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## The Berman Emporium, Bemidji

### THE CITY

Santa Claus at Peterson's. We mix paints to order. Jones Furs, Furs at the Bazaar this week.

C. J. Mealey, of Dexter, is in the city today.

The Bazaar is having a Fur Sale this week.

The only complete toy store in town is at Peterson's.

Al. Kaiser was down from Fosston yesterday for a visit with Dr. Gilmore.

Hark ye to the peasant strain. People are often saved by taking Mark's Lung Balsam.

Frank Richards, came down from Nebish yesterday and went to the cities on business last night.

Call on A. E. Winter the leading jeweler for up-to-date goods. Next door to First National bank.

W. E. Verity, of Wadena, spent Sunday in the city. Mr. Verity has been spending the past several weeks at St. Paul.

For coughs, colds or any lung trouble do you know Mark's Lung Balsam is the best? Try a bottle. Ask your druggist.

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you are entitled to a handsome Dish, a Sugar Bowl, a Cake Plate, a Vegetable Dish, a Cup and Saucer, or Milk Pitcher.

The dish alone is worth the price asked for the coffee.

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The Eagles meet tonight. Special sale on Furs at the Bazaar.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Atwood, of Blackduck, are in the city today. Attend the Fur Sale at the Bazaar this week. New styles just received.

Display of mechanical toys in operation every evening between 7 and 9 o'clock at Peterson's.

Harry Geil, who is taking the engineering course at the state university, is home for the holidays.

The village of Kelliher is to have a new jail. The steel cages will be furnished by M. G. Slocum.

Judge Spooner goes to Grand Rapids tonight to convene the session of district court. It will be adjourned Thursday for the holidays.

There will be services in the Norwegian Lutheran church this evening at eight o'clock. Rev. Lofthus will preach.

A. L. Lafreniere, of the Northome Record, is in the city today. Mr. Lafreniere is on his way to Red Lake Falls to spend Christmas with relatives.

Not a game of blind man's buff. We don't ask you to go blindly into the purchase of a single bottle of Mark's Lung Balsam. It's a sure cure for cough, throat and lung troubles.

John M. Stubson enlisted in the United States Army Saturday, and will leave this week for St. Louis. Stubson is the fourth recruit Corporal Witte has been able to secure in Bemidji.

Mayor Luddington spent Sunday at Northome. Mr. Luddington has the contract for the sheet iron work on the new cold storage house being erected there by the Minneapolis Brewing Company.

E. M. Bigelow, an employe of the Crookston Lumber Company, is in the city today endeavoring to rent a house. Mr. Bigelow and family is one of several that will be removed to Bemidji with the general offices of the Crookston Lumber Company in January.

At a regular meeting of the liquor dealers yesterday Fred Brinkman, Matt Mayer and George Buckley were appointed a committee to look after the masquerade dance which the liquor dealers are to give in the near future.

Large congregations were the rule at the Bemidji churches yesterday both morning and evening. The theme of discourse in nearly all cases bore some reference to the birth of Christ and special music which was greatly appreciated was rendered at all the churches.

Judge Sorenson at Buena Vista has issued a second commitment for John Enright. Enright has not yet been brought to the city. Sheriff Bailey refused to honor the first commitment issued by the Buena Vista judge, so another has been perfected. Interesting developments are pending.

See the new Furs at the Bazaar this week.

Thos. Bailey, Jr., is at Cass Lake today.

Mrs. George McTaggart has been quite ill for several days.

Rufus Sowers is the latest recruit for the army secured by Recruiting Officer Witte.

Words are weak as water when it comes to telling of the wonderful cures of Mark's Lung Balsam.

Mrs. J. P. Lahr expects to leave some time this week for an extended visit with St. Cloud relatives.

E. Skogen, left this morning for Anoka where he joins a one night stand dramatic company and will play comedy leads.

Mrs. Sophia Olson has received a check for \$2,000 from the A. O. U. W. lodge at Fertile, of which her deceased husband was a member.

W. C. Kelso, of Hallock, is in the city on business today. Mr. Kelso is a banker at Hallock and one of that thriving little city's most substantial citizens.

Attorney Henry Funkley is down from Blackduck today. Mr. Funkley says the Pioneer popularity contest is the talk of the town at Blackduck at present.

The estate of L. O. Fisk was in probate court this morning for the appointment of an administrator. Dick Gunderson, of Blackduck, was duly appointed.

Word reaches this city of the death of Mrs. Archie Mondeau, who has extensive property interests here. Her death occurred at Chippewa Falls, Dec. 12, of heart failure.

The Literary Society will have one of its interesting meetings at Peterson's hall tomorrow evening. There will be several orations, musical numbers and other features as well as a debate. The subject of the latter will be "Resolved that Bemidji is the Coming Town of Northern Minnesota." The Messrs. Geil and Rolfe are assigned to the affirmative and the Messrs. Heath and Milton to the negative.

