

# IN AND ABOUT STEELTON

## TWO MILLS WILL CLOSE FOR WEEK

### Extensive Repairs to Be Made in Steel Plant Rolling Departments

Announcement was made at the office of the steel plant this morning that the 44-inch and 28-inch rolling mills will be closed down next week while extensive repairs are being made. The program for renovation will include the overhauling of the steam driving engine. The engine will be placed in condition so the mills will be able to operate until June when a motor drive engine will be installed.

No employees will be thrown out of work by the shutdown it was announced. Workmen now on duty at the 44-inch mill will be shifted to the one-inch mill which it is understood, will be placed into operation temporarily. This mill has not been in operation for some time due to the lack of orders, it is said. Officials intend to place the men at other work in the plant so that they will not lose any time by the shutdown. Some of the workmen will be shifted to the 24-inch mill where two turns will be put on duty.

An order for the motor driven engine was placed a long time ago but officials have little hope of having it in operation before June 1. The installation of the motor driven machine is another step toward the elimination of steam engines in many of the mills.

## Steel Plant to Close Down on Christmas Day

Following the usual custom the steel plant will be closed down on Christmas Day, officials of the plant said this morning. The coke ovens and blast furnaces will be in operation, it being impossible to let the fire in these furnaces go out and resume operations the following day. Employees of the plant are receiving their Christmas pay, issuance of pay envelopes was started on Thursday and will continue until Tuesday.

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## Relief Society Will Meet Tuesday to Elect

Officers of the Relief and Beneficial Society of the employees of the local plant of the Bethlehem Steel works will be elected by directors chosen at a meeting yesterday afternoon, on Tuesday, it was announced today. Directors and officers elected yesterday from twelve divisions of the plant are as follows: William Helder, treasurer; H. H. Howard, secretary; John E. Butler, representative of the management; W. F. Nye, bridge and construction department; Charles Lynch, frog shop; Milton Yetter, steel foundry; H. E. Royer, transportation; James Coleman, mechanical department; Alfred Fries, mechanical department; Lloyd Eppinger, open hearth; Mussier White, electrical department; I. E. Wolf, rolling mills; Scott Basom, rolling mills; H. W. Cook, offices; Ray Paine, coke ovens.

## Request Residents to Safeguard Against Fire

Fire Chief Malhorn this morning in statement requests residents to take precautionary measures against fire during the Christmas season. Residents are asked to place candles on Christmas trees, in boxes or near window curtains. The chief requests residents to assist the borough and the fire department in every way to avoid fires. The fire chief recommends that residents use the best quality of decorations and to see that the fixtures are properly installed so that there will be no danger of short circuit wires.

## Steelton Churches

**Grace United Evangelical**—The Rev. J. K. Hoffman, pastor, 10:45, Christmas program of primary and beginners department; 7:30, sermon, "The Purpose of the First Advent," Sunday school, 9:30; C. E., 6:45.  
**Trinity Episcopal**—The Rev. W. C. Hellmuth, rector, 8, Holy Communion; 10, church school; 11, morning prayer; 7:30, evening prayer and address by Dr. John Wilson Wood, 8:30.  
**First Methodist**—The Rev. E. A. Tyson, pastor, will preach at 10:45 on "Christmas and the New Era," and at 7:30, "The Christmas Spirit," Sunday school, 9:30; Christmas program; Epworth League, 6:30, Christmas program.

**Main Street Church of God**—The Rev. J. E. Strine, pastor, will preach at 10:30 on "The Incarnation," and at 7:30 the Sunday school will render its Christmas program; Sunday school, 2.  
**Warner Baptist**—The Rev. Warner Brown, pastor, will preach at 10:45 on "Christ, the Prince of Peace," and at 7:30 on "God Is Love," Sunday school, 12:30; B. Y. P. U., 6:30.  
**Centenary United Brethren**—The Rev. Joseph Daugherty, pastor, will preach at 11 on "The First Christmas," 7, Christmas program by Sunday school children; Sunday school, 9:45; anthems by choir in charge of Frank Armstrong.

