

THE ELY MINER

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Perhaps after all some of these recent dollar-a-year men did not work for nothing at that. They are now coming into the spotlight as possible Presidential candidates.

Really, it would have been most interesting to have been a mouse in the Holland headquarters when the postman delivered the request from the Allies for Bill's carcass in the court house owned by the Allies.

There were 154 petitions in insanity cases filed with Probate Judge Gilpin last year. And judging by the talk one hears these perfectly 'dry' days the Judge is not going to play much golf or tennis this year.

It is the law, fellows, and it will now be the better part of good judgement for us to turn the old 'still' in on that new Henry this summer and try to get some kind of enjoyment out of life as we drift along towards the tomb.

Many a man would have put up more than Dempsey is said to have put up if they could have taken out insurance with it that they would not get overseas. And there were a lot of the boys that would have paid that amount to have gotten across.

A waitress in an Eastern restaurant and drawing down \$12 a week is driving her own \$4,500 car and says that she is receiving \$80.00 a week or more in tips. Is it any wonder that a lumberjack takes to 'white mule' and the wood alcohol when he reads how foolish it is to work?

Nashauk in Itasca County is going after the age old cow question right now. Their Commercial Club is securing some 200 acres of land near the city on which the 300 cows of the city will be placed the coming summer and kept off from the streets as they should be. Here we set out shade trees for our cows to browse on during their leisure.

Havana, Cuba, deck passages will now be selling at a premium now that enough Red Rib-bon and Old Crow has been shipped there from the U. S. A. to float their island. Watch the Cubans celebrate over their enumerators' returns. It is only a 90' mile swim across from Key West, fellows, should there not be ships enough for us all—and the Gulf Stream is fine and warm.

It sure is lucky for us of the proletariat class at least that the war did not continue on another week or ten days. Prices then would have been entirely prohibitive and we in the above class would all have starved to death. We are certainly getting out of it lucky at that. Even the price of postholes has trebled. Another day or two more of war and the hole in a doughnut would have been unobtainable by many of us.

Well, the good old ship Buford must be on the road home after another load of undesirables. Em. is now at home and Berkman is no doubt studying up new plans with his compatriots on just how to bust up the old U. S. by long distance. The Buford will no doubt be kept in commission from now on until the reddest of the reds are all back in the bosom of their old home country. Shoo—and gittaRussia out of here. Let's have your room for real MEN.

Either the Treaty is right or it is wrong. Time enough has been spent on it now in which to determine that. Either sign it or reject it and let us have this thing over with. Cut out the politics. Do business. It begins to look as if our alleged leaders had lost their minds and were wandering from day to day. Sign it or fire it—but forget politics. Right or wrong for the majority of us is what we want. Get busy and do something with the Treaty or give Dad the gun. Look alive.

Our sister on the North—Canada, is beginning to talk a little regarding reciprocity with the U. S. along many lines. We offered them reciprocity once some time since and they turned us down. Reciprocity will be a good thing for both countries. Let us hope that in time the line fence between the two of us will fade to a mere shadow and there will be hands from both sides of it reaching across for a brotherly shake. Since the war, Canucks and Yanks have looked differently to each other. And now it is up to the Canadians to offer the reciprocity olive branch to the Yank.

The Allies have at last asked for Bill's hide. If Bill was a real honest-to-goodness old Mon-arch, he'd crank up his car and start for the Allied headquarters himself. A Kentucky moon-shiner does that much when caught with the goods as Bill has been caught. However, it makes no difference whether Bill is in court or not. He can be tried and sentenced and then left to his own conscience. This would no doubt be done if the world at large believed that he had a conscience. But the machinery is now working in his behalf and by now Bill should be hunting for his prayerbook and packing his asbestos suit.

Right now is the time for the movie censor to get busy and cut out all this brass rail stuff midnight 'champagne' water dinners, and all such obsolete matters. Why have this continually rubbed in on us when we are trying to conform to the new law and get used to the less than one half of one per cent stuff. Cut it out of the film. Let the good old days rest. They are said to be by us now forever and the movies of them should have the shears used. Stick to the ten minute kiss and the twenty minute hug until some law comes along to make us quit that. But give us a rest on the brass rail stuff in the movies.

We no doubt, each of us, look at this daylight saving plan from our own individual standpoint and judge of it from the viewpoint of our own interests. But what can anyone see in it that is against it is something strange. Apparently it has everything for it and really nothing against it. It surely is the thing for the good old summer time after a winter's hibernation in overheated rooms. It may have its objections to some, but we believe that the vast majority of us will be benefitted by it. Let's try it again in Ely this year and if too many of us die over it—why, repeal it again.

