

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

H. O. Johnson was a visitor at Ely on business Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. B. F. Smith was the guest of Duluth friends early in the week.

Captain Henry Nicholas, of the Knox mine, Aurora, was in the city Monday.

H. O. and R. L. Griggs made an auto drive to Aurora, on business, Tuesday.

Attorney Geo. F. Shea attended to professional business at Duluth on Wednesday.

Mrs. Ida Chamberlain, of Darling-ton, Wis., is the guest of Mrs. M. E. Fauning, Maple street.

Miss Madelin Dillon, of Virginia, has accepted a position as pianist at the Diamond Theatre at Clouquet.

Indian Agent Regan and party came down from the Nett Lake reservation Wednesday morning, going to Hibbing later.

J. L. Owens came down from Angora Wednesday morning, spending the day in looking after business interests at this point.

General Manager Cussons, of the Virginia & Rainy Lake company, was a south bound passenger on the Wednesday morning Flyer.

Miss Anna Meehan entertained the members of the Bluebell Sewing Club Tuesday evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. R. Krogdahl.

Johnson's "Best Loaf" is the bread they ask for. It is Virginia made, and we are proud of it, so the housewife says. Handled by all grocers. 5301

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Osborn and Mr. and Mrs. John F. Staver and son Byron spent the week end at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Osborn, at Lake Pokegama, near Grand Rapids.

Daniel L. Mahoney, who has just completed his fourth year in medicine at the University of Minnesota, returned to Virginia for the summer vacation the first of the week.

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Dr. C. W. Miller, of this city, has purchased a beautiful 53-acre tract on the shores of Lake Vermilion, which he will improve this season by the erection of a beautiful summer home.

Mrs. Ralph Davis, of Duluth, has this week been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carver Richards and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Richards, in Virginia. She expects to return to her home in Duluth today.

Auditor Sobotta, of the Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific, was up from Duluth Tuesday, in conference with road officials who were in the city on that date. He returned to Duluth Wednesday morning.

Mr. Thomas Madden and Mrs. Edward Wenzel of Virginia and Mrs. R. L. Given, of Bemidji, who is here on a visit, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Austin, Chisholm, on Monday.

Sheriff John R. Meining came up from Duluth Monday evening and

the following morning went to Hibbing with Deputies Witte and Molan, to be in attendance at the opening of the ran-e term of district court.

Steve Sullivan, of Calumet, Mich., has accepted a position at the local offices of the Virginia Brewing Co., relieving Oscar Sterner, who last week went to Colby, Wis., where he will engage in business with his father.

Considerable improvements are being made at the offices of the Virginia Brewing Company this week. A new fire proof vault is being put in and other conveniences added which will be a big improvement to the offices.

Capt. Alfred Martin left Wednesday morning for Brainerd, where he spends the balance of the week in looking after work at the Bowers mine and inspecting other properties under control of the M. A. Hanna Company.

Henry Corcoran, who has been employed by the Virginia & Rainy Lake company near Cussons, was in the city yesterday visiting old friends. He goes from Virginia to Angora, where he will again be in the employ of the Virginia & Rainy Lake company.

James Sampson is in charge of the construction of a 24x26 brick garage for the DuPont Powder Co., at their office location at the corner of Cleveland avenue and Walnut, work on which was commenced on Tuesday morning. This company has recently added auto delivery to its efficient service.

V. G. Reaz, through whom the Enterprise purchased its new No. 8 Merzenthaler, concluded the details of the contract on Friday last, leaving on the noon train for his home at St. Paul. The new machine will become an active factor in the Enterprise equipment not later than July 1st, at a cost of \$4,200.

Edw. L. Boyle, assistant county attorney, left Tuesday noon for a brief business visit to St. Paul. In his absence M. M. Forbes, first assistant county attorney, of Duluth, attends to matters before the grand jury at the Hibbing term of district court, but Mr. Boyle will return in time to handle the cases on behalf of the state on any indictments returned.

