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## MISS LYLLIAN ALSBROOK WINS MAXWELL AUTOMOBILE.

### Last Hours of the Contest Found the Interest Intense— Hundreds of Subscriptions Were Entered the Closing Days, Causing the Vote Total to Soar into the Millions.

Probably no announcement has ever been awaited with more eager anticipation by a larger number of interested people in Kingstree and vicinity than the announcement of the names of the prize winners in the ladies' contest which came to a close last Saturday night.

The last hours of the contest found the interest intense, attested by the crowd which thronged the offices of The County Record building, casting the fast ballots and eagerly awaiting the announcement of the winners.

All day the contest manager was kept busy receiving subscriptions and receipts for them, and the number of votes polled was a surprise to everyone, especially to the management of The Record and the contest department.

The Record extends congratulations to the winners for the manner in which they conducted their campaign, and while we rejoice with the winners we also sympathize with those who failed after so valiant a fight. If everyone could win it would not be a contest. We are glad to say that most of those who have lost have come forward generously and congratulated the winners.

The contestants who fought and won are to be doubly congratulated; first, for their popularity with their friends, and, secondly, for seizing the opportunity to demonstrate the pluck and hustle that is within them. The unsuccessful candidates are to be congratulated for showing the public that they had the vim and courage to stick to the end, many of them against heavy odds, and nothing will be lost by them for standing up and fighting to the last.

The business-like way in which this steady eight weeks canvass was conducted by the candidates proves their worth to the community, and we are proud that there are among

us so many who are willing and capable of making the showing that was made by all the finishing contestants. The contest was not born of a moment's thought. The Record secured the services of The Joyce Company of Grand Rapids, Mich., and the manner in which the contest was conducted and its success are ample testimony to the ability of this firm to conduct such undertakings. Their treatment of every contestant was impartial, and through their unlimited courtesies they have won each and every contestant into their favor by their fair and business-like methods of conducting same. Following is the report of the judges:

We, the undersigned committee in The County Record's contest, have made a careful count of the votes cast for the different candidates and do hereby declare that the number set opposite each name is the correct vote cast for same. The winners are:

Miss Lyllian Alsbrook.....	Maxwell Auto
DISTRICT NO 1.	
Mrs L S Dennis.....	\$100 00
Miss Lily Marcus.....	50 00
DISTRICT NO 2.	
Mrs D G Huggins, Hemingway.....	\$100 00
Miss Annie Ervin, Henry.....	50 00
Miss Lyllian Alsbrook.....	3,652,830
Mrs L S Dennis.....	2,923,367
" Lily Marcus.....	1,632,712
" Mattie Miller.....	1,610,471
" M A Ross.....	364,290
" C R Thomas.....	634,730
" Miriam Fluitt.....	210,645
" Irene Epps.....	145,318
" Jimmie Britton.....	33,650
" Ann Fulton.....	105,245
District No. 3--All Rural Routes and Towns Outside of Kingstree Kingstree, R. F. D.	
Miss Beth McGill.....	127,150
Mrs E W Howard.....	61,540
Greelyville.	
Miss Alice Connor.....	24,050
Greelyville, R. F. D.	
Miss Mellie Ferrell.....	682,120
Lanes.	
Miss Mamie Baggett.....	108,720
" Alice Rich.....	220,470
Salters.	
Miss Carrie Moseley.....	649,635
Mrs R D Bradham.....	38,670
Vox.	
Miss Mettie Eaddy.....	114,770

