McILHENNY WANTED PART OF COMMISSIONS, ITTNER DECLARES

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street. He says of conditions in Harrisburg:

In all my long career as a school architect in St. Louis and in cities in various parts of the country not only has no reflection, not even the slightest, been cast upon my reputation as an architect and a gentleman, but I have never before been corruptly approached. And never before have I found—indeed I did not think it could exist—a situation so appallingly corrupt as that heretofore existing in your city.

President Stamm, in his statement, goes at some length into the history of the school board's effort to procure a school architect of national reputation to design the new building under the $1,250,000 loan approved by the vote last fall.

Mr. Stamm's Statement

Mr. Stamm's statement is as follows:

"A popular American humorist says: 'There's too many folks with opinions an' no information.' That has been the case in Harrisburg with respect to many phases of public school activities. It is clearly my duty I think—and it cannot be made an agreeable duty—to now present to the public some information that has recently come into my possession with respect to one of those phases. Mr. William B. Ittner of St. Louis, amongst others, accepted the school board's invitation to appear before it in competition for the position of architect in the building construction which the board is about to begin. His selection was favored by all of the five members of a committee of citizens invited by the unanimous vote of the board to advise with it in the matter and by four of the nine members of the board.

"The school board has in its possession testimony from the highest sources both to Mr. Ittner's professional ability and standing and his personal integrity. In addition the chairman of the committee in charge of the recent campaign for the school building loan of $1,250,000, has recently obtained a mass of corroborative testimony—much or all of which, I understand, has been printed in the newspapers during my absence from home — as to Mr. Ittner's pre-eminence as a school-house architect and as to his high standing as a gentleman.

"This evidence is in the form of letters and telegrams from leading architects of the country, from the superintendents of schools in cities where Mr. Ittner has been employed, from lawyers and businessmen of high standing in their communities, from officers and members of school boards, etc., all of them, except one, solicited by persons other than Mr. Ittner, who were desirous either of assuring themselves of Mr. Ittner's professional and personal standing or of confirming information received on those two points, the one exception being a highly eulogistic letter and telegram from E. L. McClain, of Greenfield, Ohio, who presented to his town a $250,000 high school building, fully equipped and who selected Mr. Ittner as his architect after an investigation of his fitness very much more thorough than is likely to be made by any school board.

The McIlhenny Interview

"A few days after my return on the 11th of April, after an absence of some weeks, I was told that Mr. Ittner had been in conference with George W. McIlhenny of Harrisburg. I could personally see no objection to this, but I was also told that an effort was being made by members of the board friendly to the candidacy of another architect to discredit Mr. Ittner in some way on acount of this conference, and I concluded I would like to know the facts. As the regular meeting of the school board would be held in four or five days at which the question of the selection of an architect would probably be presented, I telegraphed Mr. Ittner and asked him in the event that he had met Mr. McIlhenny to at once write me fully all the circumstances.

"In response to my telegram Mr. Ittner called at my office last Thursday morning, the 19th instant, told me he had met Mr. McIlhenny and that he wanted to tell me everything that had transpired. He made a verbal statement which, later in the day, at my request, he put in writing. This written statement I read the next day, Friday, prior to the meeting of the school board in the presence of Mr. Ittner, Messrs. Bacon, Enders and Yates of the school board (who had previously, with me, supported Mr. Ittner's candidacy) Mr. Boyd and Mr. Petre, named in Mr. Ittner's statement, and Mr. Ogelsby, vice-president of the Commonwealth Trust Company, chairman of a committee of the Chamber of Commerce interested in the selection of an architect.

The Board Meeting

"At the meeting of the board Friday afternoon, a motion to elect Mr. Ittner was defeated by a vote of five to four. This was followed by a motion, duly seconded, that C. Howard Lloyd, of Harrisburg, be selected with C. Harry Kain as his assistant in the remodeling of the Camp Curtin building for junior high school purposes.

"Before this motion was put, the board, at my suggestion, went into executive session at which executive session I read Mr. Ittner's statement. It was unanimously agreed that the persons whose names were mentioned in the statement should be asked to appear before the board at once to be questioned with respect to the statement, and, against my judgment and suggestion, the board, by a majority vote, decided to hear the matter in public rather than in executive session.

"My judgment that the board hear the statement and the witnesses behind closed doors may, or may not have been sound, but I am not yet convinced that it was not.

"When I accepted election to the school board a year and a half ago, I made up my mind that if the board was to get the best results for the boys and girls in the public schools, indeed, if it was to accomplish anything of a truly progressive and worthwhile nature, if it was to do anything more than simply keep so many schools open and operated in just any sort of a way, the School Board must have the full confidence of the people of Harrisburg—in any event, a very much fuller confidence than it had had for a number of years. So important has this seemed to me that I have never lost sight of it for a moment in the part I have played in the activities of the board. Indeed, there has seemed to be an agreement amongst the members on this point. There have been many evidences, at least to my mind, that the board was reinstating itself in public confidence, not the least of which being the approval by the electors for school building purposes of the largest single loan ever authorized in Harrisburg after two smaller loan propositions had been defeated.