Just why is a newspaper printed in the United States in a foreign language? These aliens must think that they are the whole host instead of our guests. What right have they here until they earn such rights? Who are they to tell us Americans what to do and how to do it and in a foreign tongue? Make them change their type and print newspapers in the good old American tongue. Give an alien a year after arrival to learn to talk and read our language and to become a citizen with us and then if he fails in this ask him pointedly why he is here. Let's not stand for any more of this thirty year stuff as we did in Goldman, Berkman, et al. before we send them home.

The school of education for the down-staters relative to the tonnage tax, is now on and seems to be well organized. Speakers should now invade the south half of the state and show to all those who will listen, that the tonnage tax will not react only on the North half of the state, and the mining companies in particular, but upon themselves as well. It means a drag on the whole state and all its industries from farming to mining. It is another tax on industry in which all must contribute to it. We have gotten along so far without it and have done very nicely at that, so why not settle the fool thing now and forever? Let's help to build up more big industries for the state rather than to get the gun and take a pot shot at that good old goose that once upon a time laid that wonderful egg. Let's meet the big things with a band (Jazz) rather than to go out with a club and scare them off. The salvaging of our low grade ores is now a possibility. Some more big business for Minnesota. With the benefits to accrue from that we could almost afford to forego any taxes on that infant industry for five years. Minnesota is forever, not for a day. Let's forget this heritage business on iron ore alone and pull our coats for a still greater development along that line and Minnesota will become a state to come TO and not one to get OUT of. Be fair, gentlemen, and have a look longer and farther away than the end of your own noses.

It would seem that with the present prices of eggs staring us in the face that there would be a stampepe for a couple of hens and a crack-er box for a nest. The old hen is, however, a queer "critter." For some she makes them rich, while others, and these are in the large majority—go broke in trying to make her come across with the nuggets. We wish we had the fortunes made by hens—on paper. Millions have been salted down in this way. Twelve hens—12 eggs—\$1.10 per day. A hundred hens, a hundred eggs—but today the hens are over the alley fence waiting for the garbage man to come along in the spring and get them. From our vast and varied experience in hens, learned while watching the other fellow put them over the alley fence, we have come to the conclusion that hens can be made to pay; but they must be made a solemn study and must have a real liking for the work. Haphazard methods will not go. Success with hens requires good care of them, a knowledge of their wants and a few poultry bulletins from the Government, which they will furnish free upon application. There is a field anywhere in this line of work and with the present prices for both poultry and eggs, it is a wonder that more are not engaged in the industry.

DO WE OWE EUROPE MONEY?

Europe owes the United States ten billions of dollars, to which is to be added a billion and a half dollars interest. On top of this comes the advice of certain American financiers and statesmen that we should loan Europe ten billion dollars more, "to rehabilitate them," and to keep them from starving.

The total debt of the United States when we entered the war was less than one billion dollars. The liquidation of thirty-two billion dollars, upon which interest charges must be paid, within a period of twenty-five years, is the practical problem to which the country's financial minds are now being bent.

The extravagance of "Coal Oil Johnny" and the recklessness with his money of the famed "Drunken Sailor" are comparable to the open-handed munificence of Uncle Sam in his role of stage-manager to the whole world, and "angel" for all the actors.

In consequence, with every means of taxation and revenue now in force being utilized, the American people will face a total deficit by June 30, 1921, of approximately six billion dollars.

The ultimate reasoning is that values in this country have permanently increased. The profiteers may be swatted, and in many instances there should be a stabilizing of prices. But just the same this nation has passed onto a different basis than heretofore; and neither a wizard nor a seer can figure out that the vast majority of things that have to be paid for in dollars and cents by American men and women can possibly be much cheaper than they are at present.

Of course incomes have greatly increased, but the process of "getting and spending" has been compared by someone to the case of the cat chasing its own tail.

So far as dollars and cents are concerned Europe might consider that this country is already in rather bad with its own banker. And from most of that proposed ten billions they might accept a "beg to be excused."

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF ELY.

Ely, Minn., Jan. 15, 1920.
Special meeting of the City Council called to order at two o'clock P. M. by Mayor Knutson.

The call was read as follows:
To Aldermen Erickson, Maki, Jenko, Champa, Strachan and Johnson, City of Ely, Minnesota.
Gentlemen:
You and each of you are hereby notified that there will be a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Ely, Minnesota, in the council chambers in the City Hall at two o'clock P. M. Thursday, January 15, 1920 for the purpose of considering the methods of levying certain assessments for improvements made in the said city, by order of the Mayor.

Dated at Ely, Minnesota, this 15th day of January, 1920.

Yours very truly,
ARTHUR KNUXTSON,
City Clerk.

Present: Aldermen Erickson, Maki, Jenko, Champa, Strachan, Johnson and Mayor Knutson. Absent: None.

