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CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM REPLETE WITH FINE ATTRACTIONS

Wonderful Film "Civilization" Will Be Banner Feature at Riverside Park Pavilion July Fourth

1917 ASSEMBLY NOT HARMED BY WAR IN EUROPE

RIVERSIDE PARK NEVER AS BEAUTIFUL AND INVITING AS THIS SUMMER

WELL-BALANCED OUTLINE PROVIDED FOR SESSIONS

Musically, Numbers Far Excel Recent Programs—Lecture Series Is Also Splendid—Usual Features Provided for All Who Attend the 1917 Chautauqua.

BY A. W. NELSON.

Once again, Time, in its flight, has carried denizens of peaceful Grande Ronde valley to that month of the year when the gates to Riverside park are to be opened wide upon an annual Chautauqua assembly. Cataclysm abroad, recruiting and conscription at home, bugle calls and the rattle of musket-butts on our very doorsteps, have not shorn, neither have they warped the 1917 Grande Ronde Chautauqua assembly plans—the program will occur despite turmoil, blood-spilling and limb-maiming in Flanders, The Tyrols, Mesopotamia, and all the rest of the shrapnel-splintered and bomb-blistered battlefields of Europe. The Chautauqua is an institution that endures; officers and directors of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua association offer no apology and advance no excuses for braving the tendencies of the hour—which oftentimes maneuver disbandment of usual recreation and entertainment. Rather, the assembly at once becomes an asylum and retreat to us who day after day shudder and mourn the terribleness of world affairs. From June 27 to July 4th patrons of the Chautauqua will seek and find sepulchre 'neath the towering cottonwoods—midst the melody of rippling waters hard by; haven of rest from the stress of it all up town and out on the farm; secure in this cosmopolitan school of learning and uplift—for the Chautauqua is all that, and more.

Wide Diversity of Numbers.

The session this year is remarkably broad and diversified, yet withal, popular and worth while. Roughly classified the outline present such features as the following:

Lecture Staff Learned One.

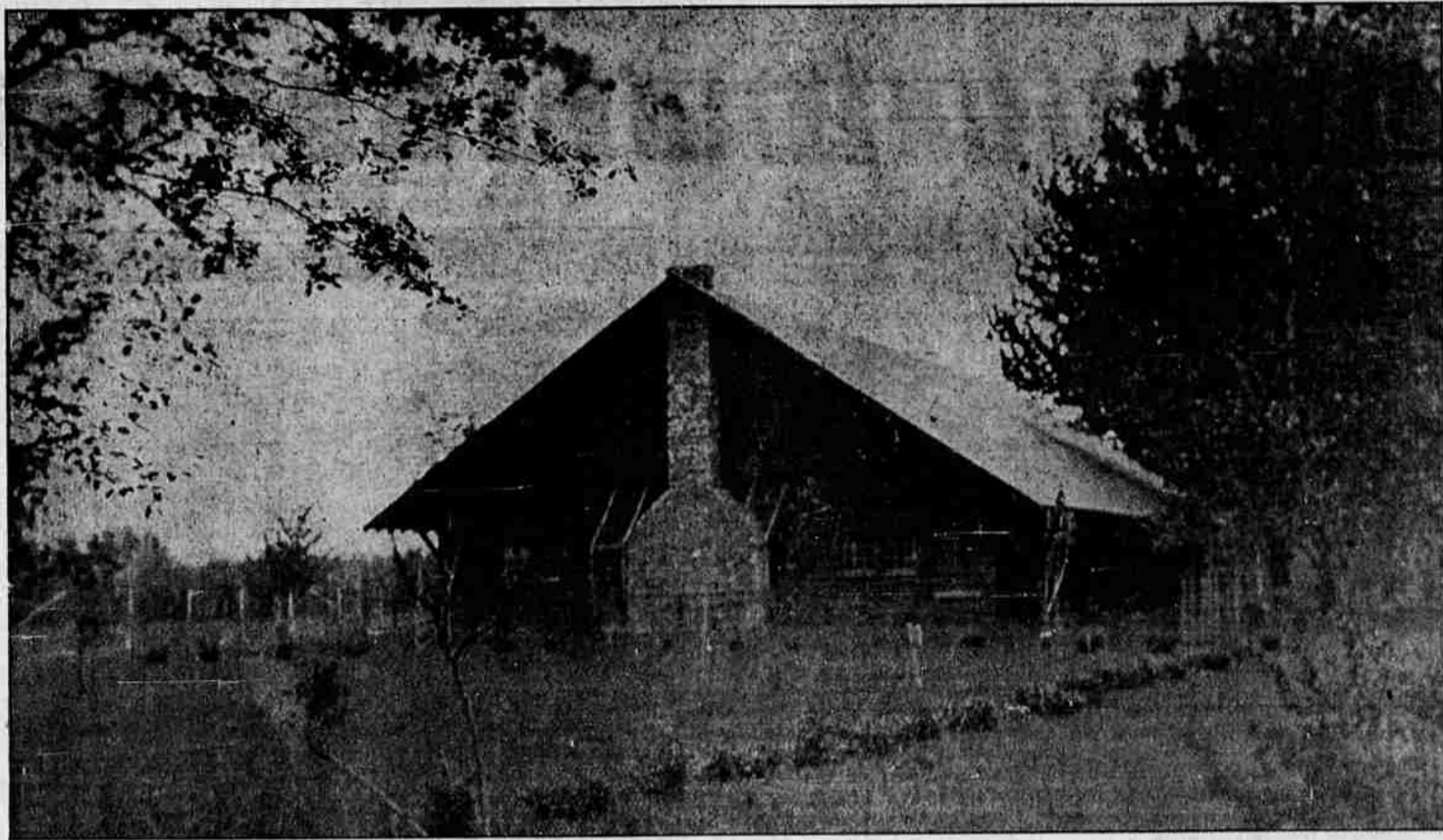
Elias Day is coming; Elias, the real and genuine, Elias not unlike "our own" S. Platt Jones.