**First Presbyterian**—The Rev. C. E. Segelken, pastor, will preach at 11 on "The Significance of the Advent," and at 7:30, the Christmas service of the Sunday school will be held; Sunday school, 9:45; C. E., 6:30.  
**Central Baptist**—The Rev. J. P. Curran, pastor, will preach at 11 on "All Peoples Gathering Unto Him," and at 7:30 on "Through the Night, the Right," Sunday school at 10 o'clock.

**First Reformed**—The Rev. H. H. Rupp, pastor, will preach at 10:45 on "The Peace of Peace," and at 7:30 on "No Room in the Inn," Christmas Day, early praise service, 6; brief address, "The Gifts We Bring," Sunday school program, 7.

## Notes of Oberlin

Oberlin, Pa., Dec. 20.—The school board of Swatara township met in a special session at the High school building to consider a proposition of the heating plant in the Ruthersford Heights building. A committee was appointed to meet today to determine what type of plant should be installed.

The basketball game between Mt. Union and Swatara High schools was a very interesting one during the game. The lineup and summary:

MOUNT UNION	
Goals, Fouls, To's	
Peduzzi, r. f. ....	4 0 8
Curry, l. f. ....	4 0 0
Briggs, c. ....	1 0 2
Peters, r. e. ....	2 4 8
Hollenbaugh, l. g. ....	0 0 0
Totals	11 4 26
SWATARA TOWNSHIP HIGH	
Goals, Fouls, To's	
Janson, r. f. ....	5 0 10
Hammaria, l. f. ....	0 0 0
Hocker, c. ....	0 0 8
Hager, r. e. ....	2 4 8
Brehm, l. g. ....	0 0 0
Totals	15 4 24

## SPANISH WAR VETERANS ACTIVE

### Harrisburg Camp to Be Commanded During 1920 by Herman Bitner

Harrisburg Camp No. 8, United Spanish War Veterans are just winding up a very successful year. At their last meeting they elected Don Manahan, camp commander; Herman Bitner, senior vice-commander; Charles Hantzler, junior vice-commander; William C. Morton, officer of the day; Harry Chuck, officer of the guard, to act in these capacities for the year of 1920. It is expected that on Friday, January 2, 1920, when these officers will be installed, William E. Weidner, of Reading, the Department Commander of this district, will be in attendance and conduct the installation.

The Camp has taken favorable action on the suggestion of creating a community hall for all veteran organizations in connection with the hoped-for State Armory, and have appointed a committee to consult with other veterans with this end in view.

The recruiting of the new units of the Pennsylvania National Guard to be located in Harrisburg is making very decided progress. Captain Wilbur, of Co. D, Captain Smith of the Supply Company and Captain Meredith of the Headquarters Company of the 8th Regiment as well as Captain Shoemaker of the Governor's Troop all report that enlistments are coming in rapidly and that the character of the men enlisting is far above the average. "Has been" of the late war, ex-guardsmen, members of the Pennsylvania Reserve Militia and brand new rookies are all showing real interest in the organization and it augurs well for Harrisburg's well established reputation in military affairs. It should be a source of definite pride to every Harrisburger to know that its citizens are helping to back our Uncle Sam in time of trouble.

## Skaters Enjoy Big Pond Provided by Steelmen

A large number of persons yesterday afternoon and last night enjoyed skating on a pond on Cottage Hill provided by officials of the local steel plant. The "red flag" is flying to-day so there will likely be a large number of skaters. The pond was opened at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and closed at 10 o'clock. The pond, although not officially christened, is commonly known as the Community Skating pond. A force of men were at work this morning sweeping the snow from the pond so that it could be used again just as soon as it is up.

