On This Occasion

An error which crept into the types last week stated that A. O. Knutson our city clerk had "continuously held the office since 1895." This error cannot be laid to the linotype operator because the editor operated the machine himself, wrote the item and read the proof thereon. According to this 'Art was about three years old when he assumed the office and while we must admit his efficiency this is too much. It should have read "1915."

"Resolved that the Present Jury System in the United States Should be Abolished" is the subject chosen for debate by the range High School de-bating teams. The first of the debates was held here Friday evening and Ely had the affirmative side of the argument. Eveleth showed that the system was a good thing wihle Ely made it appear that the jury system was absolutely no good. Both sides had many points in favor of their contention and both sides had valid reasons for their

The Ely debaters showed that with the exemptions from jury duty granted to business and professional men state, county and municipal officials and employes, 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. While it was admitted that a good jury could be secured from this classification, it was also deemed wholly unfair to the laborer to tear him away from his job to sacrifice a good day's pay to do work of which he is not familiar and for which a bare pittance is paid.

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 in a firm manner has been made to This was held here last Friday and change the system although many are of the opinion that changes should be made. This is especially true of the grand jury system by which anyone, no matter who they are, can be indicted and made to defend himself from a criminal charge with perjured testi-mony of complaining witnesses and up to the time he goes to trial has no chance to defend himself. Innocent men have been branded with the stigma of an indictment by the grand jury upon the bare accusations and story of an enemy.

It has also been the practice in some courts to go into a minute examination of the juror on points which absolutely have no bearing on the case. In the first place the juror is sworn to abide by the evidence. Then he is questioned as to his likes and dislikes; whether he knows any of the attorneys or the litigants; and whether he could be fair and impartial. If he has read anything of the case in the newspapers he is also excused and when the whole thing is boiled down to a bare possibility in many cases, only those who are absolutely blank on the matter, who knows no one and who don't take an interest in this or any other matter, are chosen to try cases which involves a fortune or life and death in some instances.

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 at a salary that would enable them to, at least exist, when away from home. At the next discussion, Ely debaters will have the negative side of the argument.

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 old time, however without necessarily becoming a bad citizen. This can all happen unless he is equipped with a library of law books and accompanied by a legal advisor acquainted with the 10,000,000 laws and ordinances in theoretical effect on the statute books of the United States and to which 200,000 laws and ordinances are being added every year.

Forty-eight state legislatures, 16,000 incorporated cities, towns and villages and about 3,000 counties are in the lawmaking business and more than 100,000 lawmakers duly elected are incessantly busy making new laws. All of these do not affect the ordinary individual but there are 30,000 that do. 10,500 of these are federal laws. The Bible covered the whole field in ten

But, there is no sense in wailing over the multiples of laws. 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 when he leaves that place for another 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 employes. His true worth as a friend was brought out and his rea nature had full swing. Since his retirement from the position he has been the receipient of abiding testimonials from the employes and associates to a man and from the larger number of patrons of the road all the way from Duluth to Ely. We join with these in wishing him the best of success in his new duties and sincerely hope his new relations will continue to allow him to still further personally meet and increase the circle of his friends.

Mr. Johnson was auditor of the system for many years and we can in all truth state that this job was no sinecure with alim chances of that per sonal touch that came with the presidency. As auditor he came in contac with the machine or accounting side and all the attendant woes of dis atisfied patrons who had bones to pick with the railroad on freight, passenger and advertising matters, were his to deal with by means of cold correspondence minus the personal touch that follows a warm handshake or a friendly slap on the back. His sympathetic nature was kept in the background as auditor but was allowed full play as

W. A. McGonagle, the new presi-(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. Our linotype went "on the bum" Tuesday and absolutely refused to work. The type for the paper was set in the Tower News office. Parts were ordered for the machine from Chicago but failed to

tournaments have been made by the committee composed of Supt. W. J. Ryan of Gilbert, Supt. H. R. Peterson of International Falls and Supt. W. E. Noyes of Tower. An importanat 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. February 15 was the date set when all sub-district contests must be completed. Mr. Peterson was named debate director.

