

### CONTEST RESULT WILL SOON BE MADE KNOWN

Judges Are Now Busily Engaged in Verifying and Tabulating the Vote, Which Will Be Surprisingly High

MANY SURPRISES ARE FOUND IN BALLOT BOX

A Good Many Contestants Evidently Held Back An Unexpected Reserve Strength and Surprised Their Competitors As Well As the Contest Department—Winners Will Probably Be Announced Thursday or Friday.

**CORRECTION.**  
Through an error, the name of Miss Jimmie L. Davis, of Ayden, N. C., District No. 4, was omitted from the last published list of candidates in The News and Observer of May 15. Miss O Davis' score on May 12 was 55,780 and her score in the issue of May 15, should have been 128,950.

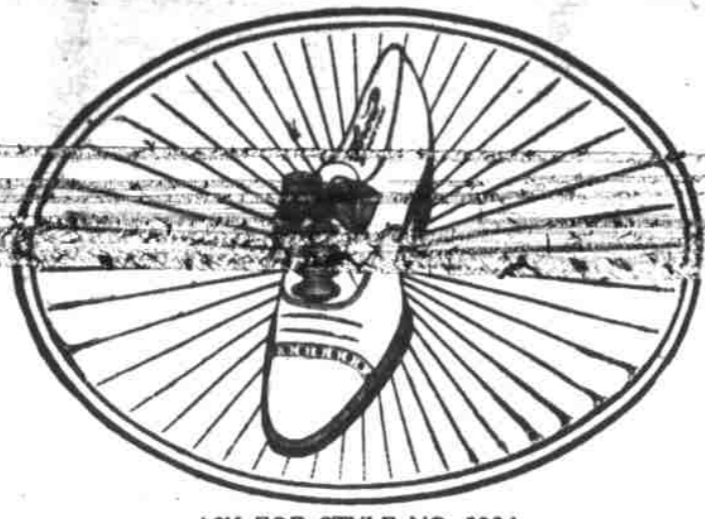
Early Monday morning, the men selected to judge the finish of The News and Observer's gigantic contest, plunged into their work and all day long the click of the adding machines indicated that little by little the judges were arriving at a determination of the winners.

There is an enormous amount of business to be done, and the judges are up and at it probably by Thursday or Friday before the winners can be announced. Many surprises were found in the ballot box when the judges opened the sealed envelopes. Many candidates had seemingly saved their strength until the last minute and the voting was unusually heavy. It is now a foregone conclusion that the winning score will be higher than even the Contest Department could have guessed. This department, of course, was aware that millions of votes had been issued but, in accordance with its usual policy, it did not keep sufficiently in touch with the work of any one candidate to know exactly what that candidate was doing.

The Contest Department did not care to know just how many votes any one candidate may have had. This department makes it a point to keep from knowing, for the very good and simple reason that if you don't know a thing, you can't possibly let any information about that thing slip. It is certainly in the position of the Contest Department has always kept itself in. It didn't want to know anything that could have operated to the advantage of one candidate, or to the disadvantage of another.

Interest is intense. The interest in all quarters is intense, that hundreds of people in the Old North State are anxious to know who the winners will be and what sort of a score it has taken to win the more valuable prize. Every energy is being bent to tabulating the enormous vote and it is a mammoth job.

There, of course, will be some disappointment, this cannot be avoided. Many candidates can now look back and see where they may have made a mistake by not placing implicit confidence in the assurance of the Contest Department, that each bonus offer was the largest that would be made. Many missed the first and second bonus offers simply because some "wise" outside friend who knew absolutely nothing about this contest or the character of the men conducting it, had intimated that some sort



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of a mammoth offer would be made in the last days of the race. These, of course, have paid the penalty for their unbelief.

Will Know Result Soon.  
Others had done a great deal of work up until the last week, and then apparently feeling secure in their positions, dropped further active efforts. These also will probably have cause to regret that they didn't keep going until the very last. But that is all a part of the contest business. The people who came in and talked matters over frankly with the Contest Department were told just exactly what to expect in the way of special offers. No candidate had an advantage in this respect.

This contest has established a new standard of efficiency and honesty in the contest business. It has been a record breaker in many ways and the same sincerity of purpose that has always marked the policy of The News and Observer has been manifest

throughout the conduct of the contest.

The result will be known in a few days. It may be rather surprising. Be patient and cheerful and keep up your courage.

It looks as if this campaign were going to be an unusually profitable one for the stenographers—Ohio State Journal.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives from Wake county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, June 1, 1912. See platform, News and Observer and Evening Times of May 9th. Copies of same will be sent to any one on application.  
L. B. WOODALL,  
Raleigh, N. C., Route No. 4.  
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### MORGANTON NEWS

Electrical Storm Burns Home of Citizen; Sensible Town is Going to Buy and Confront Its Waterworks Schools

Last night Morganton experienced the severest electrical storm in the memory of its oldest inhabitants. The residence of Colonel Bennett, a retired Army officer, who lives about a mile and a half east of town, was struck by lightning and totally destroyed, together with all furnishings, including a rare and valuable collection of curios collected in all parts of the world. Mr. Turner's home on Green street burned Sunday afternoon, the house catching fire from a defective fuse which had been struck by lightning Saturday night. The telephone lines and lines and power station of the city electric light plant were greatly damaged.

