

# GORMAN

GETS CLOSER TO THE WIRE SO HE CAN FIND OUT WHAT IS DOING AT ST. LOUIS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 8.—The all night wrestle of the Democratic platform makers with the financial plank and the prospects of a further fight to-day on the floor of the convention called Senator Gorman into Washington this morning from his farm. He decided to be located where he could be in closer communication with his lieutenants in St. Louis. He found the telegraph and telephone facilities at Laurel, Md., inadequate in such a situation. At the station he declined absolutely to discuss either the platform or candidates and later established himself in his residence here, and refused to see even reporters.

# STRAY SHOTS

CHEE-FOO, July 8.—A trustworthy Chinaman who has arrived here from Port Arthur, reports that fort No. 16, of the main line of defense, was captured by the Japanese on Wednesday. The Japanese, he said, have now reached the northeast slope of Takushan mountain, whose slope is less than three miles from Port Arthur. A message from Russian sources states that the Russians there claim to have wiped out three Japanese regiments last night.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 8.—The Journal reports that the roads in Manchuria are now dry again, and that a battle between large forces of the opposing army is imminent.

The paper also reports that in a skirmish on the night of July 6, in the mountain passes of Manchuria, the Japanese destroyed a Russian post. They surrounded two companies of Russians who had to fight desperately before they could escape. The Russians are reported to have lost eighty killed and wounded.

## BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD

To the Elks Convention at Cincinnati, Ohio.

For the convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to be held at Cincinnati, O., July 18-23, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will sell excursion tickets at very low rates for the round trip on July 15, 16 and 17, good returning until July 23, 1904, inclusive.

Stop-overs at Baltimore, Washington, Deer Park, Mt. Lake Park and Oakland, Md.

Ask Ticket Agents for details.

## BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD.

Very Low Rates to Atlantic City.

Account of meeting of Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order of Mystic Shrine, at Atlantic City, N. J., July 13-15. Tickets will be sold on July 11 and 12, good returning July 23, 1904.

Stop-overs at Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

For details call on ticket agents.

## The New York Market.

NEW YORK, July 8.—The stock market, contrary to rather general expectation this morning, was but little influenced by either the further damages by floods or by the successful attack made in full committee at St. Louis upon the sound money plank that the sub-committee had drafted. The higher London quotations furnished about the only specific favorable influence. Sentiment, however, was benefited by the decided strength in the Metropolitan group. Another favorable factor was the aggressive strength of amalgamated copper. Toward noon the market became narrow, probably the result of the crop damage reports. Government bonds unchanged. Others strong and active.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Knutti have returned to Shepherdstown, after being here some time with friends. They arrived for the meeting of the West Virginia Educational Association. Mr. Knutti is principal of the Shepherd College Normal School.—Morgantown Post.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Morgan and two daughters spent Monday as the guests of Mrs. Morgan's brother, Dr. A. L. Parrish in Fairmont.—Mannington Record.

The merchant fixes and measures each day the space his store is to occupy in the public eye and thought when he fixes his advertising space for that day.

If you are in need of a bicycle we carry a complete line from \$20 to \$40. J. L. Hall's Hardware Store.

# SOUTH IS ACTIVE

IN PURSUIT OF SECOND PLACE—BAILEY, CARMACK, TILLMAN, FOLK, FRANCIS, WILLIAMS

AND OTHERS BEING URGED FOR VICE PRESIDENCY—WHAT HAS BECOME OF JOHNNY McGRAW?

ST. LOUIS, July 7.—The uncertainty as to who will be the nominee for the Presidency necessarily clouds the Vice Presidential situation. If there had been up to midnight, any certainty that it would be Parker, Hearst, Olney, Cockrell or any other candidate for first honor, there might have been some safe guessing as to the running mate. That condition being absent, visits to the various headquarters showed that there are two schools or classes of Vice President makers:

One class is the sentimental, which thinks the South should be represented on the ticket, and the other is the class of expediency. This latter holds that the candidate should be the strongest possible Democrat from a Republican State.

