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CHIEF MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

As to Regulation and Needed Improvements of Fire Department.

At the council meeting Tuesday evening Chief Thayer made several recommendations touching upon his department for the consideration of the council, one being the dispensing with the volunteer fire department pay roll and the hiring of an extra fireman in the place of the present volunteer force—a force which at present costs the city \$70 per month, while a regular member of the department would stand the city but \$60 per month. Another point was the necessity of establishing a hose house in the Southside Addition, it being pointed out that in case of a blaze requiring considerable amount of hose it would take a second trip to the fire hall for equipment.

Mr. Thayer also reported that he had visited all hotels and buildings of a public nature in the city and made a number of recommendations to the owners looking toward remedying defects for public safety and that in most cases these matters had been promptly attended to. One instance where the defect was not looked after at once was the Fay Opera House, where no rear fire escape is provided, there being but one exit from the building. Mr. Klink, the new owner of the building, stated to Mr. Thayer that he contemplated an addition to the building this spring, but as to whether or not the use of the building will be permitted until fire escapes are provided was left to the council and referred to the proper committee for future report. City Engineer Johnson presented plans and specifications for repairs to the city jail, which were ordered sent to the State Board of Control for acceptance and approval.

A petition for the formal acceptance of the new Anderson Addition was presented, and referred to committee. In this addition, platted last summer, many lots are already sold and a number of improvements in the shape of neat residences already mark the place. Chief Thayer notified the council of his appointment of James Stickney as assistant chief, the appointment being confirmed.

Former Chief of the Fire Department C. S. Stevens presented a bill for \$63 for services of Virginia firemen at the recent Hibbing fire, the bill being referred. This account is in lieu of the \$100 bill sent the village of Hibbing for such services and paid by the village council at that place, but which order was returned upon recommendation of the Virginia council, the bill having been sent the village of Hibbing without any authority from the council. The account will now doubtless be paid from the city funds.

The bid of L. Hammet & Co. of \$625 for the fire team was accepted, being the only bid presented. The team purchased has been on trial for several weeks, and meet with the approval of the department and members of the committee on fire department.

A letter from R. R. Bailey relative to fencing in the sand pit near the old Great Northern tracks, stated that he had received no pay from the city for sand removed therefrom in the past, and considered that it would be no more than right that the city should shoulder the expense of taking the necessary precautions. Another letter from Mr. Bailey asked for an abatement of the sewer assessment for the year 1904 on lots under water in Virginia lake, in the Great Northern Addition, the total of such assessments being \$396.71. Both these matters were referred for future consideration.

Begin Work on International Bridge.
On Wednesday of last week the bridge crew arrived at Ranier, the present northern terminal of the Duluth, Rainy Lake & Winnipeg railway, for the purpose of commencing work on the new international bridge between Ranier and Pither's Point, on the Canadian side of the Rainy River. A work train also brought in the same day several cars of bridge steel, a crane car, compressor and an extra engine for spotting.

The work of construction will be in charge of A. C. Ketter, who anticipates that the structure will be in readiness for use about the middle of April.

Good Appointment.
Capt. Arthur H. Stevens, a former well-known resident of this city, who removed to the Mesaba range some sixteen years ago, has been appointed assistant state inspector for the state of Minnesota. We learn from a Duluth paper, the position carries with it the responsibility of looking after the several state leases on the Eastern Mesaba. Captain Stevens is well qualified to handle the position in a satisfactory manner.—Iron Mountain Press.

Bequests from the Boys.

The Virginia Enterprise is coming out of a fine new home these days. Range journalism is a paying proposition, because the papers there reflect the general prosperity of the town.—Duluth News Tribune.

The Virginia Enterprise has moved into its fine new home. Bro. Hannaford must be "making demon" to afford such a luxury, and judging from the bright, new paper he puts out he is deserving of it.—Anorora News.

The Virginia Enterprise has moved into its new brick block, a 75x25 two story with full basement structure. The Enterprise now has the finest newspaper quarters of any on the range and has every reason to be satisfied with its name and condition.—Hibbing Tribune.

Bro. Hannaford, of the Virginia Enterprise, has moved his paper into its new steam-heated, electric-lighted brick home on Chestnut street. The Enterprise, in justification of its name, is a clean, new paper, and it gives us great pleasure to congratulate Bro. Hannaford upon his new business block and his sixteenth year of public service.—Ranier Journal.

