

CITY BRIEFS

From Monday's Daily

Surprised On Birthday.

Mrs. Elward Larson, 126 Maple street, was surprised this afternoon by friends on her birthday anniversary. She was presented with table linen and a beautiful bouquet of cut flowers. The afternoon was spent in playing card games. Lunch, which was brought by the guests, was served at 4 o'clock. The Mesdames Edward C. A. Johnson, Roy Cowan, L. G. Madden, Martin Nelson, Curtis, A. Larson, G. Renstrom, Fred Anthony, O. E. Sandstrom, W. E. Lyons, M. Rooney, John Swanson, John Olson, H. Hartford, Olson, M. D. Duby, E. O. Braa and the Misses Anderson and Ridell. A most enjoyable time was had by all.

Platform Is Completed.

The section crew of the Duluth, Missabe & Northern Railway company Saturday completed the new machinery loading platform in the railroad yards just across Chestnut street from the station. A spur track has been laid and a platform about 15x30 feet constructed there, primarily to be used in loading fire apparatus in case of an out of the city call. All other railway companies have constructed similar platforms in this city. This platform will allow for the loading or unloading of a piece of machinery weighing 50 tons. It is constructed of heavy timbers.

Rain Stopped Game.

The baseball game between the Virginia high school and the high school alumni teams, which was started at Oliver baseball park Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, was called off after the first inning because of rain. The high school nine was ahead, having two scores to the alumni's 0. It is planned to have a game between the two teams in a few days. Indications are that it will be hard fought. The alumni teams have for several years defeated the school boys and they expect to turn the trick again this year.

Debate Postponed.

The debate between the teams representing the Sophomore and Junior classes of the local high school, which was to have been held Friday night of this week, has been postponed for a week because Friday is the night on which the joint concert of range school orchestras will be given in the Eveleth auditorium. Gilbert, Eveleth, Virginia, Buhl, Hibbing and other Range town orchestras will participate in the concert.

Car of Shrubbery Here.

The car of shrubbery and trees ordered several weeks ago by the park board from a nursery company at Lake City, Minn., arrived Saturday and men are at work planting the shrubs and trees. They are being placed in the several parks and on the boulevards and the lawns surrounding public buildings under the direction of Park Superintendent Philbrick. He has about 50 men at work today.

Another Car of Fords Sold.

The Central Auto company this week receives another carload of Fords for distribution to Range buyers. The Ford factory is taxed to capacity and its output this year will exceed by 50,000 what the estimates were for the season's business. Its orders are booked so far ahead that it is impossible to get special orders of machines at present. The car coming this week is the sixth that has been sold in Virginia this year.

Floor Is Treated.

Wickler Bros., floor cleaners, who have taken the job of repairing the floor in the Elks hall for the tenth annual ball of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Wednesday evening, hope to complete the work Tuesday evening. It will be in better condition for the ball than it has ever before been. The work is done with an electric scraper. Many persons have been up to see it in operation.

Home from Trout Fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Murphy returned Saturday evening from their trout fishing trip to the Splitrock country. Mr. Murphy brought home a fine string of speckled trout, but says the best of the fishing is just beginning. They spent two weeks at the Splitrock, which has recently been placed in touch with the outside world by telephone.

Rev. Mr. Hansen Visitor.

Rev. Mr. Hansen, for many years pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church in this city and now pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church at International Falls, was a Virginia visitor for a short time this morning on his way to the Head of the Lakes on a business mission.

Night Clerk At Fay.

E. J. Lindsay of this city has temporarily taken a position as night clerk at the Fay hotel. He is filling the position which has lately been held by T. MacNamara, who left Saturday for Janesville, Wis., where he will be employed in a similar capacity.

Old Resident Will Farm.

Alex Johnson, resident of this city for the past 15 years, will go to farming. He has purchased a piece of land near Wolfe and will in a few days start clearing it and preparing it for cultivation.

Buy Ford Delivery.

Kelly's dry cleaning establishment, Wyoming avenue, has increased its already excellent service by purchasing a new Ford delivery truck. It is of the closed top variety, and a handsome vehicle.

