

**\$25.00 IN GOLD TO BE GIVEN THE BABY
TURNING IN THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF MONTHS**

These Two Weeks Promise to be the Liveliest of the Baby by Contest.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE TO BE THE BATTLE CRY

Do Not Be the Only One at the Bottom of the List—The People Living in District No. 2 Have a Grand Opportunity to Win—Last of the Special Prizes.

Have you started work for the twenty-five dollars in gold? Which District will be lucky enough to win this money?—are questions we hear on both sides. These two weeks ought to be the best of all for our contestants, as you all have a chance to get the twenty-five dollars in gold.

"Subscriptions" are to be the battle cry this week; get them for a year or two years or three years or five years, and if you cannot get the long ones take one for six months, they all count, and avail yourself of this grand opportunity to win twenty-five dollars in gold. Make an active campaign among your friends, relatives and acquaintances during the intervening days. Don't wait until the last minute to do your work. Take that subscription book of yours and get busy. If you don't see some one else will later on when you do bestir yourself, it will be to hear your friends say, "Oh, why didn't you come before. I have just given my subscription to one of your neighbors."

Get to work and show everyone that you love your baby just as much as anyone can love their baby. Do not be the only one at the bottom of the list. Get in your subscriptions and vote your baby up toward the top. Work hard and faithfully and by Saturday night, June 1st, you will be surprised at the amount you have done. Make up your mind that your baby is going to win, that it just must be one of the lucky ones, and then proceed to put your determination into effect.

And just a word in passing to those who do not care whether they win or not. The contest manager is going to take the most charitable view possible and will concede that you love your baby with the same wealth and warmth of affection that others love their children. Then why don't you get busy, why don't you pitch in and give substantial evidence of your love for your little darling? Why will you sit back comfortably in your easy chair at home, and see that coveted gold and glory go to the baby of your next door neighbor, perhaps. Why don't you see to it that your little darling is crowned king or queen of Catawba and adjoining counties. You can do it if you only turn to and get down to work, for you have as

many friends as that neighbor of yours, friends who would do just as much for you and who are just as ardent admirers of your little cherub.

Every body has an equal chance in this race, the field is open to all. It is a fair field and no favors. It will depend entirely upon how much interest you show in your baby's campaign whether you win or not. If you are already hustling for subscriptions, if you continue to hustle right up to the last moment, you are very likely to be pleasantly surprised at the result of your labors.

There is room for plenty of good work in both districts. Carry your campaign with you wherever you go. Talk contest to every one you meet, and don't be discouraged by any of the stories aloft. Ninety-nine of these are not true, nor could they be true, if one just stopped to think it over in a dispassionate manner. Do not let anyone who is prompted by jealousy or envy turn you aside from your course.

Do something on every day of the week, not merely one day, but every day. Stick to the task with a tenacity of purpose and a grim determination that will brook no defeat. Don't be beaten and above all don't be discouraged. Would you admit, even to yourself, that some other baby stands higher in public estimation than yours? Certainly not.

This ought to be a banne: time for you all, with the \$25.00 in gold for a prize, your friends will surely give you their subscriptions if they ever intend to. These are the last of the special prizes.

'Tis said that opportunity knocks but once at a man's door, and this may be your opportunity to get a good start towards winning the gold and glory. Grasp your opportunity and be a winner.

To those who are in arrears on their subscriptions we would like to say that it should be a pleasure to have in the field at present. There is nothing that one can do for a mother that will please her or compliment her so highly as to do something for her baby, and when you take a subscription to The Democrat you are doing that very thing.

Good Advice.

Learn to hide your troubles. Your friends has troubles of his own to hide, help him by example. This is good advice, but when a man walks in the morning with a raging, splitting headache, not enough energy to get up, constipated, bad taste in the mouth, tired legs, it's not advice that a man needs. It's a good dose of Dr. King's Blood and Liver Pills. Purify the blood and send it bounding, coursing through the veins, and make the liver live. No purging, griping or nauseating. 25c box at all medicine dealers.



