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STATE PURCHASING AGENCY MIGHT HELP

North Carolina might save a quarter of a million dollars a year by a purchasing agency charged with the duty of buying for all her institutions, according to the opinion of men who have given the question some thought. It is estimated that a saving of \$250,000 might be effected by such a plan.

We now buy from jobbers and many times from retailers. Several States are already buying, through a purchasing board, direct from the factories.

The State of New York operates her institutions by such a board. They find that the average superintendent of a prison, a school, or an asylum knows very little about goods, either quality or price.

Since the man who supervises a thousand insane persons is kept too busy with the many burdens that come before him, he has no time to study markets or goods.

The purchasing board in that State is said to cost less than \$25,000 a year and save the State more than ten times that amount.

The large city wholesalers are scarcely more than factory distributors who figure at the beginning of the season that a given territory will take about so much goods, and they agree to distribute that amount to their respective trade districts, adding their commission of from 5 to 20 per cent for such handling.

A live buyer for the State would be able to perform exactly the same service as the jobber or wholesaler now does and save that thing that costs the people so much—percentage.

The best buyer is called the best merchant today. If the State becomes a good buyer it will be called good business.

Such a method of buying would be easier on the various institution heads, and it would be much easier to audit the State's accounts where every item will be found together. There would be less danger of graft and extravagance under such a plan than there is under the present lack of system.

THE SPIDER AND THE FLY AND REAL ESTATE BOOMS

The old story of the spider and the fly, according to a few American mourners, has been replayed many times within the last year.

The game seemed to have reached its height among the Florida Palms, though it stung many among the high land thistles of that mystic State and stuck many others in the midst of the alligator swamps of the Everglades.

The bait used was so strong that lots of erstwhile good sensible folks were made to believe that a flower pot full of Florida sand and mud was worth more than a pot of gold—good refined gold, not rainbow gold. It is claimed that there has been a valuable corner lot reserved for every family in the United States, consisting of this valuable dirt, such lots all with ocean exposure and in the fashionable part of proposed cities. Millions of first-payment money was dumped on these gloriously

palmed lots, washed by the fountains of youth.

Then came a breath of real thought. Buyers began to measure their holdings. They found they could not lie down on their own lots and stretch out without either putting their head or sticking their feet on a neighbor's lot. Then another thing they saw was that the second payment had stuck itself upon the calendar wheel, and the dates were rushing on at an alarming speed. All these scenes caused a sure enough prodigal feeling, driving many to the old scenes where honest toil and pleasure in reason had produced enough to make the first payment.

And while the poor fly was brooding over his loss, Mr. Spider said again, "Come to that land where the skies are so beautiful, the aroma of the flowers so soothing, and the elixir in the air so healing that death is rare—Western North Carolina." Then there was a rush for that great center of progress, where lots of all kinds and sizes, except large sizes—some few fatwise, many of them edgewise, and most of them very slanting—could be bought on very easy terms—all the cash you have, and the balance amounting to all the cash you expect to have.

These golden opportunities ranged all the way from Table Rock to Chimney Rock and back again to Blowing Rock; then doubling back to the lures and lakes and north again to the acres and the wild. All fine places to live and spend money, but a poor place to make a living.

About the time the mountain air began to feel good, the visitors and prospects were beginning to be happy, the sea gulls began to nest around Morehead, and the horns of free busses chimed with the cry of the gulls, and the folks rushed from the mountains to the sea.

School was out, and everybody went to see the new sea foam, where they propose to dig a ditch to water the sea weed, bullrushes, and sea grass. All had opportunities to buy lots, fine lots, with only one restriction: That was if you have a dog you must tie

Things To Think About

By JAMES D. TAYLOR

ARE YOU STRONG OR WEAK?

There are times when it's not easy to be fair. It is not always pleasant to be truthful. Often it is much easier to lend ourselves to deception. But all the while we are being tested. Paul was tested to see if he was strong enough for the tasks ahead. Since the beginning of time men have been tested, and this will continue throughout life, and it is well that this is true.

