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LYRIC PACKED ON OPENING NIGHT

Virginia's Handsome New Playhouse Opens Last Evening, Standing Room Being at a Premium.

The opening bill at the Lyric, Virginia's handsome new vaudeville house, was played to a packed house last evening, standing room being at a premium at popular prices.

Seats were placed on sale at the box office at 10 o'clock on Wednesday and before 6:00 o'clock that evening every available seat in the house was taken, showing an appreciation on the part of Virginians of the enterprise of the promoters of the Lyric, which is certainly the handsomest playhouse on the ranges if not in the northwest. Nor was this show of appreciation confined to Virginians, as many from our neighboring city of Eveleth were found to be in the vast audience which greeted Al. G. Flournoy as he, by request, made a brief address introducing Manager St. Clair, in which he tendered the promoters of the house several handsome bouquets—quite as handsome, in fact, as was the beautiful floral piece presented the house by the publicity committee of the Commercial Club which occupied a pedestal in the foyer during the afternoon and evening.

The Lyric is a beautiful house in every respect, being artistically designed with a view to the comfort and pleasure of patrons, no matter in what part of the house they may be seated, and its hooking with the Allardt circuit is sufficient guarantee that the entertainments will be up to the standard at all times. To Messrs. Kennedy, Sigel and Elmquist, promoters, is due the thanks of the entire community for providing Virginia with a real theatre after years of waiting, and it is the hope of all the venture may be found a pleasing financial success from the outset.

PREPARES FOR ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

At special meeting of the Publicity Committee of the Virginia Commercial Club held at the city hall on Tuesday afternoon J. L. Kimball was elected as vice-chairman of the committee, and arrangements were made for an active campaign, including the sending of Virginia advertising to all parts of the country through the medium of railway advertising service.

The committee also voted to hold its regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday afternoon of each month, the next meeting to be on March 5.

A motion meeting with favor was for the presentation of a bouquet as an emblem of appreciation to the promoters of the new Lyric Theatre on the opening night, the handsome bouquet given receiving many compliments by patrons of the theater last evening.

This firm plans big improvements to their store the coming season, plans for addition to cover the remainder of the two lots being drawn, at the present time, and when complete the store will present the finest ladies' store on the ranges, replete in every department.

OPEN FOR IN-SECTION TODAY

The new 5 and 10 Cent Store of F. W. Woolworth & Co., in the Matheson Block is open for inspection today, and tomorrow morning will formally open for business. Music at the opening will be furnished from 2 to 5 and from 7 to 9 today by Laugier's Orchestra.

NEW CLOTHING STORE IN PROSPECT

M. L. Wilk, of Eveleth, who recently leased the Sutherland building and runs the Central Hotel, remodels the same and will in addition to the hotel conduct a clothing and gents' furnishing establishment, removing his stock from Eveleth to this city.

FIRE AND WATER DAMAGES STOCK

Jereissati Bros. Heavy Losers in a Sunday Night Blaze Which Threatened the Destruction Of the Block.

In a fire originating in the second story of the Anderson block occupied by Jereissati Bros., with their ladies' department at about 9:30 Sunday evening great damage to stock was sustained and the entire destruction of the block was narrowly averted.

The fire when discovered was burning through the floor from the second story, where considerable damage had been done to household effects and to the law offices of Judge Montague, and prompt response by the department saved the building at the expense of stock, which was deluged with water and damage to the extent of hundreds of dollars.

Jereissati Bros. carried approximately \$21,000 on the stock contained in their two departments, and while the men's department was not damaged by water it was saturated with smoke. They have not reopened for business during the week, awaiting an adjustment of their losses.

Judge Montague also carried small insurance on his office effects, and his loss will doubtless be satisfactorily adjusted.

FIFTEEN NOVITIATES ON ROAD TO JERICO

At the meeting of Missabe Lodge No. 222, I. O. O. F., last evening, a class of thirteen new members were given the initiatory degree, while two new members were admitted by card.

Members of Missabe Lodge, which owns a valuable property at the corner of Wyoming and Maple on which it is desired to erect a suitable, Odd Fellow's home later, have set a "stint" of one hundred new members for the year 1912, and if they keep going as they have started they will have a couple of months rest at the close of the year after having accomplished their self-imposed task.

Following the work of the evening luncheon was served and a social hour enjoyed by attendants.

