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BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS OF THE WEEK – Two New Schools and Costly Residences for This County – In City and County

Building and realty activity through Delaware County has been “holding its own” during the past week. While few new building operations and no transfers of real estate of any moment have been consummated, the operations now underway have been pushed forward toward completion. A number of small sales have also been recorded. The comparatively good weather of the past several weeks have been a held to the builders for they have been able to go ahead with their work.

Builder Francis J. Moore of Marcus Hook, is getting ready to build four new houses in the Tenth Ward of Chester. Samuel Hoffman is figuring on twenty new houses for Leiperville. Three Chester contractors are getting their respective bids together for the sixty-six residences that the American Viscose Company contemplates for Marcus Hook.

There are several large residences going up out in the county. In addition to those already under way, Samuel K. Phillips is contemplating a \$10,000 home at Lansdowne, and Charles S. Walton is preparing to erect a \$100,000 residence at St. David's.

Two new schools for Delaware County are also proposed. H. Louis Morris has been awarded the contract for the Franklin Street School in this city, and the Board of Education of Crum Lynne is having its architects receive revised bids for a school building. Extensive additions are being made to the buildings of the Institute for Colored Youths at Cheyney.

IN THE CITY – The Board of Education of Chester has awarded the contract for the building of the Franklin Street School to H. Louis Morris. His bid was \$59,870. The building is to be of brick, three stories in height, 160 by 80 feet, have a slate roof, steam heat, two toilet rooms, etc. The work is to be completed before May 1, 1913.

J.W. Emery of Philadelphia the contractor, who will remodel and rebuild the Chester post office, is preparing to commence work in the near future. It is to be of brick and stone, two stories high fireproof floors, slate roof, steam heat and electric light. His bid was \$36,870 and the work is to be completed by September 1, 1913.

The Keystone Type Foundry, Fifth and Engle Streets, is erecting an addition to its present plant. H. Louis Morris is the contractor. The foundation walls are completed. The annex will facilitate the shipping. It is to be of brick and one story in height.

Ten pair of six-room and bath brick dwellings that M.J. Dwyer of 1302 West Third Street, is erecting on West Second Street, West of Reaney Street, are being papered.

The brick work on the Italian Presbyterian Church, Third and Fulton Streets, has been completed. The building will be roofed this coming week.

The first floor frame work on the residence and candy factory of T. Brooks McBride at Third and Lloyd Streets has been set up and Contractor Thomas Winfree has a large force of bricklayers at work.

The brick work on two of the eight houses that Builder William L. Devinney is erecting on West Fourth Street between Palmer and Ward Streets has been completed. Foundations have been laid for the other six.

Brick work has been started on some of the ten dwellings that Contractor Samuel A. Hewes is building on West Fourth Street, West of Ward Street.

Lake B. Salmon, who is building a pair of concrete houses at Third and Pusey Streets, is progressing with the work. The main buildings are done and the shed kitchen, front steps, porches, etc. are being erected.

Builder Francis J. Moore of Marcus Hook is getting ready to start four more seven-room and bath brick dwellings on the north side of West Third Street, west of Palmer Street, adjoining the pair he recently completed.

The two and a half-story frame dwelling on Market Street, near Second, which was occupied for several years by George Francis Williams, a colored political leader of the Third Ward, has been completely razed to the ground by Contractor H. Louis Morris, who has received the contract to erect there on a modern three-story brick dwelling with store front. The destroyed building was one of the oldest houses in the city.

William H. Moore, owner of the houses at 932 and 934 Madison Street, is having porches attached to the front of the dwellings. The house at 934, which is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boon, Jr., was recently sold to Mr. Moore by Robert E. Wallace, the consideration being \$1,000. It is a two-story brick structure. The new porches will add greatly to the appearance and convenient features of the houses.

Building permits – The following building permits have been issued recently by Building Inspector Tyrrel T. Williams of Chester for operations in the city:

George D. Hewes to build two two-story brick houses on West side of Pusey Street between Second and Third Streets.

William H. Emory to build one-story addition to house on West side of Highland Terrace between Fifteenth and Sixteenth Streets.

William Provost to build two-story brick addition to offices on South side of Front Street at foot of Howell Street.

Dr. G.W. Thomas to build a one-story frame garage covered with iron at rear of 1422 West Third Street

George D. Hewes to build two two-story brick dwellings on West side of Pusey Street between Second and Third Streets.

Edward Todd one-story frame building covered with iron addition to 2701 West Third Street.