Ittner's Standing

"Now, here was a statement which, if published, promised to destroy perhaps the most important work accomplished during a year and a half and to put us back where we started, or even further back, to the great injury of our schools. I hoped when the whole board knew the facts, as Mr. Ittner stated them, they would be willing to elect him on his proved merit and integrity, and that we could then go on without prejudice with the important work we are charged with, free of scandal. However, now that Mr. McIlhenny has seen fit to publicly attempt to discredit not only Mr. Ittner but as well the judgment of every individual and organization that has favored his candidacy, there clearly is nothing to do but to present the facts, and they are presented herewith in the form of statements, all of which have been sworn to, by Mr. Ittner himself, L. D. Petre and T. M. Boyd, both of Chicago, and William T. Stewart, of Philadelphia, all of which, except his own, Mr. Ittner brought here with him yesterday.

"The public will reach its own conclusions. To my mind it is clear that Mr. Ittner was not in the slightest degree concerned with any improper proposition, and that he is as clean as those who supported him were assured he was and believed him to be; and that even though it may have been a mistake of judgment on his part to get in touch with the man who now states that in the past he has been the boss of the school board, it was a mistake that can and ought to be excused because of Mr. Ittner's lack of knowledge of conditions here. There could be no more objection in itself to Mr. Ittner's asking a supposed friend of Mr. McIlhenny to try to show Mr. McIlhenny that he should favor Mr. Ittner's candidacy than there was objection to members of the Chamber of Commerce and other citizens of Harrisburg trying to convince members of the board that Mr. Ittner should be selected or that Mr. Lloyd should be selected. It is also clear that, no matter how it came about, an improper proposal was conveyed to Mr. Ittner and he rejected it. And also, at least an important step has been taken in clearing up some other matters."

Mr. Stamm's statement is accompanied by sworn statements by Mr. Ittner himself, L. D. Petrie and T. M. Boyd, of Chicago, and William T. Stewart, of Philadelphia, all of the American Seating Company, and having to do with the conferences between Ittner and McIlhenny.

Mr. Ittner's affidavit follows:

"Harrisburg, Pa., April 27, 1917.

"Mr. A. C. Stamm.

"President Board of Education,

"Harrisburg, Pa.

"Dear Sir. — When I was in Harrisburg last week in response to your request by wire to be advised of what occurred in an interview I was said to have had with Mr. McIlhenny and some statements that may be I tell you the whole story, I made a verbal statement and later, at your request, I set out briefly as well as I could remember the circumstances leading up to my meeting with Mr. McIlhenny and the result of such meeting. Upon going over my statement and with time to refresh my memory, I find some inaccuracies and soem statements that may be somewhat ambiguous. To correct these and also to add something more, I beg to submit a new statement which I think does not differ in any essential way from my former one.

"It was on my last visit to Harrisburg, I believe February 18, at any rate the day upon which the Board failed to adopt the report of its subcommittee, that I learned of Mr. McIlhenny's supposed influence with certain of its members. I learned further that Mr. McIlhenny was credited with being an agent or employe of the American Book Company and the American Seating Company. I have known T. M. Boyd, President of the American Seating Company, for a great number of years. He and I and our families are most intimate friends of long standing. I determined on my return to St. Louis to ascertain if what I had heard was true, and if so to solicit the assistance of my friend to get Mr. McIlhenny, if possible, to favor my selection. I accordingly wrote Mr. Boyd, giving a brief recital of the situation at Harrisburg with respect to the selection of the architect and told him that a Mr. McIlhenny, presumably an agent of his company, was supposed to be endeavoring to influence some members of the Board against my appointment, and if it was true that Mr. McIlhenny was one of their agents to let me know and I would communicate with him further regarding the matter. It is not a fact that I wrote to Mr. Boyd "can you get a line on him?" as Mr. McIlhenny stated in a newspaper interview. I wrote him just what I have said.

"I left St. Louis immediately thereafter for a trip to Dallas and Port Arthur, Texas. On February 23 I received a wire at Port Arthur from Mr. Boyd as follows: 'Very important that I talk with you at earliest possible moment regarding matter you wrote me about.' Shortly after, about the end of February, I think, I stopped off in Chicago, as I recall on my way to Erie for a letting, and met Mr. Boyd and Mr. Petre.

