

OVER \$3,000 IN SPECIAL REWARDS

The Tribune's Second Great Educational Contest.

ITS RULES AND THE PLAN OF OPERATION

Eight Scholarships Are Offered in Pennsylvania's Leading Educational Institutions—Lafayette College, Swarthmore College, and Stroudsburg State Normal School Are Included—A Complete Explanation of the Details of the Plan. Very Little Change in the Rules. Last Year's Winning Contestants and the Number of Points They Secured—How to Enter and How to Get the Subscribers—Begin at the Beginning and You Will Have the Best Chance of Winning.

BEGINNING this morning, The Scranton Tribune inaugurates its second Educational Contest which, like the first, is open to every individual person, not only in Scranton, but throughout Lackawanna and other counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania. It will be open just three weeks, closing on August 31, 1901. This Educational Contest will be even greater in magnitude than its predecessor, embracing special rewards of the very highest character, and will be carried out in strict accordance with the rules of fairness and justice.

The first contest, which occupied the attention of our readers from July 1 to October of last year, met with such encouragement and was so successful in every way that it has been decided to repeat it.

Unlike all other plans that have been hatched by newspapers in order to increase their circulation, there will be, as was the case last year, a compensation for each participant, and those who are not successful in getting one of the great special rewards will be suitably remunerated for their efforts to help themselves in a manner that cannot fail to prove satisfactory; in fact, it has stood the test of a year.

All the Rewards Are Scholarships

This year it has been decided to limit the special rewards to those of an educational character, and with this end in view eight scholarships are offered in the very best educational institutions in the state.

There are two collegiate, one normal school, three business college and two musical conservatory rewards to choose from, thus making the title of the undertaking, "Educational Contest," valid in every sense. Last year the rewards were divided, five being scholarships and five selected from the stocks of Scranton merchants. At the close of the contest each of the first seven selected persons will receive such a detailed preference for a scholarship, and regarding the other rewards, so much less favor, that it was then decided that if another contest was held all the rewards should be of an educational nature.

Two College Courses.

There are two rewards this year that are equally entitled to be classed "first" as they are each of the same value—\$1,000—Lafayette college and Swarthmore college. Magnificent incentives for four months' work, indeed! Each is world renowned as ranking among the highest institutions of learning in the country.

Besides these two great college scholarships there is offered a full three-year course in the Stroudsburg Normal School, with all expenses paid; three scholarships in the Scranton Business College, the winners to have the choice of either the commercial or stenographic course; the scholarships being unlimited credit until proficiency is attained; and two scholarships in the Scranton Conservatory of Music—making a list of eight special rewards of a total cash value of over three thousand dollars.

The Plan Fully Explained.

The Tribune aims to still further increase its already large circulation during the next few months. It is the best and clearest paper published in Northeastern Pennsylvania, and when it once finds its way into a family its merits will enable it to remain permanent. In order to introduce it we seek the co-operation of ambitious, intelligent young men and women, and to gain their help will for a second time put into operation a plan long bound to appeal to this class of workers.

The remaining special rewards will be awarded on this same plan throughout. The fourth winner will have a choice of the Business College or Conservatory of Music scholarships, and so on down the line until the eight scholarships have been awarded.

All Below Eighth Place.

For those that remain and who do not get into the ranks of the first eight there will still be something left to console them for their efforts. Their work will not be profitless to them. They will each receive a liberal commission, fully as great as most canvassors or agents receive, to per cent, of all the subscription money that they procure.

Rules of the Contest.

The special rewards will be given to the persons securing the largest number of points.

Points will be credited to contestants securing new subscribers to The Scranton Tribune as follows:

One Month's Subscription, \$1.50
Three Months' Subscription, 1.25 3
Six Months' Subscription, 2.50 6
One Year's Subscription, 5.00 12

The contestant with the highest number of points will be given a choice from the list of special rewards; the contestant with the second highest number of points will be given a choice of the remaining rewards, and so on through the list.

Each contestant failing to secure a special reward, and also those who select the first two scholarships, will be given ten per cent, of all money he or she turns in.