Prof. W. C. Riddick of the A. & M. College; Mr. J. H. Brinkers of Henderson, and Mr. H. M. Lee of Asheville, were here last week, constituting a committee of three experts appointed by Judge H. A. Foushee to appraise the property of the Morganton Water Works company, which property the town seeks to purchase by condemnation proceedings under Chapter 86 of the public laws of 1911. Hearings have been held at the courthouse for several days to take testimony, and the commissioners have gone over and examined the entire line and equipment of the water company. They are to file a report before Judge Foushee at the June term of Burke court, the first Monday in June, and both sides have an appeal from the report to the Supreme Court.

The Morganton graded school held the exercises of its seventh commencement during the past week, beginning with the baccalaureate sermon and closing with the award of diplomas. Miss Louise Coffey won the essay medal and Frank C. Patton the medal for the best oration. W. A. Self, of Hickory, delivered the address to the graduating class Friday morning, and Friday night a very pleasing and successful entertainment was given by the primary grades.

#### FINE WESTERN ACADEMY CLOSING.

Piney Creek Academy, its splendid start and excellent prospects. (Special to News and Observer.)  
Knox, May 20.—The closing exercises of Piney Creek Academy were held Thursday. The opening exercise was a song, "The Old North State," followed by declamations, recitations and a debate between the adult members of the school, in which girls and boys alike participated. After an intermission of thirty minutes, Mr. A. J. Fletcher delivered an address on "Higher Education: Its Progress in North Carolina During the Last Ten Years."

The Piney Creek school has had an exceptional record. The building was only recently completed at a cost of more than \$4,000 and is the handsomest public school building in this section of the State. School started there in March, just after the completion of the building, with an enrollment of a little less than 200 pupils, and has since had an average daily attendance of 180. The girls and women of this section are outshone over the prospect, and there is already talk of a special school tax to lengthen the school term from the regular four months to eight months. Prof. J. L. Critcher, one of the most efficient teachers in this section of the State, was principal, Missa Smith, Childs and Woodruff assisting him. N. E. of hand. Swan by a shrdits

#### News of Washaw

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Washaw, May 20.—At a recent business meeting of the Epworth League here, Mr. H. G. Clark and Miss Jewel Keenan were elected as delegates to the league conference to be held at Stateville next week. Mr. Isabel Heath and son, Master Allen of South Tryon street, Charlotte, spent Friday here at Mr. C. R. Massey's.

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### BAPTIST ORPHANS

Annual Meeting Approaches; Military Marksmen Return From Raleigh Politics and Other Notes

(Special to News and Observer.)

date of the annual meeting at the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage—one of the two greatest occasions of the entire year in Thomasville. The program has not been announced but will be in a few days. Arrangements are now going on and it is expected that the celebration this year will equal if not surpass all former ones. The railroad company gives reduced rates for this occasion and this gives the people throughout the State a good opportunity to come to Thomasville and visit the orphanage and see what a great institution and what a great work the orphanage is doing. It is certainly worth the trip to see it. Many out-of-town visitors have attended these annual meetings regularly year after year. On a number of annual meetings Sunday schools from different parts of the State run excursions to the orphanage to attend these exercises and always many hundreds of people come on each excursion and enjoy themselves to the fullest. No doubt some Sunday schools have already made arrangements to come this year. The orphanage has never looked prettier than just at this season.

Capt. C. H. Newby, Lieutenants Harris and Williams of the Thomasville Blues, returned Saturday from Raleigh, where they have been for ten days' encampment with the National Guard studying military tactics. They all enjoyed the stay and were greatly benefited and intend increasing the efficiency of the company here.

At a recent meeting of the new Board of City Aldermen, ex-Sheriff G. M. Griffith was elected clerk to the Recorder's Court and has assumed the duties of his office. Mr. T. E. Jennings, a former clerk, resigned on account of having to devote his time to the building and loan and insurance business.

The series of revival services in Main Street Methodist Church, being conducted by Rev. R. J. G. Tuttle, of Elkin, and his choir, Mr. A. N. Fisher, closed Friday night, after having been in progress for the past fifteen days. It is reported that there were forty converts, and a great spiritual awakening throughout the church.

I've heard old cunning wagers say fools for arguments use wagers.—Butler.

#### PINEBLUFF FOR WILSON.

Delegates to Moore County Convention instructed for him.  
Pinebluff, N. C., May 20.—The Democrats of Pinebluff precinct in the sandhills of Moore county, held their primary Saturday to elect delegates to the county convention. Four delegates, Squire John Campbell, Frank T. Spinney, N. McKay Bryan and Glenn Keith, were elected and unanimously instructed to vote for delegates to the State convention favorable to the nomination of Woodrow Wilson for President.

Squire John Campbell was endorsed for county commissioner and Eugene Ador, Squire Campbell and Frank T. Spinney were elected precinct committee.

He's a fool, who thinks by force, or skill, To turn the current of a woman's will.—Tuke.

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WELL? SHOW ME HOW TO EAGLE

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HEY! WHAT ARE YOU WASTING THOSE SHELLS FOR?

WELL, THERE MIGHT BE A EAGLE UP THERE SOMEPLACE OUT OF SIGHT

YOU, POOR SAMP! WASTING THOSE SHELLS SHOOTING AT THE SKY IN HOPES THAT A EAGLE BUMPS INTO YOUR BULLET. I OUGHT TO BUST YOUR NOSE, THE IDRA! THOSE SHELLS COST 75 EACH, YOU PERIOD!

A EAGLES!