Mrs. T. D. Sullivan and daughter, Miss Anna, are expected to return to Virginia tomorrow from Winona, where Miss Sullivan has been attending the state normal school. Mrs. Sullivan has been visiting relatives and friends in the Twin Cities, and went to Winona the first of the week to be in attendance at the Commencement exercises of the class of which Miss Sullivan was a member.

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell, daughter of Editor and Mrs. C. S. Mitchell of the Duluth News Tribune, who will have charge of the art department in the Virginia schools next year, is expected to return in July from Munich, where she has been studying art for several months, as well as in cities in Italy. Miss Mitchell is a cousin of Mrs. Otto A. Poirier, of this city.

Supt. H. E. Flynn, recently engaged by the board of education of the Independent School District of Virginia as superintendent of the local schools for the ensuing year, was up from Two Harbors Monday evening for a brief consultation with

members of the board. Mr. Flynn will assume the duties of his new position the coming month, becoming conversant with the needs of the local school system prior to the opening of the coming school year.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church will meet next Wednesday with Mrs. J. E. Dawson, 502 Willow street.

An Oldsmobile owned by a Superior business man named Whitney, who was one of the delegation of Superior Elks who came to Virginia to attend the dedication of the Elks' Home, was badly damaged by fire just after Mr. Whitney and party had left Duluth on the Miller trunk road last Saturday. The blaze was discovered in the front end of the machine, but was controlled before the car was completely destroyed. The machine was disabled and the party was brought to Virginia in a relief machine.

Swedish Baptist Church
Corner Cleveland Ave. and Poplar St. Sunday school 10:30 a. m. At evening service, at 7:30 Children's Day will be observed, by a literary and musical program by the children, and by an address to the parents on "What Parents Owe to their Children" by Rev. E. B. Peterson.

Luncheon and Sale.
On Saturday, June 7, a luncheon and sale will be given at the home of Mrs. F. C. Whiting on Central avenue. Luncheon will be served from 3 till 8 o'clock. Good strawberry shortcake. Ladies and gentlemen invited.

Mrs. Whiting will be assisted by Mrs. Harry Smith, Mrs. J. E. Dawson, Mrs. Chas. Roskilly and Mrs. T. G. Fausten.

SALE OF BONDS AGAIN DELAYED

Application for Injunction Interposed Last Saturday, Holds Up Sale of Bonds to Issue for Acquiring Water and Light Plant.

LAST DITCH FIGHT MADE ON INTERESTING ISSUE

Alleged Price to Be Paid for Plant is Exorbitant and That Proceedings So Far Have Not Been According to City Charter.

At the eleventh hour, almost, the sale of the city bonds for the purchase of the plant of the Electric Power & Water company was again placed in the balance Saturday evening through the serving of a complaint in proceedings seeking an injunction on the proposed action of the city officials in disposing of the city securities for such purpose in the sum of \$450,000, as authorized by the city council at its meeting on Tuesday, May 27th, which deal would doubtless have been consummated on Monday but for the prayer to the court to put a clamp on the proceedings awaiting a decision of legal points involved.

The petitioner or plaintiff in the case is Joseph Backus, owner of the blocks occupied by the State Bank of Virginia and by the Model Pharmacy, who asserts in his complaint that the city of Virginia has at no time by resolution or otherwise authorized the issuance of the bonds of the city in the sum of \$450,000, or in any other sum, for the purchase of the plant of the Virginia Electric Power & Water Company, or for any other purpose, and has never at any time fixed any rate of interest to be paid upon the bonds of said city, which it now proposes to issue; that the city of Virginia has never at any time ascertained or attempted to ascertain the value of the said light and water plant, as provided and required by the charter of the city of Virginia and by the state laws; that no resolution was ever passed or attempted to be passed by the city council of the city of Virginia fixing the amount to be paid for the light and water plants, respectively, of said company, and that no fixed price has ever been ascertained as the purchase price of said respective plants, either as provided by the city charter or otherwise, and the plaintiff alleges and charges the fact to be that the city of Virginia does not know and has no means of ascertaining what the price to be paid for said respective plants may be.

