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WOULD DICTATE SCHOOL POLICY

Oliver Iron Mining Co. Sends Special Envoy to Look After School Needs and Public Expenditures.

The question of providing ample school room for the rapidly increasing population of Virginia by the erection of a commodious high school building on Block 51 and of a six-room grade building at a point designated within a certain distance of the southwest corner of section 5, 58-17, as decided at a legally called election of the voters of the district in April last, must again be fought out by the voters of the district—but this time the fight will not be so much between the legally qualified voters of the district as between the voters as a whole and a new element which has "bobbed" on the horizon in the person of Capt. Theodore H. James as a representative of the Oliver Iron Mining Company, whose arrival in the city was duly noted in our last issue and whose mission here has become apparent, to a degree, through a communication presented to the school board at a meeting of that body on Friday evening last in which objection was made to the proceedings of the legally called meeting at which a decision was reached by majority rule to authorize expenditures for necessary school room.

In his communication Captain James, who is accredited as coming from the steel company's model town of Gary, Ind., contends that the acts of this meeting were illegal and as a representative of one of the larger tax-paying interests of the district asked to have the board declare null and void the actions of the voters and to have all actions regarding the provision of school room under authority of the meeting rescinded, and a new vote taken on the proposition as to whether the voters of the district want a new high school or two new grade buildings, stating that the Oliver company feels that they should be entitled to a hearing when the expenditure of large sums of money are contemplated.

This communication was handed to the clerk at the meeting Friday evening but was not the subject of any action, being retained and at an adjourned meeting Tuesday evening duly accepted and ordered filed. At this adjourned meeting, at which a number of the tax-payers and school patrons were in attendance, was also presented at the instigation of Captain James a petition for a new vote to again decide whether the voters of the district wish to have erected a high school OR two new grade schools, also another petition by tax-payers and citizens who desired the board to submit the question in such form that the voters of the district might again voice their sentiments on the erection of a high school AND two grade buildings as well. Attorney Poirier was present and advised the board that it was unnecessary to heed either request, inasmuch as the opinion of the Attorney General had been rendered in the matter and was of record, holding the acts of the meeting at which the high school and selection of the site therefor were voted as legal, but in deference to the wishes expressed by the signers of the two petitions the clerk was, upon motion of Director Moore supported by Director Roskilly, instructed to again submit the questions in such manner as may be seen fit to cover the complicated case, at the annual meeting of the school district to be held on Saturday, July 17th, at which time two members of the board will also be elected.

In consideration of the fact that Virginia as a city and that the board of education of the local school district have ever been numbered among the most economical of range governing boards, the action of the Oliver company in making Virginia the mark of their initial campaign for retrenchment came as a thunder-clap to the voters and tax-payers of the city and school district, who can but hope the apparent purpose of the company, through its non-resident representative, may be misunderstood, and that a calm may come out of the threatened storm which will work to the advantage of the educational advancement of the district through the voting of funds for not only a high school but for two commodious grade schools as well—the one at the north and the other at the south edge of the city, both of which are acknowledged necessities of as great importance as is the proposed new high school at this time.

The Oliver Iron Mining Company is entitled to the same consideration in taxation matters as is any other non-resident property-owner, and we believe to no more. The company owns in fee a large number of properties in the Virginia district, not one of which is being worked, and also holds under lease four or five other properties, which are being worked because the com-

pany finds it advantageous to do so, in all likelihood. The company is therefore placed in the same class as the purchaser of a vacant lot who permits it to remain vacant, awaiting a rise in valuation, before disposing of same.

We are loathe to believe the real object of the company in sending their representative to Virginia is for the purpose above stated, but believe that if this is the true purpose of his arrival on the range it has been at the instigation of outside influences and because of misrepresentation of facts to the head of the mining company in evidence in the premises.

School Board Confer With Oliver Co.

The members of the Virginia School Board, and a number of mining and business men of the city, went to Duluth yesterday, on invitation of the Oliver Mining Co., and they discussed fully with officers of the company, the exact conditions and needs of Virginia, as to its schools, and the officers expressed themselves as satisfied that Virginia needed extra school facilities, and were surprised at the rapid growth of the district. The school board showed that at the present time every school room in the city is overcrowded, some rooms having 75 children in care of a single teacher, and that there is no provision or space for the reasonable increase that will come next year, and it will take about a year to complete a new school building. At present the central district of the city is most congested, and it is here that more school rooms are needed. The board showed that they had been negotiating for a site for a school house on the North side which would provide for about 50 students now living there, and that the school would be started as soon as title to the site had been secured.

The board also showed that the Roosevelt building is suitable throughout for grade work, and that not one dollar need be spent to use the entire building for grades. Also that if a new school is erected on Block 51, that it will provide facilities for a high school, and also for a full eighth grade school, and this will provide all needed rooms for the central part of the city, and be within six blocks of the new mill houses. At the present time, the district needs 20 new school rooms to reasonably accommodate the pupils now in school, allowing 30 students to a room, which is all a single room should properly contain. The board intend to issue a circular showing fully to the voters the exact needs and conditions of the district, that work on the new building may proceed at once.

Fix Salaries at \$50 Per Month.

