



MISS MAY HESER WINS THE MACHINE

The Prettiest And Most Popular Lady In The County

HER MAJORITY IS 770 VOTES

The Five Highest Are Miss Hester 2,974, Miss Carpenter 2,204, Miss Huntley 1,318, Mrs. Withrow 603, Miss Harris 423. Lively Contest In Which Thousands Participated—A Story Of The Working of The Affair Is Object.

Miss May Hester, of Rutherfordton, is the prettiest and most popular lady in Rutherford county. This is the opinion of the thousands who read this paper every week and who have said so by a large majority of votes cast in this office in the past three months.

On the 3rd of October, 1904, The Sun

sold and \$100 worth of subscriptions secured by its workings. Many of the ladies' friends, in order to get the vote, paid back dues and in advance, and in addition subscribed for The Sun for relatives and friends. One man spent about \$15 on subscriptions. There were 8,611 votes cast in all, and



MISS LOUISE CARPENTER, Second In The Sun's Machine Voting Contest, Who Received 2,204 Votes.

during the three months of the contest there were about 24,000 copies of The Sun issued containing coupons.

It is due Miss Hester to say that coupons for her came from New York, Texas, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Indiana, District of Columbia, Virginia, Missouri and from other States and Territories. Two or three of the other ladies received votes from two or three States. Miss Hester got votes from every post office in the county, which were received at The Sun office in addition to the large lots which were sent direct to her to be voted in the contest.

Miss Carpenter and Miss Huntley were not very far behind Miss Hester at any time up to 5 o'clock last Saturday

Withrow came up 400 or 500 votes in the last week. Miss Harris was one time head during the early part of the contest, while Miss Carpenter was head several times and came near getting the machine. In fact, about half an hour before the close she was 150 votes ahead of Miss Hester.

On the last day of the contest Miss Hester received over 1,000 votes, Miss Carpenter 900, Miss Huntley 500 and Mrs. Withrow about 400.

The contest was a lively one and will long be remembered by a large number of The Sun readers, who became as much interested in it as they did the county election.

Miss Hester's majority over Miss Carpenter, 770, and over Miss Huntley, 1,656. There were three new candidates during the last week of the campaign. They were Miss May Fisher, Rutherfordton, Miss Jennie Lytton, Caroleen, and Miss Mamie Richardson, Caroleen.

Following is a complete list of the ladies and the number of votes cast for each of them:

- Miss May Hester, Ruth.....2974
Miss Louise Carpenter, Ruth.....2204
Miss Della Huntley, Ruth.....1318
Mrs. J. P. D. Withrow, Hollis.....603
Miss Kathleen Harris, Ruth.....423
Miss Ollie Harrill, Ruth.....288



MISS KATHLEEN HARRIS, Fifth In The Sun's Machine Voting Contest, Who Received 423 Votes.

- Miss Eva Logan, Gilkey.....131
Miss Georgiana Logan, Itom.....126
Miss Ella Flack, Gilkey.....107
Miss Levinia Wilson, Ruth.....90
Miss Suddie Wilkie, Caroleen.....60
Miss Minnie Nanney, Rutherfordton.....34
Mrs. R. H. Huntsinger, Ruth.....33
Miss Lillian Dorsey, Ruth.....31
Mrs. R. A. Butler, Forest City.....30
Miss Margaret Martin, Bostic.....25
Miss Pantha Lattimore, Nanny.....23
Miss Lillian Blanton, Ruth.....20
Mrs. Sarah Botts, Oak Springs.....20
Miss Bettie Melton, Caroleen.....18
Miss Nannie Miller, Rutherfordton.....12
Miss Mamie Simpson, Ruth.....10
Miss Alice Powers, Ruth.....10
Miss Hallie Haynes, Union Mills.....4
Miss Maggie Taylor, Caroleen.....4
Miss Ollie Webb, Caroleen.....3
Miss Annie Lytton, Caroleen.....2
Miss Bessie McDaniel, Ruth.....2
Miss May Fisher, Rutherfordton.....2
Miss Mamie Richardson, Caroleen.....2
Miss Bessie Plack, Caroleen.....1
Miss Jennie Lytton, Caroleen.....1

Grand total of votes cast.....8,611

MISS HESTER'S THANKS. Grateful To The Sun And It's Readers For The Machine.

Miss May Hester, the winner of the sewing machine in The Sun's machine contest, has sent in the following letter of thanks for publication, which is gladly given space:

Rutherfordton, N. C., Jan. 2, 1905. Mr. C. D. Wilkie, Editor of The Sun, Rutherfordton, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Please allow me space in the columns of your valuable paper to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for your kindness and liberality in giving away a sewing machine to some lady of this county. And as I was the fortunate one I feel it quite a compliment to receive such a valuable gift from you and The Sun readers.