The plaintiff further submits that on November 21, 1911, a special election was held in this city to vote upon the following proposition, to-wit: "Shall the city of Virginia forthwith proceed to acquire, by condemnation or purchase, the electric light and water plant now owned by the Virginia Electric Power & Water company,

and supply the city and individuals with light and water, provided said plant may be acquired at a reasonable price;" that the proposition of purchasing the light and water plant was never submitted to the voters or voted upon in any other form or manner or at any other time; that at and prior to said election the Honorable M. A. Murphy, now mayor of the city of Virginia, and other city officials represented the voters and electors of said city that the plant of the Virginia Electric Power & Water Company was not worth to exceed the sum of \$250,000, and that the said mayor and other city officials represented to the voters and electors of said city that the said water and light plant was not worth to exceed the sum of \$250,000, and that the said city officials would not pay to exceed this amount for said plant; that relying upon such representations and believing them to be true a majority of the voters at said special election voted in favor of said proposition; that plaintiff is informed, verily believes and charges the facts to be that since election the said mayor and city council have unlawfully and without any right to do so offered to the said Electric Power & Water company a sum greatly in excess of the value of said plant, to-wit, \$492,000 and in addition thereto the cost of all permanent improvements made to said plant subsequent to the date of the Burns & McDonnell report, filed with the city clerk some fifteen months or more ago. The plaintiff alleges the true facts to be that under the present agreement between the officials of said city and the officials of said company the gross amount to be paid for said plant will exceed the sum of \$600,000—a price which it is alleged is greatly in excess of the true value of the plant, further alleging that the plant is not now and never has been worth to exceed the sum of \$250,000, and further alleges that the mayor and city council of the city of Virginia, unless restrained by an order of the court, will without authority and without right to do so pay said exorbitant, outrageous and unreasonable price for said plant, thereby jeopardizing the property of every tax-payer of the city of Virginia and increasing their taxes beyond reason.

The plaintiff further alleges, upon information and belief, that there are no funds in the city treasury set aside for the purchase of said water and light plant, or that be lawfully appropriated for that use, and alleges that the city has never taken any lawful steps to secure funds with which to pay for said plant, and has never taken any lawful steps whatsoever to acquire said light and water plant; that no revenue has ever been levied by the city of Virginia and that no funds exist in the city treasury or any other place belonging to the city which are or can be made applicable for the payment of the said bonds proposed to be issued as partial payment for such proposed purchase.

The complaint further recites that on December 17, 1912, a special election was held in the city of Virginia, a vote being held upon the following proposition, to-wit: "Shall the city of Virginia issue its bonds in the sum of \$450,000 for the purpose of purchasing the electric light and water plant now owned by the Virginia Electric Power & Water company in the city of Virginia?" That the proposition of issuing said bonds was never submitted to the voters of Virginia in any form nor at any time nor in any other manner. That prior to voting upon said proposition the city council of the city of Virginia never at any time nor in any manner, by resolution or otherwise, authorized the issuance of said bonds, nor did they fix and determine the amount to be paid for said plant nor fix the rate of interest on said proposed bonds, and never fixed the time of maturity of such bonds. That prior to May 27, 1913, the city council of the city of Virginia, without warrant or authority of law so to do, authorized the publication of a notice calling for bids on an issue of \$450,000 of water and light bonds of the city of Virginia, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, and that on May 27th proposals for the purchase of such securities were opened by the city council and that body, without right or authority of law so to do, received and accepted the bid of Bolger, Mosser & Williman to purchase such bond issue and will, unless restrained by an order of the court, unlawfully deliver said bonds to said Bolger, Mosser & Williman.

The contention is also set forth in the complaint that the city, under the laws of the state of Minnesota and under the provisions of its city charter, has no authority to issue water bonds

bearing a higher rate of interest than 4 per cent. That notwithstanding the fact that said bond sale has been authorized by said mayor and city council the city has no authority under its charter or under the laws of the state to issue any bonds in excess of the amount of a levy made to care for the payment of same, which levy has not been made in this case; that under the charter and the laws of the state the city has no power or authority to purchase a light or water plant until the purchase price therefor is ascertained and fixed.

