

DON'T BE LATE AT THE FINISH

Bring Your Subscriptions In At Once And Avoid The Rush

All Votes Should Be Deposited in the Ballot Box Before 12 O'clock P. M. Friday Night--But Two Days Remain in The American Contest--The Contestants Are Working Harder Than Ever to Win

The Prizes

- Three High Grade Upright Pianos
- Three Trips to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition
- Three Beautiful Diamond Rings
- Three Scholarships in the Granger Business College

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"
I waited not long for the answer.
"To see the piano I hope to win,
"I think that I have a good chance, sir."

(Lyrics from the Contest Editor).

SPECIAL NOTICE

A number of contestants have received letters from a certain individual telling them that there was no chance for them to win and that investigation had been made at this office. We desire to say that all such rumors are false and every girl has an equal chance to win. We invite any one to look over the records of this office at any time, but no one has yet even questioned the records.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

All outside mail must be mailed so that it will reach this office by Saturday noon. The final count will begin at 3:00 o'clock sharp Saturday afternoon, at the Gottschalk theatre, where plenty of seats will be provided for all present, and the general public is invited to see the count. Hon. A. N. Aldrich, mayor of the city, and W. G. Jacobs, secretary of the Commercial Club, and other responsible business men, will make the final count to decide the winners.

The Contest Editor has done his part to make clear the conditions under which the votes must be registered to the end that they may be counted. It is all plain enough sailing and he just wants to utter a caution to the contestants. Of course there is not much use of advising anybody against the practice of holding out votes and trying to deceive competitors by a show of indifference. That is a matter for the contestant to decide for herself. The essential thing is to get the votes into the office and if there are votes being held out now—and one who has been watching the contest would be justified in assuming that they are—why they had better be got to the office in time.

The contest will close on the stroke of 12 o'clock, standard time, Friday night. Votes handed over The American counter at 12:01 will get nothing but a tired smile from a tired clerk. Votes that are mailed a minute too late will be of no avail.

If the contestant will keep that in mind The American does not care if the votes do not come in until 11:59 Saturday night. But if the Contest Editor was a candidate instead of a mere looker-on, he would not take a chance on getting his vote in at that time. There is nothing like having a little leeway. He would not wait until the last moment before closing his list. He would cut off a few hours at the finish and give himself that much time in case of accidents. Trains go wrong; crowds sometimes bustle a man so that he cannot get through. There was a fearful hal-lad once entitled "The Pardon That Came Too Late." Well, votes that come in too late will be of just exactly as much avail as the pardon was to the fellow who was hanged.

The American will make every possible provision to take care of the people who bring in their votes personally Friday evening. It will provide a sufficient clerical force and it will see that no time is wasted and that every woman who gets votes in on time has those votes counted. But it cannot put the clock back, and it is utterly helpless so far as accepting votes that are overdue.

It won't do a candidate a bit of good to have a few hundred thousand votes all ready to cast and to keep them too long. When the girl who cast her ballots is playing on

that fine piano it won't help you a bit to say: "I had enough votes to beat that girl, but I didn't get them in." And the Contest Editor is not going to indulge in any remissive sympathy when this is all over. There will be congratulations for the winners and admiration for those who made a good fight and went down to defeat, but there will be nothing doing for the candidate who fails to get her votes in in time to have them counted.

You see The American has no discretion in the matter. When the polls are closed they are closed to stay closed, and that is all there is to it.

There never was a contest which excited quite the interest that this present one has. It is not only a matter of individual preference, but cities, towns and counties are lining up behind the candidates. And it is certain that there will be a hot finish so far as The American is concerned. There will be a lot of people about and it will not be easy to dispose of the crowd. The American desires every one present at the Opera House on Saturday afternoon.

But Two Days Remain.

