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Last Week of Great Contest.

The End is Near at Hand and Candidates are Urged to do Their Utmost.

Time is Short, Rewards Are Great.

THE JUDGES.

The following gentlemen have been appointed by the candidates and The Commonwealth to count the ballots and award the prizes to the winners:
Captain G. S. White, Chairman, Messrs. G. C. Weeks and Hugh Johnson.

"DON'T BE A QUITTER."

Your being nominated by some friend is sufficient proof that they credited you with many fine traits. Now show them that their estimate of you was right by winning.

From today until the close of the contest we are giving 5,000 extra votes in addition to the ones issued on the 25 per cent increase of the regular schedule for every \$5.00 turned in.

"DOWN THE HOME STRETCH."

"Here they come down the home stretch."
You've been in the races haven't you? Sat in the grandstand, as you craned forward to see the finish.

Some one cries, "Here they come down the stretch," and you rise on tip-toe, calling out in the hope of encouraging your favorite. What a sight! The leaders looking like sculptured streaks of lightning come tearing past. Neck and neck they flash down the track and close upon them come the others, pressing up and up, till you wonder if the present leaders will be first under the wire after all.

No race that was ever run has been watched with keener interest than the great race which has entered in its last lap now. The people of the whole country are "coming forward," so to speak, to cheer candidates who are scoring on the home stretch. Go to it.

EVERY VOTE VALUABLE.

Do not forget the fact that sometimes the race is remarkably close at the finish, even one more subscription may make the difference to you between success and failure. It would seem very hard to miss what you want by just a few votes. Make it certain that you have left no stone unturned up to the last moment. If you should lose then you will have no reason to reproach yourself. If you win by narrow margin how happy you will be to think you overcome your inclination to neglect some last chance for votes.

Not a cent will be accepted in this contest after 9 p. m. Tuesday night. At that time the ballot box will be handed over to the gentlemen who have consented to judge the finish of the game. They will open the box and count what has been turned in during the week.

CHILDREN

In disorders and diseases of children drugs seldom do good and often do harm.

Careful feeding and bathing are the babies' remedies.

Scott's Emulsion

is the food-medicine that not only nourishes them most, but also regulates their digestion. It is a wonderful tonic for children of all ages. They rapidly gain weight and health on small doses.

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Send 10c. name of paper and this ad. for our beautiful Savings Bank and Child's Sketch-Book. Each book contains a Good Luck Penny.
SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl St., N. Y.

If a candidate rushes in 1 minute after 9 p. m. with an enormous bunch of subscriptions, they will be refused votes on them.

Let us warn you to be in here by 9 o'clock Wednesday night. Every one in here on or before this time will be taken care of. Any one who are late will get left.

HUSTLE.

The end of The Commonwealth's Great Popularity Contest is so near you can almost touch it.

Only six days remains in which to finish your prospects and make a finish that will land you well up at the top. The excitement and enthusiasm is at the highest point and vote getting is easy if you keep plugging. Don't delay a minute from now on. If you would win and you can't afford to waste any time at all.

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 subscription at once. A man means well when he promises to help you, but when the time comes along for him to fulfill his promise it is often the case that something turns up to prevent him.

No doubt every promise made to you by friends earlier in the contest will be fulfilled now, as you can explain that the rates are so much more valuable now. Show them how much they can help you right now, and they will try their best to give you the subscription during the special vote offer, which expires next Tuesday night.

CANNOT BUY VOTES.

Votes cannot be bought, they must be clipped from the paper or secured on subscriptions. Votes secured by one contestant cannot be transferred to another.

SHOULD A TIE OCCUR.

In case of a tie for any of the prizes offered in this contest, the value of the prize or prizes tied for will be equally divided between the candidates who tie for same, unless other arrangements are mutually agreed upon by the candidates so tying.

DO IT NOW—THE LAST CALL.

If you wish to help your friend—Do it now. If you have assisted her and want to help her some more—why do it now.

For there is not but one week more. Promptly at 9 p. m. Tuesday the contest will end. This is the last call. Rally round you candidate for each and every candidate needs all the votes she can get. She may have votes by scores of thousands—but some other may have them by the hundreds of thousands. No candidate should be over-confident nor should any candidate's friends be in the same state of mind. Over-confidence engenders defeat.

OUR GREAT CONTEST.

We realize that in agreeing to pay for all these valuable prizes we are taking a big step, one that has never before been undertaken by any paper in this part of the county. But big steps are the sign of progress and growth; The Commonwealth is both progressive and growing.

In undertaking this project we feel that its generosity will be fully appreciated by its thousands of friends throughout this country and elsewhere, since the prizes offered cost the public nothing, and since the reward is well worth the effort.

In launching this great contest we anticipated a large increase and addition to the present subscription lists which we are getting, thereby increasing the potency of our advertising columns to our patrons.

It is with extreme pleasure that we look forward to the giving of these grand and beautiful prizes. The only question now before the public is, who shall win them? Read carefully the conditions of the contest and get ready to lend a helping hand to your favorite candidate.

