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The new high school at the county seat is progressing rapidly, but it will keep the workmen extremely busy to complete it in time for the opening of school in September. The roof of the building is sheathed, ready for waterproofing, so that weather will have no effect upon the work from this time forward. One evening this week the members of the Board of Education of Media and the architect, Walter Smedley, met the contractor, J. B. Flounders, at the school and the work was gone over in detail. Some slight changes were made, but these were not of such character that they will be seen in the completed work.

When completed this school will be one of the finest in the county. It will be fireproof in construction with the lighting, ventilation and heating entirely modern. Everything is being done to make the building as substantial and beautiful as can be.

Contractor Flounders is also rebuilding the Allen Port Packing establishment in Media. This was burned during the blizzard last winter and the buildings not being erected will be made fireproof in order that a second fire will be impossible. The new buildings will be ready for occupancy in time to allow for the usual fall trade in pork products. Mr. Flounders secured on Thursday the contracts for two handsome residences at Rydam, above Jenkintown. One of these will cost \$16,000 and the other \$12,000.

Baker Brothers of Media, are building two houses just back of the new school at Front and Monroe Streets and Joseph Sead has started two houses at Glen Riddle for Mrs. Samuel Riddle.

THE NEW COURT HOUSE – The finishing touches are being placed on the new court house. The benches have been placed in position in the three court rooms and the painters are giving them a coat of stain. Great care is being taken to have them uniform in shade. They will receive the heat of attention and when finished they will compare favorably with the best furniture that can be secured. They are of mahogany and are both comfortable, and attractive. The painters are also giving the finishing touches to the building in many places. The carpenters are completing their portion of the work, but there will be some of them about the building for some time.

The light globes have been placed in position this being the final work in connection with the lighting of the building, and the visitors are much impressed with the beauty of the chandeliers and side brackets. Much of the furniture to be used in the building has arrived and is stored away ready to be used, when needed. Grass has been sown on the lawn and is about an inch high, and the flower gardens will be put in good condition within a week or so. These little things are giving to the building a finished appearance, and the many critics of the work are forced to admit that the court house is a thing of beauty.

METAL FURNITURE CONTRACT – The agreement between the County Commissioners and the Canton Art Metal Company of Canton, Ohio for the supplying of metal furniture, was yesterday filed with the prothonotary. The contract with this company for metal furniture is \$40,450 and the work is to be completed by August 1, with a penalty of \$25 a day to be paid the county for every day after that time that the county must wait for the contractors. The contract, which is largely for metal filing cases, was let some time ago, but through some hitch the matter was not settled definitely, until recently. Much of the old metal work will be used in the new building, but this must be all sent to the factory and put in first class condition.

WEST END OPERATIONS – John J. Mahoney, proprietor of the Thurlow House and a former member of Council from the Eleventh ward, has had plans and specifications prepared for the erection of a modern moving picture theatre on the south side of West Third Street near Highland Avenue. Realizing the need of a first-class amusement palace in that section of the city, Mr. Mahoney conceived the idea of erecting such a place some time ago. The theatre will have a handsome appearance and will

seat about five hundred persons. Mr. Mahoney expects to start operations on the building in about two weeks.

The three-story store and dwelling in course of erection for Frank Szlowski on West Third Street near Highland Avenue is under roof And work is now being pushed on the interior. The structure will have a copper covered and marble front and will be of ornate APPEARANCE. The ceiling of the store will be studded with electric lightning lamps. The building is being erected by Samuel B. Pennington, a real estate operator of the West End.

The six houses being built by Mr. Pennington at Fourth Street and Highland Avenue are also under roof. The dwellings, which are two stories high, face on Fourth Street. The houses will be of modern design.

Contractor Samuel A. Hewes' six new houses on Highland Avenue, above Fourth Street are also under roof. When completed these dwellings will add greatly to the architectural appearance of that locality.

The foundations have been laid for the nine two-story brick houses being built in the vicinity of Eighth and Howell Streets by J. Horace Witsil of Third and Flower Streets. These dwellings will contain all the modern conveniences and will be adapted for small families.

