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VIRGINIA.

MOVE INTO NEW CITY HALL.

Council Formerly Occupies Handsome New Building Tuesday Evening.

The handsome new city hall building has been formally occupied this week, the city fathers conducting their first meeting in the council room of the new building on Tuesday evening and the other departments arranging for taking immediate possession of the new quarters provided for the comfort and accommodation of those in charge of city business.

The new building is a credit to the city, and is far the finest city building on the Minnesota ranges, the cost complete being in the neighborhood of \$12,000. The project of its erection was first broached by Mayor Fay shortly after his assuming the duties of his office, the only question to be considered being the financial condition of the city at that time. But Mr. Fay fully explained his views on financial betterment to the council, whereby the income of the city was greatly increased, and the project was pushed to completion. And instead of closing the year "broke" as has oft been predicted by some who disliked to see the record made by the present administration and council the treasury shows all debts to January 1st practically cleaned up while a balance of some \$4,000 still remains to the city's credit.

The building is steam heated and contains on the ground floor room for the city fire department, jail, police and clerk's office rooms, while the second floor is divided into spacious apartments for the council chamber and municipal court rooms, a room above the fire hall being reserved for the use of firemen as sleeping apartments, that the department may always have men in readiness for an alarm at any time of night.

The furnishings of the new building are not as yet installed, but will be shortly.

McDonnell Will Enter Suit.

While to many who know of the work done on the Virginia sewer system it seemed improbable that P. McDonnell, the contractor awarded the main sewer system, would enter suit to enforce settlement of the balance alleged to be due on his contract and for extras, it seems that he invites trouble and has retained Judge J. M. Martin, of this city, as counsel in the matter.

Mr. McDonnell alleges a balance due of \$1,371, but at a meeting of the council the past month signified his willingness to cut this amount in two, accepting half that sum in settlement of all claims. The council, by a vote of four to two, accepted of the proposition, but the action was vetoed by Mayor Fay, who in the published proceedings of the city council gave his reasons, therefore.

Foremost in the reasons stated is an excerpt from the law under which the city is organized, which is that no city council shall have power to ordain or authorize any compromise of any disputed claims arising under any contract, nor any allowance therefor nor therein, except as provided in the contract.

The mayor further brings forth the point that under Mr. McDonnell's contract no claim for extras shall be made. He further recites in brief the failure of the contractor to live up to the specifications of his contract in the construction of the sewer, and gives it as his opinion that the city has a better claim for damages than has the contractor for the extras claimed.

It is a well known fact to many citizens who were interested that the work was not done in accordance with the plans and specifications in some respects, and while the sewer has thus far given fairly satisfactory service it should not relieve the contractor from his deficiencies.

Hold Annual Meetings.

The annual meeting of the Virginia Lumber company began yesterday at the company's offices in the Lyceum building, and will be continued today. The annual meeting of the Duluth, Virginia & Rainy Lake and the Minnesota Construction company, which are controlled by the same set of men, will be held today and tomorrow. It is said that nothing except routine business will be transacted.—News Tribune.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY FOR VIRGINIA.

\$10,000 Building to Be Erected in the Spring, City Assuring Support.

At the meeting of the city council on Tuesday evening a letter from Andrew Carnegie was read, offering a library donation of \$10,000 to the city conditioned upon the city making provision for \$1,000 per year for librarian and other necessary running expenses. This action was promptly taken by the council by unanimous vote, and every arrangement will be made that the sum may be available in the spring.

The action on the part of Mr. Carnegie was responsive to a communication from Supt. Lafayette Bliss, of the schools of District No. 22, correspondence resulting in the matter being turned over to Mayor Fay and the city council, whose prompt action assures the city an appreciable and lasting public improvement.

This will be the first Carnegie Library on the Minnesota ranges, although we note that action looking to the establishment of a similar institution at Hibbing is now being agitated by progressive residents of our western neighbor.

The location of the proposed library building is problematical but will be looked after by the mayor and council, Mr. Fay believing he can secure funds sufficient to provide a site, that the entire available appropriation may be put into the building proper.

While the project is not a new subject it is to Mr. Bliss, whose educational progressiveness prompted his original communication, and to the mayor and council who have acted so promptly and decisively in the matter, to whom is due the thanks of all citizens who appreciate the value of their efforts in behalf of the advancement of the city along educational and moral lines.

Farewell Reception.