Moved by Alderman Strachan, supported by Alderman Erickson, that an assessment be prepared for the work done on that certain main or trunk sewer beginning in the alley between Blocks One and Eight, Co-man's Addition, running easterly and thence northerly to a point on Sheridan Street, between Seventh and Eighth Avenues East. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Strachan, supported by Alderman Jenko, that the meeting adjourn. Carried.
ARTHUR KNUXTSON,
City Clerk.

Ely, Minnesota, Jan. 20, 1920.
Regular meeting of the City Council called to order at eight o'clock P. M. by Mayor Knutson.

Present: Aldermen Erickson, Maki, Jenko, Champa, Strachan, Johnson, and Mayor Knutson. Absent: None.

Moved by Alderman Maki, supported by Alderman Strachan, that the minutes of the last regular meeting be approved as published and that the reading of the minutes of the last special meeting be dispensed with. Carried.

The Finance Committee recommended that the following bills be allowed and paid.

Wm. Pearson, for third estimate and extra work on painting contract, \$ 781.97
Ely Plumbing & Heating Co., for plumbing work, 1,127.78

Moved by Alderman Erickson, supported by Alderman Johnson, that the bills be accepted and filed and the City Clerk authorized to draw orders on the City Treasurer, in payment of the above stated amounts. Carried.

Communication from the City Clerk requesting the purchase of filing equipment was read.

Moved by Alderman Strachan, supported by Alderman Johnson, that the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids according to plans and specifications. Bids to be opened and considered at the regular meeting of the City Council to be held on Tuesday, February 17, 1920. Carried.

City Engineer's Estimate No. 7 showing the amount of work completed and amount due Aaby & Maturi, for work done on the sedimentation basin to be \$5,424.57 was read.

Moved by Alderman Strachan, supported by Alderman Johnson, that the report be accepted and filed and that the City Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the City Treasurer in payment of the above stated amount. Carried.

The Health Commissioner made a verbal report relative to the installation of a laboratory for testing the city water supply.

Moved by Alderman Maki, supported by Alderman Champa, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Sanitation and Police and the Health Commissioner to report at the next regular meeting. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Strachan, supported by Alderman Johnson, that the City Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specifications under the supervision of the State Board of Health for a suitable septic tank and to submit same as soon as possible. Carried.

A Committee from the Board of Directors of the Community Service Center appeared before the Council relative to the engagement of a manager for the Community Center.

Moved by Alderman Erickson, supported by Alderman Johnson, that the matter of engaging a manager be referred to the Board of Directors of the Community Service Center with power to act. Carried.

Requisition for supplies from the Superintendent of the Light and Water Department was read.

Moved by Alderman Strachan, supported by Alderman Erickson, that the requisition be accepted and filed and the matter referred to the Sales and Purchasing Committee with power to act. Carried.

Communication from the City Assessor requesting an increase in salary was read.

that the salary of the City Assessor be increased from \$160.00 per month to \$200.00 per month, same to take effect January 1, 1920.

Moved by Alderman Johnson, supported by Alderman Champa, that the salary of the City Engineer be increased from \$150.00 per month to \$160.00 per month, said salaries to take effect January 1, 1920.

Moved by Alderman Maki, supported by Alderman Champa, that the Council dissolve into a Committee of the Whole to consider salaries and wages to be paid. Carried.

Communication from Aaby & Maturi, requesting an extension of time to June 15, 1920 in which to complete their contract was read.

Moved by Alderman Jenko, supported by Alderman Johnson, that the communication be accepted and filed and that the time to complete their contract be extended to June 15, 1920. Carried.

Communication from the Minnesota Fair Tax Association requesting a contribution of one hundred dollars was read.

Moved by Alderman Strachan, supported by Alderman Erickson, that the communication be accepted and filed and the City Clerk be instructed to draw an order on the City Treasurer in the amount of one hundred dollars, made payable to the Minnesota Fair Tax Association. Carried.

Communication from Mr. Steve Banovetz, claiming that he was underpaid \$10.25 for the month of November, was read.

Moved by Alderman Maki, supported by Alderman Champa, that the communication be accepted and filed and referred to the Committee of the Whole. Carried.

Communication from Matt Supantic, requesting a transfer of his pool hall and soft drink licenses from Lot 4, Block 4, Crane's Re-arrangement of Block 4, to Lot 5, Block 4, Crane's Re-arrangement of Block 4 was read.

Moved by Alderman Champa, supported by Alderman Johnson, that the communication be accepted and filed and transfer granted. Carried.

Communication from the consulting engineer recommending the purchase of a new boiler feed pump was read.

Moved by Alderman Strachan, supported by Alderman Champa, that the communication be accepted and filed and recommendation carried out. Carried.

Surety bond of Andrew Watilo, Jr., in the amount of \$25,000.00 with the Aetna Casualty & Surety Company as sureties thereon was read.

Moved by Alderman Strachan, supported by Alderman Johnson, that the bond of Andrew Watilo, Jr., be approved. Carried.

