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VIRGINIA, MINN.



M. C. PALMER,
Candidate for Register of Dees.

M. C. Palmer, the present register
of deeds, has again filed for re-elec-
tion. Mr. Palmer resides on the
range and is the only man from the
ranges holding a general county
office. He has a thorough and
practical knowledge of the laws
governing the register's office, and
will see that your titles to your
lands are correct and your instru-
ments are properly recorded. This
may save you litigation and ex-
pense in the courts.

During Mr. Palmer's incumbence
of the office of register of deeds the
office has been a net profit for
the tax-payers of St. Louis county
of a little over \$28,000.00. Mr.
Palmer stands squarely upon the
record he has made in the office
and for further recommend refers
to all the lawyers, bankers, real
estate exchange and all other
patrons of the office in St. Louis
county.

Do not let a Duluth man take
away the only county office the
range has.

Vote for M. C. Palmer, the range
candidate.

John Jones' New Furnace.

The people of Iron Mountain,
Dickinson county, Michigan, are
looking forward with much hope to
the new iron making furnace of
John Jones, of that city. A prac-
tical test is to be made in a few days
as soon as a few extra parts to re-
medy breaks are secured. There has
been a partial test by the inventor,
and we have seen samples of the
product, a spongy appearing iron
running 94 per cent. iron and 6 per
cent. silica that appears to be all
right.

Mr. Jones with many of his asso-
ciates, say the invention is practical,
and a success. If this proves true
it will be a great addition to the list
of iron-producing furnaces. Its pro-
cess is extremely simple, requiring
but one handling and with a great
saving of coal, one ton of fuel to ten
of ore being the requirement. Be-
cause of this great saving in the
manufacture it is proposed to treat
low grade ores that cannot now be
profitably handled in the ordinary
furnaces. So certain is the inventor
and those forming the parent com-
pany that they have tied up large
tracts of low grade ores on all the
ranges where it is available, and it
is stated that an immense tonnage
has been secured.—Iron Ore.

Won Two of the Series.

Virginia won two of the series of
three games at the Roosevelt Park
with Eveleth on Saturday, Sunday
and Monday, the Saturday score be-
ing 6 to 2 in favor of Virginia, the
Sunday score 4 to 1 in favor of Vir-
ginia, and the Monday score—well,
we hardly know what it was. At
one stage of the game it was 14 to 2
in favor of Eveleth, but it is under-
stood the Virginia team lost one of
the two in the latter part of the
game and that the farce closed with
a score of some twenty-two to one,
or thereabouts.

The Sunday game, with Thorsen
in the box for Eveleth and with sev-
eral of the pick from the Northern
League teams, was an interesting
session, and proved that Virginia
had a team equal or better than the
best when the boys felt in the mood
for doing things. But the Monday
game knocked all pent-up enthusi-
asm into the background, and it is
doubtful if a game the following
day would have found a corporal's
guard as spectators.

Won Honors in National Shoot.

R. A. Holdridge, of this city, who
still keeps his membership in the
Wisconsin National Guards, has re-
turned from Camp Perry, Ohio,
where he had been in attendance at
the National Team Shoot, in which
the Wisconsin team, of which he
was a member, won fifth place in
the team shoot and first place in the
militia shoot. Each member of the
six winning teams received a hand-
some medal and cash prizes.

Church Supper.

The M. E. Ladies Aid arranges for
a New England supper at the church
parlors on Thursday evening, Sept.
17th. Tickets, 25 and 35 cents. Re-
member the date and place.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FACULTY 1908-1909

Will Formally Open Monday Morning
Next, September 7.
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HIGGINS BUILDING.
Rose D. Ryan.
The city schools will open for
enrollment of pupils on Monday,
Sept. 7. The session on Monday
will hold for two hours only. On
Tuesday the school work proper
will begin. A teachers' meeting
will be held Saturday at 2:30 p. m.
at the Roosevelt building.

Install New Style Shovel.

Bert Gabriel, representing the
American Locomotive Company of
Richmond, Va., is on the range
superintending the installation of
an Atlantic type of steam shovel at
the Big Mountain Iron mine. The
shovel is the first of its type to be
placed on the range. It is a 95 ton
machine, and Mr. Gabriel says its
qualities will recommend its use by
other companies.