It takes testing to separate the weak from the strong. Any weakness can be dishonest and narrow-minded. But it takes a strong man to be truthful, broadminded and generous. We are tested to see if we are willing to get rid of our weaknesses; big enough to stand up against daily temptations and overcome those things that would make us unfit for the race. And we should not be unmindful of these tests if we would be strong enough to handle the bigger tasks yet to come.

Life is always testing us, because our work here is never finished until we are called to another land—and how well we will be able to enjoy that new life will depend altogether on how we stood the various tests during the journey.

his tail around to his side, because there isn't room for him to wag it on his master's premises—That is all right, too; honest and fair.

But the thing that caps the climax was to tell the old-maid schoolteachers it was the easiest place on earth to catch a husband, by which means the real-estate men managed to get every school dollar that has been saved up in seven years. And now nearly every woman school teacher in North Carolina has a lot at, in, or around Morehead. It is a fine place to live, but some of them never marry. If they don't, the land speculators should be forced to return their money.

No day in American history has lured more people to the nests of the real estate speculators than the present year.

The free busses, the fine music, the beautiful maps, and the expert spiclers would compare favorably with the fine promises of the spider in his invitation of the fly into his parlor. Some folks have fared just as bad as the fly would have.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed on the 2nd day of December 1919, by G. T. Robbins, and of record in the public registry of Martin County in Book A-2 at page 335, said deed of trust being given to secure the payments of certain notes

of even date and tenor therewith, and the stipulations in said deed of trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the parties interested, the undersigned trustee will on Friday the 9th day of July 1926, at 12:00 o'clock M., at the Courthouse Door in the Town of Williamston, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at public auction the following described land:

Being lots No. 2 of the division of the J. G. Godard Farm near Dardens, N. C., known as the Tackle Neck of Jones Land adjoining Lot No. 1 and Lot No. 5 of the same division and the

Piney Woods Road from Dardens to Jamesville and containing 37 1-2 acres, more or less, as will be seen from Map made by SeCrest, C. E. and recorded in Land Division Book No. 1, at page 473, reference being made to said map for a more definite description.

This the 7th day of June 1926.
ELBERT S. PEEL,
6-11-4t. Trustee.

NOTICE OF SALE
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned

trustee on the 29th of December, 1921 and of record in Martin County registry in book G-2, page 415, securing a bond of even date therewith and the stipulations not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of said bond, the undersigned trustee will on the 17th day of July, 1926, at 12 o'clock noon in front of the courthouse door of Martin County, offer at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described property:

Beginning in the line of Missall Biggs on Pearl Street, in Williamston N. C., a fence, thence with said Biggs

line about 210 feet to a stake, thence a straight line parallel with Pearl St. 52 feet; thence a straight line back to Pearl Street; thence with Pearl Street 52 feet to the beginning, being same lot this day conveyed to Virginia Sherrod by A. O. Brown.

This the 15th day of June, 1926.
B. DUKE CRITCHER,
je18 4tw Trustee.
Julius S. Peel, attorney.

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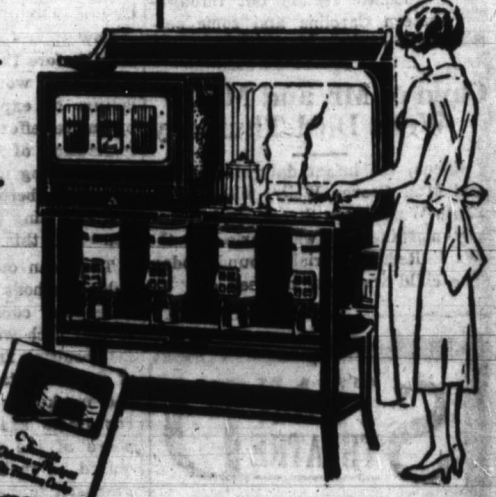
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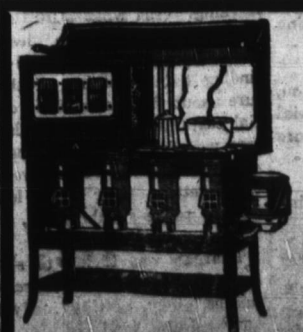
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