

CHESTER TIMES – July 19, 1913 – REALTY MARKET AGAIN ACTIVE – Many Sales and New Contracts Pleasing to Real estate Brokers and Builders

The real estate market emerged to a degree this week from that inactive state into which it reposed several weeks ago, alleged to be due to the extreme hot spell. A number of good contracts were awarded and many changes of property occurred during the week that have put the real estate men and contractors and builders in a better mood. Many were of the opinion that the spurt which struck this city and suburbs a few weeks ago had disappeared for good, but the events of the week dispel this theory.

The largest property deal was that of the change of ownership of the Chester Milling Company property at Sixth and New Market Streets. Jethro Johnson sold this to a local business firm and it is said that the place will be opened as a wholesale establishment just as soon as those interested can procure papers of incorporation. With a siding from the Pennsylvania Railroad running into the property and fine water facilities on the Chester River, this is a valuable property for the purposes for which it has been purchased.

The erection of a number of large buildings in the borough of Marcus Hook; the prospects bright for the letting of the contract for the new theater on east Seventh Street; this building operation on West Seventh Street, with the other work started about the city, will keep the mechanics and laborers busy well on to winter time.

AN EXTENSIVE OPERATION – The lot at the southwest corner of Seventh and New Market Streets, which was purchased a few weeks ago by the Chester Realty and Investment Company, has been graded, and work will be started next week in excavating the cellars. Nine store buildings and eighteen apartments of modern construction and design will be erected on this site by the new owners of the land. After this building operation is completed the Chester Realty and Construction Company will begin operations on the erection of nine store buildings, eight dwelling houses and twenty-six apartments on the lot at the northeast corner of Seventh and New Market Streets. These buildings will also be of modern design. When both these important building operations are completed the probabilities are that Seventh Street, from Edgmont Avenue to Chester River, will become a live business center. The stores will be commodious and of ornate appearance and will be designed for the conduct of any business of a merchandising nature on a large scale.

The work of erecting the buildings on the lot at the southwest corner of Seventh and New Market Streets will be awarded to subcontractors by the Chester Realty and Construction Company. The grading of the land, which will probably be completed today, is being done by Contractor Thomas Riley.

POST OFFICE NEARING COMPLETION – The new addition of the Chester post office is nearing completion. The plasterers have been busy for several days putting on the white coat on the first and second floors and early in the week the windows will be put in position, after which the painters and decorators will begin work. The old portion of the post office is badly in need of some brightening up on the interior. It will be dark and gloomy as compared with the new portion unless the painters' brush is applied.

A building agreement was filed yesterday at the office of Prothonotary A. J. Dalton in Media for an ice manufacturing plant to be erected at Cardington, this county, for the Western Ice Manufacturing Company, plans for which were prepared by the Pennsylvania Engineering Company. These plans call for an engine room, boiler room and the ice plant proper. The cost is to be \$9000.

Plans are now obtainable for the new school house for the borough of Collingdale from the architects, Tilithe and Richards of Philadelphia. The building is to cost \$20,000 and is to be two stories high, built of stone, slag roof. The school board is anxious to get this building constructed as quickly as possible and it is needed for the increase of pupils.

Chester is to have a new moving picture theater in the lower section of the city, the permit to erect the same having been taken out this week by Mercadante & Son the well-known contractors.

West Chester is to have a new moving picture place to be constructed of bricks. This is the last day for the bids to be received and it is said that work will start at once. The building will have dimensions of 31 by 170 feet and will be constructed in accordance with the State laws governing public amusement places.

J. B. Flounders the well-known contractor has been awarded the contract for the erection of a new dwelling at Newtown Square for Dr. Stengel of 1728 Spruce Street, Philadelphia. It will be constructed of plaster, two and one-half stories high, shingle roof, electric lights and hot water heat.

BUILDING NOTES OF INTEREST – Gray Brothers have been awarded the contract for some alterations and additions in the township of Radnor for Carroll Hodge.

Heacock & Hokanson are preparing revised plans for a two and one-half story stone and plaster house to be erected in the borough of Lansdowne for F. W. Layre. The plans will be ready for the bidders in the near future.

Stokes Brothers, J. Martin Warner, E. Hollenbach, J. Sim Wilson, E. J. Tiernan and A. L. Fretz & Son are estimating on plans for a two-store stone garage, 62 by 24 feet, to be erected at Ardmore for James B. Ladd.

David Folsom has completed plans and specifications and is taking bids on six two-story houses to be erected in the borough of Ridley Park to cost \$4000 each.

Allen T. Worth is having plans and specifications prepared for two two-story brick and hollow tile residences erected by him at Norwood. These houses will cost \$4000 each.

William Ward, the contractor of this city, is estimating on plans and specifications for a two-story brick dwelling to be erected for Andrew Cassidy in the borough of Eddystone.

Settlement has been made for three contiguous tracts aggregating more than 200 acres, adjoining the golf course of the Merion Cricket Club, purchased by Dr. and Mrs. Archibald G. Thomson. These properties include the 19-acre tract belonging to the estate of John Lanahan, the 55-acre tract belonging to James McNeill and the 27-acre tract of D. F. Nunan.

