

ROYAL Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Healthful cream of tartar, derived solely from grapes, refined to absolute purity, is the active principle of every pound of Royal Baking Powder.

Hence it is that Royal Baking Powder renders the food remarkable both for its fine flavor and healthfulness.

No alum, no phosphate—which are the principal elements of the so-called cheap baking powders—and which are derived from bones, rock and sulphuric acid.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

ONLY ONE MORE WEEK TO DOUBLE VOTES ON ORDERS

One Week From Tonight Marks the Close of the 100 Per Cent Increase, After Which Time All Subscriptions Will Count for Just Half—Only Two More Weeks of the Contest.

The special vote offer this week has proved to be the best attraction since the contest opened, as evidenced by the large number of new subscriptions that came in during the week, and there is still another week in which many more subscriptions will come in, as several of the candidates have subscriptions promised and they will get them before the expiration of the offer.

The special offer attracted attention from all parts of the country and subscriptions are pouring in every day in large numbers and the reserves of the candidates are piling up higher and higher every day. It is almost an assured fact that before the special offer closes fully 150,000 votes will have been issued on the offer during the past week. Candidates are now out working with a will, as they realize that their many friends are interested in their getting one of the prizes, and they are doing what they can to assist themselves so that they will have a good chance to win one of the prizes.

The contest closes two weeks from tonight, and then the final count will be made and the winners will be made known to the public. Do not overlook the fact that there is only two more weeks to get the votes that have been promised you and to cover the gap and get a good reserve for the final dash.

The candidates are making greater efforts than ever before, and they are taking more interest in the contest than at any time since the contest began, and from now on the contest will be well worth watching. Every one in the contest territory is interested in some made up their mind that they are going to see that his or her candidate wins one of the prizes. If you are interested in some of the candidates do not fail to vote for her while votes count for twice as many as the last week. The special offer will positively close Saturday night, December 22nd. Your subscription may be the one to win the young lady one of the prizes. This is your opportunity to help one of the contestants, and if she wins a prize she will be grateful ever afterwards. A little encouragement and help with a subscription now will be worth more than a lot of consolation later on.

TO CANDIDATES: Do not fail to get those who promised to subscribe, as the special offer closes next Saturday night and you will receive just one half as many votes on subscriptions the last week as they do this next week. You may bring the subscriptions in at any time up until 10 o'clock, and the contest manager will be in his office to give you the votes.

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| Miss Jesse Higgs, 417 N. Blount street | 29,655 |
| Miss Althea Moulter | 26,101 |
| Miss Carrie Fend, 309 E. Cabarrus street | 17,834 |
| Miss Lucy Dowell, 208 Newbern avenue | 10,992 |
| Miss Ruby Williams, 314 Hargett street | 10,901 |
| Miss Annie Love | 10,859 |
| Miss Maude McDowell, 412 N. East street | 9,312 |
| Miss Edna Haynes, 518 N. Bloodworth street | 8,875 |
| Miss Clara Womble, 37 E. Edenton street | 7,515 |
| Mrs. Rufus Meadows | 6,612 |
| Miss Agnes Lacy, N. Blount St. | 2,709 |
| Miss Jessie Woodall, E. Hargett street | 2,115 |

DISTRICT NO. 3.

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| Miss Reba New, Rigsbee Avenue | 28,391 |
| Miss Madge Meshon | 18,809 |
| Miss Blanche Shields, Ransauer street | 12,882 |
| Miss Lula Graves, 208 Ashton St. | 11,620 |
| Miss Mary Johnson, South Street | 7,736 |
| Miss Edwards | 5,936 |
| Miss Iola York, Cleveland street | 1,747 |

DISTRICT NO. 4.

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| Miss Alice Winston Spruill, Louisville | 45,362 |
| Miss Emma Steed, Oxford | 20,240 |
| Miss Mattie Brooks, Roxboro | 16,081 |
| Miss Pattie G. Spurgeon, Hillsboro | 14,545 |
| Miss Julia Winston, Oxford | 10,518 |
| Miss Octavia Rivers, Henderson | 7,286 |
| Miss Evie L. Allen, Franklinton | 6,392 |
| Miss Florence Currin, Henderson | 2,029 |

DISTRICT NO. 5.

