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Ballots Are Dropping Fast

Big Vote is Being Cast in The News Popular Contest

But a short time intervenes between now and the date of the next count of ballots in The News popular voting contest, and when the count is made on the evening of Jan. 16, the vote will show some surprising gains. A hard fight is being made by the leaders to get the coveted position at the head of the long list, and ballots are falling in large numbers daily, each mail bringing envelopes filled with ballots and subscriptions, while the merchants' coupons are pouring in all the time.

From the efforts being put forth by the leaders there is apt to be an entire change in their positions, and just who will get out in the lead is difficult to say. Indications are that the vote will be very close. Those down on the list are also making efforts to better their standing and are hustling here, there and everywhere to get votes.

The bonus offers have put new life into the contest and the young woman who makes the greatest gain will receive the ten dollar gold piece offered as a special prize.

There are many residents of Mt. Airy who have not yet subscribed to The News and who are only waiting for some friend to ask them. Candidates can get many subscriptions by asking their friends and acquaintances to help them in the contest. Seven new yearly subscriptions, paid up, will give contestants 14,200 votes, and will make them

Factors in the race for the prize. A \$400 upright piano is worth the time and energy in trying to win, and as no more than one candidate can be the winner of the capital prize there is still a chance to win one of the handsome prizes, which the merchants will donate. A little earnest work will land the big prize for somebody. To those persons who have not subscribed to The News we will give a gentle hint. Do it now. There certainly is one candidate in the list in whom you are more or less interested and who would appreciate the help you would give her by sending your subscriptions to this office and asking that the votes be credited to her. As to the value of The News as a newspaper, there are hundreds of readers who will tell you all about it and will say more for it

The following is the result of the 2nd count showing the grand totals:

	1st. Count.	2nd. Count.	Total.
Miss Ola Ward,	34,275	75,275	109,550
Miss Annie Miller,	7,775	60,200	67,975
Miss Mallie Thacker,	13,875	59,875	73,750
Miss Johnnie Mae Roberts,	12,200	52,800	65,000
Miss Maud Sparger,	30,350	42,900	73,250
Miss Mary Johnson,	4,625	37,500	42,125
Miss Gertrude Reese,	800	25,800	26,600
Miss Nellie Haymore,	400	23,000	23,400
Miss Nina York,	475	13,725	14,200
Miss Annie Folger,	50	13,625	13,675
Miss Irene Bunker,	11,400	11,400	22,800
Miss Lilla Hemmings,	25	8,425	8,450
Miss Katherine Willis,	250	1,400	1,650
Miss Nannie Watson,	1,425	500	1,925
Miss Isabelle Saunders,	50	500	550
Miss Grace Hurdley,	25	500	525
Miss Minnie Shimall,	600	600	1,200

than the publishers would, because the latter are really too modest.

Merchants' coupons, counting 25 votes, can be procured with every cash purchase amounting to one dollar.

These coupons may be collected from any and all merchants who are in the contest. The names of the merchants who are giving handsome prizes and helping to make this contest a big success are as follows:

- F. M. Poore,
- Earp's 5 and 10 ct. Store.
- W. E. Merritt Co.
- W. W. Burke,
- C. E. Lundy,
- W. B. Haymore,
- Peoples Drug Co.
- R. H. Leonard,
- Frank Howard,

When making purchases at any of these places ask for the coupons and send them to this office, bearing the name of the candidate for which you want to vote them.

The News makes the following bonus offers to the various candidates in the contest:

For every seven yearly new subscriptions we will give 10,000 extra votes, making a total of 14,200 votes.

For every seven renewal subscriptions, 8,000 extra votes, making a total of 11,500 votes.

For every seven back subscriptions, 6,000 extra votes making a total of 8,800 votes.

For every bunch of forty (40) merchants coupons, that are brought to the office of the Publisher and counted, an additional bonus of 1,000 votes will be allowed, making a total of 2,000 votes.

These coupons may be collected from any and all merchants who are in the contest.

To the candidate making the greatest gain in her vote between December 21 and January 16 in subscriptions of every kind, merchants coupons and votes cut from The News including the bonus votes, will be awarded a special prize of \$10 in gold.

