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BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS OF THE WEEK – Few New Operations Contemplated While Rain Retards Activity – In City and County

Little has developed in building in this city or county during the past week. The season is rapidly drawing to a close and but very few operations are being started. The rainy weather which prevailed for the greater part of the week also interfered with these operations not under roof and in some places pumps were set up to clear the excavation of water.

William E. Headley has purchased additional land adjoining that owned by him on Crosby Streets below East Third Street and in the early spring will erect three brick buildings. Robert C. James of Philadelphia contemplates a \$30,000 residence at Hayerford. Mrs. Allen J. Smith of Philadelphia will build a residence at Radnor. Dr. B.C. Giles of Haverford has awarded to contract for an addition and alterations to his residence at that place to Oscar E. Lobb of Llanerch.

The number of transfers of property was normal during the past week, the largest sale being recorded within the past few days being that of the old Yarnall estate in Edgemont Township. The deal entails the transfer of 240 acres. The consideration was \$30,000. No building permits were issued in Chester during the week.

IN THE CITY – The brick foundations at the annex to the Chester Post Office are now up to the level of the street. The annex is to cost about \$38,000 and is to be completed by September 1, 1913.

A pump has been set up at the scene of the activity at 17, 19, 21 and 23 East Second Street where the Consolidated Engineering Company of Baltimore is building a \$20,000 beef house for Swift and Company of Chicago, Ill. The pump is used to drain the excavation of water. Forms are being set for the concrete foundations, some of which have been poured.

The cornice has been put on the new office building that Benjamin C. Fox is building on Welsh Street, opposite the Chester Post Office. Carpenters are now busy laying floors.

Workmen have about completed the excavation of the new \$30,000 rendering factory of the John J. Buckley Pork Packing Company on West Second Street near Market.

Workmen are still engaged on the razing of the rear portion of 313 Market Street will be torn down to make way for a new vaudeville house.

Painters are now busy at the new abattoir that Samuel Lax built for J. Jacobson, a Hebrew butcher. The building is practically completed. Its capacity is 50 beeves a day.

The steel structural work on the new \$3,850 recreation pier on the municipal wharf at the foot of Market Street has all been set. Carpenters were busy this morning setting the forms preparatory to pouring the concrete that will compose the floor.

The Beacon Light Company is making thousands of dollars worth of improvements at its plant on West Second Street near Market and along the Delaware River front, where a wharf and bulkhead will be built.

The aberfoyle Manufacturing Company, Fourth Street and Morton Avenue, is making several improvements along the river front and is laying a pipe line out into the river.

Work is being rapidly pushed by Oliver Brothers on the erection of a one-story building at the Federal Steel Company's plant, Delaware Avenue and Reaney Streets. When completed the building will be used for the storage of patterns.

The stone work for the Bethany Presbyterian Church's Sunday school building, at Sixth Street and Highland Avenue, will be started in earnest on Monday. The cornerstone of the new building will be laid with appropriate ceremonies this afternoon.

The improvements which have been under way at the residence of Wesley S. McDowell, 2112 West Third Street, are about completed. Five large rooms and a spacious front portico have been added to the house, which is now regarded as one of the most commodious and ornate residences in the western section of the city.

Francis J. Moore expects to have his four new houses on Fourth Street, below Palmer, ready for occupancy within a week. Two of the houses are practically completed, while little remains to be done to the remaining two dwellings. The houses are of modern design and add greatly to the architectural beauty of that section.

William B. Northam, a veteran trolley man of this city, has completed making extensive and attractive improvements to the front of his residence at 140 East Seventh Street.

The six new houses which William L. Deveney is building on Fourth Street near Palmer, will soon be finished. Neat porches have been built to the front of the two-story dwelling, and the properties will be admirably equipped for the accommodation of ordinary-sized families.

George B. Kirkman, Sr. of Seventh and Lloyd Streets, has purchased a home at Twenty-Fourth Street and Edgmont Avenue from Oliver Brothers, local contractors, and is preparing to occupy it in the course of a week or so.

IN THE COUNTY –

Robert C. James of the U.G.L., Philadelphia, is contemplating a \$30,000 residence at Haverford. The plans are now in progress for the building, which is to be of stone, two and a half stories in height.

Philadelphia architects are now preparing plans for the residence that Mrs. Allen J. Smith of Philadelphia is going to build at Radnor. The proposed home is to be of stone and frame, two and a half stories in height.

Dr. B.C. Giles of Haverford has awarded the contract for improvements to his residence to Oscar E. Lobb of Llanerch. Alternations and an addition will be made and when the building is completed it will be 30 by 63 feet, plaster and frame two and a half stories high, hardwood floors, electric lights, hot air heat and shingle roof.

Ground has been broken for a new home in Upland for Harry Ward, the milk dealer. This is the second milkman of Upland to build within a few months, while a third, W.M. Lord, has purchased a new home. The Upland Athletic Association's new hall is now under roof, but it will be some time before it can be used. The interior work will, however, be pushed as rapidly as possible. J.P. Crozer has men at work building a tenant house on one of his farms.

The new school house at Woodlyn is nearing completion, and will be ready for occupancy by the first of the new year. The two Holl houses on Eddystone Avenue, Eddystone, are completed, but one of the two will probably be occupied this coming week.

The old Yarnall Estate in Edgmont Township, comprising 240 acres, which has been in the Yarnall family since the original grant was made by William Penn, has been

sold by its owners, Horace C. Yarnall and Charles M. Yarnall for \$30,000. The purchaser, whose name for the present is withheld, will occupy it as his summer residence.