Mr. Gabriel is a former Mesaba
boy who has made good, now hold-
ing a most responsible position
with the American Locomotive
company. He was a Virginia visit-
or Saturday, meeting many old
friends in the city and insuring the
regular visitations of the Enterprise
to his southern home for another
year.

Will Meet Tuesday Evening.

The members of the Virginia
Charter Commission met in infor-
mal session at the council chambers
Monday afternoon, but owing to the
fact that no official notification had
been received by any that their ac-
ceptance of appointment had been
received and filed by the clerk of
the district court it was considered
best not to perfect an organization
at this time, the matter of looking
after these filings being left to O. A.
Poirier.

To date fourteen of the fifteen
members appointed have filed their
acceptance of the trust imposed,
and on Tuesday evening next, at the
municipal court room, the commis-
sion will meet and formally organize
for business.

Will Play for \$1,000 A Side.

Eveleth and Virginia will have
a session at the Duluth ball park
commencing tomorrow, playing
three games for a purse of \$1,000 a
side, the money being put up on
Wednesday.

While Eveleth has been greatly
strengthened by the addition of the
pick of the Northern League bunch,
there is little question as to Vir-
ginia's ability to do things with her,
and we confidently expect to see the
boys come home a thousand strong-
er.

Church Social.

The Ladies Aid of the Norwegian
Lutheran Church will give an Ice
Cream Social at Hawkinson's Hall
Saturday evening, September 5th,
beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Ice Cream
coffee and cake for 25 cents. All are
cordially invited.

For Rent.

Seven room house for rent on
Maple street. Apply to J. S. Suther-
land, Central Hotel.

SAM H. OWENS.

Some Facts About a Leading Can-
didate for Sheriff.

Some of the new comers in St.
Louis County are asking, "Who is
Sam H. Owens?"

Sam H. Owens not only is a pi-
oneer citizen of the best county in
Minnesota but he is a candidate for
the Republican nomination for
sheriff.

Mr. Owens has lived in St. Louis
County for nearly 26 years. He was
born and raised on a farm near
Oshkosh, Wisconsin. In time he
quit the soil and went into railroad
work. January 2, 1883, he came to
Duluth. Four days later he started
for the iron mines at Tower. He
walked over the old Vermilion trail
and arrived at Lake Vermilion
January 12, the trip taking six days.
That winter he was engineer in the
sawmill there, and later dressed all
the lumber for the first twenty-five
houses erected for miners in the
new iron mining camp.

During the 18 years that Mr. Ow-
ens lived at Tower he was Chief of
Police and deputy Sheriff nearly 7
years and Municipal Judge three
years. He has had, therefore, actual
and practical experience in the du-
ties that go with the sheriff's office
and feels unusually well fitted for
that office.

Mr. Owens came to St. Louis
County a newly married man. He
has practically opposed race suicide
by raising six children, with the
help of Mrs. Owens—three boys and
three girls. He always has been a
property owner and tax payer in St.
Louis County—in fact his interests
are confined to St. Louis County.
He buys where he votes and pays
taxes, instead of patronizing Minne-
apolis merchants and Chicago mail
order houses. He believes in home
trade as well as home rule—princi-
ples that every resident of the Iron
Ranges should preach and practice.

Mr. Owens cast his first vote for
the Republican party and ever since
he has been a loyal, consistent sup-
porter of that party and its princi-
ples. He believes, too, that public
office is a public trust and not a
private snap. If nominated and
elected to the office of sheriff of St.
Louis County he guarantees always
to remember and follow that belief.
He further promises to give his
time and attention exclusively to
the office and its duties. His depu-
ties will be selected for fitness, and
each and everyone connected with
the office will be considered a ser-
vant of the public.

For nearly eight years Mr. Owens
has been a resident of Eveleth. At
present he is yard master for the D.
& I. R. at Eveleth. He believes that
the great Iron Ranges should have
reasonable representation in the
county offices. He most respect-
fully solicits the support of the
voters at the primaries September
15th.

Road Law Held Invalid.

The supreme court of Minnesota
can't see why a county of over 200,000
population is any better, so far as
the rights of the county are con-
cerned, than a county with fewer
people, and because of the court's
poor eyesight in this regard the
counties must go back to the old
ways of constructing and maintain-
ing good roads.

