

We Wish Our Many Friends and Patrons a  
**Merry Christmas**  
 Rodenbach & Mundt

**A GRAND MASQUERADE**

AT ROLLER RINK NEW YEARS EVE—BIGGEST EVENT OF ITS KIND EVER ATTEMPTED IN DEVILS LAKE.

At the roller rink on new year's eve there will be given a masquerade carnival to which we cordially invite the public to attend. The following is a list of prizes given by the merchants of our city for the different costumes: Rodenbach & Mundt will give to the lady representing their business the best a box of bon bons valued at \$2. Also to the man representing them the best a box of Kem Temple Cigars.

The 5 and ten cent store will give a Sterling Silver Manicure set to the lady representing them the best. Valued at \$3.

Kirchof & Cooper—To the best German couple, the largest turkey in their shop.

White & Henderson—Pair of \$4 shoes to gentleman who represents them the best.

Hines Mercantile Company—The most comical lady costume a box of candy and five pounds of nuts. The most comical gent's costume of box of cigars.

B. J. Ness—For the ladies richest costume a sterling silver purse, value \$5.

Nobby Shoe Store—A \$5 pair of shoes for lady representing their business the best.

Ramsay Drug Co.—Best Indian Girl costume, hand bag, valued at \$5.

Chicago Store—Best clown, choice of any hat in the store.

Evans studio—Lady representing them the best, one dozen photos, value \$8.

Col. Kerlin—Best representation of old fashioned country lady marketing her butter and eggs, an \$8 electric lamp.

F. W. Mann & Sons—Best Irishman, pair of \$3.50 shoes.

T. A. Haslam—Lady representing business best, 5 pound box of bon bons.

J. Q. Adams—To anyone representing hardware business the best, carving set valued at \$5.

A. M. Bond & Co.—Best little girl costume, a bottle of perfume valued at \$3.

S. O. Bondeld—To the boy wearing the best Viking costume, a suit of Viking clothes, value \$5.

H. P. Hansen—The best clown representing his gallery, one dozen photos, value \$10.

The skaters to take part in this carnival. Manager. Anyone wishing to try for any of these prizes, can either call on the merchants offering the prizes for any suggestions that they might want in regard to getting up costumes for same, or upon the manager at the rink.

**WOMAN'S WORLD FOR JANUARY.**  
 It is always exorcatingly funny to see a man wash dishes. Rex Beach, who made a fortune from his "The Spoilers," "The Barrister" and "The Silver Horde," and who now receives upwards of 5c a word for his writings, contributes the leading article in the January WOMAN'S WORLD, Chicago. The title is "Homeless Housekeeping" in which Mr. Beach graphically and humorously describes how men kept house in Alaska during the rush for gold. Every woman will enjoy reading "Homeless Housekeeping" and she will facetiously pass it along to the men members of her household.

**BIG BLAZE AT DOYON.**  
 Sunday morning, Dec. 12, 1909, about 7:30 o'clock, the citizens of Doyon were aroused by the cry of fire. The drug store was full of smoke and the flames about to burst forth. The town pump was put in action with a long hose attached, willing workers carried water from wells in adjacent lots, snow was shoveled in large quantities on the burning buildings, and by hard work the implement warehouse of John E. LeDuc was saved. This building was only two feet south of the drug store and it is a wonder that this building did not burn. The wind was from the south and all the frame buildings in the block north of the drug store were quickly consumed.

Four buildings, viz, the drug store occupied by P. C. Vernon, the K. P. hall, the pool room occupied by Jesse Turpenning, and the meat market occupied by Mr. Baldwin were total losses. Mr. Vernon's is the greatest because he had just received a heavy stock of Christmas goods. Mr. Vernon had no safe and his books of account, records and his money in till, were lost.

All the buildings and the stock in the drug store was protected by insurance.—Crary Public Opinion.

**SWIFT'S PREMIUM CALENDAR FOR 1910.**  
 Swift's Premium Calendar for 1910 consists of four famous, old-time national songs: America; Home, Sweet Home; Old Folks at Home, and The Old Oaken Bucket.

