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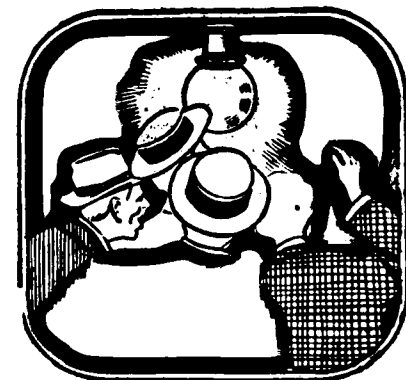
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COMMENCE WORK ON NEW BUILDINGS

Virginia & Rainy Lake Co. Start Construction Work on Several Additions to Their Enormous Virginia Plant.

The importance of the industry represented by the Virginia & Rainy Lake Company to the prosperity of this city is but faintly realized by many Virginians who indirectly participate in the commercial activity attendant upon the continued improvement of the plant and additions to the force of employees of this, the largest lumbering concern in the world today.

At the present time work in progress and in contemplation at the plant means the outlay of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and when complete will of necessity add materially not only to the army of men at the local plant but also to the vast aggregation of sturdy woodsmen who furnish the timber supply for same and whose hard-earned dollars filter through the channels of local commerce. During the past week the company has commenced work on the erection of a new boiler house 54x108 feet and an engine room 48x08 feet in connection with the "old mill," which mill will be closed the first of the coming month and torn down to make room for a new and modern mill structure, 112x240 feet, to be equipped with two bands and two resaws. The power equipment for this new plant will comprise a complement of 14 boilers, furnishing power both for this mill and for the electrically driven machines for the new planing mill.

Work on the new planing mill is also commenced this week, as also the dry kiln and connecting shed, the entire structure, situate southwest of the old mill being over 900 feet in length, the new planer to be 256x356 feet, the dry 150x350 feet, the two to be connected by a shed 40x225 feet. These buildings will be all steel, and will permit of running a full train under cover for loading purposes.

The improvements at the big new mill of the plant, which has been practically rebuilt and greatly enlarged during the past sixty days, make of this building a structure 112x390 feet, and when connected up will be equipped with three band saws, a 52 inch gang saw and two resaws. Two new boilers are being added to the power complement at this mill, making thirteen boilers in all.

The new planer will be 50 feet in height and will contain 32 electrically driven machines. A new shavings vault for the care of refuse from the old mill is under construction, to be 50x75 feet and 20 feet high.

The company has at the present time several miles of tramways in their piling yards, but to care for the increased cut of the big mills will practically double the capacity of their yards, pile-driving on these extensions, to the east of their present yard, being commenced yesterday.

The handsome new office building fast approaches completion and the general offices of the company will shortly be moved to this city from Duluth, making of this big industry a more essentially Virginia institution.

At the present time a force of 1300 men find remunerative employment in the mills and yards, and in conjunction with the army of woodsmen whose earnings reach the avenues of trade through Virginia, the total number of men in the company's employ who indirectly assist in making of this city the commercial center of the range is upwards of 4,000.

Norden Glee Club Will Tour Range.

Our popular male choir, the Norden Glee Club, has lately made wonderful progress under the leadership of Prof. S. Mautonen, and the Club has decided to give four concerts at range points.

The first will be held in Hibbing Sunday, October 17th, the second in Virginia Tuesday, October 19th, the third in Eveleth Saturday, October 23rd, and the fourth in Chisholm, Sunday, October 24th.

The Club will be assisted by Prof. Mautonen's Mixed Choir, Prof. Chas. Abel, violinist, and other prominent musicians. A special feature of the program will be a series of tableaux with song and music. The program will be published in our next issue.

Concert at the Auditorium.

The concert to be given by Luther and Joel Hanson, assisted by local talent, at the Roosevelt Auditorium on Tuesday evening, October 21st, will introduce a pleasing and enjoyable program. The production will be under the auspices of the High School, admission being placed at 35 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

Participants in the program, to be found in the next issue of the Enterprise, will comprise Luther and Joel Hanson, Prof. Walter L. Smith, Angela Smith, Prof. O. E. Olson and Annes Hanson.

