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BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS – New Dwellings and Schools Proposed for City and County Districts – Big Sale Made in Chester

The past week has been a busy one in city and county realty activities. Eleven new buildings have been reported for Chester in addition to a transfer of \$40,000 of stores and other real estate in the business section of this city. Several new operations have been reported for different parts of the county. The realty market was normal and about the usual number of transfers were made. Several building permits were issued in Chester.

Albert Wunderlich will build two brick stores and dwellings and five dwellings on Graham Street. J.H. Phipps has been awarded a contract by William Ward for two two story brick dwellings on Twentieth Street between Madison and Upland Streets. Samuel Lax and William J. Hewes, both contractors, will each build a two story brick dwelling. The former will build on Welsh Street between Second and Third Streets, and Mr. Hewes at Highland Avenue and Hewes Street.

Blithe and Richards, architects of Philadelphia, will ask for bids in about two weeks, on the proposed \$50,000 school for Llanerch. The Beacon Light Company is asking bids through its architect, J.T. Windrim of Philadelphia for a new sub-station to be built at Marcus Hook. Other operations in the county are contemplated at St. Davids, Haverford, Swarthmore, Rosemont and Lansdowne.

IN THE CITY – About half of the new wharf of the Beacon Light Company has been built up to the street level. The wharf is on Front Street between Market Street and the Consumers Ice Company's plant, it being reached by a slip. J.E. Brenneman and Company of Philadelphia is the contractor.

The new \$2,580 recreation pier on the \$25,000 concrete municipal pier at the foot of Market Street is nearing completion. The railings, lights and benches are yet to be installed. The wooden supports have been removed from the concrete work. The Cantrell Construction Company of Philadelphia is the contractor.

The brick work and the concrete work on the new \$30,000 beef house of Swift and Company at 17, 19, 21 and 23 East Second Street is about completed. The Consolidated Engineering Company of Baltimore is the general contractor.

About three-fourths of the structural steel work of the new \$30,000 by-products house of the John J. Buckley Company on West Second Street west of Market Street, has been erected up to the second floor. The Kley Engineering Company of Philadelphia, is the supervising architect.

The roof has been placed on the rear portion of the new motion picture theater that Oliver Brothers are building at 311 and 313 Market Street for Greenberg Brothers. The foundation to support the weight of the floor is now being built. The place will have a frontage of 28 feet and will extend 120 feet deep.

The greater part of the past week has been devoted to the setting of structural steel work at the new \$33,000 post office annex. John W. Emery of Philadelphia is the general contractor. The brick work is up to the first story window sills.

The front doors have been hung at the Fox office building, Welsh Street opposite the Chester post office, and the exterior of the building has been painted.

H. Louis Morris is up to the second story frames on the new \$80,000 Franklin Street school house on Franklin Street above West Third Street.

The Chester Realty company said the stores at 618, 620, 622 and 624 Edgmont Avenue and adjacent property owned by the Beale estate to Hugh McCaffrey, proprietor of the American House, during the past week. The price paid was \$40,000. This was the biggest sale of the week.

Contractor Samuel A. Hewes is making rapid progress on the construction of the foundation walls for the erection of seven two-story brick dwellings on West Third Street below Townsend. When the walls for the cellar are completed the deep excavation where the new building operation is in progress, will be filled in. The houses will be equipped with modern conveniences and each will be graced with a spacious front porch.

The large iron girders which recently arrived for the building of the new Beulah Presbyterian Sunday school department at Sixth Street and Highland Avenue are being put in place by the use of large derricks by a force of mechanics in the employ of William E. Headley, a local express man and contracting rigger. The building, which fronts on Sixth Street is being constructed of stone. The basement, when completed, will be used by the congregation of the West End Church until the edifice proper is built. Rev. Egidius Kellmayer, the pastor, is supervising the building operations.

The officials of the American Steel Foundries of Fifth Street and Highland Avenue, are having plans and specifications prepared for the erection of a large building to be used for the storage of patterns. The new building will be erected on the company's property at Fourth and Booth Streets. The proposed frame structure will be covered with heavy galvanized iron. The dimensions will be 80 by 60 feet.

John Erwin of Third and Clayton Streets has purchased one of the new houses recently erected at Eleventh Street and Highland Avenue from William J. Hewes, the builder.

Simon Bruner, who recently assumed possession of the ancient Steamboat Hotel at Front and Market Streets, contemplates erecting six modern dwellings on the site of the old bowling alley in the rear of the hostelry. The houses will contain all modern conveniences and will be admirably adapted for small families. The dwellings will be built by Samuel Seivard, the contracting builder of Twelfth Street and Edgmont Avenue.

The Federal Steel Foundry Company will soon be able to take possession of its new building for the storage of patterns at the foot of Reaney Street. The structure, which is two stories high, is covered with corrugated iron. Oliver Brothers are the contractors.

Contractor Howard D. Taylor of Porter Street, who has completed the erection of four cozy homes on Parker street, has in view the erection of several additional houses in that section of the city. These houses are provided with modern comforts and conveniences and the new ones will be similar in construction and design.

Carpenters are busy on the addition to the Good Will Fire Company's property at Fifteenth Street and Providence Avenue, the brick work having been practically finished. Contractor Morris Plumley is phasing the work along with as much energy as the weather will permit and if the prediction of the ground hog does not interfere, will be ready to turn the property over to the Second ward firemen within a few weeks.

The passage of the ordinance in Councils for the opening of Diamond Street through the property between Fourteenth and Fifteenth Streets and Providence and Edgmont Avenues, will develop a section of unimproved ground that will prove of much advantage to the city. With the erection of many new houses suitable for the class of

workingmen now coming to this city, it will help to provide for a long felt want. The location is in a trolley center and cars to any point can be reached in a five minute walk.

