

The Standard Home Company Will Be Aired In The Court For Using The Mails to Defraud

Officers Have Been Indicted By The Federal Grand Jury For Not Only Using The Mails But Also Running A Lottery. Company Used The Word "Eligible" to Deceive Properly Interpreted. Daily News Published Recently Ad. of J. W. Ponder, Offering Money to Loan at 5 Per Cent. Ascertained Later Proposition Was Not Legitimate and This Paper Made Investigation.

Recently the News published an advertisement for J. W. Ponder of Birmingham, Ala., offering money to loan at 5 per cent. When the advertisement was run we were informed that the proposition was not just what it appeared to be. We immediately started an investigation and will give our readers the benefit of the information received.

First, J. W. Ponder, it appears, is a special agent for the Standard Home Co. of Birmingham, Ala. The wording of the contract of the Standard Home Company is such as to deceive almost any person, except he be a lawyer. They require monthly payments of \$4.00 to be paid in and a fee of \$24.00 as the price of contract. After six months have been paid in then the contract becomes eligible for a loan.

In its issue of March 29th, 1913, The Southlight, a paper published at Birmingham, Ala., has the following to say of the company:

The Federal Grand Jury has returned indictments against F. E. Whitehead, president; L. A. Whitehead, vice president; and L. F. Harris, secretary-treasurer, indicted by Federal Grand Jury for using the mails to defraud and running a lottery.

The company has spacious and elegantly appointed offices in the American Trust Building and does an extensive business throughout a number of states, having steadily and rapidly increased each year since its inception. A number of concerns of the nature have sprung into existence in recent years, some with disastrous results.

The company feels not to want to buy back the unfulfilled contracts, assuming an adviser benighted and feeling interest in disgraced, duped, disappointed, and misled worthy customers, who are advised not to sacrifice so valuable a contract.

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USE TELEGRAPH



Women To Take Active Part Ulster's Revolution

This photograph shows women being taught how to use the telegraph instruments at Ulster Hall, Belfast which is being used as the headquarters of the anti-British Union. From the anti-British Union, Belfast, Ulster is playing a big part and if they are 'you've got to give 'em credit' for they are playing realistically clever. The men have volunteered and are learning the rudiments of military tactics, while the

DELEGATES NAMED TO CONVENTION

The District Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be held in the town of New Bern, N. C., on April 26th and the prospects are that there will be a great meeting. Family Chapter, of this city, at its recent meeting named the following ladies as delegates: Mrs. S. R. Fowle, Mrs. W. A. B. Branch and Mrs. H. W. Carter. Alternates, Miss L. T. Rodman, Miss Jane Myers, Miss Penelope Myers and Mrs. W. H. Call.

CITY UNION HELD GOOD MEETING

The meeting of the Baraca-Philatheta City Union at the Christian Church yesterday afternoon at three o'clock was a very enthusiastic one and the outlook for the work the union has in hand certainly has a propitious future. Quite a large number were present from the respective churches and they had the pleasure of listening to an admirable address on "The Early Closing of Stores," by Hon. H. S. Ward. It is needless to say that the speaker proved equal to the occasion and handled his subject in a way to convince those who oppose the scheme that the early closing of the stores is right and just.

THE NANTUCKET WILL BE SOLD

United States Direct Waddell of Norfolk, Va., has directed the sale of the Merchants and Miners steamer Nantucket held in limited liability proceedings following her libel for \$1,000,000 by the Old Dominion Steamship Company, after the Nantucket had rammed the Monroe at sea January 20th. In addition to the original claim of \$1,000,000 other claims can be filed until May 30th. The Nantucket is to be sold after advertisement in Norfolk, New York and Boston. The steamer's estimated value is \$185,000. The limited liability proceedings stop all other action against the Merchants and Miners.

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Railroad Officials To Meet With Merchants

Regarding Freight Rates Between Here New Bern and Raleigh. Meeting Tonight Chamber of Commerce Rooms at Eight O'clock. As was stated in the Daily News of Saturday one of the most important meetings held in Washington in a decade is to be had here this evening and there is not a single business man of the city who should fail to be present for it means much for the future welfare of the community.

CITY SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON MAY 8TH

The Washington Public Schools commencement is all probability will take place on May 8th. While it has not yet been definitely decided this will no doubt be the date. As yet the commencement speaker has not been selected nor the preacher to deliver the commencement sermon.

MANY VISITORS ARRIVE IN THE CITY AND ARE SPENDING THE DAY

Quite a number of visitors from different sections of the county are in the city today on business, among them being W. H. Whitley, Bonneton; L. G. Cayton, Edward; L. M. Scott, Blount Creek; R. T. Bonner, Aurora; E. D. Lewis, C. F. Lewis, D. E. Lewis, South Creek, and Claude Robertson, Aurora.

FENCE REMOVED

The unsightly wire fence which has been around the front lawn of the Washington school building has been removed. It makes a decided improvement.

WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB CALLED TO MEET AT PUBLIC LIBRARY ROOMS

The Woman's Civic Club of the city is called to meet tomorrow afternoon at four-thirty o'clock in the rooms of the public library. All the members are earnestly requested to be present as business of importance is to be discussed.

TRACK TEAM TAKE PART STATE MEET

The High School track team of the Washington Public Schools, expect to leave Wednesday for Chapel Hill, N. C., where they expect to engage in a contest with other teams of the state for the state championship. Although the members of the team have not as yet been definitely decided upon they are practically so. The boys have been working hard and the outlook is that they will give a good account of themselves at the state meet at the University.

SINGING CT NEW THEATRE FOR TONIGHT

For the first half of this week the New Theater have in the way of vaudeville, "Smith & Martin," an excellent singing act. There was a musical act booked for this house for the first half, but the booking house wired that they were sending this splendid singing act instead. This act is recommended as one of the best there is on the vaudeville stage. But the mere fact that it is one of Keith's acts, is assurance that it will be all that could be asked for, so if you wish to hear some of the best singing that you have ever heard be sure and attend the New Theater tonight. They also have for tonight three excellent associated pictures.

U. C. D. Local Chapter to Send Representatives to District Meeting to Be Held in New Bern, April 26th

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Children Love Washington Park.