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BUILDING ACTIVITY KEEPS UP WELL – Growth Greater in County Districts than in City – Season Best in Years

While there have been but few new operations in building started within the past week, the unusual activity that has marked the spring is continuing. Work is progressing nicely on the many dwellings and other structures that are going up at present, and through the going up at present, and through the county there is a healthful growth, which seems to be more pronounced in the county districts than in the City of Chester. Nevertheless, there is some building in Chester, operations at present being confined to small structures such as dwellings, garages, etc.

The largest undertaking to be contemplated in this city, which has been announced for some time, is the big addition to the Chester post office. Bids are being invited in another column of the Times for work on this building. There has been \$40,000 appropriated for this work. The addition will be 34 feet and 68 feet 8 inches overall and two and a half stories in height with a basement. Plans for the addition calls for a building four-fifths of the size of the present one, which when the intervening walls, etc., have been torn out and rebuilt, which give the Chester post office practically twice its present capacity. The annex will be erected along the Welsh Street side.

There is hardly a borough or a village in this county in which the building boom has not manifested itself in a more or less prominent way. The activity of the season thus far has been the largest that the contractors of Delaware County have seen in a good many years and 1912 promises to be a record breaker for building.

Several realty transfers were made in both the city and the county during the week many of them being recorded at Media. There are several local transfers which have just been made, the deals being consummated through realty brokers of Chester.

J. Horace Witsil, real estate man, of 1806 West Third Street has sold for Michael Gierczyk a two-story frame dwelling at the northeast corner of Front and Booth Streets. The purchaser was Peter Sacharski.

Mrs. Josephine Parola of Front and Engle Streets has purchased the two-story brick dwelling at 2114 West Front Street, which is situated on the corner of Byram Street. The house was formerly the property of J. Horace Witsil who represented Domenico Tedesco, the owner of the property.

BUILDING IN THE CITY – George J. Hunter, proprietor of the Central Hotel, Third and Palmer Streets is building a garage at Palmer and Commerce Streets, near the hotel. The roof is being put on the building now and it will be completed within a few days. The structure is of brick.

Dr. John Hoskins of 2407 West Third Street who recently purchased an automobile is contemplating the erection of a garage on Mary Street at the rear of his residence. The building will be of a light construction.

Ground was broken several days ago on the lot situated at the southwestern side of Lloyd Street between Second and Mary Streets for the erection of a row of modern dwellings. The houses are being built by Samuel Bell a Fourth ward contractor and are of an attractive design, somewhat similar to the row directly opposite constructed several years ago by the local builder.

Contractor and builder Samuel R. Bell has broken ground on the West side of Lloyd Street near Second for the erection of six or eight two-story brick houses in blocks

of two. The houses will meet the requirements of that locality and will be similar to those built by Mr. Bell in different sections of the city, provided with front porches, bath and other modern conveniences. The cellars are well advanced and a number of men are engaged on the improvement, which will be pushed along with vigor. Mr. Bell has constructed on the opposite side of Lloyd Street a large one-story frame building for the storage of tools and material during the erection of the houses. He has purchased the old Gattside mill property at the foot of Fulton Street, an account of the demolition of which has been referred to in these columns and the material will be used for foundation walls in the building of more houses, as the stone is in good condition.

Lake B. Salmon has commenced the erection of two more concrete houses at the southwest corner of Third and Pusey Streets, adjacent to the three dwellings built by him a few years ago on Pusey Street. The houses will be duplicates of those previously built, with porches and other accommodations for a small family. Mr. Salmon is experiencing some difficulty in procuring help as there is a demand for workmen at the present time.

William Pierce, a contractor and builder of the West End has arranged to build eight new houses at Seventh and Pusey Streets and operations on the improvement will be commenced next week. The houses will be of brick, two stories in height and contain all desirable conveniences for persons of moderate means.

B. Louis Morris, contractor and builder, is erecting a new fence along the property of Mrs. Barbara Nothnagle at Second and Penn Streets. The improvement is a substantial one.

Chester – William Crush of Chester to Waelaw Stokanski and wife of same place, brick house and lot 15 1-2 by 95 feet on Hinkon Street, subject to \$500 mortgage \$900

Yeadon – Thomas J. Horan of Mahanoy City to Joseph M. Albright of Yeadon, lot 75 by 100 feet, \$800

South Ardmore – John H. Storey of Waltham to Ida V. McClintock of Philadelphia lots No. 875-876, \$380

Radnor – John P. Wood and wife of Radnor to Jennie P. Wynn of same place, tract of 2 609-1000 acres. Nom.

Chester – Benjamin Gattside, guardian of Chester to Walter H. Craig of same place, lot 63 by 135 feet on Fifth Street.

BUILDING PERMITS – The following building permits have been issued recently by Building Inspector Humphrey A. Fairlamb

William J. Wiser fronts of brick and other attentions to change stores into dwellings on the north side of Third Street between Penn Street and Concord Avenue

Frank Harris, frame shed at rear of house at 813 West Seventh Street, one story

George J. Hunter, one-story stable on Commerce Street, between Palmer and Townsend and Third and Fourth

A.P. Witteman and Co., an iron and brick addition to iron work plant at Fourth and Booth Streets

George Weigand, two brick dwellings on north side of Third Street between Pusey and Ulrien

Conrad Matchen, frame building covered with iron on west side of 226 Hayes Street

Joseph Daniel, a bay or store window front at 218 Market Street

George N. Benjamin, a garage covered on the sides with iron in rear of dwelling at 320 Lloyd Street

Samuel Lax, cellar door in pavement at east corner of Graham and Bevan Streets

H.J. Krotee, alterations to house at 532 East Seventh Street, the improvements to be a one-story kitchen, a front part of the roof to be raised

Howard D. Taylor for Charles Beaumont, owner two brick dwellings on the southwest corner of Tenth and Fulton Streets

Keystone Cabinet Company an iron and glass building, two-stories high, in rear of plant on Front Street, between Concord Avenue and Franklin Street

Francis J. Moore, two brick dwellings, two-stories high, and a one-story frame kitchen at the northwest corner of Fourth and Palmer Streets

Lake B. Salmon, two concrete dwellings at southwest corner of Third and Pusey Streets

Rees and Maloy, coal bins and wood pockets in coal yard at northwest corner of Fifth and Reaney Streets, the contractors being the Specialty Engineering Company.

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