Thursday and Friday are the remaining days in The American's contest. On Saturday afternoon it will be determined who the young ladies are who will win the three fine pianos and other prizes. The candidates have done nobly up to date and their efforts are not relaxing during the remaining days. Subscriptions are pouring into The American office at an unprecedented rate, and thousands of votes are going into the reserves. On Saturday afternoon these reserves will be exposed for the first time, and upon them depend largely who will be the lucky contestants. Persons who have promised to vote for some young lady in this contest should do so by subscribing for The American withing the next two days. A little help now will be worth a barrel of consolation after the race is over.

DO NOT FORGET THIS—HOW TO CAST VOTES NOW.

All votes and remittances mailed up to Wednesday night can be mailed in the usual way. Every letter mailed after this time to the contest department should be sent by special delivery.

SECOND PAYMENTS.

Those who have started to take the paper since the contest commenced, and paid something on the same, and now desire to pay more, can do so, and votes will be issued to them as a new subscriber. For instance: A person started the paper and paid six months in advance and received 7,000 votes, by paying six months more under the new schedule they would be entitled to 23,000 votes on the second six months' payment. Figure this out and you will see that it is a very good way to get a large number of ballots by getting any of your friends who have helped you early in the contest to add six months more to their original payment.

When the Contest Closes.

The contest will close Friday-night March 12 at 12 o'clock. In order to give the girls in the country as much time to work as the girls in the city we will issue ballots on all subscriptions mailed before midnight of that date. The letter containing remittances must have the postmark of March 12.

No one connected with the Contest Department or The American will have anything to do with the final count.

OPEN EVENINGS.

For the benefit of those who are

not able to get to this office during business hours the Contest Department will be open every evening.

Following is the standing of the contestants according to the count up to Monday at 12 o'clock.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The city of Aberdeen will comprise one district and will be known as District No. 1. In this manner the ladies in the city will not be compelled to compete with the other two districts in the country.

Fern Allerton, 418 S. Second.....	251,140
Leota Maxwell, 1017 S. Main.....	250,530
Edith Kelly, 219 S. Lloyd st.....	249,760
Ella M. Wells, 524 S. Washington.....	249,600
Millicent Draeger, 123 8th ave. east.....	249,580
Madeline Smith, 601 First ave. east.....	249,460
Barbara Burkhard, 119 N. Main.....	248,120
Mrs. I. A. Harris, Milwaukee Luncheon.....	237,810
Francis Spink, 212 S. Lincoln st.....	236,430
Georgia Wilson, 505 Dakota St., city.....	234,050
Edna Goffe, 623 S. Third.....	233,180
Nellie Gilligan, 311 1st street.....	230,190
Noidie Widdis, 210 S. Second.....	228,510
Helen Zick, 1015 S. Jay.....	219,130
Agnes Schaefer, N. First street.....	218,970
Ruby Stacey, 209 9th ave.....	218,260
Margaret Boothroyd, 615 S. Wash.....	217,870
Kate Ryan, 303 7th ave. west.....	215,490
Grace Whitmore, City.....	212,260
Bertha Sundum, 612 S. Second.....	208,980
Mabel Jones, 302 4th ave. east.....	208,820
Elsie Wegner, Granger College.....	206,180
Esther Elford, City.....	205,940
Mabel Sleh, 419 1st ave. east.....	203,260
Margaret Bricker, 112 Nicollette ave.....	190,410
Josephine Silvernagel, 313 S. Main.....	178,280
Theresa Schmekel, 520 1st ave. east.....	168,790
Evelyn Wilson, 807 S. Jay street.....	136,470
Florence McCall, 224 First ave. east.....	135,420
Agnes Schaefer, N. First street.....	123,710
Bertha Thompson, 314 5th ave.....	122,180
Mae Keating, 719 S. Main.....	115,490
Myrtle Ellis, 1006 S. Main.....	86,470
Bertha Anderson, 502 First ave. E.....	84,720
Irene Hickman, Granger College.....	82,420
Edna Bowly, 305 Fifth ave. W.....	80,470
Lottie Perry, 208 7th ave. west.....	77,840
Nina Anderson, City.....	76,940
Gena Rapp, Rehfeld Flats.....	74,140
Hilda Peterson, 516 S. Klinae.....	74,130
Mary Mundy, City.....	72,870
Cora Sitter, 112 Ninth ave. west.....	66,610
Bessie Cunningham, City.....	66,240
Miss Pullen, care of Western Add. Co.....	62,970
Louise Aggas, 8th ave. east.....	61,480
Anna Makiu, City.....	60,740
Mary Luisay, City.....	57,490
Minnie Richards, 407 9th ave. east.....	54,170
Juanita Ruggles, 311 4th ave. west.....	52,940
Nellie Leah, 108 Seventh ave. east.....	44,860
Mary Hughes, 301 South State st.....	44,780
Julia Erickson, Granger College.....	34,130
Pearl Kruger, 104 N. Main.....	22,290
Miss Gelsen, City.....	21,460
Tessie Moser, 101 9th ave. west.....	12,740
Evangeline Walker, 224 Pine ave. w.....	10,290
Hazel Gorman, Normal School.....	6,360
Frances Cummins, Normal School.....	960
Alice Burnham, Normal School.....	510