Each of the four large sheets (9 1/2 x 15) beautifully illustrates in color, the homes and childhood scenes of the authors, also giving portrait, autograph and biography of the author, the history of the song, words of the song, and on reverse side a full piano music score with the words.

The first subject is the quaint old silver gray weather beaten cottage at East Hampton, New York, the boyhood home of John Howard Payne, author of "Home, Sweet Home," together with an autographed portrait, biographical description of the author's travels and origin of the song.

The next subject, Home of Samuel Francis Smith, Newton, Mass., author of "America," shows in beautiful colors the home of this famous author. Also an autographed portrait of him, and a reproduction of the old Park Street Church, Boston, where the song was first sung in public, is shown.

The third subject is a colored reproduction of the Foster Homestead, near Pittsburg, Pa., birthplace of Stephen Collins Foster, author of "Old Folks at Home," and many other

well known songs. An autographed portrait of him, and Christy, the famous minstrel who first sang "Old Folks at Home," are also shown.

A colored allegorical illustration "The Moss-Covered Bucket Which Hung in the Well," taken from Samuel Woodworth's "The Old Oaken Bucket," complete this interesting series of American songs.

The calendar is now ready for distribution, and can be secured by sending either 10 Wool Soap Wrappers, one cap from Jar of Swift's Beef Extract, 10c in stamps or coin, to Swift & Company, Calendar Department, Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill.

**HANDY HOUSEHOLD HELPS.**

To save work of cutting off buttons that lose their beauty by frequent washings, place a darning needle over the button and sew over this a number of times. On the underside of the button tie the ends of the thread. Remove needle, draw the loop just formed to the underside, and from the underside of the garment pin through this loop with a small safety pin and the button will look as though sewed on.

To Clean Combs—This is a simple but effective method of cleaning combs when they become soiled. Fill an old can about half full of coal-oil, dip the comb into the oil and rub with an old nail or tooth brush. The dirt and dandruff will readily leave the comb, which should then be rinsed under the faucet or in a pan of water. This plan takes only a few moments of the busy housewife's time and is not only cleanly, but the oil acts as a disinfectant on the comb.

Keeping the Little Ones Warm and Dry in Winter—Take the legs from worn out hose, cut down center of inside of each leg about eight inches, sew the two together along these edges, making a pair of long drawers. Bind top and make placket on one side or hem and run in elastic. Bind bottom of legs and sew on tape to slip over shoe. These are very handy to slip on in snowy weather.

A Step-Saver for Mothers—In a house where there are small children and especially if there is no maid or nurse, an empty spool tacked on to the screen door with a good long nail and within reach of tiny hands, will enable little folk to open the doors for themselves.

To Prevent Windows from Freezing Down—Spread a thin layer of salt beneath sash.

To Clean Lamp Burners—Boil in water where white beans have been parboiled.—The Designer for January.

**STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.**

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Devils Lake will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday, January the 11th, 1910, at 4 o'clock P. M., for the election of directors and such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

F. H. Roulter, Cashier.  
 Dated at Devils Lake, N. D., December 3, 1909.

**Notice to Pay Tax.**

We have until January first to collect delinquent personal property tax for the year of 1908, and we expect to collect where there is any property to levy on. No further notice will be given until a deputy and a dray are at your door. All have been notified, so be prepared for extra costs if you do not call and settle at once. No excuse will go from now on.

—W. H. Belford, Sheriff.  
 There is always a premium on the man with energy and the brains to use it

**EMIGRANT WEDDING.**

By GWENDOLEN ADAMS.  
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At the port of New York there is what is called the barge office. It is connected with the transit of goods and people from abroad into the United States. It is a place apparently as bare of romance as an ash heap. But wherever the human heart beats there is romance. Painters and poets like to picture it as far as they can from the business world, especially eschewing localities where people are hurrying with their strapped and roped chattels from the odoriferous steerage of a ship to the smoke and dust of a railway train. Nevertheless there are countless romances among immigrants entering the United States.

"Is this the place where they keep the immigrant girls?" asked a black-eyed young Armenian who came hurriedly into the New York barge office. But the man's English was not intelligible, so he received no reply till after his nationality was learned and an interpreter had been called. The interpreter told him that he had struck the place he was looking for. He at once beckoned in the direction of the door, and several dark complexioned fellows advanced.

