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Thirty Special Ballots to be Awarded Contestants Within the Next Week.

THE OFFER IS FAIR TO ALL.

Details of This Grand Offer Printed on Another Page. The Opportunity for New Candidates to Head the List.

A 500,000 Special ballot and twenty-nine other special ballots will be given to candidates in The Commonwealth's Great Prize Contest, who turns in the greatest amount of money on subscriptions during the week commencing Jan. 19th and ending Jan. 25th at 8 p. m. Full details printed elsewhere.

The above is a brief outline of the fourth special offer of The Commonwealth's Contest which is announced today.

Just think of a special ballot good for 500,000 which will be given the candidate who turns in the largest amount of money on subscriptions during this offer. Then to the person who turns in the next highest will be given a ballot for 490,000 votes; the next ballot for 480,000 and so down the list. There will be thirty special ballots. The highest one as stated will be for 500,000 votes and each of the other twenty-nine will be decreased in value 10,000 votes. Therefore the candidate who turns in the thirtieth (or least amount of money) will be given a ballot good for only 210,000. These ballots are given additional to the regular, schedule votes, which will be issued as heretofore.

OFFER FAIR TO ALL.
This offer is as fair to one as it is to the other. It is entirely different from any other offer and can in no way be compared with them. This offer means that all must work hard during the six days. In fact in a contest of any kind it is necessary for those who expect to win to "keep everlastingly at it." This offer means that those behind you may regain their lost ground by jumping into the fight hard this week and win one of the big ballots and place themselves among the leaders.

In fact this offer cannot be overlooked by any of the candidates. If you already have a bunch of votes in reserve you should bear in mind that you cannot afford to let some weaker candidate win this 500,000 ballot or one of the other big ballots. You not only lose the special ballot but your competitor has gained not only the special ballot over you but the regular votes as well. If you expect to win in this contest you must work every day from now until the end of the contest. By this it is meant that you must take up all of your spare time in the interest of the contest.

A CHANGE IN POSITIONS POSSIBLE.
This offer gives the candidates who are at the bottom of the list an opportunity to advance to the front ranks by Wednesday. It gives a

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desirous of getting one of the prizes a chance to lead the whole contest by the end of the week. It is even possible that those in the lead today may be nearer the bottom of the list than the top by the end of the week unless they work diligently and vigorously.

INTEREST INTENSE.
Everybody is watching the paper to see how the candidates stand from day to day. All apparently are willing to help one or another of the candidates with their subscriptions if their favorite candidates were to request their assistance.

Candidates will find it an easy matter to secure subscriptions and thousands of votes this week if they go around to see their friends and acquaintances and ask them to help them with a subscription.

At present no one has a lead that cannot be overcome and the decision as to the winners will rest upon the efforts put forth during the next few days.

In our experience there has never been a prettier race for first honors and none where the candidates generally speaking were so close together. Contestants should put all their spare time to the work of securing subscriptions, for the one that you could have got but didn't may be the deciding one.

Leave nothing to chance and get your friends to help. And don't be backward about asking for subscriptions. There is nothing humiliating about it. Everybody is interested in the contest and all are eager to help someone. They will help you if you show an interest in yourself. The best way to do is to ask everybody. Spare no effort. Just set your teeth and "I will win a prize." That is the only kind of a girl that will get there.

DON'T COUNT ON PROMISES.
"A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." The contestants should not be satisfied with promises of subscriptions but should get the subscriptions at once. A man means well when he promises to help but when the time comes along for him to fulfill his promise it is often the case that something turns up to prevent him.

TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS.
Have you joined the booster? It is time to get busy if you expect to have some real fun out of this contest. It's fun to pick a candidate who you think will win, and then turn in and try to make her a winner. Save your coupons and see that your subscription is paid and your votes given to your favorite friends and getting them to subscribe for The Commonwealth and cast their votes for your candidate. Show them how much they can help you by paying their subscriptions before Jan. 25 at 8 p. m. Tell them that until then a yearly subscription counts one point toward a 500,000 extra ballot. Be a booster.

