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WILL CONDEMN BLOCK 43 FOR PARK PURPOSES.

Council Takes Definite Action in Several Matters of Importance at Tuesday Evening Session.

At the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening a report submitted by the Park Commission setting forth the fact that options on many of the lots in Block 43 had been obtained at what were considered reasonable figures but that prices on certain specified tracts were considered excessive was read and ordered filed, and the council acted upon the recommendation of the Commission that a committee in condemnation proceedings be appointed by naming Edw. C. A. Johnson, Alexander Reid, E. M. Tredway, William Rooney and J. A. Kennedy as such board.

According to the report submitted an estimate of \$20,000 is sufficient to secure title to all lots in the block from 4 to 29, both inclusive, and a resolution was passed authorizing the issuance of park warrants in such sum, in certificates of \$1,000 each, payable as follows: \$5,000 in 1912, \$5,000 in 1913, \$5,000 in 1914 and \$5,000 in 1915.

The purchase of these lands as named meets with the hearty approval of citizens in general, although the members of the Buai Abraham Congregation, owning three of the lots in the tract named, are desirous that the proceedings, if to include their property, shall also include the remaining six lots in the block. It is understood probable that this objection will be stated by officers of the congregation at the next meeting of the council, Tuesday evening.

The committee appointed from the Commercial Club to interview the council on the proposition of a road to the new town of Gilbert met with a cordial reception by the council, and their request was promptly granted by instructions issued to the city engineer to forthwith lay out such road and submit an estimate of the cost thereof.

Likewise the committee from the same body which appeared to ask the assistance of the council toward the building of an ice rink at Roosevelt Park readily gained their point, the street commissioner being instructed to flood the grounds, while other matters pertaining to this place of amusement were left to proper committee.

The committee on fire and fire department submitted a report favoring the purchase of a full-size fire steamer, and a resolution calling for bids therefor was carried by unanimous vote and will be published in the Enterprise of next issue.

Health Officer Crowe submitted a detailed report of the city jail as submitted to the state board of health, naming numerous improvements made in the city bastille since his last annual report. The report, in addition to enumerating many things which had been provided during the year, upon recommendation of the chief recommended the remodeling of the old fire hall for jail purposes, the present quarters being considered inadequate.

City Treasurer Pratt submitted his monthly report, showing a total cash balance on hand of \$110.01, was read and accepted. This balance has since been increased by the receipt of \$25,000 from the county treasurer, as tax money instalment. A petition signed by a large number of business men asked the council to prohibit F. Lieberman or I. Lieberman from opening an advertised sale in the city. The contention as set forth in the petition is that the gentlemen are misrepresenting the facts in circulars and advertising matter as to the amount or per cent paid for the former Steinberg stock. This matter was referred to the license committee.

The report of the Municipal Court for the week ending December 5 was read and accepted, the receipts of the mill of justice for the week being \$36.75.

Still Unable to Make the Deal.

The Duluth News Tribune, which has for some months past been engaged in an attempt to sell the Duluth, Rainy Lake & Winnipeg railway and allied interests, is not cast down by its failure to eventually land the deal for the transfer of the road to the Canadian Northern or to a consolidation of lumber kings, and again on Wednesday brings forth the information that the sale of the road to the Canadian Northern, denied by General Superintendent Cameron of the Canadian Northern. The idea of such a deal being under way, however, is still maintained by the Duluth daily, and if persistency will win the end of the Rainy Lake road as an independent line is assuredly scheduled.

For Sale.

1 Wood Box Stove.
1 Large Oil Stove.
Will sell cheap. Inquire at Enterprise office.

Erect Mill at Sparta.

The Sparta Lumber Company is the name of a new corporation in which W. N. Barber, D. M. Mouser, P. V. Beech and J. Haehnke are interested co-partners, which erects a neat new sawmill at Sparta.

The new mill will have a daily capacity of about 35,000 feet, and has a timber supply in sight to last for several years; contracts for an amount of custom sawing for the lucky holders of Ely Lake claims having already been made while other timbers are held under option.

Mr. Barber was formerly owner of a mill some three and one-half miles northwest of this city on what was known as the McCann claim, doing a considerable amount of sawing there in the early days.

Christmas Cantata.

