

# STEAM HEAT FOR ALL

**'Twill Be Furnished by Duluth-Superior Traction Company.**

**WELL KNOWN CAPITALISTS IN IT**

**Ordinance to Be Given to the Council Monday Evening.**

Whatever may be true of other Western cities, there are no hard times in Duluth. Private improvements follow public ones, and close on the heels of the proposed extension of the water-works system of the Duluth Light & Water Co., which will give work to hundreds of men, comes the Duluth-Superior Traction Co. with a proposal to erect a plant and lay pipes for the conveyance of steam for heating and power to the buildings of the city.

The project is a big one, and with such of Duluth's citizens as have been made acquainted with the plan has found immediate favor. To the city itself it will mean the investment of a large amount of capital, and to the people of the city it means greatly reduced rates for heating public and private buildings and for steam power.

Those interested in the company are G. G. Hartley and Luther Mendenhall of Duluth, Brown Bros. & Co. of New York, Thomas Lowry of Minneapolis, John H. Davis of New York and Duon Bros. and Charles Hinchman of Philadelphia. These names are sufficient to insure the stability of the company from a financial standpoint and to guarantee the vigorous prosecution of its purposes.

An ordinance has been prepared and will probably be introduced at Monday night's meeting of the council, which outlines the purpose of the company. It grants the Duluth-Superior Traction Co. the right to lay pipes to convey steam for heating and power. For a period of 30 years it is given the right and privilege of laying, maintaining and operating a system of underground pipes through, along and across the streets or other public grounds of Duluth for the purpose of conveying and furnishing steam for the heating of the public buildings of the city and of supplying heat and power to the inhabitants thereof, for domestic use and for manufacturing and mechanical purposes or for any other useful purpose.

The company is also given the right to run lateral pipes to the curb or to the margin of any street or alley. The pipes are to be of a good quality and to be laid at a depth below the established grade as shall be

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and so as not to injure or displace sewers, or the mains or pipes of any system of water, gas or electric supply which shall have been laid before the steam pipes are put in place.

The work is to be done under the direction of the city engineer, and the corporation is responsible for any damage that may occur in the course of construction, repair, maintenance or operation of its works.

These privileges are granted on the condition that within 18 months after the passage of the ordinance the Duluth-Superior Traction Co. shall have laid its main steam pipes through the streets for a distance of not less than seven blocks, and shall have made provision for and shall have secured, by the construction of a steam plant or otherwise, an adequate supply of steam; and as the line of pipes is extended the company must make provision to supply with heat and power all demands which may be made therefor by persons occupying premises adjacent to the streets through which

the lines of pipes have been extended.

The city is to have the option to purchase the franchise and system of pipes and other appliances any time after the expiration of 15 years from the passage of the ordinance. If the city and company cannot fix upon a price the city shall select one arbitrator, the company one, and the two a third, who will determine the price to be paid. The company must file its acceptance of the ordinance within 30 days after its passage.

One of the aldermen who has read the ordinance carefully and given it a close investigation said yesterday that he thought the plan an excellent one and that it would probably meet with general acceptance.

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