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BRIDGE ACROSS RAINY IS COMPLETED.

Large Crowd of Duluthians and Virginians Cross the First Train and Accept Hospitality of Fort Frances Residents.

The big steel bridge across the Rainy River at Rainier is now complete, and a large delegation of prominent Duluth and Virginia wholesalers and business men accepted the invitation of the residents of Fort Frances to come across on the first train over the structure and assist them in formally commemorating their connection with the range and the Zenith City at a banquet and jollification.

Served at the Emperor Hotel, the banquet was all that could be desired, the visitors being welcomed with speech and good cheer, together with a table laden with all the delicacies of such occasions, and the true friendliness of our new northern neighbors was fully exemplified in every possible manner, the residents of that northern city seeing in the advent of the new road great promise of a new industrial growth and of an unprecedented commercial activity for their beautiful city.

The toasts following the feast of good things embraced the following numbers, together with the speakers:

"The King and the President of the United States."

"Our Guests—The Duluth, Rainy Lake & Winnipeg Railway," accompanied by presentation of an address to President Cook and coupled with the names of General Manager Murphy and Secretary Anderson.

"The City of Duluth," coupled with names of W. E. Magnus, president of the Commercial club, and W. P. Mars, vice president of the Marshall Wells Hardware Co.

"The Canadian Northern Railway," coupled with the name of George H. Shaw, general traffic manager, and Superintendent Wilcox.

"Duluth Commercial Club," coupled with name of H. V. Eva.

"Our Sister Railways," coupled with names of W. H. Gemmell, general manager of M. & L., and W. H. Strachan, superintendent of M. & L.

"Navigation," coupled with name of George A. Graham, president Rainy River Navigation Co.

"The Press," coupled with names of R. B. Leggett, Duluth Evening Herald; J. W. Dufco, managing editor Winnipeg Free Press and Mr. Campbell of Winnipeg Telegram.

Fort Frances is on the Canadian side of the great Koochiching Falls, 208 miles from Winnipeg, 130 miles from Duluth, 233 miles from Port Arthur, 300 miles from Minneapolis and 625 miles from Chicago. It is the natural outlet for the great grain, lumber and pulp industries of the Canadian northwest, and the output of these immense natural resources are destined in future to become an important factor in the prosperity of the new line, coupled with its traffic arrangements with the Canadian Northern, with which road they connect on the Canadian side of the new bridge.

The water power of the falls, the greatest in America with the single exception of Niagara, will eventually be utilized for manufacturing and milling purposes, \$4,000,000 having thus far been spent in the great work of bridling the 36,000 horse power energy which has heretofore gone to waste, and the citizens of the place look forward with warranted confidence to a city of immense proportions and industrial activity.

Nature has also marked the section as one of more than passing interest, providing waterways over which boats ply between other points on Rainy River and Rainy Lake, which latter body of water is dotted with hundreds of islands, and which cannot but appeal to all as a summer resort. Game and fish of all kinds abound, and the section is a sportsman's paradise, while lumbering, farming and mining insure for the section a steady development.

Range Association of Old Fellows.

Anniversary exercises were held by Half Moon Lodge of Odd Fellows at Eveleth on Tuesday evening, and at the same time the Range Association held a meeting. The president and secretary of the Association were re-elected and Rev. Blake, of Ely was elected treasurer. A committee on By-Laws was appointed, comprising R. Tervastan, of Half Moon Lodge, Judge Nelson, of Hibbing Lodge, and C. C. Campaigne, of Tower.

An entertainment committee composed of F. A. Howerton, of Diamond Lodge, Hibbing; D. J. Cameron, of Diamond Lodge, and Edw. C. A. Johnson, of Mesaba Lodge, Virginia, was appointed. Under the direction of this committee a number of people to be held at some point on the range during the coming summer or fall will be arranged.

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April 25th, 1908.

MR. W. E. HANNAFORD,
Virginia, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I have obtained a dismissal of the case of Wm. H. Eaton vs. W. E. Hannaford. This disposes of the case.

Yours truly,

H. B. FRYBERGER.

FACES A CHARGE OF MURDER.

William Schirber, a Homesteader, Held on Suspicion of Having Killed Frank Masseport.

Chief of Police Walsh on Wednesday brought down from Ashawa William Schirber, a homesteader in the Sturgeon valley eleven miles west of that point, arrested on suspicion of having murdered Frank Masseport, a neighboring homesteader in February last.