OBJECT TO PARSONAGE VALUATION

Presbyterians Deem the Amount as Fixed by Condemnation Board is Far Too Low.

Rev. Henry E. Neff, C. E. Hendricks, Norman McDonald and J. S. Sutherland appeared before the city council Tuesday evening in behalf of the Presbyterian Society in a protest against the amount fixed by the commission in condemnation proceedings on the parsonage property in Block 43, a portion of the tract condemned by the city ostensibly for park purposes.

The property embraces three lots and the manse, on the best corner in the tract, and the valuation placed thereon was \$3,975.00. The speakers proclaimed they had no desire in any manner interfere with aught for the progress or beautification of the city, but contended the price as named, in comparison with other property in the city, was from \$1,000 to \$1,500 too low.

The deed to this property is the only one not yet turned over to the city, and a technicality in the law is alleged to exist whereby it may be possible for the society to retain possession of the property unless an amicable adjustment of the difference can be secured. The society has, since the placing of the appraisal named, hunted assiduously for a new site for their manse, and base their valuation upon figures obtainable for suitable sites elsewhere.

The question of a raise in the price to be paid was taken under advisement by the council, and an investigation of the merits of the claim made. The communication from the park board presented at the previous meeting and laid on the table, asking for a formal transfer from the city to the park commission, was permitted to remain on the table without action. The statement by Rev. Neff, however, that he had been served by the chief of police with a notice from the park commission to vacate, during the week, would make it appear the park board already considered the title to the property as one of its vested rights.

MORTENSE NEILSEN AT THE GRAND

Will Open Play House Sunday Evening With Superb Reproduction of Ibsen's "A Doll's House."

Henrik Ibsen in "A Doll's House" tears away the veils which hide men and women's souls and mercilessly lays bare the sham and selfishness of conventional life. Nora Helmer is a role which taxes the highest powers of an actress, but Miss Neilsen is equal to the task and has received universal praise for her strong and vivid delineation of the most difficult as well as fascinating of characters. Amy Deslie, of the Chicago Daily News says, "Miss Neilsen's exceptional ability is paving a road for the great masters which no other woman has been able to travel."

Miss Neilsen comes with an excellent support, her cast including Norval MacGregor an actor of international renown.

Commence Work on New Synagogue.

The contract for the erection of the handsome new synagogue to be built by the Bnai Abraham Congregation has been awarded to S. Rappoport, of Chisholm, and work on the foundation for the new edifice has been commenced this week. The new structure will be the finest church edifice on the range, being of solid brick and will cost approximately \$12,000 aside from the land and furnishings.

The congregation has purchased lots 15 and 16 and one-half of lot 14 in Block 84, at the corner of Hemlock and Cleveland, the site being a commanding one.

Commence Work on New Home.

Ground was broke yesterday for the elegant new home of S. J. Cusson, general manager of the Virginia & Rainy Lake Company, at the corner of Central avenue and Poplar street, where Mr. Cusson recently purchased four lots. The new home will be modern in every respect, and when complete will be the finest home in the city if not on the range, the estimated cost of same being from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Fractured a Rib.

J. Mesberg has been confined to his bed much of the week as the result of a slip in his store a week since, striking on the corner of a piece of furniture in such a manner as to fracture a rib. The injury is a painful one, and will incapacitate him from active work for some time.

Chapter Will Install Officers.

The officers of Virginia Chapter No. 77, R. A. M., will be installed on Saturday evening, October 9th, by W. D. Underhill, High Priest of Keystone Chapter No. 20, of Duluth. Following the installation ceremonies luncheon will be served.

BUILDING ASSURED BY COUNTY BOARD

Will Dispose of County Realty in Duluth to Provide Funds for New Range Court House.