I also thank those who were so kind to give me their votes and support, and if ever an opportunity presents itself I will be more than glad to repay the compliment.

Again thanking you and The Sun's many patrons for the high compliment, and wishing for you and them many years of usefulness and happiness, I am, Yours very truly, (MISS) MAY HESTER.

"I owe my whole life to Burdock Blood Bitters. Scrofulous sores covered my body. I seemed beyond cure. B. B. has made me a perfectly well woman." Mrs. Chas. Hutton, Berville, Michigan.

THE FALL OF PORT ARTHUR AT LAST.

The Final And Complete Victory Of The Japanese Beseigers.

GEN. STOESEL SURRENDERS

The Russians Said to Have Capitulated on Terms of Honor to the Garrison—The News Of The Surrender And The News Officially Received In Washington.

BERLIN, January 2.—A dispatch to The Lokal Anzeiger, from Tokio to-day, says: "An official bulletin has been posted announcing that Port Arthur has capitulated under conditions honorable to the garrison."

WASHINGTON, January 2.—The State Department has been officially informed of the surrender of Port Arthur. It occurred at 9 o'clock, last night.

TOKIO, January 2.—This morning almost all the enemy's ships, large and small, were blown up in the entrance and inside the harbor of Port Arthur.

LONDON, January 2.—Baron Hayashi, announces that General Nogi has reported to the Tokio government that General Stoessel's proposition has been accepted. The terms and process of surrender will be negotiated between the respective delegates at noon, to-day.

Port Arthur, whose hills have for months run red with the blood of the bravest of the two war-like nations, has at last succumbed to the fierce tenacity of the Japanese attack. General Stoessel, most stubborn in carrying out the will of his sovereign, has seen the advance of the besieging army gain in momentum and energy until to hold out longer would have been a crime against humanity. The conditions of the surrender are not yet known, but in all quarters it is anticipated that they are such as an honorable soldier may accept from a brave and victorious enemy.

At 9:45 o'clock last night the commissioners completed the signing of the capitulation agreement. Both armies had suspended hostilities five hours earlier. The city of Port Arthur will be occupied by the Japanese to-day.

The authorities at St. Petersburg, in the absence of direct official news from General Stoessel that Port Arthur has surrendered, have not permitted the news to become public. Emperor Nicholas is in the south of Russia, and his Ministers are for the time being in the dark as to what dispatches have been sent to him from the front.

Tokio was the scene of rejoicing, people of all ranks finding in the outcome compensation for all the sacrifice of life and money that was entailed in the ten months' siege.

To what extent the fall of Port Arthur will make for a restoration of peace is an open question. There is an encouraging note in the expression by Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister at London, of the hope that "in some way it will facilitate final peace," though the pacific note is perhaps lost in the later words of the minister, which call attention to the fact that the besieging army will now be free to go north, where it will be an offset to the reinforcements General Kurapatkin has been receiving from Russia since the battle of Shakhe. The spirit of the Russians may be judged by the statement of the secretary of the embassy at London that the campaign will be renewed with fresh vigor in the spring, and that the nation will not be content to permit Port Arthur to remain in the hands of the Japanese.

Both in Paris and in London the opinion is that the squadron under Vice Admiral Rojestyensky, which started from Libau for the far East three months ago, will have to retrace its way home, as adherence to the original plans would invite disaster without probability of effecting a junction with the warships at present in the harbor of Vladivostok. That Japan may not be permitted to retain possession of Port Arthur without dispute, is shown in the fact that Paris newspapers are already reviving the claim made in 1901 that the holding of that position commanding the Eastern sea by the Japanese would be a menace to European powers.—Charlotte Observer, the 3rd.

Off To The Legislature.

Representative Powers and Senator Alexander left Monday for Raleigh to attend the General Assembly, which convened yesterday. They were in good spirits and good shape for business and it is likely they will do some before returning.

Mr. Powers is in for a good road law and says he is going to give the county one regardless of the "cussing" that he will get. He says the roads must be worked.

THE SOCIAL FOLKS.

An Enjoyable Affair Given By Miss Louise Carpenter.