The alternations to the front of the Washburn Theater to provide accommodations for the moving picture booth, which now encroaches on the seating space in the balcony are being advanced rapidly by Contractor William Ward. The improvement does not interfere with the daily performance at the popular play house.

**BUILDING PERMITS** – The following building permits were issued during the past week by Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams:

Samuel Lax to build a two-story brick dwelling on west side of Welsh Street, between Second and third Streets.

William J. Hewes to build a two-story brick dwelling at northwest corner of Howes and Highland Avenue.

William Ward to build a bay window of iron in front of Washburn's theater.

J.H. Phipps to build an addition to office building of Penn Ice Co. on east side of Penn Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets.

J.H. Phipps to build two two-story dwellings on south side of Twentieth Street between Madison and Upland Streets for William Wood.

**IN THE COUNTY** – John W. Converse of Rosemont has awarded a contract to Milton W. Young of Overbrook to build an addition to and alter his residence. The dwelling will be three stories in height with tile roof, electric lighting and hot water heating.

J.K. Ingram of Lansdowne has secured the contract to build an addition to and alter the stable of W.A. McEwen in the same borough. When completed the stable will be of frame and rough cast, two stories high, 16x60 feet with slate and electric lighting and hot water heat.

Media wants a new neighborhood and to get the money the question will be submitted to the people of the borough at a special election on March 29. The idea is to borrow \$75,000.

Bids will be asked in ten days or two weeks on the proposed \$50,000 school building at Llanerch. The structure is to be of stone, two stories in height and have a slate roof and electric lighting.

Several Delaware County contractors are among those bidding on the residence that Mrs. William Wilcox is going to build at St. Davids. The dwelling will be of hollow tile and stucco, two and a half stories in height, 45x25 feet with a wing 30x19 feet with shingle roof, electric light, hardwood floors, hot water heat and four bat rooms.

James Bacon Douglas of Swarthmore, will build a \$7000 residence in that borough. The building will be of frame, two and a half stories high, 42x27 feet, with shingle roof, hot water heat, two bath rooms, etc. Bids were due Thursday. Several Delaware County contractors were among the bidders.

Mrs. A.S. Hoag of Haverford contemplates an addition and alterations to her home in that place. When completed the residence will be of frame, two and a half stories high with shingle roof, hot water heat, hard wood floors, electric light, etc. Several Delaware County contractors were figuring on bids, which were due Thursday.

A tract, including about 14 acres of land, at the intersection of Black Rock and Dove Mill Roads, a mile and a half north of Haverford, has been sold by Lewis T. Brooke and Son, for I. Layton Register, to a purchaser and for a consideration not made public.

The tract is adjacent to the properties of Howard Longstreth, Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, James McCrea, former president of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Charlton Yarnall and the estate of the late Clement A. Griscom. Land in this neighborhood is held at from \$2500 to \$3500 an acre.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS -

Newtown – Mary J. Agnes of Philadelphia to Anne Vauclain of Rosemont, building and tract of 114 12-100 acres, nom.

Glenolden – Bertha T. Butler of Philadelphia to Annie E. Avil of Glenolden, lot 50 by 200 feet, \$525

Chester – George Bakhmeteff, et al, or Washington to Hugh McCaffery of Chester, building and lot 63 by 120 feet on Edgmont Avenue, \$40,000

Truxton Beale of Washington to Hugh McCaffery of Chester, lot 39 by 16 by 23 1-2 feet, Edgmont Avenue, \$1000

Truxton Beale of Washington to J. Irvin Taylor of Chester, brick store, house and lot 32 by 93 feet on Edgmont Avenue, \$3100

Norwood – William T. Ward of Ridley Park to Albert W. Hauguet of Norwood lot 86 by 140 feet, house and lot 86 by 125 feet, \$2200

Drexel Hill – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Joseph W. Thompson of same place, lots No. 1004-1005-1006, \$1200

Sharon Hill – Raymond L. Lofland of Philadelphia, Cora M. Lee of Colwyn, building and lot 100 feet by 210 feet, subject to \$2,700 in mortgages, \$1,300

Darby Borough – Lewis P. Albright of Philadelphia to H.P. Albertson of Colwyn, lot 50 feet by 105 feet, nom.

Abner J. Dotter of Philadelphia to Carroll M. Bunting of Haverford, lot 254 by 65 by 315 by 235 feet, \$800

Carroll M. Bunting of Haverford to George M. Bunting, et. al. of Chester, buildings and two tracts of land irregular dimensions, \$172.08

Marcus Hook – Joseph A. Truitt of Chester to Elnora Truitt of Marcus Hook, frame house and lot 30 by 105 feet, \$1350

Media – Ellen V. Hawley of Media to Morton P. Dickleson of same place house and lot 83 by 90 feet on North side of Washington Street

Upper Darby – Michael Burnley of Upper Darby to George M. Burnley of same place, lot 70x112 feet, nom.

Henry Tarboton of Darby Borough to Marshall L. Mizner of same place, house and lot 20 1-2 by 105 feet, \$900

Paul W. Albrecht of Philadelphia to Mary P. Kirwin of Colwyn, house and lot 20 by 123 feet subject to \$1000

Chester – Calyton J. Taylor of Chester to George Makenzie and wife of Upland, brick house and lot 17 1-2 by 120 feet on north side of Eighth Street, \$1800

Darby Borough – Paul W. Albrecht of Philadelphia to Keturah I. Ruffine of Darby, brick house and lot 20 by 104 feet, \$2000