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# THE TOGGERY, Al Andrews

### THE CHAUTAUQUA IDEA

The Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle is a term well known to many of the readers of the Observer. Either as post-graduate work or as the supplement to the high school course, or as the only consecutive plan ever followed in literature there are a few who will recall the communal enjoyment they had in the four years of their studies and the accompanying examinations, and the graduating among so many. The members of the class, they will recall were of all lands and climes and made a happy invisible family. The writer and his wife were of the class of '88.

The founder of the Chautauqua idea, was Rev. Dr. John H. (now a bishop) Vincent. This was in 1878. His near associate was Mr. Lewis Miller, father-in-law of Thomas Edison. Bishop Vincent says, "To Dr. W. R. Harper, so long and ably the president of Chicago University and was connected with the movement from 1880 on, much credit is due for the development of the educational work."

Annually the lovers of an educational and real recreative camping-

out meet at Chautauqua Lake in Eastern New York to spend some time in hearing the best lecturers in the world of learning.

So far as the time will permit, these men and women teach on every moral, intellectual and scientific subject as yet discovered. The best minds of two continents have been heard on the platform of the "Aula" of Chautauqua Lake.

Now, the idea as such, began to grow as places more or less remote from hallowed Chautauqua desired a repetition or a reproduction of scenes and kindred acts. In honor of the "mother" these were called Chautauquas. Now they are wisely everywhere. Just as good talent as ever graced the halls of the New York proto-type are engaged and just as enjoyable and as profitable exercises and instructions in our exhilarating West as are had in the remoteness and inaccessible fastnesses of the remote and far-away East, the uncanny land where our fore-fathers were evolved.

La Grande is to be congratulated that she has offered the natural resources of her scenery, air, water and local talent her progressive spirit and energy to the development of

a branch of the "idea" among her own people. Here at but a nominal cost, can we have the very best; and some of the people I have met here seem to be fixed in their belief and practice that "the best is none too good for them."

J. D. CILLIAN.

### More Than a Million.

On the last day of this month the Federal Government will round out another fiscal year. For the eleven months the figures for immigration will show arrivals of foreigners in this country in a total that will probably break all records—that is the present forecast by those who are familiar with the subject. The official figures now at command show that more than 800,000 persons landed as immigrants at ports of the U. S. during the 10 month of the fiscal year which ended with the first of May. That month and June always witness the largest number of arrivals of the year. It is therefore very probable that the total for the year will pass the million mark. All would be well if the distribution of these people over the country were proper. It has not been in the past; the East's centers will be more con-

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## Maxwell Wins

Thrills followed thrills as speeding automobiles shot around the course of the Ingleside Race Course, on April 24th, in the second and final day events of the successful meet promoted by the members of the Isian Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

The honors of the day were divided between Barney Oldfield, with his 200 horsepower Benz machine, and C. O. King, with his Maxwell 30 horsepower stock car. Oldfield lowered his previous record of one mile to 51.5-6, which is a new coast record for the circular track. With the exception of this performance, Oldfield had to take second place in the list of racing honors, as the world's champion met defeat in both the five and fifteen mile handicap events, and in both races King and his Maxwell were the victors. In fact, King proved the surprise of the meet, driving all of his races with much judgment and taking the turns with his car as close to the fence as did Oldfield. In the five mile handicap, Oldfield drove his Knox racer to the utmost, but the handicap was too strong and he could not get the lead away from King. Not only in the handicap events did King and his Maxwell prove stars of the first order, but in one of the first events of the day, the five mile race for cars costing from \$1200 to \$1600, which was one of the best matches of the meet.

The time for the five mile handicap was as follows: Maxwell, King, 4.40.30; Oakland, Nelson, 4.48.25; Chalmers, West, 4.49.30; Auto Car, finished fourth, and the Knox car, Barney Oldfield driving, fifth.

In the event number eight, ten miles free-for-all handicap, King and his Maxwell again were the winners, the Maxwell's time being 8.19.30.

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# CHAUTAUQUA BEGINS JULY 3

## ARE YOU READY FOR IT?

Everything points to the coming Chautauqua Assembly as the greatest social gathering ever attempted in Eastern Oregon. Already more than seven hundred people have signified their intention of attending during the entire ten days by purchasing full season tickets.

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