GET BUSINESS IN.

All candidates are urged not to wait until the last minute before turning in their business Tuesday night. Promptly at 9 p. m. the door to the contest department will be locked.

Good luck to you all, and we hope to see your name on the list of winners.

The Cotton Pickers.

A Chicago mechanic named Campbell, backed and helped by Mr. Theodore Price, the well-known cotton merchant of New York, has invented a cotton picking machine known as "the Campbell-Price cotton picker" about which those interested are very enthusiastic. Long before the event this paper predicted the flying machine. It has with equal confidence predicted a cotton picker. Perhaps there are those who think the invention of the flying machine the more interesting of the two but this is scarcely the case. The flying machine may be more picturesque but it is at present a plaything and will remain so for a long time to come.

In the cotton picker the welfare of the world in matters of clothing is involved. It costs now about \$125,000,000 to pick the cotton crop. The picking is all done by hand work. The picking must be done in a limited time, approximately 120 days in each year. The power used is finger power. If man power or horse power or engine power could be applied to cotton picking as it has been to sewing, the economy would be fully as great. With a good, economic cotton picker and gasoline power to operate it the cost of picking the American crop of say 15,500,000 bales should not exceed \$25,000,000—a saving over the present cost of \$100,000,000 annually. There are difficulties in the way, of course, but the prize is too big to call these difficulties insurmountable.

The owners of the Campbell-Price machine claim that it will pick 6,000 pounds of cotton in a day and that the cost of operation is far below the present cost of hand picking. We have not learned how much cotton is left behind in the field after the picker has done its work. The Campbell-Price may be the beginning of the real cotton picker. Its ultimate form, by whomsoever invented, will be a development as was the case with the locomotive, the mower and reaper, the sewing machine and other similar inventions.

One word of criticism would seem to be conservative—they claim too much. The new machine—according to the inventor's story—is not only a cotton picker but a chopper and cultivator. A picker that will pick clean and economically is enough. There is a possible saving of \$100,000,000 a year when it is brought to do its work as well as the sewing machine does and that ought to satisfy.

We are confident that the cotton picker will come yet—perhaps the beginning has already come. C. T. Mason of Sumter, S. C., made a picker about twenty years ago which gave more promise than any we have yet seen put to practical test.—Charlotte Observer.

It is a great waste of money to leave valuable machinery out in the weather or the plows and harrows caked over with earth and rusting so that it will take time in the spring to get them to running smoothly. Clean them well and clean off from machinery the old gummed oil and dirt and put some kerosene oil on them.—Raleigh, (N. C.) Progressive Farmer.

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Rid it of Gas, Sourness and Fermentation in Five Minutes With Mi-o-na Stomach Tablets.

E. T. WHITEHEAD COMPANY SELL AND GUARANTEE THEM.

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This nutritious matter is passed along to the blood, and in turn is carried to and supplies life to every part of the body.

If your stomach is upset it does not extract enough nourishment to supply the wants of the body, and naturally disease develops wherever the body is weakest.

Stomach troubles or indigestion causes dizziness, biliousness, nervousness, weak eyes, sick headaches, sleeplessness, nightmare, waterbrash, belching of sour food, foul breath, despondency, constipation and even loss of energy and memory.

For any stomach trouble, no matter how bad E. T. Whitehead Co. sells and guarantees Mi-o-na stomach tablets to give quick relief and permanent cure, or money back.

A large box costs but 50 cents at E. T. Whiteheads Company and druggists everywhere. They are small and easily swallowed, and used regularly they will surely cure indigestion.

THE NEW SPEAKER.

What Champ Clark's Elevation to Power Means to Congress.

As a member of the house, Champ Clark early demonstrated special aptitude for tariff studies. When John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, became democratic leader, he made Clark his first lieutenant and leader of the minority of the Ways and Means committee. From this Clark naturally succeeded to the democratic leadership when Williams was elected to the senate; and now, in turn, he is to come into the speakership, the second greatest office under government.

When Champ Clark is sworn as speaker, next December, he will be the fortieth speaker of the national house. He will come to the position at a time when the political situation will give it a significance it has seldom composed.

The house is in a crisis of its parliamentary development. For years there has been growing misgiving as to whether the popular branch was making the full contribution to national affairs that ought to be expected from it. The senate has over-shadowed it in power and prestige. Under a succession of speakers armed with almost dictatorial authority, the house has become less and less a free moral agent, more and more a mere reflection of the mind and purpose of its presiding officer.

Champ Clark in the speaker's chair will be the exponent of the new purpose of democratizing the house. The place he will take in history will largely depend on the success with which he shall carry forward the purpose of restoring the house to its proper participation in legislation. In proportion as he shall be willing to be shorn of the petty powers of parliamentary dictatorship, he will gather himself the vastly greater and more effective authority of big, broad, true leadership.—The Munsey.

Elastic currency may be all right, but what most people need is adhesive coin.

Operation Thought Inevitable.