Visiting Lodges.

Dr. Isaac Van Dornin left yesterday afternoon for a visit to the Odd Fellows lodges at Deer River, Staples and Wadena. He will be absent from Virginia for the greater part of this week.

Concert At Southside Park.

The City band last evening gave a concert at Southside park. It was well attended, being the first one of the season given at a park.

Water Turned On.

The water for lawns and in the drinking fountains of the city was turned on yesterday for the first time this year.

Visitor Here Today.

Superintendent J. P. Vaughn of the Chisholm schools is visiting in the local schools today as the guest of Dr. P. P. Celgrove.

Alumni Concert Well Attended.

The concert and program given by the Range Alumni of Suomi college at the Finnish temperance hall last night drew a large attendance from over the Range. The principal address was by the Rev. Mr. Kuisisto, while the program outlined in the Enterprise of Saturday was carried out with the addition of vocal solos by F. W. Torvinen, "Then You'll Remember Me," and "The Bohemian Girl," and "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep." A violin solo by Mr. Hulmi of Chisholm, accompanied by Mr. Sukonen, was also much appreciated. Following the program there was a service of refreshments.

Center Club Elects Officers.

The Center club met Saturday evening and elected officers for the ensuing year. This is a social club and plans are now being made for a dance to be given some time in May, the date to be decided upon later. The Center club has been organized for several years. The officers elected Saturday evening are Alexander Gill, president; Joseph Yager, secretary; Paul Bush, treasurer and Darrell Harmon and William Morell a committee on arrangements to prepare for the dance to be given in May.

Crowds Visit Parks.

Crowds visited both Olcott and South Side parks yesterday. The playground apparatus is now in place at both. The evening band concert at South Side park drew a large attendance last night while ever bit of the playground apparatus at Olcott was in use during the late afternoon and early evening hours. Many visitors in the city from other Range towns yesterday availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the parks.

Work Progressing On Class Play.

Rehearsals are being held regularly at the Roosevelt school auditorium by the cast of the senior class play, which will be presented May 13 and 14 at the Lyric theatre. Mr. Pfeiffer has in charge the management of the production, which is "The Case of Jones," a three-act comedy. All of the parts are well taken and the play promises to be a big success.

Arranging For Dance.

The local aerie of Eagles already has committees at work on its Fourth of July dance. The rink of the Virginia skating club has been engaged for the occasion and full bands will furnish the music. The Eagles have also appointed committees to assist the Eagles of Eveleth in entertaining the Eagles state convention in June.

Will Buy Carload of Horses.

Adolph Keller of the Virginia Horse company left yesterday for Waterloo, Iowa, where he will purchase a carload of draft horses for the local market. This company has since the first of the year sold about ten carloads of draft horses to farmers living in the neighborhood.

Chester Whiting Better.

Chester Whiting, who was severely injured at Chisholm Friday when he received a severe electric shock at the substation of the Great Northern Power company, has been brought from the Weber hospital to his home. He is resting easily and will be quite himself again in a few days.

Will Work At Spooner Mill.

Richard Rice is spending the week with his family in Virginia. He will be employed during the summer as a sawyer in one of the big sawmill plants at Spooner, which is expected to resume operations for the season's run next week.

Four Sent to Work Farm.

Four petty offenders were before Judge Carey in municipal court this morning and were given work farm sentences. They were taken to Duluth at noon by Deputy Sheriff Arthur O'Dea.

Widening Wolfe Road.

The city has a crew of ten men engaged in widening and improving the Wolfe road leading from this city direct to Wolfe Junction.

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Miss Gladys Aho spent Sunday at her home in Chisholm. Miss Matilda Gulas was a visitor here yesterday from Hibbing. Miss Lennie Westrom of Biwabik visited friends in the city yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mitchell of Eveleth were Virginia visitors last evening.

Carl Allard and L. Braydon of Hibbing visited here yesterday with friends. R. J. Koerner, of the Virginia Floral company, is today transacting business at Eveleth.

