

# 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:

1. Each person who is a regular subscriber to the Daily West Virginian on July 6, is entitled to one guess.
2. Each person paying one dollar for a three months' subscription to the West Virginian beginning after July 6 will be entitled to one guess.
3. 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.
4. 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.

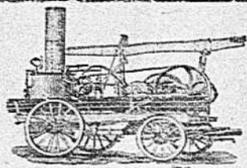
In 1900,  
William McKinley received 7,263,266 votes.  
William J. Bryan received 6,415,387 votes.

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?



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but they were insured. Now they have money to start anew. Can you say the same thing in case you are burned out?  
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to be without insurance. Do not neglect the opportunity to place yourself on a safe footing. We write up Fire Risks on real and personal property, stocks, etc., and will cheerfully furnish any further information desired.

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Edward F. Holbert.

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A standard and infallible cure for RHEUMATISM and GOUT, endorsed by the highest medical authorities of Europe and America. Dispensed only in spherical capsules, which dissolve in liquids of the stomach without causing irritation or disagreeable symptoms. Price, \$1 per bottle. Sold by druggists. Be sure and get the genuine.  
**WILLIAMS MFG. CO., CLEVELAND, OHIO, Sole Props.**  
Sold by M. D. Christie.

### DR. LYON'S French Periodical Drops

Strictly vegetable, perfectly harmless, sure to accomplish **DESIRED RESULTS.** Greatest known female remedy. Price, \$1.50 per bottle.

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Sold by M. D. Christie.

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TO THE

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**THREE THROUGH TRAINS DAILY**

Vestibuled throughout with  
Pullman Sleeping Cars,  
Observation Cars and Dining Cars.

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**EXCURSION TICKETS**

ON SALE

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From All Stations Announced From

Time to Time.

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Jacobs Block, Monroe St.

Consolidated 'Phone, 157.

What is the matter with Homer Hall's ice cream soda? Nothing. Except that being so rich and heavily charged, it requires several other willing assistants, in an emergency, to help each patron safely through with one round at the fountain. For further explanation ask Homer.



Standard for 13 years.

The roofing which has proved that it can resist the greatest extremes of weather and factory conditions. Absolutely waterproof. Send for samples.  
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Gentlemen's Cleaning and Repairing. Cheapest price for high grade Tailoring. Third Floor, Carr Building.

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To the World's Fair, Very Low Rates.

Various forms of excursion tickets to St. Louis via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, now on sale from Fairmont as follows:

Season tickets, good to return until December 15, 1904, to be sold daily at rate of \$26.80, round trip.

Sixty day excursion tickets, final limit not later than December 15, 1904, to be sold daily at rate of \$22.35, round trip.

Fifteen day excursion tickets, to be sold daily at rate of \$18.75, round trip.

Ten day special coach excursion tickets on sale **Every Tuesday in June**, good going in day coaches only, on special coach trains, or in coaches on designated trains, limited for return passage leaving St. Louis not later than ten days, including date of sale, at rate of \$13.00, round trip.

Variable route excursion tickets, either season or sixty day, will be sold going via one direct route and returning via another direct route, full information concerning which can be obtained from ticket agent.

Stop-overs, not exceeding ten days at each point will be allowed at Washington, Deer Park, Mountain Lake Park, Oakland and Mitchell, Ind., (for French Lick and West Baden Springs) within return limit, upon notice to conductor and deposit of ticket with depot ticket agent immediately upon arrival.

Stop-overs not exceeding ten days will be allowed at St. Louis on all one-way (except Colonists' tickets to the Pacific Coast) and round trip tickets reading to points beyond St. Louis, upon deposit of ticket with Validating Agent and payment of fee of \$1.00.

Three solid vestibuled trains are run daily from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, via Parkersburg and Cincinnati to St. Louis.

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Magnificent coaches, sleeping cars, observation cars and unexcelled dining car service.

For illustrated folder, time table and full information, call at ticket office, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

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Popular Seashore Excursions—Atlantic City, Cape May, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, N. J., Ocean City, Md., and Rehoboth Beach, Del., June 30, July 16 and August 11 and 25, and September 8.

At the following very low rates from Fairmont:

Only \$10 round trip, ticket good in coaches only.

Only \$12 round trip, tickets in Pullman cars when accompanied by regular Pullman ticket.

All tickets good returning 16 days, including date of sale.

Stop-overs allowed on return trip at Philadelphia and Washington.

Ask ticket agents for pamphlet giving detailed information.

#### Pointed Paragraphs.

From the Chicago News.]

