

# Contest Growing in Interest.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ENTER.

- First Grand Prize, an Elegant \$400.00 Piano.
- Second Prize, Ladies' 15 Jewel Gold Watch, or Gentleman's of equal value.
- Third Prize, Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, latest edition, Best Lexicon in the world.

MISS LETHA McLAULON, OF AYDEN LEADS WITH VOTES.

HOW THE CONTEST STANDS.	
Miss Letha McLawhon, Ayden, N. C.	42,100
Miss Lillie Owens, Ayden, N. C.	30,800
H. V. Oliver, Timmonsville, S. C.	23,750
Miss Millie B. Moore, Four Oaks, N. C.	4,000
M. B. Chitt, Niagara, Mo.	7,000
Elder M. C. Quick, Bennettsville, S. C.	4,000
Miss Annie R. Nobles, Bertel, N. C.	24,000
Elder M. A. Woodard, Kestler, Ga.	20,100
Elder J. T. Sandy, Wadesboro, N. C.	1,500
Miss Bessie Sasser, Selma, N. C.	25,500
Miss Pearl St. Clair, Macon, Ga.	30,500
Mrs. Sidney McLawhon, Vanceboro, N. C.	9,500
Miss Olivia Hill, Ayden, N. C.	7,500
Ed. J. C. Griffin, Ayden, N. C.	10,000
Miss Lizzie Lucas, Lenoir, N. C.	35,000
Miss Julia C. Tyndall, Kinston, N. C.	20,000
Miss Katie Sawyer, Merrill, N. C.	8,500
Miss Mary Lewis, Bennett, N. C.	4,500
Miss Myrtle Watkins, Kenly, N. C.	1,000
S. Jason, Sardis, Tenn.	1,000
Miss Percy Liles, Bailey, N. C.	4,000
Miss Dora Lewis, Greelyville, N. C.	7,000
Minnie B. Golden, Duncan, Fla.	3,000
Eld. L. T. Phillips, Selma, N. C.	4,500
Eld. C. J. Harris, Grapetown, N. C.	11,000
Miss Ollie Austin, South Creek, N. C.	2,500

## CONTEST FLASHES.

I am sure that we will see some startling surprises within the next few weeks. Greater efforts will bring greater results and they are going to be put forth.

Eld. L. T. Phillips of Selma has recently entered. He is a steady worker and we are pleased to have him on the list.

All names should be sent so that they will reach us by Monday night. If you do not send so we can get the names early in the week we can not enter them that week.

We have a noble band of contestants. From our hearts we would give every good worker a piano. Much less a fine gold watch or the best dictionary in the world. But each will surely get a reward.

Miss Letha McLawhon is reaching toward the 50,000 mark. Who will be the first to reach and pass it?

Eld. C. J. Harris of Greenville, N. C. Route 4 enters the contest with 11,000 votes. We are expecting some good work from Eld. Harris. He has ever been a great friend of the Baptist.

We hope there will be but few quitters in this great contest. Let us have more starters, quitters and everybody interested.

Brs. Austin of South Creek enters his daughter's name as a contestant. Not so much for a premium as for the spread of the paper and the advancement of the kingdom through it. God bless that noble idea. A prize will be hers at any rate.

## Local and Personal Mention.

—Mrs. R. W. Smith went to Kinston last week to visit relatives.

—The union meeting this week will be at Bethany church. We trust there will be a full attendance.

—Who will occupy the E. G. Cox house made vacant by the removal of Mr. Sharp Blount on East R. R. Street?

—Our paper covers a good area of country. It would be a splendid medium through which to advertise the advantages and possibilities of our community.

—We trust our people as a whole will be interested in sending the auditorium and will liberally patronize the splendid entertainment to be given there on the night of April 5th.

—Let everybody turn out and hear R. L. Davis, the great apostle of temperance in N. C. He will tell you all about the Webb Bill and other important measures. At the Christian church Tuesday, April 2nd, at night.

—The chamber of commerce of our town has a most excellent and energetic secretary in the person of Rev. J. W. Fulford. We are looking for some developments of which to our community. Let us have a faith that will produce some valuable results.

—Mr. Abner Willis the aged father of Mr. John Willis of our town received a serious injury on Sunday last. While watching at the Ayden Lumber Company's mill on Sunday and walking around the premises, he fell his side striking a sharp edged piece of timber and almost breaking some ribs. He was taken to his sons in town where the best of attention is given him. It is hoped that he will soon recover.

—Mr. Sharp Blount who has been with us for several years has moved to Griffin. It will be remembered that he was the proprietor of Blount Hotel here for the past several years. Mr. Blount and his family seemed to be an important factor in our town and we part with them with great reluctance.

