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WILL RETURN WITH THE HONORS

Virginia Boys Victorious in Their Debate with the High School of St. Paul.

"Virginia won!" Such was the welcome news coming to the city over the 'phone from the state capital at 11:00 o'clock last evening from the debate of the Roosevelt High School debating team with the Humboldt High School team of St. Paul, the winners of the championship in the capitol city.

The subject of debate was "Resolved, That the federal government should subsidize the southern states for the education of the southern negro; granted that it would be constitutional and the southern whites would not object," the Roosevelt team having the affirmative of the discussion, the same as in their debate with the Pine City team in which they won the championship honors of the Eighth district, Pine City having defeated the Duluth Central High in a previous contest.

The Virginia team comprised Lambert S. Gill, Axel Dahl and Edward Berg, and while reports of the victory are meagre it is understood the decision gave the local team two points to one.

The team, accompanied by Supt. Bliss and a number of the Glee Club of the Roosevelt School, embracing Gerald Roskilly, Lester McDonald, Charles Butler, Stephen Quayle, Elbert L. Hannaford, Eugene McCarthy, Harold Wasson, Harold McDonald, John Bonner, Warwick Martin, Edward Deering, Daniel Mahony and Thomas Baillie, left on the Wednesday morning train for the Twin Cities, stopping enroute at Duluth, where the Glee Club rendered several numbers at the Central High. Miss Holman, principal, Prof. Sullivan and Prof. Freeman left the following morning to be present at the exercises, while a number of attendants at the Minnesota U and at St. Thomas' College from this city were also scheduled to be there with hearty good cheer for the winners.

The boys will not return until Sunday morning, but they will be greeted by many local admirers who also recognize the efficiency of the training and discipline of Superintendent Bliss in his successful efforts to bring them to the stage of perfection which the contest so clearly proves, the debate of last evening leaving them the undisputed champions of the two greatest districts in the state.

Rah! Rah! Virginia!

Is Still Pending.

A certain suit for damages in which the Enterprise is interested in a slight degree, but which has been gradually losing out in interest because of the fact that since its institution in March last the offended one has shown a disregard of the passage of time, reminds us of once upon a time, a quarter century ago, when we young in the art preservative, of a gentleman entering the sanctum one day and addressing the "boss" bawled out: "Are you the editor?"

"We are."
"My name's Smith - Godolphus H. Smith."
"Sit down, Mr. Smith."
"Not on your life! Your paper printed an article about me yesterday."
"Yes?"

"You called me a corruptor of public morals, a thief, a blackleg and a whole lot of other things."
"We did."
"Well, sir, I am here to tell you by thunder, that my middle initial is H. and not J. If you can't spell my name right after this, let it alone!"

All Would Play Ball.

Although the season has not advanced to that stage where it might be safe for one to discard his fur overcoat or to that point where the call for ice-cream soda has superseded the warmer decoctions prepared under the ban of the state license laws, the baseball fan is on the alert in various range cities and the formation of a range league is being dreamed of by the ball tossers and managers of the various towns.

Among those desiring to join in such an amalgamation are Hibbing, Chisholm, Eveleth and Virginia, and even Ely, on the Vermilion, looks longingly forward to the time when she may support a team worthy of trying conclusions with the best.

Visiting the Range Mines.

General Manager Pentecost Mitchell, of the Oliver Iron Mining Co., makes a tour of the range mines this week, being in the city yesterday. Mr. Mitchell and party had visited the mining properties in the Coleraine and Hibbing districts, and from here go to Eveleth and thence to Vermilion points.

NEW POSTAL RULING

The postmaster general has issued an order effective January 1, 1908, which requires publishers of weekly papers to drop from their subscription lists the names of all subscribers whose subscriptions are twelve months or more in arrears. Cancellation of the papers' second class mail privilege is the penalty for failure to comply with the above rule. Subscribers who are in arrears are urged to settle at once. The publisher does not want to discontinue anybody's subscription, but it readily will be seen that we cannot afford to suffer the cancellation of our second class mail privilege. A forced compliance with the terms of this ruling makes it necessary to submit to the postmaster a sworn statement of the actual number of subscribers who are paid up within a year. All others MUST BE DROPPED, or we must put a one-cent stamp on their papers each week, which of course we cannot afford to do. The ruling is unfair, but there is no way of getting around it. Subscribers in arrears who want more time may settle with notes. The ruling is not of our making, but we must obey.

