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ALL ABOARD FOR TRIP TO FAIRYLAND PEAKS!

Bewildering Array of Yuletide Decoration Makes Journey Through Business District Interesting

RICH DISPLAYS ARE NUMEROUS

Jewelry, New Toys, Silk and Satins Mingle in Maise of Tempting Beauty—Nice Things to Eat.

Christmas comes but once a year, and with it the hurry and scurry of belated Christmas shopping, the preparing of goodies for the Christmas table and the air of secrecy which prevades every home.

The Bemidji stores are crowded with Christmas shoppers, who are taken care of with accuracy and dispatch by the efficient corps of helpers which have been added to the regular force in every store.

The stores have taken on the Yuletide garb and the windows have been elaborately decorated.

Let us take our readers on a shopping tour to the different stores. In Bemidji. We begin on Third Street and Minnesota avenue and as we proceed we halt before Gill Brothers display windows, where a Christmas tree has been decorated with a tempting array of suitable gifts for the men and boys of the family. In the other window a display of men's suits, sweaters, mufflers, etc., helps solve the serious problem of buying a gift for father, brother or husband.

We next come to Berman's Emporium, where the windows have been nicely decorated and where many pretty ready-to-wear garments for women are displayed. We find here, also, jabots, fancy collars and ties and neat shoes.

At Barker's we see pieces of handsome Karnak brass in vases, clocks and candle sticks and an array of cut glass, hand painted china, and jewelry, and looming in the background a Christmas tree brilliant with many tiny colored electric lights. At the other window we elbow our way through the large crowd gathered there and see an electric train running full speed on a steel track.

At Crane's we stop and gaze with admiration at the beautiful gown of chiffon, silk and net which are displayed in the large window. Here are other dainty accessories to a woman's toilet such as chiffon auto scarfs, silk petticoats in two shade effects, silk hose, kimonos and auto scarf pins.

We next stop at Baker's Jewelry store, where we see handsome silver mounted toilet sets, some for men and some for women; hand painted china, beautiful rings and other jewelry; useful as well as ornamental chafing dishes and a bewildering display of cut glass.

At the display window of the O'Leary-Bowser company one is struck with the rich effect produced by a back ground of silk drapery and the simple arrangement of toilet articles upon a richly colored Navajo blanket.

A glance into Schneiders' show windows gives one an idea of the up-to-date line of men's furnishings carried by that store. Here we find such articles as men's hats, gloves, mufflers, sweaters, bath robes, silk handkerchiefs and other things. Our next stop is Gould's curio store, where we see many pretty Indian articles among which are pillow tops in leather, tobacco pouches, smoking sets, pipes of all kinds, bed room slippers in bead work and Christmas boxes of cigars.

The City Drug Store next claims our attention with its display of pretty Christmas boxes of Hudson's chocolate candy and rare perfumes, in cut glass and other bottles.

At the Model Clothing Store we find the display window well filled with up-to-date furnishings for men and boys, leather suit cases, etc.

The Bemidji Candy Kitchen has a tempting display of home made candies of all kinds in their two large display windows, which never fail

to attract attention of the the passers-by.

At Hanson's Drug store, the large display window is being remodelled and will soon be filled with an inviting display of holiday goods, such as only Hanson carries.

The store of M. O. Madson & Co. is next visited and here, too, we find a substantial display of warm suits, overcoats and other apparel for men and boys.

At Brown's Busy Store we grow enthusiastic over the large display of children toys, which includes iron beds, iron stoves, mechanical toys of all description and dolls, from the wee baby doll in the cradle to the lady in her white gown, with her golden hair, blue eyes and dark eyelashes! In the other window we see rows of plates, hand painted Haviland and Bavarian and many others, large and small.

At Murphy's Furniture store we see massive pieces of Mission and oak furniture, dainty bed room rockers and footstools and children's rocking chairs.

The Given Hardware Company's window has been fitted up with a fireplace, where stockings are hanging awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus, who is coming around the corner. Here we find pocket knives of all sizes and descriptions uniquely displayed—from the pearl-handled pen knife to the handy hunters' knife. The second window is called the "Men's Window," because everything therein displayed is suitable as a gift for a man or boy.

J. P. Lahr has fitted up a cosy reception room in his display window and the huge leather arm chairs look most inviting. The large Mission clock in the corner gives it a homelike appearance, and the small rockers tell us that the little folks have not been forgotten. At Ibertson's is displayed writing desks in Mission, Birdseye Maple and Mohogany which would make a suitable article in the den of the home, or milady's boudoir. Here are many brightly painted baby cutters, suitable gifts for young mothers. The Bemidji Music House displays the ever useful sewing machine, either Wheeler & Wilson or Singer, and a look beyond shows us pianos of all descriptions from the Upright to the Baby Grand.

