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## CHAUTAQUA AT END TONIGHT

CASTLE SQUARE ENTERTAINERS  
WILL REDOUBLE EFFORTS  
TO ENTERTAIN

## AGE OF FINANCE CLOSE

With Large Attendance Tonight Chautauqua will be Able to Close Initial Attempt with Accounts Balanced. Small Crowd Tonight and Expenses Will Reach Over Receipts—Classes Have been Feature of the Week.

"Grapes of Gold," as defined by H. Adams, one of the prominent Chautauqua lecturers, of the American platform, stand for pure thoughts, before a crowd of laughing, attentive and well satisfied people at the Chautauqua last evening. Mr. Adams propounded the definition of "Grapes of Gold." The theme was suggested by the Japanese parable, where the hero of the myth was downcast and morbid because his heredity was discouraging and his environment not of the best. He met the maid of youth who smiled and laughed and appeared glad to be alive. She informed the morbid and melancholy youth that she had tasted of the grapes of gold, which grew on the mountain top, where all good eat if they choose to. Eventually the young man reached the summit and he, too, ate of the golden grapes and immediately became alert, ambitious, able to go out in the world and make his existence felt.

Pure, wholesome and good thoughts modern life are Grapes of Gold, said Mr. Adams. Incidentally the power of mental suggestion was dwelt on considerable detail, a practical experiment prefacing the lecture.

Essence of peppermint, so-called, as spilled on the platform, and with watch to time the experiment, the speaker wanted the audience to notice him when the odor had reached all sections of the tent. In remarkably short time, hands were going up and left, indicating that the entire audience had caught the odor distinctly. Later on he calmly informed the crowd that the bottle was empty and that the supposed odor was merely mental suggestion.

The lecturer is really funny—not humorous, but funny. He can talk with phonograph-like rapidity, and he can make an audience laugh whenever he sees fit, and he saw fit quite often.

Mr. Adams is but another link in the string of high-class attractions that the Chautauqua has provided for the people of La Grande.

**Neck and Neck with Expenses.**

President T. A. Rinehart, in introducing the speaker of the evening, said that the Chautauqua has made a wonderful record financially for, by saving nickles here and there, the management had brought the expense account so near the receipts that the race was neck and neck—which wins remains for the last night to tell. It is really a high testimonial for the executive committee's abilities, for the crowds have been small at all times, on account of ignorance on the part of the public in general. So many do not know exactly today what a Chautauqua is, for they have never been near it. They hope La Grande will continue to have a Chautauqua, for it sounds big, but when it comes to analyzing just what a Chautauqua means, there are hundreds who are unable to do so.

**Record Crowd Tonight, Maybe.**

If there is not a material increase in the attendance tonight, the people of La Grande and surrounding country are not loyal. The attraction will be the Castle Square entertainers. They have proven themselves capable, and tonight will redouble their efforts to please. Many who have never been inside the Chautauqua grounds have said they are going tonight and there

is every reason to believe that the Chautauqua will close with a record crowd. The attendance the last few days have been much larger than they were at first, indicating that as the Chautauqua numbers become known, the public is satisfied and anxious to hear more.

**Classes Have Been Successful.**

One of the most pleasing features in connection with the Chautauqua, has been the morning classes. Domestic Science has been a study that has instructed scores of women, who, each morning listen to the able instruction of Miss Helen M. Burr of Whitman college. Miss Burr knows her subject thoroughly and has the happy faculty of being able to tell others what she already knows. Her demonstrations and lectures have been intensely interesting to the large class. Prof. Cordley has done as much for the orchardists of Union county as any one man has ever done in the war against pests. He has conducted classes every morning, telling of the most modern methods employed in this day and age in the conflict with orchard pests. His class grew from a dozen to scores in a day or two, and if he ever comes back to La Grande, his class will be tripled and quadrupled.

Rev. Redfern closed his bible study class yesterday. He, too, is a specialist in his line and his knowledge of biblical history is almost unlimited. He has been the means of giving much information on the bible and bible history, and those who belonged to his classes, or heard his speeches, will long remember the Boise Ph. D.

## CATTLE THEIVES INVEST IDAHO

HUNDREDS OF CATTLE CARRIED  
OFF BY WHITE BAND

Indians at First Blamed but Guilty  
Whites are Discovered.

Boise, Ida., July 13.—According to a report just made by Commissioner Day of the state land office, a band of white cattle rustlers is operating in Southern Idaho and Northern Nevada.

Hundreds of cattle have disappeared in the last six months and cowmen report a discovery of corrals and saddles, showing the presence of whites. It is believed white rustlers met and killed a band of Indian horse stealers, which until today's report, was held responsible for the thievery. An investigation is demanded by the ranchers and probably Nevada and Idaho will combine to run the outlaws to earth.

