

On This Occasion

Just a few thoughts by the Editor on the thing Material and Immaterial.

An error which crept into the types last week stated that A. E. Knutson, our city clerk, had "continuously" held the office since 1895. This error cannot be laid to the linotype operator because the editor wrote the machine himself, operated the machine and made the proof thereon.

"Resolved that the Present Jury System in the United States Should be Abolished" is the subject chosen for debate by the range High School debating teams. The first of the debates was held here Friday evening and Ely had the affirmative side of the argument.

The Ely debaters showed that with the exemptions from jury duty granted to business and professional men, state, county and municipal officials, employees, the army and navy, churches and schools, physicians, surgeons and attorneys, there was no one left from which to draw a jury but the common laborer.

This question has been agitating the minds of both the judiciary and citizenship for some time and being a matter of the Constitution, no attempt is made to change the system although many are of the opinion that changes should be made.

It has also been the practice in some courts to go into a minute examination of the jury panel which absolutely has no bearing on the case. In the first place the juror is sworn to abide by the evidence.

An alternative has many times been suggested. This is that twelve of the brightest minds in the country be chosen and that these act as jurors all the time.

We hate to say it but we are all criminals. Any ordinary good citizen of this city can break twenty or more laws on his way to work mornings and there are some 30,000 others that he can violate any time, however.

Forty-eight state legislatures, 16,000 inspectors, clerks, tax collectors, and about 3,000 counties are in the lawmaking business and more than 100,000 lawmakers duly elected are incessantly busy making new laws.

But, there is no sense in walling over the multiples persons. Laws are only made for the other fellow.

We had no sooner become acquainted with President Horace Johnson in his position with the Duluth & Iron Range than he showed that place personal touch with the road. Since taking his position as president, Mr. Johnson has come in close personal touch with the patrons of the line as well as with the employees.

Mr. Johnson was auditor of the system for many years and we can in all truth state that this job was no sinecure with all the chances of place personal touch that came with the presidency. As auditor he came in contact with the machine or accounting side and all the attendant or working side of the business.

W. A. McGonigle, the new president. (Continued on Page Four)

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AN APPRECIATION.

Through the kindness of Editor Frank Burgess of the Tower News and his foreman, "Billy" Smith, the Miner is being published this week.

DEBATE AND SPORT COMMITTEE PLANS

Rules for the debates and basket ball tournaments have been made by the committee composed of Supt. W. J. Ryan, of Gilbert Supt. E. R. Peterson of International Falls and Supt. W. E. Noyes of Tower.

An important change in reducing the district into three sub-districts for declamation was made. Schools are now grouped as follows: Aurora, Biwabik and Gilbert; Tower, Ely and Mt. Iron; International Falls, Virginia and Eveleth.

First series—Must be completed on or before January 20. Ely affirmative vs. Eveleth negative. This was held here last Friday and was won by Eveleth.

Second series—Must be completed on or before January 25: Virginia affirmative vs. Ely negative. Eveleth affirmative vs. International Falls negative.

Third series—Must be completed on or before February 1: Gilbert affirmative vs. Virginia negative. International Falls affirmative vs. Eveleth negative.

Fourth series—Must be completed on or before February 8: Ely affirmative vs. Gilbert negative. Virginia affirmative vs. International Falls negative.

Fifth series—Must be completed on or before February 15: Eveleth affirmative vs. Virginia negative. International Falls affirmative vs. Ely negative.

The committee decided that besides the championship trophy there will this year be offered a "sportsmanship" trophy. This plan has been successfully operated at state and other district tournaments and will be met with the approval of everyone in this district.



"AS YE SOW SO SHALL YE REAP"

How truly this old saying applies to your own credit rating. It is the direct result of the manner in which you attend to your charge accounts.

PAY YOUR BILLS PROMPTLY

ENGINEER'S CLUB ON S.-N. BILL

Several amendments to the Shipstead-Nolan bill, which provides for the protection of border lands and waters, were given the unanimous approval of the Duluth Engineers' club at a special meeting of the general membership last week at the Hotel Duluth.

In addition to the indorsement of the four original amendments recommended by the senate committee on agriculture and forestry a year ago, which have been omitted by Senator Shipstead and Congressman Nolan in the new bills they introduced at the opening of the present congress, Duluth engineers approved three more changes in the proposed law to protect agricultural lands and hydro-electric development and also permit the building of rail lines and highways for the moving of mine and forest products.

The additional amendments as recommended by the Club are: "The included area shall be so limited as not to take in scattered Federal lands in the farming and mining communities which are already established and that

"Local development of small scale hydro-electric power on private lands and for private purpose shall not be restricted.

"That an amendment shall provide for right-of-ways for railways and highways necessary to the development of mineral resources as well as the economic utilization of forest products.

OLD TIMER PASSES AWAY

Anton Wulot, who has been a resident of Ely since among the first settlers, died at his home Monday after an illness of only a few hours, at the advanced age of 73 years.

Mr. Wulot has been an employe of the city for the past 17 years, holding the position of janitor at the City Hall. He was taken to his home by Chief Narkervis.