You will enjoy the contest as much as some of the candidates. If you can be of assistance to some worthy contestant.

TO OUTSIDE CANDIDATES.
You will have until 8 o'clock Wednesday night Jan. 25th to count on the 500,000 ballot offer. Any letter containing subscriptions mailed before 8 p. m. Wednesday will count. Ask your postmaster when he changes his date stamp.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Embracing Scotland Neck town and township.

SCOTLAND NECK.

Miss Margaret Bowers.....	123,687
" Nannie Lamb.....	123,050
" Lena Cherry.....	122,225
" Alene Pope.....	120,275
" Gertrude Whitehead.....	118,750
" Will Andrews.....	117,825
" Estelle House.....	86,425
" Lillie Butts.....	82,750
" Kathleen Tillery.....	72,900
" Mary H. Smith.....	66,900
Mrs. G. W. Bryan.....	115,525
" J. H. Allsbrook.....	97,425

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Embracing all territory outside of Scotland Neck township.

SCOTLAND NECK R. F. D.

Miss Fannie S. Joyner, 2.....	108,612
" Lydia House, 2.....	105,045
" Annie House, 2.....	99,474
" Fannie Newsom, 1.....	71,150
" Bertie Dickens, 1.....	68,850
" Lelia House, 2.....	82,475
" Lila Whitehead, 2.....	71,200

ENFIELD R. F. D.

Miss Mary Barnhill, 1.....	63,700
" ROBGOD.	

Miss Marian White.....	112,450
" Kate Joyner.....	109,675
" Myrtle Cox.....	8,100

SPEED.

Miss Margaret Knight.....	77,250
" Willie Dickens.....	54,000
" Aileen Allsbrook.....	53,600

WHITAKERS.

Miss Lula Weaver.....	79,300
" Ruth Bell.....	61,450
" Irma Carlisle.....	59,375

BRINKLEYVILLE.

Miss Hattie Boyd.....	62,400
" Nellie Boseman.....	61,975

TILLERY.

Miss Jennie Seawell.....	69,200
" Julia C. Rhem.....	61,690
" Bessie Parks.....	51,750

WELDON.

Miss Emma Purnell.....	71,500
" May Cheek.....	69,700
" Ruth Barkley.....	68,800
" Pearl Harris.....	65,200
" Mary Mabry.....	49,200
" Johnson.....	47,300
" Bessie Dixon.....	41,275

RINGWOOD.

Miss Pattie Williams.....	68,775
" ROSEMARY.	

Miss Margaret Speight.....	51,500
" Fannie Hart.....	49,800
Mrs. Willie Froelich.....	50,250

SPRING HILL.

Miss Irene Parks.....	58,700
" HALIFAX.	

Miss Mary Norman.....	67,300
" Annie Belle Dickens.....	55,200
" Leona Shaw.....	51,600
" Alice Hale.....	39,800

AURELIAN SPRINGS.

Miss Alice Pepper.....	41,200
" Annie Cook.....	38,200

LITTLETON R. F. D.

Miss Maude Isles.....	53,000
" PALMYRA.	

Miss Hattie Everett.....	55,937
" Olivia Early.....	46,275

ROANOKE RAPIDS.

Miss Mabel Taylor.....	41,600
" Annie Smith.....	39,400
" Rainey.....	37,400
" Nellie Price.....	37,000
" Gertrude Wicker.....	34,200

ENFIELD.

Miss Katherine Matthews.....	58,600
" Kate Condry.....	49,800
" Beatrice Whitehead.....	45,650

KELFORD.

Miss Fannie Boone.....	48,600
" Ella Taylor.....	41,200
" Judy Harrell.....	43,100
" Ethel Stephenson.....	39,800
" Amanda Browne.....	32,000

HAMILTON.

Miss Lula Perkins.....	112,800
" OAK CITY.	

Miss Hettie Johnston.....	68,450
" TARBORO.	