Bond of the Heine Safety Boiler Company in the amount of \$16,550.00 with the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company as sureties thereon was read.

Moved by Alderman Maki, supported by Alderman Strachan, that the bond of the Heine Safety Boiler Company be approved. Carried.

The following applications for soft drink and pool hall licenses were read:

John I. Hirvivaara, soft drink and pool hall licenses to operate on N. 3 1/4 feet and S. 1/4 of Lots 1, 2, 3, & 4 of Block 13.

Matt Supantic, pool hall and soft drink licenses to operate on Lot 3, Block 4 of Crane's Re-arrangement of Block 4.

Steve Agnich, pool hall and soft drink licenses to operate on Lot 12, Block 3, Whiteside's Addition.

Edward Remes, soft drink license to operate on Lot 12, Block 15, original plat.

Waino Melartin, pool hall and soft drink licenses to operate on Lot 6, Block 14, original plat.

Joe Mavets, pool hall and soft drink licenses to operate on Lot 1, Block 4, Crane's Re-arrangement of Block 4.

Matt Palolampi, soft drink license to operate on Lot 5, Block 11, Original plat.

John Judnich, pool hall and soft drink licenses to operate on Lot 8, Block 7, Original plat.

Frank Koschak, pool hall and soft drink licenses to operate on Lot 1, Block 12, Original plat.

The various applications for licenses were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Moved by Alderman Strachan, supported by Alderman Johnson, that the Council revoke the action taken at the special meeting held on January 15, 1920, regarding the assessment of a certain main or trunk sewer. Carried.

Proposals from the Ely Miner Print proposing to do the official advertising for the City of Ely for the ensuing year at the rate of 75c. per folio for the first insertion, and 35c. for subsequent insertions was read.

Moved by Alderman Strachan, supported by Alderman Johnson, that the proposal of the Ely Miner Print be accepted and filed and the proper officials be authorized and directed to enter into a contract for the printing of all official advertising. Carried.

Proposal of J. A. Rothman proposing to haul coal from the City coal pockets to the Light and Water Plant at the rate of 40c. per ton was read.

Moved by Alderman Erickson, supported by Alderman Maki, that the proposal of J. A. Rothman be accepted and filed and the proper officials be directed and authorized to enter into a contract with Mr. Rothman for the hauling of coal. Carried.

The Council dissolved into a Committee of the Whole to consider the various matters referred.

Alderman Maki appointed chairman.

Recess declared.

Meeting called to order.

Report of the Committee of the Whole was read as follows:

Ely, Minnesota, Jan. 20, 1920.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council, City of Ely, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

We, your Committee of the Whole, to whom various matters were referred beg to report and recommend that: The claim of Steve Banovetz be not allowed and that the situation be explained to him accompanied by a statement of facts: That the application of Matt Palolampi for a soft drink license be rejected: That all other applications for soft drink and pool hall licenses be accepted and filed and licenses granted: That the salaries and wages be paid as follows, effective January 1, 1920:

Fire Truck Drivers,.....	\$ 150.00 "
Police Officers,.....	150.00 "
Police Sergeant,.....	155.00 "
Chief of Police,.....	185.00 "
Supply Clerk,.....	55.00 "
Clerk Light and Water Department,.....	55.00 "
Janitors,.....	110.00 "
Street Commissioner,.....	165.00 "
Superintendent Light and Water Department,.....	210.00 "
Carried.	
Yr.	
Chief Fire Department,.....	400.00 "
Health Commissioner,.....	400.00 "
Day.	
Team Labor,.....	9.00 "

Firemen at Plant,.....	5.00 "
Plumber,.....	5.50 "
Chief Lineman,.....	6.75 "
Engineers at Plant,.....	6.75 "
Machinist's Helper,.....	4.75 "
Linemen,.....	5.25 "

Common Labor \$4.00—
\$5.00 per day under the supervision of the Street Commissioner.

That the members of the Ely Fire Department be paid \$3.00 for the first hour while in attendance at fires or false alarms and \$2.00 for each succeeding hour.

That the City Clerk be authorized to increase the insurance on the City Hall Building from \$7,000.00 to \$10,000.00 and to insure the furnishings in the City Hall Building in the amount of \$1,000.00.

The Committee of the Whole.
By G. A. MAKI,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Maki, supported by Alderman Champa, that the report of the Committee of the Whole be accepted and filed and the recommendations carried out. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Strachan, supported by Alderman Johnson, that the Superintendent of the Light and Water Department be instructed to report as soon as possible to this Council showing the cost of producing water and electric current and that he be further instructed to submit monthly reports showing the loss or gain in the operation of the Light and Water Plant.

Moved by Alderman Strachan, supported by Alderman Johnson, that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

ARTHUR KNUXTSON,
City Clerk.

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