**ST. JOHN'S MUSIC**  
Special music appropriate to the Christmas season will be presented in St. John's Lutheran Church tomorrow, in the morning Miss Rebecca Miller, supervisor of music in the public schools at Gallitzin, will sing a soprano solo. The choir will sing an anthem, "Arise, Shine For Thy Light is Come," by Lorenz, with contralto solo by Miss Reineg. Evening anthem, "Calm on the Listening Ear of Night," by Shelley, with soprano obligato, by Mrs. L. E. Gotsch. "The Light of the World," by Mrs. W. C. Gotsch. "The Light of the World," by Mrs. W. C. Gotsch. Christmas cantata, "The Light of the Ages," Sunday evening, December 28.

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**  
Arrangements for a Christmas celebration to be held in Memorial A. M. E. Church to-day will be under the direction of Professor Charles Howard, in charge of the tableaux, and Alex Stripplin in charge of the musical end of the program. The Rev. Mr. Sterrett, pastor, will preach at both services on Sunday. The pastor will preach on "Jesus Born," in the morning, and on "The Boy Jesus" in the evening.

**INITIATE CLASS**  
A class of 35 candidates were initiated last night by the Penbrook degree team in the presence of 100 lodge members. Oliver Baskin, a charter member of the organization, was the speaker.

**BAND DANCE**  
The Imperial band will hold a dance in Croatian Hall, December 26, it was announced this morning.

**BOROUGH PAY DAY**  
Borough employees this morning received their pay envelopes. The usual custom in paying employees before Christmas was followed out this year.

## Musical Program at Market Square Church

The musical program to be given at Market Square Presbyterian Church to-morrow will be as follows:  
Morning—Prelude, "Adoratio et Angelica (Dubois), Noel, "Joseph and Mary," Gullmant; anthem, "Sing, O Sing, This Blessed Morn," Rogers; offertory, "Gesus Bambino (the infant Jesus), Yon; carol, "O Lovely Voices of the Sky," Rogers (men's chorus); postlude, "Chorus of Shepherds," Lemmens.  
Evening—Service at 7:15. Prelude, Christmas song and pastorate (Lemmens), "Noel," Guedocien (Gullmant), "Ancient Polish Noel," with variations, Gullmant; "Silent Night, Holy Night," ancient German carol; "The Shepherds' Christmas Song," Tyroler, 1816; hymn 178, "Calm on the Listening Ear;" "The Three Kings," old French carol for the Geverat collection; Old Testament Scripture, Psalm 81:9-17; "Asleep in the Manger," Malay (Miss Midaugh); New Testament Scripture, Hebrews 1:5-2:10; "Sleep, My Little One," Alsatian, 1697; "Hall, All Hall," Bohemian, 1690; prayer; "The Cradle Song of the Blessed Virgin," Barnby, English; offertory, "Christ-Pastorale," Rogers; hymn 184 (tune 650), "While Shepherds Watched," address, "I Heard the Bells," Shryrock; American; prayer, benediction carole, "Jesus, Thou Dear Babe Divine," Hayti; postlude, "Chant du Roi Rene" (Noel Provincial), Gullmant.

## Workers in Convention

Much self-sacrificing Christian endeavor work is being done by the Rev. Samuel Schumacher, a teacher in the Lutheran school in Agram, Croatia. He has spent considerable time in forming many new societies, which became evangelistic centers in all parts of the Balkan States, in Serbia, Croatia, Slavonia and Rumania.

The first convention of Christian Endeavor in Jugo-Slavia will be held the latter part of this month. Dr. Croatin. He has spent considerable time in forming many new societies, which became evangelistic centers in all parts of the Balkan States, in Serbia, Croatia, Slavonia and Rumania.

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**Divorces Granted**—Three divorces decrees were signed to-day by the court in the following cases: Mary E. vs. William McC. Watson; Esther C. vs. Earl T. Shuster; Eugene vs. Viola E. Magnani.

**Letters on Estate**—Because of a dispute among heirs of Emma Henry, late of Penbrook, Register of Willis Ed. H. Flashed to-day named the Commonwealth Trust Company as administrator and issued letters to that institution.

