

For the Creation and Organization of the Proposed New County of Iron, "Yes" X.

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## On Tuesday Next

Will be created the new  
County of Iron.

### VOTE AND VOTE RIGHT.

But four days more and the people of the iron ranges will be given an opportunity of voting upon county division, and that the proposition will carry is now practically admitted by all—even by its most bitter opponents.

We of the ranges believe we are entitled to self-government, and base our claims upon undisputable facts, many of which are set forth in a pamphlet compiled, published and distributed under the auspices of the advisory board of the division committee.

In this circular it is truthfully set forth that St. Louis county is the largest county in the United States and that two populous centers of the county are divided by a stretch of 75 miles of unsettled territory.

It is also contended that no county in the union can show such abnormal conditions as to dimensions, population and wealth, and in case of division our taxes would be materially reduced, as would also the personal expenses of those having business at the county seat; that division will bring better social conditions and make of the ranges a more substantial structure, tending to bring to us the families of many more of our voters.

Aside from the natural advantages of home government and the tendencies thereof to develop local conditions, it is also set forth that of the vast amount of taxes paid by the ranges, correct figures for which are produced, but a small infinitesimal percentage returns to the ranges for permanent improvements. At the same time, figures prove the statement that the pro rata valuations of Duluth and the ranges annually approach each other and that while in 1895 the tax roll of the county was \$1,339,107 of which the ranges paid \$187,715, in 1899 the tax roll of St. Louis county was \$923,783 of which the ranges paid \$271,823, and the pro rata range tax for 1900 will be much larger.

The opponents of division hold up the expense of creating and running a new county, and the circular deals with this matter by proving that many counties in the state of Minnesota are run at a lesser expense than is reached by the annual tax levy of the ranges, showing that a reduction in taxation would also be one of the benefits accruing to every tax-payer in the new county of Iron.

In a careful research of the matter we fail to find any valid reason why a range resident should vote against the proposition, and we believe but few will do so. And in the creation of the new county, Duluth will lose naught. It will remain, as ever, the business center of the ranges and the increased development and population of this section will assuredly add to rather than detract from her commercial importance and industrial prosperity, and we believe a large majority of the thinking people of the Zenith City will realize the truth and effect of this statement and vote accordingly.

The creating of Iron county is practically assured, and no fight made by its opponents at this late hour can affect the vote on Tuesday next. The people have decided and the people will win.

AN EXAMPLE OF WESTERN HUSLE.

The Boston Transcript of recent date contains the following, which gives deserved credit to our energetic citizens:

"The city of Virginia, near Duluth, Minn., was destroyed by fire June 7, this year. All the business portion was swept away, and 300 buildings were burned. Since that time the village has been twice rebuilt, and it has now a business section of solid brick extending for half a mile along the main street. Immediately after the fire upon every lot that had contained a building there sprang up a mushroom growth of temporary wooden structures. Families lived in box cars along the railroad track, single cars accommodating an entire family with all its furniture, from a sewing machine to a piano. The depot was in a box car, and dry goods boxes and cloth enclosures served as both dwellings

and places of business.

"As soon as men and material could be secured the wooden huts were torn down and permanent brick buildings began to take their place. Now, four months after the fire, there are over 3000 feet of solid brick buildings of two and three stories either completed or nearly so. There is not a wooden building on the main street. A handsome theatre, called, of course, 'opera house,' capable of seating 700 persons, has been completed; a club for the social wants of mining engineers, business men, and their visitors has been organized and a neat building erected for it. The best hotel north of Duluth is under way and the village is putting in all the newest conveniences of civilization. A new iron mine has been discovered under a portion of the town-site and is being opened. The Virginia of today is very different from that of four months ago. It is an excellent example of Western hustle."

### WILLIAM C. SARGENT.

William C. Sargent, the nominee of the republican party for sheriff, is also the present sheriff of the county.

Mr. Sargent came to Duluth when a young boy, in 1869, and ever since leaving school in 1877 has been actively engaged in upbuilding the commercial importance of St. Louis county.

For years he has been heavily interested in lumber and real estate, having been manager of the Lakeside Land company for eight years, and four hundred beautiful homes in the suburbs of London and Lester Park, miles of magnificent roadways and acres of splendid parks attest his ability while he held that position.

Having lost all that he had gotten together in previous years during the panic of '93 and the years that followed, in 1896 Mr. Sargent turned to politics. He has twice been nominated and twice elected to the important position of Sheriff, and now aspires to a third term. He is distinctly a man of the people. Everybody knows him as "Billy Sargent," and the record of his official life for the past four years entitles him to the confidence of the people to a marked degree, and this, without a doubt, he possesses.

