

Electric Co., of Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the electric wiring in the Cattle Building, Ohio State Fair Grounds, and calls for an expenditure of \$4,800.00.

You have submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in a sum sufficient to cover the obligations of the contract. There has further been submitted a contract bond upon which the Fidelity and Casualty Company appears as surety, sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, notice to bidders was properly given, bids tabulated as required by law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the workmen's compensation have been complied with.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.

1227.

ABSTRACT, STATUS OF TITLE, SOUTH HALF OF LOT 113 AND NORTH HALF OF LOT 114, HAMILTON'S SECOND GARDEN ADDITION, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 26, 1924.

HON. CHARLES V. TRUAX, *Director of Agriculture, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—An examination of an abstract of title submitted by your office to this department discloses the following:

The abstract under consideration was prepared by Adolph Haak & Co., Abstracters, August 10, 1905, and a continuation thereto made by E. M. Baldrige, attorney, February 21st, 1924, and pertains to the following premises:

The south half of Lot 113 and the north half of Lot 114 of Hamilton's Second Garden Addition to the city of Columbus, Ohio, as the same is numbered and delineated on the recorded plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 7, page 186, Recorder's Office, Franklin County, Ohio, saving and excepting therefrom twelve feet off the rear end thereof reserved for the purpose of an alley.

Upon examination of said contract, I am of the opinion same shows a good and merchantable title to said premises in Katherine Hall, subject to the following exceptions:

The release of the mortgage shown at section 8 of the first part of the abstract is in defective form, but as the note secured by the mortgage has been long past due, no action could be maintained upon same. The release shown at section 14 is also defective but shows that the notes secured by the mortgage were undoubtedly paid.

Attention is directed to the restrictions in the conveyance shown at section 3 of the continuation of February 21, 1924, wherein are found restrictions for a period of twenty-five years against the use of the premises for the erection of any buildings.

to be used for slaughter houses and the killing of animals, or the use of said premises for the sale of intoxicating liquors or malt beverages.

The abstract states no examination has been made in the United States District or Circuit Courts, nor in any subdivision thereof.

The taxes for the year 1923 are paid.

It is suggested that the proper execution of a general warranty deed by Katherine Hall, a widow, will be sufficient to convey the title to said premises to the State of Ohio when properly delivered.

Attention is also directed to the necessity of the proper certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unincumbered balances legally appropriated sufficient to cover the purchase price before the purchase can be consummated.

The abstract submitted is herewith returned.

Respectfully,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.

1228.

ABSTRACT, STATUS OF TITLE, NORTH HALF OF LOT 58, HAMILTON'S SECOND GARDEN ADDITION, FRANKLIN COUNTY, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 26, 1924.

HON. CHARLES V. TRUAX, *Director of Agriculture, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—An examination of an abstract of title submitted by your office to this department discloses the following:

The abstract under consideration was prepared by Adolph Haak & Co., Abstracters, August 10, 1905, and a continuation thereto made by E. M. Baldrige, attorney, February 21st, 1924, and pertains to the following premises:

The north half of Lot 58 of Hamilton's Second Garden Addition to the city of Columbus, Ohio, as the same is numbered and delineated on the recorded plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 7, page 186, Recorder's Office, Franklin County, Ohio, saving and excepting therefrom six feet off the rear end thereof reserved for the purpose of an alley.

Upon examination of said abstract, I am of the opinion same shows a good and merchantable title to said premises in Carl H. Beasley, subject to the following exceptions:

The release of the mortgage shown at section 8 of the first part of the abstract is in defective form, but as the note secured by the mortgage has been long past due, no action could be maintained upon same. The release shown at section 14 is also defective but shows that the notes secured by the mortgage were undoubtedly paid.

Attention is directed to the restrictions in the conveyance shown at section 4 of the continuation of February 21st, 1924, wherein are found restrictions for a period of twenty-five years against the use of the premises for the erection of any buildings to be used for slaughter houses and the killing of animals, or the use of said premises for the sale of intoxicating liquors or malt beverages.

The abstract states no examination has been made in the United States District or Circuit Courts, nor in any subdivision thereof.

Taxes for the first half of the year 1923 amounting to \$5.44 are a lien and