



Santa Claus

HEADQUARTERS

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



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 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

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.

The Sale of Handkerchiefs 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.	The Great Dress Goods Stock 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.	We've Bought Dolls Enough to go Around 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.	Juvenile Christmas Banks 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.	Silk Waists 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.	All Sorts of Leather Goods Suit Cases, Satchels, Shopping Bags, Pocketbooks, Purse, Coin Cases, etc., all make useful and appreciated presents you'll find price argument very satisfactory.
The Toys and Games 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.	Jewelry and Silverware 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.	Men's Furnishings For Christmas The men folks have been amply provided for—things useful—Things Ornamental—all gotten up with an eye single to their adaptability for gifts.	A Great Christmas Sale of Furs The Furs provision for gifts is most complete—Specially bought lines—all up to date. We know of no gift more suitable than furs.	The Host of Dishes and glassware These we can only hint at but you will find the inspection of these profitable—and the buying more profitable still.	If It's Shoes or Slippers You Want 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.

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.

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SURREY.

Bad was in town Friday on special business.

Loafers seem to be a little scarce around town now.

Robby Burns seems to be a little uneasy about getting home Friday. It snowed a little.

W. Culvertson went to Minot Friday evening on business regarding the flat house which he has been running.

Some of the old bachelors sneaked out of their former homes, but walked several miles to take the train.

G. W. Burke and W. McIntosh are doing fine selling stock. Their telegraph line runs from the hardware store to the land office.

Jacob Luckinger, Jr., started to school Friday morning, but being not far enough advanced for the primer, had to go home the last recess. Miss Rome thinks he is a little awkward to start in yet.

The Washington fever has dropped down to Normal, as the boys hear from our old friend, J. B. McEoun, who went with the tide after timber land. He reports it N. G. for it would take from 8 to 12 trees to cut 1000 feet and no one can borrow a dollar to prove up with.

MOHALL.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hall went to Minot Thursday on business.

We have a little man whose language is not the plainest, and yet he seems to be a hustler buying flax.

John Cooley returned with his wife Tuesday. John couldn't wait any longer, so went to Granville after her.

The new depot will be completed in a few days. The structure will be 30x50 and the section house is nearing completion.

People are leaving town fast now since the cold weather. The rush will be wound up till spring. Some have a little inside work to do yet.

Eugene Vergis left for Northwood after spending a few weeks here. He erected an elevator of 25,000 bushels capacity. The boys worked hard.

Our big section man had a very serious accident Wednesday while unloading a new hand car. The car fell from the freight car catching his leg above the ankle breaking both bones. He was taken to the Grand Central hotel and the G. N. physician from Minot was called to set the bones.

The opening ball of the G. N. hotel seemed to be quite a swell affair and yet they were compelled to dance to the Grand Central music. Quite a number of the elevator boys were present. Among the gang was Shorty, one of Vergis' high climbers, whether he went to climb or see his cotton headed girl is not known.

For Sale: Mining posts, W. F. Rupprecht, South Haven, Minn.

The Official Paper for the City of Minot, and the Tax List for Ward County. Go to Spriggs Bros. the plumbers at Minot for all kinds of work.

Does It Pay?

Does it pay to take chances in the purchase of drugs and medicines.

If the drugs you buy are impure, if they lack strength, or if they are improperly compounded you may never know the difference, yet the difference might mean the difference between health and sickness to you.

It certainly does not pay to take chances when you are certain that by coming here you will get the finest drugs and service obtainable. The record of our store is a guarantee of this.

McCOY

Th Druggist,
Leland Hotel Minot, N. Dak.

Public Sale.

I will sell at public auction at my home three miles south and a mile and a half east of Surrey on Section 33, Twp. 155-81, Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1903, sale to begin at 1 o'clock sharp. The following described property: Horses—one mare 6 years old. Cattle—13 head consisting of two large work steers, one bull, one shorthorn bull 4 years old, 2 steers two years old, two heifers two years old, two cows 3 years old, 3 yearling calves, one suckling calf.

