

SIX CANDIDATES TAKEN INTO ELKDOM LAST NIGHT

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which I accepted. I am sorry I did so, for really I prefer walking. They told me he was a capital goat and would go like a rocket. I rode up and down the spacious hall at ease, pipe in mouth, happy in the thought that this goat at least could not be of the wicked nature of his brethren. But I was not acquainted with my long-horned friend. He was only waiting until he would get away from



Fred Jordan told Dampier he had "fixed it" for him.

the convulsive members, as they would understand his little game, and knew how to block it.

"Once or twice he reached back and took a small piece out of my shin, but I did not mind that, although I do not like to have a

goat get too affectionate. All at once I found myself rolling over his head rather swiftly! And there was his goatship on his hind legs in a pugilistic attitude, thinking probably that he could knock me out. He must have stumbled, I thought. So, picking myself up, I approached him and prepared to mount. Something whizzed by my ear at this moment, and I stepped back out of his range, for that goat has a very large and sharp hoof, and I have reasons to believe he tried to kick me. I began to reason with him, but as he always presented that part of his anatomy to which the tail was attached, and seemed to quiver with a desire to kick, I did not get on his back then, but awaited developments. Finally I mounted, but I did not stay there, because the goat wanted to roll, and I let him do it.

"Then I got a club and argued with him, using the most weighty arguments I could produce. After I had worn out two clubs, that passive resistance was too much for me, and I left his goatship to his own devices (with his head and tail up).

"Being somewhat of a mind reader, I could see that that goat thought that if he had one more chance at me, he could knock me out, but I was too smart for him. Acting upon the old proverb that descretion is the better part of valor, I retired with my hide and reputation still intact.

"Thanking my brother Elks,

Messrs. Severtson, Middleton and Erickson for instructing me how to mount the Elk, I am,

"Yours, willing to learn,

"F. H. Stuart."

Diaries.

The Pioneer has just received a large line of 1908 diaries, suitable for business and professional men. An early selection should be made, as they will not be carried in stock after January first.

Masquerade Skating Carnival.

A masquerade skating carnival will be given at the rink Christmas night (December 25). Those desiring masks should apply at the rink.

Christmas tags and stickers at the Pioneer office.

D. C. Lightburn of Ada, one of the political leaders of Norman county, was a visitor in the city yesterday. Mr. Lightburn was a candidate for republican nomination as a member of the legislature from this district at the last election, being defeated by A. L. Hanson of Ada.

Mark DeLaney of Hubbard and Joseph DeLaney of Park Rapids spent last night in the city. They came up from their homes yesterday afternoon and attended the Elks lodge, where they saw to it that E. Dampier and E. R. Bell of Akeley got all that was coming to them at the initiation of the latter two gentlemen into the Elks lodge.

Ideal Gifts for Christmas

ONLY A FEW DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Have you thought about it? Counted the shopping days before Christmas? There are not many left—and there are also many presents to buy. Let us help you. You will find many a beautiful and exquisite article here now that will be gone later. This year we have outdone all previous efforts, and it will be to your advantage to come and see the assortment in the various lines of merchandise we carry.

We Buy Direct from the Manufacturers and Save the Middle Man's Profit

Fine	Gold	Emblems
Bracelets Our stock must be seen to be appreciated. All the newest creations of the season.	Watches We are overstocked and must dispose of a good many before Xmas. A fine 20-year Hand- engraved Case, fitted with a fine 15-jeweled movement only \$12.25	

PLEASE DO AS MUCH SHOPPING AS POSSIBLE IN THE FORENOON

GEO. T. BAKER & CO.
116 Third Street

CITY DRUG STORE
Near the Lake

New Leather Goods

Purses and Bags from 45¢ up to \$10.00.

CHRISTMAS

AT BERMAN'S EMPORIUM

Our Store Is Crowded with Handsome and Useful Holiday Goods

Suggestions for beautiful and sensible Holiday Goods at Closest Prices. Waists, Skirts, Silks, Dress Goods, Table Linens, Towels, Doilies, Lunch Cloths, Long and Short Gloves, Umbrellas, Kimonas, Hosiery, Muslin Underwear and Silk Petticoats.

Dress Goods For Your Holiday Dress or Waist

Silks, Crepe de Chine, Poplin, and all the new fabrics; Black White and all the new colors, at a great saving. Beautiful heavy double faced Peau de Soie; \$1.10 per yard.

Cloaks, Suits and Skirts

It is a pleasure and ease to choose a Christmas present from our enormous Cloak, Suit and Skirt Department in our new annex. One of those elegantly tailored Skirts in Silk, Chiffon, Panama, Voile or Mohair, from \$3.00 to \$20.00 will please the most exacting.

One - Fifth Off on Our Entire Line of Coats

MILLINERY ... All Our Hats at One-Third Off

Christmas Slippers and Shoes

A pair of our beautiful slippers or shoes for ladies or children make a most pleasing gift

Hose

In Silk and Fancy Embroidery Lisle in black, green, purple, blue, red, Pink and Plaids

Christmas Handkerchiefs in Gift Boxes

Magnificent Waists

A new line especially for Christmas trade. There can be no more desirable gift than one of those magnificent Lace, Silk, Crepe de Soie, Lawn or Batiste Waists, from \$1.50 to \$15.00.