That in case of the failure of the court to grant the relief asked it is set forth said bonds will become an obligation and debt against the city of Virginia, for the payment of which property in the city will be subject to yearly taxation and property will thereby depreciate in value; that the taxes so levied will become an encumbrance, lien and cloud upon the title of property in the city and that the plaintiff will be thereby subjected to a multiplicity of actions for the protection of his rights and will be greatly embarrassed and injured in the use of his property.

The plaintiff sets forth that he brings the action as a taxpayer on his own behalf and on behalf of all other persons similarly situated, who desire to come in and aid in the action, and in view of the allegations set forth he asks a permanent order restraining and enjoining the defendants named, the mayor and members of the city council of the city of Virginia, from in any manner signing, sealing, issuing or putting in circulation the said bond issue of \$450,000 or any part or portion thereof, and for the costs and disbursements of the action.

The defendants as named comprise M. A. Murphy as mayor, A. D. Horvage, Michael Boylan, George Harvey, Charles W. Lundstrom, Adolph Keller, Fred J. Molan, Conrad Mattson, R. J. McGhee and Daniel Cortey, comprising the council of the city of Virginia, A. E. Bickford, city clerk and Wm. B. Pratt, treasurer, all of whom are cited to show cause, if any there be, why such injunction should not be sustained and made permanent before the session of the district court to be held at Hibbing on Wednesday of the present week, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. Mr. Backus is represented in the matter by Arnold & Pickering, local attorneys, while it is presumed the city attorney will be assisted in the defense of the city officials action by Attorney L. C. Harris, of Duluth, who succeeded the Hon. Bert Feiler as counsel for the city in the closing of the bond deal. The action is one which will create much interest in the city, both by the bona fide tax-payer and others, and the arguments before the court and the decision which may be handed down will be anxiously awaited by many.

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, MINN., 5-17-1913.
Meeting called to order at 8:40 p. m. by Chairman R. J. McGhee.
Roll Call: Present, R. J. McGhee, C. E. Hendrick, Andrew Hawkinson, W. H. Eaton, J. H. Fleming, Mitchell Stewart. Absent, Lafayette Bliss.
Minutes of previous meeting were then read by Clerk and approved.
Report of Teachers Committee was then taken up, and after some remarks the following resolution introduced by Mitchell Stewart, was adopted:
To The Board of Education:—
The following legally qualified Teachers who have certified by the Committee on Teachers, are hereby recommended for election at the salaries set opposite their respective names, for the school year of ten months during 1913-1914. It is understood that a teacher may be assigned to a grade higher, or a grade lower than the grade herein named, according to the necessities of organization.
(Complete list of Teachers for ensuing year shown in minutes of meeting held April 9th, 1913. Below find list of Teachers to take care of vacancies.)
Technical High School.
Glady's Barclay, Domestic Science, \$90.00.
Roosevelt Building.
Lorena Bove, Sixth grade, \$70.00.
Nora J. Smith, Fifth grade, \$70.00.
Johnson Building.
Bessie Smith, Fourth grade, \$70.00.
North Side Building.
Lillian E. Goodreau, Third grade, \$70.00.
Tressa E. McGillin, Second grade, \$70.00.
Franklin Building.
Irene K. Gauthier, First kindergarten, \$65.00.
Higgins Building.
Glady's M. Roskilly, Second, First, kindergarten, \$65.00.
Homestead Building.
Anna M. Sullivan, Seventh, Fifth and Fourth, \$65.00; Celia E. Murphy, Third, Second, First, \$65.00.
Moved by R. J. McGhee, seconded

by C. E. Hendrick that the above resolution be adopted.
Roll Call: Ayes, R. J. McGhee, C. E. Hendrick, Andrew Hawkinson, W. H. Eaton, J. H. Fleming, Mitchell Stewart. Nays: None.
Carried.
Resolution introduced by C. E. Hendrick.
RESOLVED: By the Board of Education of Independent School District of Virginia that all teachers hereafter employed by this District for High School service must be college graduates with at least one year of successful experience; that all Teachers hereafter employed in the grades or kindergartens of the School within the City limits must have graduated from a two-year Normal School course and have had at least one year of successful experience; that teachers who are not graduates from a two-year Normal course shall not be transferred from any location school to the schools within the City limits. All Teachers employed by this board must have proper certificates in force in Minnesota which must be filed with their contracts.