Editor Hannaford, of the Virginia Enterprise, is now sending out his excellent newspaper from "neath his own vine and fig tree"—which in this case is a fine brick and stone building, twenty-five feet wide by seventy-five feet deep, two stories and a basement. Most of us country chaps are satisfied to occupy another man's building—as long as the other man will permit—but we are all of us glad to know that there is at least one country editor who has saved up enough, by dint of constant contention with the woodpile, to erect a building of his own, and that that one man is Mr. Hannaford.—Mesaba Ore.

St. Patrick's Day Concert.

Under the auspices of Our Lady of Lourdes Church our people will be given an opportunity of listening to a musical treat at the Fay Opera on Tuesday evening next, St. Patrick's Day, the program for the concert as arranged being as follows:

- Dear Harp of my country in darkness I
The cold chain of silence has hung o'er
When round my own Irish Harp I un-
bound thee
And gave all thy chords to light freedom
and song
—Miss Josephine Murphy, Harpist.
- Opening Scene..... "The Harp that
Sings Through Tara's Halls"
Vocal Solo..... "The Rose of Old Derry"
Miss Gertrude De Noble.
- Piano Solo..... "The Last Hope"
Prof. E. L. Stover.
- String Quartette
"Hearts and Flowers"..... Lobain
Mr. A. S. Snider, 1st violinist.
Miss Margaret Murphy, 2nd violinist.
Miss Beale Murphy, Cellist.
Miss Josephine Murphy, Harpist.
- Baritone Solo..... "The Mighty Deep"
Jude
Mr. Hare.
- Soprano Solo..... "The Last Rose of Summer"
Miss Beale Murphy.
- Violin and Harp Accompaniment.
The Maypole Dance
Danced by sixteen little girls led
by Margaret Savage and Jennie
De Noble.
- Lecture..... Hon. Martin Hughes.
Irish Jig in Costume
Ten young ladies and gentlemen
led by Miss Margaret Murphy
and Everett Lindsay.
- Vocal Solo..... "Nita Gitana"
Miss Beale Murphy.
- Song..... "Ireland"
Sung by six young men.
- Trio..... "Lullaby"
From Opera Ernani
The Messrs. Murphy.
- Closing Chorus..... "St. Patrick's Day."
Miss Josephine Sterle, Accompanist.

To Voters of School District No. 22.

The undersigned hereby makes formal announcement of his candidacy for the office of treasurer of School District No. 22 at the coming school election, feeling that in asking the support of the voters of the District I am entitled to a ready response, being numbered among the pioneer residents of the city and having ever been to the fore in sought for the upbuilding of the city and its educational institutions.

In case of election I promise to faithfully fulfill the duties of the office and shall try to do so to the entire satisfaction of all the people of the district.

Thanking you in advance for any favors that may be bestowed, I am,
Respectfully yours,
W. E. HANNAFORD.

Injured at Ohio Stripping.

W. E. Dupont, an employee of the Oliver company at their stripping on the Ohio, was injured on Monday, being struck on the head with a sack, thrown from a dump car through the shutting together of two cars. The man was completely knocked out, but recovered on his way to the hospital and his injuries are not of a serious nature.

Presbyterian Church.

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

Sunday School at noon.
Christina Endeavor at 6:45 p. m.
A special invitation given to all to worship with us.

PROSPERITY AHEAD

For Those Who Secure Farms in Northern Minnesota.

Judging from the various news items appearing from time to time Northern Minnesota is at last coming into her own. Hardly a week goes by now but we see chronicled some item which helps to establish the fact that outside people are at last beginning to realize the great value of Northern Minnesota soil as a prospective farming section.

Our state auditor, Samuel G. Iverson, has always been an ardent advocate of this region as a possible rich farming country. He never misses an opportunity to praise the resources of the lands of the northern part of the state once they are cleared and plowed. He has used every effort to sell as much state land as possible, has favored state drainage and in numerous other ways has shown that he is alive to the splendid opportunities awaiting settlers in this rich country. He has seen with his own eyes the productiveness of the soil and needs no other proof.

Now the real estate men are taking hold and have had very promising success. Several well to do farmers have located just south of Hibbing and will run large dairy farms there. Land men showed them the possibilities of the soil, the enormous crops of clover, timothy, potatoes and other crops which this land will produce and they bought. An Iowa farmer knows a good thing when he sees it.

Twin City parties, among whom are some of our state officials, have recently purchased a large tract of swamp land near Floodwood and will proceed to drain it.

The state has taken notice of the need of drainage in this section and will during the coming season construct over 40 miles of ditch in St. Louis county alone. All along the line we see indications of the fact that we are coming to our own, and why not? Rich opportunities await the careful farmer who casts his lot in the "Red Clover Belt."