In an opinion written by the
Justice Elliott and handed down
recently by the court an act of the
last legislature providing for a
superintendent of highways in
counties of less than 200,000 popu-
lation is declared unconstitutional.
The court does not doubt the wis-
dom of law providing a superin-
tendent of highways in some coun-
ties and not for others, but declares
that the basis of population is not
a legal classification, and has no
natural relation to the subject
and is purely arbitrary.

In the old days, before the leg-
islature passed the act, the road
building was done by town or coun-
ty boards or by the farmers. Pro-
gress under such a system was slow
and unsatisfactory. Many counties
under the new law, which the court
has declared unconstitutional, have
appointed experts as superintend-
ents of the roads and considerable
work has been done toward better-
ing the highways. It will now be
necessary to dispense with the ser-
vices of these men and suspend
work until the legislature can pass
an act that will stand under the fire
of the supreme court.

Fruit from Bob's New Farm.

R. E. Baillie, who went west a for-
night ago for the purpose of look-
ing over some lands in the Yakima
valley, has purchased a tract of sev-
eral acres of improved fruit lands,
and on Friday last sent a box of
peaches from his orchard. The fruit
is certainly of monstrous size, and
if it is a fair sample of the product
of the valley we do not blame any-
one who is lucky enough to be able
to do so for going there to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Baillie will visit other
western points before their return.

COUNCIL ADOPTS PARK ORDINANCE

Under Provisions of Which Park Com-
mission Will Be Enabled to Pro-
ceed to Beautify City.

The park ordinance, introduced
at the instigation of the newly ap-
pointed board of park commis-
sioners, was given its third and last
reading at Tuesday evening's council
meeting and passed by the unani-
mous vote of all members present.
The ordinance gives the park com-
mission full authority to make
many improvements to boulevards,
and will mean, ultimately, the pur-
chase and improvement of lands
within the city limits as parks.

Fire Chief Thayer submitted a
written report to the council touch-
ing upon the old oil house build-
ings, which have been vacated by the
Standard Company but not re-
moved, claiming same are a menace
to the safety of the adjacent prop-
erty. The communication was ordered
filed and the clerk instructed to
notify the company to remove the
buildings forthwith.

Petitions for a boulevard walk on
either side of Oak between Wyom-
ing and Railroad was read and
granted. Walks were also ordered
laid on Hemlock between Cleveland
and Wyoming.

The report of the city treasurer
showed the resources of the city in
a pleasing condition, the total in all
funds on August 31st being \$17,493.
08.

The council ordered the payment
of Warrant No. 5 of Sewer District
3A and 3B, issued in 1904, in the sum
of \$503.00, together with interest in
the sum of \$0.16.

Alderman Laviolette brought up
the necessity of a walk in front of
the public library, and the city
engineer was instructed to submit
plans and specifications for cement
walks and crosswalks as needed.

Alderman Klunquist spoke of the
necessity of an extension of the or-
dinance requiring building permits
to cover the city in its entirety, and
the city attorney was instructed to
draw an amendment to the ordi-
nance covering the point.

Will Go Barn-Steamin'.

The Virginia ball team will leave
today for Duluth, where they will
play a series of three games, after
which they will make a tour of the
Gogebic range and other northern
Michigan points.

On the Gogebic the boys will find
some good teams, but the boys from
the old range will find they have no
soft ones when they take on the
Mesaba champions, and it is ex-
pected the boys will return with a
full quota of winnings to their
credit.

Organize Daughters of Norway.

Under the direction of Miss Lar-
son, of Minneapolis, a lodge of the
Daughters of Norway was organized
at Hawkinson's Hall on Wednesday
evening, some thirty charter mem-
bers being enrolled.

Following the institution work a
delightful lunch, prepared and
served by the members of the Sons
of Norway lodge, was enjoyed by all.

Died Sunday Morning.

Mrs. Myrtle Phillips, of Franklin,
died at the Lenox Hospital at an
early hour Sunday morning, after a
lingering illness of nephritis.

The deceased was a sister of
George Parmelee and a cousin of
Mrs. C. C. Butler and Mrs. F. C. Whit-
ing. She is survived by three chil-
dren. The funeral ceremonies were
conducted on Tuesday by Rev. F.
G. Clark, of the M. E. Church.

M. E. Church.

Regular services at the M. E.
Church on Sunday next. Morning
services at 10:30 o'clock. Subject, A
Question for the Individual, "Is
It I?"