M. Madalie of Buhl was a visitor here yesterday and attended the baseball game.

E. I. Casey of Biwabik was in the city yesterday afternoon to attend the baseball game.

G. C. Bickford and his mother, Mrs. M. E. Hendrick, motored to Clear Lake Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Munro of Chisholm were the guests of Virginia friends yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Schmidt of Chisholm were Virginia visitors yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. A. B. Coates left at noon for Duluth where she will make a short visit with friends.

Miss Lucile Glode of Eveleth visited here yesterday with friends and attended the ball game.

Dr. Raymond, who recently opened dental offices at Cook, was the guest of Virginia friends yesterday.

J. Horrich and family of McKinley motored to Virginia yesterday and attended the ball game.

Mr. and Mrs. Ab. Shapiro of Chisholm were the guests of Virginia friends yesterday afternoon.

Miss Nellie Smith and Mrs. De Marco of Hibbing attended the baseball game here yesterday at Oliver park.

Sidney Combe and Horace Rowe of Hibbing were visitors here yesterday with friends and attended the baseball game.

Nestor Rauma of Eveleth and William Hooker of Hibbing were visitors here yesterday and attended the baseball game.

The Misses Mable Teal, Kate McHale and Sarah Gow of Hibbing were visitors here yesterday and attended the ball game.

William Rajha of Hibbing attended the ball game yesterday afternoon at Oliver park, between the Hibbing and Virginia nines.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schirmer of Chisholm visited here with friends yesterday. They attended the ball game at Oliver park.

Frank Kreitzer of this city, who is employed by a mining company at Hibbing, was a visitor at his home here yesterday.

Georgy Kolstad and Percy Webster of Hibbing attended the ball game here yesterday and spent last evening with friends in this city.

Carl Neimi and Bud Sheedy of Eveleth were among the fans from that place that attended the baseball game yesterday at Oliver park.

Mrs. G. R. Clark of Duluth left at noon after a visit of several days at the Fay hotel for her home. Mr. Clark is transacting business here.

John Wayne, John Hirstio and Peter Western of Chisholm were visitors here yesterday and attended the Hibbing-Virginia baseball game.

Miss Hazel Tobin and Miss Mary Graecski of Hibbing visited here yesterday with friends and attended the baseball game at Oliver park.

Miss Lucille Christopherson of this city and her sister Miss Mable Christopherson of Embarrass, visited with friends at Chisholm Saturday and Sunday.

J. Goldenberg of Chisholm was among the baseball fans who attended the game at Oliver Park yesterday between the Hibbing and Virginia nines.

Max Glassner, Charley Anderson, R. E. Dallman and Henry Robinson, and Frank Guimont were among the Biwabik fans at the baseball game yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lick of Hibbing were visitors here yesterday. Mr. Lick is in charge of the millinery department at the Galloway store in Hibbing.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Austin of Chisholm and Mayor and Mrs. Victor L. Power of Hibbing motored to Virginia yesterday afternoon to attend the baseball game.

Morris Shandelling, of the Shandelling Bros. Dry Goods store, Chestnut street, returned last evening from the eastern markets where he has been doing his summer buying.

Miss Dagmar Norin of International Falls was a visitor here yesterday as the guest of her brother, L. A. Norin, pharmacist and clerk at the Central avenue pharmacy. She returned last evening.

Mrs. L. Cohen and daughter, Miss Minnie, returned Sunday evening from St. Paul where they have been visiting for several days with friends. They were accompanied by Miss Eva Woolpy, who will visit here several days as their guest.

Sydney O'Connor of the circulation department of the Duluth News-Tribune was a Virginia visitor yesterday, the guest of George Olcott, who has charge of the News-Tribune's Range circulation.

Mayor Jacob Saari, James Boyle, engineer, who captained the Minnesota University ball team in 1909, R. Niemi and Paul Hintza, all of Eveleth, were visitors here yesterday and attended the ball game.

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Improving Chisholm Exchange. Fred Lister, district manager for the Mesaba Telephone company is in the city on business today. Mr. Lister announces that his company will spend about \$16,000 this year improving its plant at Chisholm. A new section of toll board will be installed at the exchange, where, when and long distance business have up to this time been handled over one board.