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| Miss Annie Peacock Smithfield | 21,618 |
| Miss Anne Noble, Selma | 12,467 |
| Miss Mary Emma Giddens, Goldsboro | 12,408 |
| Miss Edith Ball, Kinston | 11,910 |
| Miss Blanche Cannady, Dunn | 11,236 |
| Miss Jesse Brothers, Conetoe | 10,436 |
| Miss Bruce Gardner, Wilson, N. C. | 6,574 |
| Miss Bessie Hollowell, Goldsboro | 5,028 |
| Miss Anne Lee Bunn, Rocky Mt. | 3,027 |
| Miss Harriet Phillips, Rocky Mt. | 2,504 |
| Miss Mary Humphrey, Goldsboro | 2,654 |
| Miss Margaret Etheridge, Selma | 1,274 |
| Miss Marie Abel, Smithfield | 742 |

DISTRICT NO. 6.

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| Miss Rosa Smith, Hamlet | 16,412 |
| Mrs. Eva Dodson, Fayetteville | 11,312 |
| Miss Josie Doub, Jonesboro | 4,662 |
| Miss Esther Hutchinson, Southern Pines | 4,437 |
| Miss Jane Williams, Fayetteville | 3,628 |
| Miss Ruth Pleasants, Aberdeen | 2,294 |
| Miss Marjorie Lois Foote, Carthage | 1,252 |
| Miss Margaret Kelly, Carthage | 821 |
| Miss Bessie Terry, Rockingham | 604 |

Catarrh of the nose and throat should lead you to at least ask for a free trial box of Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Cure. Nothing so surely proves merit as a real, actual test—and Dr. Shoop, to prove this, earnestly desires that we let you make that test. This creamy, Snow White healing balm, soothes the throat and nostrils, and quickly purifies a foul or feverish breath. Call and investigate. Henry T. Hicks.

Rev. R. B. John to Preach.

Rev. R. B. John, the new presiding elder of the Raleigh district, arrived in the city today from Wilmington, and, under his new appointment at the annual conference just closed at Rocky Mount, will preach his first sermon at Edenton Street Methodist Church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. R. F. Bumpas, the pastor, whom we welcome back for another year, will conduct the services at night.

Raleigh Evening Times \$3,000 Contest 1 Vote.

For Miss or Mrs.
Dist. No.
Address.

This coupon, when properly filled out and brought or mailed to Contest Department of The Evening Times, counts as one vote.

Not Good After Saturday, December 22d, 1906.

WEATHER FORECAST.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 15.—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Sunday:
Rain tonight, colder in west portion; Sunday fair, colder; fresh west winds.

The southeast high has remained practically stationary, and the temperature in the south, east of the Mississippi river, has risen somewhat. The low over Wisconsin yesterday has moved to the east and has caused rain along the Lakes and in New York, Pennsylvania and New England, and warmer temperatures in those districts. This low has been followed by the western high which now overlies the central Rocky Mountain states and extends eastward to the Mississippi river. It has caused a continuance of the cold weather in the Rockies and a decided fall in temperature in the upper Mississippi Valley. The pressure is falling in the northwest, accompanied by a rise in temperature. The low central over southern Texas is causing heavy rains in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. The heaviest rains reported are 1.64 inch at Palestine and 2.44 inches at Little Rock. The conditions indicate that there will be rain tonight in this vicinity, and the approach of the western high will cause fair and colder weather Sunday.

A. H. THIESSEN,
Section Director.

If "taken at the Sneeze Stage" Preventives—a toothsome candy Tablet—will surely and quickly check an approaching cold or Grippe. When you first catch cold—or feel it coming on—take Dr. Shoop's Preventives, and the prompt effect will certainly surprise and please you. Preventives, surely supply the verbal "ounce of prevention." Sold in 5 cent and 25 cent boxes by Henry T. Hicks.

Election to the Reichstag.

(By the Associated Press.)
Berlin, Dec. 15.—It was officially announced today that the elections to the reichstag will occur January 25.

Millions of bottles of Foley's Honey and Tar have been sold without any person ever having experienced any other than beneficial results from its use for coughs, colds and lung troubles. This is because the genuine Foley's Honey and Tar in the yellow package contains no opiates or other harmful drugs. Guard your health by refusing any but the genuine.

The Times does not promise. It does things. Are you voting?

HAMS FOR CHRISTMAS!

How about a nice, big, juicy Ham to boil for your Christmas dinner? I offer the distinction of being known as the Ham MANN by continually offering the best there is in Hams. New lot Old North Carolina Hams, Virginia Hams, Sugar-cured Hams, Pickled Hams; also New North Carolina Hams.