Early in February the remains of Masseport were found in his partially burned homestead shanty, and it was generally supposed the man met his death through the catching fire of his building. But about April 10th Schirber went to Washburn, Wis., and submitted a certificate of deposit on the First National Bank of this city in favor of Masseport, giving his name as that of the deceased man and claiming the money was his. The banker, Mr. Mase, who is now in the city, did not cash the certificate at face but advanced \$75 thereon, later learning that Masseport was dead. This led to suspicions, and Mr. Mase came to the city the first of the week and told his story, Chief Walsh going after and bringing in his man, whom Mr. Mase recognized as the party whose name he represented himself as the deceased.

William Landrell, the sales agent who went with Schirber to look over the land selected, arrived in the city last evening and fully identified Schirber as the man negotiating for the property.

The case looks like a clear one, and an uncle and brother of the deceased are here investigating the matter thoroughly. It is considered likely Schirber will waive examination and be bound over to the grand jury, which convenes the coming week, and from all appearances will not only be bound over but will eventually receive his deserts.

Norwegian M. E. Church Social. The ladies of the Norwegian M. E. Church will give a social in the church, Saturday evening, May 2. Following is the program:

Song..... Congregation
Scripture..... Reading and Prayer
Mrs. G. Eggen
Song..... By the Ladies
Recitation..... "The Child"
Mrs. J. L. Vogeland
Solo..... Miss Olga Rowland
Reading..... Mrs. B. Rieberg
Recitation..... "The Spring"
Mrs. C. Foss
Trio..... Misses Olga Rowland,
Minnie Johnson and Annie Johnson
Recitation..... "The Sweet Thought"
Mrs. A. Seim
Reading..... Mrs. Ole Johnson
Duet..... Misses Annie Johnson and
Minnie Johnson
Recitation..... Mrs. N. Myre
Reading..... Mrs. J. Johnson
Song..... Miss Finn Thomson
Speech..... Mrs. Ellen Tramm
Song..... Mrs. G. Eggen
Refreshments will be served.
You are cordially invited.
Admission 25 cents.

Commercial Club Meeting a Success.

The Commercial Club meeting Wednesday evening was one of the best attended gatherings of like nature held in many months, and many points of direct interest to citizens and more especially to the business element of Virginia were discussed with a vim and candor that bodied results.

It is indeed pleasing to note the interest which the continued prodding of president, Mr. Metcalfe, has seemingly aroused in the aims and objects of the organization and the success which is attending his efforts at making the meetings of the Club of such note that all business men feel it an incumbent duty to be present.

Big Mill to be Operated.

It is officially stated that the big new mill of the Virginia Lumber Company will be operated in the near future, but it is also understood the old mill will be closed, at least one shift, when the other is opened.

The new mill, however, has a capacity of several times the old plant, and a large number of additional men will be given employment in the mill and in caring for the product.

HALF THE AVAILABLE LAND WITHDRAWN.

Sweeping Order Lies Up Much North Country Land for Forestry Purposes.

In a sweeping order, received Monday at the Duluth Land office from the commissioner of the general land office, about half of the land available in the Duluth land district is withdrawn from entry and attached to the Superior National Forest of Minnesota, as an addition to lands withdrawn for the same purpose in former years.

The withdrawal takes in thousands of acres north and west of the fourth principal meridian in St. Louis, Lake and Cook counties and is more serious in its effects, on account of the rapid decrease in available land in the Duluth district in recent years. At the present time, it is estimated that there are about 400,000 acres of vacant land in the Duluth district and the order of the commissioner, made on recommendation of the acting secretary of the interior cuts that amount about in half, it is believed.

The first withdrawal in the Duluth district for forest reserve purposes was made in June, 1902, when about 400,000 acres were withdrawn from entry. In August, 1903, 150,000 acres more were withdrawn, the order received today being the third withdrawal. Though the first was heavier it was not so serious in its effects, as at that time, there were probably 1,500,000 acres of land open for entry and about half of the land withdrawn was unsurveyed. Some of the land withdrawn by the order received today is also unsurveyed, but much of it is desirable land, and people contemplating entry will be hit hard by the order.

Excepted from the force and effect of the withdrawals are all lands, which are at this date embraced in any legal entry or covered by any lawful filing or selection duly of record in the proper United States land office, or upon which any valid settlement has been made pursuant to law, if the stated period within which to make entry or filing of record has not expired and also excepting any withdrawal or reservation for any purpose, with which the order for withdrawal is inconsistent. The exception shall not continue to comply to any parcel or tract of land unless the claimant continues to comply with the law under which entry, filing or settlement has been made.