The transmission equipment is also to be overhauled, reinforced and improved. At Grand Rapids the company is occupying a new office building and improving its service.

Park Board Meet Thursday. Bids for the furnishing of pipe to be used in the construction of cages for the park zoo, will be opened at the meeting of the park board Thursday evening. The park board through its superintendent Mr. Philbrick has already begun its campaign to beautify the city parks and boulevards.

At present a crew of about 50 men is employed under the park superintendent's supervision planting shrubbery and nursery stock, a carload having been received here Saturday from a Lake City nursery.

Coming for Visit. Mrs. C. R. Rhodes is expected in the city some time during next month for a visit with her mother, Mrs. McCarty. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes were formerly residents of Hibbing where they were engaged in the moving picture business and removed to Juneau, Alaska, something over a year ago.

Mrs. Rhodes writes that it is dull in the Alaska city, but that a considerable business revival is looked for when the building of the government railroad line begins.

Mother's Day May 9. Sunday, May 9, will be Mother's day.

Special services will be arranged in many of the churches in commemoration to the homage due to motherhood and men will wear a carnation in the buttonhole. Pink is the color generally worn where the mother of the wearer is still living and white in case she is dead.

Home from Cities. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Murray of the North Side returned yesterday from the Twin Cities, where they have been visiting for the past week. Mr. Murray has been transacting matters of business. He says that in St. Paul on the opening day of the baseball season the Saintry City was baseball mad. He was unable, because of business matters, to see the game.

Fish Weren't Biting. Fred Stacked and George Johnson, returned yesterday from Orr, where they spent several days fishing. They say that fish were not biting and brought back only a small catch. Very few catches of moose fish have been reported by Virginia fishermen this season.

Methodist Aid Meeting Tomorrow. The Ladies' Aid of the First M. E. church will meet tomorrow afternoon at the church parlors. All women are requested to bring in their subscriptions to the "Today" magazine. Next week the meeting of the Ladies' Aid will be held at the Mohami club, where a public social will be given. Four ladies of the North Side will serve.

Conductor to Take Trip. Conductor G. H. McGreevy of the Duluth and Iron Range passenger, is taking a layoff and D. F. Wetherby of Two Harbors is relieving him. Mr. McGreevy intends to take a trip to the west before again resuming his duties.

St. Paul's Guild Meets Tomorrow. The Mesdames W. B. Shaver and Ralph Wagy will entertain St. Paul's Episcopal guild at the guild hall tomorrow afternoon. Everyone is invited.

Two Births Yesterday. A son was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Anton Gerbach, North Wyoming avenue. A son was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. John Stanfer, 112 Chestnut street.

Lincoln Employe Buys Home. G. R. Comaish, shift boss at the Lincoln mine, has purchased through the Moilan-Johnson agency a home at St. Agnes. He expects to occupy it in a short time.

Chalmers Expert Here. T. J. Linskill expert demonstrator from the Chalmers factory at Detroit, Mich., is in the city today demonstrating Chalmers cars for Virginia owners. He was sent to the city by the service department of the company and will remain here for some time to demonstrate the cars and help out purchasers who want information regarding the operation of their machines.

Franklin Council Meeting. The next regular meeting of the village council of the village of Franklin will be held at the Lincoln mine offices next Saturday evening. It is probable that at that time the levy to be made by the village will be decided upon. For the reason that a quorum was not present no meeting of the Franklin council was held last Saturday evening.

Eastern Star Lodge Meets. A regular meeting of the Eastern Star lodge, Chapter E. D., will be held tonight. A class will be initiated into the order. A special meeting of the chapter will be held Thursday evening, when the last class to be taken in before the charter is granted will be initiated. All members are requested to be present at these meetings.

Remodeling Store Building for Bakery. The building on Central avenue formerly occupied by the Halter Shoe store, which is to be used by J. O. Johnson as a bakery and confectionery store, is being remodeled today by Virginia Builders Supply company. The work will be completed in a few days and Mr. Johnson will at once establish his business there.