At the adjourned meeting of the board of education of the Independent School District of Virginia on Tuesday evening a motion made by Director Roskilly and supported by Director Moore that the clerk of the school board and the treasurer of the school district receive as compensation for their services the sum of \$50 per month each was carried.

By many this sum is considered inadequate for the work entailed, and is certainly out of proportion to the salaries paid for many years past, when the clerk received as high as \$75 per month and the treasurer two per cent of the gross expenditures of the district, amounting to from \$2,000 per year up.

The move, however, is doubtless in line with the spirit of retrenchment fostered by the imported representative of a tax-paying interest.

Candidates for School Board.

Guy H. Moore and Capt. Jos. Roskilly have today announced their candidacy for election as members of the school board at the annual meeting on July 17th, official notice of which is published in the Enterprise of this issue.

Two members are to be elected as successors to Capt. Roskilly and C. C. Butler, whose terms expire on August 1st. Other names of possible candidates have been mentioned, but so far as we know no others have made announcement of candidacy as yet.

Personal Property Tax.

City Assessor Fleming went to Duluth last Saturday and turned in the personal property assessment for the city of Virginia for the year 1909. The assessor's figures were \$307,344. The board of review raised the assessment something like \$443,000. Their figures approximating \$443,000.

It is worthy of note that the mining interests are not represented by as much as one cent in the above figures, all the mines within the city limits lying idle.

Swedish Baptist Church.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Services at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Both services in Swedish next Sunday. A most cordial invitation extended.

Rev. C. A. BERG, Pastor.

SHOT BY SMALLER BROTHER.

Clarence Everett Dies From Wound Inflicted by a Five Year Old Tet.

Clarence J. Everett, the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Everett who have a homestead some twelve miles to the northwest of Sand Lake, was brought to the Lenox Hospital in this city on Tuesday suffering from an abdominal wound from a .22 calibre gun, inflicted the previous day by a five-year old brother.

The boy was operated upon Tuesday evening, the bullet having pierced the smaller intestine in fourteen places and the larger intestine in four places. For a time recovery was hoped for, but death ended the child's sufferings Wednesday afternoon.

The accident occurred through the firing of blank cartridges, a bullet cartridge in some manner getting mixed with the blanks.

The body was taken to the family home at Hibbing yesterday for interment, accompanied by the heart-broken parents, who have the sincere sympathy of all in their sad affliction.

IMPROVEMENTS TO VIRGINIA PLANTS

Outlay of \$300,000 Will Be Made on Lumber Company's Buildings—Mill Additions.

Edward Hines, J. P. and Rudolph Weyerhaeuser and S. J. Cusson of the Virginia & Rainy Lake company, arrived yesterday afternoon from a trip to Virginia and Winnipeg. They were in the Manitoba metropolis on Dominion day. Mr. Hines boarded a train for Chicago late yesterday afternoon. Their trip to Virginia was one of considerable importance to that city. The company has decided on improvements which will call for an outlay of \$300,000.

The Virginia & Rainy Lake company has decided to build another lot of dwellings for employees. The company is just completing the work of building 50 dwellings for that purpose, and has just decided on the additional number.

The company has decided to install two new band saws and a gang saw for the purpose of doubling the capacity of the new sawmill which will give the company a total daily lumber producing capacity in Virginia with both mills of about 700,000 feet a day.

A new planing mill which will cost \$150,000 has been decided on.

What makes the improvements of special value is that the Virginia & Rainy Lake company has timber with which to keep its plants busy for a quarter of a century.—News Tribune.

Eight Houses Burned.

A desperate fire which for a time threatened the destruction of the entire northern section of the city called the department and a host of citizens Tuesday afternoon, but after the flames had lapped up eight of the humble homes on Balsam street the fire was stopped.

At the time of the call the department was out on another call, fighting a brush fire in the extreme southern edge of the city, and it was several minutes before hose and water was to be had.

Later the engine was drawn down and put in commission, the fire threatening the Bailey Lumber Co. yards, huge burning cinders falling near edge of the yards, but prompt work in keeping the fire within bounds saved the property.

The occupants of the cottages are poor people, and the destruction of their homes leaves several of them practically destitute. The origin of the fire is accredited as a spark from a passing engine, and fanned by a wind did quick work in wiping out the savings of years.

Buy Lots for Synagogue.

The Bnai Abraham Congregation, the local Jewish church society, have closed a deal for the purchase of two and one-half lots on Locust street at the corner of Cleveland avenue, and will shortly award the contract for the erection of their new synagogue, which will be of brick, and when complete present one of the finest church edifices on the range, costing about \$8,000.

The newly organized society have paid for their lots and have in addition nearly or quite the halt of the requisite amount for the erection and furnishing of their edifice.

Card of Thanks.

We hereby wish to extend our sincere thanks to the kind people of Virginia and especially to the officers and men of the Virginia Lumber Company for their assistance in our time of trouble, in the loss of our little son Clarence, for they could have done no better for the president of the United States.

MR. AND MRS. W. H. EVERETT.

St. Paul's Church

At St. Paul's Church next Sunday there will be divine services at 7:30 p. m., at which the pastor will preach. All are cordially welcomed.

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