The subject for debate will be: "Resolved, That the Present Jury System in the United States Should Be

The following assignments have been First series-Must be completed on or before January 20. Ely affirmative vs. Eveleth negative.

was won by Eveleth. Gilbert affirmative vs. International Falls negative. Second series-Must be completed on

or before January 25: Virginia affirmative vs. Elv negative. Eveleth affirmative vs. Gilbert neg-

or before February 1:
Gilbert affirmative vs. Virginia neg-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 nega-International Falls affirmative vs

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 no doubt meet with the approval of everyone

A rating will be made on home games as well as tournament games and will be made by the referee following each game. The rating will be sent to the district committee and at the end of the season a final rating will be made and the winner of the trophy will be announced at the tournament.

in this district.

The rating will be made on the conduct of the teams, coaches and spectators toward apponents and referee. This year the tournament will run for four days, starting Wednesday, March 5. Two games will take place on that day, the first at 8 p. m. and the second at 9 p. m. The following day, Thursday, March 6, there will be three games, at 7, 8 and 9 p. m. The third day, Friday, March 7, two games take place at 8 and 9 p. m.. and on Saturday, March 8, the finals take place, starting at 8 p. m. The Virginia recreational building will be used, giving ample seating room for the large crowd expected and eliminating the jamming that has been experienced in past years.

Student tickets will be sent to each school and they will cost 25 cents, providing they are purchased from their own school. Adult admission will remain at 50 cents a game.

At a special meeting of the Ely Commercial Club on Tuesday evening, the following were elected as directors. Under the new by-laws, three were chosen for a three year term; three for a two year term and three for a one year term. Hereafter three directors will be elected each year. Those chosen were as follows: Three Years-M. J. Murphy, Jas. I.

Laing, J. A. Rothman. Two Years-Ray Hoefler, W. P. Wolff and Peter Schaefer. One Year-H. C. Newgord, Geo. T. Somero, Jacob L. Pete.

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, Wm. Pearson and Jack Purdy for bridge and Mrs. Wm. Jones, Mrs. O. E. Gibson and Harry Davidson at bunco. After six games, Mr. Davidson sang several se-lections accompanied by Miss Lillian Sshaefer at the piano. Lunch followed with covers laid for forty.

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 nine.

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 after-

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

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 pro-tect agricultural lands and hydroelectric 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 The remainder of the club's report follows:

"Your committee has gone over the testimony of interested parties given before the committees of the senate and house of representatives which held hearings on the bill, also has discussed the bill with various citizens in public capacities who are informed on the subject and believes that the testimony has brought out with sufficient clearness the following things:

"Water power-The proposed flooding of areas adjacent to the boundary waters along a distance of some 160 miles and up tributaries on both sides, will permit the development of only 50,000-horse power, in addition to that already developed on the Minnesota-Ontario border. The power developed by the flooding which will affect more or less directly 2,000,000 acres of land in the United States, which would be utilized mostly in Canada at Kenora and below on the Winnipeg river, and in large part would be effective only at those points. There is no apparent need for the power. The Backus interests only have indicated their desire to flood these border areas, and so far as they have dis-closed, they want for immediate use at International Falls in the United States, only 700-horse power, in addition to the 20,000-horse power now

"Porestry—The government land re-

pose. Practically all agricultural land in the area has been homesteaded. The forest growth would be one-half cord per acre per year, and when in full production the area would produce 750,000 cords per year.

"Recreation—The area possesses unique and valuable recreational resources which would be adversely affected in no small measure by the proposed flooding. The recreational facilites would be improved under the forestry service and would become increasingly valuable.

