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PLANS PERMANENT AND SATISFACTORY WATER SUPPLY.

Virginia Light & Water Co. Would Have Council Vacate Portions of Lake Boulevard for Use of Company.

A petition signed by O. Harold Griggs in behalf of the Virginia Light & Water Company was presented to the city council Tuesday evening, asking that body to vacate that portion of Lake Boulevard lying and being situate from a point opposite the alley south of Chestnut street to Ohio Avenue, and dedicate such tract to the company for its use, it being stated as the desire and intention of the company in such case to sink a shaft several hundred feet in depth that a permanent and satisfactory water supply might be furnished the city.

The petition was referred to the committee on streets and alleys with instructions to report at the next meeting, and in consideration of the fact that the portion of the Boulevard referred to is a "dead letter" because of never having been improved or used from the further fact that it is cut off by the library building, it is probable the report will recommend the granting of the same.

The proposed water shaft will mean an additional outlay of some \$25,000 on the part of the company, and will be in line with the many improvements made to the plant during the past year and in keeping with the probable growth of the city and the demands upon the company for additional service.

The veto of Mayor Hawkinson of the three resolutions relative to the condemnation and purchase of lots 4 to 29, inclusive, in block 43, for park purposes, was read, the mayor stating as his reasons for vetoing the resolution authorizing the purchase that he did not consider it right for the park commission to set or recommend the purchase of any particular lot or lots at a specified price, but thought the entire purchase should be given into the hands of commissioners in condemnation proceedings and that they name or report the prices considered right on all property included. The resolution authorizing the issuance of \$20,000 of bonds for the purpose of such purchase was likewise vetoed because the mayor considered it time to authorize such bond issue after the purchase price of any property decided upon had been made and accepted. Relative to the appointment of the board of appraisers, the mayor vetoed this resolution on the ground that he considered the property owners should have a right to appoint or recommend the appointment of an equal number on the board of appraisers as the city. This latter point seems well taken, but as we have had the law explained to us against the state law touching the subject of condemnation proceedings.

Resolutions reopening the negotiations for the purchase of this property were again opened by the introduction of resolutions for the appointment of a board of appraisers for the lots desired, and a resolution naming such board of appraisers, but the resolutions were laid over for one week without action, that the council might more fully consider the matter before taking definite action. The mayor is not averse to the acquisition of lands for park purposes, but his veto is based upon logical grounds, and he will be in consultation with the council before report is made.

The city clerk was upon motion appointed as city weighmaster, and the charges for the use of the city scales was placed at 10 cents per load.

The council by resolution nearly cleared itself of bonded indebtedness, paying \$7,000 on principle and \$101.33 interest on the \$8,000 general fund bonds issued in 1895. This leaves a balance of \$1,000.

A resolution authorizing the payment of \$30.00 per month for assistant city clerk hire for the year 1909, was passed.

The petition of the Oliver Iron Mining Company for fire protection at the new Shaw location received favorable action by the body. While this location is outside the city limits the action of the council receives favorable and commendatory comment, the location being immediately adjacent to the city proper.

Interest on paving warrant No. 3, in the sum of \$397.33, was ordered paid. These warrants will also be taken up shortly, but a comparatively few of the owners of Chestnut street really being still delinquent in the paying of paving assessments.

High Grade Iron Exhausted by 1940.

According to the inventory of the mineral resources of the United States as made by the national conservation commission under the leadership of Representative John Dalzell of Pennsylvania, the known supplies of high grade iron ore in

the United States approximate 3,840,000,000 tons, and an estimate of the increase in consumption as based upon the past increase makes the prediction that the entire supply will be gone before the middle of the present century.

From information on the subject of ore supply there is proven in the Virginia district, within two and one-half miles of the city, ore bodies containing close to a half billion tons, or approximately one-eighth of the total ore supply accredited as known to exist by the commission.

Installs Electric Coffee Grinder.

The Virginia Store Company, under the efficient management of N. J. Smith, is one of the most progressive business places of the range, always keeping abreast of the times in every particular.

This point has been exemplified in a new phase during the past week by the installation of an electric coffee grinder, the first on the range. The new machine is a Hobart patent, latest model, and steel cuts, granulates or pulverizes as desired. An automatic cut-off also protects the customer from getting anything but pure coffee, as at any time aught else should get into the machine it stops grinding until the substance may be removed.

The new machine is attached to an electric wire, and the simple turning of a button beats the old-style hand machine to a frazzle. It also insures freshly ground coffee to the many customers, the firm now buying their entire supply in the berry and doing their own grinding.

Working the Publisher.

Talk of a publisher getting his leg pulled! How is this for an example?

A mail-order concern offers us a column advertisement. It generously proposes to pay for that column by the insertion of another column advertisement under the guise of a fashion letter.

And to show that there is nothing mean or stingy about that big concern the biggest on earth, we are told, they will show their interest in us and good will to all our folks by furnishing free of charge to all our lady readers a high priced salesman.

He will, we are informed, attend to their mail orders, and if our lady readers wish for advice, before they buy, as to what to buy, they can have it free, all on account of the warm place the mail-order houses have in their hearts for the dear old country publisher.

An Enjoyable Concert.

A concert at the North Pole Hall on Sunday evening last under the auspices of the ladies of the Bnai Abraham Congregation was largely attended and greatly appreciated by all.

