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CHAUTAQUA OPENS HERE ON FRIDAY

Program Prepared for This Year Expected to be Best in Years.

CAMPERS MOVING OUT THIS WEEK

National Star Coming Saturday: Season Tickets Are Still on Sale for Entire Week.

On the eve of the rendition of what everybody considers to be the best-appearing program in years, patrons of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua took forward to Friday evening of this week as an event to be awaited with anxiety.

Tents are being moved out. The tents are up, the stage settings are in place, the tents are going up here and there, though there is the usual eleventh-hour rush in store to get tents erected. With splendid weather forecasted, it is expected that the tent colony will be much larger than last year. Numerous parties are bringing their own tents this season and are looking themselves away in shiny nooks.

Every person that lives is more or less keenly interested in the movement. They will get a delightful treat in the first number of the program which is to be a presentation of some of the cleverest things known to magic. It will be "Magic" night.

National Star Saturday. The biggest individual star number of the whole course comes Saturday in the form of the nationally famous Frances Ingram, who is supported by three others. Frances Ingram is able to get \$200 per concert for 50 successive concerts. That alone should give an idea of her quality. She is an expert in chautauqua, in that she is the first star of such magnitude to get on the platform. Can the traffic stand such star-wares? That is the problem.

More Tickets Needed. Not enough people have yet expressed their willingness to buy tickets to guarantee a clean sheet. However, it is felt that the Friday sales will help bring these up.

Important to Patrons. There is a new policy in vogue this year regarding season tickets. The tickets have been so arranged that they come \$2.50 to everybody regardless if bought in one or more numbers. To offset this there will be no reduction in the price of season tickets after the opening number, in contrast to the sliding scale of reductions in vogue in the past. The general admission varies for each afternoon and each evening, separate general admissions being required for each program. This too is a departure from past customs.

BIG PICNIC IS AUGUST SIXTH

One of the big events of the season will be the picnic of the old residents of Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, to be held at the city park August 6. The picnic has always been held in September but the officers this year decided that on account of the weather conditions in September a change would be desirable.

All residents of the three states who happen to be in the city are invited to attend.

The program for the event has not been arranged yet but there will be a basket lunch at noon, and a 2000 program is assured.

PHONE WIRES FIRE DAMAGED

A woodshed and garage belonging to W. F. Erdmann, on the intersection of First and Adams, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon about 2:20 o'clock. The damage amounted to several hundred dollars, the fire apparently starting from an unknown cause. The fire department made a quick drive but the flames had already gained such headway that it was impossible to save the building. The telephone wires above the shed caught fire and were damaged.

TWO ARE SHOT MONONGAHELA, Pa., July 20.—Two men were shot today after a gasoline speeder was wrecked on the Ellsworth branch near Bentleyville, Pa.

NEW ORDINANCE ON SLAUGHTER HOUSES TABLED

City Commission Decides That Further Investigation is Necessary Before Acting on Proposed Law.

An ordinance was presented at last night's meeting of the city commission prohibiting slaughter houses within the city limits and within a radius of three miles outside of the city limits. The ordinance provides for a fine or imprisonment or both for violation and becomes effective 30 days after passage. Each day a slaughter house is maintained in violation of the ordinance constitutes a separate offense. The fine is fixed at from \$10 to \$250 and the jail sentence at from one to 90 days. For cases in which the fine is unpaid provision is made for substituting a jail sentence at the rate of \$2 per day.

Considerable discussion took place over the proposed ordinance and it was decided to lay it on the table until all of the commissioners can investigate the matter more thoroughly and decide whether such an ordinance is necessary. Commissioners Stoddard and Williams were inclined to favor the proposed ordinance, while President Brady strongly opposed its enactment.

An improvement district was created including Island avenue from the city limits to Adams avenue, a block on Spruce street and a block on Teuth street. This section will be paved with hard surface paving this summer, the resolution creating the district being preliminary to advertising for bids.

