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The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.
 There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to continue the kidney-purified blood will attack the vital organs, causing catarrh of the bladder, brick-dust or sediment in the urine, head aches, back aches, lumbago, dizziness, sleeplessness, nervousness or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

After troubles almost always result from a derangement of the kidneys and health in that organ is obtained almost by a proper treatment of the kidneys. Swamp-Root corrects inability to urinate and sealding pain passing it, overcomes that unpleasant necessity being compelled to go often through the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and immediate effect of Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, is soon realized. It stands the highest test of its remarkable health restoring properties. A trial will convince anyone. Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is sold by all druggists in fifty-cent and dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle and a book that tells all about it, both sent free by mail. Address: Dr. J. C. Smith & Co., Birmingham, N. Y. When writing mention reading this paper as the source of the paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, and don't let a dealer sell you something in place of Swamp-Root—then you will be disappointed.

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 Eyes examined free. Broken glasses mended and frames repaired at prices strictly cash.

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 Practice together in all matters that those pertaining to railroad accidents. Money loaned on approved security.



Suggestions For Useful Xmas Presents.
 Gold Eye-Glasses and Spectacles; Gold Eye-Glass Chains; Gold and Silver Automatic Chains; Silver and Aluminum Eye-Glass Cases; Opera Glasses; Field Glasses; Magnifying Glasses; Automobile Goggles; Fountain Pens; Thermometers; Auto Cameras.
 * Glasses bought as Christmas gifts changed to suit wearers at no extra charge."
Tucker, Hall & Co.,
 53 Granby St., Norfolk, Va.
 Catalogue on Application.
 Everything Optical and Photographic.

List of Nominees Published To-Day.

Great Interest Manifested in The Commonwealth's Great Prize and Popularity Contest.

Start Your Favorite off With a Subscription. A Good Beginning Promises a Good Ending. Begin Early and Win One of The Magnificent Prizes Offered.

10,000 BONUS VOTES.
 Each candidate turning in a subscription, new or old, for one year or more, between now and December 14th, at 9 p. m., will be awarded a Ten Thousand Extra Vote Ballot in addition to the regular schedule. No more than one will be awarded to each candidate. Get busy and secure these extra votes.

They're off in a bunch! Are you one of them? The first list of nominees in The Commonwealth Popularity Contest is published to-day. Look over the list and pick out a favorite, or better yet, if you are not a candidate clip out the nomination ballot, fill it in, and enter the race. The prizes are worth your while. Evidently the people in Scotland Neck and vicinity think well of their neighbors—at any rate there's no dearth of favorites, and the "one best bet" would be difficult to select.

From now on the Contest will be on in earnest, and interest will increase each day. This will be the only election held this year, or next, where you can "stuff the ballot box" and "vote early and often."

The Contest Manager will call on the contestants as soon as possible, but with such a large list of popular ones, it will take some time to see them. If possible, call at the office and get one of the subscription books, also valuable information as to the best way to secure votes.

IS YOUR NAME IN THE LIST?
 Many names have been entered in the Contest. Some have been entered by themselves, while others have been nominated by their friends. All have the same opportunity to win one of the valuable prizes. The winners will be the ones who hustle the hardest and do not overlook a chance to secure a subscription. Be a hustler; it costs you nothing but a little effort.

EARLY NOMINATIONS BEST.
 Now is the time to make nominations, at the very beginning of the Contest. The candidates who enter promptly have a great advantage over those who enter late in the Contest. These who make no delay in asking their friends for subscriptions will already have the promise or the possession of many votes. Pledge your friends to work for you before some one else sees them and secures their aid.

START EARLY.
 While nominations will be coming in for a month yet, you had better get in at the start.

HOW TO ENTER.
 To enter the race clip the nomination blank Free Coupon that appears to-day, fill in the name and address, bring it or mail it to The Commonwealth office, where it will be entered with other candidates.

Votes may be secured from any place, either in the territory of the Contest or outside for any candidate. This morning's mail brought in scores of inquiries, and many calling in person. The people of this vicinity seem to realize the value of an early start, and the generous offer of one thousand votes which goes with every nomination.