McIlhenny Subagent

"In this interview Mr. Boyd stated that Mr. McIlhenny was not one of their agents, but by inquiry through the New York office he had found that their business in Harrisburg was transacted through Mr. Stewart, their Philadelphia agent, and that Mr. McIlhenny had assisted Mr. Stewart in Harrisburg and was in reality a subagent, though not carried upon the books of the company. Neither Mr. Boyd nor Mr. Petre had had up to this time any knowledge of or acquaintance with him.

"Mr. Boyd stated further that upon getting my letter he had asked Mr. Stewart and Mr. Petre, the general sales manager of the company, to go to Harrisburg and try to convince Mr. McIlhenny that if he had influence with any member or members of the Board he should use it in my behalf. Mr. Petre reported to me the result of this interview in Harrisburg with Mr. McIlhenny. It was very disappointing. I was told by Mr. Petre that Mr. McIlhenny demanded certain things in return for any assistance that he might render. He (McIlhenny) was particularly concerned in the selection of a certain site (I believe called the Hill site) which he would expect me to recommend.

Division of Commission

"He was also concerned about what would be done with respect to local materials and the awarding of contracts, something being suggested about collecting commissions; and I have an impression, although it is not clear, that at this time Mr. Petre told me that Mr. McIlhenny said something about a division of my commission.

"However, that may not have been until later. But I hardly think it was, for it was at this meeting in Harrisburg Mr. Petre told me, that Mr. McIlhenny told him that it was customary in Harrisburg for architects to divide commissions and that the school building architect had in the past divided commissions with him as well as collected commissions from contractors for him.

"In reading over Mr. Petre's statement on the train coming out of Chicago day before yesterday—I had not seen it before—I found he does not mention this, but I cannot be mistaken about his having said this to me; and as a matter of fact Mr. Petre confirmed this statement to me in Chicago the beginning of this week.

"I was particularly impressed, I remember, by the interesting detail stated by Mr. Petre as coming from Mr. McIlhenny that the architect put cash in a drawer where Mr. McIlhenny could get it. Of course, I could have no dealings with Mr. McIlhenny on any such basis, and I so told Mr. Petre, and left, thinking the matter was at an end.

The Chicago Meeting

"Sometime later, however, I don't remember how long—Mr. Boyd advised me that he either had arranged, or proposed to arrange, for Mr. McIlhenny to come to Chicago to meet me. I demurred at meeting Mr. McIlhenny under the circumstances, but Mr. Boyd thought I ought to. He thought that may be he was not as bad as he seemed to be from Mr. Petre's report, and that may be if he met me and talked to me he might like me and get an impression of my ability and fairness that would displace his cupidity, and as he had long had some connection with the business of his (Mr. Boyd's) company, he might feel as though he would like to go back to Harrisburg and legitimately use any influence he might have with any member of the Board in my behalf, without any money or other improper consideration.

"I yielded to Mr. Boyd's wishes against my better judgment. We both made a mistake. Mr. Boyd, who is a gentleman of the highest standing both personally and in the business world, and who, I know, would, under no circumstances, countenance the use of improper methods, regrets it more than I do.

"I met Mr. McIlhenny sometime in March in Chicago at the Illinois Athletic Club. I spent about two hours with Mr. McIlhenny during which time he explained at great length his interest in the public schools, his connection with the fire department, and other personal matters; he produced a map of the city of Harrisburg and at some length explained the advantages of the Hill site, the growth in population in that section of the city, the location and growth of the population of the outlying districts contributory to the site in the future, and finally touched upon the matter of local materials and contracts, speaking of his concern that there be no unfair treatment of either.

"I in turn explained my experience as a school architect, dwelt upon my particular fitness for the work contemplated, and assured him that if I came into Harrisburg it would be with a clean record, and with some assurance that I could give Harrisburg value received. I was particularly guarded in my talk with Mr. McIlhenny, and nothing I said to him could possibly be construed as being in the slightest degree improper.

Nothing About Commission

"Nothing whatever was said at this time by Mr. McIlhenny about a division of commissions or anything else improper. In fact his attitude was such that my impression of him was favorable and I had the thought that he was maligned or misrepresented—until, as he was leaving, he said that if I was elected he might want to see me in Philadelphia. As I thought this over I did not like it.

"As to the site I assured Mr. McIlhenny that if the site was as he had stated the case to me it would certainly recommend itself to the Board's favorable consideration, and that if called upon to do so I would give the matter due consideration and investigation; and as to local materials I told him that it was my universal practice to investigate all local materials to determine their fitness for use in the work, and to admit all materials which were suitable, not only as a matter of economy, but as a matter of good business, and that I could assure him that all things being equal local men should have the preference in the awarding of contracts as far as my authority in the matter was involved. No definite promise was exacted in the matter was involved. No definite promise was exacted from me **nor made, except** in the general term above given. The interview terminated with a luncheon in company with Mr. Petre, and the interview ended.