Ferris, Tex.—In a letter from this place, Mary Kilman, says: "I was confined to my bed for three months, with womanly troubles, and during this time suffered untold agony. The doctor said an operation was inevitable. I tried Cardui. Now I am well, and able to do a great part of my work." Thousands of ladies have testified to the benefit obtained from Cardui, the woman's tonic. It prevents unnecessary womanly pains and builds up womanly strength. It is a true tonic. It will help you.

Two Wilkes Men "Scrap" at Bottom of 60 Foot Well.

Wilkes county is maintaining her reputation for originality. This story told by the Patriot is a clincher:

"Leave 'em alone and let 'em scrap it out!" did not have to be said to a couple of combatants, who engaged themselves in a few rounds here Monday. The pugilists in question were John Minton and Nelson Foster, and the fight took place in the bottom of a 60 foot well. They were both down in a well at Hotel Smithy putting in a new wall, when they fell out—not out of the well, but with each other. There were only two spectators, and neither of these felt inclined to go down and act as pacificator. One of the on-lookers, however, whose veracity, please understand, is not to be questioned, says that the fight only stopped when he tied a pair of pot hocks to the well rope and fished Nelson out. He further avers that as Nelson was making the ascent John grabbed him by the heel, pulling off his shoe, which he hurled after his wriggling adversary. Nelson in turn, bid John adieu with a squid of well chewed "Brown's Mule."—Concord Times.

Stopped Those Pains.

Timberville, Miss.—Miss Gertrude Gatlin, of Timberville, writes: "I did not know anything could stop those womanly pains, from which I suffered for two years, until I tried Cardui. I had been troubled with various female ailments, but they were cured in a little while, thanks to Cardui." Cardui is especially adapted for use by ailing women. It relieves headache, backache, dragging feeling, irregularity, nervousness, misery, and womanly weakness. It is safe. It is reliable. It does the work. Will you try it? Please do.

He Had to Pay.

A farmer, calling at the village school, was asked by the master if he would like to question the scholars. So he said to the class: "If either one of you can tell me the weight of the moon, the depth of the sea, and what I am thinking about, I will give a prize of sixpence."

There were twin brothers in this class, Sam and Joe. Now, Joe put up his hand and the farmer said "Well Sam, what is your answer?" Joe replied: "The weight of the moon is four quarters, the depth of the sea is a stone's throw," and he paused.

The farmer responded, "Well Sam what am I thinking about?" "Why, you are thinking you are talking to Sam when it is his brother Joe!"—Ides.

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure
The only baking powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar
NO ALUM, NO LIME PHOSPHATE

Two Hens Worth \$22,000.

Winner over all others of her breed Lady Washington a raven black Orpington hen, worth \$12,000, has only one of her kind as rival, her own daughter. Her offspring is worth \$10,000. Whenever either chooses to do the commonplace thing of laying an egg, the egg is worth \$25. Both chickens are on exhibition at the fifth annual poultry show in Philadelphia. Lady Washington arrived Thursday from her home at Factoryville, Pa., accompanied by two attendants, and occupied a specially constructed coop in a specially reserved compartment.—Concord Times.

Her Life a Burden.

Ratcliff, Tex.—In a letter from Ratcliff, Mrs. Mattie Campbell says, "My health was very bad. I suffered untold misery every month, and at times I wished for death to end my suffering, for life was a burden to me. I tried Cardui and it helped me right away. Cardui has stopped my suffering, made life worth living and filled my home with joy and happiness." If you suffer as Mrs. Campbell did, Cardui will certainly help you, as it did her. Why not try it?

Chief Clerk—"Here comes the lady who wrote those articles on 'How I Live Regal on Six Dollars a week.' Satan—'Put her over there with the other liars.'—Lippincott's.

Sedentary habits, lack of outdoor exercise, insufficient mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety are the most common causes of stomach troubles. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by all dealers.

MOVING SALE!

In a few days we want to begin enlarging our store. In order to make room and save us trouble changing our stock about, we have decided, beginning on **Wednesday, February 1st,** to sell a large part of our stock **AT COST FOR CASH,** and have marked down the following articles **That Must be Sold During This Sale.**

- 500 to 1,000 yards nice Dress Goods.
- 500 yards of Suitings.
- 500 yards of different patterns of Gingham.
- 500 yards of Galatea Cloth.
- 500 yards of Flannellettes.
- 500 yards of Outings.
- 5,000 yards of Calicos, all colors.
- 5,000 to 10,000 yards White Cloth.
- Lot of nice White Waistings.
- Lot of nice Silks and Satins.
- 1,000 yards of Lawns.
- 10,000 yards of Laces, Embroideries, Dress Braids, Trimmings and Linings.
- Several hundred yards Linens, Linen Finish, Lonsdale, Bleaching and Linettes.
- Big line of Clothing, Men's and Boys' Suits, Men's and Boy's Pants.
- Blankets, Comforts, etc.
- Numerous other things we have failed to mention.

Now is your chance to buy your Spring, Summer and Winter supply, they're all included in this sale.

R. C. Josey & Comp'y,
Scotland Neck, North Carolina.