Miss Gussie Harrell.....	68,250
" Laura Powell.....	57,200

LITTLETON.

Miss Kate Maguire.....	69,400
" Carrie Helen Moore.....	69,400
" Ellen Mitchell.....	56,600
" Margaret Lewis.....	52,900
" Sadie Underwood.....	41,700
" Mary Spruill.....	38,250
" Ruby Vinson.....	31,400
Mrs. Bunn.....	28,600
" W. G. Coppersmith.....	30,975

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THE CURSE OF THE TENANT SYSTEM.

How the Credit-Made Cotton of the Renter Holds Down Prices.

We read and hear much advice given as to the importance of the Southern farmers raising their home supplies. It is absolutely important that they do this to obtain success, but it can not be done with the present tenant system. Since the principal laborers for the Southern farmers are the negroes, let us briefly consider the negro as a laborer, without discussing the race problem. The labor problem can be solved. How? Simply by paying them wages and having them conform to your orders as is the case with the employees of the banker, merchant and all who conduct business upon business principles. We can never have intensive and extensive and prosperous farming as long as we advance land, team and all other supplies to irresponsible and incompetent laborers. The tenant system has proven a dismal failure to the Southern land-owners as the run-down condition of our large farms testifies.

The tenant works on a certainty, for he is receiving advances that you are making on an uncertainty. He and his mule, with his management, do not produce the crop upon 30 acres that should be produced upon fifteen acres. He must plant peanuts and cotton to pay the merchant that you have endorsed to for hay, corn and meat at a high price, and glut the market with his cotton and peanuts for two months of the year. He has worked upon your land and capital, while the speculator has watched conditions and named prices both ways for what he buys and sells.

The negro race is a kindly disposed people, but we all know that they must be kept under restraint. Their labor, or any other commodity that they have, commands the cash, and yet our land-owners are advancing twelve long months ahead of their work which is often done in a slipshod manner. They are a shifting people and with their poor management and large bills often leave the land-owner much worse off than they found him.

With few exceptions, the man with no capital should work for wages, whether he is employed by the merchant, factory or farmer. Let him prove that he is capable and worthy of using another's capital before it is advanced to him. The worthy man can do this in any line of business and the unworthy one should only be entitled to what his efforts produce. It is absurd to advance \$300 per year to a \$100 man, and yet we know that this is often done. Slack management does not mean prosperity for either employer or employee. It is not pleasant to acknowledge, but we Southern land-owners are very glib and are allowing our laborers to dictate how they will or not work.

What is the remedy? Let the tenant go, raise stock, buy modern machinery, make one acre produce as much as your tenant produced on two or three, and sell, if you can, every acre of land that you cannot control or utilize to an advantage. Observe these few simple rules and then if you have some surplus money or land you want to deal in futures on cotton or peanuts, buy "spots" in paying cash for your labor to make them and when the speculator wants to buy, let him buy from you and not from your merchant who has been advancing to your tenant, the peanuts are not yours or his either. They belong to the merchant, and he is only interested to the amount of his claim. If any of our readers, Mr. Editor, know how the land-owner can make money from the tenant system, have them to speak out and tell how it can be done and they will prove public benefactors.—C. P. Grizzard, Pumpkin, Va.

Afraid to Stay Alone.

Cherry Valley, Ark.—Mrs. Carrie Moore, of this place, says, "I was afraid to stay by myself. I had headache nearly all the time; my heart would palpitate, and my vitality was very low. When I would lie down at night I had no hope of living until day. I tried Cardui, and now I feel better than I have for 5 years. I cannot praise Cardui enough for what it did." Are you a woman? Do you need a tonic? Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. Your druggist sells it.

Southern Boys To Have Exhibit at Columbus Corn Exposition.

Washington, Jan. 13.—"The 100 boys in the Southern States who have raised the best corn crop during the past year will be given an opportunity to exhibit ten ears each at the National Corn Exposition to be held at Columbus, Ohio, January 30th to February 11th," said Dr. Clarence J. Owens, Commissioner of Agriculture Immigration of the Southern Commercial Congress, in a recent interview.

