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We Invite Your Account

DIRECTED TOWARD THE BLIND PIG

An Ordinance Introduced by Alderman Heritage Against the Sale of More Than Five Gallons of Liquor to Any But Licensed Saloon Keepers.

An ordinance introduced by Alderman Heritage at Tuesday evening's meeting of the council is directed at the blind pigs, and in conjunction with the recent decision of Judge Hughes is destined to make the sellers of liquid refreshments somewhat cautious.

The ordinance provides that in no case shall any liquor in excess of five gallons be sold to any but a licensed saloon keeper, and provides a penalty of three months in jail for violators.

This ordinance is in line with the recent decision of Judge Hughes, rendered at Hibbing, who holds that brewery agents can be convicted when making sales in excess of five gallons. Judge Hughes in his decision goes still further in holding that there is no question of the right of a municipality to pass such an ordinance, and enforce the same. The case causing the decision was from Mt. Iron, and the usual excuse was made that the boarders paid for the liquor delivered—but this did not wash, and the atmosphere as regards the blind pig proposition has been considerably cleared, and by the passage of ordinance by range municipalities along the lines indicated there can be little doubt a more effectual stop can be put to the blind pig nuisance than has attended past efforts in this direction.

The licensed saloon keeper pays from \$500 to \$1000 annually for the privilege of doing business, and is entitled to due protection against the illegal sales agent. At the same time the licensed saloon keeper should be made to realize that there is a law under which he is entitled to do business, and be made to respect it. It should be enforced equally without fear or favor, and if it is wrong it is up to the element to have its provisions changed.

RENDERS OPINION CITY IS NOT LIABLE

In report on the alleged damages in the sum of \$5,000 claimed by Mrs. Margaret Devine and the sum of \$1,000 claimed by her husband, Thomas Devine, also in the matter of the claim for \$5,000 damages filed by Matt Mattson, City Attorney Poirier notified the council Tuesday evening that he did not consider the city responsible in any manner for the alleged injuries and resultant damages.

Mrs. Devine claims to have been injured by falling on an icy walk on Chestnut street, while Matt Mattson alleges he fell on an icy roadway on the North Side, both sustaining injuries which they considered could be healed for the sum named. Thomas Devine alleges the injuries to his wife, resulting in a broken leg, are worth the sum of \$1,000 to him.

The report of Attorney Poirier, which was accepted and ordered filed, puts it up to the individuals to take some means of proving their claim, if they so desire.

MINNEAPOLIS MILLINERY COMPANY

Such will be the name of a new millinery store to open in the Lyric Theater Block the coming week, the promoters being the Misses Marion and Ida Jalley, of Minneapolis. The new store will be up-to-date in every particular, the new stock now being on the way, and a good trade is bespoken for the proprietors.

Mr. W. J. Jalley, father of the young ladies who will be in charge of the business, is in the city with them this week. He is a former resident of Tower, removing to Minneapolis some years ago, and meets many old friends from the Vermilion in this city.

LUMBER COMPANY MEETING YESTERDAY

Edward Hines, J. P. Weyerhaeuser, William Irvine, H. C. Hornby and other interested members of the Virginia & Rainy Lake Company were in the city yesterday in attendance upon the annual meeting of the company.

The lumber business is reported in a flourishing condition, reports being that advance orders insure a full run for the ensuing summer aside from necessary close-downs for temporary repairs.

MAY GET A CANNON FROM THE MAINE

Virginia Park Board Has Application on File for a Gun From the Wreck to Be Mounted at Olcott Park.

The Virginia Park Board has made application and have assurances, that their request will doubtless be granted by the Department of War for one of the cannons from the Maine, sunk in Havana harbor during the Spanish-American war and recently raised through the efforts of the department.

Secretary Poirier states that should the request be granted the cannon will be mounted at Olcott Park, where it will be used at times found necessary to hold off the redskins should they attack the city.

The Virginia Park Board are an active bunch, and this latest idea will meet with appreciation by the hundreds of daily visitors to the park during the summer months.

SCHOOL TANGLE STILL UNSETTLED

The proposed new North Side school building is just as nearly completed this week as it was at the date of our last issue, and insofar as progress has been made in the clearing up of the questioned title tangle it will remain just as nearly complete for a time unless a different gait is struck.

A special meeting of the board of education was held last evening, at which it was expected that Attorney Bonham of Duluth would be present with a bond in readiness for the signatures of the North Side Realty Company, but advices received by members of the board during the day were in effect that Mr. Bonham had not as yet completed the drawing of such bond, and he was not in attendance.

A large number of interested citizens were there, however, and as advisor for the Realty Company Attorney McMahon advised that the only way for the district to obtain perfect title to Block 11 would be by condemnation proceedings; that he considered the board should proceed at once to clear title, and believed the court would immediately proceed to appoint appraisers; that through such proceedings the district could obtain absolute and perfect title.