A woman has simply got to love something, even if it is only a man.

When you feel like telling your troubles write them down—then burn the paper.

A man's idea of personal liberty is his ability to butt into the affairs of his neighbor.

A widow is usually more particular about the choice of a second husband than she was about the first.

If a man is always chaperoned by his wife he is pretty sure to meander along in the straight and narrow path.

When a bride's mother weeps it may be because her daughter didn't marry a man with less beauty and more money.

The sweet girl graduate who pounds her pillow until her poor old mother has breakfast ready will prove a great disappointment to some man.

#### Webster Springs Mineral Water.

Call on the Fairmont Bottling Company, Jackson street, F. & M. 'phone 185, for Webster Springs Salt Sulphur Water. Can furnish by the bottle or case. B. D. Hutchinson, general agent.

#### Dressmaking

At 91 Second street, Fourth ward. Children's work a specialty.

I have some good lots in two squares of Court-house for sale at \$375.00. H. H. Lanham.

## BRITISH ARMY TO BE REDUCED

WAR SECRETARY ARNOLD FORSTER ANNOUNCES PROPOSED PLAN IN HOUSE OF COMMONS—SAYS SYSTEM TOO COSTLY.

LONDON, July 16.—War Secretary Arnold Forster made his long-promised statement as to his proposed reform of the army, when the House of Commons went into a committee yesterday afternoon on the vote for the war office. The secretary said he did not propose to touch the militia, as public opinion was not ripe therefor, neither would the royal artillery be decreased nor the number of cavalry regiments reduced. He proposed to reduce the regular infantry forces by 14 battalions, leaving 10 or 50 battalions for home service, after providing for India and the colonies.

The army would be divided into two parts. A certain number of battalions would be kept at home. These would be reduced to 500 men, 400 of whom would be enlisted for two years' service and would afterwards enter the reserves for six years. These would be in reality territorial battalions and the object of the short service system would be to build up the reserve. The volunteer establishment would be reduced to 180,000 men and much larger grants would be made, so as to make the volunteers an effective force. From 15,000 to 16,000 regular troops would be kept at Aldershot ready to take the field as a fighting force. Provision would be made for a permanent garrison of 21,500 men in South Africa. It appears that Mr. Arnold Forster's proposal would result in a decrease of 8,701 men, leaving a total force of 227,000 and a decrease in expenditure of \$2,450,000.

The war secretary concluded with saying that the army was passing through a period of great danger. Sufficient remedy for the existing evils must be found, and while he was unable to provide any marked immediate reduction in the expenditures, he hoped that his scheme would enable his successors to effect progressive economy. The British army, as at present constituted, was one of the costliest machines ever devised, and quite unfit to supply the peculiar needs of the empire. In view of the progress made in submarine boats, he hoped to make a considerable reduction in the expenditure on the aquatic establishment. He discarded the conscription proposal, as it would cost an additional \$130,000,000 yearly for the same number of troops as now forthcoming.

#### Republican Record.

The Republican party in the mass and in detail has shown its capacity to govern. By persistent honesty in our finances—in the face of obstacles which might have daunted the hardest statesmen—it has reduced our interest charges so that in any mart on earth we can borrow money cheaper than any other people.

By persistent adherence to the policy of protection we have given to our industries a development which the fathers of the Republic never dreamed of, and history affords no parallel in the vast and increasing prosperity which this country has enjoyed under Republican rule.—John Hay.

#### Reflections of a Bachelor.

From the New York Press.]

It's awful slow work getting popular with your wife's relatives.

A girl who has red hair has got to be mighty pretty to make you forget it.

Sometimes you can't tell, from what she has on, whether it's a shirt waist or a girl is going to bed.

It's mighty good practice to be in love with a woman you can't marry because it has already happened to her.

Even a man who will take a tip on a horse race and bet on it is seldom rash enough to ask a man to dinner without first consulting his wife about it.

In order to reduce our stock of garden hose, we are giving special price of 10 per cent. off. J. L. Hall's hardware store.

If you are in the market for a refrigerator, do not fail to see us. We have them at a bargain. J. L. Hall's hardware store.

#### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a stockholders' meeting of the "Big Falls Coal Company," a corporation created under the laws of the State of West Virginia, to be held at the office of the company in the City of Fairmont, State of West Virginia, on the 30th day of July, 1904, a resolution will be offered, increasing the number of shares of stock of said company from 250 shares of the par value of \$100.00, to 500 shares of the par value of \$100.00.

GEO. D. GRANNIS,  
JAMES A. TODD,

Stockholders.

Dated June 27, 1904.