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FROM MONDAY'S CHAUTAUQUAN.

Delightful weather and Dr. Gunsaulus brought 3000 people to Gladstone Park Saturday. For the first time, the big auditorium was fairly filled and many people stood outside in the shade listening to the eloquence and gazing on the famous red necktie of the eminent lecturer. He was introduced by Rev. Wallace, of Portland, and, after anecdotes, suggested by the extravagant encomium of Dr. Wallace, he began his discourse by the declaration that the most interesting figure of the 15th century was Jerome Savonarola. He was more to Florence than Demosthenes ever was to Athens or Cicero to Rome. He was more like Wendell Phillips than any other orator of ancient or Modern times. He did for Italy ages before its time what John Wesley did for England, but to make a Savonarola of Wesley, Wyckliffe must be added. He was a statesman of a kind that was able take the position alone and hold it till he got the support of the majority.

After Savonarola, in bold outlines before the audience, the speaker proceeded to paint a picture that should give a sense of the dignity of the subject and his value to our time. He regarded 1453 the greatest of the century, because it witnessed the fall of Constantinople under the victorious march of the Turks and the birth of the great Florentine. Out of the confusion following the succession of the cross by the crescent over the Byzantine capital, came the penniless Greek scholars, and their influences for the upbuilding of liberty and civilization. These found all roads leading to Rome, where the man stood with the bands around his brain breaking one by one.

Then came the renaissance and the reformation, the first a movement of the brain, the second of the heart and conscience. This was the background for the portrait of Savonarola, who belonged to the aristocracy of brains. The picture was vividly drawn, and filled in with a wealth of history, incidents and modern illustrations.

The address was two hours long, and not one word was lost. Applause was frequent, and was especially marked at the reference to Marcus Whitman's efforts to save Oregon as an illustration of the statesmanship of the quality of Savonorola's.

Saun Ichiro Hirota, a young Japanese, a bright student now taking a course of study at the Pacific University, gave an instructive talk on "The Rise of Japan." The speaker gave a brief review of the political history of Japan, and showed the growth of education and Christianity on the island. He touched upon the late war of Japan and China. "This war," he said, "should be carefully studied by all. It meant more than a contest between two hostile nations. It was a struggle between progress and stagnation, between civilization and barbarism, between freedom and serfdom. Japan won in the great fight. Every day's conflict was but a repetition to the emperor of Japan, who nobly commanded his armies, of Julius Caesar's famous words, 'I came, I saw, I conquered.' This war and its final victory has established throughout the world that Japan is no lenger in the regions of barbarism, but a civilized nation."

Another notable lecture of the day was by Professor Condon, on three stories or periods of Oregon's Geological history. In the first or ocean period, the only land visable was where the Siskiyou and Blue mountains now are, which was long before the geography of Europe was complete, and about the time of the formation of the chalk cliffs of England and France. In the second, or lake period, a wrinkle formed in the bottom of the ocean, which gradually grew into the Cascade and Sierra Nevada mountains, and extended from Mexico to Alaska.

The rising of the range cut off a large body of salt water from the ocean, the last remnant of which is the Great Salt lake. The climate then tropical, and hippopotami, rhinoceri, camels, five species of horse, the dog-faced ape, and many other animals and birds and luxuriant plant of life existed. Then came the glacial period, which killed all life, and the species became extinct.

The third or river period, comprised the time during the rising of the interior and the drainage of the great lake through the Colorado and Columbia rivers. Professor Condon roused such interest that he was unable to escape from questioners till after 2 o'clock, standing at the door of his tent under the trees, exhibiting and explaining his fossil specimens and examining and classifying many curios brought to him with all the ardor of a true artist in love with nature.

The evening's program was very pleasingly filled in with music and recital. After a concert by the Park Place band this evening, Miss Brown recited the potion scene from "Romeo and Juliet," with such effect that she had to respond to an encore.

"How to Forecast the Weather," was the subject of an address by S. M. Blandford, of the United States Weather Bureau, illustrated with a steropticon; and Rev. W. S. Holt, late of China, gave a very entertaining and instructive lecture on "China and the Chinese," in which the steropticon was also brought into use with much profit. Mr. Holt received his D. D. last week from Ripon, in compliment to his great work in China and with the Chinese.

Mr. Dresser's chorus of 100 voices did excellent work d ing the day, evidence of careful practice being very noticeable. A greeting was sent to the parent assembly at Chautauqua Lake, N. Y., and to Ashland assembly.

As announced there was no special program for Sunday, as a consequence the attendance was very light, the day being passed very quietly. A morning service was held for those on the grounds and the visitors that came in at which Professor N. N. Riddell preached on "The World's Redemption." It was one of the ablests discourses given at any time during the assembly and was well worthy of a big audience. A gospel service was held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at which Helen Dickinson Harford, the Quaker woman preacher, delivered an interesting sermon. It was followed by general missionary addresses.

In the evening President J. M. Bloss,, of the Oregon State Agricultural college delivered a discourse on "Our Civilization Dependent Upon Christianity and Science." It was a masterly effort and was well received by the audience.

FROM TUESDAY'S CHAUTAUQUAN.

At Gladstone Park yesterday the general theme was "Patriotism," and it was discussed from many points of view by and for the Chautauquans. The lecture of the morning in the auditorium was by President W. C. Hawley, of Willamette university, on "The Formation of the Constitution."

