

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?

ALLEGHENY VALLEY DEFENDS SIBERT

RIVER TOWNS AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE AROUSED OVER ATTACKS OF OFFICIAL.

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION DEMANDS HIS RETENTION—PENNSY RAILROAD BRIEF FILED.

Towns and manufacturing concerns along the Allegheny river are aroused in defense of Major W. L. Sibert against the personal attacks made on him in the brief filed by attorneys of the Union Bridge Company with the War Department, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. The Allegheny River Improvement Association, representative of the progressive sentiment of the entire valley, has adopted resolutions supporting Major Sibert, condemning the charges against that official and insisting upon his retention in charge of government works in the Pittsburg district.

The text of the resolutions follows: Whereas, Major W. L. Sibert has been criticised by the attorneys for the Union Bridge Company and the railroad interests at Pittsburg and the War Department petitioned for his removal, and

Whereas, We, the Allegheny River Improvement Association, believing the interests of our river would be seriously affected should Major Sibert be transferred and another officer detailed there, and

Whereas, We have unbounded faith in Major Sibert's judgment in matters pertaining to the development of the Allegheny river, belief in his fitness for the important and delicate position he fills, appreciation of his untiring investigation of our conditions and knowledge of our requirements, and admiration for his manly character, unquestionable honesty and the moral courage shown in the course he has taken, knowing, as we all do, the pressure brought to bear on him by the greatest combination of financial and railroad interests in and about Pittsburg, as well as their defiance to his rulings and threats for his removal. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Allegheny River Improvement Association, endorse Major Sibert's record and condemn the unjust attacks upon him, and respectfully petition the War Department to retain the Major in charge of the interests of the Allegheny river, and be it further

Resolved, That the President of the association be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to the Secretary of War and have them published in the daily and weekly papers along the Allegheny river and in Pittsburg.

Attest: EDW. W. DEWEY, S. B. COCHRANE, President, Chairman Executive Committee.

Similar action will be taken in every community along the Monongahela river, whose cry for relief from conditions hampering navigation and the resultant development of the vast resources of that territory has been heard repeatedly.

DEMOCRATIC PLUTOCRACY.

Watson Tells Why They Secured Parker's Nomination.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 21.—The Populist campaign in Marion county was opened to-night by Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, the party's candidate for President, who spoke at a mass meeting in English Opera House. The theatre was well filled and the speaker's remarks were frequently and vigorously applauded. Mr. Watson said:

"The plutocratic element of the Democratic party is as much opposed to a genuine Democrat like Hearst or Bryan as the Republicans are. It cost plutocracy \$10,000,000 to defeat Bryan. It would have cost them twice as much this year to defeat Hearst. Therefore they bought the nomination for Parker. It was cheaper to buy up a few hundred delegates than to buy millions of voters."

JOLIET, Ill., Oct. 21.—The call issued by James H. Ferriss, National Chairman of the People's party for a convention or conference of "Bryan Democrats and silver Republicans" to be held in Chicago on Tuesday, October 25, to endorse the Watson ticket has received signatures from 22 States. Since the call was issued 7,000 invitations to attend the conference have been sent out to Democrats who supported Mr. Bryan four years ago.

The Republican Way.

Democratic farmers in Esopus township, N. Y., are drifting over to the Republican ticket because they fear if Herrick be elected governor the farm taxes of 1893 will reappear, which have been abolished under Republican administration. The township farms pay \$4,000 less tax than in 1893, and the farmers say to Neighbor Parker that if they are compelled to vote for Higgins for governor there is no reason why they should not voluntarily vote for Roosevelt for President—Baltimore American.

DREYFUS FORGERS

SOME FRENCH ARMY OFFICERS ARE HAVING A RAW TIME.

JAILED TWICE FOR CROOKEDNESS IN THE DREYFUS CASE.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The French authorities are offering various explanations of the arrest of Lieutenant Colonel Rollin and Captain Dautriche, Francois and Mareschal, who are now in the Cherche-Midi military prison. These officials were attached to the now disbanded Spy department of the war office.

In the course of the recent further investigation to the Dreyfus case a question arose to know how a sum of twenty-five thousand francs had been spent by that department in 1899, and as the officers failed to give a satisfactory explanation they were arrested, but released on parole pending the result of the military judicial investigation into the charge of embezzlement.

Captain Cassel, the military judge, has just concluded this inquiry, and in his report he states he is convinced that the money was used to "suborn" witnesses summoned to appear before the Rennes court-martial and not for the purpose of purchasing secret documents as was suggested by the entries in the books. However, as all offenses connected with the Dreyfus case are wiped out by the amnesty, the reporter could only ask the military government of Paris to throw out the indictments, which was done.

Notwithstanding this came the officers' rearrest.

On the one hand it is stated that General Dessirier has decided that they shall be court-martialed, so that they can clear their honor. The Petit Parisien, however, suggests that General Andre, being convinced that some of the papers resorted to by them do not come under the Dreyfus amnesty, has decided to charge them with making use of forged documents, while a third version is that after the indictment was thrown out they wrote a very violent letter to the military governor of Paris, and that it is in consequence of this communication that they have again been sent to prison.

JUSTICE HARLAN DRANK AMMONIA.

He Meant to Take Something Else Out of a Bottle, but Declines to Say What.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 21.—Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, did not appear for his regular lecture to the freshmen class of the law department of the George Washington University last Friday. One of the faculty members explained that he was ill. He was on hand at the lecture to-day, however, and remarked to the students:

"I was sorry not to be here at the last lecture, but I drank something out of a bottle. I quickly found it was household ammonia. I will not say what it was I intended to take, but some surprise was manifested that I, a Kentuckian, should have mistaken the bottle, or that anything should have hurt me."

Justice Harlan was unable to talk for a few days after taking the ammonia.

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual stockholders meeting of the Marion Silas Stone Company of the city of Fairmont, will be held at its offices, Nos. 1 and 2 Cunningham building, Fairmont, West Virginia, on Wednesday the 26th day of October, 1904, at 7:30 P. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that might come before the meeting.

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