"Economics-Little tangible benefit would result from the development of water power and in all probability such benefit would go only to the producers of the power. There is little difference between the cost of hydro-electric and steam electric power in the locality under consideration. There is no evidence that the proposed bill with amendments will influence unfavorably the development of mineral resource now known to be present in the area or that may be discovered in the future. "The forest in the area covered by

the bill would yield annually about \$1,000,000 in stumpage fees, of which 25 per cent would go to the counties that at present receive little or nothing from the lands. The yearly payroll for timber harvest would be upwards of \$3,000,000 and would help to support the taxpaying communities in the vicinity.

"The recreational attractions brought in 107,000 tourists in 1927, a 25 percent increase over 1926, and it has estimated that they spent \$4,000,000 in the area. This item of tourist's expenditures will increase and in all probability to a very large figure. Tourists give employment to residents and furnish a large local market for farm produce.

"It may be reasonably expected that within a few years the combined value of the recreational resources and forest crops in this area may be over \$10,000,000, whereas the potential water power which it is proposed to utilize in the United States, if and when developed, could not be valued at one-twentieth of that amount.

"Obviously, the development of the water power should not be permitted to impair the other more valuable resources of the area. It is the belief of the committee, that the proposed development of the water power will affect adversely the developmen of these more valuable resources and we therefore recommend the passage of the bill with the amendments indicated."

JEWISH RABBI VISITS

Dr. (Rabbi) B. 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 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.

Anton Wulotz, 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. Wulotz has been an employe of the city for the past 17 years, holding the position of janitor at the City Hall. On Monday at about two o'clock he complained of not feeling well and was taken to his home by Chief Nankervis. He retired and a short time later

when Mrs. Wulotz, 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 Mihelcic officiating. Surviving are his widow, one son and three daughters. All the daughters are resi dents 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

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 teams 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 9:00. Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock the Hibbing High School swimmers will

compete with the Ely mermen. galagi (M. T. - - - - - Talki Marc

DIES IN DULUTH

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

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon from the church at Winton her former home. Rev. Aho of the First Finnish Lutheran church will of-

Eveleth Quints Trounced

Close to 1,500 persons jammed the Memorial gym Saturday evening to see the Ely high school and Junior College quints come through with two clean cut victories. The high school quint hit their mid-season form to take the Eveleth five into camp by the lopsided score of 40 to 17, while the local Collegians turned back the Eveleth jaysees by a 28 to 23 count.

The college game was one of the best ever witnessed on a local floor and had all the thrills of a championship game. The locals, except at the outset, were always in the lead and played the game in their opponents territory most of the time. Eveleth had heretofore been undefeated in the little ten circuit and Ely's triumph toppeled them from a tie for the leadership. The night before the boys journeyed to Virginia and gave the champions the first setback they have suffered in two seasons.

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. Virginia threatened with a belated rally in the fourth quarter but the locals pulled themselves together and stopped the threat. In the Virginia game Smerker carried off scoring honors with four field goals and two gift tosses while every one of the seven Ely men used in the game figured in the scoring column.

Those in the Ely lineup were: Hill, Smerkar, f; Grahek, f; Gouze, f; Gerzin, c; Banovetz, g; Skala, g. For Virginia were: Jackasha, f; Faber,f; Keller, f; Salmi, f; Kukar, c; Hill, c; Urick, g; Germ, g; Sandstrom, g. In the Eveleth game the Jaysees

started out slow and the visitors were soon in the lead but Ely soon rallied and took a lead which they never relinquished. At the end of the first quarter the locals were on the short end of an 8 to 5 count but at the half they held a 16 to 11 lead. In the second half the teams played on even terms with each scoring twelve points. The score at the end of the third canto was 20 to 15 and each team scored eight more points in the final quarter, Grahek of Eveleth caging the final basket as the gun ended the game. Smerkar and Banovitz carried off the scoring honors each counting ten points but every man used in the game gave an excellent account of himself and the boys won a well earned game. The locals were somewhat tired from the strenuous game the night before, however, and otherwise would have

a much larger score. The game was marred by numerous fouling but few of the fouls were the result of dirty work, most of them coming 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 consider-

The Ely lineum was composed of Grahek, f; Smerkar, f; Hill, f; Gouze, f; Gerzin, c; Merhar, c; Banovetz, g; Skala, g. For Virginia were Mattson, f; Knutti, f; Grahek, f; Broman, c; Tustgnount, c: Matson, g: Christian,

g; Spitznogal, g. The teams promise to come through with victories over the Coleraine Jaysees and Aurora High in the double header tomorrow night.