A Christmas Cantata, entitled "Santa Claus Entertained," will be rendered on Christmas eve by sixty children and young people of the M. E. Church. The characters in the production are as follows: Frost Queen, Helen Gillmor. Fairies, 16 Little Girls. Bettie Claus, Gertrude Sigel. King Olin, Wilfred McSorley. Santa Claus. Japanese Girls. Tom the Piper's Son, Jack Love. Little Bo Peep. Tommy Front. Doll Mothers, 20 Little Girls. Paul, Edgar, Jack, Mooney and Mose, Bootblacks and Newsboys.

PROGRAM:

- No. 1. Instrumental.
- No. 2. Opening Chorus, Hail the Merry Christmas Time.
- No. 3. Duet and Chorus. Joy, Joy, Tell It Out.
- No. 4. Chorus by Bootblacks and Newsboys.
- No. 5. Hoop Drill Song.
- No. 6. Chorus by Doll Mothers.
- CURTAIN—PART 2.
- No. 7. Solo by Frost Queen, Helen Gillmor. Chorus by Fairies, Fairy Bells.
- No. 8. Solo by Bettie Claus, Gertrude Sigel.
- No. 9. Chorus by Brownies.
- No. 10. Solo by Santa Claus' Daughter, Welcome Art Thou.
- No. 11. Six Charming Japanese Girls.
- No. 12. Tom the Piper's Son. Solo by Little Bo Peep.
- Solo by Little Tommy Front.
- Song by Jack and Gill.
- Song and Chorus.
- No. 13. Hail to Our King.
- No. 14. Solo by Santa Claus.
- No. 15. Good Night.

Judge Martin Assistant County Attorney.

At the meeting of the board of county commissioners on Tuesday Judge John M. Martin, of this city, was appointed as second assistant county attorney, in place of Otto A. Poirier, who has held the position for the past four years.

Although Mr. Poirier has given satisfaction throughout his term of office and was an applicant for re-appointment, the name of Judge Martin was the first presented and it went through.

Both gentlemen are residents of this city, and the change will not result in a transfer of the place of residence of the range representative of the county attorney's office. The successful applicant is a well-known man in legal circles, and in his choice the county attorney has an able assistant.

Will Move City of Iron Mountain.

A deal concluded by Attorney F. J. Trudell, of Menominee, acting as attorney for Senator Isaac Stephenson and the estate of the late S. M. Stephenson with Oliver Iron Mining Co., will mean the removal of the greater portion of the business section of Iron Mountain, Mich., and the opening of a great iron mine under the present location of that city.

The mineral rights to the lands occupied by the city are owned by Senator Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin, and others, and the lease concluded involves the mineral rights upon several sections of lands.

Will Put in Four Million Feet.

John Owens has taken a contract for putting in some four million feet for the Virginia Lumber Company from lands in 61-19, the logs to be banked at Angora, on the line of the Rainy Lake road. The cut will extend over about forty forties, and means a great amount of road work in connection. Mr. Owens has just completed the building of camps, and this week commences to pick a crew of some seventy-five men for the work in hand.

Rebekahs Banquet.

In honor of the visit of Mrs. Kvelyn Just, of Crookston, president of the Rebekah Assembly I. O. O. F. of the state of Minnesota, the members of Virginia Rebekah Lodge No. 3 enjoyed a banquet at the European Hotel Saturday evening at the close of an interesting meeting, plates being laid for forty.

FINED \$25.00 AND COSTS.

I. Lieberman Arrested for Conducting Sale at Former Steinberg Building Without License.

I. Lieberman, who recently bought the Steinberg stock at assignee's sale, opened his doors to the public yesterday for the purpose of making a sale of the goods, but was last evening arrested under the city ordinance because of his failure to provide himself with a license for the conduct of such business.

Mr. Lieberman, when arrested, failed to take advantage of any opportunity to guarantee his appearance in court and instead spent the night in the city's custody, appearing for trial this morning, being represented in the action by Attorney Frank E. McGray, while the city's side of the issue was argued by City Attorney Shea.

After hearing the evidence, which was in effect that Mr. Lieberman had purchased the stock and had added thereto by shipping new goods to the city, that he had but a very short term lease of the building in which he was conducting business, etc., Judge Carey imposed a fine of \$25.00 and decreed that before again opening his doors for business he should obtain a license in accordance with the ordinances governing.

The arrest was the outcome of the petition filed with the city council Tuesday evening, signed by many of the business men of the city, setting forth that the sale as advertised contained misrepresentation of facts; that Mr. Lieberman had paid more for the goods than he advertised, and that he was making misrepresentations to the public in his announcements.

