

GRAND OPENING.

**Freimuth's the Scene of Immense
Throng Last Evening.**

Freimuth's grand holiday opening last evening was attended by one of the largest crowds that ever fought its way into a department store in this city, and it was certainly a great success in every way.

Those who took advantage of the opportunity to look over dozens of different lines of goods, appropriately arranged for the purpose, were glad they came. Men, women and children were there in throngs. The store was prettily decorated for the occasion, green in streamers and festoons being used principally. Lanners' orchestra furnished an excellent program of music.

Santa Claus made his first appearance of the season last evening in the big "daylight basement." The old fellow was there, with his hair just as white and his nose just as red as ever, and to the children he was at once the popular idol.

A splendid assortment of toys is shown. In the animal counter, when the lambs started bleating, the cows lowing, the pigs grunting, and the dogs barking, one could readily imagine himself in an old-fashioned farmyard, instead of in a progressive, up-to-date store, where the animals were all worked by mechanical devices.

The cut glass department was given particular attention, and the dazzling beauty of the different pieces was almost bewildering to the eye. The establishment also showed a most beautiful line of leather goods, while the jewelry is of the very best and most complete assortment.