

\$2,000,000 STEEL PLANT TO BE BUILT IN SEATTLE NEXT YEAR

Promoters Announce Site Has Been Obtained; Plate Mill to Employ 1,100 Men

Cheer Up! Let's All Be Optimists

On page 6, today, The Star tells how few storerooms now occupied by saloons are going to be vacated when the state goes dry. Read it and be a booster.

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Some of the Things You See Downtown on the Eve of Seattle's "Big Thirst"



(1)—Closing out. One of many such signs in the old wholesale liquor district on First and Second aves. S. (2)—Another closing out sign. This is displayed in the front window of the Imperial Liquor Co.'s place, 311 Pike st. (3)—What the "dry" law has done to one saloon. This modern eating house, one of the finest in the city, was the old Palace Bar, Second ave. and Yesler way. "Who said business depression?" asked J. H. Johnson, the new proprietor. (4)—Vera Grosse, one of Seattle's favorite cabaret entertainers, who will lose her job Friday at midnight. "I'll stay right in Seattle," she said, "and have a new job soon." She is at the Hofbrau. (5)—Getting in training for 1916. The "town pump" at Pioneer Square. (6)—Sam Hyde's handsomely furnished bar, 208 Pike st. Three years ago it cost \$60,000 to equip, not including the liquor stock. It will be transformed in a few days into a soft drink palace. (7)—"Billy's Mug," one of the oldest and most notorious resorts in the Northwest, at Second ave. and Washington st. It, too, will be a soft drink emporium after Friday.

R.H. THOMSON AND MOORE MAY RUN

Former City Engineer R. H. Thomson and Judge W. M. Moore, former mayor of Seattle, may be candidates for the city council. This is the latest development, and probably the most important, in the present campaign. Neither Judge Moore nor Thomson is ready to make any announcement, but both are said to be considering the matter seriously. They have been urged to make the race by the pioneers in the municipal ownership movement. Both have been greatly instrumental in giving the city its two greatest assets, the water and lighting systems. The only drawback to their running is believed to be the fact that neither can afford to give up his entire time on the councilmanic salary of \$3,000 a year. If Judge Moore can arrange it so that he can attend to his law office part of the time, and Thomson can devote some time to his consultation work in the engineering profession, they probably will enter the race. Both were non-committal Thursday when asked about their possible candidacy. Both Judge Moore and Engineer Thomson have given many years to public service. Today neither is too greatly blessed with riches. Thomson lost some money in the Seattle Sun. Thomson came to Seattle in 1881, and from 1892 to 1911 he was city engineer. Under his direction, both the water and the lighting plants were constructed. He gained national fame by cutting down gigantic hills, notably the Denny and Jackson st. hills, and converting them into level, commercial streets. Judge Moore was elected state senator, superior court judge, and mayor, since his arrival here as a boy just out of college. He was elected mayor by the Municipal Ownership Party in 1906.

CALL UP KEMPSTER

If it's too cold in the street cars on your line, call up Supt. A. L. Kempster. He's the man who can give you heat in the street cars if you want it. Main 9000, when he's at work; Capitol 960 when he's at home.

New Elliott bay ferry steamer will carry 300 passengers and cost \$30,000. Plans were submitted to the port commission Wednesday.

THE BON MARCHE'S JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

Offers you an opportunity to get New Year's gifts at greatly reduced prices. Full particulars will be found in their ad on page 10 today.