Asks Division of Commission

"That afternoon Mr. McIlhenny spent at the office of the American Seating Company in conversation with Mr. Boyd substantially the same as held with myself, Mr. McIlhenny returning to Harrisburg that evening. I had no further word with or from Mr. McIlhenny at any time until about March 19 at which time Mr. Petre told me he had received word from Mr. Stewart that his friend in Harrisburg (Mr. McIlhenny) would expect me to relinquish one-fifth of my commission and that if he (McIlhenny could get assurance from me to that effect my election was assured at a meeting to be held on April 6.

"This proposition I again declined, and in order that there would be no misunderstanding as to my position, either upon the part of Mr. Stewart or Mr. McIlhenny, Mr. Petre came to Harrisburg March 31 at my suggestion and told Mr. McIlhenny that I would not agree to his proposition, that if my coming to Harrisburg was contingent upon such terms I would be compelled to withdraw. I again dropped the whole matter and heard nothing further from it until I got your telegram in pursuance of which I came to Harrisburg and told you the whole story. Indeed, I thought perhaps my competitor had been elected and wrote you several weeks since asking whether such was the case to which letter I seem to have received no reply.

"You have asked me why I was unwilling to have my statement to you read in public and why I stated at the meeting of the Board of Education that I would rather retire from the competition than have it made public. I was taken completely by surprise. I was in a situation which in every respect was unlike anything I had ever experienced before. I had no idea of appearing before the Board. I had made the statement to you because you had advised me as I understood it that a report that I had met Mr. McIlhenny was being used in a way to reflect on me and against the efforts of those who thought I should be selected as the architect of the Board and I made it in what I supposed to be a spirit of fairness to those gentlemen as well as to myself. I had no objection to the fact being known by those who I thought at the moment were entitled to know hem.

"The statement was actually read to a half dozen or more gentlemen who I was told were supporting my candidacy, in advance of the meeting of the Board of Education; and I was perfectly willing, and so stated at the meeting of the Board, that I was willing to have it read to the members of the Board for they all were certainly entitled to know the facts. But when you, as presiding officer, suggested that it be read publicly, I shuddered.

"My statement gravely reflected upon, necessarily and unavoidably if I were fair and honest, two persons, one of them a member of my profession. I had never before been called upon or found it necessary to do such a thing even in private in defense of my own integrity. The whole experience was distressing in the highest degree.

For His Own Defense

"Then, too, I saw the members of the press and, as I now analyze my feelings, I saw a public scandal, in connection with which my name would be used, and I saw that people who might not have the opportunity or take the trouble to get all the facts, might be improperly involved to my personal and professional injury. But now that I have been publicly attacked without provocation, I must defend myself publicly, and the truth must be publicly known, no matter what the consequences.

"I want to express my deep appreciation first to the members of the Board of Education who have been so partial as to favor me with their votes, and also the newspapers of the city who have, I understand, unanimously favored my selection and also to the Chamber of Commerce and all other organizations and all individuals who have approved the choice of my supporters on the Board of Education. I am just beginning to learn how strong was the sentiment among taxpayers and citizens generally in my behalf. As I have said, I am deeply grateful.

"Also, I would like the members of the Board, who could not see their way clear to vote for me, to know that I have no thought of criticising them even to myself. They had a perfectly good right, of course, to their own judgment and convictions and I never tried or hoped, through Mr. Boyd, Mr. Petre, Mr. McIlhenny, or anyone else, directly or indirectly, to secure their support for my candidacy, unless upon their full consideration of my work in other places, and their investigation of my reputation for ability and integrity they thought they ought to choose me as their architect.

Speaks of Corruption

"But I desire to say this one word more—if my continuing to be a competitor shall in the slightest degree be embarrassing to the members of the Board of Education under the circumstances, I hope they will feel free to eliminate my name from the list of competitors. I have been obliged, in self defense, to expose the sordid methods that have been used in school building construction in Harrisburg in the past.

"In all my long career as a school architect in St. Louis and in cities in various parts of the country not only has no reflection—not even the slightest—been cast upon my reputation as an architect and a gentleman, but I have never before been corruptly approached. And never before have I found—indeed, I did not think it could exist—a situation obviously so appallingly corrupt as that heretofore existing in your city.

"Mr. McIlhenny in his interview in the Patriot is reported as saying that Mr. Petre and Mr. Stewart told him that I told them that I could not divide my commission with him (McIlhenny) 'because Mr. Stamm had requested that he (Ittner) drop one per cent. from his fee charges of six per cent., so that he would be on the level with his charges as the other architects and the Patriot would not have the chance then to say that the lowest bidder was not given the contract.'