The most enjoyable social event of the season was the reception given at the home of Miss Louise Carpenter the evening of December 27th from 8 to 12. The spacious rooms were elaborately decorated with holly, palms, and mistletoe. The many guests were received by Emma Carpenter, sister of the hostess. One of the most interesting features of the evening was a lively guessing contest in which Mr. O. C. Erwin was the successful winner, receiving a handsome prize presented by Mr. James M. Carson. At 10 o'clock the guests were shown into the lovely dining hall where a course luncheon was served. Misses Hazel Fisher and Mamie Simpson added much to the pleasure of the evening by delightful vocal and instrumental music. Another amusing feature was the sewing on of hooks and eyes by the gentlemen, and nail contest by the ladies, in which Mr. Robert R. Simmons and Mrs. H. L. Carpenter won the prizes. The lovely hostess entertained in her usual charming manner, and the entire evening was one of much pleasure long to be remembered by the following guests: Misses May, Grace, Hazel, Marjorie Fisher, Mamie and Kathleen Harris, Mamie Simpson, Evelyn Lynch, Bonnie Morrow, Blanche Toms, Miss Lucy Thompson, of Blacksburg, S. C.; Miss Estelle Carpenter, of Henrietta, and Mrs. A. B. Homesley, of New York City, Messrs. James Carson, W. O. Watkins, William Simpson, M. H. Justice, Jr., J. M. Miller, Baylus Justice, R. R. Simmons, G. S. Olive, of Indianapolis, Ind., Harvey Brice, of Shelby, Robert Taylor, of Caroleen, Mr. and Mrs. James McBrayer, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Erwin, and Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher.

With The Dancers.

There was a dance at the Central Hotel Monday night of last week given in honor of Miss Essie Simmons, and her friend, Miss Annie Waisner, of Charlotte. Owing to the disagreeable night there was not as many out of town people present as was expected, however, there was a very large crowd and the evening was a very pleasant one. Miss Waisner left on the evening train Tuesday for Charlotte, and Miss Simmons is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. P. Alexander, in Henrietta. Another dance at the Iso-Thermal Hotel on Friday night following was one of the most successful of the season. It was well attended by a large number of out of town people who were well pleased with the outcome. There were fully fifty persons present.

The Goode-Monfredo Marriage.

On Wednesday, December 28th, at 9 a. m., the relatives and a few friends witnessed the marriage of Mr. James Alphonso Goode, of Woodlawn, to Miss Leila Monfredo, the eldest daughter of Mr. Charles Monfredo. The marriage was a quiet home affair at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Charles Callahan, of Marion, was best man. The bride entered the parlor with her father, followed by the bridesmaid, Miss Clara Monfredo, a younger sister of the bride. Rev. J. C. Seagle united them in marriage with the beautiful service of the Episcopal church. The young couple left immediately on the north-bound train for their future home at Woodlawn. The Sun wishes the happy couple a long, happy and prosperous life.

Mr. James Ker Here.

The Sun was delighted to have a call Monday from Mr. James Ker, Jr., city ticket agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway of Charlotte. Mr Ker was in the city only a few minutes but expressed himself well pleased with The Sun.

—Houser, the jeweler, has a new ad in this issue. See what he says about examining your eye-sight and fine repairing at popular prices.

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Southern warerooms, 211-213 North Tryon St., Charlotte, North Carolina.

C. H. WILMOTH, Manager.

Mention this paper.

Mr. Barnett Cabiness Married.

A special to the Charlotte Observer from Shelby, dated December 30th, says: On Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock Miss Lil Wray was led to the hymenal altar by Mr. G. B. Cabiness, while the wedding march charmingly rendered by Mrs. Joe Suttle and Mrs. Lawrence Holland announced the approaching ceremony. The church was tastefully decorated with ferns and lavender ribbon, in keeping with the costume of the bride which was of lavender crepe de chine over silk. The ushers were Messrs. Hugh Wray, Bate Blanton, Kemp Kendall and Charles McBrayer. The service was performed by Mr. Parrish, pastor of the first Baptist church, after which the bridal party retired to the home of Mr. John Wray, where a dainty reception awaited them.

—Messrs. G. H. Mills & Son have a new ad in this issue and they say this is the time of the year to eat canned corn and to try a can of their Premier corn and you will be their corn customer.

—Mr. W. M. Justice, of Mill Springs, Polk county, was in town this week. Mr. Justice is Superintendent of Public Instruction of his county and is a good one.

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We want every man and woman in the United States to know what we are doing. We are curing Cancers, Tumors and Chronic Sores without the use of the knife, and are endorsed by the Senate and Legislature of Virginia. If you are seeking a cure, come here and you will get it.

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That Fit Your Feet and wear well is what you get at Smith's Shoe Store. We have Old Ladies' Solid Comfort made of soft calf skin and Dongola stock, solid soles and counters at \$1.25.

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Pretty Line of Xmas Slippers 75c. to \$1.50.

T. C. SMITH, Proprietor, Smith's Shoe Store.

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Line of Fine Jewelry, Solid Gold Stuff, for sale cheap. A Large Variety of Table Silverware. Finest Line of Stationery in the County.

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