Moved by Andrew Hawkinson, seconded by Mitchell Stewart that the above resolution be adopted.
Roll Call: Ayes, R. J. McGhee, Andrew Hawkinson, C. E. Hendrick, W. H. Eaton, J. H. Fleming, Mitchell Stewart. Nays: None.
Adopted.
C. E. Hendrick asked permission to be excused at 9:00 p. m., which was granted.
Letter of resignation from Mr. C. E. Hendrick as member of Board of Education was then read by Clerk, and the following resolution was introduced by Mitchell Stewart:
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Independent School District of Virginia hereby accepts the resignation of Mr. C. E. Hendrick thus tendered, and regrets that pressure of business necessitates this action on his part. The Board wishes to thank Mr. C. E. Hendrick for his capable painstaking service, and feels that by his resignation the District loses the services of a very efficient and high minded public servant.

Moved by W. H. Eaton, seconded by Andrew Hawkinson that the above resolution be adopted.
Roll Call: Ayes, R. J. McGhee, Andrew Hawkinson, W. H. Eaton, J. H. Fleming, Mitchell Stewart. Nays: None.
Moved by W. H. Eaton, seconded by J. H. Fleming that the Board proceed to elect a successor to fill the unexpired term of C. E. Hendrick.
Carried.
Moved by W. H. Eaton, seconded by Mitchell Stewart that Mr. A. B. Holley be elected to succeed Mr. C. E. Hendrick as member of Board of Education during unexpired term, or until its first general election after appointment which will be held the third Saturday in July, 1913.
Roll Call: Ayes, R. J. McGhee, W. H. Eaton, J. H. Fleming, Mitchell Stewart. Nays: None.
Carried.
Acceptance and oath of office was then signed by Mr. A. B. Holley and all papers handed Clerk to be placed on file.
The matter of unfinished business was then taken up.
Moved by W. H. Eaton, seconded by Mitchell Stewart that Mr. Lafayette Bliss be notified that his services as Superintendent of Schools of this District will not be required after July 1st, 1913.
Roll Call: Ayes, A. B. Holley, Andrew Hawkinson, W. H. Eaton, J. H. Fleming, Mitchell Stewart. Nays: R. J. McGhee.
Carried. Vote 5 to 1.
Moved by Mitchell Stewart seconded by W. H. Eaton that the matter of engaging Superintendent of Schools for the ensuing year be referred to Teachers Committee to make a number of selections and report to the Board at the earliest opportunity.
Carried.
Moved by W. H. Eaton, seconded by Andrew Hawkinson that none of the children or Teachers be obliged to furnish uniforms for the Decoration Day Parade.
Carried.
Moved by W. H. Eaton, seconded by J. H. Fleming that Clerk be authorized to purchase any flags, streamers, bunting, etc., that may be required for the Decoration Day Parade.
Carried.
Meeting adjourned.
Clerk.
MITCHELL STEWART.

William Penn's Supplicator.
It is in the Church of St. Mary Red-cliff, in Bristol, that the remains of Sir William Penn, father of the proprietor of Pennsylvania, rest. A tablet to his memory has been on the walls of the edifice ever since Sir William's death. Above it are hung his armor, his sword and his flag.

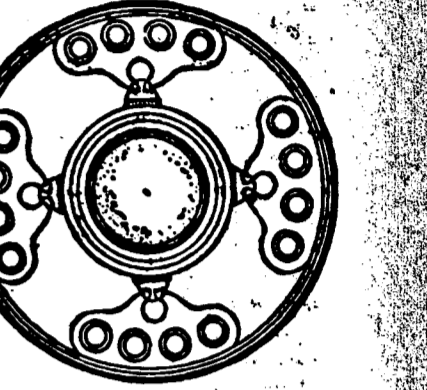
Your Hands Experienced?
A wide grille at the waist is the latest fad, so that the top of the skirt will coincide with the bottom, and only an experienced hand will be able to tell which is the belt line and which is the hem.

