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Ask your Druggist for CHICHESTER'S
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The Battle of Ballots Now a Part of History.

The Official Announcement of the Winners of Prizes With Figures Showing Complete Returns.

Over Ten Million Votes Cast. Fairest and Best Contest that Eastern
Carolina has Ever Known. Everybody Satisfied. Losers Con-
gratulate Winners. Hundreds of New Subscribers Added
to The Commonwealth's List, Making the Paper One
of the Best Advertising Mediums in This Section.

Official Report of Judges.

We, the undersigned committee, appointed to canvass
the official vote of The Commonwealth's Great Prize and
Popularity Contest, hereby state that to the best of our
knowledge and belief the Contest was conducted on fair
business-like methods, and upon the official canvass of the
votes we find the following persons entitled to the prizes as
offered by The Commonwealth.

G. S. WHITE, Chairman.
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HUGH JOHNSON.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

THE LIVINGSTON PIANO.	
Awarded to Miss Lena Cherry.....	4,027,019
THE LARGE DIAMOND RING.	
Awarded to Miss Fannie S. Joyner.....	1,331,649
DIAMOND RING WINNERS.	
District No. 1—Miss Margaret Bowers.....	3,296,933
District No. 2—Miss Marian White.....	1,052,396
GOLD WATCH WINNERS.	
District No. 1—Miss Will Andrews.....	2,526,485
District No. 2—Miss Eulala Perkins.....	949,013

The Commonwealth's great
popularity voting contest is
now a matter of history.

All that remains is for the
young ladies named as the win-
ners to call and claim their own.
The prizes are all ready to
turn over to those who have
won them by popularity and
industry.

Some ten weeks ago The
Commonwealth announced its
contest. The return mail
brought the first nomination,
and in a few days following
the initial announcement popu-
lar young ladies from all over
the county were nominated.

The enterprising young ladies
saw the possibilities that were
opened by the plans adopted
by The Commonwealth for
awarding them the prizes;
they saw how the dividing of
the territory into districts
placed every one on an equal
basis.

The contest appealed to every
one as manifestly fair, for it
provided that three of the
prizes should be awarded to
each of the two districts re-
gardless of the votes in any
other district, and that each
candidate in each district also
had an equal chance to win
one of the grand prizes.

A 50-cent bottle of
Scott's Emulsion
given in half-teaspoon
doses four times a day,
mixed in its bottle, will
last a year old baby near-
ly a month and four bot-
tles over three months,
and will make the baby
strong and well and will
lay the foundation for a
healthy, robust boy or
girl.

FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS

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

LOSE WITH GOOD GRACE.

The candidates will have
been the gainers although their
names do not appear on the list
of winners, for they have in-
creased their acquaintances
and have cemented their bonds
of friendship even closer than
when admiring friends placed
their names before the public
as a candidate for a prize.

Among the congratulations
received by the fortunate are
those of the candidates who
were in the race against them
in the same district, personal
friends, in many cases, who
have come to the close of the
contest lacking a few thousand
votes to win.

It requires a good spirit to
put up a battle of this nature,
and it takes a good strong will
to be a cheerful loser, but we
are sure that this is the way
that the contestants who did
not win in The Common-
wealth's contest will feel.

THE LARGEST CONTEST EVER.

With the closing of the con-
test for the beautiful prizes
offered by The Commonwealth
there was ended one of the
largest and most successful
events of the kind ever held in
this section. During the en-
tire ten weeks the contest de-
partment was kept buried in
votes, and as the closing days
began to draw near the friends
of the young ladies who want-
ed the prizes grew more anx-
ious and showered votes on the
department, and Tuesday night
the ballot box was almost full,
and it was no small job for the
judges to count the heavy
mass of little white papers and
have them filed in time for the
list to-day.

At 9 p. m. the last votes had
to be polled, and with a rush to
cast just a few votes for their
friends, the contest ended, and
to-day is made known the hap-
py winners of the piano, the
diamond rings, and the gold
watches.

The result of these prizes will
make a number of young peo-
ple happy for a long time, and
they will have cause to remem-
ber long the efforts in their be-
half. The contest has been a
success from all points of view,
and The Commonwealth de-
sires to thank the contestants

and their friends for the inter-
est taken and the good work
which has been done in adding
to The Commonwealth's sub-
scription list.

