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MINING MATTERS.

Notes from the Mesaba and Other Iron Ranges.

The Fayal Iron company will sink a large working shaft this winter, and have let the contract for dimension timbers for a mammoth shaft house, to be the largest in the state and made for three side tracks to run beneath. It is the present intention to work a force of about thirty-five men there during the winter and place the mine in shape for good shipments next season.

The Drake & Stratton company have practically closed down for the winter on their stripping operations at the Oliver and Lone Jack and are storing their machinery for winter.

The Oliver will this winter have sunk a good working shaft to a depth of 150 feet, between the north and south cuts, in the ground explored with a churn drill last spring. Work on same will be commenced next week.

Five steam shovels are busy at work stripping on the Mountain Iron and Rathbun properties and these mines will be put in shape for an enormous output next year.

Capt. Mallman, in charge of drilling operations at the Great Western, has proven the ore body to a depth of 232 feet.

Winston Bros. & Dear have given up the idea of using a steam shovel on their stripping contract at the Mahoning property this winter. About 80 men are now employed.

A new company has been formed to operate the Colby mine at Bessemer and work will be prosecuted with great vigor this winter. Gradually these mines are going out of the hands of the Consolidated company, and as fast as they go out they resume operations.—Miner.

There is another big strike on in the Couer d'Alene country. All the union miners, in the mines controlled by the Bunker Hill and Sullivan company at Wardner have laid down their tools and the hardest fought battle ever known between the miners and owners is expected. The miners' union demanded \$3.50 per day for underground men with no non-union labor to be employed. It was refused by the company. The miners are determined to win in this struggle and the situation is critical.

C. H. Munger has gone up on the Mesaba range. The Miner understands he has gone to assume the duties of superintendent of the Sellers mine at Hibbing. Mr. Munger is one of the old timers on this range, and the people up there will find Charley not only a first class mining man but a fine gentleman as well.—Miner.

The Mountain Iron company's mine has closed shipping and the ore dock will be idle in a few days. There is enough ore left at the dock for a few cargoes. Stripping will go on at the mine all winter.

The Calumer & Hecla mining company has declared a dividend of \$5 per share, payable Dec. 15. This will make \$15 paid out of this year's earnings, the prior payments having been made May 15 and Aug. 30. The \$5 calls for \$500,000 on the capital and makes a total of \$42,350,000 paid up to date. The dividend applies to stock of November 17.

The Ashland iron mine will resume operation in a few days. The company has been reorganized, and between thirty and forty men have been put to work. This force will be greatly increased during the winter.

C. H. Munger, personal mention of whom is elsewhere copied from the Hurley Miner, has already taken his new position at the Sellers. He has already commenced operations on the large mining shaft to be put down this winter, and has about twenty-five men at work. He has opened an office in the old camps near the Lake Superior mine.

The D. M. & N. spur to the Adams was practically completed the first of the week, and the company have transferred one of the steam shovels from the

Mountain Iron to this mine. By Monday, at the latest, they will be throwing dirt, and start the development of one of the greatest mines on the range.

The Rouchleau-Ray company have this week put in a crew on a new exploration about six miles southeast of Eveleth.

Lake Superior ores in 1895.

The most disastrous year in Lake Superior mining is about at an end. To most mining companies it has been a year devoid of profit; some will find the balance on the wrong side, if they do what proper book-keeping requires and charge up against every ton of ore taken out in 1894 its share dead-work. It is not surprising that with such a record now practically made up, the iron ore interest addresses itself earlier than usual to the probabilities of the season just ahead. Will Lake Superior mining companies continue for another year the policy of virtually giving away millions of tons of ore that can never be replaced? Will 1895 bring a repetition of the unfavorable conditions of 1894. How will the old ranges be affected by the Mesabi's output, which it is conceded can easily be made twice that of 1894 and more should the market call for it? Will the difference in price be more pronounced than in 1894, between Mesabi and old range ores, of like chemical constituency? What has a year's furnace practice with Mesabi ores developed as to the percentage that can be used most advantageously? These are some of the questions that are being canvassed.

