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## Three Hundred Men Will Soon be Employed at Steel Plant

### Sold to the Blaw Collapsible Steel Centering Company Of Pittsburgh Thursday Night and a Crew of Men Are Now Preparing It for Operation.

### PAY ROLL OF FROM \$10,000 TO \$15,000 A MONTH

Negotiations Carried on by the Business Men's Association Finally Bring to Reynoldsville the Largest Industrial Concern That Ever Located Here—Blaw Company Has Applied For Five Acres of Land Adjoining their Present Plot on Which to Erect Additional Buildings. The Company is Strongly Financed and Ably Managed and Has an Established Business.

The Pittsburgh Industrial Iron Works at Reynoldsville, popularly known as the "steel plant," was sold Thursday night, February 3rd, to the Blaw Collapsible Steel Centering Company of Pittsburgh for a consideration not publicly stated.

The purchasing company has announced its intention of putting the plant into immediate operation. A crew of twenty-five men started work repairing and re-fitting the plant Saturday, and within another week fully one hundred men will be regularly employed. Part of the machinery of the plant was moved to Huntingdon by the last operating company and the new company has ordered more equipment to take its place. When this machinery arrives, which will be within three or four weeks, the number of employes will be increased to two hundred.

The Blaw company now operates a plant at Rankin, Pa., which, for business reasons, is very unsatisfactory and which cannot be improved or its capacity enlarged to any extent. A. C. Lehman, manager of the company, has stated that within one year, and possibly sooner, the plant at Rankin will be abandoned and all operations carried on at Reynoldsville. When this is done it will necessitate the employment of about three hundred men in the local plant and give a pay roll of \$15,000 a month, or \$180,000 a year, a larger sum than is paid out by any local industry, the coal company alone excepted. Even with the two hundred men the plant starts with the pay roll amounts to \$10,000 a month.

The Blaw Collapsible Steel Centering Company is one of the best known and most prosperous of the younger industrial concerns of the Pittsburgh district. With an able management they have in a few years built up a business now backed by over \$300,000 of assets. They specialize on the manufacture of collapsible steel centering, which takes the place of wooden framework in the construction of concrete work, and absolutely control the patents covering the device. It has been adopted by the United States government for use in all its sanitation projects, and the company has been receiving orders from this source alone sufficient to keep their Rankin plant running at ordinary capacity. The device was placed on

#### THE LATEST FROM THE PLANT.

There's a noise like prosperity over at the "steel plant" and the rush and hustle looks good to the local people. Fire has been placed under the boilers, the engine was started yesterday and belting has been re-placed throughout. Four carloads of material arrived Monday and a dozen more cars are on the road. Practically all the machinery which had been taken apart has been put together and found in perfect condition.

The company has made arrangements to use the supply of gas from the well near the plant and will lay their own line to the well in a few days.

It is probable that another railroad switch will soon be built at the plant.

the market but a few years ago, but its great economy and obvious convenience have appealed so strongly to large contracting firms that the use has become national and the Blaw company is now shipping its product to all parts of the United States and even to foreign countries. In the beginning the company had the centers manufactured by contract, some of their work being done in the Reynoldsville plant they have just purchased, and after the demand justified the step the company leased an idle plant at Rankin, where they are now located. The volume of orders during the past six months has been so great however that they have been unable to handle all with their limited capacity and were forced to look for a larger plant. The Reynoldsville "steel plant" was called to their attention and after seven months of persistent work the company and the local bondholders were finally brought together on a satisfactory price basis.

