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We Invite Your Account

COUNCIL PASSES TAX LEVY FOR 1912

A Total of \$282,300.00 Estimated as the Needs of the City to Provide for Necessary Running Expenses and Improvements.

The tax levy for the year 1912 occupied the attention of the city council Tuesday evening, the schedule as prepared and presented by City Clerk Bickford being adopted by unanimous vote of the full membership of the body.

The levy calls for a grand total of \$282,300.00, for the purpose of defraying and paying all the expenses, obligations or liabilities existing or authorized by law, for the following purposes and in the following amounts:

General Fund—Current expenses of city government, opening and maintaining public grounds, government and construction of buildings and of improvements of a general character, such as paving and curbing of streets and avenues, maintenance of streets, sewers, opening and construction, maintaining and repairing roads, highways, streets, alleys, and for other purposes for the good order and cleanliness of the city and the protection against disease, \$193,000.00.

Police and Fire Fund—For the protection against crime and fire and the maintenance of both police and fire departments as enumerated under Chapter 9 of the city of Virginia, \$36,300.00.

Park Fund—For the purchase of necessary land or parcels of land for public parks and for the opening and maintaining of public parks and boulevards for the year 1912, \$25,000.00.

Permanent Improvement Fund—For the purpose of defraying the first cost of contractor's warrants in the improving of streets, alleys and highways, as enumerated in Section 125 Chapter 7 of City Charter, \$15,000.00.

Library Fund—For the maintenance of the Public Library of the city of Virginia for the year 1912, \$8,000.00.

Interest Fund—For the payment of interest due or to become due on warrants against the city of Virginia during the year 1912, \$5,000.00.

The levy is a decided reduction from that of the past year, although many improvements for the coming season are in prospect, including additional needed paving, many petitions for which are already filed.

Bids for the construction of a sanitary sewer to connect with the proposed incinerator and through certain portions of the Great Northern Addition and streets of the North Side Addition to the city were submitted, that of William Danforth of St. Paul being \$10,918.05, of Pastor-et-Lawrence Co., of Two Harbors, \$10,014.90, of H. L. Bartlett Co., \$9,791.75, and of C. C. Butler \$9,269.75. The bid of the latter contractor was accepted and the clerk and mayor authorized by resolution to enter into contract.

Cement sidewalks were ordered laid on the east side of Cleveland avenue between Maple and Spruce, on the east side of lot 1 block 31, on the east side of Cleveland avenue between Cedar and Locust, on the north side of Poplar between Cleveland and Wyoming and on the west side of Central between Poplar and Cedar.

The city clerk was instructed by motion to write the Duluth, Missabe & Northern Railway Co., to ascertain what disposition had been made of the matter of the construction of the overhead crossing by this company over its tracks leading from the south end of Mesaba avenue to the Gilbert road. This matter has been passed upon some time, and it would appear the company was derelict in its agreement. The attorney was also instructed to draft and have in readiness for presentation at the next meeting a resolution in this matter requiring such construction within a specified time.

The city attorney stated that he was prepared and would report if desired on the petition and ordinance submitted at a special meeting of the council on the evening of September 21st, relative to the appointment of a special light and water commission, but the council did not wish to hear the report at this time and the matter was upon motion laid on the table for one week. This ordinance is the one given publication, together with the attached list of voters, in our issue of September 15th, being the first move toward the initiative

KIMBALL RE-ELECTED BY LARGE MAJORITY

Recall of Fourth Ward Alderman Shows Him a Strong Candidate With His Constituency, Despite Petition For His Removal

The re-call election in the Fourth Ward on Tuesday, held upon petition of a large number of voters of the ward for the ouster of Alderman Kimball, failed of its purpose, Alderman Kimball being again chosen by a majority which outstripped the prophecies of his closest friends.

The total registration in the ward was 229, and the fact that the vote on Tuesday showed 213 out of this possible number in attendance is evidence that the candidates saw to it that "the vote got out," while autos assisted some who were too weary or too little interested to get to the polls otherwise.

The vote as counted showed a clean majority of 32 for Mr. Kimball's re-election, the total vote being 122 for his retention as against 90 for Mr. A. N. Thompson, his opponent in the race, while one voter found little to admire in either and voted a blank.

The declaration of the result was followed by a torchlight parade, headed by Alderman Kimball and the band, Alderman Kimball voicing his gratification at the result which he considered a vindication of his honesty and integrity.

The contest was the first under the re-call provisions of the Virginia home-rule charter, and was based directly upon municipal ownership of the light and water conveniences. It has been voiced at times that the contest in the Fourth was but a beginning though but little authoritative information is obtainable as yet. However, it is useless to deny that this question will be a live one in future election contests in the city, with the probable ultimate result sought by members of the Progressive League, under whose auspices the initial fight for such condition has been inaugurated.

In the requirement or prospective requirement of the light and water plant or the installation of a municipal system.