**Champion Banana-Eater.**

Ottumwa, Ia., July 13.—Charles E. Allen, a railroad trainman residing in this city, claims to be the champion catch-as-atch-can ground-and-loft banana eater of the world, and to maintain his title, has issued a challenge to all other banana eaters, offering to meet them for \$100 or more a side. Discussing his record, Allen says:

"About two or three years ago I read the account of a man eating twelve bananas in four minutes and I said I believed I could beat it; my conductor bet me I could not. I made the bet to eat them in three minutes and I ate thirteen in two minutes and twenty-five seconds, and peeled them myself.

"I read the account of John Chapp, of Wortham, Mass., eating twenty bananas in twenty minutes on a bet. I can beat him to a standstill and not half try.

"I am very fond of bananas. I bet with a grocer in St. Joseph, Mo., J. H. Kelly, and ate eight dozen and a quarter in about thirty-three minutes. At another time I ate 157 in about two hours and thirty minutes, but I did not do it on a bet, but because I liked them. It is a common thing for me to go to the store and get four dozen bananas and eat them. I have lived on them exclusively for months at a time.

## ANOTHER CRAFT KAISER HUMBL CLAIMS TOLL BOWS DOWN

FIVE MEN MEET DEATH WHEN  
AIR CRAFT TUMBLES TO THE  
EARTH IN GERMANY

## BURIED IN GROUND BY FALL PRAYS FOR FORGIVENESS

Five Men Fall Five Hundred Feet and are Instantly Killed when Gas Bag Explodes while Craft is Making Successful Flight.—Inventor Erbsloech one of the Men Killed by the Fall.

Cologne, July 13.—Carrying five men to their death, the dirigible balloon Erbsloech, fell 5000 feet today near Pascheid in West Germany. The airship was one-sixth as large as Zeppelin's dirigible and has made a number of successful flights. She ascended before sunrise at Dusseldorf. The gas bag exploded when it had been in the air 45 minutes. It is believed the sun exploded the gas.

Some aeronauts believe the gasoline motors burst and ignited the gas. The car turned over before those inside could leap. The engines buried themselves deep in the ground, while the men were half-buried by the fearful impact.

The accident was witnessed at Pascheid. Soldiers in autos were dispatched with physicians and the aeronauts were dragged from the debris.

The bodies were terribly mangled, indicating that they had died instantly. The dirigible was registered in the Heime aerial club, and the craft, under severe tests, passed examinations successfully. The occupants were the inventor, Oscar Erbsloech, two mechanics and two passengers. Erbsloech was one of the best known European balloonists.

**Important Meeting Saturday.**

An important irrigation meeting will be held next Saturday when the directors of the Meadowbrook Irrigation company meet to decide on future steps.

**Prayer Meeting Thursday.**

Prayer meeting will be held at the Presbyterian church Thursday. The services will begin promptly at 8:00 p. m., and will last forty-five minutes. The minister will have charge of the meeting and will be pleased to have a good attendance.

**Expect Melons Friday.**

A car load of water melons is due in La Grande about Friday. The car has been enroute to La Grande several days and there seems to be no reason why this week will not see the juicy fruit on sale locally.

## RENO NOT NEXT CHERRY CROP A FIGHT SITE GOOD ONE

RICKARD CLAIMS HE HAS ANOTHER  
FIGHTING PLACE.

Leaves for Los Angeles to Frame up  
Second Fight With Jeffries.

San Francisco, July 13.—Tex Rickards, smiling, has gone to Los Angeles to confer with Jeffries regarding another fight with Johnson. Rickard is confident that Jeffries will try it again. He said he believed Jeffries was not right on the Fourth and would do better next time. He says he has found a battle ground in the United States, but not at Reno, and says he would plan a fight for labor day if Jeffries is willing.

taking the measurement of a few cherries he stated that some measured three and one-half inches in diameter.

Cove made her great record as a fruit region at the St. Louis exposition, when a string of thirteen cherries on exhibition, measured eleven inches, and Mr. Selder is certain that the same kind of an exhibit could be procured this year.

**COVE CHERRIES ROT.**

Demand of Pickers and Packers  
Reach Famine Stage in Orchards.

Fruit of the cherry variety is begging for help. Cove orchardists are famished for help and unless it comes immediately cherries will rot on the trees. Cove's crop is unprecedented—the largest in the history of the cherry business in Cove, but the crop is all together too enormous for the amount of help available. This is the story told by Judd Geer, the well-known Cove man who is a member of the state fruit commission, and also is in the city today. The help at hand this year is about the same as usual, but the increase in crops cannot be cared for under the condition. "Give us more help," is the cry from Cove every day and the orchardists are willing to pay good prices if only the help can be had. The situation is critical for it is always discouraging not to be able to harvest one's crops.

