

LIVELY TILT IN SECOND WARD

VIRGINIA'S DULL PRIMARY ELECTION RELIEVED BY ALDERMANIC CONTEST.

LOUIS COHEN IS NOMINATED

CAMPAIGN WILL BE DECIDEDLY WARM FROM NOW ON.

Finnish Temperance Society Entertains—Eagles Elect Officers—J.

D. Lamont n Benedict.

News Tribune Correspondence:

VIRGINIA, Feb. 14.—Tuesday last was primary election day in this city and for nominations the event was the quietest the citizens have ever seen. The new law has just been tried and while many voters merely registered they were reluctant to "give up" as to their politics. Many voters will wait until March 25th, the last registration day before election, and get their names on the list, taking this step in preference to declaring or showing their political faith. The only excitement Tuesday was the fight for aldermanic nomination for two years in the Second ward, between Louis Cohen and Edward E. Burley. Both are well known citizens, but Mr. Cohen won out after a hard struggle by a majority of 18 votes. Following are the nominations made and the vote received for each of the primaries: Republican—Mayor, W. H. Eaton, 98; city recorder, Albert E. Bickford, 93; treasurer, W. B. Pratt, 94; aldermen, first ward, Gust Johnson, 2; second ward, Louis Cohen, 84; against 62 for E. E. Burley; third ward, H. Burchell, 10; fourth ward, Gust Blomberg, 7. D. C. Christopher is nominated for justice of the peace of the second ward. The Democratic ticket is: Mayor, A. N. Thompson, 24; city recorder, Gust Nelson, 21; aldermen—first ward, James Sullivan, 2; third ward, John Hovland; fourth ward, Jacob Johnson. William Rooney, a pioneer of the city and property owner of considerable extent, is making arrangements to enter the race for mayor as an independent, while S. Oberg will run for treasurer and N. A. Halmer will undoubtedly try for alderman of the Fourth ward, both of the latter to be nominated by petition. From now on the election mix-up will be a warm one and one often wonders if anything of its equal can be found in the Northwest, as to small cities.

Miss Eva Denigen, assistant postmistress of the Virginia postoffice, is confined to her home with a touch of small pox in a very gentle form. Dr. Lenont, the health officer, pronounced the case as being small pox and the many friends of the young lady wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. William Loulan, widow of the late assistant superintendent of the Drake & Stratton works on the range, was in the city over Sunday, having just returned from the burial of her husband at Pennsylvania, and on her way home at Hibbing, she visited with her sister, Mrs. Alvin Goodspeed.

Editor Cuppernull, of the Virginian, returned Tuesday night from a trip to Mankato, where Mrs. Cuppernull will visit for a few weeks.

The Finnish Temperance society held a very pleasing entertainment at their hall Sunday night. Songs, sketches, tableaux and short dramas were given and all concluded with a supper.

The officers for the ensuing year elected by the local Eagle aerie, were installed Sunday afternoon. The Virginia contingent is busy these days trying to organize an aerie at Hibbing and have met with flattering success, a lodge by that name being about to be instituted. It is a question as yet as to whether or not the new aerie will be a branch of the Virginia order or be allowed to "paddle" for itself, the latter proposition being most favored.

The social hop given at the opera house Monday night was much enjoyed by attendants from this city. Eveleth and Mountain Iron.

The wedding of Mrs. Grace Waulcock and John D. Lamont, civil engineer of this city, and both very popular here, is announced from Duluth, and took place Monday at the First M. E. church. Mr. and Mrs. Lamont spent their honeymoon in the Twin Cities and will occupy the Sibbett cottage at the corner of Central and Maple, which has been occupied by the bride for the past two years.

John L. Owens was a Carlton visitor Saturday.

City Recorder Bickford returned Saturday night from a trip to Duluth.

Capt. M. E. Fanning was a Zenith city visitor Saturday.

Supt. E. D. Parmelee, of the Franklin mine, was at Duluth Friday and Saturday.

The ladies of the Catholic Aid Society surprised Father Bilban at the priests home Tuesday, in honor of his birthday. Aside from many presents worth the popular divine the ladies brought appropriate viands and a very pleasant lunch was served.

A calico ball is the next event which is looked forward to by the dance goers.