A petition for a sewer on the block bounded by Cedar, First, Palmer and Grandy was received last night. This petition was originally presented in March, 1920, and referred back to the petitioners for additional signatures. The petition was referred to the city manager with the purpose of having him ascertain whether the property owners affected would be willing to pay cash for the improvement. This was done in issuing bonds for such amounts to around 30 per cent of the cost of the work and the commission-ers thought that several residents would probably pay cash and save the extra cost, while the others could probably borrow to meet their share of the cost and save money in the end as deferred payments on sewer installations draw interest.

An ordinance was also passed last evening regarding the storage of gas. The ordinance relates especially to the storage in grocery stores and other places where kerosene and oils are often kept in barrels and where it often happens that the floors become slightly oil-soaked. The new law also bans other petroleum products or liquids in conformity with the standard law recommended by the state fire marshal's office.

NEW VETERAN PAPER COMING

MOSCOW, Idaho, July 20.—The "Disabled Veterans," a weekly publication of sixteen pages, will be issued this week by the disabled war veterans stationed here for rehabilitation work at the University of Idaho.

Five hundred copies of the first issue of the paper will be published and distributed among the ex-service men stationed here and sent over the United States to other posts. The paper contains news of interest to the ex-soldier who is seeking to prepare himself for the duties of civilian life. Articles on different phases of the work being taken up at the university by disabled veterans will form the bulk of the matter printed in the paper.

The paper will probably later be published jointly by the disabled veterans here and those at Washington State College at Pullman, Wash., an edition being printed for each place.

LIGHTLESS DAYS FEARED

CLEVELAND, July 20.—The city light plant serving 320,000 people faces suspension due to a lack of coal supply unless the supply is replenished within three days.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press.) BUFFALO, N. Y., July 20.—Six persons, including Daniel Fritz and family of Colorado, were killed when a train hit an automobile at a crossing here today.

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, July 20.—Another murder mystery was today announced in the identification of a body found yesterday in the hills near Inglewood as Samuel Dibb, 55, of Torrance, Cal. His skull was crushed with two-foot length of pipe.

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, July 20.—Mrs. Gladys Finkler pleaded not guilty to a charge of killing Mrs. Mendon last week with a hammer. Her trial was set for September 18.

NO MENACE IS SEEN NOW TO THE MAILS

Postmaster General Issues Statement on the Strike Situation.

JEWELL BELIEVES END IN TWO WEEKS

Railroad Labor Board has given up trying to Bring Matters to Settlement, is Report.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 20.—Postmaster General Work today announced that "any menace endangering the delivery of mails arising from the shipmen's strike had passed."

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, July 20.—E. M. Jewell, president of the six federated shop crafts unions, predicted today that the railroads would capitulate and settle the strike within two weeks. "The strike is becoming more effective daily," he said. "The roads will yield as soon as we bring them to their knees."

With immediate prospects for peace, some strikers and railroads today settled to a test of strength. The railroad labor board has given up peace negotiations.

LARGE CROWD AT REX DANCE

Probably the largest crowd that has been present at the Rex hall was at hand last evening when a benefit dance was given for the strikers by the management of the hall, with Loney's orchestra furnishing the music. Two hundred would be a small estimate as the hall was crowded to capacity.

The dancing commenced at nine o'clock and found an enthusiastic following of strikers and their sympathizers that joined hands in making the evening a big success. A number of other dances conflicting with this dance were postponed and "the more the merrier" seemed to be the order of the evening.

Announcements were made that Pat Powers would give a benefit dance to the strikers at the Zuber hall on next Thursday evening, July 27, everyone being cordially invited to attend.

Fire Permits Are Now Necessary in Forests

All who intend to build campfire or other fires within the limits of any of the National Forests must secure permits to do so or they are liable to prosecution, announced Forest Ranger Floyd Kendall this morning. The permit may be obtained from any forest service man.

GASOLINE IS REPORTED TO HAVE DROPPED

Various Reasons Assigned in Several Cities where Price went Down Today.

