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Don't be Floored

by the sudden coming of Christmas—seize the prestime.

Here are all kinds of practical, serviceable, suitable things to make a man's or boy's Christmas happy.

Gloves 50c to $3.00.
Scarfs 25c to $1.00.
Mufflers $1.00 to $3.00.
Fancy Vests $2.00 to $5.00.

But the line is too long to print here. Send for our list.

HUMMEL BROS.
14 N. Minn. St. New Ulm, Minn.

HANSKA FIRE LOSS $26,000

Three Business Blocks Burn---Insurance Small.

Two Thrilling Rescues From Terrible Deaths.

Merchant Goes Temporarily Insane Over Loss.

Kjorlaug & Co. $9,000, no insurance
J. W. Thompson building $3,200, $1,000 insurance
Nelson & Grothe $8,000, $4,000 insurance
H. F. Meese $2,800, $1,500 insurance
J. H. Haenze $1,500 no insurance
O. W. Hart $800 no insurance
Bank of Hanska $300 fully insured
Harness shop and old printing shop $100 fully insured
Theo. Surheim and Ole Grothe, clothing $200 no insurance
Edwards Wood & Co. $50 no insurance
Total loss $25,950
Total insurance $6,800

Fire burned three of the largest and handsomest business buildings in Hanska to the ground Saturday night and inflicted a lose on that village of over twenty-six thousand dollars, covered with but sixty-eight hundred dollars insurance. Several men lost every dollar they had in the world, even to a change of clothing, and the principal sufferer, O. K. Kjorlaug, went completely out of his head, and though he is slowly recovering, may never be exactly "right" again.

Two people, Mrs. O. W. Hart, who lay sick in bed, and Theodore Surheim, who worked in Mr. Hart's barber shop and rushed back into a burning building to get some clothing had narrow escapes and were rescued from death by the heroic work of the fire fighters.

The fire started in Kjorlaug & Co.'s store from an exploding gasoline lamp. About 5:45 o'clock Saturday evening Kjorlaug was lighting the lamp. He filled to torch with wood alcohol and lit it and then seeing that the gasoline tank was empty, started to fill it with the explosive liquid. Some of the gasoline spilled onto the torch blaze and in an instant the lamp exploded.

KJORLAUG GOES WILD.

Editor J. W. Haenze, whose printing office and living rooms were above the tore, smelt the smoke which worked its way up through the floor and rushed down into the store. Taking in the situation at a glance, he grabbed an overcoat which lay handy and wrapped it around the burning lamp, to smother the flames.

The storekeeper by this time was wildly excited and had lost complete control of himself, and snatching the overcoat away with a rebuke for the editor for spoiling a costly garment, he flung it to one side where it struck among some bundles of cotton batten, igniting them. He then opened the rear door and started to toss out the blazing cotton. In fifteen minutes the whole store was ablaze and the fire had spread to the other two buildings closely beside it.

BUILDINGS AND OCCUPANTS.

Kjorlaug & Co.'s store was in the Thompson building, the corner building on the north side of Main street and upstairs was the printing office of the Hanska Herald and the living rooms of the editor.

Next to this building on the west side was the one owned by Nelson & Grothe, and on the lower floor of this structure was a furniture store run by the above firm. Upstairs Mr. Grothe, unmarried, slept and kept his personal belongings, and here also Edwards Wood & Co. maintained an office. Immediately adjoining this structure was the building owned by H. F. Meese, a New Ulm man. The lower rooms were unoccupied, but on the second floor was the barber shop of O. W. Hart and the rooms where he lived with his family with him was an assistant, Theodore Surheim. All the structures were frame.

Haenze rushed upstairs at once after finding that the flames were beyond control and hurried his wife downstairs into the street, and then himself began an effort to save some of his most valuable personal property, his business accounts and important papers, among other things.

EFFORTS TO SAVE USELESS.

But it was useless; the fire was too swift and soon the rooms were so filled with smoke that he was forced to retire and joined the fire company which had arrived and was making mighty efforts to prevent the spread of the flames to the adjoining buildings.

There was little wind, but what there was was from the northwest and it carried the sparks and blaze onto the other two buildings in a few minutes, and in a quarter of an hour after the explosion all three structures were wrapped in flames.

In the meantime there was wild excitement in the last row of buildings. Mrs. Hart, the barber's wife, lay sick in bed, and seeing that his home was doomed, Hart hastely wrapped her in a blanket and carried her through the sparks and smoke to safety in the open street.

TIMELY RESCUE SAVES LIFE.