**Special Terms of Court.**

Judge Spooner will hold special terms of the district court at Bagley January 9 and at International Falls, Jan. 19, for the purpose of granting citizenship papers and transacting other business. It had been originally intended to hold a special term at Baudette but this ideal was abandoned because the town is not yet organized. On the trip to International Falls the Judge will be accompanied by several of the county officers of Itasca county and by Clerk of Court Rhoda and Sheriff Bailey.

**Schools Close Wednesday.**

The city schools will close Wednesday for the Christmas vacation of ten days. School will commence after the holiday vacation on January 4. Programs appropriate for the Christmas season will characterize the closing of the present term in all the rooms.

**MRS. R. B. FOSTER**  
PIANO INSTRUCTOR  
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### HUNGRY WOLVES

Duluth Traveling Man Has Unpleasant Experience Near Backus.

E. J. Chapman, of Duluth, a traveling man in the employ of the DeVelda Drug company, tells of a narrow escape from wolves in Cass county last Wednesday evening. The driver's lunch basket, he says, was probably the only thing that saved them.

"I hired a team to drive from Pine River to Backus," said Mr. Chapman, and my driver was a lad about seventeen years of age. We had a good, spirited team, and they could go some, which fact was of supreme importance in view of what was to transpire before we reached our destination. The distance from Pine River to Backus is twelve miles and a place called Mildred is about half way. We passed Mildred about 8 a. m., and had gone perhaps two miles when five wolves showed an inclination to attack us.

"Neither of us had any weapons. The boy became frightened and came near losing control of the horses. The apparent fright of the team encouraged the animals to press closer. I took the reins from the boy and told him to use whip on the wolves if they came within striking distance of the sleigh. The lad recovered his courage and soon his fighting blood was up. I gradually gave the horses their head and let them go as fast as I dared. My greatest fear was that we would meet with an accident and be tipped over.

"The wolves gained courage and when it seemed as if we could no longer stave off the attack, the boy happened to think of his lunch box. It proved to be our salvation. He opened it and began throwing out slices of cooked meat and bread.

"Every time he tossed a morsel out all of the five wolves would stop and scarp for the last crumb. Meantime we were making great headway in the direction of Backus. Every time the wolves would draw near again the boy would toss out some more of his lunch. He kept the wolves occupied in this manner until at last we arrived safely at Backus, the wolves quitting us just outside the edge of the little town."

### SOLD TO INDIANS

Government Authorities Investigate and Have Evidence Against Nebish Liquor Dealers.

The government authorities at the Red Lake agency have been investigating the illegal sale of liquor to the Indians at Nebish and as a result two gentlemen who are well known in this city are expected to answer to the charge some time this week. The warrants are at present in the hands of a U. S. marshal and were expected to be served this afternoon.

**Letters to Santa Claus.**

Letters to Santa Claus still continue to arrive at the local postoffice. There are several daily and have been for some time and there is quite a bunch of mail for the old fellow at present. The following letter is self explanatory:

Bemidji, Minn., Dec. 19, 1903.  
Dear Santa Claus:—  
I write to you to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a big doll, a bracelet and some writing paper to write to you without having to ask mamma. Good-bye. From  
MISS ETTA GOULD.

The smallest want ad is carefully read each day by hundreds of people. A few cents' expenditure puts you in close touch with those hundreds.

## PIANOS!

### Valuable Suggestions For Thinking People

To buy a piano is a serious undertaking for most people because they know absolutely nothing about the construction or the requirements necessary for durability as well as tone quality and are therefore unable to determine its value which may subject the buyer to great financial loss, leaving them easy-prey for unscrupulous salesmen assisted by the paid advice of a supposed friend, to substitute a varnished thump box for a musical instrument with music. Do you care to take the risk?

Great are the obstacles in the way of judicious selection of a piano when a buyer has no personal knowledge for they must rely almost wholly on the advice of the dealer who can make the way plain for buying advantageously for the most inexperienced buyer, if he so desires, and he will gladly do it if he is honorable. Therefore it is important that you should use good judgment in selecting a dealer. He should be one whom you know to be trustworthy and fair in all his dealings and to whom you can go personally at any time for explanation and ad-

vice and on whom you can depend on what he tells you concerning them.

You can readily understand why as a rule it is advisable to "patronize home industry." This rule will apply in almost every line, particularly in buying a piano as the dealer is easily accessible in case attention is required, beside having sold the instrument it is to his interest to see that it is in good condition as a standing endorsement for him, and a very important consideration for the buyer, an advantage he will not have buying from a distant dealer.

Not having the ready money to pay for the piano need not stand in the way of purchasing. Your home may have the advantage of a musical instrument. You can buy on easy terms, paying for it in small monthly payments that will suit your circumstances. We are making prices on instruments very much lower than ever before offered in this part of the state. If you think of buying a piano in the near future it will be to your interest to take advantage of this money saving opportunity.

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