He began by tracing the world's political developement since the dawn of history, showing by the successive political ideas of dominent nations the true, enduring theory of government; that is, unity of political ideals and aims among all the people of a nation. He declared the American constitution to be the product of history, the supreme political idea of all time down to its formation. The anarchy succeeded the revolution—the disunion of the colonies, their petty jealousies and disasters, their issues of paper money, and their defiance of the congress of the confederation—was graphically set forth. The speaker then took up the history of the constitutional convention and pictured some of its stiring scenes. The differences that separated the delegates, whether the government should be federal or national; whether representation should be based on population or not; how slaves should be represented, if at all. A careful distinction was made between sovereignity and government, and a review given of the incidents attending the adoption of the constitution by the several states. The lecture was a philosophical study of the causes, and concluded with a careful predictiion of the probable future of the United States when "Old Glory" should lead the federation of the world.

Professor Condon's geology class had 100 members this morning He discussed the evolution of plant and animal life from the simplest structure, a single cell, up to man as the capsheaf of the system. The professor believes in the Socratic method of teaching, and he had soon aroused such interest that his class bristled with eager questions, and he was kept busy past the time limit answering them. Many of the questions were on the point of the relation between science and theology, some members of the class evidently thinking the teacher a little too liberal in his views. Professor Condon would not be betrayed into discussion of theology, however, saying he was a man of science, who believed in an old fashioned God. One woman asked him where the soul of man first appeared in the scheme of evolution, and by way of answer he asked her at what time the soul appeared in the child, which starts life wholly as an animal, but at a subsequent period of its existence unquestionably possesses a soul. He did not know when or how the soul of man developed, and thought the point neither disproved nor confirmed any part of the theory of evolution.

When the afternoon programme began there were a large number of persons, prominent in politics or otherwise, on the platform, among whom were Judges Bean, Moore and Wolverton, of the supreme court; Colonel T. M. Anderson, of Fort Vancouver; Mayor Jackson, Lieutenant Willett, Hon J. C. Carson; Commander E. W. Allen, of the Grand Army; Mrs. Abilgail Scott Duniway, Mrs. E. W. Allen and Mrs. Harford.

The Portland Military band gave a very excellent concert, closing with a euphonium solo of his own composition by Professor De Caprio, which captivated the large audience and compelled him to respond with another of his compositions. Then Colonel Anderson was introduced and gave his address on "What are American Principles?" in which he was somewhat pessimistic in laying down his premises, but more hopeful later. He quoted census figures to show that but one-half the population of the United States was native born of American parents, and laid great stress on the necessity of spreading correct notion of living and of government. He was apprehensive of trouble from the laboring men, whose organizations, he noted, retained from participating in celebrations of last Fourth of July, the country over. A higher and more intensely patriotic spirit he regarded as a crying need of the hour.

Judge Moore followed Colonel Anderson, and made an earnest plea for the education of the people at large in true patriotism. Judge Wolverton also made a brief address along the same line, specifying liberal and popular education as the bulwark of republican government, and necessary for its preservation. Commander Allen enlivened the programme with a short talk pertinent to the theme of the day, but in the style of a campfire story. Then Mrs Duniway was called out and made a witty speech, noting in conclusion that there were but 120 voters in all the vast audience, and proposing three cheers from the women of the Chautauqua assembly.

At the close of the exercises in the auditorium, a round table meeting was held at the old auditorium. Col. Miller led off with a brief talk on the advantage of a free parliament, where living issues can have impromptu presensation. Prof. Riddell followed with the idea that the Chautauqua is the most distinctively American institution we have teaching patriotism or unifying and assimilating the American people. Prof. Condon said the Chautauqua assemblies were like the mountain peaks above the clouds and the special days were special peaks.

Dr. J. E. Hall, of Clatskanie, graduate of old Chautauqua, thought these grounds were naturally as fine as those at old Chautauqua, and predicted a great future for this assembly. This round table is proving one of our most valuable accessories.

During the evening music was a prominent feature of the program, the Corvallis Ladies band, the Park Place band and the Eureka Concert Club, of Portland, contributing to the entertainment. The colored boys of the Eureka Club were rapturously received, and the audience could not get enough of their singing, though they responded to encores time after time. The chorus also did very creditable work. Harry S. Templeton, of the state university, read an interesting paper on "The Geology of Oregon." President J. M. Bloss, of Corvallis, told a story of personal experience, it being the skeleton of his lecture on "The Lost Dispatch of the Battle of the Antietam." Briefly, it was that on the morning of Friday, September 13, 1863, his company was resting on the grass near the Antietam, when Mr. Bloss happened to see an official-looking document on the ground, which was found to be an order from General Lee addressed to the rebel general, J. B. Hill, and which contained directions disclosing the rebel plan and time of attack. This letter was the cause of precipitating the battle to frustrate Confederate plans, and, in all probability, saved the Union army from disaster. General Compson was also somewhat reminescent in his address on "The Battle of Gettysburg," which closed the evening's program.

The junior department of the Chautauqua normal union began examinations yesterday, which will continue two days longer. There are more than 30 in the class, which is in charge of Mrs. E. W. Allen.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S CHAUTAUQUAN.

The colleges had their innings at the Chautauqua assembly yesterday. The speaking of the afternoon was entirely on the subject of colleges and their work, and it was reduced to conciseness by each college president talking somewhat of his own institution.

The Corvallis ladies' band, the invocation by J. W. Cowan, and a well-sung song by Pacific university students, preceded the speeches. President Hawley, of Willamette university, gave a historical sketch of his school. He was greeted with the college yell from a large company of students of their respective institutions. In speaking for Pacific university, President McClelland said

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