Come in and get a look at once, secure an early start, get your friends pledged to your support and see how really easy it is to make your score grow daily. Save every coupon appearing in each issue, you will need them for yourself or friend.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.
 To enter this Great Contest you need not be a subscriber to The Commonwealth.
 You are not confined to your own district in securing subscriptions. Subscriptions mean votes, votes mean prizes. The time is short the reward is great, get busy and keep busy from now until the close.

HOW TO WIN.
 Do not be bashful about asking

the Contest Department anything you want to know. Or write, and the Contest Editor will start off post haste to tell you all about it. Then when you are well prepared to answer all the questions your friends will ask, and My, O My, the questions they will ask, you can commence a systematic collection of ballots.

Look searchingly over your list of friends and solicit the support of the most likely campaign manager. Very necessary, a campaign manager. One that will be able to make plenty of suggestions and lead out an orderly plan of action. When he is all installed in office naturally he will give you a subscription. That will be 1,875 votes plus, if he only subscribes for one year.

Then if father, mother or hubby or you don't subscribe go to it. It is handed to, and there is 1,875 or 3750 more votes plus. The plus comes in from the single balloted saved from the papers. Now you have a pretty good start. If you have your married sister or brother? They have moved away? Send them one of the letters that we will supply you for that purpose explaining all about it, and there you are. More thousands of votes. Oh we are getting on famously now. Line up all the other family connections, married or single, and be sure and have them ask their friends.

If neighbor does not take the paper suggest to him how materially his subscription will help. He will surely be interested and only be able to get some more votes at the store, office, shop or wherever he happens to be employed. It's easy to run up a big score when you go it properly. Brother must have a host of friends. Ask him if he will not mention it to the other boys at the lodge, club, or any place where he comes to meet them. Probably you can fix it so that you will be selected by some society or club or association as their candidate. Why not forget to put down the grocer, butcher, milk man, baker, coal man, ice man, and all other tradespeople with whom you deal, and who appreciate your patronage. They really owe you their support. And the pastor of your church. Sure he will help you with a subscription, and will give you some good advice and encouragement. That is only a few of the places it is possible to get thousands of votes.

If some one should say to you, "Why I already subscribe for The Commonwealth," that will be one of the easiest places to get a thousand or more votes.

- Miss Margaret Bowers, 1,000
 " Lila Hancock, 1,000
 SCOTLAND NECK R. F. D.
 Miss Eleanor Smith, 1,000
 " Lillie Butts, 1,000
 DISTRICT NO. 2.
 SCOTLAND NECK R. F. D.
 Miss Lila Whitehead, 2,000
 " Emma Purvis, 2,000
 " Gattie Barhill, 1,000
 " Fannie S. Joyner, 2,000
 " Lydia House, 2,000
 " Kate Joyner, 2,000
 " Mary Della House, 2,000
 " Annie Lawrence, 1,000
 " Bettie DeBerry, 1,000
 " Fannie Newsom, 1,000
 " Mary Barnhill, 1,000
 ENFIELD R. F. D.

- Miss Lela Weeks, 1,000
 " Sallie Barley, 1,000
 " Virginia Whitfield, 1,000
 " Ella Stallings, 1,000
 HOBGOOD.
 Miss Annie Spencer, 1,000
 " Cora Long, 1,000
 " Hazel Armstrong, 1,000
 " Marian White, 1,000
 " Helena White, 1,000
 SPEED.

- Miss Maggie Knight, 1,000
 " Claude Knight, 1,000
 " Alene Allbrook, 1,000
 " Willie Dickens, 1,000
 CROWELLS.

- Miss Susie Pope, 1,000
 " Ella Knight, 1,000
 HEATHSVILLE.

- Miss Katie Parker, 1,000
 WHITAKERS.

- Miss Irma Carlisle, 1,000
 " Lulu Weaver, 1,000
 " Ruth Bell, 1,000
 BRINKLEYVILLE.