On Monday evening about fifty of the city's younger and older friends of Rev. J. H. Grotheim, who leaves shortly to make his future home at Toana, Va., met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Burley, Wyoming avenue, for the purpose of meeting and enjoying a farewell visit with the Rev. Grotheim and daughter, Miss Marie. The evening was pleasantly spent in social converse and entertaining musical and literary selections, a bounteous luncheon being served by the hostess. As a farewell memento to their departing pastor a well filled purse was presented Mr. Grotheim, accompanied by the well wishes of all for their future welfare in their southern home.

Will Play Indoor Ball.

Arrangements are being perfected for the first game of indoor baseball, between the Virginia City Team and Virginia High School Team, at the Fay Opera some evening the coming week, the date not having been definitely settled upon as yet.

Contests with the Duluth, Hibbing and Eveleth teams are also scheduled for the season, and considerable interest in the game will doubtless be worked up at all range points.

The Virginia team certainly has several players who know the game, and all corners will be properly cared for.

Seeks Brewery Location.

P. R. Vail, of Ely, was in the city on Friday last looking over several offered locations for the establishment of a brewery. It is understood that Mr. Vail, who owns property in several of the range cities, also considers sites at Eveleth and Hibbing, but that as he intends making of the plant considerable more than a local affair he prefers Virginia, our railroad facilities and connections with other range points and the outside world appealing to his business foresight.

Lumber Co. Files Answer.

In its answer filed yesterday with the clerk of the federal court, the Virginia Lumber company, denies that George W. Decker is the inventor of certain useful car loading appliances concerning which Decker and the Clyde Iron works have brought suit against the Virginia Lumber company, for alleged infringements of patent rights. The answer claims the appliances were invented long before Decker secured any patent rights to them.—News Tribune.

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BAILEY MILL RECEIVING LOGS.

Will Put in About 5,000,000 Feet from Buhl Camps for Coming Season.

The W. T. Bailey Lumber Co., who operate two camps in the Buhl district this season, have commenced hauling logs to their local mill over the Great Northern, expecting to put about 5,000,000 feet in for the cut of the coming season.

The company will cut some 12,000,000 feet at their camps at Buhl and at the Kinney mine this winter, but are sending the larger logs to the band mills at West Duluth for manufacture, the saving as between the cut of a circular and band mill being an item of considerable note in large timber.

The 5,000,000 feet to be delivered at their local mill will mean a busy summer at their plant in the city, employing a good crew throughout the season.

The company, in cutting, also sorts out a considerable bunch of smaller timber which is being delivered to local mines as mining timber.

Wedded at West Duluth.

The wedding of Miss Myrtle Whitford, of West Duluth, and Alex. Gunderson, of St. Paul, took place Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother, at 115 North Sixty-fourth avenue west. The wedding was a quiet one, only the immediate friends being present. The service was read by Rev. F. G. Clark.

The above is from the Duluth Herald of the 31st. Both of the contracting parties are well known and have many friends in this city who extend congratulations and best wishes.

Read the Enterprise.

BIGGEST WOLF IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY.

Hibbing Man Claims Distinction of Having Slain It.

The biggest wolf ever killed in St. Louis county was shot by Alfred H. Barr, of Hibbing, a few days ago in Stuntz township. He was exhibiting the pelt at the St. Louis hotel yesterday afternoon, and later presented it at the county auditor's office to claim the bounty. J. O. Walker of the auditor's office, declared that it was the biggest wolf pelt he had ever seen.

Mr. Barr declares the wolf weighed 155 pounds, and was one of a pack of five that he ran across in the woods in 9, 59-20. He killed the one with buckshot, but the others made their escape.

The wolves were discovered about 1 o'clock in the afternoon as Mr. Barr was moving along a logging road. The animals did not show any disposition to attack nor did they exhibit any fear. This attitude cost one of the pack its life. The shot and the killing of the one instantly put the other wolves to flight. Had it been night instead day it is possible they might have been less easily frightened.—News Tribune.

Seeks A New Trial.

Joseph Gardner, convicted of the murder of Bill Garrison, seeks a new trial. From the evidence introduced it would seem that the sentence of murder in the second degree, inflicting a life penalty, was about all that could be desired. But if Gardner can make it appear to another jury that the verdict was crude it is his business, and we would be the last to kick against any man who has manhood in his makeup from remaining on earth and occupying his proper station among men.

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