DISTRICT NO. 2.

District No. 2—Will comprise all the territory west of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, running from Mitchell, S. D., to Steele, N. D.

Mary Hudson, Bowdle, S. D.....	260,240
Mabel Seeley, Leola, S. D.....	256,880
Mabel Langland, Mansfield, S. D.....	253,770
Mrs. M. Buchanan, Selby, S. D.....	247,120
Edna Holmes, Moberidge, S. D.....	245,220
Goldie Lester, Onaka, S. D.....	242,170
Emma Christian, Loyalton, S. D.....	241,160
Laura Serling, Northville, S. D.....	239,140
Mabel Iverson, Aberdeen, R. R. 4.....	237,740
Eveline Bauer, Eureka, S. D.....	235,410
Susie Moran, Northville, S. D.....	233,840
Fannie Bottum, Faulkton, S. D.....	232,120
Glady's Rottluff, Onida, S. D.....	231,860
Ruby Rogers, Seneca, S. D.....	231,180
Lola Noon, Orient, S. D.....	230,180
Lillie Maxwell, Selby, S. D.....	229,920
Ida Soper, Eureka, S. D.....	228,470
Ottillia K. Wentz, Zealand, N. D.....	227,720
Nellie Horner, Lebanon, S. D.....	226,660
Winnie Williams, Ashley.....	225,130
Mrs. W. C. Hicks, Java, S. D.....	225,110
Clara Clayton, Linton, N. D.....	224,790
Elsie Godfrey, Ashley, N. D.....	224,870
Elsie J. Keen, Bowdle, S. D.....	223,820
Minnie Kerwin, Moberidge, S. D.....	222,170
Jessie Picton, Ipswich, S. D.....	220,420
Helene Taeuber, Hosmer, S. D.....	219,810
Helen Lewis, Cortlandt, S. D.....	218,490
Mamie Cronk, Onaka, S. D.....	217,410
Ida Schmitz, Selby, S. D.....	216,730
Georgia Wood, Rockham, S. D.....	205,820
Ethel Fuller, Blunt, S. D.....	153,460
Pearl Odell, Lebanon, S. D.....	147,410
Winifred Claypool, Hosmer, S. D.....	142,460
Mrs. Sadie Davidson, Moberidge, S. D.....	137,440
Lyda Cunningham, Onaka, S. D.....	132,460
Anna Brown, Onida, S. D.....	127,440
Fannie Mullen, Reeder, N. D.....	126,940
Edna Forsyth, Cresbard, S. D.....	118,140
Josie Adams, Forbes, N. D.....	106,410
Anna Davis, Highmore, S. D.....	104,880
Lydia Morgan, Forbes, N. D.....	101,820
Jeannette Schmidt, Ipswich, S. D.....	97,240
Ernestine Bippus, Artas, S. D.....	96,420
Mel Powell, Eureka, S. D.....	96,420
Anna Person, Blunt, S. D.....	92,920
Maud Faulkner, Burkmore, S. D.....	86,460
Anna Church, Faulkton, S. D.....	82,290
Gertrude Peck, Burkmore, S. D.....	82,120
Anna Helgh, Reeder, N. D.....	84,970
Cora Moore, Forbes, N. D.....	79,720
Martha McCarty, Leola, S. D.....	77,920
Hattie Fox, Moberidge, S. D.....	76,490
Sayde Grene, Onida, S. D.....	75,470
Kittie Roach, Rockham, S. D.....	74,970
Birdie Whaley, Loyalton, S. D.....	68,470
Laura Bolles, Orient, S. D.....	62,590
Lottie Hausman, Blunt, S. D.....	61,980
Olga Olean, Burkmore, S. D.....	60,360
Mildred Warner, Faulkton, S. D.....	58,240
Margaret Breene, Lebanon, S. D.....	56,120
Charlotte Fresham, Blunt, S. D.....	52,430
Nellie Gallagher, Forbes, N. D.....	51,940
Mrs. A. H. DeWolfe, Faulkton, S. D.....	48,260
Bess Smith, Mansfield, S. D.....	35,410

