

CHESTER TIMES – August 9, 1913 – GETTING READY FOR OPERATION – Former Milk Plant Being put in Shape to Accommodate New \$100,000 Corporation

The work of putting the old Chester milk plant in condition for the reception of the new concern which recently bought this valuable property for the manufacture of dairymen's supplies has been started and after the clean up, the work of making the necessary change to the property will follow. After that, the machinery, most of which it is understood, will be new, will be installed. A large amount of machinery is already in use at the Root Dairy Supply plant at Westgrove, Chester County, which concern the new industry of this city takes over. This machinery will be removed to this city just as soon as the building has been placed in proper condition for its installation. The new company in this city has been capitalized at \$100,000, nearly all of which is local money. With the many new laws passed by the Legislatures over the country, requiring butter and milk to be sold in other forms than those which have prevailed for years, will give much of the product of the new supply company a ready market, if not more than its output.

Almost adjoining is the property of the old Chester Milling Company, which is to be turned into a wholesale business place on a large scale. The new owners of this property are preparing to get the Pennsylvania Railroad siding which runs into the property in shape to be used by the milling property and that of the Chester milk plant. The tracks now need much repairing from the plant to the bridge that spans Chester River. New ties will be put in and the roadbed put in good shape for the transmission of cars containing raw material and the manufactured goods. The other portion of the siding is on the property of the Chester Lumber and Coal Company and is in good condition, as it is in constant use bringing in material for that company.

The decision of the Philadelphia County Commissioners this week to join the Commissioners of this county in the construction of a \$30,000 bridge over Cobb's Creek in the eastern section of the country, will open up some valuable building after and will add to the great development which has been going on to that section of Delaware County for more than one year. The property placed upon the market by the erection of the new connecting link between the two counties, will be on a direct line of the proposed parkway in Philadelphia.

While no new large contracts were let during the week, those let at the tail end of last week have made the mid-summer bright for the contractors and mechanics. Contractor H. Louis Morris is about ready to begin operations on the new \$20,000 building for the Keystone Type Foundry at Fourth and Engle Streets. This is the largest new operation within the city. There are many houses going up, however, and many alterations that are keeping the mechanics of all trades busy.

A prominent real estate broker expects to land a large industry for this city sometime next week. The representatives are coming here on Wednesday. The nature of this addition to Chester's business interests is a secret so far, but it is known that if the project is landed that it means the investment of much additional capital for Chester, the employment of more people, and the enrichment of the city treasury in taxes.

ABOUT THE CITY – Contractor J. Irvin Taylor is finishing up ten cozy dwellings on Crosby Street between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets. A large force of men started yesterday to put up the porches to these houses. The lawns have been graded off and the work on the interior of more than half of the buildings has been completed. Several of the

houses have already been sold and Mr. Taylor does not anticipate any difficulty in disposing of all of them.

In that section of the city the paving of Twelfth Street has opened up quite a tract of land belonging to Robert Wetherill, situated on the south side of the street, between Crosby and Welsh Streets. This land adjoins the A. O. Deshong Memorial Park property and has jumped in value since that tract was left to the people of Chester as a breathing place and the street improvements have been made. In fact the owners of the houses already built in that section have had many inquiries for the sale of their houses. Just as soon as the topographical survey is made of the park land showing its true situation for the location of the swimming pool and playgrounds contemplated by the trustees of the park, land in that section will be given an additional valuation.

Contractor William Ward is making rapid progress on the erection of the two-story building on Sixth Street, east of Welsh, for the Harper Manufacturing Company. The bricklayers have reached the first story. The building is to be operated as a machine shop by the Harper Manufacturing Company.

The brickwork has been completed on the construction of the three two-story houses on Fourteenth Street near Crosby. The dwellings, which will contain all the modern conveniences are being built by Contractor William Ward.

The two two-story houses being built at Norfolk Park by Nolan Brothers are well under way. They are of the suburban type and will be equipped with electric light and gas.

The stone residence being erected for James McKane, proprietor of the William Penn Hotel at Twenty-Second Street and Providence Avenue, is under roof. A spacious hallway running through the center of the first floor is a feature of the handsome dwelling. The general design of the house gives it a bungalow effect. Nolan Brothers have the contract.

Extensive alterations and additions are being made to Thomas Welsh's property on Seventh Street, east of Potter. The front portion of the house is being extended to the building line and an addition is being made to the structure. The work is being done by contractor William Ward.

There was a falling off in the number of building permits granted for the week by Building Inspector T. T. Williams. Those granted are as follows:

William Hewes to build a two-story brick dwelling on the north side of Tenth Street between Edwards and Flower Streets

A. Johnson to remodel front of house at No. 2539 West Third Street by putting in a bay window with new store front.

DOINGS IN THE COUNTY – William R. Dougherty, H. P. Schneider, J. W. Meckert, J. Murphy, William Knout and William J. McShane are estimating on plans and specifications for alteration and additions to the rectory for the Church of Madeline at Ridley Park. George L. Lovatt is the architect.

C. Henry Wilson of 1130 Lombard Street, Philadelphia is preparing plans for a two and one-half story frame house to be erected at Moylan, this county. The plans are expected to be ready for bids in the near future.

H. M. Pedrick is preparing plans and specifications for a two and one-half story brick and stone residence to be erected in the borough of Darby. The cost will be \$4000

Mrs. Randolph F. Justice of Wayne is having plans and specifications prepared for a residence and stable and additions and alterations to a property at Bryn Mawr. The house

is to be of brick and plaster two and one-half stories high, shingle roof, hardwood floors, heating and lighting reserved. The building will be 32 by 28 feet. Architects Harris & Rush are taking bids for August 14. Thomas M. Seeds, Millard N. Corrl, and H. N. Burrell are figuring on the work.

The Richard H. Watson estate will shortly construct a fine residence at Wayne. The architects are Savery, Sheets, and Savery. The dwelling will be constructed of stone two and one-half stories high, 45 by 29 feet, slate roof, red oak floors, heating and electric work reserved. Bids are due August 11. The following are figuring: A. L. Fretz, John E. Kearney, E. E. Ruth, W. H. Diem, Mower Brothers, William C. Shuster and William Peralman.

Dr. Thomas D. Ashton of Wynnewood Pa. is preparing to erect farm and dairy buildings at a cost of \$100,000 at Newtown Square. Ralph White is the architect. The buildings will be of stone frame and stucco, one and two stories high, 50 by 100 feet, shingle roof, electric light, steam heating, refrigerating plant, power equipment. Some bids have already been received.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – The following transfers of real estate were yesterday recorded with Recorder of Deeds J. Lord Rigby in Media:

Haverford Township- Arthur G. Stone of Ardmore Park to Jessie R. Winnsmore of Philadelphia, three lots at Ardmore Park, nom

East Lansdowne – Joseph S. Cramer of East Lansdowne to Lloyd E. Goss of Philadelphia, two lots on Lewis Avenue, nom

Aldan – Alfred E. Phillips of Aldan to Clarence E. Ball of Seaford, Del, lot on Linden Avenue, nom

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