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REYNOLDSVILLE, PENN'A., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1909.

STEEL PLANT PURCHASED BY ENAMELING COMPANY

Negotiations Carried On Through the Business Men's Joseph J. Shaffer Association Finally Result In An Outright Purchase By Clymer Manufacturing Company.

FORMAL TRANSFER WITHIN

Plant Will be Remodeled and Equipped for the Manufacture of Bath Tubs, Lavatories and Similar Articles.—Will Employ From Fifty to Seventy-Five Men at the Start and the Force Will be Increased With the Return of Prosperity to the Country. - Will Put Over a Hundred Thousand Dollars a Year Into Circulation in Reynoldsville When In Operation.

THE REYNOLDSVILLE STEEL PLANT will be sold within thirty days to the Clymer Manufacturing Company, of Indiana, Pa. Yesterday at one o'clock Charles S. Lord, Secretary of the Reynoldsville Business Men's Association, received a message from G. A. Conrath, Superintendent of the Indiana plant of the company, stating that the deal had received the official sanction of the board of directors of his company and that its final consummation was only a matter of time. It is probable that the formal transfer of the property from the hands of its present holders to the Indiana company will occur in the second week of March.

The closing of this transaction means much to the future prosperity of Reynoldsville. It is the intention of the company to remodel the plant immediately after taking it over and transform it into an enameling establishment for the manufacture of bath tubs, lavatories, sinks and articles of | chief.

like nature. They will have a daily capacity of at least 50 batho tubs and 100 pieces of the smaller ware at the beginning and there is every expectation that when business conditions again return to normal, this capacity will be greatly increased. Practically all of the product will be marketed in the eastern cities and it was the excellent shipping facilities from Reynoldsville, together with low cost of operation, which attracted the Indiana people to this city.

After the remodelling is completed the actual operation of the plant will be started with a force of from 50 to 100 men. The majority of these will be adults and will receive a good rate of pay. It is estimated that the pay roll within a year will reach \$200,000. and to that extent may be depended upon to put new life into local business enterprises.

The entire plant at Reynoldsville can be utilized, though much of the machinery left by the Pittsburgh Industrial Iron Works company will have to be discarded. The foundry, with cupalo and crane, may be used with but slight alterations and enlargement. The upper building must be divided into five compartments to handle the ware in its progress from the casting in the foundry to the finished product, ready for packing and shipping. The office building at the plant will be refitted and used by the clerical

The Clymer Manufacturing Company is a corporation capitalized at \$100,000.00. It has an enamel plant at Indiana, Pa., and has an established business. Its president, W. A. Guthrie, and general superintendent, George A. Conrath, are old residents of Indiana who have won the confidence of their townsman by the conservative and successful management of business affairs. The stock of the company is held largely by Indiana county people, though a number of New York business men are financially interested in the concern. It is the present intention of the company to establish its main office and sales department in New York City, with a shipping and clerical force at Indiana and Reynoldsville. The company's business has outgrown its present producing capacity and the expansion simply enables it to meet the demand.

The success of the Clymer Manufacturing Company's product has been due mainly to a secret process of mixing the ingredients of the enamel composition invented and controlled by G. A. Conrath, the general manager of the concern. Mr. Conrath has been connected with some of the largest enameling concerns in America and has gained national reputation through the process he controls. After the transfer is completed Mr. Conrath will personally assume charge of the Reynoldsville plant. He has been in Reynoldsville on several occasions and is favorably known to many.

Mr. Conrath has been endeavoring to secure the gas well near the steel plant, but if not successful, will probably drill another well after commencing operations. Fuel is a large item in the expense account and owning their own well, cost of operation will be reduced to a minimum.

That the people of Reynoldsville secure this valuable industry without being asked to contribute a cent in the way of bonus or taking stock, is due primarily to the activity of the Business Men's Association, through which the company was interested in the steel plant, and through which negotiations were carried on, and next, to the sacrifice in price made by the bond-holders owning the property in order to benefit the community. The First National bank and Peoples National bank deserve conspicuous credit in this respect. Probably no other industry was ever brought to Reynoldsville just as this one was. In a period of continuous negotiations extending over three months, hardly a letter was written, but the long distance telephone was in daily commission with Mr. Conrath at one end and Secretary Lord at the other. The long stretch between the price of the bond-holders and figures of the bidder was gradually shortened until the two met on a common basis. Behind the officials of the Association stood the membership who had contributed the fund for just such work.

