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Only One Week Remains of Great Bonus Vote Offer

Candidates Should Apply Themselves Diligently During Next Few Days.

NO ONE HAS ANY ADVANTAGE.

Positively the Best Offer of the Contest will Close Jan. 11th at 9 p. m., so all are Urged to Make the Most of the Remaining few Days.

TO THE CANDIDATES.

Wednesday, January 11th, at 9 p. m., will witness the wind-up of the best vote offer that will be made during the entire contest.

Collect all of your promises and others that are not promises, and work so that when the last day is here you will have nothing to reproach yourself with in the way of getting the necessary votes.

"Of all sad words Of tongue or pen, The saddest are these: 'It might have been.'"

The best vote offer made by The Commonwealth in its great popularity contest will be brought to a close next Wednesday, January 11th, at 9 p. m.

Only a few days more, but during that time much can be accomplished. To those who have been lagging behind, the contest manager wishes to impress the fact that the present danger of making a mistake is more than any other time in the contest, and that the work done this week will have an important bearing upon the final results.

To those who have not finally made up their minds to enter we wish to say that "now is the time."

Rouse your friends at once to the fact that a subscription this week is worth more than at any other time. They will all help you if you ask them, and some will do more than give a subscription—they will go out among their friends and secure others for you.

The Contest does not end until February 7th so that you have plenty of time to start in now and be returned a winner. There will be three prizes in each district and if you work hard you are bound to win one of them.

It seems as if some of the candidates were leaving all the real work in the contest for their friends to do. They are interested and want to win one of the valuable prizes, but can not hope to do so unless they get out and hustle for themselves. You can not expect your friends to do it all for you.

"WORK FOR THE NIGHT IS COMING." That is a grand old sentiment in a grand old hymn, and we trust that readers of The Commonwealth will pardon us if we, for the purpose of

Scott's Emulsion is a wonderful food-medicine for all ages of mankind. It will make the delicate, sickly baby strong and well—will give the pale, anemic girl rosy cheeks and rich, red blood.

illustration apply it to the 50,000 bonus offer of The Commonwealth's Great Popularity Contest.

It fits so splendidly into what has been preached regarding the "Opportunity offer." Wednesday night at 9 it will end. So "Work for the night is coming."

If you haven't completed your club of ten yearly subscriptions you will have a few days in which to accomplish that very desirable feat.

The receipt for getting bonus votes is something like the receipt for making that popular old Dutch dish, "hansenpfeffer." First you catch the rabbit—only in the contest you get the club of ten subscribers. But you are not confined to one club, but may secure as many as possible.

Perhaps one of the greatest assets possessed by a candidate in a big contest, such as The Commonwealth is conducting is enthusiasm. No success, either great or small, was ever achieved without a great deal of enthusiasm. Some folks are born with this desirable characteristic, so predominant that they come to be known as optimists, but there's nothing to it but enthusiasm pure and simple.

History is filled with achievements of men and women who possessed a solitary idea backed by words of enthusiasm which they themselves generated among their friends and supporters.

The same condition exists in a contest. The eager, jubilant lady who is bubbling over with enthusiasm of her campaign is the one who soon has all her friends feeling the same way.

She feels she is going to win; there isn't the slightest doubt in her mind that the natural result is that every friend becomes a booster to some purpose.

And right now would seem to be the propitious time to apply every available ounce of enthusiasm. The Contest has just gotten under way; it has just shaken off its swaddling clothes and the 50,000 Bonus Opportunity makes it an especially desirable time to get into the game with all the earnestness that can be summoned.

BE A WORKER NOT A WISHER. Nobody ever wished himself success. The country is full of well-wishers, but it's the hard-headed practical worker who will win. Just one little acre in North Carolina is better than a whole principality in Wisconsin; a baked loaf is worth an entire harvest in prospect—when a man is hungry. The moral is quite obvious, simply get busy, stay busy and put all the steam you possibly can behind the prize you have already selected in your mind.

WHAT THE MEN SAY. A number of fairly hard-headed business men have owned that they were unable to refuse the attractive candidates who asked for their help. "Her smile fetched me," said one. "I didn't want to be the one to put her out, so I gave her a subscription and she went out looking happier than ever." It is certainly a good plan for you contestants to look cheerful. It will go a long way towards helping you and will win you many friends.

Every contestant in The Commonwealth's Great Contest should realize the importance of securing a number of the 50,000 special vote coupons offered during the next few days as this is positively the best offer to be made during the contest.

CHANCES EQUAL. At this early stage of the contest no one candidate whose name has been entered so far should consider that she has not as good a chance to secure one of the prizes as another candidate who might be several thousands votes ahead of her.

It will not be difficult for any candidate to get a few subscribers, each subscription entitling her to a

large number of votes, and thus make up the difference in votes between herself and the leaders.

The opportunity for securing votes is greater now than ever before. There is no longer any necessity for explaining the contest; every one is familiar with it and wants to help some candidate. Realizing that the end of the 50,000 offer is rapidly approaching, their enthusiasm will increase in proportion, and the hustling candidate who refuses to be discouraged, but keeps striving, always striving, will be the one who will lead her district in the end.