Working is being pushed rapidly to completion on the four two-story houses being built at Fourth and Paler Streets by Contractor Francis J. Moore. It is expected that the interior work will be finished this week.

BUILDING NOTES – Contractor William Ward is fast completing the eight houses at Twenty-First Street and Edgmont Avenue. Six of the houses will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

Stonemasons will commence work on the Alfred O. Deshong Memorial Art Gallery in a few days and the building will be finished as soon as possible.

The store and dwelling being erected for Joseph Shatkus is nearly completed and adds much to the attractiveness of the corner of Sixth Street and Morton Avenue

Contractor J. Irvin Tiyor has about completed the dwelling and store building on Twentieth Street near Madison Street.

Contractor Howard Taylor has about completed his two houses on Twentieth Street near Providence Avenue. The houses, which are three-story brick, are modern in every way.

Plans for the residence for John J. McClure at Twentieth and Chewstnut Streets are in the hands of an architect and will be given to the contractors sometime next week.

Contractor Joel Phipps has about finished the two houses on Twentieth Street, near Edgmont Avenue.

Bricklayers have commenced work on the Gordon house at Seventh and Hinkson Streets, being erected by Contractor William Ward. The houses will be of red stretcher brick, two stories high, with bath and all conveniences.

The addition to the residence at 7132 Caldwell Street, being built by Frank Kerr, will be finished the early part of next week.

A two-story brick addition is being erected at the rear of the house at 66 East Eighth Street.

Contractor Jacob Buchanan will have the three-story residence he is building at Eighteenth and Hyatt Streets completed in a few weeks. The house will be one of the largest in that section of the city.

Contractor Anthony Loeper is rushing the work on the Parvin operation Twelfth and Chestnut Streets and also at Tenth Street and Morton Avenue.

Oliver Brothers are making rapid headway on the three houses at Twenty-Third Street and Edgmont Avenue. Two of the houses will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

Carpenters are making a number of improvements to the Buckley residence at Fourth Street and Morton Avenue.

Contractor Wyatt is rushing the work on the Convent on East Broad Street and the work should be completed in a short time. He has commenced to renovate and improve the interior of St. Michael's school, on East Seventh Street. When the work is completed the school will have more floor space, which was badly needed.

The Northam residence on West Twenty-Fourth Street, Park Place, will be completed in a few days. Contractor Wyatt has an extra force of workmen on the building.

Samuel Lax is making rapid headway don the two stores and apartments on East Seventh Street, adjoining the Imperial Hotel.

Numerous repairs have been made to the Morton Avenue school building. The roof and out-houses have been improved and painters have repainted the roof of the ungraded school adjoining the old building.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS – The sub-contracts for the finishing work on the eight two-story brick houses being erected at Seventh and Howell Streets by contractor B. W. Sidwell, which will be under roof in a short time, have been let. These houses contain seven rooms and a bath and will be equipped with all modern conveniences. W. F. Kelly has been given the contract for the plumbing. L. B. Salmons of Third and Pusey Streets, the roofing, and McGimiss Brothers, the painting contract. The plastering work will be done by Gordon and Falkiner of 932 West Eighth Street. Fields Brick Company supplied the bricks for the dwellings.

The porches have been completed upon the two houses at Third and Pusey Streets recently built by Samuel Hewes and the pavements are now being laid, so that a few days will find the dwellings occupied. Tenants have already been secured.

Oliver Brothers are preparing to finish up the interior work upon their dwelling at Sixth and Butler Streets and have had their full force of workmen engaged on the buildings. These houses will practically complete the block at that section and have helped considerably in adding to the attractiveness of the neighborhood. The dwellings are two story with front porches, and are desirable residences.

Simon Bruner is making hay while the sun shines upon his row of houses at Second and Tilghman Streets. His operation is the first in that section for a long term of years and opens up a favorable site for building purposes. Instead of building away from the river as far as possible many of the contractors now select sites bordering near the water if no large industries monopolize the view of the river.