(By Associated Press.) SALT LAKE, July 20.—The gasoline retail price dropped from 31 to 29 cents a gallon today. Freight rate readjustment was given as the cause.

(By Associated Press.) PENDLETON, July 20.—Gasoline was cut in price from 32 cents to 30 cents today. Competition among oil stations is given as the cause.

(By Associated Press.) LOUIS, July 20.—Gasoline retail prices dropped from 25 cents a gallon to 23 cents a gallon. Lower grade oil prices was given as the cause.

Gasoline prices were cut by La Grande garages and filling stations about 10 days ago, giving the La Grande consumer the advantage of the lowered freight rate, effective on July 1, as soon as the first shipments in July were received. The price is now 30 cents here.

INTERFERENCE AT FIRES WILL BE ELIMINATED

All drivers of automobiles coming to fires as well as others, in any way whatsoever interfering with the work of the fire department during fires will be placed under arrest and prosecuted under a city ordinance which provides for a fine or jail sentence for such violations. This announcement was made last night by Fire Chief C. G. Marchesson and Chief of Police Roy Pleser, following interference in fighting a fire late yesterday afternoon by a crowd of curious automobilists who, in some instances, went so far as to drive over the fire hose and in other instances blocked the way so that the members of the fire department met unwarranted interference.

In order to strictly enforce the law several volunteer deputies are being sworn in and all persons violating the law will be placed under arrest. Yesterday it took three men to keep the curious crowd off the line of hose. Interference was also met in emptying the hose to the hydrant.

MARSHAL SHOTS MAN

(By Associated Press.) TACOMA, July 20.—F. H. Lee, deputy U. S. marshal, was fired upon by one of three men at the Milwaukee shops here today. He returned the fire and wounded one man in the shoulder.

GOVERNMENT IS WAITING FOR ACTION

Officials Concerned over Coal Production Being Lessened.

PLAN ADVANCED BY MICHIGAN GOVERNOR

Missouri town is in darkness on Account of Inability to Secure Coal now.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 20.—The government today awaited the result of its effort to reach the end mines. Officials showed increasing concern over the coal output falling off in coal production, particularly in non-union mines due to the inadequate supply.

(By Associated Press.) LANSING, Mich., July 20.—Governor Alexander J. Groesbeck, in a telegram to President Harding today asked sanction of the federal government for a plan to take over and operate the Michigan coal mines under state control. The message asked whether the federal government would join with the state in taking over and deciding resumption by miners and operators.

(By Associated Press.) HANNIBAL, Mo., July 20.—Hannibal's streets were virtually dark last night due to the coal shortage at the municipal light plant.

PERMITS ISSUED FOR RESIDENCES

A building permit has been issued to Mrs. George Stoddard for her new home on Fourth street between Pennsylvania and O avenues. The estimated cost is \$2,000, according to the permit.

Oscar Thompson is building a home on First between Lane and Beak which will cost \$2,000, according to the estimate on the permit.

PARKING LAW TO BE ENFORCED

The parking ordinance will be strictly enforced commencing tomorrow morning concerning the parking of cars on Adams avenue. A car must not be parked for longer than 30 minutes between the hours of 8 o'clock in the morning and 6 o'clock in the evening on Adams avenue, between Fourth street and Greenwood, according to the ordinance.

NO OCCASION FOR TROOPS SAY STRIKERS

Resolution Passed Declaring that Peace officers can Handle Situation Here.

At the regular mass meeting of the striking railroad men held yesterday afternoon, the hall was packed. The general chairman of the strike committee expressed his satisfaction with the way the men are turning out at the regular meetings each day and the splendid spirit and morale of all of the members involved.

A resolution was passed at the meeting of the strikers yesterday expressing confidence in the ability of the peace officers to handle the situation here. This followed rumors that the railroad company is trying to displace the guards here by troops. The strikers regretted very much that such a thing should even be thought of as thereby the burden of the expense and responsibility would fall on the state. The opinion was freely expressed at the meeting that in the event of the sheriff allowing the railroad company to send in troops to displace the guards a new sheriff could easily be secured by action of the people of the county.