"I told neither Mr. Petre nor Mr. Stewart any such thing. The only grain of truth in this statement is that I did say to you that my charge would be five per cent. if I got all the work and six per cent. if I got part of it.

"WILLIAM B. ITTNER."

"State of Pennsylvania, County of Dauphin, ss.:

"On this 27th day of April, A. D. 1917, personally appeared before me, William B. Ittner, who being by me duly sworn according to law, did depose and say that the facts set forth in the foregoing statement are correct and true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

"CHARLES A. FORNWALD,
"Notary Public.

[Seal]

"My commission expires March 9, 1919."

Mr. Petre's Statement

Mr. Petre's affidavit is as follows:

"State of Illinois,

"County of Cook, ss:

"I, L. D. Petre, being first duly sworn on oath, state that I am the sales manager of the American Seating Company and have held that position several years. Prior to February 22nd, 1917, I had never met Mr. George W. McIlhenny, nor had any relations with him, direct or otherwise, although I understood that Mr. Stewart, our Philadelphia agent, was personally well acquainted with him.

"On February 22nd, 1917, I was in Harrisburg, together with Mr. Stewart, who was also there at that time, and met Mr. McIlhenny at a place which I was informed was the Social Club. This meeting took place early in the afternoon in a small office room on the second floor. There were present at that meeting Mr. McIlhenny, Mr. Stewart and myself. There was no one else in the room. We were together about one and one-half hours, and during that time no one else entered the room.

"For about one-half hour our conversation was general, relating principally to matters affecting the school furniture business. Finally I told Mr. McIlhenny that I would like to know the reason of his opposition to the appointment of Mr. Ittner as architect in connection with the erection of the proposed new school buildings in Harrisburg; that I had known support of Mr. Ittner, he said 'now, school architect of more than usual ability and in fact of national reputation in that line.

"Mr. McIlhenny told me that he had no objection to Mr. Ittner. Mr. McIlhenny went on to tell me something of his past political activity in Harrisburg; of his interest in promoting education and the welfare of the schools; that the report that he was opposing Mr. Ittner's selection was without any foundation in fact; that he had ceased his political activity and had nothing to do with the election of the present Board; that his supposed opposition was nothing but newspaper talk.

"Mr. McIlhenny then proceeded to discuss the vote of the members of the Board at its recent meeting rejecting a resolution recommending the appointment of Mr. Ittner, the vote opposing such recommendation consisting of four of the members of the former Board, who had been reelected, and one newly-elected member, Dr. Keene, whom he described as a reform member. In this connection Mr. McIlhenny remarked as to how well these members had gotten together in their support of the opposing candidate for the position, Mr. Lloyd, without even a suggestion from him.

Denies Obligations

"I then inquired of Mr. McIlhenny whether, inasmuch as he had no objections to Mr. Ittner, he could take any steps in his behalf, or whether he was prevented doing so by being under any obligations to Mr. Lloyd. He said that he was under no obligations whatever to Mr. Lloyd.

"Mr. McIlhenny then branched out and discussed the conditions surrounding the erection of school buildings during what he said was his active political interest in Board matters. He told how he had always made and held the confidence of his friends in politics by seeing that they were taken care of in the way of commissions on contracts; that he always looked after the collection and distribution of the commissions expected, and referred to a particular instance in one connection, as he said, with the last school building erected in Harrisburg, in which one contractor was slow in making his contribution until he (McIlhenny) had called the architect's attention to it, when the commission was immediately paid.

What Would Ittner Do?

"Referring again to his possible Mr. Petre, that is the history of the way these matters have been handled,' and he inquired what I thought Mr. Ittner would be willing to do. I said I did not know.

"Mr. McIlhenny went on to discuss a certain site for one of the buildings, known as the Hill site of the East Side. He said that he considered this property as best adapted of any available in Harrisburg for this building; that it was owned by a friend of his who held it at $60,000, and that he thought the Board should pay $80,000 for it, and that he would want the architect to recommend it.

"Somewhere about March 19th, 1917, I received a letter from Mr. Stewart, in which the latter stated 'his friend' (Mr. McIlhenny, as I understodd it) would expect Mr. Ittner to give up one-fifth of his commission and that if he ('his friend') could get assurance that Ittner would do this, the latter's election as architect would be effected at a meeting of the Board to be held on April 6th.

(Signed) "L. D. PETRE.

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this twenty-fifth day of April, A. D. 1917.

(Signed) "G. H. Leuthstrom,
(Notarial Seal) "Notary Public,
"Cook County, Illinois."

