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AMONG THE MINES.

In the immediate vicinity of Virginia there are not less than fifteen iron mines of proven greatness which are lying idle with little or no prospect of operating this season. At the present price of ore there is but little encouragement for independent operators, at least, to attempt to open their properties.

Capt. J. H. Taylor, formerly of the Ashland mine, on the Gogebic, but now directly interested in the Seine river gold district, is in the city today. The Franklin paid about \$10,000 to employes on Saturday last. At this mine nearly 100,000 tons of ore is now in stockpiles and the property is being developed in splendid shape. About 300 men are given employment, which force will be greatly increased as soon as the shipping season opens.

Nothing definite is yet known as to what will be done at the Ohio this year, but it is to be hoped this splendid property will be developed and placed in the list of active mines of the range.

In conversation with E. B. Hawkins, local manager of the Drake & Stratton company, on Wednesday, he stated that they would put three shovels at work about the 10th of this month and that the present outlook pointed to this company giving employment to about the same number of men and doing approximately the same amount of work here as last year. The major portion of their work this year will be on the Lone Jack property.

At the Fayal the fine new plant of machinery is being put in and other surface improvements made, looking to active shipping operations from the opening of the season.

The Auburn will this year ship easily a half million tons of ore, giving employment to a good force of men.

The Norman will resume work with the opening of navigation. This mine is in shape to make a good record for the first shipping season.

In the United States circuit court Wednesday, in the case of the Merritts against Rockefeller, there was a motion on behalf of the defendant to take the testimony of Rockefeller in New York city before a commission.

Thos. S. Wood, Duluth, agent for the Vulcan Steam Shovel, has an advertisement in The Enterprise which should be read by every mining man and others interested in stippling propositions.

General Manager Echart, of the Duluth-Ogdensburg Transit company, has arranged to have the steamer E. B. Ford do nothing this season but carry pig iron from the Ashland blast furnace to Buffalo and Tonawanda, bringing back package freight. She was rather small for the Ogdensburg trade. The contract is one of the best made.

The Duluth Mutual Land and Exploration company has just been incorporated with a capital of \$25,000. The directors are: H. M. Eshelman, president; A. S. Bennett, vice-president; W. B. Welles, secretary and treasurer; N. Hoople and G. H. Paddock.

The Iron Range road Wednesday began employing the ore into the dock pockets from the cars that have stood at Two Harbors all winter.

In the case of A. J. Trimble against the Pittsburg Iron company the court some time ago authorized George W. Buck, the receiver, to distribute 40,000 among the stockholders. There is a dispute over 1099 of the shares between T. F. Halveston, of Boise City, Idaho, who claims the stock as assignee of John McKinley, and the Portsmouth Trust and Guarantee company and others, who claim them by virtue of executions against John McKinley. On a stipulation that to effect an order has been made for the assignee to pay the amount, \$10,990, to the First National bank, which holds the shares in escrow until the determination of the dispute for their possession.

To Tax Iron Ore. The house committee on tax and tax laws, E. E. Smith, of Hennepin chairman, recommend

ed an important bill this morning for passage. The bill provides for the repeal of chapter of 1881, extra session, relating to the taxation of mineral ores, and was introduced by Mr. Reeves of Pope. In the law of 1881, the legislature decided to levy a specific tax of 1 cent a ton on the iron ore output of the state and according to the last biennial message of the governor, the revenue derived from this source last year was \$8,000. The friends of the Reeves bills think that the amount of money received from this specific tax does not harmonize with the claims of St. Louis county that the greater part of the natural wealth of the state lies within her borders. In other words, there exists something of a suspicion that the \$8,000 tax is not proportionate to the amount of capital invested in the business beyond all of which is this additional point, that the law passed in 1881 is clearly unconstitutional in that it provides a specific instead of an ad valorem tax.

The point that the gross earnings tax is unconstitutional for a similar reason is not well taken, for the people of the state so amended the constitution as to make an exception in the case of the railroads. Mr. Reeves is one of the brightest lawyers in the legislature and has given this subject much careful study. The tax committee indorses his bill, H. F. 851, unanimously and offers the following words to section one by way of amendment: "Provided, that the property specified in said chapter 54 shall be hereafter assessed and taxed as other property is now assessed and taxed as provided by law."

The bill will doubtless go through the house. If it fails in the senate it will be because of the interests of the session.

Duluth and the Range Against It. Senator Spencer, of Duluth, says that the iron country will not favor the Reeves house bill which contemplates a repeal of the 1881 law, levying a tax of one cent a ton on the output of the mines.

"We think up our way," said he to The Journal, "that we should let well enough alone. The 1881 law has been, so far as I know, satisfactory to everybody, and has not worked any injustice to the state. I will certainly oppose the bill if it should reach the senate."

It is understood that the Duluth members in the house will oppose the bill.—Journal.

They Do Tell. That Tuesday was election day in Virginia.

That there were many candidates and office seekers abroad in the city.

That each and every of them cast about for millions of votes, and that the number cast for some was in excess and for others below expectation anticipations.