VERDICTS AFFIRMED BY COURT

In Six Cases for Personal Injury Damages Sustained in St. Louis County.

Six personal injury verdicts in the St. Louis county district court, were affirmed Saturday by the supreme court. The aggregate amount of damages awarded in these suits was \$46,833.33.

They are as follows: Mike Witta, plaintiff and respondent vs. Interstate Iron company, defendant and appellant. An action to recover damages cause by the premature explosion of a charge of dynamite due to a defective fuse. It is held that the evidence is sufficient to justify the trial court in denying a motion for judgment for the defendant, notwithstanding a verdict for the plaintiff. In this suit the plaintiff was awarded \$15,000 damages.

Valanti Nastrzeba, respondent vs. Hobart Iron company et al. defendant, Hobart Iron company, appellant. In this case the damages amounted to \$1,500.

Jacob Jacobson, respondent vs. Hobart Iron company, appellant. Damages to the amount of \$17,000 were awarded the plaintiff by the lower court.

John Hyvenen, respondent vs. Hector Iron company, appellant. The damages in this suit amounted to \$4,333.33.

John Tomasin, respondent vs. Shenango Furnace company, appellant. The damages in this suit were \$2,000.

Mayne Daldar, administratrix of the estate of Bernard Balder, deceased, respondent vs. Zenith Furnace company, appellant. There was a verdict of \$5,000 in this case.

Patent an Iron Culvert.

The Virginia Foundry & Machine Co. have recently patented an interlocking, interchangeable, sectional iron culvert which is destined to meet with approval.

The culvert will be so constructed that heavy ribs give strength to the structure while also holding it firm in the ground, while its shape and construction will also be proof against frost. A wooden culvert has a life of but from two to five years, while a cast iron culvert constructed on the principle planned will last a half century or longer.

The firm will shortly arrange for the introduction and manufacture of the culvert at their Virginia shops.

Siege Meetings.

The Salvation Army Siege Meetings still continue every night except Monday. Sunday meetings at 3:00 p. m., Free and Easy. At 8:00 p. m. Great Salvation Meeting.

The program for the coming week includes addresses by Rev. Neff, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday evening, Wednesday evening coffee and cake social with musical program.

Special speaker for each night in the week. Sunday School entertainment let of March. Wait for the program. Everybody invited to these meetings. Seats free.

Purchases Brokerage Office.

B. E. Baker, of Duluth, has purchased the brokerage business of J. H. Horrigan, and will hereafter continue the business in his own name. He has also entered the field in this locality in the iron business, having recently let a contract for the stripping of the "Virginia Silver," of which he is a part owner.

Mr. L. R. Bellman will be in charge of his brokerage business and attend to the demands of patrons at this point.

St. Paul's Church.

At St. Paul's Church next Sunday which is Sexagesima Sunday, sixty days before Easter, there will be divine service at 7:30 p. m.

Evening prayer will be said and the rector will preach. Everybody is cordially welcomed.

COUNCIL HAS QUIET SESSION

But Little of Special Interest Combs Before the Meeting.

The holding up of a liquor license application—the first time in the history of Virginia—was about the only special feature of the council meeting Tuesday evening, the license thus withheld being that of August Walberg, whose former license expired on Sunday last. This action was taken upon motion of Alderman Mattson, who reported that he had been advised that the applicant ran a disorderly house. The matter was finally referred to the License Committee, comprising Chairman Osborn and Aldermen Mattson and Laviolette.

Applications for renewal of liquor licenses from B. F. Smith, Fred Johnson, F. J. Leonard and Andrew Sandstrom were received and met with favorable action.