When you go to the polls on November 6th, cast your ballot for

WILLIAM C. SARGENT, | X  
For Sheriff.

### OUR UNCLE HENRY.

Tuesday evening was the scene of the first Democratic rally of the campaign in Virginia, the occasion being graced by the presence of Hon. Henry Truelsen, nominee for congress, as speaker of the evening and the party managers did themselves proud in the ovation tendered him.

Mr. Truelsen came here from Eveleth, where he had spoken earlier in the evening, being preceded by the Eveleth Star Band, which aggregation treated our citizens to some good old democratic tunes and brought forth a large attendance of interested listeners.

Mr. M. L. Fay introduced the speaker in a short address, in which he also took occasion to question some of the statements made by Col. Evans at the Republican rally on the 20th, and also to make prominent mention of county division.

Mr. Truelsen is no stranger to Virginians, and as he appeared upon the rostrum he was greeted by rounds of applause, and as he made some particular hit in his discourse the spirit of Democracy would break forth in a manner justified in scaring the apathy out of the Republican portion of the house. He posed as a common man, a man of the people and held up Democracy and its candidates as the party and the defenders of the laboring class, but in his hour's talk brought forth no arguments to substantiate the ground. He is a good speaker, however, and as the standard bearer of the Sixth District Democracy is doing a great and telling stroke of hustling among the voters of the district, his mode of campaigning materially differing from that of the polished politician, a fact which infuses an unknown quantity in the battle.

He was followed by John J. C. Davis, Democratic nominee for sheriff, who addressed the audience in a few well chosen remarks.

From here Mr. Truelsen went to Hibbing and will spend the balance of the week in St. Louis and Lake counties, holding Sunday afternoon services at Tower.

## Mining Minutes.

Review of Mining Operations and Developments of Lake Superior District.

### AUBURN WILL OPEN NEW LEVEL.

The Auburn mine will be one of the most active of range properties during the coming winter. Since the cleaning up of the stockpile grounds two weeks since a slight reduction has been made in the working force, but the new work mapped out for the winter months ensures a force equal to that employed throughout the summer, it being the intention to open a new level, lower the shovel in the open pit and prepare for a busy season in 1901.

### HE DENIES IT.

A dispatch to the Herald Thursday evening stated that the Duluth, Missabe & Northern railroad was surveying a line that was to run from Biwabik to Mesaba, striking the Stevens mine, and then on to Ely. W. J. Olcott, vice-president of the Missabe road, said this morning that this statement is overwrought, and that it deals with matters not contemplated by the road.

"Having a surveying party not occupied for some time, we had them put at the work of surveying a branch to the Stevens mine, with the expectation that one day the road should reach that property and get its ore. This is in the future, however, and the remainder of the line spun by The Herald's informant is wholly unwarranted."—Evening Herald.

### TAPPED THE TILL.

The saloon of Gowan & Dugal, at Mountain Iron, was entered by safe blowers Tuesday night, who successfully blew the strong box and made a good haul, getting a bunch of cash and valuable papers. The work bore resemblance to that attempted at the Virginia Cash Grocery in this city some weeks ago. A hole was drilled in the top of the safe and the door blown off with nitro-glycerine. No clue to the perpetrators is known.

### TO-NIGHT.

L. C. Harris, of the firm of Towne & Harris, Duluth, one of the brilliant orators of the state, is to address an audience at the Fay Opera House this evening on the issues of the campaign, from a Democratic standpoint.

### A COMING EVENT.

Claude MacKenzie was in Chicago over Sunday arranging the preliminaries of an approaching nuptial event in which he is personally concerned.—Negaunee Iron Herald.

Mrs. J. H. Drohan is recovering from a siege of typhoid fever very slowly.

A. Tyndall Park, Republican nominee for county superintendent of schools, spends the week on the range driving a few spikes in his political fences. Mr. Park is a brother of Supt. Park, of School District No. 22, and has visited Virginia several times since the opening of the campaign.

Gen. C. C. Andrews, state fire warden, and Capt. J. N. Cross, president of the State Forestry Board, were in the city today, going to Tower on the afternoon train. This is Gen. Cross' first visit to the iron ranges, and the gentlemen both expressed their surprise at the rapidity with which Virginia had rebuilt and at the substantial manner in which our people had expressed their faith in the city's future.

### LOST.

Somewhere between the Mesaba depot and our photographic tent, a small memorandum or bill book advertising Tom Dinham Cigars. It contained papers of value only to me and bore my name and address. Finder will please leave at this office or return to

E. R. Blanchard,  
Box 365.

### NOTICE.

Any information leading to the address and whereabouts of J. J. Peters, who left this city in July last, will be cheerfully received by Mrs. S. Peters. Address, J. W. WALKER, Norrie, Wis.

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