We must not forget the goodies to be prepared for the Christmas table and a visit to the various grocery stores of Bemidji is necessary. We go first to Roe & Markusen's, where a delicious odor of apples, good coffee and spices greet us and we have a hard time deciding just which of the many varieties we want. We find here olives, celery, dates, figs, all the staple groceries and fruits, fresh eggs and other delicacies.

At Schroeder's we find a large display of all kinds of groceries, fresh milk and good rich cream, fresh eggs and creamery butter, and many crates of fruit, and we realize that Bemidji, with its many enterprising merchants, is after all, a good place in which to purchase all your Christmas gifts and "fixins."

We have (3) three men in our employ who are Expert Hand Engravers and we engrave any articles purchased of us free of charge. Geo. T. Baker & Co. 116 3rd St. Near the lake. The exclusive Jewelry Store.

FARMERS FOR LOW TARIFF

Canadian Agriculturists Demand Free Admission of Implements. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 16.—A thousand prosperous Canadian farmers assembled in the Grand Opera House at Ottawa to formulate demands on the Dominion government. They had come from all parts of Canada, every province being represented with the exception of Prince Edward Island, the smallest, and British Columbia, the largest.

This, the first meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, is regarded as of greatest importance to the Dominion. It is an effort of the agriculturalists to impress their needs upon the lawmakers.

The initial demand is for abolition of customs duties on agricultural implements and for better commercial relations with the United States. The convention is expected to have some effect upon the reciprocity negotiations to be resumed at Washington next month.

PIERRE MAYOR TELLS ROE OF NEW CITY PLAN

Explains to Bemidji Alderman Benefits to Be Derived By Commission Form.

FIRST STEP TAKEN HERE

Commercial Club to Be Asked to Take Up Matter And Make an Investigation.

The first direct step toward a plan to interest Bemidji in trading her present city charter for a commission form of government, comes with the announcement from Alderman Knute Roe that he hopes to interest the Commercial club and other business men here in the matter.

Mr. Roe, who has been gathering information on the subject, today received the following letter from the mayor of Pierre, S. D., a town of about the size of Bemidji.

"Dear Sir: "We adopted the commission form of government last February, and organized the commission the first of May. Having used it for so short a time can not tell you very much about the working of the plan. "I can say that it works much better than the old council form. Under the commission plan you have direct responsibility. The commissioner in charge of any department becomes responsible for that particular department and the people hold to account for the same. "If at any time he fails to do his duty he may be recalled. Under the old form you had to deal with the whole council or at least a committee of two or three and they had to submit their report to the council for final action. "We are organized under a state law and to work under it all we had to do was to vote upon the adoption. When finally adopted we then followed the provisions of the law. A copy of this might help and can be obtained from the state. "Yours truly, J. E. Mallory, Mayor."

Mr. Roe's next move will be to place what information he has obtained before the Commercial club and should that body be sufficiently impressed, it is likely that a committee to carry on still further investigation will be named.

This plan was carried out at Duluth where the investigating committee has just made its report and recommended the adoption of the commission form of government.

While it is probably true that every merchant in Bemidji is doing a greater amount of holiday business than ever before in the history of the city, the fact remains that one certain place stands out as the most popular and consequently the busiest of them all.

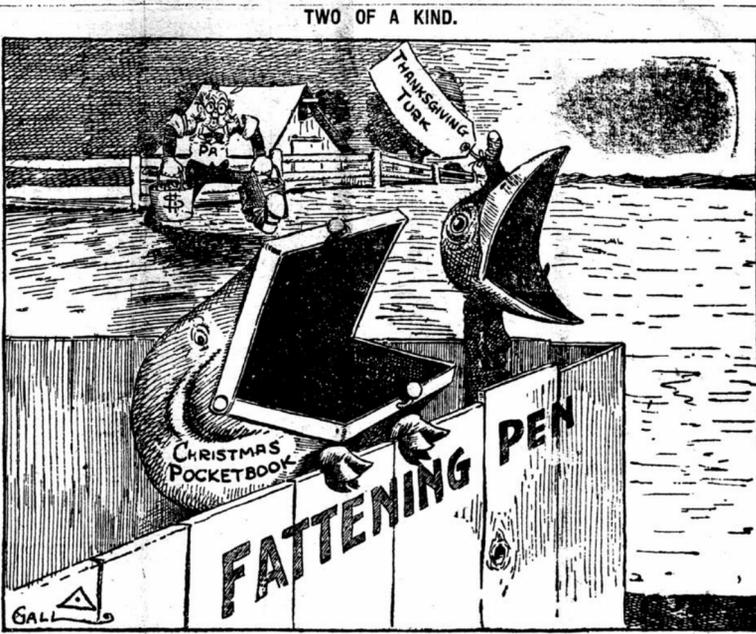
This exception is due primarily to a well organized mercantile establishment which has provided an assortment of holiday gifts which would be a credit to any store in the state. To this must be added the courteous treatment and fair prices.

