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## Senior Class Play the Best Ever

"Co-education, or The Fifteenth of January," was very creditably characterized by the members of the Senior class at the Roosevelt auditorium last night when the large hall was filled almost to overflowing with Virginia people and many from the surrounding towns. The play was laid in the surroundings of college life and the participants took their several parts in a manner creditable to them and to those who helped to make the drama one of the pleasing events of the school year just passed. The bill was intermingled with comedy, pathos and song, with here and there a touch of the villainy of things to make the play more interesting. The young women were beautifully gowned and the young men presented a fine appearance in their college clothes and dress suits. As a whole the play was one of the best home

talent productions ever presented before a Virginia audience. Ward E. Becker as Lieutenant Jack Wilson, Halvor C. Olson as an assistant professor, James J. Quayle as Dick Sherman and Peter the deaf mute, Harlan W. Johnson as Billy Burton, Ralph C. Lundberg as the Italian Count, and Samuel L. Cohen, the multi-millionaire mine owner, were splendid in their different parts. Julia A. Larsen as "Bobbie" Burton, Marie E. Fleming as Doris the heiress, Hazel M. Reid as Ruth Thurston, Helma S. Johnson as Elsie Smythe, daughter of "Bill" Smythe, the mine owner, Agnes P. Anderson as Tabitha Taftler, and Ida S. Mattson as Sally Sue Stevens, were simply fine in their character representations, and together with their beauty and charming manners, captivated the audience. Other students of the college were represented in the persons of Arnold Hawkinson, Roger C. Williams, Morris L. Hooper, Dem-

gen Hayes, Victor F. Larson, John A. Grande, Esther V. Linman, Chas. I. Peito, Theresa E. Hoveland, Lucy I. Pakkala, Elizabeth C. Rooney, Angela E. Smith, Irene K. Gauthier and Emily M. Pae, all of whom carried their respective parts befitting the surroundings. The music for the occasion was furnished by the Kraft-Peterson orchestra which was rendered in a most delightful manner and greatly enjoyed by the audience. The play will be repeated again tonight and it is needless to say that there will be a large attendance. The play was rehearsed and staged under the direction of Supt. Lafayette Bliss, assisted by a number of the school faculty, and to those due credit is given for the delightful entertainment accorded the people. The auditorium was very tastily decorated and its beauty and arrangement lent enchantment to the surroundings.

## MAY RUN TRAINS INTO MISSABE R. R. STATION

Reported that Duluth & Iron Range Will Lay Tracks from Mariska Into Duluth, Missabe & Northern Station.—Oliver Company to Develop Property on Site of Present Iron Range Depot.

If reports are true and a little preparatory work a criterion, the Duluth & Iron Range will be running its trains into the station of the Duluth, Missabe & Northern before many months have passed. Surveyors have been at work for some time running lines from a point near Mariska to the Missabe tracks and it is said that the work of grading the road bed and the laying of ties and rails will be begun shortly.

If this comes to pass the new order of things will prove of great convenience to the traveling public who are obliged to ride on the Iron Range out and into Virginia. The long climb up the hill east of the city, where the present Iron Range depot is located, will be eliminated and the traveling public will greatly appreciate the change.

It is said that iron is located under the site of the present Iron Range depot grounds and that the Oliver Iron Mining company will in the near future develop the property, and that it is for this reason that the Iron Range people are desirous of making the change so as to take on and land its passengers and freight at the Missabe station.

## WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH VIRGINIANS?

A regular meeting of the Commercial club was called by Secretary Archer for last evening, but the lack of a quorum prevented the transaction of an amount of necessary business. The Commercial club has a mission in the city, and it is wrong that so few of the business people, those most directly affected, make it a point to be in attendance at the meetings of the body. At last evening's meeting there was to have been up for discussion the Fourth of July celebration, baseball and kindred matters, while a proposition of more lasting value was the consideration of a communication from a large wholesale house desirous of locating at this point.

## PUT IN CLASS OF TWENTY-FIVE NEW MEMBERS

Camp No. 116, Woodmen of the World, inducted a class of twenty-five new members into the mysteries of the order Tuesday evening. Camp No. 116 was organized but three weeks ago, starting with a charter membership of twenty-five. E. W. Brown, organizer, who has been active in the organization of the new Camp, left this week for West Duluth, after which he will go to Two Harbors for the purpose of organizing a Camp at that point.

## WILL OPEN DOWN TOWN OFFICE

On Monday next the Troy Steam Laundry will open a down-town office in the rear of Ed Finch's place at the corner of Chestnut and Wyoming.

The Troy enjoys a pleasing and constantly growing patronage, and will this season greatly enlarge their business place by the erection of a 50x120-foot solid brick building, two stories, and will add additional modern equipment in order to keep up with their trade.

## DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE

Will Hold Its Annual Convention in Virginia on Tuesday and Wednesday of Next Week—Many League Workers from Outside Will Be in Attendance.