That the election was conducted under the Australian system, and that those who shed their inalienable rights were given a fair ballot and an honest count.

That in some instances where two or more aspirants were running for the same office, all of them did not get there; the failure to obtain a sufficient number of votes is assigned as the primary cause.

That so far as ascertained all candidates without opponents were elected by majorities large enough to preclude any possibility of successful contest.

That the first city officers-elect of the City of Virginia are the acknowledged choice of the greatest number of voters of the city, and that this is a country where majority rules.

That the upbuilding and prosperity of Virginia depends greatly upon the united action and harmonious work of all its people, and now that election is over it becomes the duty of every citizen to whip into line for the general good.

IT'S MAYOR McGRUER NOW.

The People Decided That the Citizen's Ticket Nominees Should Serve Them for the Ensuing Year.

Official Returns.

The first municipal election in Virginia for the election of city officers was held on Tuesday, and although the contest had been a spirited one between the Republican and Citizen's tickets, each party sparring for the least show of advantage for weeks, election day was exceptionally orderly and quiet, but the interest awakened in the matter was well exemplified by the large vote polled, the total being about 850, about 200 more than was polled a year ago, and under different circumstances.

The Citizen's ticket carried off the honors of the day in all but two instances where there was opposition, Vivian Prince and Chas. E. Nelson, Republican, being elected over their oppo-

Following is a complete table of returns from all the wards:

OFFICES:	1st Ward	2nd Ward	3rd Ward	4th Ward	Total	Majority
FOR MAYOR:						
Stuart Bates, Republican	19	105	45	114	304	
Robert McGruer, Citizens	82	180	102	131	495	191
FOR RECORDER:						
Ole Berglund, Republican	18	70	50	115	253	
E. S. Smith, Citizens	61	67	67	71	266	3
D. C. Christopher, Independent	8	179	16	37	240	
FOR TREASURER:						
J. R. James, Republican-Citizens	80	251	122	100	653	643
FOR ALDERMEN:						
1st Ward:						
Z. K. Brown, 2 Years, Republican-Citizens	88				88	88
W. B. Pratt, 1 Year, Citizens	80				80	80
2nd Ward:						
Peter Peterson, 2 Years, Republican		98			98	98
Solomon Sax, 2 Years, Citizens		206			206	108
Gust Johnson, 1 Year, Rep-Citizens		232			232	232
3rd Ward:						
W. P. Mars, 2 Years, Rep.—Citizens			110		110	110
F. J. Rinnert, 1 Year, Republican			49		49	49
J. F. Wilkins, Citizens			75		75	25
4th Ward:						
Fred Johnson, 2 Years, Republican				117	117	
John Byrne, 2 Years, Citizens				150	150	3
John O'Connor, 1 Year, Republican				99	99	
Chas. W. Lundstrom, 1 Year, Citizens				125	125	25
JUDGES OF THE PEACE:						
1st Ward:						
H. J. Eaton, 2 Years, Citizens	82				82	82
2nd Ward:						
Vivian Prince, 2 Years, Republican		200			200	114
W. H. Wicks, 2 Years, Citizens		89			89	89
3rd Ward:						
James McGindley, 2 Years, Citizens			66		66	66
4th Ward:						
Chas. E. Nelson, 2 Years, Republican				131	131	42
Thos. Danmore, 2 Years, Citizens				89	89	89

ents as justices in the second and fourth wards respectively, the majorities of the candidates ranging from 3 to upwards of 101.

The people have declared their choice, and their verdict is not an unsatisfactory one on the whole. While as a matter of course there are some who do not feel over the result as do others, still there appears to be a general undercurrent of sentiment that personal grievances should be dropped and that all should unite in honest work for the welfare and prosperity of Virginia and its citizens.

In our new officers we have men whom The Enterprise trusts and believes will give the people a clean, honorable administration. They have, as have preceding boards, an amount of work with which to contend which requires business energy and discernment, public improvements to make and innumerable minor matters which require an expenditure of time totally inadequate to the compensation allowed, but, as should all Virginians, the individual members of the council-elect have the interest of the city at heart, and will freely do their duty irrespective of personal inconveniences.

Duluth Operatic Club. The concert rendered by the Duluth Operatic Club, at Crockett's Opera House, on Wednesday evening, drew a crowded house of greatly pleased listeners. Every number on the program received merited applause and the prolonged encores brought forth the members of the company in many selections not on the printed program.

Mme. Augusta-Ohrstrom Rend pleased all, as ever, and her

selections in the Scandinavian tongue brought forth great applause from natives of the northern peninsula.

Every member of the company is an artist and should they ever repeat the entertainment in Virginia they would be greeted by a large and enthusiastic audience.

Pie Social.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church will give a Pie Social in the lecture room of the church on Tuesday evening, April 9th.

There will be a varied programme consisting of vocal and instrumental music, games, pie eating and one or two readings. Everybody is cordially invited to come and spend a pleasant evening.

The new city of Virginia elected Robert McGruer as its first mayor. And he will make an excellent mayor for the rising city of the Mesaba.—Duluth Herald.

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