Visited At Gilbert. Mr. and Mrs. M. Egleston of St. Paul, were in the city today on their way home from Gilbert, where they have been for several weeks visiting as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Botsford. They were accompanied to this city by Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Farmer and Mrs. Botsford.

Furnish Tile for Sewer Work. The Virginia Builders Supply company has received the contract to supply the city with six large tile to be used in sewer construction. This company has received five carloads of building material and have consigned three of these to various Range towns.

Hospital Parking Grounds. The grounds at the McIntyre hospital are being parked, a pergola is being built and other improvements intended to enhance their appearance are under way. The new addition to the hospital is now completed, making it one of the finest on the Range.

Miner Building Home. Oscar Saukkonen, one of the old employees of the Norman mine, has begun the erection of a new home on lots he recently purchased at Williams addition. He is putting up a four-room cottage.

Having Fine Residences Built. John Hoar is having built by Andrew Grande, local contractor and builder, two fine residences, one in West Virginia and the other on the North Side. He will rent them out to tenants.

Ladies' Aid Meeting. The Ladies' Aid of the Norwegian Lutheran church will meet at the church parlors tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. J. C. Reinertsen will be hostess for the afternoon.

Putting Fireplace In Summer Home. Dr. C. B. Lenont of the Lenont hospital in this city is having a new fireplace installed in his cottage at Lake Vermilion, about 6 miles from Joyce's Landing.

Will Be Treated By Dr. Schneider. John Howland, 332 Spruce street, left at noon for Milwaukee, where he will be treated by Dr. Schneider, for his eyes. He will be away for about a week.

Daughter Born. Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Farrell, 228 Locust street, are the parents of a daughter born yesterday afternoon.

Has Resigned Position. J. B. O'Donnell, who for several months has been employed as machinist for the Mesaba Railway company at their Virginia car shops, has resigned his position and left yesterday for Duluth. He has not made public his plans for the future.

Range Editor to Visit. Charles Monroe Reeves, Range editor of the Duluth News-Tribune, will arrive here this evening on business. He was until several months ago the Range representative for that paper and while here made many friends.

Niemi Baby's Funeral Today. Marie Annikki Niemi, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Niemi, died yesterday morning of

bronchitis. The funeral was held this afternoon from the residence and interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

Chester Whiting Improving. Chester Whiting, seriously burned in an accident at the plant of the Great Northern Power company at Chisholm last Saturday, is still confined to his home but is able to sit up. He was painfully burned about the hand and foot. The burns are healing slowly and it will be some time before he is able to resume his duties at the local offices of the Great Northern Power company.

Gets a Federal Job. Ben Wilk leaves today or tomorrow for Chicago, where he has accepted a position in the government engineering service. Mr. Wilk was graduated last year from the University of Minnesota and until a short time ago was connected with the office of the city engineer. Ben's many Virginia friends will be pleased to learn of his good fortune, but will regret to learn that he is to leave the city.

B. F. Smith Convalescent. B. F. Smith, pioneer of Virginia, who has been seriously ill, is convalescent. Mr. Smith felt well enough this morning so that he wanted to get out of bed, but his physicians refused to permit it for a few days yet. His son Stewart Smith is expected to arrive shortly from Alberta for a visit with his parents.

Will Deliver Anniversary Address. Rev. Fritz, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Biwabik and Gilbert, was in the city today on his way to Duluth, where he will tonight deliver the anniversary address before the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which will celebrate the 96th anniversary of the order's organization.

Sang for High School. The high school enjoyed a musical treat this morning when Mr. McNeil, traveling salesman for the Milton Bradley company, who sell kindergarten supplies, sang several solos. Mr. McNeil has a fine tenor voice and his visits to Virginia are always anticipated with interest.

Attended Duluth Show. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lamont, Mrs. A. B. Coates and Mrs. Fred Lerch were among the Virginia people who went to Duluth to see Maude Adams in "Quality Street" at the Lyceum theater. They returned to the city last evening.

Licensed to Wed. Marriage licenses were issued this morning to Roy Sher and Bessie Snider and to John Laugh and Esther Raunig.