Dr. Henry Smith Williams is one of America's greatest physicians. He has written more than seventy-five books, with over a million circulation, including "Every Day Science" in fourteen volumes, one of his most notable works.

His subject at Chautauqua will be,

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Below a General View of Riverside Park and Pavilion in Which Are Held the Sessions of the Annual Chautauqua Assembly. Spacious Lawn in the Foreground, Copious Plant Life and Clinging Vines on the Fireplace—the Fireplace is the Common Meeting Ground of All Social Castes All Summer Long of Picnic Parties as Well as During the Assembly. The Building Comfortably Seats 1000. Second Scene From Top Is Side View of Pavilion Showing Typical Audience.



DR. BROUGHER IS INITIAL SPEAKER

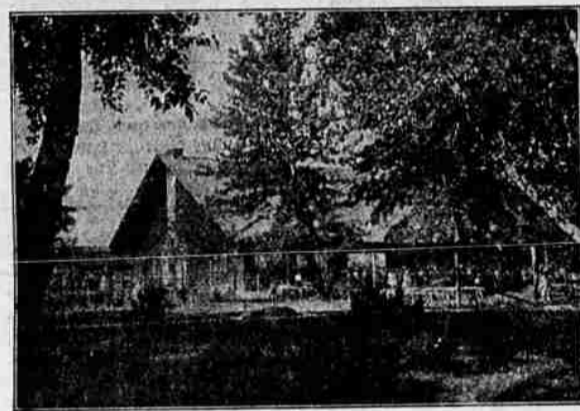
Best-Known Pastor-Orator of the West Expected to Cram Auditorium First Night—Campers Urged To Be On Hand Promptly and Be Settled Before Opening.

EARLY SETTLEMENT IS NEEDED

It has been advised that tents be pitched earlier than Wednesday afternoon in order that campers may move out the opening day and be settled before the evening program begins. This will eliminate confusion and also allow patrons to enjoy every word of the opening evening. "Get settled early" is the slogan.

James Whitcomb Brougher! Isn't he a dandy to start the Chautauqua lecture series with? This scintillating orator-preacher of whom Oregon is proud, a good many years ago addressed an audience of men when the Baptist church in this city was dedicated. There were present men of all types and stations in life; saloon keepers, bartenders, ministers, Sunday School teachers, pedagogues and teamsters. When Dr. Brougher caught his stride that afternoon all cried together like women, laughed

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WEEK'S PROGRAM IN DETAIL

Reduced to the most concrete and crux-like terms, the 1917 Grande Ronde Chautauqua assembly will consist of the following numbers:

