasses, I can fit your eyes with the right lenses. That will instantly remove the trouble, not for a short time, but for all time.</p> <p>Cut Flower Dept.</p> <p>I can always furnish you with the choicest of roses, carnations, lilies, violets and floral designs.</p>
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