Miss Mary Teague.

Here we have Miss Mary Teague, the charming little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Teague, of Rhodhiss. Miss Mary has a fine start in the baby contest and just at present looks like a winner of some of the gold. She is a very sweet little lady and anything her friends can do to help her, she will appreciate we are sure.



Master Adrian L. Shuford.

Here we have a young man who needs no introduction in the city of Hickory, but for fear some of our out-of-town friends haven't met this young man, we want to say he is Master Adrian L. Shuford, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shuford, of Hickory. If Master Adrian don't lead some of our contestants a merry chase before the contest is over, the contest manager will be mighty mistaken.



Miss Ruth Griffin.

Here is a dear little miss that we want you all to meet. She is Miss Ruth Griffin, the charming little daughter of Mrs. C. C. Griffin, of West Hickory. She has a very ambitious mother and a number of friends who are anxious to see her a winner of some of the gold that is to be given away by the Democrat, June 15, 1912, and as a little extra ambition and energy is all that is needed to carry off the prizes, without a doubt Miss Ruth will be one of the winners.



Master Edward R. Sherrill.

This is to introduce Master Edward R. Sherrill, of Granite Falls, R. F. D. No. 2. He is one of our curly-haired darlings and a very popular little chap. He

is the idol of the Sherrill family and has a great many who intend to see what they can do for Master Edward before the close of the contest, and surely, such a fine little chap deserves all that his friends can do for him.

Lame back is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles of the back, for which you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

Messrs. Don and Council Boyden were on a visit to relatives here this week. The former had a few days before carried the remains of Mr. Roland Boyden, who died some time ago, from California to Salisbury for interment at his old home. Mr. Donald Boyden lives in Tennessee and Mr. Council Boyden has been attending the Charlotte Medical College the past year.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

How the Vote Stands.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

(Including all territory within the corporate limits of Hickory.)
 Mary Helen Flowers 60,000
 Ruth Lanier 31,650
 John F. Price 10,800
 George Killian Bost 1,000
 Henry R. Elliott 1,000
 Ruby Elizabeth Smith 1,000
 Harry Gwin 1,050
 Robert Lee Harris 50,000
 Mary Belle Gwin 3,900
 Bernice Morton 13,300
 Andrew Rudasill 38,700
 Thomas Stricker Shuford 1,000
 James Stanley Crouch 46,600
 James Oliver Mosteller 33,200
 Amelia Stuewalt 10,250
 Ella Marguerite Self 30,700
 Prentiss L. Ketchie 1,100
 Barrie Blackwelder 1,000
 Irene Eckart 1,000
 Katherine B. Whitener 1,000
 Donald A. Cilley 1,000
 Thomas L. Cilley 1,000
 Jack Hatcher 1,000
 Katherine Harper 1,000
 Bobby Grimes 1,000
 Leonard Moretz 1,000
 Gwendoline Buchanan 1,500
 Adrian Shuford 2,350

DISTRICT NO. 2.

(Including all territory outside of Hickory in Catawba and adjoining counties.)
 Fred L. Sites R. 1. 47,050
 Lallie Summerow 40,850
 Vivian Drum 1,050
 Nell Wilkinson 15,000
 Christine Sherrill 1,000
 Martha Elizabeth Hewitt 1,000
 Frances Lutz 1,000

Conover.

Celia Margaret Isenhower 1,430
 Claude Hubert Cline 1,000
 Helen Smith, R. 1,000
 McDewey Hunsucker, R. 1,000
 Myrtle Smith 1,000

Claremont.

Mary Rose Moser 10,550
 Crage Miller Setzer 1,000

Catawba.

Frances Sherrill 1,000
 Edwina Carpenter 1,000
 Evelyn Little 13,200
 Helen Davis Long 1,000

Granite Falls.

Sherrill twins 1,000
 George Wiley Sherrill 55,150
 Margaret Rebecca Coon 20,950
 Sue Warlick 1,000
 Edward Ray Sherrill 10,000
 Ralph Kiziah 1,000

Hickory R. R.