The delegation appearing before the board of county commissioners at their meeting yesterday had the cold creeps run up their backs for a moment when Assistant County Attorney Stevenson, attorney for the board, advised the body that there was no provision whereby they could bond or raise funds for the proposed new range court building in this city, but the board later devised a plan which promises to give Virginia an adequate building for the needs of the court and officers connected therewith, a resolution being passed favoring the building with funds to be derived from the sale of county property in Duluth which is not used.

It appears the county has in the past acquired two unused court house sites in the Zenith city, one at a cost of \$150,000 and another at a larger figure, and under the plan as outlined by the commissioners these sites, for which the ranges paid some eighty per cent of the cost, will be disposed of and the money thereby obtained used in the construction of the new building at this point.

In speaking of the board's decision at the close of the meeting Chairman McInnis is reported as saying: "We can hardly call it a court house for the county has one court house already. But a building suitable for the use of the courts and county officials will be erected at Virginia and it is safe to say it will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$250,000." "No plans have been decided upon and no site selected but I believe work on the new building will actively begin by spring. It will take some time to get things in shape to go ahead. You know it took nearly five years to get things settled so we could build the new court house in Duluth. But we will start the project as soon as possible and when we can secure the necessary funds work will begin."

"There is no doubt of the need of such a building on the range, as is evidenced by all the county officials. But all that can be said at present is that a suitable building will be erected. Perhaps at our next meeting, Oct. 9, in the new court house, something definite may be decided upon."

Mrs. Tekla Farm-McKinnis.

Through the efforts of St. Paul's Episcopal Guild the people of Virginia are to be enabled to enjoy a rare musical treat on Thursday day evening next, October 14th, at which time Mrs. Tekla Farm-McKinnis, assisted by her husband, a noted tenor, will appear at the Fay Opera. In addition to the musical numbers of the program a little playlet, in which Mrs. A. C. Osborn and Mrs. Ruth Trimble-King will appear, will be produced, entitled "The Other Woman."

Mrs. Tekla Farm-McKinnis needs no introduction to music-lovers of Virginia, being a resident of the city in the earlier days, and has appeared here on several occasions since. She has achieved repeated successes in the musical world, as a member of the Savage Opera Co. and also as prima donna soprano with Mme. Schumann-Heink, the press of the country according her the most flattering tributes. "We bespeak a crowded house to greet her and other participants in the entertainment. Tickets have been placed at 50 cents, and the advance sale is already pleasing."

Will Erect Fine Garage.

A. L. Myers, of the Range Motor Co., yesterday closed the deal for the purchase of lots 24 and 25 in Block 23, being the block in which is located the Hotel Fay, and will at once proceed with the erection of a commodious garage, 50x100 feet, to be two stories and basement, fire proof. The plans for the new block are now in the hands of the architect. It is expected the new building will be ready for occupancy in the early spring, and will give the local concern the finest garage north of the Twin Cities. The company has just closed the contract for handling the Buick machines for 1910.

Rev. Wilcox New Pastor.

At the M. E. Conference at Duluth Rev. E. W. Wilcox, who has been stationed at Detroit, Minn., was appointed as the successor to Rev. F. G. Clark to the pastorate of the M. E. Church in this city. Rev. Wilcox and family will arrive here the coming week to assume charge of his new pastorate.

Back to Railroad.

W. E. Lyons, who was one of "Virginia's finest" for several months, has resigned his position as patrolman and on Monday left for Fort Frances, where he will again hit the ball on the Canadian Northern line.

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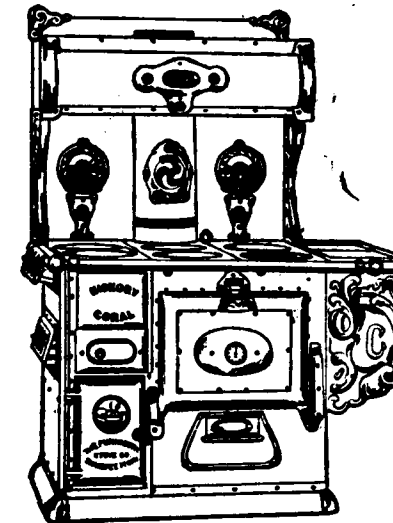
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