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BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS OF THE WEEK – No New Operations in City But Several County Ones – Work Being Pushed

While the past week has been dull in building, that is as far as the commencing of new operations are concerned, there was by no means any lull in pushing work already started. Here, there and everywhere throughout this entire county there has been an untiring effort on the part of contractors to get the work under way completed.

In Chester there is considerable building going on at the present time. The building in this city this season is not as large proportionately, however, as it is in some of the boroughs and villages of this county. At Yeadon, Lansdowne, Clifton Heights, Leiper Ville, Upland, Eddystone, Milmont, Media, East Lansdowne, etc., there is a pronounced activity. Marcus Hook is also promised a boom in the proposed three hundred dwellings for employees, which the American Viscose Company contemplate. At present the Viscose Company is engaged in the erection of an addition to its mill. William Provost, Jr., of this city, is the contractor.

IN THE CITY – The Brotherhood connected with Trinity M. E. Church have planned to build ground secured from S. L. Armour, for the housing of their Gospel wagon. The building will be a one-story corrugated iron structure, 12 by 24 feet in dimensions. The wagon is now stored in the stable of George H. Story at Seventh and Penn Streets, and the fact that Mr. Story needs the space necessitates the change.

The two new houses of George Weigand on West Third Street near Ulrich, are ready for the roof and they will be ready for occupancy in two or three weeks.

Two more of Contractor Hewes' new houses on Pusey Street, between Second and Third Streets, are nearing completion and rapid progress is being made with the improvement. These houses are convenient and cozy and will be in demand.

Contractor and Builder Samuel R. Bell is pushing along with energy his row of new houses on Lloyd Street near Second. The foundation walls are well advanced and the carpenters and bricklayers are getting busy on their part of the work.

Progress on the work of building the new store, factory and residence of T. Brooks. McBride Fulton at Third and Lloyd Streets, has been delayed by the bed of rock encountered in the cellar. Contractor Amos P. Sheaff has a steam drill and men employed in drilling a number of holes in the solid rock and when these are finished, dynamite will be used and all will be exploded at the one time in order to facilitate the work of completing the excavation. There is little doubt in this instance but that Mr. McBride's property will be founded on a rock.

In the West End, operations are progressing on the two houses being built by Martin J. Dwyer of 1803 West Third Street on West Second Street West of Reaney Street, the three dwellings being erected by William I. Devinney of 2519 West Third Street at Third and Booth Streets, the two dwellings on West Fourth Street near Palmer, which are Marcus Hook and the several new homes at Twelfth Street and Highland Avenue, which are being erected by Contractor William Hewes of 1102 Highland Avenue.

Workmen in the employ of Samuel R. Bell, a local contractor are improving the appearance of the row of dwellings on Fourth Street from 401 to 429 east of Upland Street. A fresh coat of paint is being applied to the woodwork together with a number of repairs.

The two dwellings belonging to Clarence Deshong at 508 and 510 West Second Street have been thoroughly renovated and remodeled by workmen in the employ of Samuel R. Bell, contractor.

The old Gartside Mill at the foot of Fulton Street is being razed. It was recently purchased by Samuel R. Bell, a contractor, who is using the material, stone, lumber and iron in the construction of a number of dwellings on Lloyd Street between Second and Third streets.

IN THE COUNTY – H.M. David of Lansdowne is having his big building at the corner of Baltimore and Lansdowne avenues remodeled and when completed the building will be one of the best equipped in the eastern end of the county. The second floor which was recently vacated by the Twentieth Century Club and the Bell Telephone Company, is being made into one big room and when completed it will be occupied by the Lansdowne Republican Club. The store which is occupied by Davis and Jessup, druggists and the store occupied by Robert Craig as a meat market and the office of Dr. Gick in the same building are also being remodeled. William C. Shuster is doing the work.

Builder W.C. Shuster of Lansdowne is erecting a large three-story office building on Baltimore Avenue, East Lansdowne, for the Quaker City Dairy Supply Company at Fernwood.

William Lear of Clifton Heights is building a handsome bungalow in Aldan.

Robert Craig and Son of Norwood have decided to erect eight new green houses. Each building will be 50 by 100 feet. Work has been commenced. The contract was awarded James R. Booth, a builder, of Garrettsford.

Charles Sims of Rosemont is contemplating the erection of a residence for himself at that place. The building is to be a three-story one, 45 feet by 70 feet with electric light, hot water heat, hardwood floors, etc. The architects are Harris and Richards of Philadelphia, and they are taking bids on the work due yesterday. The following are figuring: George and Borst, Philadelphia; Gray Brothers, Rosemont; G.L. Croll, Bryn Mawr; Worrell and Walters, Rosemont; and Appleton and Burrell, Philadelphia.

S.D. Sinkler of Radnor is contemplating the erection of a residence at that place. The contract has been awarded Appleton and Burrell and Sinkler. The specifications called for a three-story building 72 by 36 feet with a wing 44 by 28 feet, shingle roof, electric light, vapor, steam heat, hardwood floors, etc.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Chester – Antal Greenburg of Chester to Robert Herr of same place, brick house and lot 16 by 104 2-3 feet on northwesterly side of Crosby and Welsh Streets. \$1060

Drexel Hill – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Clarence T. Garrett of same place, lot 75 by 113 feet. \$1290

Radnor – Mary J.R. Chew and others of Philadelphia to Radnor Realty Co. of Pa., houses and tract of 7 635-1000 acres. Nominal

Upper Chichester – Thomas S. Halsey of Brandywine Summit to George F. Baier of Norwood, buildings and tract of 73 acres, \$8000

Lansdowne Heights – Richard R. Roberts of Lansdowne to Mary N. Aldred of East Lansdowne, buildings and lot, 75 by 125 feet. \$2500