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THE old workhouse, together with the site upon which it stands, was offered for sale by auction at Newlyn's hotel on Wednesday last, attracting a large number of persons, among whom there was considerable competition for the property, showing the increase in the value of such investments in our town. The auctioneer (Mr. J.B. Jenkins) having described the property and read the conditions, asked for a bid. Mr. H.W. Jenkins immediately offered £300, which Mr. E. Davis promptly capped with £400. By biddings of £25 each, among which were those of Mr. Bemister and Mr. Blachford, in addition to the others named, the sum offered soon reached £600, when Mr. Druitt on behalf of the guardians offered £625, and immediately the property was bought in at that price. To this objection was raised, on the ground that the auctioneer had failed to ask for a bidding in advance. It was again put up, Mr. Blachford offering £650, and Mr. Davis £675. Again Mr. Druitt bid £800 for the guardians, upon which Mr. Davis would give another £5. This was declined, but on it being stated by the auctioneer that he would knock it down for £825, Mr. Davis bid that sum and became the purchaser.— Later on the same afternoon, Mr. Jenkins submitted Mr. F.W. Butler's corner site of about two acres at Jumpers, for which Mr. Blachford bid £400, but it was bought in at £425.