The company is now represented in Reynoldsville by H. E. Loxterman, who has been employing the necessary men and making all arrangements for the commencement of actual operations. Charles Crates, a gentleman very well and favorably known to many of our people, having lived here a few years ago when foreman of the Pittsburgh Industrial Iron Works, has been in Reynoldsville the past week superintending the work of refitting the plant, and it is possible that he will be placed in permanent charge. When here before Mr. Crates proved himself one of the most competent superintendents the Industrial Iron Works ever had and on account of his success in handling Reynoldsville labor at that time the local people would be greatly pleased to see him placed in charge. R. A. MacArthur, chief engineer of the company, is also well known in this section of the state, having planned and supervised the erection of the B. & P. car shops at DuBois and the Adrian Furnace near Falls Creek. The main office of the company will remain in the Westinghouse building at Pittsburgh, a branch being maintained here.

It is probable that fifty or sixty families will move to Reynoldsville within the next sixty days from Rankin, as it is the intention of the company to bring many of their skilled laborers with them. Among these will be a number of Reynoldsville men and boys, former

employes of the Pittsburgh Industrial Iron Works, who went to Rankin to enter the employ of the Blaw company after suspension of work here.

The capacity of the Reynoldsville plant must be largely increased and the company will erect several additional buildings and make some radical changes in the working plans after getting work under way. They have made application for a grant of five more acres of land adjoining the present plot on which to erect new buildings and provide storage yards. It is one of the peculiarities of this company's business that they never sell their product, but lease it. Consequently they require large storage yards in which to keep the centering after being returned and while waiting new orders.

Since May, 1908, the "steel plant" has been held in trust by W. Harry Moore, of Reynoldsville, acting for a group of bondholders who pooled their interests and bought in the property to save themselves from total loss after the collapse of the Pittsburgh Industrial Iron Works. The negotiations for its sale were carried on under the control and at the expense of the Business Men's Association of Reynoldsville, and the story of their troubles in trying to secure a purchaser is decidedly interesting but too well known locally to need repetition. Over a score of companies were at various times in correspondence regarding the plant, many of whom sent representatives to examine the property. At one time previously a deal was practically closed for its sale, but inability to sell stock in a panic year forced the company considering it to drop the project. The correspondence with the Blaw company covered a period of seven months in which the alternate periods of brightening prospects and apparent failure, were of a character that brought a gray hair or two into the locks of those who, for the sake of the town, were trying to steer the deal through to success. The deal was finally made possible by the generous sacrifice of the institutions and individuals holding the bonds, especially the First National and the Peoples National Banks of Reynoldsville, to whom, and to the trustee, W. Harry Moore, and the Business Men's Association, the people owe a vote of thanks for this, the largest industrial concern that has ever located in Reynoldsville.

#### Book 231 Years Old.

Our mention of a century old edition of Gibbon's Rome in the school library last week has brought to light another remarkable old work, the property of Rev. Charles E. Rudy, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church in Reynoldsville. It is a volume printed in London, England, in 1679, during the reign of King Charles II, and but five years after the death of John Milton, the poet. The book is therefore 231 years old, but is printed on fine paper and remains in excellent condition. It is printed in a large face Old Caslon type, and its typographic appearance, with its quaint orthography, is decidedly interesting. The following is a copy of the title page:

Contemplations  
UPON THE  
L I F E  
OF THE  
H O L Y J E S U S

By JOSEPH HALL, late Lord  
Bishop of EXCESTER.

LONDON:  
Printed by E. Fleisher, and to be sold by  
Jacob Tonson, at the Judge's Head, in  
Chancery Lane, near Fleet-street.  
1679.

Rev. Rudy also has in his library a copy of the first edition of the Bible printed in America.

#### Stay at School.

There is a tendency, especially on the part of boys, to quit school as soon as study becomes irksome or whenever they become dissatisfied with any teacher. The mistake, which is thus made, grows more serious as the years pass by. Sooner or later the boy finds that entrance to the learned vocations is closed against those who have not completed their high school education, and then there is a rush to correspondence schools, night schools and the like. In two cities situated near each other it is reported that 7,500 persons are taking correspondence courses. The motive which drives them to go to this expense is the ambition to rise to the ranks of the higher wage-earners.