Johnsonville.	
Miss Bertie Eaddy.....	24,890
Mrs R B W Dickson.....	67,195
Hemingway.	
Mrs Dudley G Huggins.....	2,306,600
Miss Cenie Haselden.....	1,279,700
Venters.	
Miss Christine Newell.....	38,820
" Gertrude Davis.....	127,150
Trilo.	
Mrs J W Moore.....	1,240,520
Lake City.	
Miss Laurie Stuckey.....	546,595
Cades.	
Miss Wista McElveen.....	113,250
" Jessie Smith.....	130,150
New Zion.	
Miss Debelle Evans.....	99,810
Earles.	
Miss Connie Thompson.....	76,950
Andrews.	
Mrs W E Ward.....	91,790
" C A Milhous.....	24,270
" R W Marshall, R F D.....	552,350
Miss Verra West.....	41,680
St. Stephens.	
Miss Fannie Funk.....	84,980
Suttons.	
Miss Stella Lamb.....	46,850
" Annie Ogburn.....	91,990
Fowler.	
Miss Ruth Mills.....	166,655
Henry.	
Miss Annie Ervin.....	2,063,125
Rome.	
Miss Louise Snow.....	122,080
Mouzon.	
Miss Hesse Frierison.....	1,038,348
Heinemann.	
Mrs J P Gamble.....	46,690
Bloomingdale.	
Mrs S D Smith.....	489,860
Petersfield.	
Mrs H H DuRant.....	1,434,000

### Open Letter from Mr. Swearingen

State Superintendent of Education John E Swearingen has sent the following letter to the county Superintendents of Education:

Dear Sir:—The Democratic enrollment now in progress in every county affords school officers and teachers a practical test of our educational efficiency.

Every white man above twenty-one years of age is entitled to enroll in his local club, and should be urged to do so. As far as practical, every voter should write his own signature, although it will be necessary for untrained and unlettered men to sign with a cross.

On the Democratic club rolls of 1914 nearly 22% of the reported enrollment was marked with this cross. Is it too much to hope that a general and universal enrollment in 1916 will show a material reduction in this percentage of illiterates? I hope local club officers everywhere will join hands with school workers in an effort to reduce this number.

After the enrollment for each county has been finished, I shall ask the county Democratic chairman for the data so kindly furnished from a majority of the counties in 1914. The enclosed sheet shows the nature of these data, which I trust may be promptly collected and forwarded from every county. The co-operation of the county chairman and the county superintendent in securing these facts will be of material service to the schools, and will be highly appreciated by the State Superintendent.

Respectfully,  
J E SWEARINGEN,  
State Supt of Education,  
Columbia, June 27.

From Dicky Swamp.

Salters, R F D 1, June 27:—Farmers in this section are all smiles over the fine crops and not so much grass.

Rev Geo Vauss of Cowards filled his regular appointment at St Paul's Baptist church Sunday.

Mr R E McKnight and daughter, Miss Ethel, attended preaching at Greelyville Sunday.

The Rural School association held its regular meeting Friday night at Mulberry Graded school house, all officers being present. A talk was made by the president, Miss Eva Lewis, after which refreshments were served by the girls' cooking clubs.

Mr and Mrs Ephie Bradham were Kingstree shoppers yesterday.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Sunday-school picnic at St Paul's Baptist church July 4. Come and bring a basket full of good things to eat. There will be plenty of ice-cold lemonade.

Mesdames F A and Allen Bradham and little Miss Barbara were guests of Mrs R D Bradham Saturday.

The Ladies' Aid society will hold its regular meeting at St Paul's church at 3:30 p. m. Saturday.

## NEWSY LETTER FROM LAKE CITY.

### A VALUABLE INVENTION---COTTON BLOOMS--LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES.

Lake City, June 27:—Section Master Parrott, who has charge of the track of this division, has patented a rail joint fastener for railroads, that may prove the most meritorious thing of its kind brought forward in many years. The Patent News, which is the leading journal of the country in matters of this kind, in a letter to Mr Parrott a few days ago, asking for a photograph of the fastener for publication, stated that it appeared to be the best thing of its kind patented in many years. Mr Parrott has also received offers to buy the patent rights for the United States and Canada. Many railroad men say that the vast majority of accidents due to derailment of engine or train are caused by defective joints. Mr Parrott's fastener is intended to remedy this effectively. By this fastener the rails are held together firmly without fish plates or bolts, and at the same time the expansion and contraction of the rails due to heat and cold are taken care of in a manner which keeps the joint rigid and the rails plumb.