Mr. Stewart's Affidavit

Mr. Stewart's affidavit is as follows:

"State of Illinois,

"County of Cook, ss:

"William T. Stewart, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, being duly sworn, states that he has read the above and foregoing affidavit of L. D. Petre, and that in so far as that affidavit connects this affiant with the matters and things therein set forth, the affidavit of said Petre is true, save as follows:

"Affiant does not remember the incident or conversation set out in Mr. Petre's affidavit in the following language:

"'He told how he had always made and held the confidence of his friends in politics by seeing that they were taken care of in the way of commissions on contracts; that he always looked after the collection and distribution of the commissions expected.' . .

"Affiant also states that in the matter of the discussion of the so-called Hill site on the East Side of Harrisburg, he has no recollection of any amounts as to the value or purchase price of that property being mentioned. Affiant states that during a goodly portion of the time that he, Petre and McIlhenny were talking together at the interview above mentioned Mr. Petre and Mr. McIlhenny were doing most of the talking, and affiant did not pay particular attention to all of their conversation. Affiant further states that in one of his conversations with Mr. McIlhenny, the latter told affiant that he had not discussed with either Ittner or Perte at all or mentioned the question of division of architect's fees, when Mr. McIlhenny was in Chicago. Further affiant says that Mr. McIlhenny told him (affiant) that any moneys which he might receive would be used solely for campaign purposes.

"Further affiant sayeth not.

(Signed) "WM. T. STEWART.

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April, A. D. 1917.

(Signed) "G. H. Leuthstrom,
(Notarial Seal) "Notary Public,
"Cook County, Illinois."

Mr. Boyd's Affidavit

Mr. Boyd's affidavit follows:

"State of Illinois,

"County of Cook, ss:

"I, Thomas M. Boyd, being first duly sworn on oath, state that I am a resident of the city of Chicago, and am president of the American Seating Company, a corporation.

"Mr. William B. Ittner, an architect of the city of St. Louis, Missouri, and I have been warm personal friends. Some time in the month of February, 1917, I received a letter from Mr. Ittner, in which he stated that he was a candidate, or rather an applicant, for the position of architect in the planning and erection of certain new schools in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and that he (Ittner) was finding some opposition to his appointment, which he had been informed emanated from one George W. McIlhenny, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Ittner also stated that he was told in Harrisburg that Mr. McIlhenny was associated with the American Seating Company in some sort of an agency capacity, and asked me to find out what I could about the matter. Not having any personal knowledge in the matter, I made inquiry through our New York office, and ascertained that our business in Harrisburg was transacted through Mr. William T. Stewart, of Philadelphia, our Philadelphia agent, and that Mr. McIlhenny at times acted for Mr. Stewart in a subagency capacity in Harrisburg, or something of that character. I then by letter requested Mr. Stewart to go to Harrisburg and ascertain what he could with reference to the situation surrounding the appointment of the school architect, and subsequently, some two or three weeks later, at my request, Mr. Stewart and Mr. L. D. Petre, our sales manager, went to Harrisburg to investigate the situation as to any influence by Mr. McIlhenny, and in so doing did interview Mr. McIlhenny.

"Shortly before the first of March I made up my mind to ask Mr. McIlhenny to come to Chicago and have an interview with Mr. Ittner, with a view of finding out what was the cause of McIlhenny's opposition, having him meet Ittner and to give him an opportunity to judge of Mr. Ittner, his character and qualifications as an architect. I arranged with Mr. McIlhenny to come to Chicago, and later sent for Mr. Ittner, and the two met in Chicago on March 2nd, as I recall it. This meeting in Chicago between McIlhenny and Ittner was brought about entirely upon my own initiative without either Ittner's request or knowledge, and was purely the result of my desire to help a friend, whose ability as an architect in his particular line, I both knew and admired. I was told that Mr. Ittner and Mr. McIlhenny had met and discussed the situation at the Illinois Athletic Club, and later I talked with Mr. McIlhenny myself, urging upon him the desirability of securing Mr. Ittner as architect in Harrisburg, because of his experience and ability in the construction if schoolhouses. As before stated, the meeting between Ittner was arranged altogether by me and Mr. Ittner knew nothing of the purpose of the meeting, or my idea in regard to it, until I sent for him and told him Mr. McIlhenny was coming to Chicago. All that I did was purely out of my fast friendship with Mr. Ittner.

(Signed) "THOMAS M. BOYD.

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April, A. D. 1917.

(Signed) "G. H. LEUTHSTROM,
(Notarial Seal) "Notary Public."

STEELTON CHURCHES

First Methodist—The Rev. W. H. Shaw, pastor, will preach at 10.30 a. m. on "Advanced in the Ranks" memorial sermon to G. A. R.; Sunday School 2.00, patriotic exercises; 7:30 p. m., sermon, "Reuben."

Centenary United Brethren—The Rev. A. K. Wier, pastor, will preach at 10 a. m. on "Christ's Message to the Church of Today," and at 7.30 p. m., on "A Noble Resolution." Sunday School, 2; Mission Day, C. E. 6.30.