Among the candidates from the South are Senator Bailey, of Texas; Senator Carmack, of Tennessee; Senator Tillman, of South Carolina; Attorney Folk, of Missouri; D. R. Francis, of Missouri; John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi.

In the expediency class are former Senator Turner, of Washington; General John C. Black, of Illinois; Messrs. Kern and Shively, of Indiana; William Wall, of Wisconsin, and perhaps a dozen others.

Late to-night Mr. Turner was still in the lead. A question that is not lost sight of is that the man to be a running mate ought to be acceptable to, if not invited to run by Presidential nominee. The Turner boom, or indeed that of any other of the gentlemen who are being pressed by their friends, may collapse the moment the Presidential nominee is declared.

The South is certainly finding the idea of representation on the ticket attractive. Josephus Daniels, of the North Carolina delegation, added a new name to the list to-night—that of Governor Aycock, of the old North State.

# BARNSTOWN.

The health of the community is very good at present.

An exciting time occurred at Barnstown last week as some very meddlesome people that live in glass houses sent the humane officer to a certain party, who was not guilty of inhuman treatment. So hereafter they had better look at home.

Mrs. Anna Hess is on the sick list this week.

A large number of Barnstown people spent the fourth of July at Willow Tree at a picnic.

Mrs. Lon Hall has been entertaining two of her sisters from Morgantown this week.

Look out for a wedding in the near future, but for fear of a mistake we will give no names.

Miss Ollie Hogue, of Arnettsville, is the guest of Miss Charlotte Faucette this week.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Willie Merrifield is able to be out again.

Through our "Exchange" columns you may trade bicycles for books; busts for bureaus; bonds for boards; cutlasses for cupboards; desks for dishes; dresses for diamonds; dogs for dinner-sets; lots for lumber; paintings for pool-tables; rugs for rings; yawls for yatches.

## Odd Fellows at the Park.

A goodly crowd of people attended the Odd Fellows' game at Traction Park this afternoon to witness one of the most interesting games of ball ever played in the city.

Fairmont Furniture Company is making some big discounts this month, especially on large, roomy stuff; for instance, sideboards and buffets. Opposite postoffice.

We will, until July 9th, give you 10 per cent. off on stoves, ranges, hot plates, and ovens, screen doors and windows, lawn mowers and garden hose.



## Waiting Arrival of Relatives.

The remains of the Italian, who died at the City Hospital yesterday, are still at the Jones morgue, awaiting word from the dead man's people at Pittsburg.

## Broke a Window.

Some young boys scuffling on Main street this afternoon broke a display case belonging to Tetrick, the dry goods man.

## And Still Another.

A new case of smallpox was reported this morning to Dr. Henry, who is now the county health officer. This time it is reported to be J. A. Hess, of Sturm's Mill. Dr. Henry will go and investigate as soon as possible.

## Grafton Team Here.

The Grafton ball team passed through this afternoon en route to Morgantown. After this afternoon's game at that place they will return here for two games, Saturday and Sunday.

## Investigating Smallpox Situation.

Dr. Henry, County Health Officer, and County Commissioner S. E. Fleming went to Fairview this afternoon to investigate the smallpox situation. Dr. Henry is just entering upon his new duties and desires to know what he has to contend with.

## Little Child Injured.

Myron Dwight, the bright little four-year-old son of Attorney and Mrs. Amos O. Stanley, fell from a wagon in front of his home last evening, cutting an ugly gash about an inch long in his temple. Dr. Jesse Jamison was called and dressed the wound. The boy was able to attend the circus last night.

## A New Second Baseman.

The Fairmont team has signed a new second baseman in the person of Jack Adamson, of last year's Sistersville club. Adamson is, by profession, a lawyer, and follows base ball for love of the sport. His playing last year was gilt-edged, and his batting eye in perfect shape.

The Parkersburg team closed a very unsatisfactory season Tuesday, which means more players on the market. Arch Bero, third baseman and team mate of Adamson last year, has signed with Grafton.

