

BIG GUESSING CONTEST.

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To the five next nearest, each \$10.00.

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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?

JUDGE PARKER AN AGITATOR

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT GIVES OUT A LETTER FROM LUKE E. WRIGHT ON THE PHILIPPINE QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—There has been given out at the White House a letter from Governor Luke E. Wright to President Roosevelt, dated August 15, in which the governor tells of the "harmful effect" of the discussion of the Philippine independence in the United States. This letter was given to the newspaper correspondents by Secretary Loeb, and is regarded as the President's direct answer to Judge Parker on the Philippine question. These are the extracts from the letter which the President directed to be published:

"The effect of the continued discussion as to the capacity of the Filipino for self-government and his immediate or ultimate independence is having its effect here and makes our task more difficult than it otherwise would be. The less a man is equipped with intelligence and those qualities which make good citizenship the more easily can he be persuaded that he is the possessor of all those qualities.

"This people have their full share of ambition and vanity, and they also have their full share of reckless, half formed characters who are ready for intrigue in any direction which promises them profit or power. It is this class which has largely given force and direction which promises them profit or power. It is this class which has largely given force and direction to the Aglipayan movement, and has recruited its ranks from the ignorant and dangerous element.

"In this general connection I may say to you as a matter of information that the agitation in the United States for Philippine independence, and the spoken and written utterances of prominent men there who are urging it, are all brought here and published in the native newspapers and are being made the text for editorials insisting that the Filipino people are now ready to become an independent nation. The effect of all this is distinctly injurious.

"Its tendency is to restore the influence of the old insurrecto leaders and to make them active in preaching the old propaganda. This, in turn, has the effect of demoralizing and weakening the more conservative and thoughtful Filipinos, who fear that if they speak out as they really think they would be considered the enemies of their people and lose their prestige with them. Those of the more prominent and best educated, and who naturally have their ambitions, are inclined to join in the general cry."

THIRTY SPEECHES BY BRYAN IN INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 28.—A telegram was received from Thomas Taggart, national Democratic chairman, yesterday, saying that he had arranged for W. J. Bryan to speak in Indiana from October 12 to 22, inclusive. The speakers' bureau of the State committee is arranging the Nebraska speaking dates.

There are more than five hundred requests on file with the committee for speeches from Bryan, and the committee is trying to arrange his thirty speeches in Indiana so that the meeting places will be easily accessible. Mr. Bryan will speak three times a day in the ten days that he will be in Indiana. A special train will be placed at his disposal, and all the railroads will be asked to run excursion trains with reduced fares, from a distance of fifty miles in all directions to his speaking places.

Mr. Bryan is very popular with Indiana Democrats, and the committee will utilize his popularity to the utmost.

It is reported here that Mr. Taggart will be in Indiana in about two weeks, and that he will take personal charge of the campaign during the latter days of October.

HER DEATH DUE TO HIGH HEELED SHOE.

Cancerous Growth Appears on Mrs. William Hunter's Foot and Finally Proves Fatal.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 28.—Mrs. William A. Hunter, daughter-in-law of Representative W. Godfrey Hunter, died last night from diffused sarcoma, caused by a cancerous growth on her foot due to the wearing of high heeled shoes. The growth appeared about fourteen months ago and spread rapidly, necessitating amputation of the right leg below the knee about a year ago.

This proved of no avail, as the poison had affected the whole body. Mrs. Hunter gradually grew weaker and death had been expected for some time. She was only twenty-four years old.

Special sale of hosiery Sept. 23, 24, and 26, Friday, Saturday and Monday, at The Bon Ton. 50c lace hose, 35c, 25c lace hose, 18c, 2 pair, 35c.

PLOTS HATCHED UPON THE ALPS

Six Men Who Engineered the Plot to Kill Minister Von Plehve Declared to Have Organized a Series of Political Crimes.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 28.—While some of the features of the plot which culminated in the assassination of M. Von Plehve, the minister of the interior, still baffle the police, the authorities profess to be now perfectly certain that the conspiracy was hatched in Geneva by half a dozen Russians, mostly Jews. The authorities know the names and addresses of the conspirators, but are unable to take legal action against them owing to the failure of the laws of Switzerland to interfere with political refugees, and therefore Russian terrorists are at liberty, from their haven in the Alps, to continue the work of assassination of Russian ministers so long as they are able to find emissaries willing to risk their lives, the organizers never venturing to carry out their own designs.

Six men who engineered the Plehve plot, according to the result of the Russian police investigation are declared beyond the shadow of a doubt to have organized the series of political crimes, with the exception of the murder of M. Bobrikoff, the governor general of Finland, which began with the assassination of M. Bogdanovitch, governor of Ufa, on May 19, 1903, and ended with the blowing up of Minister Plehve on July 28 of this year.

Gerchunin, whose plot resulted in the assassination of Minister of the Interior Sipaguine, on April 15, 1902, now turns out to have been only an emissary of these Geneva terrorists.

For the first time the fact is now revealed that M. Plehve's murder had been preceded by four abortive attempts to encompass his death, which the department of political police frustrated in the nick of time by the arrest of would-be assassins, who were quietly imprisoned or banished.

Only one of these attempts has hitherto become public, and that was revealed by the accidental explosion of a bomb in the Hotel du Nord, in St. Petersburg. Sasonoff and two of his accomplices continue to maintain obstinate silence regarding the assassination of Minister Plehve, although one of the accomplices has confessed that he threw a bomb into the canal the morning of the assassination. Bernstein, the other accomplice, obeying the injunction of the terrorists, refuses to make any statement.

Woman's Franchise Movement In Victoria.

The Australian Herald of June, 1904, has the following editorial:

"Woman's franchise has actually been carried in the British House of Commons. Victoria had better look sharp, or the mother will outstrip the child. Is it not time the anomalous position of our Victorian politicians was rectified? The Australian Commonwealth allows women to vote—why not the little State of Victoria?"

"It is well to remind our readers of the grounds on which we support the enfranchisement of women.

"We support it because it seems to us to be social justice. Women have to obey the laws, and it is right they should have a share in making them. Many of the laws affect women more than men, and it is only fair, therefore, that their voice should be heard. On many questions they are better able to advise than men, and the man-view is apt, often, to be one-sided and selfish.

"The denial of the franchise to women we regard as a relic of a less civilized age, out of which we are slowly emerging. A new ideal of womanhood has dawned, and is one of the most certain marks of human progress. Raise woman, and you inevitably raise society.

"That there may be dangers connected with this 'forward movement' we do not deny. All liberty brings with it the possibility of abuse. But this is no reason why we should tie ourselves up with ropes, or live, like Diogenes, in a tub. There is danger in letting a child begin to walk.

"In conclusion, we would ask the opponents of woman's franchise to point to one single ill effect which has as yet flowed from this necessary and logical step in the evolution of democracy."

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