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EVELETH AUDITORIUM OPENING A RANGE EVENT

Spacious Armory-Auditorium in Neighboring City Formally Dedicated in Presence of Many Virginians—Opening of Splendid Structure Attracts Huge Range Audience—Addresses by State Senator Boyle, Adjutant General Wood, J. H. Hearing, Mayor Jacob S. Saari and Others Attract Much Attention—George E. Jensen, Virginia Soloist, Capitavates Crowd With Two Vocal Numbers—Titanic and Olympic Buses Convey Scores of Virginians to Eveleth, While Local Militiamen Also Make the Trip—Virginians Desire Stimulating Structure—Friendly Feeling Exists Between the Two Towns and Street Car Line Will Make the Eveleth Building a Range Meeting Place.

The new \$30,000 Eveleth armory-auditorium was opened in a blaze of glory Friday evening in the presence of a thousand range residents who were more than surprised by the splendor of the structure which is the most modern building on the range. About a hundred Virginians made the trip to Eveleth and were well pleased with the opening ceremonies.

Following a parade down Jones street from the Glode Hotel to the armory on Jackson street, which was headed by the City Band followed by the militia, speakers and others, the auditorium was formally thrown open to the public. After an inspection of the building, which is 50 by 120 feet and modern in every particular, the opening ceremonies were started with Mayor Jacob S. Saari presiding.

President Joseph S. Wilson, of the Eveleth city council, told of the history of the structure and of the cost of its erection. He was followed by George E. Jensen, this city, who gave two beautiful solos accompanied by Miss Edith Helegon, pianist, both numbers being warmly applauded. Assistant General Manager John H. Hearing, of the Oliver Iron Mining company, and a former Eveleth mining man, told of the history of the national guard since its inception and of the cost of the United States flag. He condemned the people of the country who jeer at the United States flag and bestowed words of praise on the members of the militia of the country. He made a strong, earnest address and was warmly applauded at its close.

Adjutant General Fred B. Wood told of the relief work done at Besudette, Spooner, Grand Marais and Chisholm by the militia companies and of the national guard's strength. He gave a long "shop talk" and his remarks proved very interesting. State Senator James P. Boyle gave the principal address of the evening, seconding Mr. Hearing's remarks. He told of the work done by the state militia and then branched off into a short talk on the Eveleth armory-auditorium, telling of the building's purpose and that it would be a "common meeting place." His oratory was of the best and as usual won much applause.

Music was furnished by the Flauten orchestra of twelve pieces with Henry Lavick, brother of James Lavick, this city, assisting in the leading, he playing the violin. Following the program, Major Hubert V. Eva, Duluth, inspected Co. F., assisted by Adjutant General Fred B. Wood. The soldiers made a good appearance and went through a short manual of arms. The evening ceremonies closed with a ball, many Virginians participating.

BALCONY BRIEFLETS

The gathering proved to be a reunion and homecoming for many former Evelethians. Gust Anderson, a wealthy Chisholmite, formerly of Eveleth, hobnobbed with numerous acquaintances, while State Treasurer Walter J. Smith was kept busy introducing Alec Crozier, hotel inspector, the only state appointee present. Fred Lister, formerly secretary of the Eveleth Commercial club, was very active in introducing many Virginians to Evelethians.

Many newspapermen hob-nobbed with the crowd, among them being Editor A. E. Pfremmer, Eveleth, veteran member of the Austin, Minn., militia, with Adjutant General Fred B. Wood; Frank Bowman, Gilbert; Cass U. Jenkins, second lieutenant of the Eveleth company; Frederick Mackey, David E. Cuppernull and Ralph Wilk, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. France, Fred E. Lister, Assistant County Attorney Edward L. Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bickford, Fire Chief A. E. Thayer, George Meehan and Miss Sutherland were among the Virginia dancers at the ball. Several events are already being

planned for the auditorium which will be attended by Virginians. Mrs. George Whitman and Mrs. W. E. Harwood will entertain at a dancing party December 6th, while the Eveleth city council will also give a ball next month. A Catholic church bazaar will be given next month, and several other important gatherings are now being planned for the winter.

Many members of the local branch of the Eveleth militia company attended the opening ceremonies and participated in the drill. Virginia has nineteen militiamen, but many were unable to make the trip because of their work. Local militiamen are desirous of having a home of their own, and according to Major Hubert J. Eva, the Virginia soldiers will probably be organized soon.

The Olympic and Titanic buses were kept busy going to and from Eveleth with Virginia passengers, the last bus not finishing its labors until 4 o'clock Saturday morning.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS DELIVER SPEECHES

A round-table program was given at the Roosevelt Auditorium to high school and upper grade students Wednesday afternoon by members of the faculty headed by Supt. Lafayette Bliss, who spoke on the care of public property and the need of condemning vandalism.

Other papers were delivered as follows: Prof. Coy S. Blair, "Squareness in School Life"; Miss Mellgard, "Accuracy and Alertness in Business"; Prof. C. E. Clem, "Need of Good Health"; Prof. J. M. Partridge, "Grand Old Minnesota"; Miss Adeline MacMartin, "Jacob Reis"; Miss MacFarland, "Practical Methods in School Life."

Supt. Bliss also entertained the pupils and teachers by picking out flaws in examination papers submitted by the students, showing the humor in many of the answers. "Alma Mater" and "Under the Star Spangled Banner" was sung by the 300 students present, while instrumental music was also furnished.