"We will again say to the citizens of La Grande and Union county that we are going to maintain law and order and see that others do likewise," one member of the strike committee said today. "One of the committee quoted the police department as saying that if they were not aware of a strike being on here the manner in which the strikers are acting would not in any way give any intimation of a strike. This condition will continue and every man who is on a strike here is seeing to it that all friction is avoided."

Geo. Desch, a local boilermaker, is reported to be acting as a strikebreaker. The Dulles now.

The strikers expressed much regret at their meeting yesterday at the attitude of General Foreman Perry. "He is reported as having said that he is doing everything in his power to break the strike, although at one time he had the good will of every man on strike," one member of the strike committee said. "This is very regrettable as when the strike is settled and we go back to work many of the men will not have that friendly feeling."

"Every minute is looking very favorable now, from the strikers' point of view," it was announced at the meeting. Attention was called to the fact that the relief fund is growing daily.

ORO DELL IS DISCUSSED AT MEETING

Governor Olett and Highway Commission Here This Afternoon.

ROUTING OF OREGON TRAIL TAKEN UP

City and County Officials and Many Leading Ad Club Members Among Those Making Appeal for Scenic Highway Today.

Ways and means for constructing the overhead bridge at Oro Dell and the building of the highway on the outskirts of the city rather than to run it through the unsightly stockyards were discussed this afternoon between members of the Oregon Highway Commission, the county court, the city commission, the special highway committee of the Ad Club and the road roads committee of the Ad Club.

The Highway Commission is on a tour of the state, accompanied by Governor Olett, John Kelly of the Oregonian, Bob Johnson of the Portland Journal, H. L. Fry of the Telegram, R. A. Klein, secretary of the commission, and R. H. Ballock, division engineer. They spent last night at Enterprise and today started for La Grande and were scheduled to arrive at 12 o'clock. They were delayed en route and did not reach until after one o'clock. Immediately upon arrival they were greeted by the local committee and officials and went out over the proposed route west of La Grande and then went to the Country Club for a late luncheon.

What the outcome of the conference will be probably will not be known until late this afternoon and possibly not until after the commission meets in official session at Portland.

The entire city commission, consisting of W. B. Grandy, David I. Stoddard, Sherwood Williams and City Manager O. H. Kratz, the county court, consisting of Judge U. G. Couch, J. H. Hutchison of Union, Cecil Galbreath of Elletts, C. E. Short, president of the Ad Club, A. W. Nelson, manager of the Ad Club, G. W. Larison, chairman of the Ad Club Good Roads Committee, and committee men August Stange and A. T. Hill, Elmer Stoddard, chairman of the special committee having the Oro Dell bridge in charge, and George H. Currey and Wm. Miller, constituted the Union county delegation.

SIMILAR NAMES CAUSE MIX-UP

(By Associated Press.) SPOKANE, July 20.—When Mrs. Eva Gordon appeared at the courthouse with her attorney to check over the details of her divorce suit against Harry Gordon, she discovered that, according to the files, she had the wrong attorney.

Investigation showed that two individual Eva Gordons had very similar divorce suits against a pair of Harry Gordons, the complaints being so similar that the deputy clerk had thought them duplicates and had filed them all in the same jacket.

The cases are not for hearing next week, and clerks are separating the records of the two cases and wondering what would have happened if the mistake had not been discovered and he wrong Eva had secured a divorce from the Harry who wasn't her husband.

TO THE BROAD MAN UNJUSTLY PUT IN JAIL

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—For more than a month George Anderson was in jail here, charged with grand larceny. He had been identified by the officers who arrested him. He had been identified as the man who had pawned the stolen articles. His handwriting had been declared that of the thief. But he claimed his guilt. Wednesday Joseph Hales was under arrest for petit larceny. He confessed, police say, to the crime for which Anderson has been serving.

Anderson was freed.



HILDA
The Greatest
Weather
Tonight and Friday cloudy in the Inland. Showers in the west portion of the state.