Rapid progress is being made on the eight houses being built at Fifth and Lloyd Streets by Samuel Bell. The walls are nearly completed and the roofs will be completed by next week, is the hope of the contractor.

Horace Witsil is rushing the work upon his dwellings at Eighth and Pennell Streets, since granted permission from the City Council to complete the work. When completed, these dwellings will offer to the seeker of a fairly large and comfortable residence a desirable location.

William Marker has completed the best part of his eight three-story stores on West Third Street, below the bridge and from now the workmen will be engaged in putting on the finishing touches. The plasters have finished their work and the windows will be set inn place as soon as possible.

James Shropshire will have but little more work to do upon his eight houses at Seventh and Pusey Streets. The carpenters are at work, engaged in erecting the porches and the roofers will finish their work next week.

William J. Wiser has practically completed his three houses at Mary and Ulrich Streets and will be able to turn them over to the tenants in a short while.

J. H. Phipps will complete his two houses on Concord Avenue above Third Street in a few days. These dwellings are brick front, two story, peaked roof style and are attractive houses.

REAL ESTATE

Colwyn – Manor Real Estate and Trust Company to John M. Gagen of Colwyn, lot with buildings on Second Street, \$1500

Chester – J. Irwin Taylor of Chester to Mary Miller of Chester, house and lot on Penn Street north of Fifth Street, \$3300

Lower Chichester – Leon W. Syfrit of Wilmington to John Domaldovich of Lower Chichester, house and lot on Ormond Street, Linwood, \$1225

Newtown Township – The Garrer Williamson Lodge to Anne Vancial of Rosemont, four and one half acres on Bishop Hollow Road, \$1614.10

Rutledge – William C. Reitter of Rutledge to Frederick W. Pfaender of Philadelphia, two lots on Rutledge Avenue, nominal

Haverford Township – John A. McAlister of Harrisburg to Christopher Blong of Philadelphia, two lots at South Ardmore, Nominal

Sharon Hill –Robert L. Morgan of Sharon Hill to Harry C. Miller of Philadelphia, house and lot at Poplar Street and Oak Avenue, \$5500

Haverford Township – James Dooley of Ardmore to Hugh Campbell of same place, lot with buildings at South Ardmore, nominal

Chester – Catherine Gallagher of Chester to William Gallagher of same place, house and lot on Seventh Street, east of Madison Street, Nominal

Upper Darby – John H. Storer of Boston, Mass to Mary R. Orcutt of Bath, Me., three lots at Highland Park, \$4800

Upper Darby – John G. Tout of Drexel Hill to Luch A. Cohen of Philadelphia, two lots with buildings on Foss Avenue Drexel Hill, nominal

Aldan – J. Chester Wilson of Aldan to Frank K. Bower of Philadelphia, lot with buildings on Providence Road, Nominal

Collingdale – Joseph H. Patterson of Philadelphia to Milton L. Staley of Collingdale, two lots on Pusey Avenue, Nominal

Lansdowne – Henry Beiswnager of Philadelphia to Mary E. Schive of Lansdowne, lot with buildings at Darby and Haverford Roads, \$4000

Marple Township – Orville R. Downs of Marple Township to Lewis C. Downs of same place, lot on Church Lane, \$290

Haverford Township – John H. Storer of Boston, Mass to Peter Turner of Philadelphia, two lots at Beechwood, \$380

Haverford Township – John H. Storer of Boston, Mass. to Henry M. Kister of Philadelphia to Isaac Wilson of same place, lot on Edgwood Road, Brookline, Nom

Ridley Park – Harry H. Keen of Ridley Park to William J. Mingle of same place, house and lot on Morton Avenue, Nom

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Upper Darby – Hannah Mills of East Lansdowne to Richard Rushton of same place, two lots at East Lansdowne, \$2350

Chester – Samuel D. Clyde of Chester to Patrick F. Carr of Chester, house and lot at 929 Walnut Street, \$1400

East Lansdowne – Charles D. Joyce of Philadelphia to Thomas Fitzgerald of Yeadon, two lots on Beverly AVENUE, \$205