—If you love to dress your wife or daughter, in nice ready-made skirts and all kinds of waists, save trouble of making, you can buy ready-made ones cheaper than you can make them, also all kinds of Dress Hats & Suits, also nice slippers for men and ladies, call at R. A. Shaheens. He is willing to give you satisfaction.

DELATED—In account of a cog giving way in our cylinder press last week and having to go to Kinston and have one made. Our paper this week is one day late. The S. S. literature is also thrown back some. We are now rushing on and hope to soon regain what we have lost.

—Mr. J. F. Dixon came near having a very serious accident last Monday. While conveying the furniture of Mr. Sharp Blount from the dwelling to a car with a team of mules and a wagon, Mr. Dixon was thrown out of the wagon. The mules dashed off and dragged Mr. Dixon some distance. Fortunately the mules were soon stopped and it was discovered that Mr. Dixon was not seriously damaged. He did, however, receive some severe bruises. Mr. Thomas also sustained some sprains.

—The union prayer meeting held at the Free Will Baptist church Sunday evening was a very interesting one indeed, led by M. C. Prescott. The meeting on next Sunday evening will be held at the Episcopal Church. Tho. D. Griffin is the leader. Subject, "God's estimate of the righteous, or Christians." References: Judg. 5:31; Matt. 13:43; Dan. 12:3; Matt. 5:14; Phil. 2:15; 1 Cor. 13:5; 1 Cor. 13:17; Job 23:10; Matt. 18:3; 1 Cor. 14:20; 1 Peter 1:4; 1 Tim. 2:3; 1 Cor. 9:24; Heb. 12:1; Psa. 137; Jer. 17:8; Matt. 5:18. Carry out your Bibles and let us see the estimate God puts upon his children.

**NEW MILLINERY STORE.**—Miss F. G. Smith & Co., will open a first class millinery establishment this week at corner of Main and East Rail Road streets between the Ross Hotel and R. C. Cannon & Sons Store. Miss Augusta Lawrence who is associated with Mrs. Smith has just returned from Baltimore, where she selected an elegant line of millinery goods of the very latest designs. A full line will be kept and it will be the delight of the managers to show their fine selection of Ladies' hats and other novelties. All goods are of the latest fash and will be sold at reasonable prices. Come to the grand opening on Tuesday, April 2nd, and see the finest display of millinery ever brought to Ayden.

## Needlessly Blind.

There are estimated to be one hundred thousand blind persons, old and young, in this country. Not less than five hundred of these live in North Carolina. Had it ever occurred to you, gentle reader, that at least seventy-five to one hundred of these need not have been blind, ought not to have been, and would not have been, if proper prevention and preventive measures had been employed immediately after their birth?

"What blindness means to an intelligent, capable man or woman," to quote the words of a blind man who has, in the face of heavy odds, taken his place in the world with signal success, "is something which only the Lord and the devil and those who endure it know anything about; in their blackest nightmares, those with sight can not even imagine it. That it is possible to prevent much of such anguish seems not to have dawned upon the average citizen. Is such ignorance and indifference not criminal, positively wicked? Then who is responsible?"

Do you know that all blind children lose their sight from what is usually called "sore eyes," "inflammation," etc. This is really "ophthalmia neonatorum," a germ disease, which can be cured if taken in time and the proper remedies used. These remedies should be applied as soon as the child is born, whether any signs of inflammation are discovered or not. The remedy will do no hurt; it may save your child's sight.

If the eyes, nose, mouth and ears of every new-born babe should be thoroughly washed immediately after its birth in a weak solution of boric acid (sore water) one drop of a solution of nitrate of silver, not stronger than one per cent, put in the eyes, and the child thereafter kept clean, blindness among children in our S. S. would be reduced at least twenty-five per cent. Do you realize what that would mean to the one hundred homes in North Carolina in which there are children "needlessly blind"?

And are you aware what it would save the State financially to thus preserve the sight of all such children? Not less than \$20,000,000 a year. Is it not worth the effort? Then does it not behoove every one to do all in his power to spread the information and seek to bless the homes in which the little ones come? Let every mother heed this warning and preserve the sight of her child.

Principal State School for the Blind, Raleigh, N. C.

## Play at the Auditorium

Dot, the Miner's Daughter, will be exhibited at the Auditorium of the Ayden F. W. B. Seminary on Friday night, April 5th. The play is a drama with four acts, and several scenes in each act. There will be several actors and each has an important part that will be brought out faithfully.

No pains have been spared to make this the best play that has ever been presented to an Ayden audience by home talent.