A petition for permit to use water from hydrants at the corner of Central and Willow and at the corner of Wyoming and Magnolia streets for the purpose of flooding the lakes to make ice skating rinks received the sanction of the council. It is understood these ice rinks will be free to all, and will afford much pleasure to the younger element of American citizenship.

The matter of the sanitation of the city jail was brought up through a report from the committee on city buildings, the report recommending the installation of closets therein. This report was accepted and the committee instructed to order such work done. The installation of pressure valves in each of the city buildings, at an expense of \$10 each, was also authorized.

The building committee also reported favorably on remodeling the old firemen's sleeping apartments into a jury room and office for the superintendent of police, and this work was ordered done.

The committee on fire and fire department reported that in their estimation the purchase of another team for fire and general use would be advisable, and the committee was instructed to look up a suitable team for the inspection and acceptance of the council.

The city attorney reported that so far as he could discern the first twenty-four ordinances of the city were null and void, through the burning of the record of their acceptance and publication, but no definite order was given to have the defect rectified.

Work Closes Today.

From recent developments it would appear that the affairs of the Virginia Lumber Co. had not as yet resolved themselves to a point where a definite knowledge of the future had become an open book, the latest order being for the closing of all repair work on the mills at this point, becoming effective today. This action would indicate that the big plant will not, in all likelihood, resume active operations before the opening of the lakes in the spring.

St. Patrick's Entertainment.

A St. Patrick's Entertainment and Concert, under the direction of Miss Bessie M. Murphy, leader of Our Lady of Lourdes choir, will be given by the Church at the Fay Opera on Tuesday evening, March 17th.

Among the numbers of the evening will be an address by the Hon. Martin J. Hughes, of Hibbing, well known as one of the most brilliant orators of northern Minnesota.

Notice to Stockholders of the American Exchange Bank of Virginia, Minnesota.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the American Exchange Bank of Virginia, Minn. will be held at their Banking Rooms, Virginia, Minn., on Wednesday, the 4th of March next, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

D. W. STEBBINS, Cashier.

THREE DITCHES WILL BE BUILT

Court Signs Order Which Means Reclamation of Much of St. Louis County Land.

Judge W. A. Cant of the district court on Wednesday signed the decree and order for the building of three ditches for the draining of swamp lands in St. Louis county and thus assured the county of extensive improvements, which means a beginning of the opening of a future farming country.

At a special hearing about ten days ago, the matter was brought to the attention of the court. The plan, which now will be carried out and work upon which will be started in the spring, is the building of three large ditches with a total length of about 40 miles, with lateral branches running throughout the district to be drained, and the construction of roads alongside of them. All these improvements are to be made by the state, at an expenditure of about \$50,000. All that is required by the county is the appropriation of \$900 for the clearing of the land preparatory to the building of these ditches, and this amount has already been set aside by the county commissioners.

The ditches are numbered 53, 54 and 55. Ditch 53 is in Island township, 52-21, extending from the eastern boundary of Itasca county and crossing the main track of the Great Northern railway to Grand Rapids and down towards Floodwood. It is about 13 1/2 miles long.

Ditch 54 extends north and south in 54-18 and 19, commencing at the northeast corner of 54-18, running south six miles, and then into the Whiteface river. Its length will be about 13 1/2 miles. Ditch 55 begins about three miles east of the Duluth, Minn. & Northern's main tracks and runs north and south in 55-17 and 54-17 into the Whiteface river, and then to the Miller Trunk road, with lateral branches running east and west. The ditches will be six feet deep and twenty feet wide.

Contracts will be let soon, the call for bids having been made. The contractors are required to pile all the waste material on one side of the ditch and this will be leveled off to form a road. This will assure the county 40 more miles of good roads.

The Duluth & Iron Range Railway company, which owns large tracts of land all through this section of the country, has filed stipulations waiving its right to be exempt from the pro rata taxation and will pay more than \$25,000 of the expenses. This road has helped the commission to a large degree in this work.

George A. Ralph, engineer of the state drainage commission, is in charge of this undertaking, and appreciates the efforts shown by the people of Northern Minnesota in pushing this proposition through. The ditches, he says, will be complete next summer, and he will probably take some measures to have others built.