Upper Darby – Donald J. Hannan of Garrettford to Harlan H. Talley of same place, lot on Jones Street, Bloomfield, \$150

Lansdowne – Sumner G. Brosius of Chester County to C. Elmer Michener of Philadelphia, house and lot on Owen Avenue, Nominal

Upper Darby – William H. Warwick of Upper Darby to John J. Permin of same place, lot on Mill Road, \$800

Aston Township – Clara D. Grimm of West Chester to William J. Thornton of Aston Township, lot with buildings on road from Rockdale to Crozerville

Ridley Park – Peter E. Tome and others to Groome Mears of Chester on Delaware Avenue, \$700

Clifton Heights – George M. Booth of Chester to Samuel Sharkey of Clifton Heights, lot on Broadway Avenue, Nominal

Upper Darby – Lawrence E. Talley and Frank G. Clark of Upper Darby to Donald MacPhail of Philadelphia, three lots in Lansdowne Heights, Nom

Ridley Park – F. J. Mitchell of Ridley Park to Harry H. Keen of same place, four houses and lots at Morton and Russell Streets, Nom

Ridley Park – Dr. H. F. Taylor of Ridley Park to John W. Meckert of same place, lot on Morton Avenue, Nom

Chester Township – Albert H. Sadler and David F. Henderson of Everett, Mass to Albert Pilkington of Wallingford, lot at Chester Terrace, \$138

Haverford Township – Henry J. McLean of Philadelphia to Samuel H. Cleland of same place, lot on Sommers Avenue, Drexel Hill, \$350

Chester – Joseph R. Bruner of Chester to Harry Lutz of Chester, house and lot on Howell Street south of Third Street, \$2800

Haverford Township – Suburbs Holding Company to Eliza S. Stemmer of Ardmore Park, four lots at Ardmore Park, Nom

Chester – George D. Hewes of Chester to Grover C. Ferguson of Chester, house and lot on Concord Avenue east of Edward Street, \$1600

Sharon Hill – Joseph B. Muldoon and Thomas Muldoon, executors of will of John Muldoon to Ellen Hauck of Sharon Hill, house and lot on Sharon avenue, \$3200

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Upper Darby – Frank Hitzenhammer of Chicago to Philip H. Spaeter of Drexel Hill, three lots on Sharkey Avenue, Drexel Hill, Nom

Upper Darby – E. Lyman Scott of Greensboro, N. C. to Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Haig S. Hosefman of same place, three lots on Burmont Avenue, Drexel Hill, \$1120

Upper Darby – John H. Storer of Boston, Mass to Marguerite B. Holland of Philadelphia, two lots at Harwood Park, \$1000

Upper Darby – George W. Stazzell of Upper Darby to Anna J. Casals of Philadelphia, lot on Riverview Avenue, Drexel Hill, Nom

Darby – Henry R. Stratton of Philadelphia to Sarah T. Christie of same place, nine lots with buildings on Maple Terrace, Nom

Upper Darby – Franklin A. Plumber of New York to Bridgeham Curtis of same place, two properties on Philadelphia and West Chester Pike, Nom

Upper Darby – Thomas H. Duffin of Upper Darby to Florence F. Lindsay of East Lansdowne, house and lot at Pattonville, \$2550

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Glenolden – Bertha F. Butler of Philadelphia to Annie E. Avil of Glenolden, two lots on Chester Pike, Nom

Thornbury Township – Thomas F. Makin of Thornbury to Bethlehem M. E. Church of Thornbury, house and lot on road from Thornton to Dilworthtown, \$800

Norwood – William I. Kreeger of Philadelphia to Walter H. Matthias of same place, house and three lots on Mohawk Avenue, Nom

Chester – Samuel Lax of Chester to Robert Rierr of Chester, two lots at Lafayette and Welsh Streets, \$600

Eddystone – John B. Hiegley of Eddystone to John A. Higler, Jr. of same place, house and lot on Chester Pike \$15400

Sharon Hill – Henry B. Fisher of Philadelphia to Hiram C. Truitt of same place, lot on Coates Street, \$1000