Wednesday, June 27	
Morning—	Opening Exercises and Announcements
Entertainment	"The Australian Manikins"
Lecture	"What's Under Your Hat?"
	Dr. James Witcomb Brougher
Thursday, June 28	
Evening—	Lecture
Junior Chautauqua	Wm. G. Harrington
Afternoon—	Concert
Lecture	The Davenny Festival Quintet
	"Adding Years to Your Life"
	Dr. Henry Smith Williams
Evening—	Concert
Illustrated Lecture	The Davenny Festival Quintet
Wonderful Pictures of the North Woods by America's foremost	Chauncey Hawkins
wild-game photographer	
Friday, June 29	
Morning—	Lecture
Junior Chautauqua	Wm. G. Harrington
Afternoon—	Concert
Humorous Lecture	Smith-Spring-Holmes Company
	"Yarns of the Yank"
	Hon. W. I. Nolan
Evening—	Grand Concert
	Smith-Spring-Holmes Co.
Saturday, June 30	
Morning—	Lecture
Junior Chautauqua	Wm. G. Harrington
Afternoon—	Special Music
Community Lecture	Boston Light Opera Co.
	"Watch Your Step"
	Dr. A. E. Turner
Evening—	"Chimes of Normandie"
	Boston Light Opera Co.
	Setting a new record in Chautauqua Attractions. Delightful
	comic opera, full singing cast and orchestra, twenty-four people.
Sunday, July 1	
Morning—	Usual services at all Churches
Afternoon—	Musical Prelude
Lecture	The Ongawa Company
	"Are You Christian or Only Religious?"
	Lee Francis Lybarger
Evening—	Vespers—All invited.
Musical Prelude	The Ongawa Company
Readings	Elias Day
Monday, July 2	
Morning—	Lecture
Junior Chautauqua	Wm. G. Harrington
Afternoon—	Concert
Lecture	Musical Arts Quartet
	"The Mind of Germany"
	Dr. Frank Bohn
Evening—	Popular Concert
Lecture	Musical Arts Quartet
	"Rebuilding the Temple"
	Montville Flowers
Tuesday, July 3	
Morning—	Lecture
Junior Chautauqua	Wm. G. Harrington
Afternoon—	Pageant—Junior Chautauquans
Lecture	"Polly of the Circus"
	Annie Therese Davault
Evening—	Grand Closing Concert, James Goddard, Bass-Baritone of V.
	Chicago Grand Opera Company. The world's greatest baritone.
	Assisting Artists—Ruth Ray, violinist; Robert Yale Smith, pianist.
	Daily Schedule of Hours.
	Morning Hour Lecture, 10:00 a. m.; Afternoon Concert, 2:30 p. m.;
	Afternoon Lecture, 3:00 p. m.; Children's Hour, 9:00 a. m.; Evening Concert,
	7:30 p. m.; Evening Lecture, 8:15 p. m.
	Superintendent and Morning Lecturer Wm. G. Harrington
	Lecture Subjects:
	"Modern City Government", "The Citizen's Job", "The Personal Factor—
	You", "Practical Public Speaking".
	Bible study class, auspices W. C. T. U., each day at 9:15 a. m.

JOYOUS TIME FOR THE LITTLE TOTS

From the Very First Night Until the Close Children Will Receive Their Share of Amusement—Manikins First Feature.

CONSTANT ATTENDANT ON PLAYGROUNDS

One of the most important innovations this year will be a constant attendant on the playgrounds, thus relieving much of the nervous tension from mothers and in a great many other ways will this be a fine convenience. The Junior Chautauqua is to have a large tent all by itself this year, too, in which the juniors will hold their assemblies.

Directors of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua association have long since learned it is imperative that junior patrons have some attention. Therefore they take great pleasure in saying to the little folks that the very first night there will be something especially charming for them in the Manikins—an attraction sure to convulse the little ones and chase away grouches among the old.

Whole Week Cared For.

Last year "The Princess (now Mrs. R. F. Murphy, of La Grande) kept the

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Membership Method is Still in Vogue

During the year 1916, sales of season tickets of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua association were the largest in the history of the association except the first year. The daily gate receipts from the sale of day tickets only were correspondingly smaller. More and more of the Chautauqua patrons are beginning to buy season tickets and to attend the Chautauqua programs regularly.

The season tickets will be sold this year at the same price as in preceding years. For adult tickets the price is \$3.00 per ticket and for children's tickets the price is \$1.50 per ticket, for children from eight years to sixteen years old, inclusive. However, anyone who purchases adult tickets in quantities of four or more may receive the tickets at the rate of four tickets for ten dollars. An adult ticket can be exchanged for two children's tickets at any time and also two children's tickets may be exchanged for an adult ticket at any time.

