

CHESTER TIMES – September 20, 1913 - ABERFOYLE TO EXTEND PLANT – Large Building to Be Added at the East End of Present Structures on Third Street

More activity was shown in the building line and real estate market in this city and county this week, than for several weeks past. Two contracts of importance let during the week are one obtained by William Provost, Jr., the Second Ward builder and one by William Ward for the erection of ten dwellings at Twentieth Street and Edgmont Avenue.

The contract secured by Mr. Provost is for the erection of a large two story brick addition to the mills of the Aberfoyle Manufacturing Company at Third and Morton Avenue. The new building will have a dimension of 40 by 56 feet. The first story will have a height in the clear of 8 feet 6 inches and the second floor, eight feet.

Mr. Ward has broken ground at Twentieth Street and Edgmont Avenue for the erection of ten dwelling houses, which will be constructed of the National fire stone material. The houses will be of Colonial design, with Gothic roofs. They will contain six rooms and bath and a reception hall, and each will be graced with a neat front porch. The houses will face on Edgmont Avenue. The tract of land on which the houses are to be built was recently purchased by Casper and Robert Howarth, Jr. The old George Baker mansion, which occupied the site, has been torn down to make room for the new building operation.

BUILDING FALLS OFF – The official reports of building permits issued during the month of August by 66 cities throughout the country received by the American Contractor, New York, reach a total value of \$51,328,287 compared with \$75,818,214 for August, 1912, a decrease of 32 per cent. This sharp shrinkage is not due entirely to a decrease in new work this year but rather to a spirit of activity a year ago. For while the building permits decrease this year from \$56,228,194 in July to \$51,328,287 in August a decrease of less than 10 percent, the total for the summer of 1912 increased from \$66,245,719 in July to \$75,513,314, a gain of about 15 per cent. It is interesting to note also that the shrinkage in building activity for August is not general. More than one-third of the cities reporting or 24 show gains. The principal gains made in August, as compared with a year ago, were follows: Cleveland 92%, Newark, 101%; Oakland, 80%; South Bend, 71%; Syracuse 50%; Tacoma 71%, Troy, 152%.

For eight months ending August 31, the building permits issued in 59 cities each a total of \$459,779,224, compared with \$517,220,558 for the corresponding period last year, a decrease of 11%. Of these 25 cities show gains. Details are as follows:

J. J. Dougherty real estate broker Llanerch reports the sale of a three-story single frame house on Benedict Avenue, South Ardmore, for John Carroll to Mrs. R. Shortland, also two brick houses on Coopertown Road, Llanerch for John L. Gray of Rosemont to Fanny V. Cook of Philadelphia; a two-and-one-half-story half-stone residences on a quarter of an acre of ground on Sagamore Road, Brookline, Pa., for Dr. E. B. Fanning to B. Hayes Anderson of Manoa; a plot 60 by 200 feet on Eagle Road, Oakmont for the Sellers' estate to Mrs. F. P. Rountree; a plot on Cooperstown Road, Llanerch Manor, Pa., for William Gibbson to Morris Graf; 12 lots on Benedict Avenue, South Ardmore for Joseph T. Murray, to W. G. Walker; also 224-36-33 South Alden Street, Philadelphia for B. Hayes Anderson to Dr. E. B. Fanning. Total consideration \$31,700.

ABOUT THE CITY – John A. Wood, the real estate agent during this week has disposed of the three-story stone house on Twenty-Fourth Street, Park Place, at a good price. The name of the purchaser was not made known.

He also sold the two-story brick dwelling at Tenth and Upland Streets to Alderman A. C. Rhoads.

Contractor H. Louis Morris has completed the substation at Marcus Hook for the Beacon Light Company of this city. This is of concrete, copper and brick construction and is absolutely fireproof. The only wood about the building is the door and two window frames. The same contractor has also finished the new building for Daniel Toohey, the bottler, in the western section of the city.

The new stone dwelling being built at Twenty-First and Providence Avenue for James McKane, the hotelman, is rapidly nearing completion. Nolan Brothers, the contractors, expect to have the building finished in about a couple of weeks.

Contractor Irvin Taylor's ten new houses on Crosby Street, above Twelfth, are about completed. These houses are very attractive in design and add greatly to the architectural appearance of that locality.

In the ninth ward two of the six new dwellings which are under construction for J. J. Ryan, have been finished, two are well under way and the remaining two will be completed during next month. The seven dwellings being erected by Samuel Hewes on the west side of Third Street below Townsend, were finished today, except some minor details. Several of the dwellings have already been sold and negotiations are being made for the sale of the remainder.

Frank J. Moore, the contractor, is a busy man. He has the contract for the erection of four modern dwellings at Fourth and Hayes Streets. They will be finished and ready for occupancy at the end of the coming week. Mr. Moore also has under way the erecting of the three dwellings and stores combined at Third and Hayes Streets.

As yet, no work has been started upon the erecting of the new parsonage which is to be erected in the near future for the members of the congregation connected with the Greek Catholic Church at Third and Harwick Streets. Some trouble and delay is being experienced due to the fact that a clear title cannot be secured for the erection of the building which is said to be in the name of the Bishop. William Deveney has the contract for the erection of the structure.

NEW PERMITS GRANTED – In addition to the permit for the erection of the addition to the large plant of the Aberfoyle Manufacturing Company's plant, building inspector, T. T. Williams, has granted the following permits during the week:

George M. Ewing to erect four two-story brick dwellings on the fourth side of Twenty-Third Street between Crosby and Madison Streets.