The cause for which the play is presented is a most worthy one. The proceeds will be devoted to seating the auditorium. A full house is anticipated. Admission fee—Adults 25 cents, Children 15 cents.

## Mrs. Mary Manning Dead

Mrs. Mary Manning widow of Matthew Manning, who lived near Hanrahan's died on last Saturday morning 23rd, at near 5 o'clock. Mrs. Manning was at the home of Mr. Green Mannings where she had gone to nurse a child of Mr. Mannings. While there she was taken with pneumonia which with some other complications caused her demise, after being confined to her bed about one week. Deceased was a very good pious energetic woman. Was a member of Elm Grove church near here. She leaves two sons, Mr. Oscar Manning of Kinston and Mr. Z. Manning of the Hanrahan section. One daughter, Mrs. Clayton Johnson of near Hanrahan's.

The funeral was preached Sunday by Eld. E. T. Phillips of Ayden and her body laid to rest in the family burying ground at Hanrahan's Sunday evening. Peace to her dust.

## Millinery Opening

You are cordially invited to be present at our opening March, 29, & 30, 1912. I have just returned from the Northern markets where I purchased a full line of the latest styles in hats, dress goods, etc. Also a pretty line of Oxfords.

Respectfully,  
L. M. POTTER.  
Hookerton, N. C.

## Notice

I will be in N. C., the first of June ready for work. Anyone desiring my service in meetings, will please write me at 154 1/2 St. Place Chicago, Ill., as I would like to arrange dates as early as possible.

Yours for Service,  
R. F. Pittman.

## Rev. R. L. Davis Coming.

Rev. R. L. Davis, secretary of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League will address the people of Ayden at the Christian Church on Tuesday night, April 2nd, on the all important subject of the Webb Bill and other matters connected with the temperance movement in the state at the present time. Let all our people turn out and hear the issue fully presented.

## Seminary Receipts.

NOTES TO RECEIPTS.	
J. S. Howard	\$10.00
J. C. Baldwin	2.50
Receipts	
B. J. Cash	1.50
J. J. Cash	5.00
Z. G. Edwards	1.50
Bradley P. B.	5.00
R. R. Bay	10.00
J. A. L'Autour	1.50

Confession. On that day, others must be revised. send letters if convenient for them to appear in the new list. Done in Conference.

J. O. F. ALL, Mod.  
J. P. HARRIS, Clerk.

## Testimonial

Dear Friends, I want to tell you that I have had a cancer for 2 years and have had it doctor'd twice before J. R. McCaskey doctor'd it, he has cured it, the cancer came out in 12 days and the place cured up in three weeks. It did not hurt so bad as you might suppose. I will advise all people that have a cancer to apply to J. R. McCaskey, Ayden, N. C. W. S. Creeker, Princeton, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2.

## Notice of Sale

By virtue of power of sale in a certain deed of mortgage executed by Richard Taylor to Mrs. A. C. Lewis on the 31st day of August, 1910 the same being duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County, Book A 9 & Page 122, the said mortgage debt secured thereon being subsequently been transferred and assigned to the undersigned, I will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Court-house Door in Greenville, N. C. on the 6th day of April, 1912, between the hours of 12 M. & 2 o'clock P. M. that certain tract, piece or parcel of land situated in Contention Township, Pitt County, N. C. adjoining the lands of W. C. Buhmann & others, described as follows, to wit:

Lying on the West side of Swift Creek Swamp & bounded on the West by W. C. Buhmann's line, on the East by F. G. Buhmann's line, on the North by Mrs. Polly Harrington's line, & on the South by Walter Barfield's line, & being the lot better known as the Anderson lot, containing 1 acre more or less. This the 6th day of March, 1912.

ALICE LEWIS & ED. LEWIS, Mortgagees.  
M. T. FRIZZELLE, Assignee & owner Mort., debt.

## Last Chance!

One lot in town of Ayden, on the corner of Venter and Garris St., near the Free Will Baptist School, in the best part of town, quick buyer will get bargain. Address, R. F. Manning, Ayden, N. C. B. 34.

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## MOVEMENT OF TRAINS.

Time of arrival and Departure of Passenger Trains at Ayden.	
ATLANTIC COAST LINE.	
No. 58.	No. 73.
Northbound.	Southbound.
7:57 A. M.	1:41 P. M.
No. 72.	No. 59.
4:56 P. M.	6:56 P. M.

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  - J. P. Mewborn of Greene Co. used Meadows' Ideal Tobacco Guano 8-4-4 on 24 acres. Sold his crop for \$5,400.00.
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