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EDDYSTONE THINKS BOOM IS COMING – Visit of Charles M. Schwab Revives Rumor of New Industrial Plant along the River Front

The visit of Charles Schwab, the steel magnate to Eddystone on Wednesday has set afloat rumors regarding another steel industry for the Borough those residents who are ever ready to jump to conclusions placed his visit and the recent purchases of land along the river front together and are already picturing to themselves another industry along the river. Mr. Schwab visited the Cindel-Morris shop, and at the plant it was stated that his visit was merely social, and had no significance. But aside from this visit many of the residents of the borough look ahead for better times than the borough has ever known. One of the borough officials stated to a representative of this paper that with the paving of borough streets this place will be given a new impetus, and even the present prosperity will fade into insignificance when compared with the new life which is to come. There is still hope that before winter sets in there will be some paving work done, while some of the more enthusiastic expect to see Ninth Street, Saville avenue and Essington Avenue all paved. The greater portion of this work it is expected will be done by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and the Southern Pennsylvania Traction Company in return for the privilege of double-tracking their lines. Eddystone still has much room for building, and as it has many advantages, there is every reason to believe that the boosters of the borough are not far from right.

The Eddystone Fire Company was given a “monkey run” Thursday evening. A fire was built by members of the company and the alarm was not sounded. But few of the residents knew that a test of the apparatus was to be made, and a large crowd gathered. It was the intention of the firemen to empty the chemical engine and this was done. Chemical which is allowed to stand too long by the engine deteriorates, and unless the machine is recharged occasionally it is of little use in case of fire.

Some of the roofers who have been employed on the roof of the new shop at the Baldwin Locomotive Works are leaving the borough and are going to Jersey City, N.J., where the company which has been building the roof has secured a contract. Only a few of the men will be retained on the local job to complete the work.

Several tenders for locomotives to be built for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad were received at the Baldwin plant yesterday.

Joseph Moore, of 922 Saville, has decided that there is more pleasure and profit to be found on a farm than as a pattern maker at the Baldwin Works, and has traded his home for a farm at Pottstown, Pa. He will save the borough in the near future.

Complying with the request of the Civic Committee of Chester, the Rev. H. Foster Hamer, pastor of the Eddystone Methodist Church, will speak tomorrow on the subject. “If Jesus came to Eddystone.” The evening service will be held as usual at 7 o’clock. This service has been largely attended, as the electric fans keep the place delightfully cool. Spruance Hall of Chester will be the speaker.

Edward Hunter of Twelfth Street is receiving the congratulations of friends over the arrival of a bright baby at his home.

Miss Elizabeth Macindoe of Concord Avenue celebrated her sixteenth birthday anniversary on Thursday.

A number of the members of the Organized Bible Class of the Methodist Church will enjoy a trip down the Delaware this afternoon.

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