Messrs A B Brick, Furman Poston and H S Lizzard went to Charleston last Sunday morning.

Dr M D Nesmith and Ashton H Williams, Esq, were in Kingstree Monday afternoon on business at the court house. They were accompanied by Hon J J M Graham of Cades.

Dr S R Cockfield was in town from Johnsonville one day last week.

The first cotton bloom this writer has heard of in this section is in the

field of that colored veteran blacksmith and farmer, Essex Brown. This man was a grown man before the Civil war began, yet today he swings the sledge as vigorously as ever, and does more work in one day than a "modern" negro would do in two or three. He is an exemplary citizen, and has the respect of the best white people of the community.

The annual picnic of the Confederate veterans of this section will come off at McAllister's Mill, as usual, and will be on July 4, so we hear. This picnic is always an occasion of good comradeship and quiet enjoyment for the old soldiers and their friends.

Mr D W Alderman, of Alcolu, came to Lake City last Friday on business and remained a few hours.

Mr Wesley Singletary, of this town, was at Johnsonville about all of last week. He was on some work in connection with the Bank of Johnsonville.

Since last week several more young men of town and surrounding country have enlisted in the National Guards, and it is said that others are getting ready to join. One boy who went away early last week, wrote home yesterday, stating that he is not homesick, but asking that the boys behind write him and somebody send him the home paper. "Jack" Sturgeon enlisted at Knoxville, Tenn, in the military corps, he being at that place when the call came.

Some of our vegetables are going to help feed the boys at Camp Styx. The largest single shipment was fifty crates of beans, sent on order a day or two ago.

Miss Cecil Severance, who has charge of the Western Union office at Cheraw, spent her vacation here at her old home with her mother and other relatives.

We now have two moving picture shows in town and they run every afternoon and night except Sunday. Only a few years ago one such show could not get sufficient business here to keep it longer than a day or two; and it is hard to see how two can live here now, but they keep merrily humming on.

Did it ever occur to you that the most worthless assets ever found in any man's estate are his good intentions?

## TO WAIVE CLAIM AGAINST STATE.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTES TO DROP SOUTH CAROLINA MATTER.

Washington, June 26:—The House today, in considering the military appropriation bill, agreed to waive the claim of the United States Government against the State of South Carolina for military property lost and damaged some years ago. This claim originally amounted to something like \$104,000, but was subsequently reduced, through the efforts of Adjutant General W W Moore, Gov Manning and others, to about \$30,000.

This matter has given much trouble to the State authorities of South Carolina for a long time and recently both Gov Manning and Gen Moore came to Washington and saw the war department officials regarding the matter. At that time they were assured that it would soon be satisfactorily arranged. Today's action of the House in waiving this claim substantially wipes out this old obligation and places the militia forces of the State on a clean basis again with no property loss shortage standing against them.

### Big Celebration on the Fourth.

Olanta, June 28:—At a recent meeting of citizens it was decided to have a big rally and picnic here at the old soldiers' park July 4 in the interest of Olanta and community. Some of the speakers secured by the committee who have the rally in charge are: Messrs P B Ingraham of Johnsonville, Thomas Brantley of Orangeburg and Hon John L McLaurin of Bennettsville. All the people of the town and surrounding community are expected to come and bring baskets. That there will be plenty of barbecue is understood by those who have ever attended picnics in this section. This will not take the place of the old soldiers' picnic which is held here each year the fourth Saturday in July.

Receipt Books, Blank Notes, Mortgages and all Legal Blanks in demand, for sale at The Record office. If we have not the form you wish we can print it on short notice.

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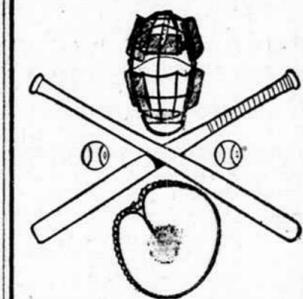
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