Chester Osborne, Inc. has sold for Mrs. R. S. Keeler to Miss M. T. McCormick, 315 Lansdowne Road, Llanerch property consisting of stone and shingle residence, with about one-half acre of ground. The same brokers have sold No. 236 North Fiftieth Street for Miss McCormick, for a total consideration of \$13,000.

William B. Northam is making some extensive improvements to the rear of his residence at 140 East Seventh Street. A porch along the side of the house is the main feature of the improvements under way.

Plasterers have commenced operations on the several houses being erected on Crosby Street above Thirteenth by Contractor J. Irvin Taylor. The dwellings, which are of modern design, are rapidly nearing completion.

The three houses being built on Upland Street near Twelfth by Contractor R. H. Jagers are being pushed to completion. These houses are three stories high. Each will be graced with spacious front porches and will contain all the modern conveniences.

WEST END IMPROVEMENTS – The paving of several streets in the West End, most of which are in progress, has opened up considerable desirable territory for building purposes and builders are taking advantage of it. West Fourth Street which until this year has been almost devoid of houses from Engle to Ward Streets, is being rapidly built up by contractors, and no less than 30 houses have been built in two squares. Flower Street above Sixth is building up and operations will be commenced by West End contractors on Reaney Street in a short time.

George H. Hewes and William Hewes, who own a considerable amount of land on Highland Avenue, are extending the residences several squares, since the street was paved. They are considering building four more houses at Thirteenth Street.

John J. Ryan, the merchant, is making rapid headway on his houses at Third and Edwards Streets. Mr. Ryan may be seen on the ground most any hour of the day direction operations. They are being built two at a time; another two being commenced when the former are well towards completion.

Contractor H. Louis Morris has about completed seven houses and a store in the block on West Second Street, between Wilson and Mill Street. He expects to turn them over to the owner, John J. McGlenn, the coming week.

A little interior decoration and outside work, such as cementing is all that remains to complete the seven houses on Third Street, west of Townsend Street, which are being constructed by Contractor William Hewes.

BUILDING PERMITS GRANTED – The following is a list of the building permits granted during the week by Building Inspector T. T. Williams:

William Ward for the Harper Manufacturing Company, owner to erect a one-story brick building, 33 by 50 feet on the north side of Sixth Street between Welsh and Crosby Streets

William Ward, contractor, for Harper Manufacturing Company, one story brick building, 17 by 30 feet on the south side of St. Charles Street between Welsh and Crosby Streets

Isaac Helms owner, to build a one-story frame garage covered with iron in the rear of 822 West Eighth Street

Charles Brandfeldt, contractor, J. C. Taylor, owner, to build two two-story brick dwellings on the west side of Jeffrey Street, between Delaware Avenue and Front Street

Meradante and Son to build a one story brick building for a moving picture theater on the north side of Third Street between Flower and Reaney Street. The building will be 30 by 110 feet

Michael Cronin to erect seven two story brick houses on Congress Avenue between Potter Street and Morton Avenue

Albert Lindsay for two two-story brick dwellings on the east side of Central Avenue between Third and Fourth streets

Howard Taylor to build a back shed in the rear of the property at No. 126 East Eighteenth Street

Samuel Lax, contractor, for the owner, Frank Tollin, to erect a two-story brick stable on the south side of St. Charles Street between Welsh and Crosby Streets, 50 by 40 feet

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS –

Clifton Heights – William B. Palmer of Clifton Heights to Edward Pilling of same place, house and lot at Berkeley and Glenwood Avenues, \$2400

Clifton Heights – William M. Prenderville of Clifton Heights to W. H. Baker of same place, house and lot at Harrison and Walnut Avenues, Nom

Clifton Heights – William M. Prenderville of Clifton Heights to W. H. Heights, lot on Walnut Street, Nom

Clifton Heights – William M. Prenderville to Annie C. Ingram of Clifton Heights, house and lot on Walnut Street, Nom

Chester – John A. Hanna of Chester to Leonard W. Stagg of Chester, house and lot at Twenty-Second Street and Edgmont Avenue, \$3500

Chester – Patrick Moran of Chester to Charles Palmer of same place, house and lot on Reaney Street, \$725

Chester – A. Franklin Wayne of Haddonfield, N. J. to David E. Davis of Chester, house and lot on West Eighth Street, \$1350

Chester – Jacob Focht of Chester to Anton Holeczky of same place, house and lot on Thurlow Street, \$1200

Lansdowne – Charles H. Ashton of Philadelphia to George W. Wilkins of same place, house and lot at 21 Rigby Avenue Nom

Chester – John D. Moore of Chester to Joseph F. Reynolds of same place, house on Fourth Street west of Palmer Street, \$1900

Chester – William Buxter of Wilmington to Thomas J. Welsh of Chester, house and lot on East Seventh street, \$1100

Sharon Hill – Alexander Tolliver of Wilmington to the Delaware County Trust Company lot on Hook Road, Nom