Over 400 desks have been ordered for the new North Side school which it is thought will be ready for occupancy by Christmas. The seats will be supplied by the American Seating company, Grand Rapids, Mich.

The next number on the lyceum course being given at the Roosevelt Auditorium under the auspices of a teachers' committee will be held December 11th, with the Orpheum Four as the attraction. The lecture given this week by James Batten, "The Little Giant of the Lecture Platform," and the address to be given by Captain Richard Hobson in the spring, are the only talks arranged.

NEW COMPANY MAKES PROGRESS

A. MacMillan, one of the incorporators of the Mesaba Light and Power company, has established headquarters at the Fay Hotel and plans to remain in this city for some time. Joseph P. Leland, Jr., Morgantown, N. C., head engineer of the company, was in the city Tuesday making preparations to leave for the Vermilion river, sixty miles north of this city where his crew of surveyors have established distributing lines. The Little Fork river which is situated northwest of this city, will not be surveyed or lines established there for two or three years. The new company plans to furnish power to mining locations and mines throughout the range, and to industries and cities which care to contract for same.

NABBED A MAT ARTIST

Officer Frank Chopp on Friday evening last found his match in the person of Clarence Beaman, a former employe of the Murphy dray line, whom he attempted to "run in" for some transgression, Beaman being a wrestler of more than passing ability. Officer Chopp lustily called to a crowd of a score or two of bystanders to help him in his task, but none responded. As a result of this latter lack of courtesy or for some other cause the officer later picked out one man from the crowd and "run him in" on a charge of resisting an officer, the hearing in the case to be before the court on Monday next. Some twenty warrants have since been issued for the other bystanders, and the trial on Monday gives promise of being warm.

LEAVE TO ATTEND CHARITY BALL

B. Finnigan, T. Christie and B. Johnson, members of the Cleveland Construction company's local staff on work connected with the new street car line, left Tuesday noon to attend the charity ball given at the Spalding Hotel Tuesday evening. Other Virginians also attended the party and all proclaimed it the social event of the year.

DECLARE AGAINST DIRECT TAX LEVY

Tax-Payers Association Goes on Record by Decisive Vote as Opposed to That Method of Raising Money for the Payment of the Plant of the Virginia Electric Power & Water Company—Consider Plant Should be Made to Pay for Itself, if It is a Good Investment.

At the meeting of the Virginia Tax-Payers Association held at the City Hall Monday evening an initial membership of fifteen prominent citizens was recorded, and it is anticipated this list will be increased by additional members at the next and succeeding meetings.

Much discussion of the proposed purchase of the plant of the Virginia Electric Power & Water Company was indulged in, there being an apparent unanimity of opinion that if the plant was a money-maker, was a good substantial investment, it ought be made to pay for itself instead of being placed as a direct burden upon the tax-payers of the community — the evident intention of the present city administration if one be permitted to judge from the fact that a direct levy of \$100,000 for this purpose was placed in the 1912 tax budget. There appears to be but little objection to municipal ownership, but the consensus of opinion was that it was an injustice upon the tax-payers to compel him to pay for the plant and pay for his light and water in addition, this opinion resolving itself into a formal motion which was carried, whereby the association went on record as opposed to a direct tax levy to pay any part of the purchase price of the plant.

A committee was also appointed upon motion to prepare figures insofar as obtainable from the records of the company and from the reports of Burns & McDonnell and from the special committees appointed by the city council, for presentation at the next meeting of the Association. This committee comprises President A. C. Osborn, D. W. Stebbins, D. C. Reed, F. W. Terrell, W. H. Eaton and W. E. Hannaford, and the figures will doubtless be given due publication before election day.

DULUTH TELEPHONE MAN VISITS VIRGINIA

A. J. MacCulloch, superintendent of the Zenith Telephone company, Duluth, spent the week-end in this city conferring with J. C. Crowley, of the People Telephone company, Superior, and J. E. Fisher, of the Chicago, Automatic Electric Telephone company, Chicago. The gentlemen discussed the progress of the new Range Telephone company, in which they are interested, and were well pleased with the outlook, as the village council of Biwabik on Saturday evening last gave the franchise of the company its first reading. Franchises will also be submitted to the councils in Aurora, Gilbert and this city for consideration, as the promoters of the new company desire to have their telephones in operation in the spring.

"LUMBERJACK EVANGELIST" VISITS VIRGINIA

Rev. J. W. Sornberger, the "lumberjack evangelist," who formerly made his headquarters at the head of the lakes, but who is now located at Ranier, Minn., made a short visit in this city Tuesday evening en route to his home. He will again preach in the woods this winter, sending large supplies of literature, etc., to the "jacks" in the Virginia & Rainy Lake company camps. He will also preach among the settlers in the outlying districts, and expects to reach many woodmen and farmers this year.

TRAVELER-SOLDIER VISITS VIRGINIA

Thom. Chisholm, a Duluth traveling man who visits this city frequently on business, was here Saturday, coming from Eveleth where he assisted in the inspection of Co. F., at the new armory, he being an officer of the Zenith City militia. He was well pleased with the work of the Eveleth company and took especial interest in the drilling done by the Virginia militiamen headed by Corporal Le Rroy Edwin.

LUMBERMAN LEAVE FOR SHORT CHICAGO BUSINESS VISIT.

S. J. Cusson, general manager of the Virginia & Rainy Lake company, and Al. G. Flournoy, head sales manager of the same concern, left Friday noon for Chicago to attend to business matters. While there the Minnesota-Chicago game was played on Marshall Field, but the local lumbermen were unable to see the contest because of business.

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