He retired and a short time later when Mrs. Wulot, who had gone to make him some hot coffee, returned, she found her husband dead. Heart failure was given as the cause of death.

The funeral will be held Saturday morning from the Catholic church, Rev. Frank Mihelich officiating. Surviving are his widow, one son and three daughters. All the daughters are residents of other cities, but have arrived to attend the funeral. The son, John, resides with his parents in this city.

The bereaved family have the sympathy of a host of friends.

STEPS TO STOP JAM AT SCHOOL GAMES

New regulations have been made for the care of the jam at the basket ball games at the Memorial gymnasium.

Hereafter students will enter the building and secure their tickets at the north entrance while adults will use the west entrance as heretofore. The doors will open at 7:00 o'clock to admit spectators.

Saturday, (tomorrow) Aurora will be here to play the High School team and Coleraine Junior College will try conclusions with the Ely College quint.

As an added attraction, the second team of Aurora and Ely will also play. This game will begin at 7:10; the High School game at 8:00 and the Junior College game at 8:00.

Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock the Hibbing High School swimmers will compete with the Ely mermen.

ATHLETICS

Eveleth Quints Trounced Close to 1,500 persons jammed the Memorial gymnasium evening to see the Ely high school and Junior College quints come through with two clean cut victories.

The college game was one of the best ever witnessed on a local floor and had all the thrills of a championship game. The local boys were the outset, were always in the lead and played the game in their opponents territory most of the time.

In the Virginia game the locals came from behind in the third quarter to take an early lead which they never relinquished. At the end of the half Ely trailed by an 11 to 10 count, but soon afterward led a commanding 19 to 15 lead.

Those in the Ely lineup were: Hill, f; Smerker, f; Grahek, f; Gouze, f; Gerzin, c; Banovetz, g; Skala, g. For Virginia were: Jackaba, f; Leader, f; Keller, f; Salmi, f; Kukar, c; Hill, c; Urick, g; Germ, g; Sandstrom, g.

The game was marred by numerous fouling but few of the fouls were the result of Ely since among the first fouling came because of the rapid pace of the two teams. The locals inability to connect with the hoop on their gift tosses in both the Virginia and Eveleth games kept down their score considerably.

The Ely lineup was composed of Grahek, f; Smerker, f; Hill, f; Gouze, f; Gerzin, c; Merhar, c; Banovetz, g; Skala, g. For Virginia were Matison, f; Knuttil, f; Grahek, f; Brown, c; Smerker, c; Matson, g; Christian, g; Spitznagel, g.

The teams promise to come through with victories over the Coleraine Jaysees and Aurora High in the double header tomorrow. Ely will play at 7:00 on Saturday the high school quint played superb ball and had an easy time with the Eveleth high team.

A feat that the boys may well be proud of was the fact that they had but two fouls called on them in the entire game, both of these coming in the final quarter of the game. Grahek and Tomsich, the "Milwaukee Avenue Twins" played the best game of their career.

The bulwark of the guarding went to Lindy even though he caged three field goals also. Capt. Bob Nicholas caged only one basket, but he was every play and his floor work passing accounted for many of the points. Kral and Tomsich carried off scoring honors with six baskets and a free throw apiece.

The locals however, were decidedly off form on their gift losses caging but two out of sixteen chances. If the boys had connected with a fair majority of their free throws the score would have been in the fifty column.

The Ely lineup was Capt. Nicholas, f; G. Nicholas, f; Tomsich, f; Zgonc, f; Kral, c; Banovetz, c; Grahek, g; Lindy, g; Bolinger, f; Eveleth with Kral following in the lineup; Pavich, f; Kochevar, f; Jagunich, f; Brunich, f; Mirolovich, c; Prinoovich, c; Malovich, g; Bjokic, g; Kochevar, g; Hill, g; Matiel, g.

Swimmers "Drowned" Aurora With a crippled team last Saturday the locals journeyed to Aurora and took them into camp by the decisive count of 59 to 16. Despite the loss of four members through injury the local mermen were complete masters of the meet, taking all eight firsts and five out of a possible six seconds, the 40 yard dash being the only single event that Ely failed to place both first and second in.

100-yard relay, Ely first, (Bonner, Tuomala, Nykanen and Sutherland); 100-yard breast, Chernyev and Tuomikoski of Ely tied for first; Gvozdonovich, Aurora, third; 40-yard dash, Dunstan, Ely, first, Koroncher, Aurora, second; Ralhala, Aurora, third; 200-yard crawl, Kittila, Ely, first, Bonner, Ely, second and Debolack, Aurora, third; 100-yard back, Eling, Ely, first, Herranen, Ely, second, Maki, Aurora, third; 100-yard free, Dunstan, Ely, first, Nykanen, Ely, second, Olson, Aurora, third; diving, Herranen, Ely, first, Klune, Ely, second, Ober, Aurora, third; medley relay, Ely, first, (Eling, backstroke; Tantarri, breast stroke; Kittila, crawl).

Coach Hereth is extremely worried about his chances in what promises to be one of the closest meets of the season next Saturday when the Hibbing men will be met here. Nikinen, Anderson, Pechover and Le Roy have been ruled ineligible for the coming meet and although the boys probably will be eligible later in the season their loss will be keenly felt in the forthcoming meet.