Farm machinery consisting of one new Fish Bros. wagon, one McCormick binder, one McCormick mower, one Dodds hay rake, gang plow, new model Moline, one breaking plow, other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms of sale—All sums of \$10 and under cash. All sums over that amount a credit will be given until Oct. 30, 1904, on all bankable notes without interest if paid promptly when due. If not, notes to draw interest of 12 per cent from date of sale. 10 per cent off for cash. F. H. Bradley, Auctioneer. C. H. Funderburg, Clerk. Wm. Parriott.

Strayed from my place near Burlington, Saturday Dec. 12, 1903, about 40 head of cattle nearly all black, branded LI on right shoulder. Any information leading to the recovery of the same will be liberally rewarded. Leave information at this office. Wm. L. Miller, Burlington, N. D.

Six room house for sale or rent. For prices see Williams & Wright, office West 1st street.

Allie Moore Sues R. Bickwell.

A most interesting insurance case has been up in district court this week. Chas. Bickwell joined the A. O. U. W. in Minot in 1897 taking out \$2,000 insurance making his niece Alice Moore his beneficiary. Later he got the Klondike fever, but not having sufficient money, went to Iowa and made arrangements to have his brother Reuben stake him. In turn he was to transfer the policy to his brother and this was done, but the brother never paid him one cent for his Klondike trip. Bickwell did not tell Allie Moore what he had done, but instructed her to keep up the payments. He went to Seattle and after remaining there two months boarded an old hulk of a vessel and started for Klondike. The ship went down and it has since been concluded that Bickwell was drowned. This happened in 1898. Allie Moore discovered that the policy had been assigned to Bickwell's brother but only a security for a loan which was never made, and brought suit against the A. O. U. W. have deposited the money with the court instructing it to pay it to the one who should have it. Gammons & Barrett appeared for the plaintiff and Greenleaf & Leighton and Atty. Conway from Iowa appeared for the defense. The Judge has taken the case under advisement.

Notice for Bids.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids for the furnishing and delivery of 25 cords of wood at the Court House and Hospital yards. Said wood to be 12 cords dry and 13 cords green wood. Said bids will be received until 2 o'clock p.m. on the 4th day of January A. D. 1904.

Given under my hand and by order of the Board of County Commissioners of Ward County, N. D., this 9th day of December 1903. Louis A. Larson, County Auditor.

Furnished Rooms for Rent—Cor. 4th

street and Pleasant Ave. 30ft Heavy draying of all kinds done. Water and ash hauling. Houses banked. Birch Road, Minot, N. D. 31 1/2 ft.

Christmas presents at McJannet's. 75 styles of beautiful rockers. The best line of furniture west of St. Paul at McJannet's.

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

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

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.

We have a customer for house and lot. Will pay part cash.

Weiland Wheeler & Torgeson.

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.

We have a cash buyer for a business location on either side of Main street.

Weiland Wheeler & Torgeson.

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.

We have an all cash customer for house and lot.

Weiland Wheeler & Torgeson.

Wore His Cow's Boy Hat.

Will Schmitz, that enterprising German boy living northeast of town, went to the Burlington mines last Friday on top of a wagon for coal. He returned and wore nothing on his head but a wide brimmed cow boy hat which enabled the wind to blow thru his whiskers. Now his ears resemble those of some jack rabbit and he finds no time to do anything but bathe them in arnica and other good remedies.

Jerry Zlevor, the tailor, has changed his location to the Montgomery house.

Cleaning, pressing and repairing of all kinds of clothing for ladies and gents. I also repair all kinds of fur coats and cloaks. Leave orders and I will call for garments. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call and see me.

For Sale—Slightly used piano at a bargain. Address Box 686, Minot, N. D. n32p

The people are still on the outlook for good flour. The Pride of Minot is becoming more popular daily.

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

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

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. Rose, 33-2-p

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. Kulm to Bismarck, inc., and Wishek to Pollock, 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.: Would not be without Rocky Mountain Tea in our house. It's a great family remedy. Makes and keeps 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. 75 cents. —A. S. Blakey.