## POSTAL BANK AT SAN FRANCISCO

BAY CITY FIRST TO GET NEW  
FORM BANKING INSTITUTION

La Grande not in a Class to Get the  
Branch Bank System Now.

Washington, July 13.—Because postmasters are slow asking regarding the establishment of postal savings banks, the bank advisory board chose cities without waiting for the requests. Postmaster General Hitchcock stated San Francisco will be one of the first to try out the new system. Hitchcock said only a few requests for banks have come in. "But it is natural that postmasters do not want more work with no additional pay," he said.

It is likely that the La Grande post-office will not be supplied with the banking equipment. To begin with only first class postoffices are to have the postal savings bank adjunct, though in time it will be spread to second-class offices. It will probably require a year or two to get the machinery set in perfect motion and La Grande need hardly anticipate any postal savings bank for several years to come.

**Hoke Smith Aged 55.**

Washington, July 13.—Interesting politics all over the country these days, but the Empire state of the south has nothing on the Empire state of the north, for unique developments. Joe Brown has been governor of Georgia and has not made good, according to the ideas of Hoke Smith, former governor, so the inflammable Mr. Smith announces his willingness to run again therefore the interesting situation in the Empire state in the south.

The antagonism between Smith and Brown really began years ago, when Smith was governor of Georgia, and tied a large can to Railroad Commissioner Brown alleging that he was plumb servile whenever he saw a railroad. Whereas Mr. Brown retorted that Smith was the original cow-lawyer of Georgia, having laid foundation of a goodly fortune by suing Georgia's railroads for \$5 damages whenever a cow was hit in the soft pine country—which is a region of the state and not of the cow.

Anyhow, according to Mr. Smith's biography, he was admitted to the bar at the age of seventeen, and then pro-

## MACHINE HEADS SEE TEDDY

ROOSEVELT RECEIVES TIMOTHY  
WOODRUFF IN LONG CON-  
FERENCE TODAY

## TAFT CHAFES AT MIDDLE

Chairman Woodruff Guest of Roosevelt Today, Attempting to Align the Colonel on His Side of the Political Question—Taft Chafes and May be Seen at the Head of Political Campaign in Ohio and New York

Oyster Bay, July 13.—Colonel

Roosevelt today will hear the argument of New York Republican machine leaders against the Hughes list of a live political program. Hughes left today for Washington.

The Republican State Chairman, Timothy Woodruff, arrived at Sagamore Hill and was Roosevelt's guest for lunch. Hughes remained at Roosevelt's house all night and had a long conference with T. R. Afterwards he said he "had nothing to say." It is understood that Hughes urged Roosevelt to assist in incorporating a plank for the direct primary in the state platform. The machine opposes this, and there will probably be a bitter fight on this point.

**President May Take a Hand.**

Beverly, July 13.—It is expected that President Taft will assume the leadership of the republican New York campaign upon his return from a week's yatching cruise. It is reported the president is getting impatient on account of the muddled state of political affairs. The Ohio, and Indiana situation is also causing the president to contemplate taking an active part in these state affairs. Senator Crane and Wickersham conferred with the president tonight.

ceeded to study law. He busted into politics with an axe, and in time was made President Cleveland's secretary of the interior. After he left Washington he went back to Atlanta, where some piffing criticism was attracted by the act that he taught in Sunday school and still held the majority interest in the largest bar-room in the place. Still, as Mr. Smith explained, he really should not be blamed for that. It was a good bar-room.

Smith was born in Newton, N. J., in 1855 and was originally christened Michael Hoke, after his maternal grandfather. Realizing that a good name is more to be preferred than great riches he dropped the Michael and would have shelved the Hoke, but an appreciative public wouldn't let him. He has made a fortune, he has been active in politics, and he has a batrachian or bellowing style of oratory that is especially effective when he can get a swamp for a background. He put through several reforms while he was governor, and has been more bitterly hated than any other man of his size in Georgia. As Little Joe Brown puts it: "That person's single talent is for making four lovely hearts do the work of five."

**CAR LOAD E. M. F. CARS ARRIVE**

M. & M. Co. Receives a Shipment that  
Has Been Delayed.

Customers of the M. and M. company who purchased the E. M. F. cars are pleased today because a carload of the machines arrived and are now being distributed to those who had contracted for them.

**Ballinger Home.**

Seattle, July 11.—Ballinger is home. He was met at the depot last night by his family only. Today he did not want to talk but said he would not participate in state politics, that Poindexter was neither democrat nor republican, but soon would be a socialist.