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## SIX CANDIDATES TAKEN INTO ELKDOM LAST NIGHT

Initiatory Ceremonies Duly Impressive.—Dr. Stuart Openly Reveals Secret Encounter With the Goat.—Flashlight Photo of "Doc" and "Whiskers."



Last night's meeting of the local lodge of Elks was of more than ordinary interest, as a class of six candidates were initiated as members of the order, and incidentally there was "something doing" all the evening.

The "victims" who "took their medicine" unflinchingly were E. R. Dampier of Akeley, county attorney of Hubbard county; E. R. Bell, a prominent business man of Akeley; Dr. Stewart of Baudette; Scott Stewart of this city; George C. Boone of International Falls; and A. A. Goodrich of this city, the general manager for the Carpenter-Lamb company.

The "goat" had not been in action since Dr. Palmer took his, and the latter gentleman was on hand, prepared to assist in handling the unruly cuss, should Exalted Ruler Decker need assistance. Attorney Dampier "stood pat"

through the whole ceremony and gave evidence, from the first requirement, that he will make a strong member of the order, although he balked at one stage of the game.

The other members of the class passed through the ordeal nicely. In fact, Dr. Stewart is enthusiastic over the reception given him; and this morning the doctor handed in the following communication concerning his first interview with the male member of the goat family that officiates at the Elk meetings:

"This degenerate of the sheep tribe is at once useful and obstinate. It is the worst thing you can say of a person, when you describe him as being as obstinate as a goat, because there is nothing upon the earth half so contrary or mean. There is nothing more exasperating to human kind. My friends invited me to ride a goat last night,

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## THREE BEMIDJI YOUTHS FIRE THE ROSBY DEPOT

Charles Clark, Edward and John Berrigan Will Be Tried on Serious Charge.

Edward and John Berrigan and Charles Clark, three youths of this city whose ages range from 16 to 18 years, were this morning taken to Park Rapids in the custody of Special Agent Britt, of the Great Northern railway, to be arraigned before a justice of the peace at that place on the charge of having committed a felony—setting fire to the Great Northern depot at Rosby.

Young Clark and the two Berrigan boys went to Rosby Tuesday night and, after getting off the train at that place, entered the depot, which is never locked, and staid in the building all night. Wednesday morning the boys broke all the windows in the depot building and after hunting about for more mischief to do, the oldest Berrigan boy, at the suggestion of Clark, placed some paper in a hole in the wall of the building, throwing a live coal from the stove into the papers.

After the boys had seen that the papers became ignited from the coal, and that the flames would undoubtedly get such headway that they would destroy the building, they started up the track on their return to Bemidji.

Several people at Rosby noticed the flames coming out of the depot and by concerted efforts the building was saved from entire destruction, but not before a considerable portion of the interior was badly damaged.

Word was sent to Cass Lake and Bemidji concerning the fire, and

Special Agent Britt, who was in Cass Lake, went to Rosby and made an investigation. He came to Bemidji Wednesday and arrested the Berrigan boys and young Clark. The special agent gave the boys a grueling examination, with the result that they confessed having set fire to the depot.

The young incendiaries were taken to Park Rapids this morning and tried for the offense they committed.

Mr. Jones of Minneapolis bought a McDougall kitchen cabinet for his wife's Christmas present several years ago and they lived happy ever after. You can find the McDougall cabinet at The Bargain Store.

Ike Black, the traveling representative for the Kelly-How-Thomson Hardware company of Duluth, left this morning for Duluth on his end-of-the-year visit to his "parent" house. Mr. Black will go from Duluth to the twin cities, where Mrs. Black is visiting. Mr. and Mrs. Black will return to Bemidji some time after the first of the new year.

## ODD FELLOWS WILL HAVE A BIG MEETING TONIGHT

Grand Master Shearer Will Be Present and There Will Be Work in the Degrees.

The members of the local lodge of Odd Fellows are anticipating no little pleasure at the meeting of the lodge which will be held this evening, when Mr. Shearer of Maakato, grand master of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Minnesota, will make an official visit to Bemidji.

The Bemidji lodge I. O. O. F., is one of the strongest Odd Fellow lodges in north-central Minnesota, and the work of the local degree team in exemplifying the various degrees is a matter of pride to all members of the lodge. It is the intention to initiate four new members this evening and also give the first degree work to a class of six candidates.

It is more than likely that the business session will be supplemented by a social session and a "heap big" feed.

All members of the local lodge as well as all visiting Odd Fellows are earnestly requested to attend the meeting this evening.

## BROTHER OF W. P. WELCH IS DEAD AT BRAINERD

J. H. Welch, Well Known in This City, Succumbed to Fever Last Evening.

J. H. Welch, brother of W. P. Welch of this city, died at St. Joseph's hospital at Brainerd yesterday evening of typhoid fever.

The news of the death of Mr. Welch was conveyed in the message received by his brother here last night. Mr. Welch left for Brainerd this morning to take charge of the funeral and burial of the body of his brother, and the body will undoubtedly be taken to Grand Forks, N. D., for interment.