The identity of the store scarcely needs to be mentioned as there is but one such place answering such a description, Bakers jewelry and drug store.

Special arrangements have been made for handling the wants of delayed holiday shoppers. At present the store is at the height of its holiday glory and its mission of "making folks merry" is being fulfilled and then some.

WHICH IS MOST POPULAR?

Answer is Easy And There is All Kinds of Proof.



Call in Los Angeles Times.

SPEAKING CONTEST TONIGHT

High School Pupils in Preliminary Test For Oratorical Fight.

A preliminary declamatory contest is to be held at the high school building this evening. The object of the contest is to determine who will represent the Bemidji high school at the interscholastic declamatory contest which is to be held in April, and to be participated in by Grand Rapids, Akeley, Park Rapids, Cass Lake and Bemidji. The banner has been won by the Park Rapids high school the past two years.

There are seventeen contestants tonight, seven humorous and ten serious, of these two are to be chosen this evening, one serious and one humorous. The program follows:

- Selection, High school orchestra.
- As the Moon Rose, Helen Minnick.
- The Lady Across the Aisle, Mona Flesher.
- A Soldier of France, Lottie Madison.
- Katrina's Visit to New York, Walter Jones.
- Cornet solo, (Hyacinthe, polka) Donald Shannon.
- The Telltale Heart, Marie Cahill.
- The Advocate's First Plea, Melvin Galchutt.
- Out of the House of Bondage, Margaret Slough.
- Jathrop's Cow, Alice Neely.
- Girl's glee club, "Carmina Waltz Song."
- The Lance of Kanaana, Alfred Neuman.
- The Swan Song, Annie Hedman.
- In the Tails of the Enemy, James Malone.
- Baritone solo, (Out of the Deep) Fred Chamberlain.
- A Lover of music, Ina Shearer.
- How Deacon Tubman and Parson Whitney Kept New Year's, Alex Ripple.
- Lasca, Florence Freeze.
- Biff Perkins, John Gainey.
- Selection, high school orchestra.

The program is to start at 7:30, and an admittance fee of 10 cents will be charged, the proceeds of which will be used in purchasing a prize for the winner of this evening's contest. The judges of the contest are Mrs. W. E. Neal, A. P. Richie and Brown.

WANTED—Girl for general housework.

716 Minnesota.

Taffy today, tomorrow and every other day. 10c a pound at The Model.

The funeral of Mrs. Frank Smith, who died Wednesday morning, was held at the Baptist church at 2:30 this afternoon. Rev. H. Robinson McKee officiating. Rev. McKee was the pastor who united Miss Gena Everson and Frank Smith in marriage a little more than a year ago. Interment was made in Greenwood.

Fair Checks Outlawed.

Six checks issued by the Beltrami County Fair association have not been cashed and unless they are presented for payment within the next few days they will be outlawed and worthless. Persons holding these checks are: J. Bokstad, \$1; C. Jorgenson, \$2; H. Huff, 50c; Mrs. Spooner, 50c; Inga Larson, 50c; W. B. Stewart \$31.50. This makes a total of \$36 which the fair association has tried in vain to give away.

Lawyers Not Ready; Court Quits.

Judge B. F. Wright of Park Rapids, who came to Bemidji to convene the adjourned term of district court, has departed of handling any cases and has put all cases over to the February term. Judge Wright left for Brainerd, where he will relieve Judge Cleunhan, who is suffering from a broken wrist. A few cases were to have been tried, but the attorneys were not ready.

BROWN'S BUSY STORE CAUSES EXCITEMENT

Real, Live Santa Claus—That's what caused the blockade in front of Floyd Brown's Busy Store yesterday afternoon and evening. It also packed the aisles of the store so that it was impossible for people to pass in and out.

Children fairly screamed with excitement over the sight of a Santa Claus. Those who dared, offered to shake hands with Santa, while others stood by gazing to see what would happen. Some even wanted to kiss him. This however is not saying that some did not succeed. Santa Claus, you know, will kiss everybody.

The larger children and the grown-ups were anxious to know who the real live mocker was. Some of the older girls in the sixteen year vicinity would not make the same advances as the younger ones until they had learned who was disguised as the "old fox."

It might not be fair to Old Saint Nick to, at this time reveal his identity but it has been learned upon good authority that William Majeau served his time in this capacity from 4 to 6 p. m. while Floyd Brown, the proprietor of the store carried out the role from 6 to 8.

The store at this time represents a busy, buzzing appearance of mechanical holiday toys. Everything in the place seems to be on the move. Some are run by electricity, some by springs while others are operated on the perpetual motion order. Taking it all in all Brown's Busy Store can truly be called the Santa Claus store of Bemidji.

