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THE CHAUTAUQUA.

Judge Messick and others in Baker county are in receipt of letters from G. T. Cochran, secretary of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua association, stating that the Chautauqua session for this year would be held at Riverside park, at the Proebstel ranch adjoining La Grande, July 3 to 12 inclusive, and that many speakers of national fame and prominence would address the assembly, says the Baker City Herald. Governor Polk will deliver an address on July 7 and the association asks the people of this county, without regard to political affiliation, or religious creed, to organize an excursion to attend on that day and the Herald suggests that steps be at once taken to secure a large attendance from this county on that occasion. The Chautauqua of Gladstone park, Portland, meets as usual this year in the latter part of July and on the occasion of these meetings thousands from Portland and all over Oregon attend and stay during the whole of the session, and speakers of national and international reputation attend and address the vast audiences. Let us get together and make the Eastern Oregon Chautauqua a great success and a permanent institution among us. We are, as citizens of our great republic, civilized to the extent that we become interested in these great educational movements, and just such associations and the great work they are doing are the great exponents of advanced enlightenment and civilization. As ex-President Roosevelt said in his recent, now famous, speech in the city of Paris, "In the proportion that a people is educated and enlightened, in that proportion you will find the advanced and higher grade of patriotism and citizenship."

COURTS AND "SELFISH INTERESTS."

"The time has come," says the Salem Journal, "to liberate the supreme court from selfish interests, political or capitalistic or socialistic." Then it adds: "The two Republicans and two Democrats whose terms expire this year should be re-elected." We are not among those who easily follow the Journal from premise to conclusion. There may be others who can.

The purpose of the Journal, it may be supposed, is to make an argument

for a "non-partisan" judiciary, remarks the Oregonian. If that is it, there ought to be less buncombe talk about liberating the court from "political or capitalistic or socialistic" interests. If the present court is in their control, as the Journal appears to think, something heroic ought to be done, or course. If it is not in their control, there is really no occasion for excitement.

What the state needs in a supreme court, or in any court, is a tribunal that interprets the law promptly, intelligently and fearlessly, and thereby does justice. Above all it should do justice, and it should so interpret the law always as to do justice. When our courts lose themselves in the mazes, subtleties and intricacies of formulas, technicalities and legal dialectics, justice may or may not be best served. The chances are that it will not be.

The non-partisan judgeship movement in Oregon will be regarded solely on its merits in its freedom from "selfish interests political or capitalistic or socialistic."

TALENT AT HOME.

The idea of greener pastures far away and smarter people live in other towns has prevailed so long that to attempt to break it would be like trying to abolish witchcraft in years gone by.

But it is a fact that right here in La Grande there is talent in every line. Providence never let six thousand people settle in the same locality without putting among them those who are gifted with talent for painting beautiful pictures, for rendering good music and for writing pretty thoughts in either prose or verse.

We call attention to the beautiful poem written by Mrs. E. C. Moore on "Solemn Day." If it has appeared in Lippincott's the world would have been given a pretty little poem full of warm echoes of the heart of a southern woman who sees both sides of the question that threatened the nation with destruction at one time. In order that all may read it we have reprinted it below:

I.  
This is Solemn day;  
To remember death is sad always,  
Whether the one was a weakling born  
Or whether the one was brave and strong.

It is sad to know  
That his mound is the all visible  
Of him who wore the gray or blue,  
But the saddest heart today, I trow,  
Is that heart longing to recall  
And say to them: "I love you."

II.  
'Tis a very solemn day  
For the children of men, who wore  
The gray;  
For a commandment is given them to say:

"Honor thy father and thy mother,  
That thy days  
May be long in the land which the  
Lord thy God has given thee."

So their children are taught to perfect harmony,  
In blending the blue and the gray,  
For their father is, perhaps, a son  
of a Union soldier;

Their mother, maybe, a daughter of  
the Confederacy.

III.  
And as I look at you, O soldier;  
Scarred and worn  
For being brave and true;  
I cannot but think,

How needless these scars and wounds  
If only man-to-man had said: "I  
love you."

But we fight for what we think is  
right,  
And every man will justify  
For having done or for what he'll do;  
This is Solemn day;

We reverence both the gray and blue.  
IV.

There is only One who intercedes  
For both saddened gray or glittering  
blue,  
And He lives today and will for etern-  
ity.

That One who gave Himself  
To keep His truth all for love of  
you.

V.  
Today we meet to honor those  
Who founded freedom and liberty,  
And as o'er their graves these flowers  
strew,

Let each one pray to found  
A kingdom of unity  
Then will hearts bloom their rarest  
gems,

To wreath the tombs of living men  
with "I love you."

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Notice of First Meeting of Creditors

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Oregon.

In the matter of B. F. Webb, bankrupt, in bankruptcy.

To the creditors of B. F. Webb, in the County of Union, and District aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of May, A. D. 1910, the said B. F. Webb was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held in the office of the Referee in Bankruptcy in La Grande, Oregon, on the 13th day of June, A. D. 1910, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

JNO. S. HODGIN,  
Referee in Bankruptcy.  
June 2, 1910.

Notice of Final Account.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the estate of Wm. D. Shell, deceased, has filed his final account in said estate in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Union, and that the Judge of said Court, sitting in probate, has set June the 27th, 1910, at 10 a. m., at the Court Room of said Court in La Grande, Union County, Oregon, as the time and place to hear objections to said final account and the settlement thereof, and all in-

terested parties having any objections to same are notified to be present on said day.

GEO. L. CLEAVER,  
23-30-6-13-20. Executor.

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Treasurer's Call for City Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there are now funds on hand to pay all outstanding warrants issued on General Fund of La Grande city, up to and including, No. 9175 endorsed March 18, 1909.

Interest on all warrants on General Fund from No. 8066 to No. 8175 inclusive, ceases from this date.

EAY W. LOGAN,  
City Treasurer.

Notice

The Chautauqua tickets are now on sale at Bohnenkamp's store. Those desiring tickets can secure the same. All having engaged tickets please call for them. W. R. JONES, Treas.

REPRODUCE KLONDIKE STAMPEDE

New Higgings in Alaska Are Calling Thousands to the Scene.

Seattle, June 6.—Special—Are the boom days of the Klondike rush in 1897-98 going to be repeated as the result of gold discoveries in the Iditarod country, is the question which Seattle business men are discussing with interest since the spring rush to Alaska began. The sailing of the steamer Jefferson for Skagway and the Victoria for Nome, each loaded to capacity with passengers and freight bound for the new camp by different routes, and receipt of letters telling of gold panning \$5 to \$50 a pan along five new creeks has stimulated the gold fever as it has not been roused since the Klondike days. Now a steamer is loading to sail for Bethel, a small trading post at the head of ocean navigation on the Kushkukwin river, whence the most direct route to the Iditarod and Innoko districts is found. If the mouth of the Kushkukwin is found to be safe for navigation by ocean vessels this will probably become the popular route to the new camps. Steamship men say they will handle fifteen thousand passengers for Alaska this month. Local jobbing houses are working day and night filling orders for supplies. Mining men estimate an output of a million in gold from the Iditarod this year, and ten million next year when transportation routes are better established and more claims worked. The prosperity of the new camp will probably effect the entire northwest country, opening increased market for her products, and Seattle will be the direct benefactor.

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