Those who are a little behind in the race can easily acquire first place during the coming week if a little extra effort is exerted. Try to get every available subscription. You will be surprised to see how rapidly your vote total will fill up into the thousands.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW ENTRIES. This special 50,000 vote offer is an attractive inducement for new entries in The Commonwealth's great prize and popularity contest.

Interest is continually growing, and fame rumor predicts big surprises before the contest is over. This week is going with a rush. How do you fare? With a gain in your standing? Everybody will get votes from now on.

And everybody needs them. For it's votes that win. Have you votes enough? The leaders may be tail-enders when the end comes. For it's "the wise one" that wins. Your opponents may stand away down on the list, but have a healthy pile of votes laid away.

You know you can't always sometimes tell. There are always surprises in every race, and there certainly will be a surprise in this one, so look out and don't let a rival surprise you in the end.

Are these prizes worth hustling for? FRIENDS TELL THE POWER. The friends of the candidates are the real power in the race for success. They can do nothing without

you. Do not disappoint the happy, hopeful candidates who are counting on you to advance their cause, but do your part in pulling up the necessary votes for them.

Look over the list of candidates in the contest and then turn in your subscriptions and give the votes allowed thereon to your favorite candidate. Nothing will please a contestant in this race more than a few thousand votes. Many subscriptions were paid for by friends of contestants this week, the votes going direct to the candidates. They may cast them at any time they choose.

EXTENDED SUBSCRIPTIONS. Subscribers should remember that if they gave a yearly subscription to some candidate in the early days of the contest, it would be well for you to make an extension at this time when 50,000 bonus votes are given candidates with every club of ten yearly subscriptions, either old or new, turned in before January 11th at 9 p. m.

EVERYBODY INTERESTED. Most everybody is interested in the contest and most everybody is willing to help.

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You know they are. It takes hustling to win, though. You all have the same chance. Grasp it while there is time. Bring your votes and subscriptions and avoid the rush.

For the voting continues. So does the enthusiasm. Fairy tales are being told. Kidding clubs are being formed. A prevaricators' club is under formation.

The silent one may win the plum. Keep busy, keep silent. And when the end comes! Oh, what a surprise it will be for your friends to see your vote go up many thousands.

HOW VOTES ARE SECURED. A coupon will be printed in The Commonwealth each week which will be good for the number of votes indicated on the face of the ballot. The best way to secure votes, however, is by securing subscriptions to The Commonwealth. Votes are allowed on subscriptions as outlined in the voting schedule printed below. With each cash subscription of \$1.00 or more to The Commonwealth we will issue a certain number of votes, according to the length of the subscription. The certificate votes issued on each subscription can be voted at any time during the contest, subject to the voting rules.

Famous painter (angrily)—I hear, sir, that you're boasting that you studied art under me. Near painter (calmly)—And so I did, sir, so I did—why, I occupied a room underneath your studio for nearly a month!—New Orleans Playmate.

Do you know that fully nine out of every ten cases of rheumatism are simply rheumatism of the muscles due to cold or damp, or chronic rheumatism, and require no internal treatment whatever? Apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely and see how quickly it gives relief. For sale by all dealers.

PURE RICH BLOOD. E. T. Whitehead Company Sell a Prescription That Means Vigor, Vim, Vitality.

Because MI-O-NA causes the blood to get better and more nourishment it is at all times a valuable tonic. It puts vigor into the muscles, clears up the improperly nourished brain and makes strong nerves that will stand the severest test.

Men who feel that their vitality is slipping away; that the vain and energy that they formerly put into all their work is lacking; that ambitious impulses and clever ideas do not come as they use to—are the kind of men that need MI-O-NA. Besides being a peerless remedy for indigestion MI-O-NA is a most pronounced tonic.

Readers of The Commonwealth should bear in mind that nothing will set the stomach right so quickly as MI-O-NA tablets. Take one after a hearty meal, and you need have no fear of stomach distress. A free trial treatment of MI-O-NA stomach tablets will be sent to any address free on request, address Booth's MI-o-na, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Fifty Thousand Bonus Votes

Will be Awarded to Each Contestant Turning in Ten Yearly Subscriptions to The Commonwealth Between Thursday, Dec. 29, and Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 9 p. m.

Ladies' Voting Contest that no Amount of Money can Purchase. Ambitious, Energetic and Hustling Young Ladies are Bound to Win.

This is The Opportunity for New Entries.

If Not Already In, Enter Now. No Better Offer Will be Made.

While the contest is yet young is the best time of the entire race to get the lead and retain it. The special offer enables every candidate to secure a large number of votes now. Candidates are not limited to one club. Any kind of a combination of yearly subscriptions will make a club. Every dollar turned in to this office to apply on a subscription, will count as one year's subscription in the club offer.

THREE PRIZES MUST GO TO EACH DISTRICT.

NOMINATION BLANK. The Commonwealth Popularity Contest. Good for One Thousand Votes. Contest Manager, The Commonwealth, Scotland Neck, N. C. I hereby nominate as a Candidate in your Contest: Miss or Mrs. Address. District No. Telephone No. Name of Nominator. Address. Only one nomination will be credited to each Contestant.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS TO Contest Manager, The Commonwealth, Scotland Neck, N. C.