We can furnish a picture taken on Dec. 22 in time for Xmas present on Dec. 24. This however is no reason why you should not call on me before doing the rest of your Xmas Shopping. Hakkerup.

JOE BOSS DIES IN CHICAGO

Former Bemidji Man Eulogized By Father O'Dwyer.

Joseph Francis Boss, formerly connected with the Crookston Lumber company in Bemidji, but more recently located in Chicago, died Wednesday evening in St. Joseph's hospital in that city, of a complication of diseases.

Mr. Boss was born about 39 years ago at Sydney, Ohio, where he lived until he went to Omaha to accept a position with a merchandise concern. From Omaha he went to Hurlley, Wis., where he engaged in the lumber business.

It was while at Hurlley that he received and accepted an offer from the Shevlin Lumber company in Minneapolis and was sent to Crookston, from which place he came to Bemidji five years ago as sales manager of the Crookston lumber company.

Mr. Boss continued his residence in this city until last spring when he went to Chicago to accept a position with a box manufacturing concern in that city.

Mr. Boss had not been well for more than a year but up until five weeks ago, when he was taken to the hospital, he attended to his business. Mr. Boss was known as a strong church member, being of the Roman Catholic faith. Father O'Dwyer in charge of St. Phillips church of this city and of which Mr. Boss was a member today said to the Pioneer:

"As a friend, I consider Joe Boss one of the greatest and dearest of men. I will hold requiem high mass on Monday morning in his honor. The Knights of Columbus will attend in a body."

Mr. Boss is survived by a wife. Burial will be made at Omaha.

Deputy City Clerk Chosen.

Owing to the continued indisposition of City Clerk Thomas Maloy, the city council, at its meeting Monday night, authorized Mr. Maloy to appoint a deputy and Mr. Maloy now announced that he has chosen George Stein for the place. Mr. Maloy fails to show any marked improvement.

East Side School Accepted

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education, Tuesday night, the new East Side School Building, upon recommendation of Architect Thomas Johnson, was accepted from the contractor Ben Erickson.

Holiday Excursion Fares.

To points in Michigan and Eastern Canada via The South-Shore. Please apply to agents for particulars.

Miss Ama Goldsmith, who has finished her winter season here as trimmer in the Conger Millinery Parlors left yesterday for her home in River Falls, Wis.

NEW UNION DEPOT TO BE READY BY APRIL 1

Work of Driving Piles for Foundation Now on; Plans Expected Any Day.

WINTER NOT TO STOP WORK

Structure to Be Modern and of Brick With Stone Trimmings—Both Roads are Satisfied.

If the plans now under way are carried out, the new Soo and Minnesota & International Railroads Union depot, at Bemidji, will be completed by not later than April 1, 1911.

T. Hoesid, of Duluth, foreman of a construction crew, has his men at work driving piles, which are to be used as a foundation for the building.

It is expected that the plans for the building itself will arrive within the next few days, and work will be started as soon thereafter as the contract is let.

The depot is to be of brick with stone trimmings.

Thomas Green, chief engineer for the Soo, in a recent interview with Mr. Huss, who is now in Bemidji, said that the plans would be ready to let within the next few days and that in his opinion, the building would be ready for occupancy not more than three months after the contract had been let.

The new depot is to be erected at the foot of Beltrami avenue. A strip of land a block in length has been filled in by the city. A driveway and sidewalk approaches will be constructed and every convenience provided for the public.

The Soo will have the track nearest the depot and between it and the Minnesota & International track, a plank walk will be laid.

A feature of the new building will be its sanitary equipment. The waiting rooms will be spacious and pleasant.

Actual work on the superstructure is expected to begin within a week's time. The plans have been gone over, by officials of both the railroads involved and revised, so that there now remains merely the letting of the contract.

In addition to this depot the Soo will erect a freight warehouse and the depot building now used by the Minnesota & International will be given over to freight purposes.

WANT EXERCISE? READ THIS

Public Meeting to Be Held to Organize Athletic Club.

Bemidji is to have an athletic organization and a call is issued for a meeting of all persons interested to assemble at the council chamber this evening at 8 o'clock.

Interested persons have approached Captain Adam Otto on the proposition and he has promised to lend his aid in the movement to establish a place where the business men and all others who would appreciate exercise.

At the meeting tonight night plans will be formulated and a discussion will be held as to the most suitable place, the probable cost, the matter of equipment, whether shower baths should be installed, etc.

A committee will be appointed to get a line on just who might wish to join and do whatever other preliminary work that is necessary to get the movement properly started.

As has been editorially commented upon in the Pioneer the need of such a place of recreation and exercise is apparent as Bemidji at the present time has no place in which gymnastics may be indulged in.

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