Every forecast for 1895 will take account first of all, of the indications that the requirements of Bessemer ore in that year will be greater than in any year preceding, and that the call for non-Bessemer will be the smallest in years. This is familiar ground and the reasons have been frequently stated. Aside from the encroachment of steel upon iron, lumber has been rapidly displaced by steel siding and steel beams. Steel railroad ties displace wooden ties; steel pit posts are going into mines—but the story is too familiar to repeat. The point is that 7,000,000 to 8,000,000 tons of Lake Superior Bessemer are likely to be required in 1895 if the expected pace is attained, in the country's gradual return to normal consumption. The non-Bessemer output—about 1,000,000 tons this year—is likely to be less in 1895; at all events it need not be considered in this connection. It 1892, with a total production of 4,444,041 gross tons, of Bessemer pig, upwards of 7,000,000 tons of Bessemer ores were consumed, of which the Lake Superior contribution was about 5,500,000 tons. With nearly 8,000,000 tons of Lake Superior Bessemer shipped in the season just closing, it can be appreciated that an 8,000,000-ton production for next year is not over sanguine, if no industrial set-back intervenes.—Iron Trade Review

K. of P. Officers. At the regular convocation of Northern Light Lodge, No. 127, K. of P., held at their Castle Hall on Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, to be installed at the first meeting in January: G. O.—John Costin, Jr., V. G.—A. E. Dunsmore, P.—W. J. Robinson, K. of R. & S.—W. E. Hannaford, M. of W.—E. W. Coons, M. of F.—E. C. Burke, M. of H.—D. Z. K. Brock, M. at A.—Frank Genesier.

A Sanctum Tragedy. Fast fell the flakes upon the ground, As he glides into view—"Is this the editor?" "It is." "Who will you substitute for me?" But ere he could pronounce the rest, He doubled up and calmly died, Struck with a paper weight!

At the Virginia Schools. The teacher was drilling the class in grammar, and said: "An abstract noun is the name of something which you can think of but not touch. Can you give me an example, Tommy?" Tommy: "A red hot poker."

A full line of shoes at the Model Clothing Store.

THE LOCAL FIELD.

Happenings of a Week in the Range Metropolis.

In the first issue of The Enterprise, on February 10, '93, we said that Virginia needed a Business Men's Association to look after, foster and forward its interests, and many times since we have spoken of the lack of unity of action among our business men and urged the necessity of such an organization. At many times since have matters of importance to all the people of Virginia been before our citizens and had such an organization been perfected in the city's incipency a number of important projects would have taken a very different turn and would have proven of great importance to our thriving village. At the present time, even, there are questions which could be taken up by and properly belong to such an organization, the cemetery and Rainy Lake road being two of the most pressing—one a necessity and both of interest to all who have the welfare of the city at heart. And there would never be a dearth of work for such a body in a growing and prosperous city like ours. Just previous to the fire such an organization was partially effected, but the fire was the immediate cause of cutting its life too short to permit of the accomplishment of any of its prime objects. Efforts have since been made and The Enterprise has ever championed the formation of such a body, but while all labors have thus far apparently proven futile the good seed bids fair to grow and there is now again on foot an apparently determined effort to perfect an organization at an early date. This result will have been substantially aided by Mr. D. H. Moon, who has, since his removal to this city, been an earnest and untiring worker in behalf of aught pertaining to the public good and who, in common with all citizens, recognizes the natural advantages and grand possibilities of our city, has pinned his faith to the truthful adage that in unity there is strength and has rightly argued that such a body is one of the requisites of any town, that all may pull together for a desired end ascertained by careful and considerate deliberation. The Enterprise will have more to say relative hereto, and trusts that in a fortnight hence it may be enabled to chronicle the formal organization of the Virginia Business Men's Association, together with the channels to which its attention will first be called.

The Presbyterian Concert held in Crockett's Opera House on Wednesday evening was well attended and highly appreciated by all who had the pleasure of listening thereto. The church society netted a neat sum from the entertainment.