The Yarnall farm has been one of the old landmarks in this section of Delaware County and has been in continuous possession of the Yarnalls for two hundred and thirty years. At \$30,000 the land was sold for \$125 an acre. The sale of the Yarnall farm makes the transfer of many large holdings in Delaware County during the year, which has been remarkable for transfers of this kind.

Just one year ago George T. Butler, representing Samuel Riddle of Glen Riddle, purchased three farms consisting of 430 acres in Edgmont Township. Several months later a 165-acre tract in Marple Township was sold by Jacob and Henry Beiswanger and by Louis D. Baugh to Clark Thompson and a 105 acre farm in Upper Providence Township was sold by the executors of the estate of Priscilla Moore.

Since then 127 acres were sold in Springfield Township during one week, more than 500 acres the next week and many other large holdings just before or immediately after the news of the new Media extension trolley line from Sixty-Ninth Street station to Media was made known, and only a few weeks ago the sale of 550 acres in Marple and Newtown Townships to Samuel M. Vauclain, general manager of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, was made. The 550 acres, it is reported, were sold for \$100,000.

This week a tract of fourteen acres, known as Mount Pleasant, on the West side of the Delaware at Eddington, was sold by Clarence P. Wynne for the estate of John Mattheu Hummel to W. Yorke Stevenson. There is a Colonial mansion erected many years before the Revolution, on the place. While the consideration was not disclosed, the ground, it is said, was held for \$20,000.

Building activity continues in the different boroughs throughout the county. In Media the builders and contractors are hardly able to handle any more business. In addition to the costly improvements and renovations to the county court house, at a cost of nearly \$200,000 there is considerable operation work going on.

T. Chalkley Palmer of Middletown Township is having a pump house erected on his property. The pump house will shelter an artesian well that Mr. Palmer had sunk to a depth of 157 feet. Warren A. Baker of Media is the contractor. F.L. Hoover and Sons have been awarded the contract for the erection of a fine residence for Catherine F. Spahahr in Haverford Township. James B. Miller of Palmer's Corner is erecting a handsome property on a triangular lot which he will occupy as a residence when it is completed. When finished it will be one of the handsomest residences in this section. Charles Yarnall of Edgmont Township has purchased a residence from Mrs. Anna Moore. James Weathers of Linwood is having a barn erected on his ground.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Bidley Township – James Braniff, et al of Del. Co. to Harold L. Titerence of Chester, brick house and lot 50x131 feet, \$1200

Ardmore Park – Suburbs Holding Co. of Pa. to George W. Richards of Phila. lots no. 541, 542; also lot no. 283-290, \$1.00

Kirklyn – John H. Storer of Waltham to William R. Ellison, trustee of Philadelphia, lots no. 2882-289, \$400

Chester – J. Edwards Woodbridge and wife of Chester to Ida E. Weaver of same place, tract of 1 22-100 acres, \$7556.40

Aston – Lydia C. Riddle of Middletown to Mary Albany of Aston, tract of 1 acre, 81 9-10 perches, nom.

East Lansdowne – Joseph Tyas of East Lansdowne to George J. Cowan of Philadelphia, lot 25x12 feet, \$400

Ridley – Simons & Scott, Ltd of Pa to Pattse Lucente of Ridley, lot 157x313x387x395 feet, \$2000

Chester – Samuel J. Law and wife of Chester to E. Wallace Chadwick of same place, brick house and lot 209x120 feet, on north side of Twenty-Second Street, \$3000

Clover Hill – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Edward B Hudson of Camden, lots no. 29-30, \$650

Colwyn – Richard H. Thatcher of Philadelphia to Winfield S. Kidd of Darby, lot no. 7, \$200

Chester – J. Oliver and wife of East Lansing to Wladyslaw Mielzark and wife of Chester, brick house and lot, 14x140 feet on east side of Thurlow Street, subject to \$1000 mortgage, \$1100

Colwyn – Charles R. Lee of Colwyn to John J. Welsh and wife of same place, house and lot 20 by 97 feet, Nom

Glenolden – Girard Real Estate and Imp. Co. of Pa. to M. Atlee Ermold of Haddon Heights, lot no. 73-74, Nom

Clifton Park – John B. Simpson of Darby Borough to Thomas J. Mains of same place, lots no. 257-257, \$550

Marcus Hook – Jesse W. Rawcliffe of Philadelphia to Annie J. Flanagan of Chester, brick house and lot 20 by 120 feet, \$1500

Middletown – William R. Borton and wife of Middletown to Eliza J. Weatherby of Ridley, house and ¼ of an acre. Consideration, \$2100

Chester – William N. Martin of Chester to Samuel Enion of same place, lot 40 by 150 feet at northwest corner, Ninth and Jeffrey Street, Consideration, \$750

Drexel Hill – George W. Statrell of Upper Darby to Hannah W. Gilmore of Lansdowne, lot 140 by 133 feet, Consideration \$2850

Sharon Hill – William E. Slack and wife of Philadelphia to Nannie V. McChristensen of Sharon Hill, house and lot, 60 by 123 feet, Consideration \$1550

Edgmont – Thomas N. Joyce of Edgmont to J. William Roberts of Philadelphia, buildings and tract of 103 acres 2 85-100 perches, subject to \$4500 mortgage, Nominal