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## HAS EXPLORED 222 FORTIES.

Capt. M. L. Fay Tells of His Experience in Mining Ventures.

Captain M. L. Fay, mayor of Virginia, one of the successful iron mining men on the Mesaba, says that the general public does not understand how much territory may be explored and how much money expended by a man or company of men before success is attained in the mining business.

"I have explored 222 forties of land for iron ore during the past six years," said Captain Fay, "and found ore deposits in sixteen of them, aggregating 38,000,000 tons of merchantable ore. Of this amount the Great Northern road has secured traffic contracts for hauling the commodity to the amount of 28,000,000 tons.

"I feel some satisfaction in knowing that none of the forties that I explored and that were subsequently abandoned, have since been found to contain mine. I conducted the explorations and held interests ranging from one-sixth to one-half in the leases on the lands now known as the Webb, Laura, Winnifred and Forest mines in the Hibbing district; the Pearce, Chisholm and Crescent in the Chisholm district, Section 15 near Buhl, State, Minorca and Tesora mines near Virginia and the Cass mine at Biwabik. I also conducted the explorations on the Alpena and Enterprise for the fee owners, but had no personal interest in the properties.

"All of the properties named have passed into the hands of furnace companies with the exception of the Enterprise and State, owned by the Great Northern, and the Forest and Tesora, owned by the Tesora Mining company. The Tesora company controls 75 per cent of the Bessemer ore deposits on the

Mesaba that are not now in the hands of consuming companies.

"The Mesaba range is pretty thoroughly explored. There will, however, be some promiscuous exploring on the range for a year or two and occasionally a new mine may be discovered. But the explorations as a rule from now forward will be on lands known to contain ore, for the purpose of measuring the deposits."

The Forest mine, which is situated a short distance west of the Stevenson, is fully equipped for pumping and hoisting, having boiler and engine houses, blacksmith shop and a boarding house to accommodate 300 men. The Forest and Tesora mines will be independent shippers unless they should be taken over by some of the furnace companies. It is said that the Forest mine is prepared to ship 200,000 tons this year if the demand should exist. The milling and steam shovel systems will be in vogue at this property. The Tesora will not be a shipper this year, but the work of opening up underground will continue.

## NOT UP ON CLASSICS.

A Telegraph Message That Was Terribly Translated by the Operator.

A well-known literary woman went over to Michigan to prepare her summer cottage for occupancy during the summer. Before going she made arrangements with her husband to have a lot of household goods packed and forwarded by steamer, relates the Chicago Tribune.

For some reason the shipment was delayed, and she wrote inquiring the cause of the delay.

"Please wire me when the goods have been shipped," she said in conclusion.

The husband went hard to work and personally saw the books, hangings, and other property packed for the trip. Then he went down to the dock and saw them safely on board the boat.

Coming back from the river he stopped at a telegraph office and sent the message as requested.

"Lares and Penates on board boat," he said. "Will arrive to-morrow morning."

And this was the way the telegram read when the boy brought it to the waiting woman in the little Michigan town:

"Lard and peanuts on board boat. Will arrive to-morrow morning."

## CAT'S LONG JOURNEY.

Covered Four Miles Eight Times to Get Her Kittens Back to Her Old Quarters.

"And the cat came back. I believe that is the name of a song popular some time ago, but I have evidence of the fact that there was never a truer saying," said C. T. Chichester, of Syracuse, N. Y., to a Washington Star man. "A friend of mine in Syracuse conducts a brewery, and a grocer friend presented him with an old cat and four kittens that had very recently been born. The old cat and little ones were carried to the brewery and securely locked in. The next morning the cat and kittens were on the front porch of the grocery store waiting to be let in. How do you account for that? The grocery was four miles from the brewery, and the kittens were too weak to walk even a few yards. If the cat carried them back in her teeth she must have done so one at a time, making eight miles for each kitten and 32 miles for the entire litter, or else she relayed them, carrying one a little distance, then going back after the next, and so on, until the last one had been deposited in her first stopping place, and so on in short distances until she reached the store. You can figure out the distance she travelled in this way."

## BEAVER DAM IN NEW JERSEY.

Curious Conflict Between Wild Animal Life and Agriculture Near a Great City.

Mr. Justus Von Lengerke recorded in our columns two years ago the discovery of a colony of beavers in the wilds of New Jersey, a region from which the animal was supposed to have been exterminated long ago, says Forest and Stream. The precise location of the colony Mr. Von Lengerke judiciously withheld, for he was apprehensive that the beaver would prove a temptation to the trappers. But now the animals have revealed their whereabouts and forced themselves into public notice by reason of their beaver nature and the activity and enterprise which it has prompted. They have built dams and overflowed the adjacent farm lands, and landowners have at last become tired of destroying their work, and are now seeking some measure of relief. At Mr. Von Lengerke's suggestion, the New Jersey legislature passed a bill for the protection of beaver; and the aggrieved farmers are thereby restrained. Taken altogether, this is a very curious conflict between wild life and agriculture within two hours of New York city.

## Importance of Puget Sound.

There are few more striking facts than the growing importance of Puget sound customs districts. In the year that has just closed all the customs districts of the United States showed a decline of exports and grain products except the Pacific coast ports, the shipments from Puget sound ports increasing 45 per cent.

"The Pioneers" by home talent at the Fay Opera tonight. Be there.

## Engagement Parties.

At the home of the sister of the bride-elect, Mrs. H. Greenblatt, at Hibbing on Sunday last occurred the formal announcement of the engagement of Mr. George Mesberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mesberg of this city, and Miss Clara Blon, of Milwaukee.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mesberg in this city on Sunday next will occur the engagement announcement of their eldest daughter, Miss Lillian Mesberg, to Mr. James Lavick, of Duluth. A large number of invited friends will be in attendance at the festivities.