Spotting Boy's Fun.
The scientist who eradicates the measles germ will not be regarded as a friend by the boy who would rather be an interesting invalid than go to school.

TO HAVE INDIVIDUAL CUPS

Boston Has Planned the First Sanitary Drinking Place for Horses in World.
Boston.—In the new drinking fountain to be erected in Postoffice square to the memory of George T. Angell this city, it is believed, will have the first watering trough in the world with specially constructed individual drinking cups for horses. Of the \$5,000 which its erection will cost, \$647.77 was contributed by school children of the city, who gave one cent each.

There will be sixteen individual drinking cups so arranged that they will cleanse themselves after each horse has finished drinking. The water will be running into each cup constantly. It is expected each horse will drink practically all the water in the cup, then before the next horse arrives the cup will fill and overflow. This will carry off all the foam and any dangerous germs the first horse may have left in the cup. There is no connection between the cups. It is believed this latest plan in sanitary drinking fountains for horses will do much toward preventing diseases



View From Top, Showing Plan of Boston's Sanitary Drinking Fountain for Horses.

which are spread through watering troughs.
The fountain is of artistic design, the main basin being sixteen feet in diameter. At the base will be watering places for dogs.

SHELL TO BLIND BANDITS

French Commission Proposes Unique Weapon That is Highly Regarded.
Paris, France.—The warlike destruction of the Paris bandits several months ago, when a small army was necessary to defeat and kill several terrorists who had turned a house into a fortress, induced the police to evolve some instrument which would protect them from the bullets of similar bandits in the future. The result was the manufacture of a powerful shield designed to protect the policeman's body in case of future conflicts. M. Lepine, the prefect of police, like wise appointed a commission to study other means of defense and offense in coping with the new type of modern criminal. The commission has proposed a sort of shell, weighing about a pound, which, by a special apparatus, emits a powerful gas which momentarily blinds the bandits and makes effective fighting on their part impossible. Experiments with the new projectile were entirely successful, and the deadly gas shell has taken its place among the instruments of police attack.

IT'S TWINS, TRIPLETS HERE

Twin Brothers Exchange Congratulations on Additions to Respective Families.
Fitzgerald, Ga.—"Hello, Eli!" called Eli Vickers' brother over the phone. "It's twins," "Shucks," replied Eli, "we have triplets at our house, one boy and two girls."
These two men live in Coffee county and are twin brothers, with twenty more brothers and sisters, children of "Old Jack Vickers," of the same county, who was married twice and had eleven children by each wife.
Eli and his brother were children of the first marriage. Although there are other twins in the Vickers family, these are the first in the families of these brothers, but not the first children.

PAYS PENALTY FOR JOKE

Man Who Caused Friend's Death by Turning Compressed Air Hose on Him is Punished.
Buffalo, N. Y.—Warren House, who caused the death of Valentine Lukowski, a fellow workman, a few months ago, while playing a practical joke, will begin at once the serving of an unusual sentence imposed by Justice Marcus in the state supreme court here.

The sentence places House in charge of a probation officer for an indefinite period and compels him to pay \$3 a week toward the support of the family of the dead man until the children are able to support their mother. It is estimated the fine will cover a period of about ten years, amounting in all to more than \$1,500.
House turned a compressed air hose on Lukowski in fun. The pressure was so great that Lukowski was instantly killed.

Enjoins Straphanger Law.
Portland, Ore.—By virtue of a temporary restraining order issued by United States District Judge Bean, the city of Portland is prevented from enforcing the "strap hangers' ordinance, passed some days ago. This ordinance provided that strap hangers should pay only three cents fare.

Looking to the Future.
"It is comfortable to see one's husband sitting down after dinner to enjoy his cigar, and then there is something rather soothing about the aroma of a good cigar, too." "Oh, I don't care anything about the comfort of it or the aroma; but as long as my husband smokes, it will always be easy to tell him how to begin when he insists that we have got to economize."
—Judge.

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