The ballot box will close for the third count on January 16 at six o'clock p. m.

Remember to have your friends trade with merchants giving coupons. Their advertisements appear in this issue in connection with our offer.

Notice.

The annual stockholders' meeting of The Bank of Mount Airy is hereby called to meet in the office of said Bank on January 24th, 1913 at ten o'clock a. m. A full meeting is earnestly desired. Frank P. Sparger, Dec. 19th, 1912. Cashier.

TURKISH-BALKAN WAR MAY BE RESUMED AT ANY TIME

Europe Will Witness Horrors of Winter Campaign.

London, Jan. 14.—Unless unforeseen events should change the current of affairs, the Turkish-Balkan war in the near east will be resumed within a week and Europe will witness the horrors of a winter campaign.

The allies have firmly made up their minds to take up arms a second time. The Turks last week threatening to leave London and let matters take whatever course they might. Now the Balkan delegates are convinced the Turks are merely drifting without a fixed policy, and they have decided to end the seemingly fruitless debates and wire pulling and begin the battles anew, where they left off more than a month ago.

The Ottoman government failed to convene the grand council today and apparently has no intention of meeting the ultimatum concerning Adrianople. The allies do not believe in the efficacy of the note which the powers will present to Constantinople because it is couched in too mild terms and simply advises Turkey to submit to the fate of war and abandon Adrianople for fear of complications in other parts of the empire at a time when Turkey could not find moral or financial support in Europe.

The Turkish government knows that this means nothing because it is aware that the powers will be unable to agree on any coercive measures. The presentation by the powers of the note, it is pointed out, means simply

the opening of a new chapter in the already wearisome diplomatic parleying and the shifting of the discussion from a debate between the belligerents to one between Turkey and the powers.

The Balkan kingdoms, moreover, are anxious to obtain relief from the heavy burdens of keeping their armies on a war footing indefinitely. Wishing, however, to observe all the diplomatic courtesies they have given the powers a reasonable time to agree on the note, frame it and present it to Turkey. But this once done, if Turkey fail to yield, they are determined to act.

Their governments have agreed to call another sitting of the conference through Sir Edward Grey or Rechad Pasha, who according to the rotation followed would be the next presiding officer. They will then simply announce their decision definitely to break the negotiations and also thank England for the hospitality extended and the conditions of fair play under which the discussions took place.

Immediately afterwards Sofia Belgrade and Cetinje will denounce the armistice, and the Serbian, Bulgarian and Montenegrin commanders will notify the Turkish headquarters that hostilities will be resumed within 36 hours.

The allies say it is easy to predict the course of events. After they have stormed Tebatulja, they prophesy, Turkey will be ready to cede Adrianople, just as if the Italians landed in Tripoli she offered to make concessions which previously she had strenuously refused, and as after the victories of the Balkan states she consented to grant reforms they had vainly asked for 34 years.

After their second resort to arms, the Balkan delegates assert, their peace terms will be different from those Turkey is now rejecting. They declare that Bulgaria will not be satisfied with a frontiers line from Rodosto to Midia, but will draw it just before the gates of Constantinople and they suggest a war indemnity of \$200,000,000 or more.

The diplomats consider the outlook for Turkey as of the gloomiest character. Kiamil Pasha's resignation as grand vizier may be the next development. That would be likely to be followed by anarchy. The country already is hard pressed for money and the condition and spirit of the army are matters of doubt.

MAKES BIG SAVING.

Four Large Manufacturers Agree to Give Farmers Benefit of Price Through Organization.

Charlotte Observer.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Farmers' Union will spend today and tomorrow in Raleigh in conference with the officials of the Wake County local and other branches of the State division in the central portion of the State regarding contracts for fertilizers to be purchased through the North Carolina organization. A similar meeting was held yesterday in Greenville, Pitt County, for that portion of the State and similar conferences will be held at strategic points throughout the cotton and tobacco belt. A meeting will be held in Charlotte in the course of a few days. Dr. H. Q. Alexander president of the State division, left yesterday for Raleigh to attend a meeting of the State committee tonight and be present at the conferences today and tomorrow.

Conference in Richmond.