## Boy Ran Away.

Little Charley Jobs, of the Fifth ward, aged seven, failed to show up last evening when his usual playing time ended and his absence caused a great deal of uneasiness in his home. A search was made, but he could not be found, and it was reported that he was leaving the city with the Sells and Downs circus. Such, however, was not the case, as he came walking in this morning. He had spent the night with one of his friends in the First ward.

## A "Merchants' Day."

The Merchants' Association is considering a request from the Y. M. C. A. to close the stores at three o'clock instead of six on July 20th, in order that their employees may have an opportunity to witness the game between the professionals and the Y. M. C. A. It is probable that the request will be granted for the Y. M. C. A. has put a fast amateur team in the field and unusual interest is being given to it. If the stores do close the day will be advertised as "Merchants' Day," and a big attendance may be expected. Previous to the game the Y. M. C. A. boys will have their pictures taken and exhibited in the different store windows.

## The Road to Laughtertown.

Oh, show me the road to laughter town,

For I have lost the way! I wandered out of the path one day, When my heart was broke and my hair turned gray.

And I can't remember how to play, I've quite forgotten how to be gay. It's all through sighing and weeping they say.

Oh, show me the way to Laughtertown,

For I have lost the way!

I used to belong in Laughtertown Before I lost the way; For I danced and laughed the livelong day.

Ere my heart was broke and my hair turned gray; So it ought to be easy to find the way. But crying has made me blind, they say.

And still toward Teartown my sad feet stray—

Oh, show me the road to Laughtertown.

Ed Hall, the Main street florist, is suffering with a badly sprained ankle received at Mt. Lake Park on Wednesday, caused by falling down a flight of stairs.

## PATAGONIAN BABIES.

Remedies Used When They Are Ill, in Spite of Which They Live.

The dispensary of Patagonia knows but two remedies for the diseases of children—animal skins and common yellow clay, both to be used at the same time, whether the disease be in the head or feet of the little sufferer.

On being called to see a sick child the Patagonian doctor takes with him a tight skin bag, opened at the larger end. Clay is plentiful everywhere. While some member of the family makes a thick batter of this yellow earth the medicine man sits staring at the sick child or else shakes a painted rattle in an idiotic fashion before the little one's face.

When the plaster of clay is ready, the child is smeared from head to foot with it and then slipped feet first into the bag before mentioned. Should the child cease crying before this proceeding has been carried out it is thought to be a bad sign, an omen that the devil is still lurking in the child, but is keeping quiet for fear of punishment.

On the other hand, should the child become calm as he is being bagged the parents and medicine man think that the prince of darkness has left the body of the child in order to escape imprisonment. In the event of this last named contingency arising the skin bag is immediately closed and tied. The doctor then opens another bag and throws three pebbles and some serpents' teeth into it. These are well shaken for a moment, the idea being to get the devil to jump into the bag after the charm, whereupon it is instantly closed, tied and sunk in the nearest body of water.

After this rite has been carried out to the letter the bag in which the clay besmeared child has been deposited may be opened. If the little one has not already been smothered by being confined in the bag during the incantations of the medicine man, it is thoroughly washed and wrapped in a clean, warm skin, the hide of a "muley" white bull killed in the new of the moon being preferable. Strange as it may seem, this treatment usually cures, the water being a prime factor in restoring health, no doubt.

Should death ensue the doctor tells the bereaved parents that two devils were after the child and that all the medical science in the world is not equal to the task of coping with two of theimps of the infernal regions.—London Answers.

## The Length of a Dream.

"The other afternoon," said a doctor, "I called to see a patient, and, much to my satisfaction, I found him sleeping soundly. I sat by his bed, felt his pulse without disturbing him and waited for him to awaken. After a few minutes a dealer's cart, with discordant ringing bells, turned into the street, and as their first tones reached my patient opened his eyes.