Luther Huffman R. 2 54,450
 Clyde Yount R. 1 1,050
 Margaret Campbell R. 1 54,800
 Frankie Houston R. 2 1,000
 Conrad Lee Brittain R. 5 1,000
 Virginia Lee Hefner R. 2 40,700
 Thelma Bowman 24,100
 Nathan Harrison 1,000

West Hickory.

Marsell Talbert 1,000
 Beulah Eckart 20,450
 Ruth Griffin 46,800

Highland.

Virginia Wilson Clark 30,900
 Valdry Adeine Fox 1,000

Connelly Springs.

Coit Wilson, R. 2 22,900

Hudson.

Jessie May Herman 60,000
 Claude Greer 1,000

Brookford.

Elizabeth Pitts 1,000
 Carl Shuford 1,000

Reepsville.

Yates Warlick Havnaer 1,000

Rhodhiss.

Mary Teague 46,000
 Paul Duray Poovey 1,000

Morganton.

Henry Bridges 1,700
 Williams twins 1,000

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

We wish to announce to the fathers and mothers of the babies in the Grand Baby Contest, that we will give tickets of admission to the moving picture show Saturday afternoon and evening, May 25, 1912. Also if there are any babies in Hickory who are not already in the contest, and their parents wish to enter their names on our list a share of the gold and glory, we will give their parents free tickets of admission to the theatre. We want every baby in Hickory to be at the theatre Saturday afternoon. The only stipulation we have to make is that the father or mother of the babies will call for the tickets at the Contest Office. The tickets will be ready at 8 o'clock Saturday morning and we will continue to give them out until Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.
 L. A. JOYCE,
 Contest Mgr.

REMEMBER

That the Yellow Slips must be returned to the contest office the last week of the contest. Please do not lose them. This is important!

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SPECIALSALE

Beginning May 24th and Closing June 8th, 1912.

As we desire to close our business we will offer any and all our stock at greatly reduced prices from now until June 8th.

Auction Sale on Each Saturday, Beginning at 12 o'clock.

You can make money by buying any winter goods we may have as the price is far under the regular.

We will do all we can to make it profitable for you to deal with us during the sale.

We have no monkeys to show you, but we have some good merchandise at prices that will interest you more.

- \$1.00 Goods at 79 cts.
- \$2.50 Goods at \$1.89
- 50c Goods at 38 cts.
- 25c Goods at 19 cts.
- 10c Goods at 7 cts.
- Hosery during the Sale at 5c per pair

Don't Fail To Attend This Sale.

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Our stock of Hardware is complete and we can supply your wants at reasonable prices.

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The Knabe

THE WORLD'S BEST PIANO

THE KNABE piano is famed universally for its delicate sweetness of tone. For three generations it has had no peer. Will you not inspect our complete stock of these time-honored instruments?

PARKER-GARDNER CO.
 CHARLOTTE, N. C.
 Selling Agents

SOLID CAR Deering Binders

Just received a solid car of Deering Binders. Come and get one as now is the time to buy your binder for harvest. Get one in time and don't put it off until too late. We are agents for the Deering, McCormick, and Plano binders and mowers. We carry a complete line of repairs for above make binders and mowers. Make out your list of repairs and come and see us for them. Also agents for the famous Planet Jr. Riding Cultivator.

Shuford Hardware Co.

The Demons Of The Swamp

are mosquitoes. As they sting they put deadly malaria germs in the blood. Then follow the icy chills and fires of fever. The appetite flies and the strength falls; also malaria often paves the way for deadly typhoid. But Electric Bitters kill and cast out the malaria germs from the blood; give you a gives you a fine appetite and renew your strength. "After long suffering," wrote Wm. Fretwell, of Lucama, N. C., "three bottles drove all the malaria from my system, and I've had good health ever since." Best for all stomach, liver and kidney ills. 50 cts. at C. M. Shuford, Moser & Lutz and Grimes Drug Co.