Church Supper and Sale.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. Church will hold their annual sale and give a Turkey supper at the Church parlors on Thursday evening next, December 17th, to which a cordial invitation is extended. In addition to having on display for sale a large number of articles of fancy work a fine display of canned fruit will be offered, and the finest supper ever tendered in the city will be set before the multitude. The menu as given us by the secretary is as follows:

- Young Turkey with Dressing and Cranberry Sauce
- Creamed Potatoes
- Cold Boiled Ham
- Cabbage Salad
- Celery Pickles
- Rolls
- Apple Pie
- Mince Pie
- Coffee.

The price of supper has been placed at 35 cents, and the ladies will find their efforts appreciated by a goodly attendance.

McKinley Fire Department Relief Association.

At McKinley, the live little village to the east, on Friday evening last was organized the McKinley City Fire Department Relief Association, City Clerk Bickford of this city being present at the meeting and assisting in the organization.

The charter officers of the Association are as follows: President—W. G. Dundas. Vice President—Guy M. Bracklin. Secretary—Dr. J. C. Farmer. Treasurer—Peter Holand. Finance Committee—Ole Johnson. Anton Skoda, P. D. McCarty.

Commodore Closes for Winter.

The Commodore mine of the Corrigan McKinley & Co., closed Tuesday evening for the winter months, the shut-down affecting about one hundred and fifty men.

The company will keep a limited number of men during the winter, making needed repairs preparatory to a busy season in 1909.

At this property a number of houses will also be moved during the winter, preparatory to extending the stripping operations another season.

Injured While Sleighing on Ice.

Vernon Dunlap was seriously injured through being thrown from a sled on which he was riding in an improvised "merry-go-round" on Silver lake on Saturday, being thrown from his sled with such force and in such manner as to sustain a fracture of the skull.

The boy has been unconscious a greater part of the time since. Considerable anxiety is entertained by his parents as to the probability of his ultimate recovery.

First Number of Lecture Course.

The first number of the lecture course to be given in the Roosevelt Auditorium during the winter months was enjoyed on Monday evening, when the Columbia Entertainers appeared before a large and appreciative audience, their work being highly spoken of by all attendants.

The next number of the course will be on January 2, when talent from Gustavus Adolphus College will entertain.

Range Agent for Miller Brewing Co.

Alderman James Laviolette on Saturday concluded a contract for the acceptance of the range agency for the Miller Brewing Company, of Milwaukee, S. Willhartz, general representative of the company, having spent several days in the city and at other range points in looking over the field and concluding preliminary arrangements for entering the field.

The company will commence shipments to this point the present week, and so soon as arrangements can be completed will erect a large warehouse at this point, making Virginia the central distributing point for the range and north country.

It is understood the company has practically concluded a lease of the Sigel building, and will shortly occupy same with a fine saloon.

In his position as agent for the company Mr. Laviolette will be ably assisted by J. H. Horrigan, who enjoys an acquaintance with the dealers and others at all range points.

Resolutions of Condolence.

At a special meeting of Virginia Rebekah Lodge No. 3, I. O. O. F., held Dec. 5, 1908, on a motion unanimously carried a committee was appointed to draft the Charter and draw resolutions of condolence, and the resolutions be spread upon the records of the Lodge, that this heartfelt testimonial of our sympathy and sorrow be transmitted to the bereaved parents and husband of our deceased sister, also that copies of said resolutions be forwarded to each of the newspapers of Virginia.

Whereas, in the view of the loss we have sustained by the decease of our sister, Anna Lindsay, and of the still heavier loss sustained by those whom we nearest and dearest to her, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is but a just tribute to the memory of the departed to say that in regretting her removal from our midst we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our respect and regards, and

Resolved That we sincerely condole with those who were nearest and dearest to the deceased on the dispensation with which it has pleased Divine Providence to afflict them, and commend them for consolation to Him who orders all and whose chastisements are meant in mercy.

EDW. C. A. JOHNSON,
ANNA JOHNSON,
R. C. BAYSEN,
Committee.

Resolutions of Condolence.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-Wise Father to remove from our midst and call to his Heavenly reward one of our beloved and esteemed brethren in the person of Charles E. Nelson, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the sincere sympathy of North Pole Lodge No. 28, S. H. & E. F., be extended to the relatives of said deceased brother, and that the charter of said Lodge be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

A. HAWKINSON,
GUST JOHNSON,
HENNING ERICKSON,
Committee.

Big Holiday Stocks.

The merchants of Virginia, ever awake to the prospective trade, have this year purchased the finest line of Holiday offerings ever placed before the buying public, and if they do not do a satisfactory business it will not be because of any failure on the part of the purchaser to find anything he may wish in the gift line.