Brown and Richards to construct a two-story brick house on the north side of Twenty-Fourth Street. The dimensions of the structure are 22 feet 6 inches by forty feet.

David Christy to build a one-story brick addition to the property at 519 Market Street. The building will be 16 by 19 feet.

H. Louis Morris to erect four-story brick building on the north side of Fourth Street 60 by 250 feet. This is the building for the Keystone Type Foundry people. The brick work on this operation will be started on Monday morning. The foundation walls were completed yesterday and everything gotten in readiness for the bricklayers. The work will be pushed so as to have the structure under roof before extreme cold weather sets in.

V. C. Worrilow to build a one-story frame building to be covered with iron on the north side of Tenth Street near Highland Avenue. It will be 16 feet by 18 feet, 10 feet high

Dr. F. Otis Bryant to build a brick addition to his property at Ninth and Potter Streets. It will be 12 by 18 feet, 10 feet high.

BIG CONTRACT AWARDED – Dr. Thomas G. Aston has let the contract for the erection of farm buildings and dairy at Newtown Square to Jacob Myers and Sons of Philadelphia at their bid of \$100,000. The buildings are to be one and two stories high and are to be constructed of stone, frame and plaster. One of the buildings will be 50 by 100 feet and the other 50 by 150 feet. They will have shingle roofs, be lighted by electricity and heated by steam.

Edward Woolman of Philadelphia is preparing to make some additions and alterations to his property in Haverford Township. The work will consist of general interior alterations and additions. The plans are in course of preparation.

R. W. Dick of Darby is ready to receive bids for a new residence he intends to build in the borough of Darby. It will be of brick, three stories high, 3 by 40 feet, tin roof, electric lights, and steam heat.

F. L. Sims of Philadelphia is preparing to erect a \$50,000 residence at Rosemont, this county. The buildings will be 46 by 115 feet, tile roof, electric lights, steam heat, hardwood floors and will be constructed out of hollow tile plaster and will be two and one-half stories high.

Bids are being received by P. J. Hurley for the erection of a farm building on the land of the Baldwin Locomotive Company at Eddystone. It will be frame, one story, 20 by 30 feet, shingle roof.

The property of Captain W. G. Randle, consisting of a mansion and three and one-half acres of land has been sold through a local real estate broker. The land is situated on Twenty-Fourth Street.

GENERAL BUILDING OPERATIONS – George E. Savage has about completed plans and specifications and will be ready for bids in two weeks on a one-story stone church building to seat about 500 people, to be erected at Eighteenth Street and Providence Avenue Chester, for the Providence Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church of Chester. To cost about \$40,000.

H. M. Pedrick, Post Office Building, Darby has completed plans and specifications and is ready for bids on a 2 1/2 story residence, 24 by 40 feet to be erected at Darby for Charles F. Eggleston. To cost about \$4500.

J. B. Flounders, J. E. Emery, J. E. & A. L. Pennock, Charles McCaul Company, Wells Construction Company Cramp & Co., Mitchell Brothers, William R. Dougherty, Pomeroy Construction Company, H. H. Wehmyer and Alexander Chambley are estimating on revised plans and specifications for a three-story, stone school building, 110 by 145 feet to be erected at Media. Walter Smedley, architect.

Horace Wells Sellers is preparing plans and specifications for a one and two story brick steel and concrete building to be erected at Folsom for William Sellers & Co., Sixteenth and Hamilton Streets.

Richard C. Loos is preparing plans and specifications for a two-story brick garage, 25 by 35 feet to be erected at Glenolden for Louis Dalmas. Ready for bids next week.

William R. Dougherty, Samuel Harting F. F. Wallace, A. L. Fretz & Sons, Mowrer Brothers, W. D. Smedley and R. C. Ballinger are estimating on plans and specifications for a two-and-one-half-story stone and plaster house to be erected at Narberth for R. S. White. Savery, Sheetz & Savery, architects.

James B. flounders is estimating on plans for the erection of a residence at Media, Pa. for W. H. Corkran. Brinkloe & Canning, architects.

Hirst & McMullen have sold for the estate of Mrs. Emma Barrows a stone and shingle house and stable occupying a lot of one acre at the Southwest corner of Buck Lane and Panmure Road, Haverford. The purchaser is Mrs. Edward Woolman, who will remodel the property for her residence. It was held for sale at \$35,000 and adjoins the residence of a Saunders Morris, recently sold to him by the same brokers.

IN THE BOROUGHS – After considerable trouble the borough of Eddystone has received the deed for the transfer of a piece of realty at the corner of Chester Pike and Saville Avenue from the Hunter estate. The property originally was owned by the borough, but through some error, title was lost. The strip was wanted for part of the roadway of Saville Avenue.

Building continues at Marcus Hook and hardly a week passes without some new contract being given out. W. T Galbreath has staked out the new building for H. C. Valentine on Market Street near Tenth. In the same borough work was started this week on the superstructure of some additional new houses being erected on Post Road by W. J. McClure. Harry C. Valentine has awarded a contract to W. T. Galbreath of Boothwyn, for the erection of a two-story brick building to be put up at Tenth and Market Streets. The building will be 25 by 70 feet. The first floor will be used for store purposes, while the upper one will be used for offices. It will be the first office building in this busy borough.

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