All subscriptions must be paid in advance.

Only new subscribers will be counted. Newsworthy persons whose names were on our subscription list at the opening of the contest will not be credited. The Tribune will investigate each subscription and it will be sent by mail.

The contest will close promptly at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, August 31, 1901.

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list or who may enter thereafter. These two rules are to be strictly enforced.

Value of the Special Rewards.

Scholarship in Lafayette College, \$1,000
Scholarship in Swarthmore College 1,000
Scholarship in Stroudsburg State Normal School 675
Scholarship in Scranton Conservatory of Music 75
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Scholarship in Scranton Business College, either course 60
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Each and every contestant failing to secure one of these special rewards will receive prompt attention. If there is any point you do not understand do not hesitate to write and have it explained.

How to Be Successful.

The book of subscription blanks will be accompanied with literature containing logical reasons why the friends of the contestants should subscribe, together with arguments for the contestants to present to their friends and others why they should subscribe for the Tribune.

Read these over carefully. It will pay you to commit them to memory. You will then be well equipped with material for gaining their interest and convincing them of the desirability of becoming subscribers. Read the Tribune yourself. This will enable you to point out to prospective subscribers special features which will appeal particularly to them, such as local correspondence from towns where the friends of the contestants reside; the fact that The Tribune publishes more Scranton news than any other paper; that it is the only Scranton paper that is a member of the Associated Press; the greatest news-gathering organization in the world; that the largest and most reliable business houses use its columns for advertising purposes. Especially dwell upon the fact that The Tribune will pay him 10 per cent, of all the money he or she turns in to The Tribune, to assist in paying this expense.

Lafayette College.

Lafayette College is well and favorably known all over the United States, and it has graduated many foreign students who have come to this country to finish their education. It would be superfluous to add words of praise in describing its standing in the rank of educational institutions. The student who goes there as a result of success in working for The Tribune will have an opportunity that is likely to occur again in lifetime. He will receive a full scholarship in any course, in many subjects covering four years, which will include not only tuition, room rent, heat, light, books, laundry and all other charges except the one item of meals. If he is unable to bear this expense he can undoubtedly secure some light employment in Eastern that will aid him in his endeavor to secure an education. In any event The Tribune will pay him 10 per cent, of all the money he secures for it during the contest, which will probably go a long way toward paying this expense also. The value of this reward is fully \$1,000.

Swarthmore College.

Swarthmore College, at Swarthmore, Pa., about 18 miles from Philadelphia, was founded in 1864 through the efforts of members of the religious society of Friends for the purpose of securing to the young people of the society the opportunity for higher education under the guarded care of their own religious faith. Others are admitted upon the same terms as Friends and nothing of a sectarian nature appears in the instruction or in the management. It has a large and increasing faculty, and its lecturers are from the best college and business institutions in the United States. The Tribune has selected Course D as the one best adapted to the majority of students. This covers the entire school year of forty weeks, the pupils receiving three lessons each week—two hours a week in piano forte in class of four, and one hour in general training class, sight playing, keyboard, harmony, technique, transportation, etc. If the winner of this scholarship should not be sufficiently advanced to take this particular course, arrangements have been made whereby its equivalent will be given in the courses suited to the needs of the student, which would extend the time beyond the limits of one year's instruction.

The Stroudsburg Normal.

The Stroudsburg State Normal School of Stroudsburg, Pa., is one of the best of its kind, having a faculty second to none and a course of instruction especially adapted to the purpose of teaching teachers in all the parts and arts of pedagogy. It has a three-year course, and the winner of this special reward will have all expenses connected with the three-year course paid, including tuition, board, books, stationery, etc., its value being \$675.

Scholarship in the Scranton Conservatory of Music.

There are two scholarships offered in the Scranton Conservatory of Music, each valued at \$75, affording a great opportunity to secure musical education under teachers of acknowledged excellence. The Tribune has selected Course D as the one best adapted to the majority of students. This covers the entire school year of forty weeks, the pupils receiving three lessons each week—two hours a week in piano forte in class of four, and one hour in general training class, sight playing, keyboard, harmony, technique, transportation, etc. If the winner of this scholarship should not be sufficiently advanced to take this particular course, arrangements have been made whereby its equivalent will be given in the courses suited to the needs of the student, which would extend the time beyond the limits of one year's instruction.

