



Santa Claus

HEADQUARTERS

WILL BE AT THE NEW STORE Our large purchases for the Holidays are arriving on every



last but for a day—but useful, substantial Toys and Games that give pleasure the whole year, affording amusement to old and young alike—We have made preparations for the largest Christmas Stock in the history of the

Don't miss seeing the Largest and Best Collection ever shown in the city. Comprising Thousands of Dollars in Jewelry, Silverware, Fancy Desks and Toys of every Description—Not the trashy kind that

Leland Department Store

Within the next two days this store will be in complete readiness for the Christmas Selling—Every section displays its choicest wares—Articles Ornamental—Just those things that appeal to the Gift Givers taste and Economy. Never has the store looked brighter—never more cheerful—and inviting—We cannot attempt to enumerate the thousands of items suited to the season—Can only hint at them here and there and extend to you a cordial invitation to visit our Store and make an early inspection of all that has been done for you—There's wisdom and comfort in early buying—Where everything is fresh and bright and you thus avoid the jostle, the fret and the worry of the later rush.

<p>The Sale of Handkerchiefs</p> <p>We are provided for the wants of Handkerchief Buyers, as never before—more than double the selling space. We have done everything toward making selling easy.</p>	<p>The Great Dress Goods Stock</p> <p>Which far surpasses much larger cities, the new French, German and English weaves sought after by all good dressers and all priced to clean the shelves by Xmas.</p>	<p>We've Bought Dolls Enough to go Around</p> <p>At least we think so—Dolls of all sizes dressed and undressed you will find doll buying here very easy—from the penny doll to the walking and crying “</p>	<p>Juvenile Christmas Books : : :</p> <p>The success of former Christmas book sales has encouraged us to make the finest showing of books of the store history—all kinds of books for all kinds of people.</p>	<p>Silk Waists</p> <p>Rare and exclusive is the elegant line of Silk and Lace Wrists—Nothing like it ever Shown in the city before—What could be more appropriate for a gift.</p>	<p>All Sorts of Leather Goods</p> <p>Suit Cases, Satchels, Shopping Bags, Pocketbooks, Purses, Coin Cases, etc., all make useful and appreciated presents you'll find price argument very satisfactory.</p>
<p>The Toys and Games</p> <p>A maze of wonders for the little folks—to itemize is impossible in our allotted space—You'll see all about wonderland when you come.</p>	<p>Jewelry and Silverware</p> <p>Interesting is the Grand Display of Novelties in this line Many new fads which will be shown for the first at this store—Many bright ideas in Novelties.</p>	<p>Men's Furnishings For Christmas</p> <p>The men folks have been amply provided for—things useful—Things Ornamental—all gotten up with an eye single to their adaptability for gifts.</p>	<p>A Great Christmas Sale of Furs</p> <p>The Furs provision for gifts is most complete—Specially bought lines—all up to date. We know of no gift more suitable than furs.</p>	<p>The Host of Dishes and glassware</p> <p>These we can only hint at but you will find the inspection of these profitable—and the buying more profitable still.</p>	<p>If It's Shoes or Slippers You Want</p> <p>A careful study of your wants in this important item has been made—Best known manufacturers makes and stock—Selected with the greatest care Prices are bound to please.</p>

Our Grocery Department

Is full of the many good things in Candies and Nuts and Fruits—Your plans for Christmas Should Include Turner & Dahle's New Store. - Minot, North Dakota.

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MINOR TOPICS

Laurant, the Magician at the opera house, Dec. 12.

Owen Hecker has gone to Sterling, Ill. to visit relatives.

Christmas presents at McJannet's. 75 styles of beautiful rockers.

J. C. Hoff of Palermo was a Minot visitor Monday.

M. J. Barret is building a residence 24-32 feet in size.

The best line of furniture west of St. Paul at McJannet's.

Geo. Morrow's children are improving nicely from a siege of scarlet fever.

If you want to please your sweetheart buy one of those beautiful pictures for sale by McJannet.

N. Davis went to Buford last week to look after some of the contest case matters.

Buy your wife one of those fine new coaches just received at McJannet's for a Christmas present and keep peace in the family.

The new flax fibre mill at Finley with a lot of straw burned. Loss \$15,000.

Three rooms of large house for rent near foot bridge. Inquire at this office.

There is nothing nicer in the world for a fine Christmas present than a beautiful rocker. We have them, in 75 different styles at McJannet's.

Thos. Richards and Wm. Flynn have gone to the coast to spend the winter. They will return to their ranches in the spring.

The Methodist ladies cleared sixty dollars at their supper Tuesday night of last week. The spread was one of the best ever set before a Minot crowd.

North Dakota will get a space 40x90 feet at the St. Louis exposition.

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Mrs. C. Aurland spent last week at Leeds visiting her brother.

The Crows will build 8 miles of fence about their ranch in Williams county next summer.

D. E. Harvey of St. Paul, is assisting J. F. Cooper in his jewelry store during the holiday rush.

Pure Food Commissioner Ladd says he will prosecute all found guilty of preserving oysters by chemicals.

Jos. Rakness has accepted a position in the postoffice. This enables Postmaster Fugelse to attend to other duties.

Jerry Jorgenson, formerly a Berthold blind pigger, who jumped his bond, is reported to have been shot and instantly killed in a row in Canada.

The employes of the Optic went on a strike Monday but by means of arbitration, they were induced to go to work that night.

W. B. Markillie has sold in Minot and Lansford seven carloads of Van Buren county, Mich. apples which have given the best of satisfaction.

Editor Stickley of the Fessenden News spent Sunday and Monday in this city. He recently sold out at Fessenden and has been figuring on buying the Minot Optic.

PIANO AND ORGAN TUNER.