GRIPPE KILLING ONE HERE DAILY

People are dying one a day in Seattle from the ravages of the grip. The epidemic that has swept the United States has rooted itself here. More than half of the population of the city is either suffering from grip now, or have suffered during the last few weeks. Health Commissioner McBride is taking steps to check its ravages. Here is what he found after spending all Wednesday afternoon poring over the death records. "Grip caused more than 20 per cent of all deaths in Seattle during December, thru undermining vitality and paving the way for other diseases. "One person, on an average, has died every day, directly from pneumonia caused by grip. Half the City Suffering "More than half of the people of Seattle are now suffering, or have suffered during the last 60 days from grip." Dr. McBride frankly said the situation is worse than it has ever been in the Northwest, altho the local climate is believed to put up tenacious barriers against it. Some of the things to do to keep from getting the grip or to keep from giving it to others, as pointed out by Dr. McBride, are: Don't kiss anybody. Eat little. Don't get wet feet. Keep out of stuffy rooms, cars or public gatherings. Don't get warm skating, then chill your self by inaction. Acquiesce clothing to weather conditions. Consult a physician. More than 50 deaths, of the 253 recorded during the month of December, are traced to grip as the antagonizing cause. Of these 26 were from pneumonia, caused by grip. "Beside a death every day, on an average, from pneumonia, caused by grip," said Dr. McBride Thursday, "10 per cent of all other deaths result from the ravages of grip here. Bacilli Are Everywhere "Unless every person in Seattle takes care, he or she will probably be taken down with the grip. The bacilli are everywhere. If your physical condition is not fit, there is little chance of escaping it. The grip epidemic is not merely local or sectional. It is sweeping the continent.

BILLY'S MUG IS GOING TO BE A SODA FOUNTAIN

"Ho, barkeep!" The swinging doors of "Billy's Mug" flew open, and one whose better days were wasted stood in the office and surveyed the place. He might have been a lawyer, or an orator some time, one guessed—a rare morsel fallen from the banquet table. The crowd fell back and gave him room at the long counter. "Ho, barkeep!" he repeated, raising his arm and bringing it suddenly down upon the oak. "Come, fill the cup, and let the fire of Spring Your Winter garments of repentance fling! The bird of time has but a little way To flutter—and the bird is on the wing." His Omar, perfect, brought a cheer—a bibulous, throaty cheer—from the crowd. The "barfly" group about the stove took heart. Here, they thought, was a "live one." And he, suspecting their thoughts, laughed a loud. "Fill 'em all up, barkeep!" he said. (Continued on Page 5.)

EXPECT TO BEGIN WORK IN SPRING

Bringing a New Year message that will mark a new field in Seattle's bid for prosperity in 1916, announcement was made Thursday of a two-million-dollar steel plant to be erected by the end of next summer, giving permanent employment to over 1,100. W. Gwilym Owen, a civil engineer of London, and U. K. Loose of Seattle have been looking over the field for several months. They attempted to secure a site within the city limits, but were unable to do so, on account of the unreasonably high prices fixed by the land owners. They have succeeded, however, in getting a reasonable location in King county, a few miles outside of the south city limits. Owen leaves for New York Thursday to complete the financial arrangements. Loose remains in Seattle. Officers of the United States and Canada Steel company, as the corporation is to be known, have been established at 435 Henry building. Attorneys are now preparing the articles of incorporation. Originally, Owen was to have secured British capital for this plant, but, owing to the war, this plan had to be abandoned. "The plant is to be financed—arrangements having practically been completed already—by American capital entirely," said Owen Thursday. "There is an extraordinary field in the Northwest for such a plant as we contemplate. We shall begin within plate manufacture. I consider the Northwest a most favorable place, because of the fruit and fish canning business, which affords such a tremendous market for the tin plate articles close at home. Scarcely any other district is so well placed. Millions of boxes of tin plate are used up by the Northwest, and the money has heretofore gone to the East." This plant will be the only one of its kind west of Ohio. Owen expects construction on the first unit of the plant to commence in the latter part of March or in early April. About 500 are to be employed as soon as the first unit is ready. When the entire plant is completed, there will be permanent employment, Owen estimates, for 1,100.

Weather Forecast
Rain or snow tonight and Friday; warmer.

TIDES AT SEATTLE
High 12.59 ft. Low 6.4 ft.
10:35 a. m. 12:59 ft. 4:00 a. m. 6.4 ft.
6:30 p. m. 12:59 ft. 4:00 a. m. 6.4 ft.