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BRIDGEWATER'S NEW WHITE LEAD INDUSTRY – Much Activity is Displayed in the Hamlet Along the Creek – Work Being Actively Pushed

For thirty years the weeds have been growing over the side tracks along the Chester Creek Railroad at Bridgewater, but the last few weeks have seen a decided change in the place. "The tracks have been cleaned off, new ties have been placed under the rails and the trestle work leading into the old woolen mills has been rebuilt for heavy hauling of freight. This freight will first be the machinery for the new lead works and later the product manufactured within them."

Everything is bustle about the place and an old resident told a Times man who journeyed out there yesterday that from the outlook there should be such a boom as Bridgewater has not seen in many years. The mills have not been running since 1870 and they showed until their recent purchase by the United States White Lead Company, which will run them, a dilapidated appearance.

A new addition 190x80 feet has been built of stone and brick on the west end of the whole mill and this is now being put under roof. The entire interior of the old mill has been thoroughly renovated and the whole plant when completed will be under one roof and the works will occupy for the direct manufacture of the white lead one floor, going from one process to another until ready for shipment. The works will be started by the middle of next month at the latest. The first calculation as stated in the Times some weeks ago, was to have them in operation by the first of this month, but that has been found impossible owing to the vast change found necessary to be made.

The houses about the old mill which have been occupied largely by colored families for the past few years and which are in a tumble-down condition, are being fixed up and the tenants still remaining have had notice to move. The houses will then be repainted at once. It is the calculation of the company to have houses for at least 100 families and these tenements will be added to as the works get in operation.