W. B. MANN.

Opposite The Raleigh Times Building.
All Phones.

Toys for Christmas!

The best line that skill can invent. DOLLS, the world's famous Handwerck and Kestner kid body. Doll Cabs, Carriages, Wagons, Velocipedes, Tricycles and Steds. THE STATE'S ONLY TOY STORE.

The J. D. Riggan Company

132 FAYETTEVILLE STREET.

The Holiday Season

Is almost here. Listen! We can save you money, worry and disappointment if you will begin to purchase your

Pantry Supplies Now

Our store is well stocked with a special line of Holiday Groceries for your inspection. Visit us and place an order with us. We can deliver the goods any day you wish. Don't forget our line of Fine Coffees. Buy the best of everything you can afford.

D. T. Johnson & Son.

THEATRICAL.

"ARE YOU A MASON?" A GOOD SHOW.

What the Charlotte Observer says of "Are You a Mason?" which appears at the Academy of Music tonight:

"There are two sorts of comedies. The one is built on broad lines, contains a degree of horseplay, and makes one laugh boisterously and slap his knee, maybe. The other is built on fine lines, contains a subtle humor, and makes one laugh easier and feel better indefinitely. "Are You a Mason?" which was presented at the Academy of Music last night, was of the former type. It was a rollicking riproarious production, and the fair-sized audience that witnessed it was kept howling the greater part of the time.

"The play is a good production of its kind—a farcical comedy. The plot was well conceived and well developed, being suggested by the old excuse of the round-husband that he 'has been at the lodge.' And it was well presented, too. No special talent was displayed, but that was not necessary.

"Not the least enjoyable feature of the evening was the music by the orchestra, which was led by Director Don Richardson, and was almost doubled for the occasion."

If you like Coffee but dare not drink it, try Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee. It is true that real Coffee does disturb the Stomach, Heart and Kidneys. But Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee has not a grain of true coffee in it. Being made from parched grains, malt, etc., it forms a wholesome, food-like drink, yet having the true flavor of Old Java and Mocha Coffee. "Made in a minute." Call at our store for a free sample. Sold by W. B. Mann.

MRS. BIRDSONG GETS FIVE YEARS.

From Hazeclurast, Miss. last night, the Associated Press sent out the following:
Mrs. Angie Birdsong was today denied a new trial by Judge Miller. She was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary and notice was given of appeal to the Mississippi supreme court. Counsel for Mrs. Birdsong made application for bail, which was granted in the sum of \$10,000.
Mrs. Birdsong shot and killed Dr. Butler, November 24, 1905. She was convicted of manslaughter. Since that time she has been seriously ill.

Sherwood Higgs & Co. We Give S. H. & Co.'s Green Trading Discount Stamps Free

Raleigh's Greatest Christmas Store.

The Merriest of Them All,

Santa Claus never worked before with such vim, vigor and success. Now mingle amongst the whirl of merry Christmas buyers. Presents suitable for mother, father, sister, brother, a host of cousins, the little tot, cook and nurse, arranged for easy choosing. The worry of thinking over what to give is quickly solved by the immense spread of the rare and beautiful as well as useful and serviceable gift goods that lay before you.

OUR OWN IMPORT ORDER OF DECORATED AND HAND-PAINTED CHINA.

The display is positively the largest and best we've ever offered, barring none. The variety is immense, the assortment bewildering, the prices the lowest. An enumeration of the articles would fill a book. Summarized under the several headings: Vantine's Novelties, Jananese Ware, French Hand-painted China, Austrian China, Moriac Wares. In sets or odd pieces, highly ornamented, they bring a bright cheerfulness to the dining-room, the sideboard, mantel or china closet. Nothing appeals so strongly to the tidy housewife as pretty decorated china. Let us supply you.

DESIRABLE CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Cut Glass, Silver Table Ware, Sterling Silver Novelties, Manicures, Gilt and Oxidized Silver Clocks, Candlesticks, Silver Toilet Articles, Shaving Sets, Smokers' Sets. Impossible to express in a detailed way the marvelous beauty of artistry to be seen at every turn.

POPULAR GIFT ARTICLES.

Pictures, Picture Frames, Japanese Gongs and Lacquer Ware, Oval and Square Bevel-edge Mirrors, Desk Pieces, Stein's Leather Goods, Belts, Purses and Hand Bags, Shell Goods, Tortois Shell and Side Combs, Combs and Brushes, Post Cards, Post Card Albums, Booklets and Calendars.