Trinity Episcopal—The Rev. David Yule, rector, 8 a. m. communion; 10 a. m. Sunday School; 11 a. m., morning prayer and sermon, 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

St. John's Lutheran—The Rev. G. N. Lauffer, pastor, will preach at 10.45 a. m. on "Waiting Upon the Lord," and at 7.30 p. m., on "That Rock Was Christ." Sunday School, 9.30, patriotic service; Intermediate C. E. 6.30.

First Presbyterian—The Rev. C. B. Segelken, pastor, will preach at 11 a. m. on "Protecting Invaluable Men," and at 7.30 p. m., on "The Greatness of Friendship" sermon to L. O. O. F. Sunday School 9.45; C. E. 6.45.

Main Street Church of God—The Rev. G. W. Getz, pastor, will preach at 10.30 a. m. on "Messages from the Mountains" and at 7.30 p. m. on "National Prohibition as a War Measure." Sunday School, 2; C. E. 6; Senior C. E. 6.30.

Central Baptist—The Rev. H. D. Germer, pastor, will preach at 10.30 a. m. and at 7.30 p. m. Sunday School 2; B. Y. P. U., 6.30.

Salem Lutheran, Oberlin—The Rev. D. S. Dupley, pastor, will preach at 10.30 a. m. on "My Peace I Give Unto You," and at 7.30 p. m. on "Temptation of Jesus." Sunday School, 9.30; C. E., 6.30.

First Reformed—The Rev. H. H. Rupp, pastor, will preach at 10.45 a. m. and at 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45.

Grace U. E.—The Rev. J. C. Hoffman, pastor, will preach at 10.30 on "The Christian Nature of Young Children," and at 7.30 p. m., the Rev. C. D. Penterbaugh, of New Kingston, will preach; Sunday School at 9.15; K. L. C. E. 7 p. m. Baptismal ceremonies will be observed in the morning. Mid-week prayer service on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

United Brethren, Highspire—The Rev. H. F. Rhoad. 10.45, "Lessons From Nature"; 7.30, "The Preaching of Stephen"; Sunday School, 9.30; Y. P. S. C. at 6.30.

NEWS OF STEELTON

CANVASSERS ARE MAKING PROGRESS

Secure Fifty-Seven New Members For Red Cross Society

The membership of the Steelton Branch of the Red Cross Society is slowly climbing to 1,000. With the fifty-seven new members secured yesterday the total membership is now 724.

Complete reports are expected to raise the membership considerably.

Mrs. W. H. Nell, chairman of the publicity committee announced the following names for publication today: E. B. Malehorn, John Malehorn, Mrs. H. Prowl, Mrs. C. J. Gelnett, Mrs. Arthur E. Halfpapp, Mrs. C. Harry Daniels, Mrs. John W. Beidel, Mrs. M. C. Zerby, Mrs. Lloyd Nelson, M. R. Alleman, Miss Catherine Brown, Mrs. Thomas Davis, George S. Gardner, Mrs. K. I. Gardner, Miss Emily I. Gardner, W. A. Keister, Mrs. W. W. Lock, Mrs. George B. Byrod, John L. Grove William F. Housman, John H. Gibb, Mrs. George R. Nauss, Mrs. T. H. Schlessman, Mrs. John Sanders, Jas. L. Dickson, Mrs. Chas. W. Green, Jacob Shooman, John P. Shelley, Joseph C. Wells, Dr. C. H. Saul, Bud Johnson, Mrs. Frank Wells, Philip Waidley, Mrs. Katharine Gilbert Rutherford, Mrs. Chas. F. Saylor, Mrs. Grace E. Taylor, Mitar Kajganic, Simo Postic, Mrs. Julia Shaffner, Mrs. Lee G. Wilt, Miss Mary E. Brandt, Miss Lisle Brandt, Miss Dorothy Vickey, Miss Myra Vickey, Mrs. Frank Brown, Miss Marie Wise, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Annie Carroll, Mrs. C. E. Good, Mrs. E. A. Jenkins, Mrs. S. S. Beck, Mrs. Gundell, Miss Kathryn Etter, Mrs. Ellen Kalley, Mrs. Anna C. Bamberger and Mrs. Edwin Bodmer.

Patriotic Services in Borough To-morrow

Patriotic services will be held in the churches of the borough to-morrow. An extensive program will be presented by the firemen in observing the annual memorial exercises in the high school auditorium to-morrow afternoon.

At St. John's Lutheran Sunday School, a large silk flag will be unfurled, with special patriotic ceremonies. A flag will be presented at the First Methodist school. In the morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Methodist Church, Post 351, G. A. R. will hold the annual memorial services. Post Adjutant C. E. Scott assisted by Commander Frederick Deugler will have charge of the services. The Rev. W. H. Shaw, pastor of the church, will preach on "Advanced in the Ranks."