"Doctor," he said, "I'm glad to see you and awfully glad that you woke me, for I have been tortured by a most distressing dream that must have lasted for several hours. I dreamed that I was sick, as I am, and that my boy came into the room with a string of most horribly sounding bells and rang them in my ears, while I hadn't the power to move or speak to him. I suffered tortures for what appeared to be interminable time, and I'm so glad you awoke me."

"The ringing of those bells for one second had caused all of that dream and just at the waking moment."—Liverpool Post.

## Flaubert and France.

Flaubert believed almost to the end in the free guerrilla crops, in the "avengers to the death," he believed that all men are soldiers and every mob an army; he believed in Gladstone and Cremerieux; he believed in the proclamations; he believed in the "balloon of deliverance;" he believed in "the oath to conquer or die;" he believed that the retreats of our armies were only "strategical movements;" he believed that Rouen would blow itself into the air rather than suffer the enemy to enter into its walls; he believed that Paris would never capitulate; he believed in the sorties that were to be as a "blood overwhelming the besiegers;" he believed in the European intervention, in the utter exhaustion of the Germans. He believed in everything except defeat.—Maxime du Camp's "Literary Recollections."

## East Indian Etiquette.

A letter sent to a native prince in India is often a very elaborate affair. The paper is specially made for the purpose and is sprinkled with gold leaf. Only the last few lines of the somewhat lengthy document contain the purport of the letter, while the remainder is made up of the usual roundabout and complimentary phrases. It is folded in a peculiar way, with the flaps outward, and placed in a muslin bag, and this latter into one of crimson and gold tint, with a slipknot of gold thread, attached to which is a ponderous seal. The address, written on a slip of parchment, is attached to the outside bag. These details are very important for polite letter writing in India, and if any one of them were omitted it would be an insult to the person addressed.

## Imperative Calls.

It is not only courteous, but imperative, where you have acted as bridesmaid, maid of honor, usher or best man, to call upon the mother of the bride shortly after the wedding, calling upon the bride herself soon after her return from the honeymoon.

Those invited to a home wedding or a wedding reception or breakfast must call in due course on the bride's mother, later on the bride herself, says the Philadelphia North American.

Some of the best lots on Fairmont avenue for sale. See H. H. Lanham.

# BIG GUESSING CONTEST.

## WHO Will Be Elected President of the United States at the Coming Election?

# HOW MANY VOTES WILL HE GET?

### The West Virginian Proposes to Give the Best Guessers Some Liberal Prizes.

## HERE IS THE PLAN:

We will give to our Patrons and Subscribers **\$250.00 IN GOLD** on the following conditions:

- To the person estimating the exact number, or the nearest the exact number of votes cast for the winner in the Presidential contest, we will give \$100.00 in gold.
- To the person guessing the next nearest number, \$50.00 in gold.
- To the third nearest guesses, \$25.00 in gold.
- To the five next nearest, each \$10.00.
- To the five next nearest, each \$5.00 in gold.

The thirteen people in this case will be the lucky ones.

### CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST:

- Each person who is a regular subscriber to the Daily West Virginian on July 6, is entitled to one guess.
- Each person paying one dollar for a three months' subscription to the West Virginian beginning after July 6 will be entitled to one guess.
- Any person paying in advance for one year will be entitled to four estimates, or for any part of a year in the same manner, each one dollar paid on subscription entitling the subscriber to a guess.
- Any person securing two subscribers for three months and paying us two dollars, will be entitled to one guess, or additional guesses in the same proportion, one guess for each two dollars, sent in. The person securing the subscription will be entitled to guess and the persons subscribing will also be entitled to guesses.

### TO AID IN MAKING THE ESTIMATE:

In 1892,  
Grover Cleveland received 5,552,351 votes.  
Benjamin Harrison received 5,176,336 votes.

In 1896,  
William McKinley received 7,111,607 votes.  
William J. Bryan received 6,509,052 votes.

In 1900,  
William McKinley received 7,263,266 votes.  
William J. Bryan received 6,415,387 votes.

The guess or guesses of each individual will be kept secret. Who will be the first to record his guess? Remember it begins on Wednesday July 6. Some one will get first prize, why not you?