Evening schools, like Temple University, have a large patronage from those who quit school too early in life. It is uphill work to spend one's days in gainful occupations and to devote the remaining strength to study at night. Those who are gifted with superior health and perseverance succeed in preparing for examinations, but double work frequently results in weakness which one cannot outlive.

In European countries the professions are closed against all who neglect their books in youth, and our legislation, to prevent quackery, is bringing about these restrictions in the United States. Only dire necessity should induce a boy to quit school before he has the equivalent of a high school education. Dr. Seneca Egbert, Dean of the Medical-Chirurgical College in Philadelphia, recently sent out a letter which is worth quoting because it sets forth the folly of those who quit school without completing the high school course. In the body of the letter he says:

"The increase in the standard of preliminary education now required of prospective medical students by the law of this state, and the medical schools within its borders, makes it imperative that every boy or girl who contemplates entering the medical profession should complete a course equivalent to at least that of a four-year high school. So also the other professions, such as law, dentistry, pharmacy, pharmaceutical chemistry, etc., are increasing the requirements hitherto necessary, and there was never a time when the securing of one's fundamental education and training was so important as at present.

"I am, therefore taking the liberty of suggesting that you inform the pupils under your charge of these facts, and that you urge each one who has any ambition to enter upon any of the professions in later life, to permit nothing short of the gravest necessity to interfere with their continuing in school until graduation. Tell them that it is scarcely possible in these days for one to secure too much preliminary instruction and that it is worth almost any sacrifice to obtain it."—Editorial in Pa. School Journal.

#### The Best Hour of Life

Is when you do some great deed or cover some wonderful fact. This hour came to J. R. Pitt, of Rocky Mt., N. C., when he was suffering intensely, as he says, "from the worst cold I ever had, I then prayed to my great satisfaction, what a wonderful cold and cough cure Dr. King's New Discovery is. For, after taking one bottle, I was entirely cured. You can't say anything too good of a medicine like that." Its the surest and best remedy for diseased lungs, hemorrhages, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever—any throat or lung trouble. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. L. McEntire.

#### Card of Thanks.

I hereby give expression of my thankfulness to the neighbors and friends who were so very kind and helpful during the illness and after the death of my mother. ELIZABETH BRISHIN.

Gibson's thorough knowledge, long experience and up-to-date methods insure good, well-fitting glasses. Call on him at Brookville Feb. 14 and 15, or Reynoldsville 16th.

#### Coats and Furs.

Gillespies have cut the price on all coats and furs. That's all. GILLESPIES.

Little gents shoes extra good for \$1.50 now \$1.19. Adam's.

Glasses accurately fitted by Gibson, the optician. At Brookville February 14 and 15, and Reynoldsville Feb. 16th.

#### Borough Council Held Regular Session

#### Committee Appointed To Confer With the West Side On Sewage.

The regular monthly meeting of town council was held in Secretary C. W. Flynn's office on the evening of February 1st with all members present.

Ex-Tax Collector Wm. Copping reported collection of following in January: \$6.35 on 1906 tax, \$18.38 on 1907 tax, \$119.59 on 1908 tax.

Chief Burgess J. D. Williams reported collection of \$9.25 in fines and licenses in January.

The standing sewer committee was instructed by president to meet with West Reynoldsville town council to ascertain if that borough proposes to join with Reynoldsville in the erection of a sewage disposal plant. The state authorities have suggested that would be the proper course for both boroughs to take.

Borough bond No. 15 was ordered paid on next interest paying date. This was one of the old bonds issued years ago for fire extinguishers.

The committee appointed at January meeting to investigate the fire bell tower and if necessary find new location for fire bell, reported, and stated they had made arrangements with M. M. Fisher, proprietor of The Adelphi theatre, to place the bell in tower of the theatre. The matter was left in the hands of the committee. The bell will be moved to theatre tower as soon as weather conditions permit.

An ordinance relative to the digging up of streets, was reported and discussed, but the passage thereof was held over until next meeting.

