

VIRGINIA.

Special to the News Tribune.

VIRGINIA, May 31.—At the council meeting Tuesday night the city attorney was instructed to draw up a contract with R. B. Freedy, manager of the local telephone company, for the inauguration in our city of a first-class fire alarm system. The system Mr. Freedy has at Eveleth, is an excellent one. Eight boxes will be put in Virginia and will be complete in sixty days. The contract price is \$330.

Two gentlemen came up from the lower part of the state six weeks ago and purchased the saloon business of John Peterson. They were partners under the name of Roche & Mimbach. The license under which they were running terminated Sunday last, and as they were short of part of the cash, one of the local brewery agents volunteered the loan of the amount, as is the general custom in these parts, to secure the business, and gave the firm the full \$500. At the time of payment into the city treasury the men were minus, personally and financially, and the city recorder went to their place of business in search of the receipts and soon learned the story of the swindle. There is just another brewing company out of money the agent thought as good as gold.

E. C. Garlick was a Duluth visitor Tuesday.

The building used by Pratt & Co., as a store for a few months after the big fire, was this week moved from the Quinn lots to a place on the Missabe tracks, where the store people will fix it up and use it as a warehouse.

Joseph Roman, the clothier, went to Duluth Tuesday.

Hon. O. D. Kinney was up from Duluth most of the week.

Henry Greenblatt, manager of the Kitz & Co., store at Buhl, was a visitor here Monday.

Chas. A. Bale, who was engaged in the painting business here a few months ago, has joined the regular army, having enlisted at Duluth a short time ago, and is now at Fort Meade, S. D., with troop A, 13th cavalry. He is a son of Capt. Bale, of Ely.

The city recorder's office has been painted and papered and carpeted making the council chambers a very pleasant and tasty apartment. A roll-top desk has been added to the fixtures.

Rev. Dr. Forbes, of Duluth, will occupy the Methodist church pulpit Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

John Costin Jr., was a Duluth visitor Monday.

E. F. Sweeney the diamond drill man, was in Duluth Wednesday. Virginians expect to hear of a big iron land sale, which Mr. Sweeney has proven up, near Hibbing.

Editor Atkinson, of the Hibbing News, passed through our city Monday on his way to Duluth.

M. L. Fay, wife and daughter, Miss Clara, were Duluth visitors the fore part of the week.

D. W. Freeman has purchased the Farum cottage on Central avenue, for his mother, and will improve the property.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lerch were over from Hibbing Sunday.

John Omtvedt, of the late firm of Wiggen & Omtvedt, has accepted a position with the Carlson store at Hibbing, going to that city Monday.

Capt. R. R. Trezona, of Hurley, Wis., arrived in the city Monday and it is understood that he will shortly assume management of the Fayal mine, at Eveleth, taking the place of Supt. Brown, who goes to Tennessee, to accept a place under his step-father, D. H. Bacon.

Miss Annie Nelson has returned from Rochester, Minn.

Chas. S. Reeves, the bicycle man, had business in Duluth Monday.

The ball at the opera house Thursday evening for the benefit of the Virginia cornet band, was a grand success financially and otherwise.

Mrs. John O'Connor visited with her mother at Tower, over Sunday.

The Virginia Pharmacy, Bates and Dowling, proprietors, formally opened their new drug store here to the public Wednesday night. A large number of ladies attended the opening, upon invitation and were presented with souvenirs in the shape of cut flowers. The store has undoubtedly the most elegant fixtures of any business place north of the Twin cities.

The baseball game at Tower Sunday between Virginia and Tower resulted in another victory for the home team by a score of 10 to 9. The local team will play with Hibbing tomorrow at Hibbing.

John O'Connor, E. H. Chittenden and John Pitts, are looking after their homesteads these days, in Lake county.

While Decoration Day was not generally observed here, many of the stores closed for the afternoon, giving their clerks a chance to get out.

Edward Johnson, the local bicycle rider, took part in the Decoration Day races at Duluth Thursday.