

# 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**

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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.

n. 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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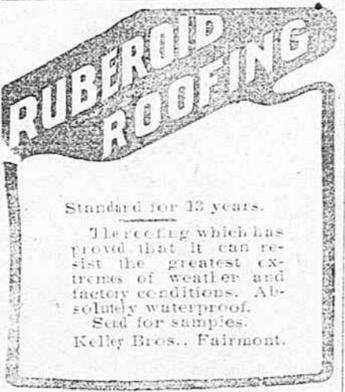
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Some nice lots on Hamilton Hill for sale, at a good bargain. H. H. Latham.

### THE SLY WEASEL.

#### How He Finally Trapped and Killed a Monster Rat.

A sawmill in an Iowa town was infested with rats, which, being un-molested, became very numerous and bold and played round the mill among the men while they worked during the day. But one day a weasel came upon the scene and at once declared war on the rats.

One by one the rats became victims of the weasel's superior strength until only one very large, strong fellow was left of the once numerous colony. The weasel attacked the big rat several times, but each time the rat proved more than a match for his slender antagonist and chased the weasel to a hiding place.

One day the weasel was seen busily digging under a lumber pile near the mill. He was engaged for some time, but later appeared again in the mill, seeking his old enemy. He soon found him and at once renewed hostilities. As usual, after a lively tussle, the rat proved too much for him, and he ran, pursued closely by the rat, straight to the hole under the lumber pile.

He ran in, still followed by the rat, almost immediately reappeared round the end of the pile and again dodged into the hole behind the rat. Neither was seen again for some time, but the weasel finally reappeared, looking no worse for the fight.

The curiosity of the men in the mill was aroused, and they proceeded to investigate the hole under the lumber pile. They found that the weasel had dug the hole sufficiently large at the first end to admit the rat, but had gradually tapered it as he proceeded until at the other end it barely allowed his own slender body to pass.

When the rat chased him into the large end of this underground tunnel he quickly slipped on through, and while the rat was trying to squeeze his large body into the smaller part of the hole the weasel dodged in behind him and, catching him in the rear and in a place where he could not turn round, finished him at his leisure.

### HUSBANDS AND WIVES.

A reserved lover, it is said, always makes a suspicious husband. — Goldsmith.

Certainly wife and children are a kind of discipline of humanity. — Lord Bacon.

When a man should marry—a young man not yet an elder man not at all. — Thales.

He that loves not his wife and children feeds a lioness at home and broods a nest of sorrows. — Jeremy Taylor.

I have hardly ever observed the married condition unhappy but for want of judgment or temper in the man. — Rich- ard Steele.

He that hath wife and children hath given hostages to fortune, for they are impediments to great enterprises, either of virtue or mischief. — Lord Bacon.

After treating her like a goddess the husband uses her like a woman. What is worse, the most abject flatterers degenerate into the greatest tyrants. — Addison.

### Altering Stamps.

No change or alteration of any sort should be made by a collector in his stamps. It was a custom some years ago among collectors to erase cancellation marks from their stamps in order to make their stamps better. The effect of the attempt was not all that could be desired. The erasures were not perfect, and the stamps in the changed condition, being neither canceled nor uncanceled, were simply inferior damaged specimens. One of the most common ways of altering stamps at the present time is to erase the word "specimen" from a stamp having this overprint. It cannot be done so that it will not be detected, and the stamp in the altered condition is worthless, while as a "specimen" it had some value. It has frequently happened that stamps, valuable in their original condition, have been made worthless by attempts to increase their value by alteration. — St. Nicholas.

### The Koreans' White Dress.

As the Koreans are obliged to dress in white for three years for every case of death and as once three kings died within ten years, by which deaths mourning was imposed on the whole nation, the majority of people chose rather to dress continually in white in order to avoid the great expense involved by repeated change of clothing. The women make these garments, and every time they have to be washed they are entirely taken to pieces and beaten for hours with a wooden paddle in order to obtain the metallic gloss which is considered particularly beautiful.

### Compensation.

Head of Family—I want to leave my property to my two sons—one-tenth to my older son, John Butts, and nine-tenths to my younger son, Royal Chest-nutfield Montgomery de Foyster Butts, Family Lawyer—H'm! Do you think that's quite fair? Head of Family—Yes. I want to make some kind of reparation to Royal for allowing his mother to give him such a name.—Lon- don Mail.

### An Eventful Day.

"Well, well," exclaimed the editor, "if that wasn't a queer experience!" "What was that?" said the foreman. "There was a man in here just now who didn't seem to know any more about how a newspaper should be run than I do."

