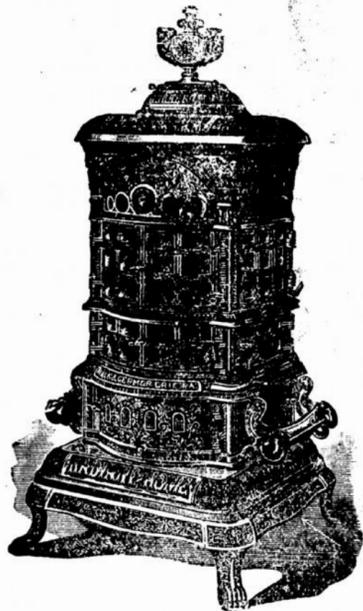


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## THE VIRGINIA ENTERPRISE.

W. E. HANNAFORD, EDITOR.

Friday, February 19, 1904.

Entered at the Post-Office at Virginia, Minn., as second class mail matter.

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### Special Notice.

Persons wishing a news item, change of "ad." or anything in the line of locals, inserted, will please have same in our office by Thursday noon of each week, if convenient, as it saves time and trouble for both parties. We reserve the right to positively refuse any notice of whatever nature after 2 o'clock p. m. on Thursday.

CONGRESSMAN BEDE states that Roosevelt will receive the renomination of his party for the head of the ticket without opposition, and that Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, is believed to have the best chance of nomination for the vice-presidency.

THE LABOR WORLD credits the Enterprise with breathing the name of Wm. C. Sargent in connection with the office of county sheriff. The Labor World is off its trolley, but we demand no apologies, as we realize that the insult to our publication was not premeditated.

WILLIE HEARST and A. DeLacey Wood will soon be entitled to consideration in the same class. Either have started several score more newspapers than has the average journalist, but Willie has an apparent advantage over his Minnesota brother in that he has made his "flyers" pay.

DULUTH wants the state conventions of both political parties this year. She is peculiarly fitted for the honors. The Democratic may or could extend the courtesies of the city to the Democratic hosts, while the Republican board of alderman could stand sponsor for the opposition delegates.

THE CLOQUET INDEPENDENT wants to exchange with some good state paper supporting the Collins end of the argument, and asks the brethren to help him out in his efforts at finding one of the kind wanted. Might try the Hallock News, whose genial editor is state librarian and heartily endorses the Judge. If the News does not fill the bill we fear the Independent man will have to give up the search.

REPORTS of a Collins meeting at Minneapolis recently credit Former Mayor Ames with a desire to deliver a speech in favor of the Judge, being restrained with difficulty. Upon leaving the hall, however, he said he would yet make a speech for Collins, to whom he felt greatly indebted for the decision of the supreme court which kept him out of the penitentiary. "Doc" has our consent to make all the speeches he wishes, but believe he would have a hard time obtaining a like consent from Judge Collins.

THE question has been asked in a sneering manner by several frequently of late, "who pays for the president's trip?" William Allen White has answered the question as follows:

"It is a stocky big man with a ratty mustache, a font of double pipe teeth, and a jaw set with a Yale time lock; man rather below medium height, inclined to be pussy, with a voice that needs a machinist, and a vocabulary that needs a compositor—man named Roosevelt—T. Roosevelt, to be accurate. He is the first president of the United States in recent years who has refused all courtesies from the railroads and pays his way, and by the same token he is the first president in recent years, whom the railroads are going to fight."

STATE AUDITOR IVERSON has sent to Congressman Bede a protest against the passage of his bill providing that hereafter in all swamp land contests the held notes of the United States surveyors shall be considered prima facie, not absolute, evidence of the character of the land. Mr. Iverson contends that the bill if it becomes a law will be detrimental to the interests of Minnesota by opening the way for innumerable contests between private parties and the state for the possession of land claimed by the state under the swamp land grant of 1860. Under a ruling by Secretary Hitchcock a year or more ago the field notes of the surveyors are absolute evidence of the character of the land, but in many instances the state thus holds lands that are not "swamp," and the filing and winning of contests would open to private parties many tracts that are now wrongfully held under irregular field notes. Congressman Bede's bill should become a law.

### Cut Prices on Dress-Making.

During the dull season I will do dress-making at reduced prices. Good work guaranteed. Mrs. Gust Blomberg.

## TAYLOR PROPERTY.

### Diamond Drilling Was Begun There Last Week.

The exploratory work under way on the old Taylor iron property, six miles south of L'Anse, on section 9, has been conducted heretofore by means of pits and trenches. But a diamond drill was received recently and did its first work last week Wednesday. The results from this sort of exploration will be attained much quicker than from shaft work, as the drill will be able to make in the neighborhood of twenty feet a day. The drill was brought from the Mesaba range.

The company working on the Taylor is made up for the most part of men from Virginia, Minn. The work is in charge of Superintendent Griffith. Pit explorations will be conducted simultaneously with diamond drill work.

A diamond drill has also been secured for exploration by the Bessemer Iron company, a new organization, which is opening lands adjoining the Taylor property, on section 4 and section 9. The machine will be received in a few days. It will then be set up to work as quickly as possible. A large amount of test pitting has been done by the Bessemer company, which is composed mostly of Duluth mining men. Superintendent James D. Wade is in charge of the work.—Houghton Gazette.

### WILL NOT ACCEPT REDUCTION.

### Copper Country Miners Walk Out on Account of Wage Reduction.

The Champion copper mine of the Copper Range Consolidated group at Hancock was closed on Monday owing to a strike of the miners, who refused to go underground at the reduced wage scale offered. The stamp mill is also idle.