Evening services at 7:30 o'clock.
"A Prepared Place for a Prepared
People."

You are cordially invited.

F. G. CLARK, Pastor.

Schools Reopen Monday.

A teachers' meeting, preparatory
to the opening of the Virginia
schools will be held at the Roose-
velt building tomorrow, Saturday,
and on Monday the schools will
open for the year, the enrollment of
pupils being the only business of
the day for Monday.

Norwegian Lutheran Church.

Service next Sunday at 10:30 a. m.
Sunday School at noon. The Young
people's Society will meet in the
evening at 7:45.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet
next Wednesday afternoon with
Mrs. E. E. Burley.

St. Paul's Church.

There will be divine services at
St. Paul's Church next Sunday at
10:30 a. m. The rector will preach.
Everybody is welcome.

The store of Alexander Reid & Co.
will be closed at 12:00 o'clock on
Labor Day, Monday, September 7.



Only one.
Only one county office that the
ranges have got out of nine.
Duluth has the other eight.
And it has two candidates for the
ninth.

Yet—
The ranges pay most of the
county's taxes.

Have most of the county's terri-
tory.

Cast most of the Republican vote
of the county.

The end of the county that has
the smaller part of the county's
wealth, pays the smaller part of the
county's taxes, casts the smaller
part of the vote that elects the
county officers—this part of the
county has eight of the nine offices
and wants the ninth!

That's Duluth.

Anything fair about this?

The ranges are beginning to think
there isn't and they are uniting this
year in demanding a large share in
county affairs. They are going to
return to office the one range man
who is now serving and they are
evidently going to get one or two
other offices.

The ranges have a fine chance to
elect a range man for probate judge
this year. The present incumbent—
a Duluth man—has held the office
three if not four terms and has de-
voted a large part of his time to
private business enterprises. Even
Duluth people think he has had
enough and a good many of them
are supporting A. E. Pfremmer,

publisher of the Hibbing Tribune,
for the place. Hibbing has never
had a county office. The people of
Hibbing are a unit in their support
of the one range man now in office
and they ask the rest of the ranges
to stand by their man—Mr. Pfrem-
mer. Every newspaper in the coun-
ty, outside of Duluth, joins with
them in their request.

Vote for the range man, for more
influence for the ranges in county
affairs and mark your ballot

For Judge of Probate

A. E. PFREMMER X

Buster Writes of His Success.

Virginia, Minn., August 26, 1908.
Mr. I. H. Sawyer,

Dear Sir:—
My reception in this place was a
very big success in spite of the cold
rainy weather. This morning we
started out at 10 o'clock on our drive
over town to invite the people out
to the reception which we pulled off
in front of Alexander Reid and Co.'s
store at 4 p. m. Mr. Hagen was with
me on the drive and did the spell-
ing for me. We could not get a
buglar. Mr. Hagen went to Minne-
apolis at noon today.

We had an immense crowd at 4 p.
m. in front of Alexander Reid and
Co.'s store. We blocked the street
with gentlemen and ladies and chil-
dren galore. I gave them an hour's
talk on Buster Brown Blue Ribbon
shoes. I also talked White House,
Usana, Dr. Sawyer and other "5c"
specialties with great success.
Everybody appeared impressed
with what I told them about "5c"
shoes—most especially the children.
They went simply wild and prom-
ised never to wear any other kind
of shoes. I drilled them thoroughly
in the line—had Tige smoke a ci-
garette, then gave each a souvenir
pin, after which I bid them all good
bye and left them all happy. The
firm had the crowd photographed.
They will write you regarding the
reception and send you one. Mr.
Reid expressed himself as being well
pleased with my work. Alexander
Reid and Co.'s store is the largest
in Virginia. They carry a general
line of Mose, and do a nice business.
I found the firm to be composed of
nice gentlemen and strictly up to
date merchants. One of your cus-
tomers, G. M. Mills of Pelican Rap-
ids, Minn., was present at the recep-
tion and says he has to have one at
his store.

Wishing you success, I am
Yours truly
BUSTER BROWN.

Afraid of the Bullet.

An attempted suicide in the city
last night failed of results, the man
using the revolver evidently being
afraid of the bullet and bending his
head in such position as to give the
missile a glancing right-of-way.