It was then that young Surheim thought of his clothes, and rushing up nto the burning building, he began a wild search for his trunk. When he found it, the trunk was empty, his clothes were scattered about the room and it was useless to try to get them. He started for the stairs, but already half sufficated by the smoke, he fell just as he reached the top step and there he lay until Robert Thompson braved the flames and bore him to safety in his arms.

In the few minutes that all this was taking place the fire company and an immense throng had gathered and every effort was made to subdue the confligration, but it was useless and at last all hope of saving the three doomed buildings was given up and attention was turned to preventing the spread of the fire to other buildings across the street. The hand pump was lowered into the well at the Thompson corner and a stream of water was thrown onto the lumber yard east of the fire and on the Bank of Hanska, the harness shop, the old printing shop and other buildings on the south side of Main street.

WOMEN DO BRAVE SERVICE.

A bucket brigade was also formed and men, women and children labored in the heat and smoke carrying water in a desperate effort to save the main business portion of the town from total destruction. Soon farmers began to arrive from the country and they too lent a hand until the fire fighting brigade numbered fully 500 people.

Forty minutes after the start of the fire the three buildings were blazing ruins and every now and then a wall would fall with a crash that would send flames and sparks leaping skyward.

Several times the buildings across the street and the lumber yard caught fire but quick work with the buckets put the blaze out before it could do much damage. With the fall of the three buildings the main danger was over, although work was kept up all night by from forty to fifty hardy men, and the ruins were still smoking Monday.

BANK BADLY SCORCHED.

Of the buildings across the street that suffering most was the Bank of Hanska. The building was ablaze several times and the siding had to be ripped off and will be replaced. Inside the bank the fixtures and furniture suffered also. Altogether Cashier Emil Hage places the loss at $300.

The harness shop of F. C. Jensen suffered a scorching and the breaking of several glass windows, and a little on the stock. The old printing office, now vacant, suffered a scorching and broken glass. The lumber yard loss will amount to a few dollars.

The heaviest loser in the whole affair is the firm of Kjorlaug & Co., composed of O. K. Kjorlaug and George Ash, both Madelia men. They carried a stock of $9,000 and had no insurance. Ash is said to be well fixed and able to stand his share of the loss but it is understood that Kjorlaug is left penniless. The firm had about $1,500 in outstanding accounts, but as the books were burned many of them will never be collected.

NELSON AND GROTHE START ANEW.

In the matter of dollars and cents Nelson and Grothe are the next heaviest losers, as their loss is $8,000 on building and stock; but they carried $4,000 insurance and have already started up business in the building occupied by H. C. Nundahl's butcher shop.

The two men who will suffer most from the fire, aside from Kjorlaug, are J. H. Haenze, editor of the Hanska Herald, and O. W. Hart, the barber. Both are left without a thing in the world but their courage. Haenze had purchased the paper but four months before and had but recently put in several hundred dollars in new type, presses and general improvements. Just the day previous he had moved his shop from the old location across the street and had made arrangements to take out an insurance policy Monday, two days after the tragedy. He announces that he will continue the publication of the paper, however, and is starting in with courage to make a new beg'nning.

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OTTOMEYER'S

Is Headquarters for a fine line of Holiday Goods.

Only a few weeks more till Christmas. It is time for you to look around for suitable presents, we would invite you to call at our store and see the large stock of Fine Dry Goods, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Furnishings.

Fine Dress Goods, Silks Persian Bond trimmings to match. Dress-Skirts, Petticoats, Underwear, Hosiery, Gloves, Mittens, Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Ties, Umbrellas, Purses, Handbags, Fine Scarfs, Muffs, Children Sets, Night Gowns, Kimonos, Outing Dressing Saques, Sweaters, Blankets, Quilts, Table Linens, Lunch Cloths, Napkins, Tidies, Pillow Tops, (The latest patterns) Children and Infant's Cloaks and Baby Hoods.

Note some prices on a few Bargains:

PETTICOATS, A great assortment, look at ours at 79c
NIGHT GOWNS, Full size at $1 00 and $1.25. 75c
OUTING DRESSING SAQUES, Cheap at 75c
SHAWLS, We keep only the best from 19c up to $10.00. 19c
GLOVES AND MITTENS, A large assortment in Kid, woolen or cashmere from 10c to $1.50. 10c
LINENS, We have anything you wish in the line of Linens, from a small square to a three yards long table linen, 25c up to $7.50 25c

Keep Your Eye on our Window Displays from Now until Chris'mas.

TARDINESS REDUCED TO MINIMUM

Half-Holiday Provision Working Wonderfully in Public Schools.

The provision passed by the board of education last January allowing each room in the public school a half-holiday for each month during which it had no tardiness has worked wonderfully well, and Superintendent E. T. Critchett is greatly pleased. November of last year the tardiness in the high school and all the rooms was 123, and during the November just passed only twenty-five cases are reported.