Slovak Committeeman to Address Croations

Milan Marjanovich, of Washington, D. C., a member of the Southern Slovak Committee of London, will speak in Croation hall this evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Marjanovich will speak on "Southern Slovak Unity." This is the first of a series of meetings to be held to discuss the unity plan.

MARGARET KINNEY DOUGLASS, FORMER RESIDENT, DIES

Margaret Kinney Douglass, wife of George W. Douglass, formerly of Steelton, died yesterday morning at Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Mrs. Douglass was a daughter of the late John P. Kinney, of the borough. She is survived by her husband, a son, Robert C., and a daughter, Margaret V.; her mother, Mrs. John P. Kinney, of Steelton; three brothers, Charles C. Kinney, Frank D. Kinney and John E. Kinney, of Philadelphia; two sisters, Mrs. Charles S. Davis, of Steelton, and Mrs. A. A. Brehm, of Buffalo, N. Y., also survive. Funeral services will be held from the home of Prof. Charles S. Davis, 183 South Second street, Steelton, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be made in the Baldwin Cemetery and will be private.

HIGHSPIRE

Mr. and Mrs. David M. Diffenderfer are spending some time at White Plains, N. Y., visiting their daughter, Mrs. George E. Kapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hoopes, of Mt. McGregor, N. Y., have returned home after visiting D. W. Yeager.

Leonard Wilson, of Boston, Mass., returned home to-day after spending several weeks in town visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilson.

SMALL FIRE

Fire in an oil tank at No. 2 forge of the local steel plant early last evening did little damage. The alarm was sent in from box 122, shortly before 7 o'clock.

REVIVAL AT BRESSLER

The revival services being conducted in the Bressler Methodist Church by the Rev. R. H. Colburn are being attended by large audiences. There were three converts last night and the meetings will be continued.

ERECT LARGE STEEL POLE

Monster Flagstaff Placed in Position at Front and Swatara Streets Today

A large steel flagpole was erected in front of the office building of the local steel plant, Front and Swatara streets, this morning.

The pole was placed eleven feet in the ground and stands nearly seventy-five feet in the air.

The pole, which was made in the pipe shop of the local plant, weighs about three and one-half tons.

The day for holding the flagraising has not been announced but it is probable it will be held Tuesday at noon. A flag nine and one-half by fifteen feet will be unfurled under the direction of the steel company police. A larger flag will be placed on the pole later. The Steelton Band will furnish music for the ceremonies.

Steelton Snap Shots

Entertain Choir.—Members of the St. John's Lutheran Church choir were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Miller, at their home in Harrisburg, Thursday evening in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Charles Lawrence. The Rev. and Mrs. G. N. Lauffer were among the forty guests.

Mrs Heagy Hostess.—Mrs. J. M. Heagy was hostess to members of her Sunday School class of Centenary Church, Thursday evening, at her home, 39 South Fourth street. There were seventy-five guests present.

OBERLIN

Miss Catherine Butler was operated on Thursday afternoon at the Harrisburg Hospital for appendicitis.

Miss Annie Stroup, who was badly hurt in the automobile accident last Sunday, while on her way to Shippensburg State Normal school, where she is a senior, is improving, and is expected home soon from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs Elmer Wagner and daughter, Anna Wagner, are spending a few days with the former's parents, at York.

A pleasant surprise was given to Mrs. Charles Suskey by the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Salem Lutheran Church, of which she is a member. A set of fine dishes was presented her as a token of esteem on her recent marriage. Those present were: Mrs. D. E. Rupley, Mrs. Jos. Janson, Sr., Mrs. Harry Dickey, Mrs. Fred. Bachman, Mrs. Christian Beck, Mrs. Paul Poutle, Mrs. Jos. Janson, Jr., Mrs. Samuel Wilson, Mrs. Paul Suskey, Mrs. George Jeffries, Mrs. Harry Myers, Misses Effie M. Rupley, Grace Glantz, Mildred Eshenour and Minnie Wuerschinski.

A parcel post kitchen shower was given to Mrs. Enos Aungst at her home, near her, who was married a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Hannah Ludwig, of Annville, visited for a few days with Mrs. Frank Bigler.

OPEN AIR CONCERT

The Highspire Band will give an open air concert this evening, in Kaufman's Park, opposite the post office. The following program will be given: Overture, "The White City," Angell; Morceau characteristic, "Forest Whispers," Losey; (a) "Cuban Dance; Rosemary," Jewell; (b) serenade, "Land of Dreams," Barnhouse; fantasia, "Gems of Stephen Foster," T