From hard work on wornout soil the farmer comes to a land that is rich in virgin fertility and land whose fertility is easily kept. Where before he has been satisfied with light crops and small prices, here he is able to raise vast amounts of farm produce and can sell it on a market that is second to none. When the farmers in the middle west learn of this there will not be land enough here to go around and the price will soar. Those who are now in on the ground floor and who are developing their farms now will be independent for life.

This time is now rapidly approaching and the advertising which the northern part of the state is getting is helping it on.

We look for great things to take place during the next five years and the magnificent Bear River and Littlefork countries, the garden spot of Northeastern Minnesota, will shelter the homes of some of the most prosperous farmers in the state.—Tower News.

It's On It's Way.

The "tar-paper shack" which was for many years the home of the Enterprise, is this week being moved to lot 9 of block 46, where it will be remodeled into a comfortable cottage.

The "tar-paper shack" is a historical building, the first nail driven in Virginia after the fire which wiped the city off the map on June 18, 1893, being driven in this building by the Enterprise scribe, at a time when if our debts had been paid we would still have owed some \$4,700.00. But despite the fact that our pocket book was not of so plenteous a nature at that time as to permit us to buy and pay for a shingle or a tennypenny nail, we have surmounted the seemingly impossible obstacles which then strewed our path until we have today the finest print-store in northern Minnesota. But the old "tar paper shack" will ever hold a warm spot in our hearts.

Spring Firey in Evidence.

While a trifle early to look for the robin red breast, it is time to look at the show windows of Virginia stores, which are fast being filled with the finest display of spring finery to be found on the ranges. Virginia merchants are strictly up-to-date in the matter of tasty window dressing, and the enterprising ones make the further advertising of their stock through the columns of the Enterprise a part of their business.

Died at Lakota, N. D.

Word received in this city on Monday announced the death at Lakota, North Dakota, of Prof. C. Gordon Mayo, a former resident of this city, of a complication of diseases.

Mrs. E. R. Bailey, a sister of Mrs. Mayo, left on Monday for Lakota, to be in attendance at the funeral.

Building Improvements in Sight.

A number of improvements to business property on Chestnut street are in prospect for the coming season, while many new homes are in contemplation and already under way.

Among improvements to business property is an addition to the Fay Opera, extending the building back to the alley, making it 120 feet deep. This would give needed additional room to the opera and would provide a neat business place on Central for some industry not demanding a main street location.

A. Hawkinson has leased the room in his store building now occupied as a tin shop to the Minnesota Candy Kitchen, and feels compelled to erect an addition to his double block, 40x50, extending the building to the alley line, giving needed space for his large business.

It is understood the Hamm Brewing Co., owners of the fine one story double front at the corner of Chestnut and Central, contemplate the addition of a second story to the block and a substantial enlargement of the floor space.

Ed. Finch, owner of the fine lot at the corner of Chestnut and Wyoming, will doubtless improve the property the coming season, either for his own occupancy or for rental purposes, it being understood that he has received a flattering offer for a building on this corner, one of the best corners in the city.

It is also said that the local lodge of Elks, who have purchased two fine lots on Central adjoining the Orphenum Theatre Block, plan for the improvement of same by the erection of a magnificent lodge hall thereon.

The Fitger Brewing Co., owners of seventy-five feet frontage on Chestnut at the corner of Cleveland avenue, are also said to have plans for the improvement of same, and when built it is safe to say that the building, of whatever nature, will be a credit to the city.

Called on Stock-Holders.

Major E. L. DeLestry, of St. Paul, manager of the DeLestry Development Syndicate, was in the city the first of the week in consultation with local investors in the Arizona & Eastern Consolidated Copper mines in the Globe, district, one of the promising properties of that section in which a number of Virginians are interested.

Major DeLestry reports that the shaft on the property is now down to ore and water, and arranges for the installation of necessary pumping plant and machinery for the continuance of the work, feeling assured that another year will see the mine on a rich paying basis.

Mr. DeLestry is a mining engineer of many years experience, and his ability and integrity is ably attested by many of the prominent men of the Twin Cities and Duluth, where a majority of stock in his enterprise is held. He has made a brilliant success of many undertakings, and outlook for the owners of stock in the Arizona & Eastern is bright.

Study Club.