Scranton Business College.

The Scranton Business College is too well known to need extended comment. The three scholarships offered by The Tribune are each valued at \$60 and are unlimited in time. The winners will be entitled to take either the commercial or shorthand course, as his or her desires. The complete commercial course comprises bookkeeping, penmanship, correspondence, press copying, commercial laws, business arithmetic, shorthand methods, rapid calculation, practical grammar, commercial paper, forms and customs and spelling. The shorthand course embraces the following studies: Shorthand, typewriting, manifolding, penmanship, practical grammar, capitalization, punctuation, filing letters, spelling and press copying.

What the Contestants Did Last Year.

Charles Rodriguez, of 428 Webster avenue, secured 900 points, equal to 76 scholarships for one year each, and received an order for a three years' scholarship in the Wyoming Seminary, valued at \$1,000.

Arthur Koenemer, of Factoryville, secured 575 points, equal to 45 subscribers for one year each, and received an order for a three years' scholarship in the Scranton Normal School, valued at \$675.

David V. Birtley, of Providence, secured 440 points, equal to 37 subscribers for one year each, and received an order for a three years' scholarship in the Scranton Business College, valued at \$60.

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David C. Spencer, of Bloomsburg, secured 183 points, equal to 16 subscribers for one year each, and received a Columbia bicycle, valued at \$75.

Miss Grace Simrell, of Carbondale, secured 156 points, equal to 11 subscribers for one year each, and received a gold watch valued at \$30.

Harry Reese, of Hyde Park, secured 103 points, equal to 10 subscribers for one year each, and received a camera valued at \$40.

Six others received cash commissions amounting to about \$16.

It will be noticed that the contestants were not confined to the central city, but were located in various places, some of which are quite a distance from Scranton. Besides those in Providence, Hyde Park and Dunmore, some of the most successful competitors were in Factoryville, Carbondale, Lake Ariel, Moscow, Peckville, and even as far away as Bloomsburg.

The Tribune will also furnish all applicants with sample copies of the paper for use in the contest. All inquiries for additional information will receive prompt attention. If there is any point you do not understand do not hesitate to write and have it explained.

Make Your Spare Time Profitable.

Last year a number of the contestants were employed in regular situations and devoted only their spare time to the securing of subscriptions. This was especially the case with the winners of the first and third special rewards, one of them being employed in a law office and the other as a drug clerk. Yet they found time to work for themselves after business hours to good advantage.

To achieve satisfactory results it is absolutely necessary that you go into it with your whole heart and a strong determination to accomplish something definite. Half-hearted efforts can never bring complete success. If you make up your mind to enter, go in to win, and resolve to work faithfully, not likely to occur again in lifetime. He will receive a full scholarship in any course, in many subjects covering four years, which will include not only tuition, room rent, heat, light, books, laundry and all other charges except the one item of meals. If he is unable to bear this expense he can undoubtedly secure some light employment in Eastern that will aid him in his endeavor to secure an education. In any event The Tribune will pay him 10 per cent, of all the money he secures for it during the contest, which will probably go a long way toward paying this expense also. The value of this reward is fully \$1,000.

Begin at Once.

It is not necessary to go to another part of the city or to another town to begin your canvass. Start right where you are. You can get the most subscribers in your home community, where you are best known. Your friends and neighbors will become interested in your ambition, and you can easily secure their subscriptions. Then you can start.

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There never will be a more opportune time for you to commence to solicit subscriptions for The Tribune than right now. Get a book of blanks and call upon the influential people of your locality and tell them about the Educational Contest and your aspirations.

They will be glad to do what they can to help you. The ministers will commend you for your worthy ambition, the editors will comment on it in their papers, teachers will speak of it to their pupils, and business men will recommend you to their employees.

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