

CHESTER TIMES – DOINGS IN THE REALTY WORLD – Formal Transfer of the Gartside Property Made to Chester Shipbuilding Company

Many big things in the real estate and building line are in progress in this county. This city, Eddystone and Marcus Hook are getting a large part of the work being done, but not all of it, by any means. A notable exception is the contract for fifty houses to be built in Upper Darby Township near Sixty-Ninth Street terminal by John H. McClatchey. The various parts of the work are being given out in contracts for the entire fifty houses, and as soon as these are nearing completion others will be started as it is proposed to build one hundred and fifty houses upon the tract.

During the last couple of days negotiations have been completed by which the Chester Shipbuilding Company comes into possession of the Gartside property, a tract of ground owned by Elizabeth Gartside, which extends from the company's former buildings to Fulton Street and from Front Street to the Delaware River. This will be used as an extension of the yards. The price was upward of \$40,000.

The American Viscose Company, at Marcus Hook, let a contract during the week to William Provost, Jr., of this city, for a new power house. This is one of the first of a number of buildings to be erected this summer by the Viscose Company, which is planning to double its plant, although it has built one extension to its plant within the last eighteen months.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING – Ridley Park has made plans for an \$85,000 school building. The structure will be of brick with terra cotta trimmings. The building will be two stories in height 165 feet by 70 feet, and will be equipped with all modern conveniences, including lavatories, shower baths for both girls and boys gymnasiums, manual training, domestic science and lunch rooms. The building will have on the first floor, eight class rooms, four cloak rooms, principal's office and teachers' room. On the second floor will be three class rooms, three recitation rooms, auditorium, chemical and physical laboratory, and lecture room.

Charles R. Lewis has let a contract to the Arthur Machin Company for a three-story house on Twentieth Street, this city, to cost \$6000. Mary R. Lewis also of this city, has let a contract for a three-story house on Twentieth Street to the same contractor at a contract price of \$6300. These houses will be of Colonial style.

Benjamin H. Evans has awarded a contract to William Ward for a two-story store and dwelling on Seventh Street, west of Morton Avenue. The price has not been made known.

Harry J. Makiver and J. Lord Rigby, Media attorneys, have had plans prepared for five brick stores and dwellings to be erected on State Street, Media, on the site they recently purchased. The old dwelling on the property is to be torn down, work on this to be begun on Monday. Four of the stores will have a frontage of eighteen feet, and the other twenty-three feet. All will have eight-room dwellings above the stores. J. Harvey Sweeney, the Media shoe dealer, has purchased a property on State Street now occupied as a laundry, and after improvements have been made he will move his business there from its present place on South Orange Street.

Work has been begun on the bungalow to be built for John Brown of Media, by J. Wesley Worrilow, contractor, and work is also started on a house for George S. Pierce, also of Media.

CONTRACTS AWARDED – During the course of the week Lawrence D. Beggs of Ardmore has awarded to the Graham-Canpion Company of Philadelphia, the contract for the erection of a dwelling at Haverford, the price being \$25,000. The building will be of brick, plastered, 2 ½ stories in height, with a slate or shingle roof. There will be electric lighting, vapor heating, tile work, oak floors, and metal weather strips. It will be a structure occupying a site 99 by 37 feet. McIlvaine and Roberts are the architects.

The Ridley Park National Bank has awarded to the Pomeroy Construction Company, Philadelphia, the contract for the erection of alterations to the bank building. It will be a one-story addition and fitted with banking fixtures.

Bids are being received by the Delaware Trust Safe Deposit and Title Insurance Company for the erection of a modern office building on the southeast corner of Fifth and Market Streets, this city, and it is estimated that the cost will be in the neighborhood of \$150,000. The structure will be eight stories in height and constructed of marble, granite, brick, terra cotta and steel, and fireproof. There will be steam heating, Barrett's roofing, electric lighting, water-proofing and damp-proofing, with ornamental iron, marble and tile work. Bids will be received until 11 o'clock, May 24. Four large Philadelphia contracting firms are figuring on the work.

Details for the expenditure of \$500,000 for new school buildings and an enlargement to the present Chester High the Board of Education. Plans for school have not yet been completed but about to be started under the direction of Clyde S. Adams of Philadelphia, architect.

Benjamin Chew of Radnor, has plans out for an addition to his residence at Radnor, Louis S. Bush of Philadelphia, being the architect. The addition will be 3 ½ stories in height, 48x25 feet, and constructed of hollow tile and stucco. The architect is taking the bids, and four different contractors are bidding.

**WILL IMPROVE BLOCK** – James Shropshire started the erection of four houses at Seventh and Pennell Streets this week. In addition to building the foundations, plumbing connections were made for twelve other dwellings, these to be built in the near future.

Mr. Shropshire owns the entire block of ground, and has one of the most desirable plots in the western sections of the city. The houses started this week are the first in the block. For a long term of years, the block has been used as a baseball field, and was at one time a choice circus grounds. The dwellings will be of brick construction, two stories in height with deep rear yards and wide front porches, together with the very latest equipment.

William Rockenbeck of the Eighth Ward, is progressing with his pair of dwellings on the corner of Third and Pusey Streets. The heavy base work is practically completed and the bricklayers will soon be in full charge.

The finishing touches are being made on the two-story store at the northwest corner of Third Street Bridge. The unsightly wood structure which stood for many years on the site has given way to one of the most modern stores along the street.

**PERMITS GRANTED** – Building permits issued during the course of the week have been as follows:

William Ward for Benjamin H. Williams – Two-story brick building on south side of Seventh Street between Morton Avenue and Potter Streets, 28 feet by 28 feet and 18 feet 6 inches in height

John Gavin – Addition to kitchen in rear of 2403 West Fourth Street, 16 feet by 4 feet and 8 feet in height.

Horace H. Jackson for L. A. Clyde – Two-story brick store on east side of Market Street between Third and Fourth Streets, 19 feet 6 inches by 75 feet and 20 feet, 6 inches in height

Horace H. Jackson for Kingsley Montgomery – One-story brick garage in rear of northeast corner of Twentieth and Chestnut Streets, 20 feet by 20 feet and 9 feet in height

J. I. Taylor for William H. Fowden – Three-story brick building on south side of Third Street between Concord Avenue and Penn Street, 23 feet by 43 feet and 29 feet, 6 inches in height

Arthur Machin and Company for Dr. Stein – Two two-and-one-half story brick dwellings on southwest corner of Twentieth and Hyatt Streets, 41 feet by 320 feet and 27 feet in height.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – These real estate transfers were recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deed office yesterday:

Nether Providence – Frank I. Taylor and wife of Media to George W. A. Tolbert of South Media, lot in South Media, \$150

Radnor – Franklin A. Plummer of York to Charles C. Harrison of Philadelphia, tract of land in Valla Nova Tract containing tract over 3 acres, \$8,961.50

Radnor – Robert O. Brown of Philadelphia to Henrein S. Reed of the same place, lot with buildings at Wayne, \$1000

Colwyn – Carrie K. Booth and George C. Booth of Colwyn to John B. Powell of Philadelphia, lot and house, \$1.00