The order provides for the vacation of all unappropriated lands in the following described areas:

All of fractional townships 63 and 64 N. R. 2, 3 and 4 W. T. 64, 65 and 66 N. R. 5 W.; all of fraction Sec. 6, T. 63 N. R. 7 W.; Sec. 1 to 18, both inclusive, T. 63 N. R. 8 W.; Sec. 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 21, 22, 23 and 29, T. 62 N. R. 9 W.; all of T. 63 N. R. 9 W.; T. 63 N. R. 10 W.; Sec. 19 to 26 inclusive, T. 64 N. R. 10 W.; Sec. 5, 6, 7, 8 and 17 to 26, both inclusive, T. 74 N. R. 11 W.; T. 65 N. R. 11 W.; T. 64 and 65 N. R. 12 W.; T. 65 N. R. 13 W.; T. 64 and 65 N. R. 14 and 15 W.; T. 65 N. R. 16 W.; all north and west of the fourth principal meridian.

Will Shortly Open For Business.

D. Kratz, of Milwaukee, who has leased the east room of the new Karon Block, this week receives his stock and fixtures and arranges to open his store to the public as quickly as possible. Mr. Kratz will carry a fine line of shoes and gentlemen's furnishings, and will also take care of all needs in the line of fine made-to-order clothes. The stock being put in is all new, direct from the factory, and he intends catering to the wants of the Virginians in a manner which will insure business success.

Open New Store.

Arvid Olson, Hugo Bergstedt and Emil Jarvick have associated themselves together in a business way and on or about May 10th will open a new general store at the corner of Locust street and Mesaba avenue, with Emil Olson as manager. The new firm have erected a neat building to house their wares, and anticipate a thriving trade.

PROVE IRON BEDS ON CAYUNA RANGE.

Ore May Be Shipped From Aitkin County this Summer.

It is quite probable that in the next few months there will be some important developments on the Cayuna iron range, and that the Rogers-Brown people, who are sinking a shaft at Rabbit Lake will be shipping ore to the head of the lakes. The shaft was down 90 feet on Friday last, when a vein of quicksand was encountered, which bubbled up several feet inside the shaft. This obstacle will be overcome in a short time, and as it is the last quicksand in the way, the ore will be reached in a short time.

The Rogers-Brown people also have the shaft southeast of Deerwood well started, and last Saturday Northern Pacific surveyors were at work setting the stakes for a branch into this shaft. It is understood a survey has also been made into the Rabbit Lake shaft. The road from Deerwood to Duluth is strewn with heavy rails, and this looks as though the road was being put in shape for heavy hauling, and that this means hauling ore from the Cayuna range.

In the Rice River country five miles northeast of Aitkin, drilling has been going on for nearly two years by the Cuyler Adams people. During this time between seventy and eighty holes have been drilled, and iron has been found in every one of them. The lands drilled are in Section 34728, owned by F. J. Adams, Ferguson Falls, and H. B. Ayers, Aitkin, lands in Section 3648-28, owned by Ernest Bacon of Minneapolis, and lands in Section 3548-28, owned by John G. Jacobson. It is said there have been several holes drilled on the Jacobson property and the drills sunk twenty-five feet into the ore and then withdrawn, the test being satisfactory. This is the property on which the Zeno Iron company had an option, the terms of which it tried to enforce in an action against Jacobson, but the suit was decided in favor of Jacobson.

Celebrated Eighty-Ninth Anniversary.

Mesaba Range Lodge No. 222, I. O. O. F., celebrated the 89th anniversary of the founding of the order in America on Monday evening by entertaining the members and many invited guests at a feast of music and oratory followed by a delightful luncheon.

The speaker of the evening was the Hon. T. W. Hugo, of Duluth, his address dealing with the founding and growth of the order, as also the tenets and objects of the organization, his address showing careful preparation of his subject and thorough understanding of the same. The musical program included a solo by Mr. James Lavick, a duet by the Misses Morneau and Roswald, solos by Mrs. E. W. Merritt, and Mr. George Trimble, and a duet by Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Anna Thomas and an appreciated rendition of "Come Where the Lillies Bloom" by a quartette. The event was in charge of a committee comprising Messrs Walter Fitzgerald, E. W. Sinum and Capt. James H. Polglase, and those in attendance were prolific in their praise of the affair, which will long be remembered as a bright spot in the lodge history.

'Twas True Sport.

That's what they say of the mill at the Fay Opera House Tuesday evening when "Scraps" Costello, of Duluth, stopped "Kid" Williams in the seventh round of what was to have been a fifteen round go. Costello had his adversary faded from the beginning. In the final round Williams was floored three times with right swings on the chin, and a fourth punch to the jaw produced sweet sleep for the "kid" from the cattle country.