J. H. Welch, who was 50 years old, was born at Holton, Ill. He is survived by his wife and a daughter, who reside at Minneapolis.

J. H. Welch was well known in Minnesota, North Dakota and the northern part of Wisconsin. He has for several years acted as an organizer of lodges for several fraternal orders, including the Macabees and the Woodmen, and he has made many friends throughout these states.

The deceased was very well known in Bemidji, having visited in this city many times during the past five years. He was frugal and industrious and his genial disposition made him universally popular.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the wife and daughter of the deceased and especially to W. P. Welch, brother of the deceased, who lives in this city.

## THIS CITY CAN HAVE A MILITARY COMPANY, IF---

Adjutant General Bert Wood Insists on Certain Conditions Before Allowing Application.

"If the city of Bemidji will provide and maintain suitable quarters, and you can give me assurances that there will be enough interest taken in the organization, that it will at all times have an active membership, I will consider favorably, an application for membership in the Minnesota National Guard by mustering into the service a company organized there."

Such was the answer given by Adjutant General Bert Wood, at St. Paul, Wednesday, when asked by A. G. Rutledge of this city if there was a possibility that Bemidji could secure one of the new companies that will be mustered into the service.

Continuing, Major Wood said: "We want to be certain that a company once stationed in your city will be permanently sustained. It costs about \$6,000 to equip, arm and uniform a company, and we cannot be censured for insisting that this valuable paraphernalia is properly taken care of and sufficient interest manifested to insure the permanency of the organization."

"Whoever might be chosen as captain of a company located at Bemidji would find the position to be anything but a 'snap.' The captain must be a wide-awake person, who will take sufficient pride in his work to keep his company at all times filled with the required number of men, who should be well drilled and their condition such as to be in readiness for an official inspection at any time."

"Talk the matter over among yourselves; and if you can assure me of the fulfillment of these requirements, I will be pleased to consider the application."

Miss Alvina Weidiger and her sister, Miss Emma Wiediger, came over from their home at Park Rapids yesterday and spent last night in the city.

## LUMBERJACK SKY PILOT TELLS OF WORK IN CAMPS

Rev. Frank E. Higgins Writes Concerning Enlarging of the Work Which He Started, and Which Is Now Almost National in Character.



REV. F. E. HIGGINS, The "Lumberjack Sky Pilot"

Rev. Frank Higgins, the "lumberjack sky-pilot", arrived in the city last evening. He has but recently returned from an extended trip through the lumbering camps as a missionary of the Lumbermen's Evangelistic Council. Asked regarding his work, Rev. Higgins says:

"I am glad to speak regarding our work in the lumbering camps. I now say ours; for I am pleased to say it is no longer a local work, but a work that is fast spreading over

all the states, where logging is carried on. As many readers of your paper well know, for a number of years I was alone with my assistants, trying to do some good for the men of the forest.

"I now often think of the difficulties and obstructions I had to overcome.

"First there was a prejudice on the part of many of the logging firms, who did not understand my plans. Many thought it would dis-

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Until Christmas Eve Store Will Be Open Until 10 O'clock. **O'LEARY & BOWSER** BEMIDJI, MINN. Store Will Close All Day Christmas



## More Room FOR Holiday Goods

**TOYS.** One large section devoted entirely to Children's Gifts. Everything from a top to a steam engine.

**CHINA** In rear of Toy Section, we show a large assortment of China and Cut Glass. You'll find many desirable Gifts in this department.

**LADIES' COATS AND FURS** In rear part of store. In this department you can buy seasonable presents at a low price.

**LADIES' GLOVES** Been low on Kid Gloves for a few days, but just received a shipment. Mocha Gloves \$1.25 to \$1.75 Kid Gloves \$1.00 to \$2.00

## For the Men and Boys

**BUY CLOTHING** We offer any Suit, Overcoat, or Pair of Trousers in the store at a discount of 25 per cent off. \$30 garments now \$22.50. \$25 garments now \$18.75. \$20 garments now \$15. \$15 garments now \$11.25. \$12 garments now \$9. \$10 garments now \$7.50. \$5 garments now \$3.75

## Do Not Worry About Those Stockings

We Offer Beautiful Christmas Gifts For All  
The Most Attractive Line to Choose Your Presents From

Our Carefully Selected Display of Holiday Attractions Will Impress You with Its Worth, Beauty and Reasonable Prices.

### Desirable and Useful Presents Novel and Beautiful Presents

A Special Feature of Our Stock is the Opportunity for Selection. From Inexpensive Articles to High-Grade Gifts, we are showing the Newest and Best of the Season.

### Our Attractions Insure the Greatest Pleasure in Buying, the Most Joy in Receiving

For Gifts That Are Decidedly Popular and Pleasing See Our Line of

## Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware, Novelties, Etc.

We Offer You the Happy Combination of a Superior Stock, a Large Assortment and the Fairest Prices  
Every article shown is the best of its class—every class represented is varied and complete

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