

THE CITY.

Busy Scene Just Outside.

The lake front off Duluth harbor often presents a lively scene this season. At one time yesterday 13 vessels were in full sight, arriving or departing from the harbor. Off on the horizon was the smoke of many more.

Prosperity on Ranges.

O. D. Kinney is down from Virginia. He says that the Minnesota ranges are enjoying the greatest prosperity in their history. Wages range from \$3 to \$2.25 a day, and there are no idle or moneyless men in that part of the state.

Milwaukee Road Survey.

The Pine City Courier announces that the Milwaukee road surveyors are at work near Chenoweth and that they say this route will be selected if the road builds to Duluth. The present survey is said to follow almost precisely the preliminary survey and it will shorten the preliminary survey several miles.

Costly Roulette Wheel.

The roulette table at present stored in the basement of the police station is one of the finest specimens of the kind ever seen anywhere. It is of the 1899 pattern, and is said to be a work of art in its way. A man versed in the cost of such a piece of furniture yesterday hazarded a guess that this table cost not less than \$300.

Ferry Service at the Canal.

The board of public works yesterday received three propositions on ferry service at the canal. Pasque & Bell, who now have the contract, with the tug Eliza; M. J. Ryan, with the Estelle, and Captain Hansen, with the Josie Davis, made offers. The bids will go to the council Monday night.

Stranded Schooner Wenona.

A dispatch from Houghton says that fair progress is being made toward the release of the stranded schooner Wenona near Houghton. The vessel was abandoned last summer, but the great demand for vessel tonnage makes it an object to go to considerable expense to release her. A ditch 60 feet long and 15 feet deep will be dredged to the boat.

Wages Surface Men.

The wages of surface men employed by the Omaha road on this division and the eastern division have been advanced from \$1.40 and \$1.50 to \$1.75 a day. It has been five or six years since the company has paid as high wages as \$1.75 a day and is supposed to be a true indication of the great scarcity of men, of which so much has been heard of late.

Grand Larceny Charged.

Louis Dilopa was brought down from Ely yesterday to await action by the grand jury on the charge of grand larceny. Dilopa is accused of burglarizing the place of David Simon on Sunday and stealing \$33 in cash and seven boxes of cigars. Judge Van Blarcom, the examining justice at Ely, fixed Dilopa's bail at \$500.

New Mill at Tower.

J. G. Ketcham, manager of the Howe Lumber company of Tower, was in the city yesterday. He says that the new saw mill, which is building to replace the burned one, may be equipped with a double band and resaw. The old mill had a circular band and gang. The insurance on the burned mill has been adjusted.

Bridges in Bad Shape.

The committee on streets, alleys and sidewalks took a trip to West Duluth yesterday and looked over the bridges in that part of the city. A member of the committee said last night that the bridges out there are in very bad condition and several of them will need redecking. This work will probably be ordered done at once.

Two Deaths Reported.

The death of Earl Nelson, aged 15 years, a native of Sweden, at 203 West Fourth street, was reported at the health office yesterday. Death was caused by fatty degeneration.

The death of Edith Barrett, aged 2 years and 1 month, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Barrett, of 322 West Second street, of cholera infantum, was also reported.

Walter Girls Picnic.

The walter girls of the St. Louis hotel and a number of their gentlemen friends enjoyed a picnic on Park point last evening. They tried the slide-for-life in the most bewitching bathing costumes that the place affords. They danced and enjoyed themselves till 11:30 o'clock and then came to Duluth and wound up the evening's entertainment with a late supper at a restaurant.

On His Wedding Trip.

Albert Berg, secretary of state of Minnesota, is in Duluth on his wedding trip. He was married Thursday in St. Paul to Miss Lillian Daly at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Peletier of St. Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Berg are visiting friends in Duluth and today they will go east on the North Land. Mr. Berg has a wide acquaintance in Duluth and is very popular here.

City as Defendant.

Notice calling on the city to defend an action against the government engineers and contractors, as warrantor, was yesterday filed with the city clerk. The notice filed is in the action of F. M. Hugo vs. C. B. Sears and King & Steele, to

prevent the use of certain property on Park Point near the canal and to quiet title. The city gave the government a warranty deed to the property in 1883, and is now called on to defend this action.

Office of Grain Board Appeals.

The new grain board of appeals has taken quarters at room 519 Board of Trade building. It was found impossible to get a room on the sixth floor, where the rest of the grain inspection and weighing department offices are located. Two cars of wheat have been appealed to the board, on one of which the grade was sustained and the other raised. The meeting that was to have been held at Minneapolis August 19 has been postponed to August 25.

Tug Runs Out of Coal.

The steamer Dixon on her way to Duluth from north shore points yesterday was hailed by the tug *Mystic*, towing a raft of logs to Duluth. The *Mystic* reported that she did not have enough coal to make this port and asked to have the Stevens Towing company notified so that fuel could be sent out as soon as the Dixon arrived in port. The *Mystic* had scarcely enough fuel to make Two Harbors. She was off Split Rock when she hailed the Dixon.

Canadian Schooner Fined.

The Canadian schooner *Atmosphere*, from Sarnia, was fined by Collector Williams yesterday for having failed to have a consular bill of health as required by law. Consular agents at foreign ports get \$5 for each bill of health that they draw up and they are instrumental in no small degree for the rigid enforcement of the law. The amount of the fine is fixed by the secretary of the treasury. Vessels coming from a foreign port at which there is no consular agent is not expected to be provided with the bill of health.

Big Contract Secured.

The Burgess Electric company has obtained a contract to put in an 800-light plant at the normal school at Grand Forks, N. D. The company is now engaged at putting in two 50 horse power, two 15 horse power and one 40 horse power electric motors on the Pioneer coal dock in this city. Electric power and light are both to be provided in carrying out the plan recently adopted by the company to operate the dock by electricity. A row of electric lights will be placed on the dock front so that the work of receiving coal may be carried on at advantage at night.