There is an immense and rapidly growing demand for enameled ware of this kind. Every modern home is so equipped, while in many hotels, the private bath rooms necessitate the use of several carloads of enameled ware in a single building. With the Clymer people the proposition has been not so much to secure orders as to keep up with the demand for their product.

Appointed Adams Express Agent.

Popular Veteran Once More Assumes Charge of Local Business.

Joseph J. Shaffer has been appointed agent of the Adams Express Company in Reynoldsville to succeed Francis O. Sutter, who resigned in January. There were several applicants for the position and while all were worthy in every respect, the selection of Mr. Shaffer will be noted with pleasure by the citizens. Twenty-five years of continuous service as agent for the Adams company in Reynoldsville, characterized by uniform courtesy and promptness as well as strict integrity, had earned for Mr. Shaffer the reward of re-appointment after an interim during which ill health had forced resignation. When Mr. Shaffer recovered his wonted health in 1906 he became assistant to Mr. Sutter, his successor, and remained in that capacity until Wednesday last, when he again became



DR EANCHESTER AND HIS PHILADEL

Walston Woman Met A Peculiar Death

Fell Into a Well From Which She Was Drawing Water And Was Drowned.

While drawing water from the well at her home in Walston, Tuesday morning of this week, Mrs. Antonio Ricco slipped and fell through a hole in the platform over the well and her dead body was found floating in the water a few moments after. The accident bappened about 7:30 when Mrs. Ricco went to get the water. Not returning promptly her mother, Mrs. Michael Racco, who lives in the same building, went to search for her daughter. She saw one bucket full of water and one partly filled on the well platform and the broken boards showed where she had fallen through. Peer ing down into the well she beheld the body of her daughter. Calling for help a neighbor got the body from the well and a physician was summoned, but all efforts to resuscitate her were without avail. The deceased was 25 years of age and came to this country about four years ago. The husband and a three-year-old daughter survive her .-Punxsutawney News.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Reynoldsville Building and Loan Association will be held at the office of the Association at 7.30 p. m. on Monday, February 22, 1909, for the purpose of electing five directors and one auditor and transacting any other business that may be pre-JOHN M. HAYS, L. J. MCENTIRE, President.

Secretary. Carload of new sleighs, second hand sleighs and bob-sleds for sale at Burns'

Noted Church of God Elder Secured to Conduct the Series of Meetings.

The people of Rathmel are making preparations for a great religious revival commencing Monday evening, February 15. The churches of Rathmel have united their strength and secured the Rev. Charles Manchester, D. D., of the Eastern Pennsylvania eldership of the Church of God, to conduct the union service.

Rev Manchester filled the pulpit of the Church of God Bethel in Philadelphis three years, 1906, 1907 and 1908. He is a graduate of Park College and Oberlin Theological Seminary, Ohio, and for eight years acted as president of Findlay College, at Findlay, Ohio. He founded, and for several years edited, the Missionary Signal. He was honored by selection to the General Eldership of the Church of

Dr. Manchester's work in that

There was a large attendance at the revival of the Fourth street Church of God last night. Dr. Manchester, of Columbus, who is assisting Rev. J. C. Fornerook, again preached a very interesting sermon and a great many persons made a decision to live consecrated lives."

An effort is being made to interest all the christians of Rathmel and vicinity in the movement.

J. A. Blaydon Met With Serious Injury

Former Reynoldsville Electrician Narrowly Escaped Instant Death.

J. A. Blaydon, formerly of Reynoldsville, now superintendent of an electric light and power company at Trevorton, Pa., met with a painful mishap last week which will confine him to his home for some time. While Mr. Blaydon was perched on the top of a pole Wednesday morning stretching and straightening wires a strong gale of wind, with much force, caused the pole to swerve and the electrician lost his hold for a moment. In a desperate effort to regain his falling body he made a great effort to throw his arms around the cross bars but in so doing wrenched his back so badly that it was with difficulty he reached the ground, where he fell prostrate and helpless. Carried to the Reading station he was tenderly cared for until the arrival of Dr. Lark who pronounced the injury of an extremely painful nature and ordered the injured man conveyed to his home, where he will be confined for some

IS THE LOWER COAL VEIN TO BE OPENED AT ONCE?