The Commonwealth regrets
sincerely that it is not able to
give prizes to all who took part
in the contest, for all deserve
to win the coveted prizes, and
it hopes that those who win
will enjoy them to the utmost.

A MAIN FEATURE.

If there is one class of citi-
zens more interested than an-
other in the great contest that
has just closed, it is the busi-
ness men and general adver-
tisers, who have watched with
interest the increase in votes
made by the contestants, and
have drawn their own conclu-
sions as to the great increase in
circulation, which means an
added value to their advertise-
ments. This comes only as a
natural result, since the greater
the number of readers the
greater the value of The Com-
monwealth as an advertising
medium. What makes The
Commonwealth the ideal paper
for merchants is the fact that
a very large majority of its
subscribers belong to what may
be called the spending class,
people who, when they read of
something they want, go out
and get it. It does little good
to bring one's wares to the
notice of those who cannot buy
them.

FAIRNESS OF THE CONTEST.

Disinterested parties every-
where, business men and the
contestants, are praising The
Commonwealth for the impar-
tial treatment accorded every
candidate. Everything was
done to facilitate the work of
the contestants and their
friends, and the result is that
everything has turned out in
the most gratifying manner.

Some became discouraged
and doubtful as to the outcome
of the final count, but giving
the management the benefit of
the doubt, which was greatly
appreciated, they had personal
interviews with the contest
department, and learned that
by the method of checking and
counter-checking, and the fact
that the books of the contest
were open for the inspection of
the public, a fair and square
deal was positively assured to
each contestant.

Because of this fact the in-
terest and enthusiasm were
greatly increased. It caused
the contestants to put forth
their best efforts so that they
might be declared winners in
the great prize contest.

CONTESTANTS ENERGETIC.

It must be said in recogni-
tion of the good work done by
the candidates that they de-
voted themselves heartily to
the cause, and through their
efforts the public generally
awakened to the fact that The
Commonwealth is certainly the
paper for their homes, and to-
day it has hundreds of new
subscribers who are now among
its staunchest friends.

HONORS RESERVED.

The successful contestants
are named to-day as the result
of the official count of the
prominent and distinguished

gentlemen who acted as judges
and who had no concern in the
contest other than to accept
the invitation of the manage-
ment to make a thorough and
complete canvass of the votes.
The mere mention of the names
of these gentlemen is assurance
of their integrity. They are
well known and highly esteem-
ed by their business associates
and by all with whom they
come in contact as thorough
and honorable business men.

EVERYBODY SATISFIED.

That every one might have
an equal chance, no matter
where they lived, the territory
was divided into two districts,
and each one knew that a rea-
sonable amount of effort would
bring a handsome reward, for
there were three prizes in each
district. In this way every
one was satisfied, which was
the chief desire of The Com-
monwealth.

Slowly at first votes began to
come in, then, as the interest
warmed, they rolled in in such
numbers that the totals soon
amounted to enormous figures.
The friends of the contestants
desired to see them win and
made the fact public by voting
for them, and getting their
friends to do likewise. The
smallest boy or girl joined their
elders in boosting the candi-
dates. More than one man
stole an hour or two from busi-
ness, at intervals during the
contest, to make a personal
canvass for some friend. More
than one meal was late, as the
mistress of the household went
her rounds looking for votes.

TO THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR FRIENDS.

After counting the votes of
Tuesday night and checking
and rechecking the votes to
insure absolute fairness of de-
cision, the labors of the ballot
clerks and judges are at last
over, and the complete results
are announced above.

We are pleased to congratu-
late both the winners and the
losers who participated in the
battle of ballots for popularity
and prizes, the first for their
pluck and perseverance—vir-
tues more valuable than mater-
ial prizes.

The greatest success of the
contest, together with the good
and friendly feeling which has

prevailed among the candidates
and participants from start to
finish, calls forth our deepest
gratitude to all concerned.

Upon behalf of the United
Contest Company, of Cleve-
land, Ohio, I, their representa-
tive, extend thanks to the pub-
lic for the hearty support given
the contest from beginning to
the end.

S. DUANE FEIDLER.

Letting Down the Bars.