Furs

make a most acceptable present. As we have the coldest weather before us you will find it a most fortunate feature to purchase from our still large assortment at our great reduction a handsome Fur Coat, Muff Scarf or Set in Jap Mink, Sable, Squirrel, Natural Squirrel, Sable Fox or Wolf.

Kimonas

Short or long Kimonas in Silk, Cashmere, Flannel, Blanket Cloth, in magnificent variety from \$1.50 to \$25.00

Hose Supporters in Gift Boxes.

Fancy Belts in Gift Boxes.

We ask your inspection of our most varied assortment and low prices in all our departments

"BIG BEMIDJ" TO PLAY CROOKSTON SATURDAY

The Crookston Team Has Some Good Players and an Interesting Game is Promised.

The "Big Bemidj" basketball team will play two games against the Crookston basketball team on next Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

These games are on the regular schedule which the local team has formed for its contests to determine the championship of northern Minnesota. It is expected that both games will be very warmly contested as Bemidji has shown that it has some remarkably fast players and the Crookston team is possibly the fastest five in the city.

Last year Bemidji won two games from a Crookston team, in one of which it left the visitors without a score.

Floyd Brown's inability to take part in the first half of the game on account of the Christmas rush, is to be regretted as the work of the team will be decidedly weakened without their usual center and captain.

The locals have strong hopes of taking both of the coming games and to that end will put their best available line-up in the field as follows:

"Big Bemidj"—H. Geil and J. Markham, forwards; L. Heffron, center; W. Collins and G. Peterson, guards; F. Brown, substitute.

Crookston Team—Wattam and Lommen, forwards; Carlson, center; McLaughlin and Beaudin, guards; Moulton, substitute; Edson Jerome, manager.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL MATTER

Phone your order to the Greenhouse for X-mas flowers.

J. W. Boone of Big Falls was a Bemidji visitor yesterday.

T. E. Bruner of Vola spent yesterday and today in the city.

J. W. Taft was a Grand Rapids visitor in the city last night.

Lowney's chocolate bon bons are the best. Only at Petersons.

Mrs. H. E. Anderson went to Funkley last evening on a visit.

J. W. Taft of Grand Rapids was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

G. E. Hoover of Kelliher was a visitor in the city yesterday afternoon.

Unbreakable linen toy books and other books for young and old at Petersons.

Chas. Moon, night police at Blackduck, spent yesterday in the city on business.

Remember the masquerade skating carnival to be given at the rink Christmas night.

When your wife tells you to send home some baking powder, she means Hunt's Perfect Baking Powder. It never disappoints.

Greater values in good clothing—any suit or overcoat at 25 per cent

discount. Try them for Christmas presents. O'Leary & Bowser.

John Wilson left last night for Northome where he will spend the balance of the week in the interest of the Walker & Akeley Lumber company.

Prof. H. E. Biddinger, who is principal of the scientific and commercial course in the Bemidji schools, left this morning for Chicago, where he will visit until after the holidays.

John G. Morrison, Jr., who conducts a store at the Red Lake Agency, with O. Grevelle, came in yesterday from Crookston and spent last night in the city. He left this afternoon for his home at Red Lake.

Mrs. T. Gullickson and little daughter returned last evening from a visit with relatives of Mrs. Gullickson residing in the twin cities. They have been away about a month, and they enjoyed every moment of their stay.

P. A. Walsh of Big Falls, the sheriff of Koochiching county, was in the city last night, and attended the meeting of the local lodge of Elks. Mr. Walsh reports everything moving along smoothly in his department of official affairs of Koochiching county.

Dr. F. H. Stuart, the practicing physician and surgeon at Baudette, came in yesterday afternoon from his home and spent last night in the city. He was one of the class of six candidates who joined the Elks last evening. The doctor left this morning for Chippewa Falls, Wis., where he will visit until after the holidays.

PRICE OF PULPWOOD REACHES VERY LOW EBB

There Is But Small Demand, and Price May Decline Below Present Schedule.

Dan Rose of Northome, the general north-country representative for Watab Paper & Pulp company, passed through the city last evening, returning to his home from a business trip to the offices of his company at Watab. He was accompanied by Louis Biehl of Northome, who is a cruiser employed in the north country by the Watab people.

Mr. Rose states that the price of pulp wood has fallen to \$4.75 per single cord, and that it will undoubtedly reach \$4.50 per cord, the latter figure being the price which he will offer from the present time for the balance of the winter, so far as he is at present informed.

A year ago, pulp wood was bringing \$11, \$12 and even as high as \$13 per single cord, and the north-country woodsmen were expecting a larger price. The price remained high until last spring, and there was a steady demand for the output.

It is very different this season. The pulpwood companies report that they have about all the wood they can handle at the present time and are buying very little; and that the price will remain low for some time to come.

FOR RENT—Four-room house, on Dewey avenue. A. Klein.