A couple of bouts between lights of a lesser brilliance also furnished passing amusement for the crowds for several minutes, a three-round draw and a six-round comedy being presented.

Leaves On Vacation.

Rev. F. G. Clark, of the First M. E. Church, left yesterday noon for a trip to southern and eastern points going to Evanston, Ill., where he will attend the Biblical Institute as a member of the committee from the Northern Minnesota Conference. Later he will go to Caldwell, Ohio, where he will deliver an address before the Caldwell High School. Rev. Clark expects to be absent about three weeks, and may see salt water before his return.

Methodist Church.

In the absence of Rev. Clark, Rev. R. J. Taylor, of Eveleth, will occupy the pulpit at the M. E. Church next Sunday morning, and in the evening Capt. James H. Polglase will preach. Other services of the day as usual.

IRON RANGE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Quill Pushers of the Ranges Get Together for Mutual Benefit.

The meeting of the boys of the range press called for the Hotel Glade at Eveleth on Saturday evening last resulted in the formation of the Iron Range Press Association, with a full membership of all the range scribes with the single exception of Bro. Talboys, of the Chisholm Herald, but who will doubtless become affiliated at a later date.

The object of such an association is to effect a united action for the betterment of the condition of the range papers, and the interest of all in the proposition was exemplified by the fact that ten out of thirteen newspaper boys were in attendance, the absentees, in addition to Bro. Talboys, being Bro. Atkinson of the Mesaba Ore at Hibbing and Bro. Schaefer of the Ely Miner, both of whom sent written notice of their desires to become affiliated with the move but were deterred from attendance through a rush of other business. Those in attendance included R. M. Sheets of the Tower News, H. L. Nicholson of the Aurora News, E. A. Koen of the Biwabik Times, Oscar LaFrance of the Chisholm Tribune, A. E. Pfeffermer and R. W. Hitchcock of the Hibbing Tribune, P. K. Dowling of the Eveleth Star, George Perham of the Virginia and W. E. Cuppernull of the Virginia Enterprise.

P. E. Dowling of the Eveleth Star was elected as the first president of the new organization, W. E. Hannaford of the Enterprise as vice president and R. W. Hitchcock of the Hibbing Tribune as secretary and treasurer. These three officers also constitute the executive committee of the association, and future meetings and program will be arranged under their direction.

One matter of more than passing importance brought forth was a discussion of the practice of permitting the publication of land notices in alleged newspapers that in no wise conform to the requisitions of the state law governing a legal newspaper, and vigorous resolutions were passed denouncing the practice. Copies of this resolution, which named the Bear River Journal, the Northland Farmer and the St. Louis County Record as three papers coming within its scope and intent, were directed to be forwarded to Congressman Bede, and Senator Nelson, asking their cooperation in correcting the evil.

A resolution also meeting with popular favor was that the members of the association should act as a unit in the matter of political advertising, and a committee comprising Messrs. Hannaford, Pfeffermer and Schaefer was appointed to take charge of this department of work.

A legislative committee, for the purpose of looking after matters of interest to the boys as a whole at the coming session of the legislature, was appointed, Messrs. Dowling, Cuppernull and Koen being named.

A committee comprising Messrs. Atkinson, Sheets and Perham was appointed to follow up the "land notice" journals, and keep in touch with the department on any measures to be taken in regard to same.

A. P. Allensworth, the range correspondent of the Duluth News Tribune, was elected as an honorary member of the association, and will be with the boys at future meetings.

Following the business meet the party was tendered an appreciated banquet at the Glode by Bros. Dowling and Perham, the spread being one of which the entertainers and the genial manager of the hostelry might well feel proud, the party breaking up after an hour of jollity with numerous after dinner addresses by members of the assemblage.

There is a big field for the development of a community interest among the papers of the press of this section, and we believe the right start and right idea has been grasped. At future meetings other matters of mutual benefit will be discussed and a program will be provided in which all will have a part. The next meeting of the association will be held at Hibbing, but later in the season it is not unlikely an outing trip to either Vermilion lake or some other north country point will be arranged.

Sues Capt. Pearce.

Claiming that he has been damaged to the extent of \$837.50 by the failure of Capt. James H. Pearce to give him possession of the residence at Twenty-first avenue east and Superior street, Clifton Markell has brought suit against Capt. Pearce for that amount. Mr. Markell claims that he leased the Pearce residence, and that later Capt. Pearce sold it to M. L. Fay. Mr. Markell says he was unable to get possession, in spite of his lease.—Duluth Herald.