The North Carolina Farmers' Union is making great strides in the direction of economical administration by the farmers throughout the State. The securing of cheap fertilizer is only one of its aims but the progress being achieved in this direction is a fair estimate of what is also being done in others. Last week there was held in Richmond, Va., a conference with four of the largest fertilizer manufacturing concerns doing business in North Carolina and at this conference terms were reached regarding the price to be paid for fertilizers by the farmers of the State purchasing through the Farmers' Union. President Alexander and

the members of the executive committee were present at this conference and signed the contract on behalf of the State organization. No statement as to price was given out but Doctor Alexander said that it was the most favorable that the association had ever received. It is estimated that at least 100,000 tons of fertilizer will be sold through the agency of the State organization and that the farmers of the State will save between \$150,000 and \$300,000 by reason of this very advantageous contract.

Cheap Fertilizer.

"Two years ago," declared Doctor Alexander, "the big fertilizer manufacturers would hardly treat with the organization whereas today, they not only met us half way, but agreed to give a better figure on fertilizers than they ever gave us before. In fact there was a charge made by the manufacturers against the Union by implication that it had greedily reduced the prices of fertilizers and that the returns a ton today are much less than they were years ago. There is no denying that the price of fertilizer today is lower than it has been in some time and much of this in the State has been achieved through the agency of the State organization. I cannot tell you the contract price offered us but it is a very satisfactory one and such will save the farmers of North Carolina an immense sum in the course of a year. These prices apply to all grades of ready-made as well as the fertilizer materials. It is the desire of the Union to induce all members to buy their fertilizers and mix them themselves. The fertilizer company retains the right to reject contracts for cause."

While in Raleigh Doctor Alexander will visit the Legislature to see that certain special measures advocated by the State Union are given consideration. The organization has gone on record favoring a six-months school term, a legalized primary law, reform in the tax system of the State so that those able to bear the burdens will be made

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.

Relieve Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and are a pleasant remedy for Worms. Used by Mothers for 22 years. They never fail. At all Druggists, 25c. Sample Free. Address, A. S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

to do so, the Torrens law and other similar measures. Doctor Alexander will remain in Raleigh until the last of the week when he will return home and then go back to Raleigh next week.

The mid-Winter conference of the National Farmers' Union and the officers of the various State divisions throughout the South will be held in Columbia, S. C., Thursday, January 30 in connection with the National Corn Show. Doctor Alexander will attend this meeting.

Gov. Craig Says "Never Again"

—Will Return to Asheville.

Locke Craig will never again be a candidate for a public office, according to a statement which he made in his speech, at the annual banquet of the Asheville Bar Association Saturday night, at which he was one of the guests of honor and was called upon to respond to the toast "Au Revoir But Not Goodbye."

"The report has gone abroad," the speaker remarked, "that since I have sold the greater part of my property here, I am making preparations not to return to this city after my term as Governor of North Carolina is completed. The city of Asheville has been my home for over 25 years and it is here that my labors have been done, my children have been born and my friendships have been formed. I will leave here with your grace and I hope that while in office I may receive your support. I will yearn for your friendship and at the completion of my term I will return to you and join you again. I never expect to be a candidate for office again and I hope that it will be my privilege to spend my last days here and to do my last work among the towering mountains of western North Carolina. I hope

that I may be able to do so at the next annual banquet of this organization during the early part of 1914, for it is my intention to spend my Christmas and New Year's holidays in this city."

Another Side to the Liquor Shipments.

Monroe Enquirer.

We are told that Richmond and other cities in Virginia are getting thousands upon top of thousands of dollars of North Carolina's money for liquor which is shipped to North Carolina citizens. That is a true bill. We are further told that it would be best for North Carolina to allow liquor to be made and sold here at home than it is to have such vast sums of money sent out of the State for it. That sounds like a good argument, but let's see. About six weeks ago a traveling salesman, whose home is in Richmond, Va., was in the Enquirer office selling a bill of paper, and while he was doing that a colored man under the influence of liquor came in and said that he "got his" and that not only the colored folks but white folks, too, were making Richmond rich by sending their money there for liquor. Then the salesman spoke and said:

"I have been traveling in North Carolina since the first day of last August. I have been across the State east and west north and south; have been in most of the towns and I have not had a man to ask me for a dime to buy a drink and I have noticed the absence of bums, liquor-soaked and down-and-out on the streets of the towns in this State. I went home three weeks ago last Saturday and I went only three or four blocks after leaving the depot and during that walk three liquor-soaked bums, white men, who were simply down-and-out, asked me for a dime. Around the six or seven bars that I passed in that short walk I saw more drunken men than I have seen in North Carolina since last August. Yes, they are sending the money to our State for liquor and it may be making some of our folks rich, but I'll tell you, old man, it is making many of our people poor."

Do Not Have Sore Feet.

An Allen's Foot-Ease powder in the foot-fath gives instant relief to Chilblains and all foot aches. Then for lasting comfort, shake Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder, in your shoes. All Druggists, 25c.

MERCHANT HELD FOR HIGH COURT.

Elkin Man Must Answer to Jury on the Charge of Burning Store.

Elkin letter to The News.

The trial of D. G. Wagoner before L. A. Eldridge, Justice of the peace on a warrant charging Wagoner with starting the fire which destroyed so much property in Elkin on Dec. 17th ended on Wednesday night last at 10 P. M.

The State put on a number of witnesses showing that the fire started at the head of the stairway which led from the basement to the storeroom, that the stove was located about 12 feet from the head of this stairway and under the stove was a large piece of sheet iron, that the fire was discovered by the young men who were sleeping over the storeroom and that this was about 12 o'clock. Several witnesses testified that Wagoner was seen in his store shortly after 11 o'clock and one witness stated that he passed Wagoner on the street about half past 11 o'clock. It was also shown that about 12 o'clock on the night of December 13th the young men who were sleeping over the store discovered that there was a dense smoke in that part of the building which they occupied and that this smoke came from the store underneath. Mr. Wagoner admitted that between four and five o'clock on the morning of December 14th he left the room where he was sleeping, which was about two hundred yards from the store, and went to the basement of his storeroom and then returned to his room.

On behalf of the defendant a number of witnesses were examined among them being John D. H.

in the business. Mr. Holcomb stated among other things that only one inventory had ever been taken since the business was started in 1910 and that this inventory was taken in July 1911. Mr. Wagoner went on the stand in his own behalf and denied that he was in any way responsible for the fire. He also stated that although there was a safe in the store that all the books belonging to the firm was destroyed by the fire as he had failed to place them in the safe the night of the fire, it was also stated that the only inventory ever taken by the firm including all their invoices were burned up.

There were statements made by several witnesses as to the value of the stock of goods which was burned and these estimates ranged from \$2500 to \$3600 and it was also in evidence that there was \$4000 insurance on this stock and that one policy for two thousand was taken out on November the 23rd, 1912. Immediately after the close of the testimony the opening argument was made for the State by J. F. Hendren followed by District Attorney Holton and D. M. Reese for the defendant and closed by W. F. Carter for the State.

Mr. Eldridge announced his decision holding the defendant in a justified bond of \$5000 for his appearance at the next term Surry Superior Court. The bond was immediately given, with Mr. John D. Holcomb who is a brother-in-law of Mr. Wagoner, as surety.

Every Second Girl Marries.

Boston Globe.

Practically one out of every two girls studying in Wellesley college subsequently marries. The number of children born to former Wellesley students in thirty-seven years is little less than one for each marriage.

Statistics just gathered for the first time after a year or two of diligent searching the country over prove these figures. To complete the task it was necessary to crary the inquiry into numerous foreign lands.

Since it was founded, in 1875, by the late Henry Fowle Durand, 9,791 women have studied in Wellesley college, although only about half this number remained to receive degrees as bachelors of art. Of the 9,791, 3,613 have married and they have had 4,004 children—2,013 sons and 1,991 daughters.

Nominating Blank

Popular Vote Contest

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I hereby nominate or suggest the name of

Address

As a lady worthy to become a candidate in your Popular Voting Contest. I present this name with the distinct understanding and agreement that the editor shall not divulge my name. This does not obligate me in any way whatever.

Signed

Address