Claudia Smith, Faulkton, S. D.....	28,970
Bessie Peterson, Northville, S. D.....	12,940
Vina Erby, Java, S. D.....	9,870
Zeida Dodds, Faulkton, S. D.....	930

DISTRICT NO. 3.

District No. 3—Will comprise all territory east of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, running from Mitchell, S. D., to Steele, N. D., all towns located on this line will be included in district No. 3.

Mayme Nixon, Milbank, S. D.....	291,920
Mary D. Hartew, Conde, S. D.....	288,960
Mary Mortensen, Andover, S. D., R. A.....	284,110
Edith Ulyot, Clark, S. D.....	282,180
Edith Hubbard, James, S. D.....	277,580
Margaret Vaughan, West Port, S. D.....	274,270
Rose M. Merten, Holmquist, S. D.....	273,880
Glady's Beetem, Crandall, S. D.....	270,580
Ora Ondell, Mellette, S. D.....	269,760
Mabel Degman, Redfield, S. D.....	265,220
Geneva Riggin, Andover, S. D.....	264,420
Belle McKeowen, Webster, S. D.....	263,970
Gunnell Gorder, Frederick, S. D.....	263,120
Mildred Kenner, Britton, S. D.....	261,460
Ellen Knie, Bath, S. D.....	258,420
Sadie Bowles, Groton, S. D.....	256,740
Gertrude McGregor, Columbia, S. D.....	256,120
Abbie Hanson, Redfield, S. D.....	255,620
Caroline Flint, Pierpont, S. D.....	255,280
Laura Erwin, Monango, N. D.....	253,260
Florence Ottman, Bristol, S. D.....	253,120
Olivia Kindschy, Groton, S. D.....	250,220
Blanche Thompson, Conde, S. D.....	249,130
Cecil Gannon, Ellendale, N. D.....	249,970
Lillian Sweazy, Claremont, S. D.....	248,720
Nellie Allen, Andover, S. D., R. No. 1j.....	248,560
Agnes Lee, Stratford, S. D.....	248,450
Anna Monness, Webster, S. D.....	247,820
Alice Butler, Butler, S. D.....	243,490
Mrs. H. J. Everson, Columbia, S. D.....	242,640
Lillah Anslie, Bath, S. D.....	242,180
Blanche Haight, Andover.....	240,870
Rosetta Harder, Pierpont, S. D.....	238,980
Elsa Kranhold, Groton, S. D.....	237,820
Bonnie King, Redfield, S. D.....	232,450
Edna Christian, Warner, S. D.....	231,280
Anna Kohlmeier, Wolsey, S. D.....	228,980
Francis Ellsworth, Stratford, S. D.....	228,420
Pearl Wertz, R. F. D. No. 2, Aberdeen.....	223,140
Fanny Stocking, Spain, S. D.....	218,780
Edna Odell, Conde, S. D.....	204,470
Adelaide Pray, James, S. D.....	202,460
Anna Iverson, Wallace, S. D.....	178,260
Hazel Kaull, Redfield, S. D.....	176,840
Curtice Craft, Edgeley, N. D.....	164,280
Elsie Bahr, Ferney, S. D.....	154,110
Effie Hushman, Wolsey, S. D.....	137,410
Edna Stelter, Groton, S. D.....	132,190
Rose Whiting, Rutland, N. D.....	120,520
Clara Steeley, Bristol, S. D.....	116,180