The tendency in North Carolina
between 1885 and 1910 was to
let down the bars in North Carolina
as to divorce laws. Almost every
legislature added a new cause for di-
vorce, our court docket became
crowded with divorce cases, and
this State bid fair to emulate those
Western States of which it might be
said: "Come in, Divorce while you
wait." There were hardships in
each case which caused additional
causes, nearly every one of which
was to cover a special case. The
constitution will not permit the leg-
islature to grant a divorce, and this
inhibition caused a resort to the
plan of making a general law to
meet a certain case, which of course,
opened the floodgates and increased
the number of divorces. It had
grown to be a serious evil in North
Carolina and the people became
aroused, delegations came to Raleigh
and after long hearing and much
discussion, the legislature repealed
every new cause for divorce and
went back to the code. Some good
people wished then to repeal some
of the causes in the code, but after
a long consideration it was decided
to press a return to the code causes
and repeal all others. This was wise
and no act of the general assembly
in a generation has been more widely
approved.

There seems to be a disposition
to re-open this question and add new
causes. It is to be hoped this leg-
islature will not take that backward
step. There will be plausible reason
urged for granting new causes and
good men will urge them from high
motives but the door once opened
we shall see still further causes and
the divorce mill will be set in motion.
North Carolina in signal ways has
declared for the code law on divorce,
and to depart from that is to re-open
a Pandora box of evils.—Raleigh
News and Observer.

Falls Victim to Thieves.

S. W. Bends, of Coal City, Ala.,
has a justifiable grievance. Two
thieves stole his health for twelve
years. They were a liver and kidney
trouble. Then Dr. King's New Life
Pills throttled them. He's well now.
Unrivaled for Constipation, Malaria,
Headache, Dyspepsia. 25c at E. T.
Whitehead Company.

HAS NO SUBSTITUTE



Mrs. Gray at Home.

Mrs. R. Henry Gray was hostess
for the young people Thursday Jan.
26th, at a most enjoyable evening of
"hearts," in honor of Miss Bessie
Gray, of Fayetteville, N. C., and
Miss Mary Woodward, of Norfolk,
Va. The house was beautifully
decorated in potted plants and cut
flowers. Punch was served by Mrs.
C. B. Riddick, of Fayetteville, as-
sisted by Mrs. Gray.

"Why did you not have a white
witness at the pole?"
"Because after a lifetime of effort
I dearly wanted the honor myself."
So a newspaper dispatch from Bat-
tle Harbor reports Commander
Peary saying:
Poor Peary! He did not under-
stand. Life.

"Now, Johnny, what was the ser-
mon about?"
"Weren't you listening mother?"
—Punch.

Sedentary habits, lack of outdoor
exercise, insufficient mastication of
food, constipation, a torpid liver,
worry and anxiety are the most com-
mon causes of stomach troubles.
Correct your habits and take Cham-
berlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets
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sale by all dealers.

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"Well, make me an invalid for
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Shake Allen's Foot-Ease in one
shoe and not in the other, and notice
the difference. Just the thing to
use when rubbers or overshoes be-
come necessary, and your shoes seem
to pinch. Sold Everywhere, 25c.
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ple FREE. Address, Allen E. Olm-
sted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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It is well on the way, and will continue through February only.
Come early, come now, and get the choice goods. We mean
just what we advertise, and will sell them to you at what they
cost us. This is a rare opportunity to buy goods cheap.

Dress Goods, worth 50 cents, now 38 and 41 cents.	Calicoes, worth 6½ to 7 cents, now 5 to 6½ cents.
Dress Suitings, worth 25 cents, now 20 cents.	Good Domestic, now 7½ cents.
Dress Gingham, worth 10 to 15 cents, now 8 to 12 cents.	White Waistings, now 8 to 20 cents.
Galatea Cloth, worth 10 to 15 cents, now 8 to 12 cents.	Nice Wash Laces, now 3 and 4 cents.
Outings, worth 10 cents, now 8 cents.	Edgings and Insertions, now 4 cents.
	Dress Braids, Trimmings, Linings.
	Nice line of Linens, Linen Finish, Lonsdale, Bleaching and Linettes.

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING.

Many other things on sale you will see by giving us a call. The
above things to be sold at actual cost. Come to see us.

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