Buyers are also taking advantage of the oft-repeated advice offered from year to year to do their Christmas shopping early, and while two weeks still remain before the day of Christmas joy a good trade is reported by the live ones.

The display windows throughout the city present an enticing appearance, and but few pass along the street without stopping to gaze at the artistic beauty presented.

On Wrecked Train But Escaped Uninjured.

In a wreck of the North Coast Limited Northern Pacific near Bismark, North Dakota, Wednesday evening, Capt. and Mrs. James Trezona were among the passenger list, but word received from them announced their escape uninjured.

In the wreck some twenty-five people were seriously injured, one bleeding to death before medical assistance could arrive.

Will Soon Own the Road.

If the Duluth News Tribune is being paid a commission on each time it sells and transfers the Duluth, Rainy Lake & Winnipeg railway and the timber interests of the Virginia Lumber Company, the enterprising financiers at the head of the news gathering department of that journal will very shortly acquire and control the entire plant, business and holdings of the allied companies.

COMMERCIAL CLUB WANTS ROAD TO GILBERT.

Instigate Movement Which Will Put This City in Closer Touch With East End Communities.

At the meeting of the Commercial Club Friday evening last an attendance of some forty of the prominent business men of the city indicated that the body had become imbued with new life, and the vigor with which a number of new measures looking to the welfare of the city were discussed gave evidence of the interest in the future welfare of the city by those present.

The most important measure before the meeting was the building of a direct road from this city to the new village of Gilbert, a distance of some three and one-half miles between the business centers of the two communities, although the boundary lines of Virginia and the prosperous new town to the east join for about a mile.

In connection with this matter a committee composed of Messrs. J. A. Kennedy, H. J. Sigel and Alexander Reid was appointed to interview the city council at its Tuesday evening session and request that an appropriation of sufficient size be made to cut out a winter road and survey a permanent road to the new town, the committee appearing before the council as per schedule and their mission meeting with approval and prompt action by that body.

The formation of a free ice rink for the use of the school children and young people of the city was brought up by J. W. Murphy, and a committee comprising Messrs. J. A. Kennedy, E. M. Tredway and William Rooney was appointed to see the council on that point and arrange with the school board for the use of the Roosevelt Park for such purpose. This committee also attended to the work entrusted to their care, with the result that permission was granted by the school board for the use of the grounds, that the Light & Water Company offered the use of necessary water for flooding and that the council ordered the street commissioner to forthwith put a crew of men on the work, which was done on Wednesday. This move will be a popular one with the young folks, and removes the danger always attendant upon ice skating on the lakes.

The site for the proposed agricultural school of St. Louis county was brought up and discussed at length, and the sense of the meeting favored a site near Wolf Junction, with a site in the Little Fork valley near Ashawa as second choice. If desired by the county board to locate the new institution in the north country F. J. Hughes made offer of the donation of an eighty acre tract for such purposes. It was the sense of the meeting that a committee be appointed to interview the county commissioners on the point, and President Lenont took the appointment of such committee under advisement.

As an auditing committee appointed at a previous meeting W. E. Hannaford and D. W. Stebbins submitted a report which was accepted. This report also recommended the adoption of a systematic method of bookkeeping, and Messrs. D. W. Stebbins and F. E. McGray were appointed as a committee to formulate same before the opening of the new year.

The Club has a paid membership of upwards of one hundred, and it is hoped this number may be greatly increased the coming year, and that the apparent interest manifested at the last meeting of the organization may be maintained. There are questions to come before such a body at any time, but it takes the interest of all to make of such an organization a working force and a potent factor.

Closing Out, The Biss Variety Store.

All goods over 10 cents, by January 1st. This store will open about January 10th with new line of goods under a new management, and all goods over 10 cents must go before that time. We have the largest line of XMAS goods in town, which will be sold at cut prices. Give us a call and save money on Holiday goods. The Biss Variety Store, only 10 cent counters in town. Opera House Block, phone No. 337, Virginia, Minn.

Erect New Shaft House at the Kellogg.

Nels Anderson, head carpenter for the New York State Steel Co., went to the Kellogg mine Monday for the purpose of commencing the construction of the new shaft house at that mine.

The new shaft house will be one of the finest and most substantial structures on the range, two compartment, about eighty feet in height.

For Sale.

An Oliver Typewriter, No. 3, in good repair—good as new—for sale for \$75.00. Enquire at Enterprise office.