

# 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 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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## CAN A WAITRESS BE TOO EXPERT?

MRS. FERRIS THOUGHT SO AND INVADDED PLACE WHERE HUSBAND TOOK HIS "MIDDAY."

When a married man's coffee is served to him hot and not slopped over in the saucer, and the eggs haven't bits of shell mixed with them, is this cause for jealousy on the part of the man's wife—even if the waitress be petite, pretty and a brunette?

Magistrate Moss had this question to determine in the Tombs police court yesterday, when Mrs. Annie Ferris was present on a summons obtained by Miss Elizabeth Wilson, a waitress at 84 Cortlandt street. Mr. Ferris has a real estate office at 69 Liberty street, and a noon-day appetite which pretty Miss Wilson satisfies, says the New York World.

"Because I see that her husband, who sits at my table, gets the best of everything, she threatens me," Miss Wilson told the magistrate, nodding toward Mrs. Ferris. "Mr. Ferris is an old customer. He tips, too."

"I pick out his sandwich, and if it's cheese I see he does not get one full of holes; or if tongue, I give him the part without the gristle; and if he wants a cantaloupe—"

"You're a good waitress. Where do you work?" asked Magistrate Moss, interested.

"I open the eggs for him carefully; he has the freshest crackers in the house, and I always get a piece of pie that is freshly cut for him," Miss Wilson continued. "I am a good waitress, if I do say so."

"No customer once waited on by me ever goes to another table," Miss Wilson confided to the magistrate. "I was happy till this woman came along. I was going home last Tuesday evening, and when I got off the 'L' I accidentally met Mr. Ferris at South Ferry. I never was so surprised in my life at seeing him. I stopped and nodded to him—he being an old customer and one who is liberal in his tips."

"Then up rushes this woman between us."

"'Eo he!' she says to me. 'So you are the typewriter, are you?'"

"'No, ma'am,' says I, polite like; 'I'm a waitress.'"

"'You're a typewriter, and you are trying to steal my husband,' she says to me, getting madder and madder."

"'I ain't a typewriter, and I don't want your husband,' I answered her."

"'That ain't so,' snapped Mrs. Ferris. 'My husband has been away from me for three weeks, and he told me he was going to take this girl uptown. I understand he's been living at a hotel at Cortlandt and West streets, and gallivanting around with this girl.'"

Miss Wilson turned and looked at Mrs. Ferris, then continued her story.

"The very next day she came in the restaurant and sat down at my table and ordered butter cakes and tea, and just sat looking at me, superior like."

"'Looking what?'" asked Magistrate Moss.

"'Why, high and mighty and haughty, and the other girls teased me so I dropped an order of two eggs turned over, and one of creamed potatoes, and the manager was just wild. Then she ups and goes off and I got the summons. I want to be let alone. I don't want her old husband.'"

"'What's your number?'" Magistrate Moss asked.

"'No. 7.'"

"'Well, No. 7, when Mr. Ferris comes in again you let No. 4, No. 11 or No. 44 wait on him; and you, Mrs. Ferris, you let this girl alone. Case dismissed.'"

Thus was the green-eyed monster put out of the dairy kitchen.

### Will Enter Oxford.

Tucker Brooke, who won the Rhodes scholarship for West Virginia, will leave for England September 24, and will enter Oxford, for a three years course, according to the Morgantown Chronicle. During the summer vacations he will travel on the continent, and will have exceptional opportunities to study. Mr. Brooke is fortunate in securing the scholarship, and his friends have no fears that he will not be an honor to his country, and particularly to his native State, West Virginia.

### Resigned to Enter School.

Walter Haggerty has resigned his position as clerk for E. A. Billingslea & Co., and will enter the law department of the University when the term begins. He left to-day for a visit with friends at Morgantown. His place in the store has been taken by Harry Connell, of the First ward.

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## BELIEVE MR. HAY WILL REMAIN IN THE CABINET

Demand for It is General—Secretary of State Has Confidence of Republicans and Democrats Alike.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—With the increasing importance of this government in international affairs, the desirability, and even necessity, of keeping Secretary Hay in the Cabinet have been impressed strongly on the minds of the President and those in whose advice he places the greatest confidence.

This feeling is not confined to Congressmen and others of Mr. Roosevelt's political faith, but is shared by many Democrats of high standing. It is generally gratifying, therefore, that the understood intention of the Secretary of State to retire from public life after he had accomplished certain things has not been carried out, and in his continuance as a member of the government those who recognize in him the foremost American diplomatist are beginning to find reason for hope that he will retain the portfolio of state as long as Mr. Roosevelt continues in the Presidential office.

In the absence from Washington of the President, Mr. Hay and the few others who are in a position to know Mr. Hay's intentions, no authoritative statement is obtainable, but certain circumstances warrant the opinion that he has no present intention of leaving the Cabinet.

It should be said at the outset, to prevent misunderstanding, that Mr. Roosevelt is opposed to any changes in his official family until after election day, and there are reasons which lead to the belief that should Mr. Roosevelt be re-elected, the American people may feel assured that the man who is credited with saving China, with overcoming the difficulties which prevented the construction of the isthmian canal and with the adjustment of the dangerous and embarrassing Alaska boundary controversy will continue to direct the foreign relations of the American government.

Twice during the administration of President McKinley Mr. Hay sought to leave the Cabinet on account of the condition of his health, but Mr. McKinley made it virtually a matter of personal loyalty for Mr. Hay to retain his portfolio. When Mr. Roosevelt became President, Mr. Hay, like other members of the Cabinet, placed his resignation at Mr. Roosevelt's disposal, this being a customary proceeding. While all heads of departments who were retained by his successor, only two, Mr. Hay and Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, did not leave subsequently. It was the general understanding in official circles that while Mr. Hay had consented to remain in the Cabinet, he would stay only until sufficient assurances had been received from Russia that the policy of the open door would be observed by that government with respect to all of China, Manchuria included, and the Panama Canal treaty had become a binding contract. These have been accomplished, but there is now a conviction on the part of many concerned in the matter that Mr. Hay will sacrifice his individual preferences to patriotic duty as long as Mr. Roosevelt thinks such a course is necessary.

SEVENTY-DROWNED FROM FERRY BOAT

LONDON, Sept. 1.—A dispatch to a news agency from Berlin says a telegram has been received there from Lodz, Poland, announcing that a ferry boat capsized on the River Kampan, resulting in seventy persons being drowned. Thirty of the passengers were saved. It is added that the boat was licensed to carry only thirty persons.

Suit Entered.

Hannah Jane Neer has entered suit in chancery in the Intermediate Court against David Milton Neer. Attorney B. F. Ramage represents the plaintiff.

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