It is reported that the men at the Baltic and Tri-Mountain properties, which are under the same management, will go on strike at once for the same reasons.

### Poor House Overcrowded.

Reports from the board of poor commissioners are that the county poor house at Duluth is now in a more crowded condition than it has been for many years, the roster showing sixty-five names. Unless something is done to relieve the congestion arrangements will have to be made for the temporary care of any additional county wards who may apply for relief. The prolonged and unusually cold spell is held as the direct cause of the large number applying for assistance, the slack labor market also being a contributory cause.

### Strictly Unbecoming.

William E. Hannaford, editor of the Virginia Enterprise, was in the city between trains Monday. His splendid newspaper has just completed its eleventh year and has a bright prospect ahead. The Enterprise is the Mesaba's oldest newspaper, and it would be unbecoming to dispute Mr. Hannaford's assertion that it is "the best."—Mesaba Ore.

### Explore New Section.

Two drills have been shipped from the range at the request of Duluth parties to Barnesville, Clay county, where it is understood that explorations for coal will be prosecuted.

Explorations for coal are being carried on at several points in the northern and western parts of the state.

### Bad Dollars at Eveleth.

Bum counterfeit dollars, bearing the date of the issue of 1879, have made their appearance at Eveleth. The coins are said to be very bum imitations and composed mostly of lead.

It is believed the stuff was made elsewhere, and brought to the Mesaba to be put in circulation.

### Because It Has Merit.

With its last issue, the Virginia Enterprise commenced its twelfth volume. Editor Hannaford appears satisfied with himself, Virginia and the world at large. The Enterprise has prospered because it has merit.—Duluth Evening Herald.

### THE NORTH-WESTERN LINE.

### Home-Seekers' Excursions to All Southern Points.

On the first and third Tuesdays of February, March and April, "The North-Western Line" will sell special "Home-seekers" tickets to points in western, south-western, southern and south-eastern states, at ONE FARE plus \$2.00 for the round trip. Tickets limited to 21 days from date of sale.

For full particulars, call at City Ticket Office, or address City Ticket Agent, 405 West Superior St., Duluth, Minn. 51-1

No. 4327.

## Report of the Condition of The First National Bank

at Virginia, in the state of Minnesota, at the close of business, January 22, 1904:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$253,620.29
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	102.15
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,350.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	8,463.03
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	100,304.60
Due from State Banks and Bankers	1,774.33
Due from approved reserve agents	55,855.56
Notes of other national banks	50.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	821.25
Lawful Money Reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$29,427.05
Legal-tender notes	00,000.00
	29,427.05
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	312.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$462,001.36</b>

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	1,500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	5,732.21
National Bank Notes outstanding	6,250.00
Individual deposits subject to check	274,200.81
Time certificates of deposit	149,258.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$462,001.36</b>

State of Minnesota, County of St. Louis, ss.  
I, B. F. BRITTS, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
B. F. BRITTS,  
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of February, 1904.

CHAS. E. NELSON,  
Municipal Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Virginia, St. Louis County, Minnesota.

Correct—Attest:  
R. R. BAILEY,  
W. H. COLE,  
E. B. HAWKINS,  
Directors.

### Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Alfred Armstrong and Walter Heagle, doing a general blacksmith business in the city of Virginia, Minn., under the firm name of Armstrong & Heagle, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Alfred Armstrong retiring from the business, Walter Heagle still continuing the business, paying all bills and collecting all accounts due the firm.

Dated this 4th day of February, 1904.  
WALTER HEAGLE,  
ALFRED ARMSTRONG.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Duluth, Minn., Jan. 9, 1904.  
Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. C. McGilvery, U. S. Com., Dist. of Minn., at his office at Eveleth, Minn., on February 22, 1904 viz:

SAM HILL,  
for the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 and S 1/2 SE 1/4, Sec. 20, Tp. 60 N., R. 16 W., 4th P. M.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
Gust Lammi, of Pike, Minn.  
August Mats, of " "  
Fred Anderson, of " "  
John Laski, of " "  
Jan. 15-16, 1919 Wm. E. Culklin, Register

### TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878, NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,  
Duluth, Minn., Nov. 18, 1903.  
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

ERNEST LIEBMAN,  
of Chicago, county of Cook, State of Illinois, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 8925, for the purchase of the SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 21, in Township No. 60 N., Range No. 18 W., 4th P. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Duluth, Minn., on Thursday, the 7th day of April, 1904

He names as witnesses:  
Sylvester Perras, of Virginia, Minn.  
Moses Danom, of " "  
Sam Ingram, of " "  
James Oakley, of " "  
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 7th day of April, 1904.

WM. E. CULKLIN,  
Register.  
Maginnis & Seymour,  
Attorneys, Jan 22-mar 25

### TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878, NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,  
Duluth, Minn., Dec. 31, 1903.  
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

SYLVESTER PERRAS,  
of Virginia, county of St. Louis, state of Minnesota, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 8779, for the purchase of Lot 1 of Section No. 29, in Township No. 60 N., Range No. 18 W., 4 P. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Duluth, Minn., on Tuesday, the 22nd day of March, 1904.

He names as witnesses:  
Frank Patterson, of Virginia, Minn.  
Paul Blanchart, of " "  
Fred Blanchart, of " "  
Sam Ingram, of " "  
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 22nd day of March, 1904.

WM. E. CULKLIN,  
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H. L. Shepherd,  
Attorney, Jan 8-mar 11

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