**Brings \$10,000 Suit**—A damage suit for \$10,000 was filed to-day by counsel for Mr. and Mrs. Israel Cole against William E. Seel. In the statement it is alleged that December 29, 1918, at Twenty-fourth and Derry streets, John Cole, a sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cole, stepped from a street car, and walking around the front of it was struck and killed by an automobile owned by Mr. Seel.

## SECOND IN COMMAND

### Colonel Fleming



COLONEL FLEMING

Samuel W. Fleming, Jr., Lieutenant-Colonel, Eighth Infantry, Pennsylvania National Guard, was commissioned a First Lieutenant of Infantry, Reserve Corps in May, 1917. He was assigned to active duty at Fort Niagara, N. Y., on May 11, 1917. For his efficient work in connection with the training of the student officers he was promoted to rank of captain. He was assigned to duty with the 25th Infantry at Camp Meade, Md., on August 27, 1917, and soon later was appointed Regimental Adjutant. Colonel Fleming acted in this capacity until he was promoted to Major early in October, 1918. He was given command of the Second Battalion and remained in command of this unit until demobilization at Camp Dix, N. J., on June 10, 1919. He took part in the following engagements:

Cote 204 (defensive); Troyon Sector, (defensive); Meuse-Argonne (offensive), and Grande Montagne (offensive). He was wounded on November 8, 1918, with a high explosive shell but demonstrated his bravery by continuing in action until the close of hostilities on November 11. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Croix de Guerre with palm, and Chevalier Legion of Honor. Colonel Fleming is a member of Post 27, American Legion and the Military Society of Foreign Wars.

**RISES QUICKLY IN NAVY**  
On July 9 Russell J. Charles, a Harrisburg boy, went into the local recruiting station to enlist in the United States Navy, was given the necessary examination and finally passed and was accepted for service as a seaman apprentice. He was rated seaman first class, October rated storekeeper third class, November, storekeeper second class, December storekeeper first class. After six months' sea duty he then can take examination for chief storekeeper and if successful he then will obtain a rate that took years to make in days gone by.

**LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS**  
Swatara lodge, No. 1901, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, at its annual meeting elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Trustee, John W. Fields, James T. Watson, Jackson A. Brown; marshal, Charles James; assistant, W. J. Bailor, James A. Brown was named chairman of a membership committee.

**NAVAL RESERVISTS**  
Naval reservists may now transfer to the regular navy to complete the unexpired term of their original enrollment and receive a gratuity equal to four months pay, an increase in pay amounting to seven dollars a month, thirty days leave immediately upon transfer to the regular navy, and transfer by rail at Government expense to any receiving ship in the United States.

**CLEARINGS DECREASE**  
New York, Dec. 20.—The actual condition of Clearing House banks and trust companies for the week shows that the reserve held is \$12,230,830 below legal requirements. This is a decrease of \$40,543,890 from last week.

## LITTLE HOPE IS HELD OUT FOR SPRING BUILDING

### Real Estate Operators and Contractors Vary Opinions For Work of New Year

Optimism and pessimism are evident in about equal amounts in the opinions of various local real estate men and contractors for Harrisburg's spring building operations. From answers received yesterday in request for an outlook on 1920, the greatest enthusiasm vied with the dullest despair.

A representative of the Brinton-Packer Company declared that no new work on houses will be started now, and that there is practically no hope for spring building either. In fact, he was of the opinion that if anything, the outlook for spring was even gloomier than at present.

On the other hand, the Metzger-Romberger Company, contractors, declare that building operations will be immense; that the scarcity of labor is the only thing that prevents them from going ahead with the work now. This company operates within a hundred miles radius and are only waiting for better weather in order to begin their building in Palmyra, Lebanon, and various towns in Cumberland county.