Miss Sadie McNeel came up from Duluth Wednesday evening, to be home for Thanksgiving.

D. H. Moon came up from St. Paul Wednesday, for a two or three days visit.

R. B. Green, an old Virginian, now employed as chemist for the Minnesota Iron Co. at their Two Harbors docks, was in attendance at the Thanksgiving ball.

W. R. McGarry, of Duluth, came up Tuesday and stayed over to the K. of P. ball.

The Thanksgiving ball by Northern Light Lodge, No. 127, K. P. at Crockett's Opera House last evening, was participated in by quite one hundred couple, and well sustained the reputation so justly earned by this lodge for tendering enjoyable parties. The music by Hour's orchestra, of Duluth, was fine, and received much deserved praise. Supper was served by the ladies of the M. E. Church, who served an elegant spread in the Sutherland block. Many from Mountain Iron and a number from Duluth, Two Harbors and the Vermilion range cities were in attendance.

McGuff & Day, the well-known Duluth dentists, after numerous solicitations, have decided to make visits to Virginia, having already attended a number of patients from here. Attention is called to their card in this issue.

George Raymond, who attends the Duluth High School, came up on Tuesday evening to participate in the Presbyterian concert and spend Thanksgiving. He was accompanied by Mr. W. A. Cleland, who also took part in the concert program.

Capt. E. Florida and wife came up from Duluth to attend the K. of P. ball.

The boys of Fire Company, No. 1, will hold the fort on New Year's eve with a grand ball at Crockett's Opera House.

W. A. Thomas, editor of the Hibbing Sentinel, was a Virginia visitor over Sunday. Mr. Thomas feels quite encouraged over the outlook for Hibbing, and confidently asserts that it will be the best town on the range this winter.

A chimney burning out at the Pakkala building called out the fire companies at an early hour Tuesday morning but no water was turned on. The new screech whistle at the power house was not in working order and consequently the alarm was not heard by many.

Some people seem to think that because the Good Book says "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work," they should only labor six days in a lifetime.

The destructive worm that bores its way into burned pine is quite large and makes a hole in the wood as big around as a man's little finger. At night the big army of worms get in their best work. A camp in a burned district will be surrounded with awful noises during the dark hours. A buzzing and thrilling sound is heard without straining one's ears to distinguish it, either. This means the boring termites are at work hard and fast. They are eating up good hard pine, which is an equivalent for good hard cash. The sawdust at the bottom of a tree in which the worms are at work is exactly like that made by a circular saw cutting boards.

This city was visited the first of the week by a deputy internal revenue collector who was looking after the color of but-terine. It is said he made several seizures, but we do not credit the statement, inasmuch as no such article has ever found sale in our city.

S. A. Grierson attended to business matters in Duluth on Wednesday.

At Tuesday evening's council meeting the salary of E. H. Chittenden, fire chief, was raised \$25 per month, with instructions to make daily visits to every hydrant in the city and see that they were kept in proper condition by the Light & Water Co., and also to see that the electric alarm system was kept in working order.

Mrs. George Rich and children, of Duluth, who have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Grierson, left for home on Wednesday, their departure being somewhat hastened by the illness of one of the children.

If you have a Christmas stock you need Christmas advertising. The Enterprise reaches all and an ad. in its columns always pays.

School Opened Monday. Although the elegant new school building is scarce complete, the city school opened on Monday last and the attendance would indicate several things—one of which is that in another year the school district will be compelled to look for more room than is afforded by the elegant new quarters. The first day's attendance was 157 pupils, while later in the week this number has reached much nearer 200. Teachers and scholars all rejoice that their long forced vacation is ended, and have settled down to work with a will, apparently determined to make up for the loss occasioned by their summer and autumn vacation.

Dentistry. Dr. Hedderly, of Minneapolis, will be at the Virginia Hotel on December 5, 6, 7 and 8, prepared to do any dental operations in a thorough and satisfactory manner, and at Bismarck on December 10th and 11th. The Doctor will hereafter make regular monthly visits to Virginia.

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