- Miss Hattie Boyd, 1,000
 " Nellie Beaman, 1,000
 KINGWOOD.

- Miss Pattie Williams, 1,000
 AURILLIAN SPRINGS.

- Miss Alice Pepper, 1,000
 " Annie Cook, 1,000
 LITTLETON R. F. D.

- Miss Maude Isles, 1,000
 WELDON.

- Miss May Chesnut, 1,000
 " Sule Zilleoffer, 1,000
 " Emma Parnell, 1,000
 " Jessa Dandridge, 1,000
 " Mary Inge, 1,000
 " Annie McGroves, 1,000
 " Pearl Harris, 1,000
 " Carrie Medlin, 1,000
 " Beadie Dixon, 1,000
 " Mary Mabry, 1,000
 " Edna Barkley, 1,000
 " Ruth Barkley, 1,000
 " Johnson, 1,000
 TILLEY.

- Miss Jennie Seawell, 1,000
 " Julia C. Riem, 1,000
 " Essie Parham, 1,000
 SPRING HILL.

- Miss Irene Parks, 1,000
 " Berle Dickens, 1,000
 " Ethel Clark, 1,000
 PRINCEYEA.

- Miss Sallie Baker, 1,000
 " Hattie Everett, 1,000
 " Olivia Early, 1,000
 ROANOKE RAPIDS.

- Miss Nellie Price, 1,000
 " Gertrude Wicker, 1,000
 " Annie Smith, 1,000
 " Mabel Taylor, 1,000
 " Rainey, 1,000
 ROSEMARY.

- Miss Margaret Spaight, 1,000
 " Laura Taylor, 1,000
 " Fannie Harrell, 1,000
 Mrs. Willie Proctor, 1,000
 HALIFAX.

- Mrs. W. F. Coppedge, 1,000
 Miss Alice Hale, 1,000
 " Leona Shaw, 1,000
 " Mary Norman, 1,000
 " Annie Belle Dickens, 1,000
 ENFIELD.

- Miss Mamie Barkley, 1,000
 " Kate Conroy, 1,000
 " Kate Arkinson, 1,000
 " Mary Whiting, 1,000
 " Bessie Currie, 1,000
 " Kate Currie, 1,000
 " Norma Britton, 1,000
 " Beatrice Whitehead, 1,000
 " Katherine Matthews, 1,000
 HAMILTON.

- Miss Eulala Perkins, 1,000
 " Hattie Darden, 1,000
 " Rachael Edmondson, 1,000
 WILLIAMSTON R. F. D.

- Miss Annie Ballard, 1,000
 OAK CITY.

- Miss Hettie Johnston, 1,000
 TARBORO.

- Miss Laura Powell, 1,000
 " Gustie Harrell, 1,000
 The first vote exhibit will appear next week, and every one will be glad to see who stands highest in the list. He is a little and at your favorite contestant occupy his coveted position.

North Carolina Drainage.

The third annual convention of the North Carolina Drainage Association which convened in Wilmington Tuesday is the concrete expression of one of the most far-seeing and important projects now occupying the attention of this State. This association is composed of men who combine practical ability with that kind of constructive imagination which is needed in all great undertakings. An excellent type of this combination is to be found in the career of Mr. J. A. Wilkerson of Belhaven, a former president of the association and an active figure during its recent deliberations. Mr. Wilkerson saw the possibilities of every drainage in life. Having studied the matter exhaustively he did not hesitate to back his judgment with his entire personal fortune. His decision of character has found its merited reward in enlarged means and he is now devoting a large part of his time and energy to the work of increasing the drained area within the State.

The president who called this year's convention to order, Mr. J. A. Brown of Chadbourn, is a man after the same sort. Largely through his aggressiveness his vicinity leads North Carolina in this particular line of progress and as State Senator he has been instrumental in securing valuable legislative action. Representative John H. Small of the first district is another of the leaders in the association who is indefatigable in his efforts to advance the cause and United States Senator F. M. Simmons manifested his interest by delivering a most informing address, dealing particularly with the relations existing between the Federal government and the work which is being done in this State. Nor would even the briefest list of leaders be complete without mention of State Geologist Joseph Hyde Pratt, whose report as secretary of the association covers fifty pages and constitutes a compact library of reference on the North Carolina work.

