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FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

For the next few days Pittsburg and Detroit will alternate as the center of the American universe. As every one knows the occasion is to determine the supremacy of the one city or the other in supporting the most expert aggregation of ball players on earth. With each it is a contest in which earnest civic pride is involved. With the country at large interest is hardly less intense for victory and defeat as these may be worked out, are really matters of National moment—in the sense that the major body of the American people entertain a distinct and commendable pride in the lusty young men who will give the greatest exhibition of the greatest game ever played in this or any other land. The event is American from the ground up.

This post-season series is the great, big, wholesome, popular sporting event of the year. It is an event that commands the interested attention of all classes. There is scarcely any real, live American who escapes the enthusiasm of it.

Consider the special trains which have been and will be run to the game in the two cities; from New York Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Toledo and scores of other smaller towns in that section of the country. Consider the concessions which the railroads make to the fans, for instance, a fare of \$5 for round trip of 318 miles—less than 8 mills a mile. Consider the interest in every section of the country with which the news of the first game was received and devoured. Get grip on all of these facts, and if you can say that baseball is not the greatest game ever invented, you're a puzzle, in the average American conception, and that is the end of it.—Exchange.

NOW FOR A CHAUTAUQUA.

It goes without saying that the success of the Union county exposition makes it a permanent feature to be looked forward to annually for years to come. Another opportunity lies at the door of La Grande that will draw crowds from many miles equally as large if not larger, as the county fair, and that is a chautauqua. This Inland Empire is developing rapidly and this large and inviting field will not remain unoccupied much longer. Now is the time for La Grande to move and secure it. This season the city of Ashland, in Southern Oregon, not so large

as La Grande, had twice as many visitors attending their chautauqua as we did this year attending our exposition. The business men of the city are not taking advantage of their opportunities as they should, simply because they have not investigated. It took the business men of La Grande over two years to see the advantages of holding a fair in the city without races; finally the idea took root and they made a grand success of it and so they can of a chautauqua. The two will not conflict in the least and the more large, first class attractions that any city offers the greater will become its commercial sphere.

According to a report compiled by Acting Secretary of State Frank Loyell, that office has done an enormous business for the state during the year of 1909, compared with that of 1908. After deducting the insurance fees which were paid to the insurance commissioner since March 1, the fees paid into the state treasury from October 1 1908 to September 1, 1909 amounted to \$63,334.58, compared with \$53,052.06 from October 1, 1907 to September 3, 1908. The number of automobile certificates that were issued for the first nine months of 1909 amounted to 1064 compared to the first nine months in 1908, which numbered 643. The advance of business in the secretary of state's office means that the development going on throughout the state are rapidly gaining headway, as this office is the most important and the busiest place in the capitol building.

German day was celebrated by nearly all German societies in the United States in commemoration of the landing of the first Germans on American soil in Pennsylvania, October 6, 1638. From this small beginning German immigration has grown to immense proportions, so that yearly hundreds of thousands seek homes in the United States from the overcrowded cities and hamlets of the fatherland. To the addition of this sturdy race to our Puritan stock may be attributed the great progress in literature, art, and

music and the perfection in handicraft.

Poultrymen have launched a movement that is past due. There is a fortune and luxury for many in the poultry business in this valley as many will attest though the number of witnesses are not as great as might be the case. Following the organization here next week, the hen and hen products will be elevated as a community enterprise, the same as has the dairy and the hog industry has been of late years.

The west is generally as much interested in the world's baseball series as are the easteners. The Observer's prompt account of each day's game is highly appreciated by baseball readers.

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