"When something is very difficult to understand," said the distinguished professor of biology, "it is called sci- ence; when it is impossible, it is called philosophy."

Note books, receipt books, order books, etc. Burdette's.

### EVILS OF "GET THERE."

#### The Dangers That Lurk in Our Modern Hastening Methods.

If we may judge by its effects on those who obey its command, our slang motto, "Get there," is not an elevating or ennobling one. On the contrary, it is brutalizing. It appeals to the lower and not the higher instincts in man.

Yet this motto is quoted all over our land. It is demoralizing the law, it is creeping into the pulpit, it speaks from our schools, it looks out of the eyes of the ambitious, it undermines health, and it frequently destroys an nobility of character.

The old fashioned slow and sure methods of attaining a competency are tabooed. The man who spends half a lifetime in making a fortune is regarded as "slow." Short cut processes, at any cost, are the demand of the hour. From the time a boy enters school he is goaded on by unnatural ambitions. He is not satisfied with steady, permanent growth. He must progress by leaps and bounds. Boys and girls are encouraged by their parents to get ahead in their classes, even if they must burn midnight oil and risk their health in order to do so.

It is pitiable to watch a typical Amer- ican going to business in the morning. He is not content to sit quietly and re- lax until the train carries him to his destination in the city. Long before that he leans forward in his seat and makes ready to leap off while the train is moving. With every muscle tenses an anxious, worried expression in his face and a nervous twitching of the hands, clutching his cane, umbrella, parcel or the back of the seat in front of him, he wastes enough energy and strength before he reaches his office to execute the labor of half the day.

The life of the average American is feverish, unhealthy and unnatural. We are in too great haste with everything and consequently lack peace. In the perpetual rush to "get there" we are in very great danger of losing our equilib- rium.—Orison Swett Marden in Suc- cess.

### PITH AND POINT.

It is easy to "make fun" of people.

We all promise more than we can perform.

Consider the other side. You may be unreasonable.

Don't forget that you are not as clever as you think you are.

Somehow the applause given at amateur entertainments sounds terribly like relief.

You know how selfish you are? Well, you can judge from yourself how selfish others are.

When a man says impressively and confidentially, "The facts are," etc., how often does he tell the facts?

When the baby keeps a man awake at nights, he "casually" mentions it to every one he meets on the way down- town.

If the pictures in the family album were taken as long as thirty years ago, looking through it is almost as interest- ing as seeing a different tribe of the human race.—Acheson Globe.

### Girls With the Cab Habit.

One of the curiosities of New York city travel on Sunday afternoons is the number of young women riding in hansom cabs. Sometimes there are two in a cab, but more often they travel alone, and in almost every case they are the sort of young women to whom riding in vehicles of any kind is a novelty. Two of this type approached a cabman last Sunday and, after trying vainly to make a bargain with him, walked away with their noses high in the air.

"They're just another pair of would be's," said the cabman in disgust. "They're the kind that think riding in a hansom is the real thing, and they save up all week to blow themselves to a ride on Sunday. They always try to beat us down, and sometimes we let them do it—when business is bad." — New York Press.

### Edible Birds' Nests.

Coron, a little island of the Philip- pines, is one of the chief sources from which come edible birds' nests. It has sheer walls of rock fronting the sea, in which are deep holes where a cer- tain sea swallow builds its nest. The wild aborigines, Tagbanouas, collect the nests from the cliffs by means of long vine ropes, selling them to Chi- nese traders, who export them to their own country, where they are consid- ered a great delicacy. The nests are three inches long and bring \$12 (Mex- ican) for bunches of ten or twelve, ac- cording to size. The gum of which they are largely composed is a secre- tion from the salivary glands of the swallows.

### A Good Time to Stop.

When you have said what you in- tended to say, stop; when you have written what you intended to write, stop. A practice of this habit will ren- der many after dinner speakers tol- erable and many literary speakers read- able. Verbosity is the ruin of much that might otherwise be endured pa- tiently.—Schoolmaster.

### All the Essentials.

"Do you think they'll be happy now they're married?"

"Well, I don't see why not. They eat the same kind of breakfast food, take the same brand of dyspepsia tablets, and wear the same make of hygienic underwear." — Town Topics.

### A Hard Life.

Mrs. Hatterton—I hope your boy's college life hasn't injured him phys- ically.

Mrs. Catterton—In what way?

"Why, I heard he had been dropped several times." — Life.

Pen and ink erasers, black board erasers, etc. Burdette's.