The program for the Study Club at the meeting to be held on Friday afternoon next, March 20th, on the life of John Marshall, with Mrs. W. E. Hannaford as leader, is as follows:

- Quotations from John Dryden.
- Sketch of John Dryden by Mrs. D. B. McDonald.
- Youth, Military Service and Barrister, Mrs. M. E. Fanning.
- In State Legislature and in Convention, Mrs. McMillan.
- French Mission, in Congress, and Mr. Adam's Cabinet, Miss Trimbie.
- Chief Justice and Trial of Aaron Burr, Mrs. Bliss.
- His Life of Washington, His Opinions and Personal Traits, Mrs. Norman McDonald.

Will Start Dairy Farm.

Frank Siebert, for several years in business in this city and at Mount Iron, has decided to quit mercantile pursuits and will this spring start a dairy farm a short distance north of Mount Iron. He will put in twenty-five head of cattle at the outset, with a view to enlarging his stock equipment later.

Mr. Siebert was in the city this morning, and states that he will put in a first-class dairy and creamery, and opines that he will make a success of the undertaking.

Worse on the Mesaba.

C. T. Fairbairn, while in the city this week, stated that more than fifty per cent of the men employed on the Mesaba range by the Republic Iron & Steel company, of which he is general mine manager, have been laid off this winter. The underground mines, however, are working nearly full handed. He said that so far as he has been informed, the mines in Negunee operated by his company will continue to employ the usual forces.—Islepeping Record.

GO TO MINNEAPOLIS NEXT WEEK

Roosevelt High Debating Team Will Meet Minneapolis Champions.

The debating team of the Roosevelt High School will go to Minneapolis the coming week when on Friday evening next they will meet the victors of the Flour-City, the North Side High School team, at the auditorium of the North Side High.

The Roosevelt team is putting in some hard practice work every night, and feel confident of their ability to make the opposing team give a good account of themselves at all events. The team has acquired a fund of new arguments since their victorious return from the capitol city, and are showing good form in rebuttal.

State examinations will occupy the attention of scholars at the Roosevelt High on Monday and Tuesday next, the branches in which examinations will be held being Arithmetic, Geography, U. S. History, Grammar, Higher Algebra and Solid Geometry.

Miss Mabel Rockwell was suddenly called to her home at Plainview, Minn., on Tuesday by news of the serious illness of her mother.

Miss Zora Fandt, who has been on the retired list while wrestling with a case of the mumps, resumed her accustomed work in the schools on Thursday.

Will Start Cigar Factory.

J. W. Schroeder, of Duluth, is in the city this week making preparations for starting a new cigar factory at this point.

Mr. Schroeder has for several years been in business at Duluth, where he worked up a fine trade on the merits of his goods, but recently disposed of his interests in that city. Virginia looks good to him, and while he has not as yet made definite arrangements for location he states that he has fully made up his mind that this city will be his future location.

Hotel Men Have Meeting.

The hotel men of the city, with the exception of the proprietors of The Fay and the Empress, met at the Central Hotel Tuesday evening to discuss the idea of starting an independent meet market, but in consideration of the fact that P. A. Coffey is just opening up in the city, they concluded to postpone any definite action on the proposition, it being understood that they have pledged Mr. Coffey their trade as long as goods and prices give satisfaction.

Will Strip the River.

It is understood the contract for the work of stripping the famous Virginia River is now being bid upon, and that work on the property will commence in the early spring. The heavy burden on the property is not heavy, the estimated amount of stripping necessary being 600,000 yards. This work, however, will aid materially in the prosperity of the city for the coming season.

Necktie Party.

The members of Northpole Lodge No. 18, S. E. & E. F., will entertain a necktie party at their handsome new lodge rooms in North Pole Hall tomorrow, Saturday evening, to which a cordial invitation is extended. Admission has been placed at 25 cents. Coffee and cake will be served and a pleasant evening is anticipated.

Will Resume Stripping at the Fay.

The Drake & Stratton Company will resume work on their stripping contract at the big Fayal mine at Eveleth the coming week, it being the intention to put but one shovel in operation at the outset, gradually increasing the working equipment.

St. Paul's Church.

Next Sunday is the second Sunday in Lent. At St. Paul's Church there will be celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:30 a. m. Morning prayer will be said at 10:30, and the rector will preach the second of the Lenten sermons. There will be special music. All are cordially welcomed.

Methodist Church.

Morning Service, Love Feast, Bible Preaching service 10:30. Sunday Elder will preach.
Revival service at 2:00. Subject, "Gifts."
Prof. Arnold will conduct the song service.

F. G. OLSON, Pastor.

Special Music Sunday Evening. Special music at the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening. Mr. Walter Smith, of our city, and Miss Emma Roman, of Ironwood, Minn., will sing.
You are cordially invited to hear these talented musicians. Free pews.

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