CHRISTMAS UMBRELLAS.

Taffeta Silk, Melrose Serge and Gloria Silk Umbrellas with improved paragon frames, in fine assortment of fancy handles, adapted to the holiday trade—\$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50

GLOVES ARE IDEAL GIFTS.

Kid Gloves, from 2-button clasp to 16-button length, for ladies; Mocha and Casior Gloves for men, Knitted

Wool Gloves and Mittens, Driving Gloves, Buckskin Gauntlets for engineers, Gloves for everybody—25c to \$2.50

JUST FOR REMEMBRANCE.

A Handkerchief, a pretty Lace Neck Piece for a quarter, Collar and Cuff Sets up to \$1.50 a box, of Ruching; Inexpensive Jewelry, Brooches, Hat Pins, Belt Buckles, etc.

ATTRACTIVE STOCK OF DOLLS.

They are all so pretty that competent judges know not on which to bestow the blue ribbon. They are Santa Claus' first pick, and they're the best for the price money can buy.

INFANTS' SILK CAPS.

Something a little nicer for the baby on Christmas morning than ordinary. All Infants' Caps one-quarter less than marked.

CHILDREN'S CLOAKS—SENSIBLE GIFTS.

Children's Warm Winter Cheviot Coats, in blue, brown, and red, with emblems, and Fancy Grey Plaid Coats. Sizes, 6 to 14 years—\$3 up to \$8

LADIES' SILK SKIRTS.

Guaranteed Silk Taffeta, Heather Bloom, Taffeta and Mercerized Satin Petticoats—colors and black—from \$1 up to \$10

REMEMBER THE MEN.

Fancy Neckwear, Sox, Suspenders, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Shirts, Collars and Cuffs, Smoking Jackets, Bath Robes, Shoes and Slippers.

STANDARD FASHIONS.

New 1907 styles. The Standard Patterns for January now ready—10 and 15c

Large Dressmakers' Catalogues, by mail, 20c; over the counter, 10c. The Designer makes an acceptable gift for Christmas. Start with the January number. Single copies 10c, by the year \$5c.

FASHION STICKS FREE.

THE PROPER TIME IS NOW. The wise may err, yet the better part of wisdom is to buy your Christmas presents before they have all been picked over. The sooner the better. Your chances for the choicest are slipping away. Don't delay.

Sherwood Higgs & Co.



HOLIDAY STORE FOR MEN'S WANTS!

Mother, sister, sweetheart, friend—all of you will find the present here the most adapted to the wants of father, brother, husband, your intended, or gentleman friend. Buy him something in apparel—a box of neat Ties, a Muffler, Gloves, Bath and Lounging Robes, fancy Suspenders, etc. A most charming stock from which to choose. A splendid variety of styles in all lines, and positively the very best goods obtainable today.

CROSS & LINEHAN CO.

Mail Orders have attention same day received.

GET HIGH UPON THE WATER WAGON.

If you want to feel good all the time, drink the greatest water known today—

Mida Water

It is a thorough cleanser of the system. It acts like a filter on the human body. Cures Dyspepsia, Stomach, Kidney and Bladder Troubles. Sold and delivered by

Tucker Building Pharmacy,
Hicks Drug Company.

STOCK AND GOOD WILL FOR SALE. Store for rent (Fayetteville Street, 25 feet by 135 feet). Apply to A. B. STRONACH.

SELLING OUT!

Sensible Gifts for Sensible People At our Selling-out Prices and 10c Extra Off the Dollar on Cash Purchases besides; but

YOU HAD BETTER BUY TODAY

Seventeen (only) Ladies' Tailor-made Suits. Twenty-seven (only) Ladies' Tailor-made Skirts (Black, Blue, Brown, Grey, Green and Fancy). Black Silk Mercerized and Knit Petticoats. Mentor Knit Underwear, Bearskin and Black Cat Hosiery. Ladies', Misses', Boys and Children's Footwear and Comfort Shoes. Blankets, Sheets, Comforts, Table Linen and Towels. Novelty Neckwear, Collars, Purses, Jewelry, &c.

But if you wish to take advantage of our selling out, "you'd better buy today."

A. B. STRONACH COMPANY.

A prompt settlement of past due accounts is requested.