Among the numbers presented were an address on the significance of the day celebrated by Miss Rose Levinson, while musical numbers were rendered in an appreciative manner by Rabbi M. Booth, James Lavick, F. Srog, Sam Booth, Morris M. Friedman, Joseph Lippman, Mary Mesberg, Harriet Shandling, Ruth Kellar, Mindella and Ruby Friedman.

Following the program a dance was indulged in and an elegant supper served by the ladies.

Patents An Ice Cream Packer.

Edward C. A. Johnson, who has been in the ice cream business to an extent throughout the past several years and who should know the value of anything pertaining to the keeping of cream in a palatable condition, has just received from Washington letters patent on an ice cream packer, the value of which he has fully exemplified through using it in his business for some three years.

Mr. Johnson intends placing the contrivance on the market at an early date, and feels assured that its points of excellence will appeal to the trade, insuring a ready sale.

Sees the Handwriting.

Editor Dowling, of the Eveleth Star, is one of those who see the handwriting on the wall relative to the future of Virginia, and in his last issue predicts that this city will within the next few years become a city of from twenty-five to thirty thousand.

And the wise ones of our own community are working along the lines of the same hunch, by acquiring a few feet of ground, realizing that at present prices and with the prospects of a future realty prices in this city are a gift.

Installs Heating Plant.

Chas. Johnson, owner of the block occupied by the Lusk pool hall, this week installs a hot water heating plant for the lower floor of the building. The work is being done by Contractor Thayer.

RICHEST FARM SECTION OF COUNTY

Chas. Walker, of Ashawa, Tells Why Agricultural School Should Be Located in Little Fork Valley.

While the Virginia Commercial Club at a recent meeting coincided with the idea advanced by the Eveleth commercial body that the proposed agricultural school would be of the greatest benefit through being located at Wolf, there was evidently considerable sentiment in favor of the rich farming section to the north, where the actual settlers have gone in and by dint of hard work have shown to a great degree the fertility of the section and the possibilities of this rich country.

Chas. Walker, one of the hardy pioneers of the district near Ashawa, owning land on the Rice river near its intersection with the Little Fork, while in the city Saturday gave voice to the telling points claimed by the residents of that section why the proposed school should be located in the north country, one point being that the land was the richest farm land in the county; that it far exceeded in fertility and possibility of production the cold, clay soil of the Wolf district; that its location would also prove of benefit to a greater number of actual settlers and honest farmers than it could possibly be made to do if located at any other point, inasmuch as the country was well settled.

Continuing, Mr. Walker made the statement that for the purpose of having the school located in the section he would donate forty acres of land, partially cleared, through one corner of which the river flows, for such purpose. Speaking of this tract Mr. Walker further stated that it was particularly desirable from the fact that it was of varying surface, containing an amount of muskeg, well drained, and other

portions being of a nice black subsoil.

Many Virginians are among the number interested in the north country, several of the best known farmers of that district being former residents of this city, and if the county board should decide to place the farm at Ashawa, the first applicant therefor, Virginians as a whole would be well pleased.

It's Different in Their Case.

Most men get their "walking papers" when they are discharged, but it was different with the mail carriers appointed when Virginia became a free delivery office. They got theirs when they were appointed, and during the Christmas rush they have come to a full realization of the fact. It is therefore up to the patrons on whom they call today to wish these faithful ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, extending the hope that their salaries may be made more adequate ere another yuletide season arrives.

"Run for Your Lives, I'm Going Up."

Claus Carlson, a homesteader near Deer River, chose the dynamite route to heaven on Friday last, calmly sitting down on a box of the explosive and lighting a fuse connecting. After lighting the fuse he yelled to a number of men in a camp near by "Run for your lives; I'm going up." And the men did not stand on ceremony in running.

Carlson's body was thrown a hundred feet in the air and so badly mangled that the coroner decided there was no need of an inquest, it being impossible to find pieces of the man large enough on which to hold an autopsy.

Swedish Baptist Church.

Regular services at the Swedish Baptist Church on Sunday next by Rev. C. A. Berg, pastor. Morning services at 11:00 o'clock; evening services at 7:45 o'clock.

WELL BUILT SAWMILL ON WILLOW RIVER

S. Kerlake Has Machinery Ordered for Fine Manufacturing Plant West of Gheen.

S. Kerlake of this city, who recently disposed of his business interests here, will return to the lumbering business and has ordered the plant for a new sawmill which he will set once erect on Willow River, some four miles west of Gheen, on the line of the new railroad, in which vicinity he owns several forties of good timber and has options on additional holdings which will insure him a cut for several years. Mr. Kerlake is an old-time cruiser and estimator, and left on Saturday for the section where he will locate to look over some of the lands which have been offered him.

The mill to be put in will have a capacity of from 25,000 to 30,000 feet per day, and will give employment to a considerable force of men between the woods and mill proper. Associated with him in the enterprise will be his sons, who are also versed in mill work.

Was Not a Prize Fight.

Although in order to avoid a possible clash with the county authorities a "scrap" at Eveleth on Friday evening last in which "Kid" Flaudrei of St. Paul and a "cutted gem" named Whitehead from Duluth were principals, was not advertised as a prize fight it bore the earmarks of being the real article, Flaudrei being knocked out in one minute and thirty-eight seconds after the call of time and not coming too far for some thirty minutes thereafter.

The fact that Virginia has a few admirers of the squared circle game was evidenced through the taking of every available rig in the city by the sports, placing walking between here and Eveleth at a premium for the evening.

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