A large number of Epworth League workers and clergymen will be in Virginia next week to attend the annual convention of the Duluth District League to be held at the M. E. church on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 11 and 12. Sessions will be held Tuesday afternoon and evening and Wednesday morning, afternoon and evening, and it is expected that there will be a large gathering from Duluth and the range cities. The convention will be opened by W. H. Garland and a devotional service will be conducted by Rev. E. C. Parish of Hibbing.

Among those who are on the program to speak are: Rev. Thomas Grice of Coleraine; Andrew Meldahl, West Duluth; Cyril Williams, Eveleth; Rev. John W. Schench, Aurora; Rev. Charles Fox Davis, Brainard; Rev. T. Stanley Odams, Hibbing; Rev. Frank Pequette, Sawyer; Rev. B. D. Hanson, Eveleth; Louise Gilbert, Marble; Elizabeth Clark, Duluth; Pearl MacNews, Duluth; Clinton Oblinger, Duluth; Rev. Chas. W. Emery, Duluth; Mrs. Clarence Taylor, Chisholm; Rev. A. L. Richardson, Aitkin; Rev. Orris Suver, Marble; Rev. Edgar K. Copper, Duluth; May Trimble, Duluth; Ina Shaver, Duluth; Mrs. E. D. Ranck, Duluth; H. W. Cullison, Coleraine; Rev. Charles R. Oaten, Duluth; Alice McQuilland, Aitkin; Rev. Ralph C. Jones, Chisholm.

## MAY PETITION FOR MUNICIPAL COAL AND WOOD YARD.

The Enterprise scribe overheard a coterie of Virginia workingmen one evening recently discussing the idea of a municipal coal and wood yard for this city, and was struck with the statement of one of the men that there must be profit in it at the mine at about \$2.75 per ton business where coal may be bought and when delivered to the consumer in Virginia stands the purchaser about \$9.00 per ton. The men were discussing the idea of a petition to the council for the installation of a municipal plant for such necessities, and we doubt not it will find its way before the body shortly. A saving of such an amount as the statement referred to would make to the average family would materially assist in paying the light and water bills of the householder.

## WILL WED ON JUNE 30TH.

Invitations are being issued to the approaching wedding of Henry Shanel and Miss Marie Mesberg, to be celebrated at the Temple Bnai Abraham in this city on Sunday, June 30th, at 6 o'clock p. m. The bride to be is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mesberg, while the groom is interested in the mercantile business of Shanel Brothers, and is a young man of unquestioned future.

## EPISCOPAL GUILD WILL GIVE SUPPER.

The ladies of St. Paul's Guild will entertain at a church supper at the Guild hall on Monday evening next, June 10th, to which a cordial invitation is extended. Tickets have been placed at 35 cents, and if you enjoy an elegant repast you will save the coin and be in readiness to go. Come! Come! Come!

## NEW SCHOOL BUILDING FOR PIKE RIVERITES

Virginia Board of Education Contemplate the Erection of a Two Room School Building for the Pikers.

Owing to the largely increasing attendance of pupils of the school in the Pike River district the school board of the Independent School District No. 22 of Virginia, the district of which extends to a distance of some eleven miles north of this city, may decide to erect a two-room building for the accommodation of the children of that section this summer. The district around Pike River is fast settling up with farmers who have many children and the present school building located there is too small to house the number of children residing in that section. The past year two teachers were employed to teach the children of that district, with only one room in which to carry on their work, and as the present membership of the board are in favor of a larger building it is likely that the work will be accomplished this year.

## UNITARIANS WILL BUILD CHURCH.

The Finnish Unitarians of this city will soon begin the erection of a church edifice at the corner of Beech street and Wyoming avenue. The building will be 28x40 feet with basement and will be of frame construction. J. A. Kertu is chairman of the building committee and states that the work of digging for the basement will be begun as soon as the ground is in shape, which at the present time is in rather a wet condition. When the church is completed Rev. Risto Lappala will be in charge. Rev. Lappala formerly resided in Duluth, where for a time he acted in the capacity of editor of a Finnish paper, and is quite well known in Virginia. He is at present assisting in the clerical work at the American Exchange bank.

## TRACK MEET AT HIBBING TOMORROW.

The annual interscholastic track meet of the range high schools to be participated in by the track teams from the high schools of Eveleth, Bemidji, Virginia, Chisholm, Duluth, Grand Rapids, Hibbing, Buhl, Gilbert and Coleraine, and which is expected to bring about 50 high school athletes to the city will be held in Hibbing Saturday of this week, when also the baseball teams of the Duluth Central high school and the Hibbing high school will play for the championship of Northern Minnesota. With good weather the combined events, which will be held at the city baseball park, should draw one of the biggest crowds that has ever been assembled on a similar occasion in Hibbing.—Hibbing Tribune.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday will be in the usual order. Divine worship with sermons by the pastor at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at noon. C. E. at 6:45. Mr. Hande will preside at the organ. The chorus choir will sing. During the week, the Ladies' Aid will meet Wednesday with Mrs. James Murkley, 501 Spruce street. Midweek service Thursday evening at 7:45. Choir practice Thursday evening at 8:30. You are cordially invited to these services.

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