DOING BUSINESS UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

At the time the Enterprise scribe erected the brick block as a successor to the famed tarpaper shack some three and one-half years ago he thought he had builded for all time. But the continued and pleasing growth of our business confronted us with the necessity of providing more room, and we are this week doing business under difficulties—meeting a carpenter, a brick-layer, a lather or a roofer at every turn in our work room. The addition will give us needed room for additional equipment to care for the needs and demands of our patrons and for the prospective expansion of business, which we trust may continue to grow with the city.

The addition will also provide a work room, needed, to P. Savolainen, the genial jeweler who occupies the east room of the Enterprise block, and whose business has ever shown a pleasing advance.

GRADUATED FROM ST. LUKE'S

Among the class graduating from St. Luke's Hospital, Duluth, as nurses, in the exercises held at St. Paul's church, Duluth, on Sunday last, were Misses Agnes M. Hall and Selma Peterson, of this city, and Miss Grace A. Owens, formerly of Virginia but now residing in Duluth.

Rev. A. W. Ryan, rector of St. Paul's and President of the Board of St. Luke's, delivered the address and made the presentation of diplomas.

OSBORN AGAINST ARNOLD

After the jury had been called in District Court this morning the defendant, Mr. N. B. Arnold, in the presence of Judge Martin Hughes, admitted his wrongful assault upon me in justice court at Mt. Iron on June 8th, 1911, apologized for his conduct and agreed to pay all expenses and attorney's fees. The suit was thereupon dismissed by me, although the apology was nearly four months late.

LOUIS M. OSBORN.
Virginia, Minn., Sept. 29, 1911.

SCHUBERT CONCERT GREATLY ENJOYED

Delight a Large Audience at the Fay Under the Auspices of the Local Lodge of Elks.

The concert by the Schubert Symphony and Lady Quartette, rendered at the Fay Opera Wednesday evening under the auspices of Virginia Lodge No. 1003, B. P. O. E., was a most delightful entertainment and was fully enjoyed by an audience that taxed the seating capacity of the hall.

The numbers by the Lady Quartette were perhaps the most enjoyed, resulting in frequent responses to encores, while the readings by Miss Pearl Wetherington and the contralto and soprano solos by Miss Lovie Zandt Purcell and Miss Leeta Corder also awoke a responsive chord with their hearers, either having charming voices and perfect range.

The violin solos by Thomas Valentine Purcell also elicited the appreciation of his audience, his excellent execution, being both infatigating and enthralling.

The numbers by the company were followed by a vaudeville sketch by artists from the Grand, and a dancing party concluded the evening's enjoyment.

To the members of the lodge which gave Virginians an opportunity of enjoying so rare a treat is due the thanks of Virginians, and it is to be hoped that with new opera house facilities entertainments of like nature and character may be enjoyed by our people much oftener than in past.

ATTENDED MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Minnesota Library Association was held last week at St. Alban's Beech Hotel, Excelsior, Minn., the Virginia Library Board being represented by the librarian, Miss Mabel Newhard, and by the secretary of the Board, R. C. Pickering. The sessions began Wednesday evening and closed on Friday. Mr. G. C. Schulze, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Miss Lottie E. Stearns of the Wisconsin Library Commission, President Vincent of the University of Minnesota, and Mr. G. H. Utley, secretary of the American Library Association, were among the speakers. Librarians, trustees from all over the state, and commission workers from Wisconsin, Nebraska and Minnesota, discussed ways and means of bringing the libraries to a higher standard of service.

Friday afternoon Mr. Richard Lavall, superintendent of the Minneapolis branch libraries, guided a party of the delegates to the best of the new branch libraries which that city is building.

The architect who has the contract for drawing the plans for the new Virginia library and Mr. J. D. Lamont, who is chairman of the building committee, were also present. Many new ideas which will contribute to the beauty and convenience of the new library were gained and will be incorporated in the plan.

TAKES HEADER FROM MOTOR CYCLE.

G. A. Apuli, of Mt. Iron, who makes his many trips between his Mt. Iron store headquarters and range points on a motor cycle, was the victim of an accident on Monday which nearly cost him his life, the breaking of his machine giving him a header. He landed on his face and shoulders, receiving serious bruises and contusions about the face and body, necessitating medical attention, but was able to be taken to his Mt. Iron home in an auto later in the day.

WILL HAVE CLASS IN THE ENCAMPMENT

Virginia Encampment No. 12, I. O. O. F., will have some "doings" at their lodge hall tomorrow evening—destined, mayhap, to last until the wee small hours of the Sabbath day. A class will be conducted through the mysteries of the work, and naught will be left undone for the edification of the novitiates. It is anticipated that many members of the Encampment from surrounding range communities will be in attendance.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Sunday services at North Pole Hall at 11 o'clock. Subject, "Unreality." Wednesday evening testimony meeting at the hall at 8 o'clock. All are welcome.

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