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W.T. Wise to build a two-story brick dwelling on North side of Tenth Street between Edwards and Flower Streets

Rose and Maloy to build open shelter shed, roofed with iron at Northwest corner Fifth and Ulrich Streets

Samuel A. Hewes to build a two-story brick dwelling at Southwest corner Sixth and Ward Streets

James Babe to build a one-story frame covered with iron building on North side of Third Street above Penn Street

Mrs. Mary McKeone to build a one-story frame stable covered with iron in rear Southwest corner Sixth and Ward Streets

William J. Hewes to build four two-story brick dwellings on South side of Highland Avenue between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets

Frank Matico to build a one-story frame, covered with iron building on West side of Fulton Street between Front and Second Streets

H.L. Morris to build a one-story brick addition to the Keystone type Foundry at the Northwest corner of Fifth and Engle Streets

H.L. Morris to build a three-story brick and stone dwelling on East side of Market Street between Second and Third Streets

J.H. Phipps to build a bath room at rear of 114 Edwards Street

IN THE COUNTY – Samuel K. Phillips of Philadelphia contemplates the erection of a \$10,000 residence at Lansdowne. The building is to be frame, 50 by 30 feet, two and a half stories high and have a slate roof hot water heat and electric light and hardwood floors. Bids are due Tuesday. Several contractors are figuring, including R.H. Anderson of Lansdowne.

Charles S. Walton of Philadelphia is going to erect a \$100,000 residence at St. David's. It is to be of stone, two and a half stories high, 125 by 60 feet, with a tile roof, electric light, hardwood floors and atmospheric heat. Revised plans are in progress.

A stone addition will be built to the dormitories of the Institute for Colored Youths at Cheyney. It is to be of stone, two and one-half stories high, 106 by 40 feet, with a slate roof and steam heating. Several contractors are figuring on the work.

A one story stone addition, 88 by 42 feet will be erected to the dining hall of the Institute for Colored Youths at Cheyney. It is also to have a slate roof and steam heat. The architects for both improvements are Morris and Erskine of Philadelphia.

William Provost, Jr., H.I. Taylor and Nolan Brothers all of Chester are among the contractors figuring on the proposed village of 66 dwellings that the American Viscose Company is going to build at Marcus Hook. Each house is to be of brick 33 by 24 feet, two and a half stories in height, with slate roof, electric light and hot air heat.

Seymour and Paul A. Davis, Philadelphia architects, are receiving revised bids for the proposed school building to be built by the Board of Education of Crum Lynne at that place. The building, which is to be of brick, is to be 66 by 34 feet. It is to have a slate roof, hot air heat and electric light.

H.C. Berry is contemplating the erection of a stone and frame residence at Lansdowne. It is to be 32 by 25 feet, with a slate roof, hot water heat, hardwood floors, etc. Plans are in progress.

Ground has been broken for two dwellings at Upland, which are to be built for Joseph A. Hulme. Each will be of brick, two stories in height, and modern in detail. The contract has been awarded Contractor Jagers.

A new barn of modern construction is being built on the property of Lewis N. Wood in Upper Chichester Township on the site of the Larkin old stable, which was erected many years ago and was noted in that section as one of the most ancient barns in the county. The old building was torn down under the supervision of Justice of the Peace J.T. Gill, a real estate operator of Linwood Heights. Willard Galbreath has the contract for erecting the new stable.

W.S. Gootee, a contractor and builder, has started the erection of a house along the Chichester Road, leading to Boothwyn, for William Hoopes, a well-known resident of that section of the county. The new dwelling bids fair to be one of the most spacious and ornate residences in that locality.

Ground has been broken for the building of two houses on Fairview Road for John J. McCoy of Leiperville. These will be thoroughly modern in their appointments and will be built under the supervision of Contractor George Hardy of Woodlyn.

Solomon Hoffman who recently erected ten houses in Leiperville, intends building twenty more dwellings of a similar design, although he has not definitely decided as yet just when he will begin the work, and it may be that he will defer building until next spring. He has plenty of room on his ground for the buildings, and says that it would not be difficult to rent that many houses even before they are completed.

The owners are preparing to sub-let all the contracts or a boiler house to be erected to the plant of the H.K. Mulford Company, vaccine manufacturers of Philadelphia at Glenolden, this county. The building is to be of stone, one story high, have a slag roof and be equipped with electric lights.

The United Roofing and Construction Company, Morris Building, Philadelphia, which recently bought land at arcus Hook for the purposes of erecting a plant, have received bids for the work. The contract will be awarded soon. There is to be one two and three story brick building, 200 by 50 and a second building 43 by 160 feet. They are to have congo roofing and to be equipped with electric lighting.

E.K. Rowland of Radnor has had plans prepared for a summer house, which he will erect at that place. Zantzinger, Borle and Medary are the architects. It is to be of plaster, one story in height with tile roof and electric light. The bids on the work are due.

Bids will be taken in about six weeks for the erection of a \$50,000 school building at Llanerch. The structure will be of stone, two stories high, with slate roof and electric lighting. The plans are now being prepared by Blithe and Richards of Philadelphia.

Several contractors are figuring on the large residence which will be erected at St. David's by Nathan Hayward. The plans have been prepared by James Purdon of Boston. The building is to be three stories high, of plaster, 30 by 40 feet, with tile roof, hardwood floors, electric light, hot water heating, etc.

William Provost, Jr., of Chester, has been awarded the contract for the erection of a \$100,000 addition to the plant of the American Viscose Company at Marcus Hook. Work has been commenced. The addition will double the present working force of 1,000 hands when placed into operation.