Mr. McMahon also signified the willingness of the Realty Company to give a bond acceptable to the board for the payment of any amount the district might be called upon to pay in the prosecution of such proceedings, and while under its articles of incorporation the Realty Company is confined to a permissible indebtedness of \$5,000 a bond in any amount satisfactory to the board's attorney would be given.

The meeting adjourned after general discussion in which several citizens participated, it being the consensus of opinion that work should be started on the school at as early a date as might be possible, and another special meeting will be held tomorrow evening at which Attorney Bonham will be present.

The need of the school is apparent, and the location of the block in the Rooney addition is central to the greater number of people in the section to be served, and it is to be hoped the title may be cleared or that arrangements may be perfected conducive to the commencement of actual work at an early date.

FORMAL OPENING ABOUT MARCH 15TH

T. J. Crane & Co. opened their new ladies' furnishing store in the Matheson Block on Saturday last, and are busily engaged in arranging stock preparatory to their formal opening about March 15th. The new store has a handsome stock of the latest markets afford, and we believe is destined to do a satisfactory business in this progressive city.

HAD BIG OPENING DAY

The opening day of the Woolworth 5 and 10 cent store in the new Matheson Block on Saturday last brought the crowd, it being found necessary to close the door many times to keep out the throng. On the opening day many specialties were in evidence, and the new place received an amount of advertising from the giving of big values for little money.

BIG CROWDS AT SKEE TOURNAMENT

Full Four Thousand Witness Professional Riding on Sunday—Some Exceptional Jumps Being Made.

The Inter-State skee tournament under the direction of the Virginia Skee Club on Saturday and Sunday was witnessed by a large crowd of interested spectators, it being estimated that about one thousand witnessed the professional riding on Sunday.

In the amateur event on Saturday Hjalmer Toulma of Ishpeming carried off the honors, being given 224 points, while Fora Viken of Winnipeg won second place by a score of 217 1-3 points. Sigurd Bergesen of this city scored 211, Carl Lindholm, also of local fame, 208 1-3, and Ted Larson of Chippewa Falls 207 points.

In the professional events on Sunday Ole Feiring of Duluth made the long jump of 139 feet, while Barney Reilly of this city won the standing long jump by making 134 feet. Reilly was unfortunate in the professional event, falling in his first jump.

The score in the professional event showed the winners in the following order: Ole Feiring, Duluth; Erling Landvick, Stoughton; Anders Hagen, Rushford; Henry Hall, Ishpeming; Jacob Jested, Stoughton; August Nordby, Virginia, and John Evenson, Duluth.

In the twin jump Ole Feiring and John Evenson, Duluth, won the honors by a jump of 86 feet. David Lind, of Ishpeming, the one-armed artist, made 100 feet in a trial jump on Saturday and a like jump at the Sunday event.

On Saturday evening the visiting riders and many friends were entertained by the club at a banquet and ball at the Finnish Temperance Hall, where a good time was enjoyed by all, and at a meeting at the Meehan Hall on Sunday evening the prizes, amounting to approximately \$500, were duly awarded to the satisfaction of all, the prizes being a handsome aggregation and eliciting the commendation of all.

COMMERCIAL CLUB NIGHT AT THE LYRIC

Tonight is "Commercial Club Night" at the new Lyric theater, seats for members of the club and their ladies having been reserved. Following the performance a special meeting of the club will be held in the theater, at which addresses will be made by V. L. Power of Hibbing, M. H. McMahon, A. B. Coates, Mayor-elect M. A. Murphy and others, at which will be discussed many matters of interest to Virginia and to Virginia citizens. It is desired that every member of the club be in attendance, and that others whose names do not appear on the list of paid membership become enrolled and join in the effort to build Virginia more substantial, more lasting and on a more prosperous plane.

NEW MUSIC STORE

H. W. Peterson returned recently from St. Paul, where he selected a handsome stock of Raubenbush & Co. pianos, which are being placed in a new music store to be opened tomorrow at 112-114 Mesaba Ave, south, under his management.

Mr. Peterson is district agent for the Raubenbush pianos, while H. K. Peterson is with the company as solicitor in the range district. The new place will have something of interest to music lovers, and we predict the venture will be most successful.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SUPERINTENDENTS MEET

Superintendent Lafayette Bliss, of the Virginia school system left on Monday for St. Louis, where he attends the meeting of the National Association of School Superintendents.

On his way to St. Louis Mr. Bliss stopped for a day in Chicago and at Gary, Ind., where he visited the schools. He will return to the city about Sunday.

BUY INTEREST IN CHESTNUT ST. PROPERTY

Joseph Garon and Morris Sosloski, of the Golden Rule, on Saturday concluded a deal for the purchase of the interest in the building occupied by them from Abraham and Julius Garon, of Duluth. The property is well located, and will always be well worth the price paid.

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