This is twenty-five cases out of a possible 24,722, allowing each pupil two chances a day, and this is a remarkable percentage. Superindent Critchett explains it by the increased interest taken by the pupils themselves. The noticeable thing about the tardiness is that it is confined to five rooms, where the children are small.

INVALUABLE FOR RHEUMATISM.

I have been suffering for the past few years with a severe attack of rheumatism and found that Ballard's Snow Liniment was the only thing that gave me satisfaction and tended to alleviate my pains. March 24th, 1902, John C. Degnan, Kinsman, Ills. 25c, 50c and $1.00. Sold by Eugene A. Pfefferle.

WAS IN TOWN DAY BEFORE DEATH

William Schneider Seen on Streets in Drunken Condition.

William Schneider, found dying by the Northwestern tracks several weeks ago, was not riding through the city on the freight train, as was generally supposed, but either boarded the train at New Ulm, or did not fall from the train at all, but was struck by the engine while lying near the track. It is now known that Schneider had been in New Ulm the day previous to his death for he was seen on the streets in a partly intoxicated condition It is possible that he was one of the tramps put off the early freight by a brakeman, and that he climbed back again, or he may have been walking along the tracks and laid down in a drunken stupor where he could have been struck by the edge of the cow-catcher.

Chief of police Klause receives letters every day from different towns in nearly all the northwest states from men who think they have some clue which will lead to the detection of Dr. Gebhardt's murderer. Most of them are worthless and amusing, but those which seen to be of any possible value are answered.

Christmas Gifts.

Now is the time to buy a

Present

When you can get it

At Cost.

Take advantage of our closing out sale and get your presents at cost. Come soon while our stock is nearly complete.

Carlson Brothers.

MISHAPS FOLLOW IN QUICK ORDER

Fractured Ribs, Broken Arm and Dislocated Shoulder Afflict Mrs. Glaessmann.

Badly frightened by the unexpected explosion of gas in her cook stove Saturday, Mrs. William Glaessman of Lafayette township, Nicollet county, fell backward and in her fall fractured her left arm above the elbow and dislocated her left shoulder.

The sad part of the accident is that Mrs. Glaessman was just recovering from an accident which happened about two months ago when she broke the same arm only in a different place from the last fracture, and broke several ribs.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. Glaessman was fixing the fire and put a kod of fresh coal in the stove and then left the room for a few minutes, evidently forgetting to turn on the draft. When she returned the gas which had accumulated in the stove from the fresh coal exploded, shooting a flame though the crevices in the stove and scaring the woman so that she gave a quick jump backward, tripped and fell full weight on her left side.

Mrs. Glaessman is naturally in a very nervous condition from the shock from the two mishaps.

Apples for sale, wholesale and retail. New York stock only. STORK BROS.

EDITOR SHOOTS HIMSELF IN FOOT

C. C. Cooly of Lafayette Meets With Accident While Hunting.

C. C. Cooly, editor of the Lafayette Ledger, was the victim of a gun accident Saturday and as a result is very lame in his left foot. The scribe had gone to Searles for a hunt with friends, and had taken a 22-caliber rifle.

He was just starting out from the house on his trip and was holding the gun in his hand, muzzle down, when in some way the trigger was pulled and the bullet went into his foot, stricking between the toes and coming out the ball of the foot, traveling toward the heel.

A physician from New Ulm was called and the wound dressed. The ball was found lodged in the sole of the shoe.

Herrian Sells Hotel.

Peter Herrian, the well-known hotelman of Sleepy Eye and proprietor of Hotel Leona for the last three years, is to retire from the hostelry business in the neighboring city. He has sold his interests to Mrs. J. J. Bier, who has leased the place to P. J. McLinn, her brother-in-law. Wednesday a farewell dinner was given by Mr. Herrian to a number of friends. His son, W. J. Herrian, and wife were present from New Ulm.

Crone Bros. Remnant Sale DEC 12-13.

Calicos worth 6 to 7 cents, sale price.....4 cents
Indigos worth 6 to 7 cents, sale price.....4 cents
25 pieces Outing Flannel just received worth 7c..4 cents
" " " " " 8c..6 cents
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Extra large Fascinaters 39 cents worth 75 cents.

Whole Remnants for Very Little Money. A nice line to select from.

Silk Remnants less 33⅓ per cent. Received another lot of 22, 40, 60 Silk Ribbon to sell for 10 cents a yard.

Broken Lots of Underwear for Ladies and Children, Below cost.

$1.00 at 75 cents. 50 cents at 25 cents
75c at 50 cents. 25 cents at 10 cents

For Our Mammoth Christmas Offerings See Last Page of this Paper.

Crone Brothers.