In the first half of the double header Saturday the high school quint played superb ball and had an easy time with the Eveleth high team. The locals took the lead just eight seconds after the game started and were never headed during the game as they doubled their opponents score each quarter. The Eveleth quint scored but four points in each period except the fourth when they garnered five. The local team worked like a clock and showed that they will be an exceedingly serious threat to retain their district championship this year.

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 and teamed up nicely with Krall and Nicholas on several plays to score baskets. The bulwark of the guarding went to Lindy even though he caged three field goals also. Capt Bob Nicholas caged only one basket but was in every play and his floor work and passing accounted for many of the points. Krall and Tomsich carried off scoring honors with six baskets and a free throw apiece. Several substitutes were rushed into the game during the fourth quarter and they all gave a good account of themselves.

The locals however, were decidedly off form on their gift tosses 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: Krall, c; Banovetz, c; Grahek, g; Lindy, g; Bolinger, g. Eveleth had the following in the lineup: Pavich, f; Kotchevar, f; Jagunich, f; Brumich, f; Miroslovich, c; Prinovich, c; Malevich, g; Bjoik, g; Kochevar, g; Hill, g; Mattei, 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 ineligibility 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.

In the 220-yard dash Kittila and Bonnier swam a beautiful race neck and neck all the way with the former nosing out his team mate by inches In the medley relay a new record was established by the local team. The summary of the events was as

(Bonnier, Tuomala, Nykanen and Sutherland;) 100-yard breast, Chernevec and Tuomikoski of Ely tied for first, Gvozdonovich, Aurora, third; 40vard dash. Dunstan. Elv. first. Korencher, Aurora, second; Raihala, Aurora, third; 220-yard crawl, Kittila, Ely, first,

Bonnier, Ely, second and Debolack, Aurora, third; 100-yard back, Elfing, 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, Oberg, Aurora, third; medley relay, Ely, first, (Elfing, backstroke; Tantarri, breast stroke;

Kittila, crawl.)
Coach Herseth 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. Nikkinen, Anderson, Pechover and Le Roy have been ruled ineligible for the coming meet and although the boys probably will be eligible later in the sea-

follows: 160-yard relay, Ely first

son their loss will be keenly felt in the forthcoming meet. Everything is not altogether gloomy in the swimmers camp, however, for the best condition of their careers. Elfing this year's captain, Kittila, and Bonnier are among the outstanding crawl swimmers. Herranen who took up diving only a few weeks ago is rapidly rounding into a diver of note but lacks consistency, however.

Hibbing will come here with a power ful 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 Chisholm. 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.

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

Tower took the lead from the tip off and were never headed by Ely. The Tower quint held a seven to one 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 to overcome. In the third 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 caged 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 Tekautz played the best ball 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

The Ely lineup was composed of Nicholas, f; Tomsich, f; Banovets, f; Krall, c; Grahek, g; Lindy, g. The Tower winners were Yapel, f; ; Brula, c; Johnson, g; Tekautz, g. Officials: Kugar, Virginia, referee: Christiansen, Eveleth, umpire.

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 score in the three games played. Both teams were slightly off form Sunday, no one hitting the 200

The Elv 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 game was as follows; three games being rolled: CHISHOLM

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK MEETING AND ELECTE	DI

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. J. 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. Somero.

Mrs. Matt Martin entertained Wednesday evening at four tables of bridge. Honors were awarded to Mrs. Lawrence

Ludtke. Mrs. Archie Bonnier and Mrs. Wm. Burley.