Moving Family. Solomon Stulberg is today moving his family and household goods from 416 Helm street to a residence on Maple street.

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A night and day train crew was put to work today at the Alpena mine, which has started to load from the stockpile. This mine has three shifts being operated and is also working two shovels in one shaft. Indications are that a considerable amount of ore will be shipped from it this season, especially since the ruling of the Interstate Commerce commission lowering the freight rate 5 cents per ton on all ore shipments over three railroad lines on the Mesaba Range.

Retail Clerks Meet. A regular meeting of the Retail Clerks' association will be held this evening at the North Pole hall. All members are requested to be present. The committee on arrangements will probably report as to the provisions that have been made for the dance to be given next month. Other business of importance will come up.

Establish Window Trimming Business. One of the newly established businesses in Virginia is the Mesaba Show Card & Window Service, of which Bert Broadbridge is manager. He has opened offices at 228 Chestnut street and is prepared to do up-to-date window trimming. He has a complete line of show cards, signs and banners for sale.

Duluth Newspaper Reporter Here. B. McGovern of the staff of the Duluth News-Tribune is a visitor here today. This is his first trip to the Range and he is well impressed with Virginia. He and his father were for years the owners of the Wabasha Herald. He has been with the News-Tribune for several months.

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Mike Lester of Gheen transacted business here today.

J. Enrich of Chisholm transacted business here today.

Herbert Burchell, Jr., left this morning for Duluth on business.

A. B. Coates was a passenger at noon to Duluth on business.

Mrs. M. Reigert of Tower, was a visitor in the city last evening.

J. Duffing and wife of Bemidji are visiting with friends here today.

Frank Buobach of Kelly Lake was a visitor here today on business.

David Cupperaull, of the Daily Virginian, left at noon for Duluth on business.

Martin Nelson of the Brandt-Nelson real estate company, was a passenger at noon to Kelsey.

Mrs. A. Abrahamson and family of Aurora are visiting today with relatives in this city.

J. E. Feinberg of the Shaneland Bros. store at Eveleth was a business visitor here today.

Mrs. A. Kenner of Wyoming avenue returned yesterday from Duluth, where she has been for several days visiting with friends.

Miss Anna Snyder returned last evening from Duluth and Superior, where she has been visiting for a few days with friends.

H. E. Reinertsen of the Reinertsen & Gamble Clothing company returned yesterday from Duluth, where he transacted business.

Miss Mary Forti returned yesterday from Duluth, where she has been visiting for the past month with friends and relatives.

Murdoch McDonald returned yesterday from Hudson, Wis., where he has been for a visit with his son, Byron McDonald, who is attending school there.

The Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will serve tea at the Mohami club rooms on Wednesday, April 28. All members are urged to bring friends.

Lander Johnson of Duluth left last evening for his home after having visited yesterday with friends on his way from Hibbing, where he has been visiting for several weeks.

Miss Anna Satterberg of Grantsburg, Wis., left last evening for her home after a visit of several weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. T. Peterson, 610 Locust street.

Herman Smith, who has been employed in Bemidji for several months, will make his home in Virginia and expects to get employment as a trainman in one of the local mines.

Harry Smith, formerly engineer for the Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific Railway company, has been visiting in Virginia. He expects to obtain work in one of the local mines as locomotive engineer.

Mrs. D. E. Larson returned yesterday from St. Paul where she has for the past month been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Larson.

O. A. Pearson of the C. A. Pearson Grocery company of St. Paul, who was a visitor here for several days, left at noon for St. Paul. He has been visiting with J. H. Curtis, who recently accepted a position as northwestern representative for the C. A. Pearson company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Halverson of Cook street left yesterday for Bemidji where they will visit for several days as the guest of their daughter, Mrs. Clara Remm, formerly of this city, who is now managing a forty acre farm near Bemidji.

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Military Band Plays Concert Sunday. The newly organized military band of which Alderman E. F. Murray is manager will give its first concert Sunday afternoon from the balcony at the Hotel Ormood. This band, which is under the direction of Silvio De Bacco, formerly member of the Creator and the Liberator bands and most able band director on the Range, has a membership of