Sullivan Would be Fire Chief.

On Tuesday James Sullivan, the painter, filed his application for the position of chief engineer of the Virginia Fire Department, his application stipulating that he would attend to the duties of the position in a satisfactory manner at \$100 per month.

Owing to the absence from the meeting of Alderman Trezona the matter of appointing a chief did not come before the meeting, but will likely be brought up at the next meeting of the body. It is understood Mr. Sullivan was for several years a member of the Superior department, and feels that he can "make good" in the capacity to which he aspires.

Presbyterian Church.

Divine services with sermons by the pastor at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday School at noon. Christian Endeavor at 8:45 p. m. A cordial invitation given to all to worship with us.

WILL LOOK UP HOME RULE CHARTER

Commercial Club Will Also Tender Banquet in Attempt to Create Interest.

At the meeting of the Commercial Club Wednesday evening J. L. Kimball, who until the first of the present year had been president of the city council for twenty-four months previously, broached the idea of the necessity of the city of Virginia seeking a different law under which to exist, alleging that under the law of 1886, under which the city was forced by vote of the council during the first administration of Ex-Mayor Eaton, the mayor and one dictator had the rest of the council faded; that these two can handle the city as they may see fit, and that he believed under the circumstances—at this late date—an agitation should be started for a home rule charter.

This idea was coincided in by President Metcalfe and City Clerk Bickford, the president of the Club desiring an instantaneous expression of opinion on the part of members present as to whether or not a petition favoring such a change will meet their approval. But inasmuch as perhaps not three members present had ever read a home rule charter the idea was advanced by W. E. Hannaford that the seeking of an expression be deferred until another meeting, at which time copies of the home rule charters of other cities will be read and discussed and the members given at least a cursory view of what they are expected to endorse or reject. In this connection, however, the statement was made by City Clerk Bickford that he had been given to understand that there was no breaking loose from the present city charter when once adopted, and the clerk was instructed to correspond with the attorney general in relation to this point.

A. E. Bickford brought up the idea of again trying to include the mining properties to the northeast and east of the city in the city limits, stating that he had been assured by the managers of some of these properties, which voted against coming in at the time of the former extension of the city limits, that they would willingly vote to be included in the corporation at this time. In this connection a committee comprising Messrs. Bickford, Krogdahl and Byrne was appointed by the president to interview the mining superintendents and report their views. The additions indicated would extend the city limits to include some 25 instead of 19 square miles, and would add several million to the assessed valuation of the city.

The idea of a banquet, to be held late the coming month, was again discussed and definite action taken by referring the matter to a committee comprising Messrs. James Laviolette, J. P. Chalmers and F. J. Rinnert, who were authorized to name and appoint sub-committees as they might see fit. It was the idea of all present that, providing suitable arrangements could be made with the Duluth, Rainy Lake & Winnipeg railway, the Club should ask as guests on this occasion the prominent business men of the smaller towns along the line, believing that an acquaintanceship would prove of future value to Virginia's business way.

A letter was read from M. A. Murphy relative to the prospect of stocking the streams along the new railway with trout fry and the lakes with bass, Mr. Murphy having received notification that such fry could be had upon proper application being filed. It was moved and carried that a committee, including Mr. Murphy, be appointed to take action in this matter, but the committee was not appointed.

J. L. Kimball, as a member of the committee appointed at a previous meeting to interview the city council relative to the care of the "poor man's cow" reported that a communication had been presented the council and the assurance given that later in the spring the bovine pest would be properly cared for.

The committee appointed to solicit membership to the Club made a verbal report, and their efforts will extend over a longer period.

William Will Keep Open.

We note by the Duluth News Tribune that William Fanta, who formerly conducted a thirst parlor at Buhl but who transferred his business interests to Duluth some months ago, was on Tuesday arrested for the third time for keeping his place of business open on the Sabbath day. William will regret his move if things keep coming his way as rapidly as that, and will likely return to the range where the only limit to the time a man is permitted to keep his grogshop open is found in the shortages of the days, there being but twenty-four hours in any day in this section as yet.