Sharon Hill – William M. Moss of Sharon Hill to Josephine L. Kennedy of Philadelphia, house and lot on Clifton Avenue, Nom

Media – Executors of Lydia Yarnall, deceased, to Sarah A. Pratt of Media, house and lot on Second street, \$6000

Media – Howard Blakes of Media to Paris Daker of Chambersburg house and lot on Vernon Street, Nom

Upper Darby – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Ernest E. Parker of Philadelphia, two lots at Drexel Hill, \$580

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Chester – J. G. Milbourn of Chester to charlotte M. Dunning of Chester to charlotte M. Dunning of Chester, house on West Eighth Street, \$2000

Lansdowne – Fred T. Pusey of Lima to Helena S. Sadler of Springfield, lot on Highland Avenue, Nom

Haverford Township – George H. Paist of Haverford to John Kirk of Philadelphia, house and lot at Llanerch, \$5400

Lower Chichester – Lewis N. Wood of Linwood to Clarence O. Whelan of Lower Chichester, lot on Chichester Avenue, \$360

Eddystone – Cambridge Trust Company to William P. Grieser of Eddystone, house and lot on Saville Avenue \$2500

Upper Darby – William M. Bains of Philadelphia to Edward Guest of same place three lots are at Highland Park, \$1200

Ridley Township – Barney Tindenbaum of Philadelphia to Onofry Bodnarinch of Philadelphia. Four lots at Folsom \$700

Glenolden – John Reese of Philadelphia to William H. Felton of same place. Two houses and three lots on Parker Avenue, Nom

Ridley Township – John Wolf of Philadelphia to Frederih Mikoletzkey of same place lot at Folsom, Nom

Marcus Hook – Thomas Wallace of Marcus Hook to Wawaset Tribe, No. 112, J. O. R. M. of same place, lot on Market Street, Nom

Springfield Township – Frank B Rhodes of Media to Isaac C. Yocum of Springfield Township, farm of 12 acres and Victoria Plush Mills Nom

Swarthmore – Frank B. Rhodes to Mae F. E. Alexander of Media, house and lot on Chester Road, \$100

Chester – William G. Price, Jr., of Chester to Florence E. Bentley of Chester, house and lot on West Fifth Street, \$3200

Middletown Township – Frank B. Rhodes of Media to Ella H. Pierce of Ashton Township, house and lot on road from Lenni Station to Pennell Road, \$2700

Norwood – Walter L. Urian of Philadelphia to Laura Urian of Norwood, one tenth share in house on Chester Pike \$250

Upper Darby – Annie E. Chittick of Kirklyn to Annie V. Kramer of Philadelphia, house and two lots at Kirklyn, Nom

Birmingham Township – Annie E. B. Hanley of Glen Moore, Pa to Annie R. Bennett of Dilworthtown, house and lot at Dilworthtown, Nom

Chester – Michael Owns of Philadelphia to William Gregory of same place, house and lot on Flower Street, Nom

Prospect Park – Grand Trust Company to Jane Biggs of Ridley Township, house and lot on Seventh Avenue, \$3200

Prospect Park – Girard Trust Company to Adelaide Fries of Ridley Township, house and lot on Seventh Avenue, \$2200

Sharon Hill – Anna E. Thomas of Sharon Hill to Ellsworth Armstrong of Darby, lot on Ridley Avenue, \$500

Chester Township – William B. Stephens of Camden to Emanuel Cohen of Philadelphia, house and lot on Concord Road, Nom

Norwood – Samuel B. Hayes of Norwood to Norwood School District, buildings and lots on Mohawk Avenue, \$4000

Swarthmore – Frank B Rhodes of Media to Robert D. Jenks of Philadelphia, lot on Harwood Avenue, \$100

Swarthmore – Frederick M. Simmons of Moylan to Robert D. Jenks, three lots on Harwood Avenue, Nom

Darby – Fanny Kennedy of Darby to Adam J. Gotshall of Darby, house, stables and lot at Fourth and Chestnut Streets, \$10,250

Tinicum Township – Otto R Treep of Lester to William H. Willoughby of same place, lot on Massassiot Street, \$250

Aston Township – John W. Rainsford of Philadelphia to Margaret B. Dohan of same place, farm of five acres at Victoria Plush Mill, Nom

Aldan – Amos W. Barnes of Philadelphia to Adolph T. Herr of same place, lot on Magnolia Avenue, \$175

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Darby – A. F. Damon, Jr. of Darby to John Reese of Philadelphia, strip of land 4 feet wide on Second Street, Nom

Haverford Township – Emil Mueller of Philadelphia to W. E. Dougherty of same place, two lots at Brookline annex, Nom

Chester – J. Irvin Taylor of Chester to Orland H. Cloud of Chester house and lot on Upland Street, \$2800

Collingdale – Ava Wilson of Collingdale to Cornelius Todd of Sharon Hill, house and lot at Lincoln and Beechwood Avenues, \$400

Middletown Township – Frank B. Rhodes of Media to John Walls, Jr. of Media, two houses and four lots, Nom

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