T. Meland will be in Minot in a few days. Order tuning can be left with the Independent. T. Meland is highly recommended by music dealers for Piano tuning. All work guaranteed. 4t.

Miss Nellie, the daughter of County Commissioner S. S. Richardson of Bowbell is staying at the home of County Treasurer M. S. Williams and attending school.

Editor Shirley has gone to Fargo where he will spend the holidays with his family. He will make arrangements to have his paper, the Mouse River Tidende enlarged while there.

The Minot Optic is advertising for bids for the Minot school district to issue bonds for \$188,000. Now, Mac, do you really mean that, or is it only a joke? Better look that matter up, or you may be the cause of some trouble.

Strayed from Section 21-158-83, during the first week in November, two horses, one a half blood shetland, about eight years old weighs 700 pounds. One roan horse about six years old, weighs 1100 pounds, Branded H on left shoulder and A on right shoulder, wire cut on neck and left fore leg, \$10 reward for information leading to recovery of these animals. W. B. Markillie, Minot, N. D.

The large job press at this office has been hitched to the gasoline engine and works smoother than greased lightning. This enables us to get out big jobs in short order. By the way, the Independent office is turning out some swell job work. Have you given us a trial yet?

There is nothing nicer in the world for a Christmas present for your friends than one of your pictures. We make them at the Lake Studio and our prices are the most reasonable of any in the northwest. Nothing but the best work turned out. Give us a trial and you will seek no further for good work. Lake Studio Minot, N. D.

Quite a hard snow storm occurred over the northwestern part of the state Thursday and Friday, in some places resembling a blizzard slightly. No damage was done as everyone was prepared for such a storm. It takes more than a little snow flurry to effect the sturdy people of this state.

Wm. Mitchell, former editor of the Berwick Post, who was arrested on the charge of sending obscene literature thru the mails, plead not guilty to the charge at Grand Forks last week and is held for trial. It is believed that Mitchell even if convicted, will not get a very severe sentence. He is well acquainted in Minot.

A pleasant dancing party was held at the home of F. A. Fuller, south of town Friday night, about fifty attending. Some attended from a distance of twenty-five miles not stopping for the cold. Mr. Fuller did the calling to the satisfaction of everyone.

Coming. The Londale Theater Co.

The city council held a meeting Monday night but transacted but very little business on account of the absence of Mayor Roach and Aldermen Jacobson and Ramsdell. A meeting will be held next Monday night. Only the bills of the city's employes were allowed at the meeting.

An acquaintance social at the M. E. church Friday evening. Come. Subject for Sunday morning at the M. E. church, "The Waiting Church."

The third in the series on the Lord's Prayer at the M. E. church Sunday evening. Subject, "The Christian's Law." You are welcome.

A. C. Wiper of the Bowbells First National Bank, and Att. Gjertsen, were down Tuesday. Mr. Gjertsen said the Mattison's and Lye Storby were enjoying life out on the farm and their case will not come up before the supreme court until next spring.

L. F. Scherfins, a jeweler from Minneapolis, has accepted a position in P. V. McCoy's new jewelry store. He has a complete watch making and repairing outfit and does elegant engraving. Mr. McCoy got in a handsome line of jewelry last week, just what you want for Christmas presents.

Water Colors

There is an excellent collection of water color paintings to be seen in Slocum's drug Store placed there by Mrs. C. W. Harris of this city. The paintings are clear and display a freedom of expression which makes them worthy of remark. Especially worthy of attention are two of her large paintings the "Grand Canon" and the "Porch of the Kariatides" Athens.

Fragrance From Flowerland

The variety and excellence of our stock will please every lady who is fond of dainty and exquisite odors. We choose the choicest and most desirable extracts of the best laboratories instead of carrying the products of but one. Our line includes the moderate priced as well as the best. But no matter what the price, our perfumes are all exquisite, possessing rare fragrance—the true odor of natural flowers. Delicate, subtle, permanent—the kinds demanded by good taste and fashion. We invite you to make selections here.

Fashions Latest Caprice is STOLEN SWEETS. McCOY, The Druggist

Leland Hotel - Minot, N. Dak.

For Sale—Fixtures for billiard hall and restaurant, the best in the Northwest. Cheap. M. Hopkins, Bowbells, N. D.

Good clear ice delivered at your homes. Only 50 cents for a great big load. Tom Shields. Leave word at Paul Bankol's coal office.

Miss Elton has received some very nice dress trimmings, laces and appliques at her millinery and dress making establishment.

Strayed from my home in Section 17, Township 157, Range 83, Saturday Nov. 21, 1903, a young colt about five months old, white face, with halter, white hind feet, tips of ears black. Finder will be rewarded for information leading to the recovery of this animal. N. E. Reese. 33-4-2-p

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I have sold my bakery department to McKone Bros., and the business will be carried on by them as I have done in the past. All my tickets that are out will be redeemed by McKone Bros. —J. M. Wilson.

Via Soo Line Homevisitors' Excursions.

To Chicago and Peoria and all points in Iowa and Wisconsin. Very low rates from stations Valley City to Portal, inclusive, Kula to Bismarck, inc., and Washak to Follmer, inc. Dates of sale Nov. 1st to Dec. 15th, with return limit of April 15th, 1904. Get particulars from nearest Soo Line agent W. R. Callaway, General Passenger Agent.

Mrs. C. Roberts, San Francisco, Cal.: World not be without Rocky Mountain Tea in our house. It's a great family remedy. Make and keep us well.—A. S. Blakey.

Lost—A brown colt seven months old. Last seen Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Johnson's livery barn. Halter mark on his head. Finder notify C. J. Brennan, Minot, N. D.

It adds spice to dreary life, encourages the humane heart, lifts out of despair, breathes new life and confidence. That's what Rocky Mountain Tea will do. 35 cents.—A. S. Blakey.