Everything is not altogether gloomy in the swimmers camp, however, for most of the meet is rounding into the best condition of their careers. Eling this year's captain, Kittila, and Bonner are among the outstanding crawl swimmers. Herranen who took up diving only a few weeks ago is rapidly rounding out a diver of note but lacks consistency, however.

Hibbing will come here with a powerful team as usual; outstanding and a star well worth seeing is Paavala who has on several occasions closely threatened the world's record in his pet event, the back stroke.

The girls' team will also swim Saturday taking part in a triangular meet at Biwabik with the latter team and Oshkosh. The squad is well fortified this year with both regulars and recruits and the girls promise to give a very good account of themselves in the meet, despite the fact that they will be up against two of the strongest teams in the state.

Tower Wins 21 to 17 Close to 200 followers of the Ely high school basket ball team journeyed to Tower Wednesday evening to see the locals go down before the Tower quint by a score of 21 to 17 count. The game was declared as one of the best ever played on the Tower floor.

Tower took the lead from the tip off and were never headed by Ely. The Tower quint held a seven point lead at the end of the first quarter and increased it to 19 to 6 at half time. Ely came back in the second half to completely outplay the Tower team at all stages of the game but the lead was too much for Tower who capped their quarter Ely scored a field goal and a gift toss while they held their opponents scoreless. In the last canto the locals connected with the hoop for eight points while Tower capped but a single goal. Ely's fourth quarter rally found them hitting their real stride but time cut short a victory.

Capt. Nicholas and Tomsich carried the brunt of the Ely attack while Wilson and Tomsich played the best for the victors. The team played about as good as could be expected on the small floor at Tower and no doubt the locals will defeat Tower by a handy margin when they meet here next month.

The Ely lineup was composed of Nicholas, f; Tomsich, f; Banovetz, f; Kral, c; Grahek, g; Lindy, g. The Tower winners were Yapel, f; Wilson, c; Erula, c; Johnson, g; Refaus, g; Official, K. W. Virginia, referee; Christiansen, Eveleth, umpire.

CHISHOLM PIN SPILLERS LOSE

The Chisholm bowling team came again Sunday in an attempt to repeat their conquest of the Sunday before when they topped the Ely team by three pin scores in the three games played. Both teams were slightly off form Sunday, no one hitting the 200 mark.

The Ely bowlers will go to Chisholm on Sunday, January 26, for the third and final games of the series and to decide the championship between these two teams. Ely now has a lead on the Chisholm team in the six games played, of 122 pins. The score for Sunday's games is as follows; three games being rolled:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Total: 2445. Ely: Mitchell 438, Shell 492, Chick 563, Jake 494, Squirrel 465. Total: 2570.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK MEETING AND ELECTION The stockholders of the First National Bank held their annual meeting on Tuesday, January 14th. The reports from officers and the called report made to the National banking department showed a prosperous condition. The following Board of Directors were chosen, the board being unanimously re-elected: Geo. T. Ayres, A. Fenske, E. C. Jones, Wm. Mudge, R. M. Sellwood and L. J. White.

The Directors met immediately and chose the following officers for the ensuing year: President—R. M. Sellwood. Vice President—Geo. T. Ayres. Cashier—L. J. White. Assistant Cashier—Geo. T. Somers.

Mrs. Matt Martin entertained Wednesday evening at four tables of bridge. Honors were awarded to Mrs. Lawrence Laska, T. Archie Bonnier and Mrs. Wm. Burley.

The remains of Mrs. Peter Penttinen, who died at a Duluth hospital Sunday, were brought to the city by Undertaker Laing. Mrs. Penttinen's death was caused by tuberculosis from which she has suffered for some time. She resided with her family on a farm near Spalding.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon from the church at Winton. Her former home, Rev. Abo of the First Finnish Lutheran church will officiate.

JEWISH RABBI VISITS Dr. (Rabbi) E. Mints of Winnipeg, representing the New York branch of the Jewish National Fund of America, spent a few days in Ely this week. He addressed the Jewish people of the community at a meeting, telling them of the work being done in Palestine. He was pleased with the support he received. Louis Gordon was appointed to take charge of all funds to be sent from this district.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE Friends of Mrs. Geo. Anderson surprised her on her birthday last week at her home. Bridge was the feature of the afternoon, after which a delicious lunch was served. Covers were laid for forty.

BIRTHDAY CLUB PARTY At the bridge and bunco party which was given by the Birthday Club Tuesday evening at the Community Center, honors were won by Mrs. B. Agnew, Mrs. David Berglund, Mrs. Pearson and Jack Purdy for bridge and Mrs. Wm. Jones, Mrs. O. E. Gibson and Harry Davidson on bunco. After six games, Mr. Davidson sang several selections accompanied by Miss Lillian Schaefer at the piano. Lunch followed with covers laid for forty.

SURPRISE PARTY A number of friends surprised Mrs. Carrie Johnson at her home Thursday afternoon. A delicious lunch was served and all enjoyed a pleasant afternoon.