"These are my witnesses," said the young man. "This is the clerk, and this is the priest. Give me my girl, and I will marry her at once, so that you need not be afraid that the government will have to take care of her."

"What sort of nonsense are you giving me?" said the interpreter.

"I am an Armenian. Toshkowi is an Armenian too. Why do you keep me waiting? Didn't I tell you that I am ready to marry her?"

"See here, you crack brained lunatic, I am employed to interpret what you say from Armenian into English! Talk in your native tongue and stop the long roll in r's."

"Hub! I not speak English. I been in this country three years." Then he commenced again in his adopted tongue and rattled his r's and bounced his b's. An officer cried, "Call the madam."

The "mother of immigrants" made her appearance, and to her the young man told his story. Women are more keenly sensitive to romance than men, and it was not long before the matron scented a love affair under the rattling r's and bouncing b's. It was this:

Three years before the young aspirant for honors in the English tongue had come to America from Armenia. His name was Vahi Krihorian. He had left at home a pretty sweetheart, then seventeen years old, named Toshkowi Gobeedian. It seemed singular to the investigators that a man with such a name able to speak so clearly to a girl with such a name should after three years in America have made so little headway in English. The upshot of the matter was that Toshkowi had come over to join Vahi, who was abundantly able to take care of her, and proposed to relieve the government from all responsibility concerning her by marrying her.

Then the matron took the officer to the girl. She was a small, slender creature, with large black eyes and hair equally black plastered down over her temples and coiled up behind in small braids. She was very bashful and ready to blush at the slightest provocation through her olive complexion. The clerk questioned her before she was brought forth to her lover.

"Have you got any money?" he asked.

"No, sir. I have a sweetheart."

"H'm!" said the clerk. "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. How do you know he'll marry you?"

"Because God would strike him dead if he did not keep his promise."

"And he would deserve it. Come this way."

He led her to where her lover was with his witnesses and the priest. As soon as Vahi saw her standing demurely among the others he ran to her and, putting his arms around her, was about to kiss her when she drew back. Her cheeks flamed like two roses behind dark lace.

"What do you mean, Toshkowi?" asked the lover, terrified. "Have you changed? Don't you want me after the long voyage across the ocean?"

"Yes, Vahi, but there are so many princes looking at us. I am ashamed."

"Well, well! Then we will be married at once. I told these gentlemen that the president need not fear having to take care of you; that I am earning good wages and will do that myself. See, here are the witnesses, and there is the priest. Come, let us be married."

The custodian of the government's interests would not permit the marriage within the barge office, so the party adjourned just without the walls. The clerk, in order to make sure that the girl did not escape unmarried and call upon the president for a living, kept her in sight till the ceremony was performed. After it was over the "princes" went back to their daily avocations, consisting chiefly of terrifying immigrants with fear they will have to be turned back to endure another trip in the steerage to find themselves again at the end of the voyage in the despotism lands from which they have vainly tried to escape. Little Toshkowi found herself free to go "out into America."

So the sentimental part of this romance ended. Perhaps it is well that it did. It must have been difficult even before marriage for the lover to keep whispering repeatedly "Dearest Toshkowi, do you love me?" and hear in reply, "Yes, I love you, Vahi Krihorian."

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**Christmas Shopping Is Very Difficult**

Because a person don't really know what would be the most desirable gift—from the large amount of Holiday Goods the Devils Lake merchants display—there is no reason why you can not buy just what you want, and buy it at home at that. If some other merchant have not what you want, we may, and visa versa. For this reason we are displaying in our store a complete line of goods as we can afford to buy. Of course you know goods kept on the shelf from one season to another don't only become shopworn but depreciate in value, and money is tied up. Now we want to use this money to buy spring and summer goods, take our discounts, turn our money fast and small profits. We can not begin to mention the Xmas articles we may have to please you—call and inspect our stock—we are public servants and here to please you.

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| Fountain Pens           | Xmas Candles          |
| Toilet Sets             | Dressing Sets         |
| Manicure Sets           | Columbia Graphophones |
| Opera Glasses           | Leather Goods         |
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*Ness has it*