BUHL DEFEATED IN HOCKEY GAME

The Virginia High School hockey team defeated the Buhl High School team at a well-played game on the Roosevelt rink Saturday by a score of 2 to 0. Cohen starred for the local boys, making one score in either half. Nelson played the best game on the opposing team, repeatedly bringing the puck into Virginia territory. The line-up for the game was as follows:

Virginia—Moore, R. W., Pribnow, L. W., Cohen, R., McCabe, C., Hawkinson, C. P., Cusson, P., Olson, G.
Buhl—Wolf, R. W., Nelson, L. W., Tinkstead, R., Maurice, C., Grant, C. P., Nichols, P., Thompson, G.

COMMERCIAL CLUB BACKS REQUEST FOR RY. CHANGE

A resolution commending the request of the city council that the Mesaba Railway Co. so change its route through this city as to enter from the south by way of Mesaba avenue and turn at the corner of Mesaba and Chestnut, going west on Chestnut to Lake Boulevard and paralleling that thoroughfare northward was passed by unanimous vote at the special meeting of the Commercial Club Wednesday evening.

Such a change as proposed meets with popular approval by the business interests and by property owners along Chestnut street, and it is to be hoped the company may see its way clear to grant the desired privilege. The original route would merely cross Chestnut street on Wyoming avenue, traversing that avenue the entire length.

GENTILCORE DRAWS A LIFE SENTENCE

Michael Angelo Gentilcore, who on December 27th last shot and killed Gregori Peklago in a boarding house fight on the North Side, was on Saturday last convicted of murder in the first degree by a jury in district court at Hibbing, and draws a life sentence for his crime.

Gentilcore was represented in his trial by Attorney M. H. McMahon, of this city.

VOTES FOR PURCHASE OF LIBRARY SITE

Following Communication From Library Board and Report by Council Committee Central Avenue Site Given Unanimous Choice

A communication from the Library Board, following a meeting held at the office of Secretary Pickering on Monday evening at which such action was voted, was read to the city Council Tuesday evening recommending the purchase of the Central Avenue site for the public library, such site having been designated as the unanimous choice of the board.

The proposed site includes lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of block 32, the appraised price being \$16,000. At a former meeting of the council this price was considered too high and the matter was referred to the committee on city property and buildings. As chairman of that committee Alderman E. C. A. Johnson made report that probable prices on other sites had been obtained and that after due consideration the committee had voted for the Central Avenue site, the report of the committee being accepted and the purchase of the site named being authorized by full vote of the council.

The library board has under consideration the erection of a building to cost approximately \$40,000, additional funds for such purpose having been guaranteed through the Carnegie library fund. Plans for the proposed structure are now being made by a firm of Minneapolis architects and it is hoped all will be in readiness for immediate work on the new structure in the early spring.

In the plans for the new building and as an element in deciding upon site it is understood arrangements have been perfected for the heating of the library from the school plant, while the school library and public library will to an extent be united.

CAMP 2955 M. W. A. WINS STATE BANNER

Fred J. Verville, clerk of Camp No. 2955, Modern Woodmen of America, on Wednesday received notification from Head Consul Talbot, of the national executive committee of the order, that Virginia Camp had been awarded the state banner for the greatest number of beneficiary members enrolled during the year 1911.

The banner is now held by the St. Paul Camp, which beat the record of Virginia lodge in 1910 by only five members, and the Head Consul stated that notification had been given the St. Paul Camp to forward the banner to this city at once.

In connection with the announcement the Head Consul makes recommendation that a fitting celebration of the victory be held, at which representatives of many state Camps will be in attendance, and in anticipation of such event he stated that he had assigned C. E. Whalen, of Madison, Wis., supreme national lecturer of the order, to represent the Head Camp on the occasion. And the members of Virginia Camp will not permit the recommendation of Consul Talbot to pass unheeded and will plan a rousing entertainment later.

TWENTY NEW ROOMS AT ORMONDE HOTEL

The new addition to the Ormonde Hotel will be opened on Monday next, giving the proprietors twenty additional rooms for the care of their pleasing business. Each of these rooms is provided with hot and cold water, bath, telephone and writing desk—up to the minute in every respect.

FIRST AUTO TRUCK IN CITY

The Norton Hardware Co., on Monday received their new Veerac auto truck, and the machine is a beauty. The first auto truck on the range, but the probability is others of our business men will be found in line with similar conveyances before the close of the season.

DIED OF DIABETES

Adam Anderson died at his home on Oak street at about 10:30 o'clock Monday evening, of diabetes. The deceased is survived by his widow and two children, Mrs. Chas. Berglund and Hjalmer Anderson, both of this city, the latter being diamond drill runner for the steel corporation.

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