Under the guidance of these men and others like them the North Carolina Drainage Association is becoming a more powerful factor in the question of progress every year. Its efforts are not confined to swamp drainage but include as well the reclamation of creek bottoms. The association gives it a tremendous task but which cannot but inspire the workers. Of what the association's work will mean the Wilmington Democrat has the following quite accurate opinion: "It will give the State a larger amount of rich soil, furnishing something lasting and substantial. The successful carrying out of its ideas is vital to the State. It means even more than the opening of mines or the building of factories because what it accomplishes will give life equal to that of the universe. It means the converting of what is next to nothing as the swamp is converted into something which will be of very considerable value as long as time runs."—Charlotte Observer 25th.

Dyspepsia is America's cure. Burdock Blood Bitters conquers dyspepsia every time. It drives out impurities, tones the stomach, restores perfect digestion, normal weight and good health.

"His death was very sudden wasn't it?"
 "I don't think so. He'd been here planning for several weeks and the accident occurred."—Detroit Free Press

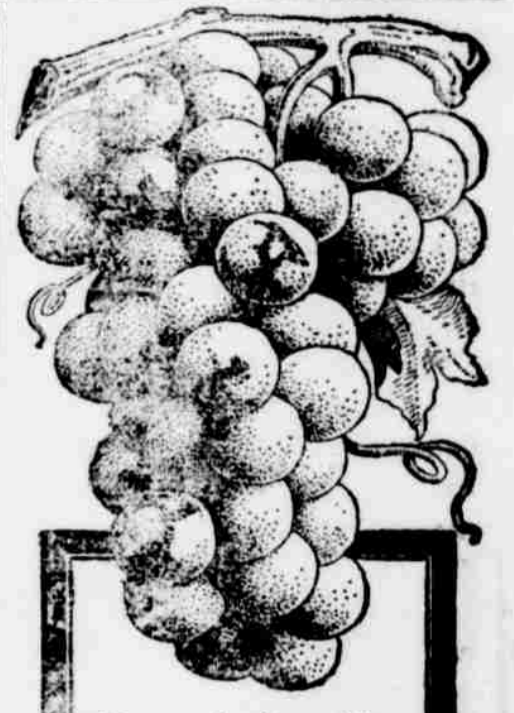
Worse than an alarm of fire at night is the metallic cough of croup, bringing dread to the household. Careful mothers keep Foley's Honey and Tar in the house and give it at the first sign of danger. It contains no opiates. Sold by all druggists.

"Both proposed to me. Which shall I take?"
 "Which has the most money?"
 "If I knew that I shouldn't ask your advice."—New York Telegram

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by all dealers.

An Atchison girl is so small and thin that there is hardly enough of her to display dry goods on.—Atchison Globe.

A Simple Safeguard for Mothers.
 Mrs. D. Gilkerson, 326 Ingles Ave., Youngstown, Ohio, gained wisdom by experience. "My little girl had a severe cold and coughed almost continuously. My sister recommended Foley's Honey and Tar. The first dose I gave her and after using only one bottle her throat and lungs were entirely free from inflammation. Since then I always keep a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar in the house. Accept no substitutes. Sold by all druggists."



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"Madam, may I ask you to remove your hat?"
 "No, madam!"
 "But, madam, doubtless, but the discomfort of standing in a swaying car with your hatpin through the rim of my ear must be my excuse. Perhaps my ear is too large, any-how."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

"What was the trouble between Swinton and his wife? Was it his mother-in-law that they were unable to get along together?"
 "It's rather hard to decide. It appears that whenever one of them had an irresistible impulse the other had an unalterable objection."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger from pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. L. Hall of Waverly, Va., says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds. I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me. Sold by all druggists."

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