A Famous Actress



VIOLA ALLEN

Who has cancelled her Punxsutawney date

NEW FEDERAL COURT DISTRICT IS PROPOSED.

Jefferson County Included In A District Composed of Thirteen Counties.

A news item sent out from Washington, D. C., states that Representative Reynolds has introduced in the house a bill to create a new federal judicial district in Pennsylvania, composed of the counties of Jefferson, Mifflin, Huntington, Fulton, Bedford, Blair, Center, Clearfield, Indiana, Cambria, Somerset, Westmoreland and Fayette. This bill A Harrisburg daily paper, dated provides that circuit and district courts Punxsutawnev Will third Monday of January and the third Monday of June: at Johnstown on the third Monday of March and the third Monday of September; at Greensburg on the third Monday of April and the third Monday of November in each year. Sessions to continue for such periods of time as the judges, by their prior order may determine.

That there is a growing need of either an additional judge or a separate judicial district, seems to be conceded by the members of the bar within the present western district. A bill offered by Representative Dalzell for an additional judge has been favorably reported by the judiciary committee. It is safe to assume however that if a separate district is not created, provision will be made for holding courts at Johnstown or Altoona, or both for the convenience of the counties distant from Pittsburg.

Congressman Reynolds is backed in the proposition by the action of the Blair County Bar Association, and it is expected that other countles in the proposed district will take similar action. This project has been on foot for nearly a year and was first started by the proposition contained in a bill offered by Congressman Reynolds to provide for a session of the district court at Altoons.

Persistent Rumor That Tests Are Now Being Made South of Town.

MUCH LAND HAS BEEN LEASED

If True It Will Mean Fortunes Eor Many Local Land Owners and An Immense Boom In Reynoldsville Business.

For some weeks past rumors have been current that agents of city corporations have been active in lessing the mineral rights on tracts of land lying south and east of Reynoldsville. It is certain that one company holding an extensive lease in the Paradise district has been carrying on drilling operations for several weeks, ostensibly for the purpose of finding gas or oil. As tests in the past in and around Reynoldsville have pretty clearly demonstrated that neither of these products exists in paying quantities, a fact known to all concerned, it remains that the only other reason for making expensive and extensive tests on land held under lease must be for the purpose of ascertaining the exact extent and location of the under veins of coal known to exist under thousands of acres lying south of Reynoldsville.

Acting under this supposition the individual speculators have begun to get busy. They believe implicitly that the next two years will witness the opening and actual working of the under vein near Reynoldsville.

Hundreds of acres of coal rights distinct from the above, were leased a few years ago by parties who endeavored to effect a sale in block to well known coal operators. The negotiations at that time came to nothing because the shadow of the 1907 panic was already discerned. These holdings it is said remain intact and a sale of them under the present favorable conditions will mean profits to the Reynoldsville men who control the rights, and an immense boom to the business interests of Reynoldsville when they are worked.

Appeal Damage Case

Suits Originated Over Change In Street Grade.

The borough of Punxsutawney was recently sued for \$2,500 damages by Mrs. William M. Fairman for alleged injury to the value of her property through grading for street paving. Judge Reed heard the case and the jury brought in a verdict for \$1,294 damages. The Punxsutawney council promptly authorized their attorney to appeal the case. The motion will be argued in March and if refused it is believed that the council will appeal to a higher court. If the verdict stands it is probable that several similar damage cases will be entered by other Punxsutawney people.

The Crime of Idleness,

Idleness means trouble for anyone. Its the same with a lazy liver. It causes constipation, headache, jaundice, sallow complexion, pimples and blotches, loss of appetite, nauses, but Dr. King's New Life Pills soon banish liver troubles and build up your health. 25c at Stoke & Feicht Drug Co.'s store.

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