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Building & Loan Association Have Neglected Their Greatest Asset-Publicity.

Startling facts about the operations of wild-cat stock fakers in North Carolina and a clarion call community betterment possibili-Loan League in this city Wednesday, June 22. The fact that North Carolinians invest so much more money in worthless stocks not. Commissioner Wade, addressing the Building & Loan Association men, said:

Publicity Needed. I believe that your institutions are approaching a turning point; some of them have already passed beyond the are to fulfill their great mission, and as ties for them. Public confidence in them is secure; increased rents all over the State has stimulated home ownership, has brought home to many the great need of saving. It now remains for you to give full publicity to your plans and which is rightfully yours.

It is surprising how few people there are who understand what a Building & thing for nothing. Loan Association is, how it operates, and the profits it distributes. Only the stated that he was compelled to move, could not find a house for rent and had not enough money to buy a home. It true, but went away with a glad determination. I do not know that he succeeded, but it impressed me with the fact that the associations are losing their properly advertise. Publicity is a great selling force, and an educated public is usually appreciative and responsive.

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moter of thrift. I am new in business, It is a significant fact that the great- copy of their financial statement. If but I do know that these points are er the element of speculaton, and the you find listed under the head of assets

starting point in life. of the North Carolina Building & the principles for which they stand?

The Wild-Cat Stock Faker. My strongest efforts would probably Insurance Commissioner in no wise rec underestimate the great value of your ommends the stocks offered. institutions and their work, but if I can add a note of warning that will serve than in Building & Loan Associa- to keep some of our people out of the loan stock and foreign wildcat stock is tion is due largely to the fact clutches of the wildcat stock fakir, and more than the difference in value of an that the fakers advertise and the are now going to line the interior of ple, and may be measured by accom-Building & Loan Associations do some imaginary oil well, I shall count plishment on one hand and unfilled the day well spent. If I can impress promises on the other. It is the differholders, the hopeless chance of profit methods, the help of a good samaritan

while the receding wave of prosperity During the past year my attention has ital and not from profits earned. been called to a number of bank fail-

How to Spot Them. them and detect the element of risk and his

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strongly fixed in your minds, and you stronger the smell of promotion, the a large amount of notes for stock sold, can state them with more force and further from home they wil go to dis- unpaid subscriptions, a large item for clearness than I. Show me a Building pose of their stocks. The Florida patent rights, good will, or leases, in and Loan man who is not an enthusiast, Phosphate Company will sell its stock fact a good patch of "blue sky" be wary. who does not hold the three-fold value from North Carolina to New York City, Take plenty of time to consult your of his stock to be the supreme remedy while a New York promotion concern banker or your Building and Loan Secfor poverty. Certainly it is true that will begin in North Carolina and sell all retary who may be able to get additional in many an instance it has been the real the way to Florida; so you see we get information for you. They may tell you it going and coming. The starting point that ther stock will be taken off the We have been taught that all men are for both the North and South, our State market tomorrow. Don't worry, you created equal, however, there is no ques- seems to be the center where both ex- will be given plenty of time to buy and to the substantial citizenship of tion but that a child who is not born tremes meet, while the oil and mining a longer time to repent if you invest. under his own roof begins life against stocks of Texas and Oklahoma appear the state to give greater consid- a handicap which the Creator did not to have their beginning and end right mend them to the sober judgment of eration to the investment and intend, and which thrift alone can over- at our doors, especially in eastern North thinking men and I pray you God's come. Too often the lack of a home Carolina. The letters received daily by speed in your great undertaking. sends him out in life before safe habits the Insurance Department are pathetic ties of their Building & Loan As- are formed, and he is soon lost in the in their appeals for protection, for resociation were the outstanding multitude of spendthrifts with only ap- lief from obligations incurred through features of an address delivered petite and extravagance for his master. fradulent representations; and in many Is it any wonder, therefore, that our cases the Department can do little more by Hon. Stacey W. Wade, Insur- large cities have their slums and their than warn them to go their way and ance Commissioner of North crimes which are not always due to the sin no more. They seem to take it for Carolina, before the convention foreign element, but may often be granted that because they hold a license traced to the lack of home owners and they come well recommended, while as a matter of fact each license issued bears the statement in red ink that the

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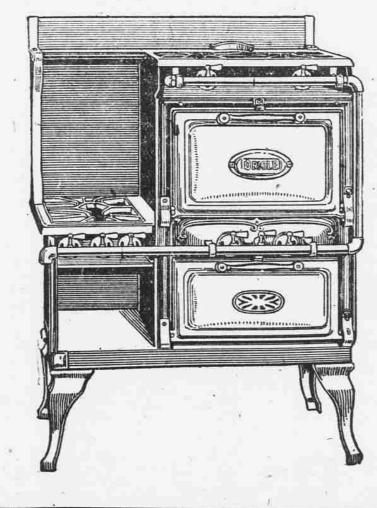
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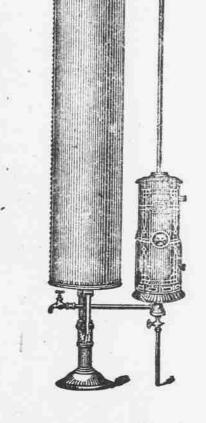
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