The contract for the erection of a dwelling at Linwood Heights has been awarded Contractor George D.D. Heves of 903 Highland Avenue, this city, by Mrs. Mary Hunter, the owner. The building is to be of brick, two stories high, is to contain seven rooms and bath and have a front porch.

Samuel Seward, a Chester contractor, is erecting two frame houses on Maddox Street near Chester Pike, Leiperville. They are being built by John J. McCoy, a merchant of that place. The dwellings will be modern in every detail.

Another big real estate deal was consummated in Clifton Heights Tuesday when Mayer Granik, a tailor of Springfield Avenue, purchased the Doherty property at the corner of Baltimore Avenue and Walnut Street for \$7,500. The property is one of the most valuable in the borough and consists of a three-story store and dwelling with a large two story brick barn in the rear. The property was owned by the Media Title and Trust Company of Media, and the sale was made through Arthur F. Blake, the Washington Avenue real estate broker.

County Treasurer and Mrs. Walter Westcott of Media have moved to the charter House, recently purchased by them, which they will manage. It will be a month before the repairs which Henry Saulnier, the owner, contemplates making will be complete. The house will be thoroughly renovated.

Dr. Charles S. Schoff has purchased the old Worrell Mansion at Washington Street and Providence Road, Media, which he will have remodeled and fitted up in fine shape. He will move his hospital from the present location as soon as the improvements are completed.

A big real estate deal was consummated in Clifton Heights when Dr. G.M. Hutchings who recently located in this town, purchased the old Bartleson homestead on Baltimore Avenue. The deal was made through Arthur F. Blake, real estate man of that borough. The purchase price was not made known. This is one of the finest properties in this borough and upon it is a stately old building.

Bids have been asked for 66 of the dwellings that the American Viscose Company will build at Marcus Hook. This will be the first installment of a village of three hundred residences that this company expects to erect for the accommodation of its employees.

ACTIVITY IN DARBY REAL ESTATE – With the sale of the William S. Bunting estate at Eleventh and Main Streets, Darby, consisting of the old Bunting Homestead and thirteen acres, last week, the sale of another of the Bunting homesteads, with four acres, on Main Street, above Twelfth the latter at \$12,500 and the recent transfer of the J.J. Kennedy property at Fourth and Chestnut Streets, Darby, consisting of a residence and two acres that borough has been active in the realty market.

The William M. Bunting estate, which has been in the possession of the Bunting family continuously more than 200 years, was sold to Morgan Bunting of Darby and to George M. Bunting of Chester. The price paid was not made public. It is understood that the ground is to be developed and many dwellings of the better kind erected. The other Bunting homestead containing a trifle more than four acres, was purchased by E.E. Eggleston of Glenolden, who will hold it for building purposes.

Work on the Darby Episcopal Mission, which is being erected at Main and Summit Streets at a cost of \$8200, is being pushed, and another church will soon be built on Center Street by the congregation of the Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Thomas Sipple, builder of Darby, who has just completed the erection of half a dozen houses on Hamilton Avenue, has broken ground for four more. Hugh Cox of Collingdale has broken ground for seven dwellings and a corner store at Chester Pike and Pine Street. The rumor of the coming of the L Road and the agitation started for it, has caused a decided mid-summer activity in this section of the county, centering particularly around Darby.

Extensive alterations and improvements to the Amor Anderson property at 880 Main Street, Darby are to be started early this week.

SUBURBAN SALES REPORTED – Herbert and Claghorn have sold the residence of William H. Cope at 523 South Orange Street, Media to a purchaser whose name is not disclosed. The consideration involved was \$13,000. The property consists of a large stone residence surrounded by extensive grounds.

Thomas A. Sheridan, agent for the Llanerch tract, reports several sales made during the past two weeks. Among them are the stone house and lot, 55 x 169 at 13 Township Line Road, Llanerch to Charles Boome; the house and lot, 50 x 173, at 174 Davis Road, Llanerch to Thomas B. Young; a lot 52 x 150, 55 Llandaff Road, Llanerch to Walter S. King, and a lot 50 x 147, 206 Llandilo Road, Llanerch to A.E. Garwood.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS –

Chester – Catherine Bolton of Chester to Daniel Petello and wife of same place, brick house and lot 20 by 104 feet on northerly side of Second Street, \$2400

Darby Borough – George Thompson and wife of Philadelphia to Charles C. Rasbold and wife of Philadelphia, frame house and lot 88 by 120 feet, \$3500

Chester – Cambridge Trust Company of Chester to William M. Goodley of same place, brick house and lot 20 by 140 feet on West side of Highland Avenue, \$2600

Cambridge Trust Co. of Chester to William J. Sheer of same place, brick house and lot 20 by 140 feet on west side of Highland Avenue, \$3600

Upper Providence – Anna H. Shaw of Philadelphia to Anna S. Weigmann of Philadelphia, lot 116 by 497 feet, \$1325

Anna H. Shaw of Philadelphia to Percy J. Walton of Nether Providence, lot 84 by 477 feet, \$1325

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