## On to Koochiching.

The Duluth News Tribune of Tuesday is authority for the statement that it will be a race between the Duluth, Virginia & Rainy Lake and the Minnesota & International with the advent of spring as to which road will get their line built into Koochiching first.

The Virginia & Rainy Lake line has about twenty-six miles of road completed in first-class shape, and it is understood will commence the work of extension in the early spring, Pelican Lake being the first objective point on the line.

## Malta Will Resume.

The Malta mine, at Sparta, a property of the Pickands, Mather & Co., will be placed in shape to resume operation in the early spring, it being the expectation to place about 100 men on the roll.

The Malta was first opened in 1899, since which time a total of a trifle upwards of 450,000 tons has been forwarded from the property. Last season but 11,675 tons were shipped, the mine closing early in the season and remaining idle for the past ten months.

## English Schools for Chinamen.

The Chinese minister to the United States, Sir Chentung Liang Cheng, in an interview the other day said that he intended to take steps during the present year to establish schools for teaching the English language to Chinamen in sections of this country where the Chinese are congregated.

## The City Council.

Official Publication of Proceedings

Regular meeting of the city council of the city of Virginia, Minnesota.  
Council Chambers, Virginia, Minn., Feb. 23, 1904.

Official proceedings, regular meeting. Council called to order by the president.

Roll call.  
Present—Aldermen Bush, Mattson, Wiggen, George, Johnson, Mr. President—6.  
Absent—none.

Minutes of previous meeting were read.  
Moved and supported that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as read and placed on file.

Carried.  
Letter from Thos. F. McGilvery relative to sewer work was read.

Report of Andrew Hawkinson, city treasurer, as to amount of sewer tax collections, was read.

Moved and supported that the report be accepted and placed on file.

Carried.  
Liquor license application of And. Sandstrom, together with his bond, was presented.

Moved and supported that license be granted and bond approved.

Carried.  
Liquor license application of B. F. Smith, together with bond, was presented.

Moved and supported that license be granted and bond approved.

Carried.  
Application of F. J. Rinnert for permit to remodel building on lot 7, block 24, was read.

Moved and supported that permit be granted if applicant furnish the required bond.

Carried.  
Moved and supported that ordinance No. 48 receive its second reading.

Carried.  
The clerk then read the ordinance.

The applications of Jacob Johnson, Matt Benti and Herman Eliola to be appointed city scavenger, were taken from the table.

Moved and supported that we take an informal ballot for scavenger.

Carried.  
The result of the informal ballot was: Johnson 5; Eliola 1.

Moved and supported that we take a formal ballot for scavenger.

Carried.  
The result of the formal ballot was as follows: Johnson 6; Eliola 0.

Jacob Johnson was then declared city scavenger.

Resolution.  
Council Chambers, Virginia, Minn., Feb. 23, 1904.

To the president and city council of the city of Virginia, Minn.

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned committee on finance, would respectfully report that



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we have audited the following bills and offer the following resolution for adoption.

E. G. BUSH,  
P. A. COFFEY,  
GUST JOHNSON,  
Committee.

Resolved that the following bills be allowed and the city clerk be and is hereby instructed to draw orders on the city treasurer in payment of same:  
Mesaba Telephone Co. \$ 2 95  
A. N. Thompson, postage. 3 00

Total \$ 5 95  
Passed on motion of Alderman Wiggen by the following vote:

Ayes—Aldermen Bush, Mattson, Wiggen, George, Johnson, Mr. President—6.  
Nays—none.

Attest: P. A. COFFEY,  
President of the City Council.

A. N. THOMPSON,  
City Clerk.

Approved Feb. 23, 1904.

M. L. FAY,  
Mayor.

Moved and supported that the council adjourn until next regular meeting.

Carried.

A. N. THOMPSON,  
City Clerk.

## Duluth, Missabe & Northern Ry.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

P. M.	A. M.	STATION	A. M.	P. M.
3:50	7:40	Lv. Duluth	10:30	3:40
4:20	8:15	Ar. Duluth	10:00	3:10
6:15	10:15	Ar. Iron Junction	8:01	11:12
10:40	Ar. Mt. Iron	Lv.	12:20	
7:07	10:35	Lv. Virginia	7:00	12:50
6:30	10:20	Ar. Eveleth	7:42	12:37
10:50	Ar. Sparta	Lv.	12:34	
11:20	Ar. Biwabik	Lv.	12:12	
6:54	11:05	Ar. Hibbing	Lv.	7:15

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A. M.	P. M.	STATION	A. M.	P. M.
7:30	12:30	Lv. Duluth	12:00	6:30
8:30	1:30	Ar. Two Harbors	Lv.	11:00
9:20	Ar. Duluth	Lv.	8:50	
10:20	6:10	Ar. Allen Junction	Lv.	8:15
10:20	6:45	Ar. Biwabik	Lv.	8:40
11:07	7:05	Ar. McKinley	Lv.	8:30
11:15	7:15	Ar. Sparta	Lv.	8:15
11:30	7:30	Ar. Eveleth	Lv.	8:00
11:50	7:50	Ar. Virginia	Lv.	7:55
10:20	6:10	Lv. Allen Junction	Ar.	9:15
11:10	7:00	Ar. Tower Junction	Lv.	8:00
11:15	7:05	Ar. Tower	Lv.	8:15
12:05	7:55	Ar. Ely	Lv.	7:55

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March 1 to April 30 the Rock Island System will sell "colonist" tickets to principal points in California at this low rate:

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