Amanda Englund, Wallace, S. D.....	112,560
Edith Jones, Ellendale, N. D.....	109,880
Daisy Stephens, Oakes, N. D.....	94,420
Maggie Pemrick, Crandall, S. D.....	90,960
Isabell Hilt, Webster, S. D.....	89,270
May Jones, Britton, S. D.....	85,150
Georgia Reid, Mellette, S. D.....	83,560
Nina DeWolf, Monango, N. D.....	81,420
Lillian Bieburg, Langford, S. D.....	77,970
Hannah Bjornstad, Ellendale, N. D.....	75,970
Jessie Wyckoff, Monango, N. D.....	75,490
Leilah Beatty, Langford, S. D.....	74,260
Edith Worthy, Ashley, N. D.....	74,140
Gertie Wettstein, Conde, S. D.....	72,260
Minnie Christie, Frederick, S. D.....	71,670
Louisa Bird, Mellette, S. D.....	71,140
Mrs. Nellie Willard, Wolsey, S. D.....	70,460
Dora Wichman, Ferney, S. D.....	70,310
Roberta McCulley, Oakes, N. D.....	68,270
Francis Zender, Clark, S. D.....	68,220
Amelia Roy, Crandall, S. D.....	68,220
Goldie Murphy, Edgely, N. D.....	61,970
Nittie DuVall, Edgely, N. D.....	60,480
Annie Spandie, Rutland, N. D.....	60,120
Bessie Priestly, Redfield, S. D.....	59,860
Amelia Wegner, Groton, S. D.....	58,240
Miss Edson, Frederick, S. D.....	56,730
Inga Peterson, Wallace, S. D.....	56,480
Esther Johnson, Pierpont, S. D.....	51,980
Mrs. Roy Barber, Wolsey, S. D.....	51,260
Nellie Olson, Holmquist, S. D.....	50,240
Zula Rose, Mansfield, S. D.....	50,170
Laelle Cunningham, Milbank, S. D.....	48,970
Annie Holmquist, Holmquist, S. D.....	45,820
Minnie Fischer, Wolsey, S. D.....	45,420
Eva Martilla, Frederick, S. D.....	40,920
Austa Arntzen, Rutland, N. D.....	40,790
Ora Brokaw, Stratford, S. D.....	37,560
Christine Kambestad, Pierpont, S. D.....	32,140
Anna Sorenson, Redfield, S. D.....	25,650
Nellie Milligan, Ferney, S. D.....	24,010
Maggie Van Ripper, James, S. D.....	19,580
Margaret Poole, Redfield, S. D.....	12,560
Nora Krankhold, James, S. D.....	1,800
Lulu Day, Clark, S. D.....	590
Dale Kiser, Redfield, S. D.....	470
Florence Shabins, Oakes, N. D.....	220

Are You Growing Rich

Others have grown rich, why not you? Others have worked for just as little and even smaller wages than you received and have been able to deposit a snug sum in the bank, where it earned interest for them night and day the year 'round—why not you? Others—young and old, men and women, right here in Aberdeen—are regularly increasing their financial conditions—are making the cash they might fritter away earn them 4 per cent per year, by being regular weekly depositors in the Savings Department of this bank—why not you?

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