

SALE OF WESTERLY MILL

Arthur L. Perry as Agent Buys Narrow Fabric Building and Land For \$15,015—New Owner's Name a Secret Yet—Much of the Material Bought by Max Gordon, of Norwich—Probate Business—Officers of Palmer Chapter, R. A. M.

Arthur L. Perry, treasurer of the Washington Trust company of Westbury, was the purchaser of Lot No. 1, at the receiver's sale of property of the Westery Narrow Fabric company, held in the mill building in Beach street, Tuesday.

In regard to the real estate he declared that the purchaser of the building could purchase the acre of land in front of the building for \$1,000 and that the whole or any part of the remaining nine acres could be had for a much less sum per acre. A clear title would be given of the property, with all tax liens on current date and assurance of the Westery town council that the plant would be exempt from taxation for a period of eight years.

By direction of the court, the receiver could not sell the real estate for less than \$15,000. When the property was actually put up for sale by auctioneer Pendleton, there was practically only one bidder. Mr. Perry bid \$15,000 and when the auctioneer declared that two bids were desired to effect the sale, E. Court Bentley increased the bid \$5. Mr. Perry met the raise and went \$10 better and the property was sold to him for \$15,015.

The mill is a one-story brick building, well plastered and of first class construction, was built in 1909 and used less than eighteen months. The building is 118 feet 3 inches by 154 feet 3 inches, with concrete foundation with floor joists on concrete and slag roofing, and carries with it one acre of land. Included in the sale of the building is the hydrant house, sprinkling system and other fire appliances, heating plant, the electric plant, machinery, tools, fixtures and fittings, in fact, a mill property complete minus the working machinery.

Mr. Perry says he did not buy the property for the banking institution which he represented, but for a manufacturer who would probably not occupy the property for at least six months, and would be an industry new to Westery. One reason for keeping the real purchaser secret he said, was that some of the help might leave and secure work in some other plant in the place where the purchase is now being done. If his proposed removal to Westery was known, Mr. Perry was asked if the real purchaser was as was not the case, George W. Park Jewelry company of Providence, and he replied: "I have nothing to say in that regard just now."

After the disposition of the real estate, the sale of all the material in the building was commenced. There were about sixty at the sale, including mill men from several places in Rhode Island, and dealers in machinery and junk, the leader in the latter case being Max Gordon of Norwich. The first piece of machinery sold was a Knowles narrow fabric loom, built in Worcester, which went for \$52 to S. Waldman of Providence. Then a lot of nine Store looms were bought by Mr. Waldman, at \$100 apiece, for only two bids. Two more looms of the same make were up for bid when Gordon arrived at the sale, and he was very much in evidence thereafter as a bidder or purchaser on nearly every one of the 349 lots disposed of. He ran these two looms up to \$24.99 and took one, the other going to Mr. Waldman for \$25. Three other looms of the same make were sold for \$11, \$10 and \$7.

Electric motors sold for \$18.25, \$18.50, \$18.75, \$19.00, \$19.25, \$19.50, \$19.75, \$20.00, \$20.25, \$20.50, \$20.75, \$21.00, \$21.25, \$21.50, \$21.75, \$22.00, \$22.25, \$22.50, \$22.75, \$23.00, \$23.25, \$23.50, \$23.75, \$24.00, \$24.25, \$24.50, \$24.75, \$25.00, \$25.25, \$25.50, \$25.75, \$26.00, \$26.25, \$26.50, \$26.75, \$27.00, \$27.25, \$27.50, \$27.75, \$28.00, \$28.25, \$28.50, \$28.75, \$29.00, \$29.25, \$29.50, \$29.75, \$30.00, \$30.25, \$30.50, \$30.75, \$31.00, \$31.25, \$31.50, \$31.75, \$32.00, \$32.25, \$32.50, \$32.75, \$33.00, \$33.25, \$33.50, \$33.75, \$34.00, \$34.25, \$34.50, \$34.75, \$35.00, \$35.25, \$35.50, \$35.75, \$36.00, \$36.25, \$36.50, \$36.75, \$37.00, \$37.25, \$37.50, \$37.75, \$38.00, \$38.25, \$38.50, \$38.75, \$39.00, \$39.25, \$39.50, \$39.75, \$40.00, \$40.25, \$40.50, \$40.75, \$41.00, \$41.25, \$41.50, \$41.75, \$42.00, \$42.25, \$42.50, \$42.75, \$43.00, \$43.25, \$43.50, \$43.75, \$44.00, \$44.25, \$44.50, \$44.75, \$45.00, 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