"There are 46,000 boys belonging to the 'Corn Clubs' in the Southern States, and the Southern Commercial Congress, co-operating with the United States Department of Agriculture, will pay for the transportation of exhibits of the most successful boy 'corn raisers' to the Exposition grounds. The selection of the exhibits will be done by the county and state agents of the Farm Demonstration Work of the Department of Agriculture. We hope to bring together exhibits from 100 acres whose total output was 12,000 bushels.

"The boy's corn clubs throughout the South had wonderful success last year, and Dr. S. A. Knapp, of the Department of Agriculture who is directly in charge of Farm Demonstration work, anticipates even better results next year.

"Believing in the tremendous and wonderful resource of the South, the Southern Commercial Congress is actively co-operating with the United States Department of Agriculture in disseminating correct information, and is watching very carefully the publication of bulletins which may be of value to the Southern farmer, so that they may be brought to his attention immediately upon publication. The Department has recently issued two valuable bulletins, No. 415 'Corn and Corn Raising,' and No. 416, 'Seed Corn,' which may be had upon application to our Washington office."

Dr. Owens is now making a trip through the Southern States, visiting each Governor, regarding a state committee of fifteen business men to represent the state at the great meeting of the Southern Commercial Congress to be held in Atlanta, March 8, 9 and 10. Governor Mann of Virginia, Governor Glascock of West Virginia, and Gov. Wilson of Kentucky are each heading such committees.

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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 be—the kind of men that need MI-O-NA.

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MI-O-NA costs but 50 cents at E. T. Whitehead Company and druggists everywhere. Guaranteed to cure indigestion and immediately relieve all stomach misery, or money back. 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.

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NEWS FROM HALIFAX.

Items of Interest Reported From the County Capital.

Halifax, N. C., Jan. 17.—For the past few days the County capital has been a little quiet. The year 1910 is now a thing of the past, the new year in comparative infancy, so far as the mistakes, missteps, failures and follies of the past are concerned we can do nothing to change any of them now, but much can be done toward avoiding repetition of the same things again this year—and we should. Why not? Why are the bright new years given us, if not for the improving of our individual character, and through us lend improvement to the community in which our lot is cast? Our aspirations should ever be to make each year of our life better, far better than the last, and there is no good reason why we should not, and no excuse why we cannot.

There have been a few sick ones in our town for some little time, one of these is Frank Stephenson, who is much better than last week.

Rev. C. G. Bradley filled the pulpit of St. Marks church Sunday morning and evening. The sermons were impressive and showed preparation and thoroughness for the needs of church members.

Your correspondent spent a few days last week in the hustling town of Rocky Mount.

Miss Jennie Sewell, of Tillery, and Miss Julia Rhem, of near Tillery, have for several days been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Stedman.

Miss Florence Fenner is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wallace Paterson, at Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Thos. Jenkins returned to her home at Rosemary Sunday, after spending a few days with the Misses Butts.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Butts, of Rosemary, were visitors here Sunday at the home of Mrs. Butts' parents. Mr. J. H. Batts spent Sunday in Whitakers with his mother and father.

Mr. W. D. Wilcox spent Sunday in Weldon with friends.

Mrs. B. A. Mabry and Miss Margaret, of Norfolk are here this week with relatives.

Mrs. N. A. Wilcox has returned home after several weeks stay in New York with her son Mr. W. D. Faucett.

Mrs. Esther Howerton has been in Rocky Mount some days with her sister, Mrs. John Blount.

Mr. H. W. Gowen is home from a business trip of several days in the Southern States.

Josephine Gowen has returned from a visit to Rocky Mount.

Miss Mary Lou King, of Rocky Mount, visited her aunt Mrs. Coppedge, last week.

Mrs. Jane Tillery and little one will return one day this week from Richmond where they have been since before Christmas.

"S'pose my face is dirty," said the office boy in the elevator, what business is it of yours? You ain't my dad."