#### School Notes.

Rooms 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 12-1 and 14 were perfect in punctuality last week. There were reported only 8 cases of tardiness for the week, 5 for the grades, 3 for the high school.

A contribution from Mrs. L. L. Means to the Alumni Laboratory Fund is hereby acknowledged.

The following readings were given at the Friday morning exercises: Dorothy Elliott, Il Penseroso; Sadie Owens, L'Allegro; Marion Harris, The First Snowfall; Alex. London, Liberty and Union.

The exercises next Friday morning will deal with Abraham Lincoln. This announcement carries with it an invitation to be present.

The Italian Boys on the 16th. Chart opens at Stoke's on the 12th. They cost more than Honey's Boys and you'll be pleased to hear them.

#### Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Reynoldsville Building & Loan Association will be held in their office February 21st, 1910, at 7.30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing directors and auditors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them.

Attest: JOHN M. HAYS, President.  
L. J. MCENTIRE, Secretary.

#### Stagers Skeptics.

That a clean, nice, fragrant compound like Bucklen's Arnica Salve will instantly relieve a bad burn, cut, scald, wound or piles staggers skeptics. But great cures prove its a wonderful healer of the worst sores, ulcers, boils, felons, eczema, skin eruptions, as also chapped hands, sprains and corns. Try it. 25c at H. L. McEntire's.

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Breathe Hyomei and kill the catarrh germs; heal the inflamed membrane; stop the discharge of mucus and forever rid yourself of catarrh. Guaranteed by Stoke & Feicht Drug Co. Complete outfit \$1.00.

Children's shoes worth 75c now 49c at Adam's.

Do your eyes need care? If so call on Gibson at Brookville Feb. 14 and 15, or Reynoldsville 16th.

Special bargains in shoes this week at Adam's.

#### Eleven Men Perish In Mines at Ernest.

#### Was One of the Saddest Tragedies in Indiana Mining History.

The worst disaster in the history of mining in this section of state in the loss of life, occurred at No. 2 Slope of the Jefferson & Clearfield Coal & Iron Company's mine at Ernest, Indiana Co., at 9:00 a. m. on Saturday, February 5th, when eleven men lost their lives. One American and ten foreigners were the victims in this explosion. The American was Michael Harrington, son of John Harrington, some years ago a resident of Reynoldsville, now mine boss in the mine where the explosion took place. Six of the foreigners were married and leave families.

The first report received here was that 175 men were entombed in the mine, and as a number of former residents of this place are working at Ernest, there was considerable anxiety as to how many men, and whom, were killed in the explosion.

The first rescuing party to enter the mine were driven back by afterdamp. Mr. Harrington, whose son was killed, knowing his son was in section of mine where explosion took place, went to far and was overcome and it required strenuous applications of oxygen to restore him. Supt. William Reed and Michael Sullivan were also overcome by afterdamp, but restoratives were applied and they soon recovered.

Every sufferer from stomach trouble, gas, belching, sour stomach, nervousness, dizziness and biliousness, should get a fifty-cent box of M-i-o-n stomach tablets to-day and start a treatment. Guaranteed by Stoke & Feicht Drug Co.

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WANTED—Chickens at Frank's Tavern, Reynoldsville. F. A. McConnell.

FOR SALE—One dining table, one kitchen cupboard and one organ. Will be sold very cheap. Inquire at W. L. Johnston's feed store, West Reynoldsville.

FOR RENT—Six rooms over my store room. Bath and all modern improvements. Inquire at my store. W. P. Woodring.

FOR RENT—Store room 22 x 100 feet; basement same size; wareroom attached 22 x 50; also two large office rooms, well lighted and equipped with steam heat. Inquire of A. T. McClure.

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FOR SALE—A good cow, pair of sleds and a heavy wagon. Inquire at THE STAR office.

FOR SALE—Desirable property on Jackson street, near Company office. Good bargain to quick buyer. Inquire at STAR office.

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