G. W. Milley, of the Pennsylvania Realty Company is of the opinion that building operations would cease to a great extent. Labor troubles and general unrest in the country were causing such excessive rises in the price of material, that all houses and apartments which are even now in course of construction will have to be abandoned.

The laboring man has shown indications of conceding, however, said Mr. Milley, and if the Government can only succeed in bringing down food prices, they will be willing to accept less wages and the work may proceed.

Herman P. Miller, of Miller Brothers, said that he was really unable to predict at this time. Conditions were so chaotic, said Mr. Miller, that one does not know 48 hours ahead of time what the cost of materials will be and very often how much wages will have to be paid. He looks for very little building before the middle of the summer.

The Martin Construction Company looks for a busy season, with the prospects fairly good. They also admit that the present uncertainty makes it very difficult to predict with any accuracy, but are hopeful of better conditions by the middle of summer.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that the prevailing unrest, tremendous costs of material, high wages, and lack of proper Government supervision are holding back building operations. There is practically no chance for logical reasoning in an attempt at forecasting.

## Young Folk to Give Program in Park Street

The young folk of the Park Street United Evangelical Church will play their part in the season's celebration on Sunday morning, December 21. Special selections will be rendered by the merry little folks. "White Gifts for the King" will be rendered in the evening of same day. White gifts—money, fruit, linen, etc., will be received for the United Evangelical Home at Lewisburg. These gifts will be received on Sunday and during coming week. The missionary offering for home missions will also be received at this meeting. There will be special music by select choir and chorus.

**GEORGE W. GREAR**  
Funeral services for George W. Grear, railroad policeman, will be held from 118 Washington street, on Monday morning, at 10:30 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. George Edward Hawes, pastor of Market Square Presbyterian Church. Members of the railroad police force, under Captain Search, will serve as pallbearers. Burial will be in East Harrisburg cemetery.

## Local Real Estate Man Forecasts Spring Situation

Real estate activities in Harrisburg and operations in the coming spring seasons will unquestionably be watched with keen interest on the part of the real estate promoter, the builder, the contractor, the owner, and the broker—as well as the more unpretentious speculator, the tenant, who by recent operations has been definitely set his mind toward the happy goal of becoming his own landlord.

As the housing situation in Harrisburg has never before gone through such an acute stage, and the question naturally arises: "Will the situation be relieved the coming spring?" This question has come to the writer's attention, as it probably has to the average real estate promoter, time and time again. As the writer sees it, after a careful survey of local conditions, the housing situation in general cannot be greatly relieved in the very near future, when one has in mind the comparatively small building activity now in progress.

The builder of to-day is relieving the situation just so far as the staggering market prices on building materials will permit. He has a feeling of confidence toward the average home-seeker—the home buyer, that he will be enabled by that confidence to disperse his operations in a manner whereby his undertakings have proven safe and secure, and only safe and secure.

Aside from the erection of new homes we are face to face with the abnormally congested situation which prevails, and has prevailed for the past two years, throughout the city and vicinity, with no surplus of homes to be had for renting purposes. To be sure, a large percentage of private homes have been converted into either temporary rooming-houses, or apartments, which has been the only practical solution for relief. It must be remembered that all tenants are not in a financial position to even think of purchasing a home. There always have been tenants and there always will be. The tenant, the good tenant, is the backbone of the land-

lords' investment. And a "good tenant" these days is one who is broad-minded enough to observe the gradual—might we not say "staggering"—increased cost of repairs, as well as increased taxation.

The question of how for our local banking institutions will go in helping finance the propositions is another matter which arises. In New York City it is a not uncommon practice to grant second and even third mortgages, and as every one knows, in Philadelphia second mortgages are an every day affair.

## FUNDS DISTRIBUTED

Balances in the hands of the committee in charge of the sale of army food in this city have been distributed among three children's homes in this city. Checks for fifty dollars have been sent to each of the institutions, including the Children's Industrial Home, Nursery Home and Sylvan Heights Orphanage.

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