The association is the owner of a number of tents and these tents will be rented to any one desiring to camp, for the sum of \$5.00. If the tents are placed in Chautauqua row, are desired to be put up at the time the workmen are putting up the tents in Chautauqua row, then the as-

NATAL DAY TO BE OBSERVED IN SANE WAY

SPEAKING, SPORTS AND MUSIC OUTLINE FOR DAYLIGHT HOURS OF DAY

WELL-KNOWN FILM IS TO BE SHOWN AT PARK

Need of Entertainment for Campers Seen—Ticket Holders Put to no Extra Cost by Reason of Addition of Another Day's Program—Details Coming Later.

Confronted with the necessity of providing something in the way of entertainment for the campers at Riverside park and the public in general on July Fourth, the directors of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua association have gone to much expense to provide suitable programs for the day. Chautauqua officially closes on the night of July 3rd but arrangements have been made to give a program of good quality on the 4th which will be an added feature without expense to the ticket holders. A nominal fee will be charged to such as only want to attend that day.

One splendid attraction already provided is the master film, "Civilization" which will be put on that evening. While this marvelous picture has been here once, only a comparatively small fraction of the community was able to see it. This opportunity will not likely be available again.

In addition to this film, of which so much has been said in the past, and the quality of which is too well known to need any further eulogiums here, the directors have other good numbers booked. A speaker of reputation will be brought here, and in the morning a sport program will be arranged. The La Grande Elks' band will likely be on hand too. All in all the July Fourth program will be one of merit and quality.

TRANSPORTATION AS USUAL

F. L. Meyers is Chairman of the Committee Listing Adequate Facilities.

Problems of transportation have been solved in years past largely through the inclination of the public to help out in carrying passengers to and from Riverside park during rush hours. At such moments it is usually a lucrative business, but the committee must provide for those who wish to visit the park in the forenoon and afternoons when traffic is less brisk. Chairman F. L. Meyers of the transportation committee is working to provide adequate transportation to run on stated schedules. While all conveyances will not be operated on a 10-cent basis, likely, arrangements to have some of that price available are always made.

Botanical Gardens At Riverside Park

Lusty slicing at brush between the river and the South driveway at Riverside park has made available a considerable amount of new tenting space. It permits extension of the tented city area and furthermore has added to the general attractiveness of the now famous park in which the Grande Ronde Chautauqua association holds its sessions.

As a matter of fact the Park com-

VOLLEYBALL FANS WILL HAVE FACILITIES ON THE PARK GROUNDS

Recognizing the fact that many patrons of the Chautauqua are red-blooded volleyball fans, recruited from both sexes, the management announces that a volleyball court will be erected on the grounds this season. It will be open to all, and it is expected that the ladies who follow and play this game ardently at the "Y" gym will keep the grass well worn about the court. The men too will have their opportunities for recreation at the volleyball grounds.

mission is ever alert to enhance the appearance of the grounds. From year to year, often against serious handicaps and reverses, the commission provides Caretaker "Tap" Thomas with new shrubbery to plant out until today the tasty arrangement of lilacs, spirea, Japanese quince, peonies, tulips, Siberian peonies, honeysuckles and a score of other familiar plants and flowers have made what once was a virgin forest into a place of extreme beauty. Virginia creepers, planted in profusion, hide fences and posts, and are now fastening their tentacles upon the fire-place end of the pavilion. Climbing roses have been set out in abundance only recently—in fact just this spring the spacious lawns with their fringes of beautiful flowers have been made all the more artistic with the planting of new shrubs and plants. The park commission is always on the alert to make La Grande's beautiful park more beautiful and in this policy the public acquiesces.

Government of the park is by a commission, of which the chief executive of the city president. The personnel of this industrious commission at present is: Vincent Palmer, president; Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp, Mrs. Chester P. Newlin, Mrs. E. Polack, Hon. W. J. Church, and William Miller.

W. G. HARRINGTON SUPERINTENDENT OF CHAUTAUQUA PLATFORM

An essential in well-regulated Chautauquas is a live and affable superintendent. Wm. G. Harrington, who occupies that important post this year, possesses all the requisite qualifications. He will lecture each morning at 10 a. m. using the themes "Modern City Government," "The Citizen's Job," "The Personal Factor—You," and "Practical Public Speaking." He comes well recommended.