

Southern Oregon Chautauqua Presents Excellent Program

With the concert given by the Medford-Ashland choral societies, the 26th annual meeting of the Southern Oregon Chautauqua opened Thursday night. From the middle of the week the process of tent erection started in the park and outsiders came in to make arrangements for boarding and rooming during the eight days the Chautauqua will be in progress. Fewer people are tenting than usual this summer, presumably because the great majority of people utilize their cars in going back and forth daily. At the opening session the assemblage was practically as large as that of former years, and the succeeding sessions have been well attended by enthusiastic audiences.

The concert Thursday night demonstrated that this section does not have to apply to outside talent for musical attractions, as the program rendered by the Medford-Ashland choral societies was one that afforded all music lovers an exceptional treat that will long be remembered. Under the direction of Mr. George Andrews, who is one of the finest musicians in the state, an entertainment of rare merit was produced. The performers were magnificently trained and the choruses were evenly balanced and beautifully rendered. Several charming solos by some of Ashland's and Medford's sweetest singers figured conspicuously on the program, while one duet and one trio were among the most pleasing features of the evening's entertainment.

The only instrumental selection was a violin solo by Mr. W. Carlton Jones of Medford, who generously responded to the enthusiastic applause with a pleasing encore. The evening's entertainment was one to please the most fastidious audience, and the fact that such proficiency is within reach of the residents of Ashland and Medford helped make it all the more attractive.

Friday morning saw the Chautauqua in full swing. The morning lectures and classes were organized and were well attended by many Ashland residents who are taking a week off

from their manifold duties to take advantage of these opportunities placed at their command, as well as by the large number of out-of-town guests.

Friday afternoon's program consisted of the musical prelude conducted by local talent, Mrs. H. T. Elmore and Mrs. Julia Hockett, vocalists, and Miss Berna Haight, the blind pianist. Dr. Joshua Stansfield gave a lecture, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." In commencing his discourse Dr. Stansfield gave a brief sketch of what he termed as the greatest short story by the greatest American author, Robert Louis Stevenson, and told of the strange dual life led by the man who was both the hero and villain of the tale. The theme of the lecture portrayed the pernicious evils attributed to the drug habit which was the beginning of the fall of the eminent physician around whose life the story was woven. This lecture was one of the strong features of Chautauqua and was listened to with keen interest by the audience.

The old soldiers fiddled themselves into the hearts of their audience at the evening's entertainment Friday, when they appeared in the blue and the gray uniforms of the Civil war days. The members who appeared on the program were Colonel J. A. Pattee, aged 75; Captain Miller, 77; D. M. Major Pierce, 74, and Major Hammersley, 80 years old—two sons of the north and two of the south. Added to this quartette was J. A. Pattee, Jr., a soldier in the khaki uniform of the present war, who presided at the piano and sang several stirring modern patriotic songs.

These old boys were fiddlers of the old school, and the tunes they played set feet beating time, and stirred up memories of by-gone days when the gray-heads in the audience danced to the strains that were brought out again from the far-off dreams of youth. Not only could these old soldiers play the fiddle, but they could sing and tell stories and jokes, particularly war stories of the soldier days of yore.

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Business Men's Picnic Success

The business men's picnic held last Thursday afternoon in the park was very well attended by merchants of the county and was certainly enjoyed to the fullest extent by everyone present. The weather conditions were ideal, the sun shining but not hot, while a breeze blew up the canyon.

The Medford boys' band arrived nearly on schedule time, giving a short concert from the speaker's stand. The assembled merchants were addressed by Will Gates of Medford, and J. W. McCoy of Ashland. Both men spoke on the subject of trade acceptances, urging their adoption by the merchants for the purpose of putting credit conditions in the county and over the country on a better foundation. The trade acceptance does this by enabling the merchant to realize cash on his credit sales at the end of 30 days, whereas under the old system of open book accounts, many accounts run from one to six months or more, making the borrowing of cash to carry on business necessary, which adds to the cost of doing business and the increased cost of merchandise to the consumer. It was declared that the trade acceptance would encourage thrift, and its use is encouraged and favored by the government.

The first event under sports was a 50-yard dash, won by Hadlen, first, tennis shoes, The Boot shop; Asher Neff second, cuff links, Ashland Trading Co.

Three-legged race won by Edwards and Swanson, first, 5-lb box candy, The Sugar Dole; second, Hadlen and Asher Neff, tie, Perrine's, and bicycle buzzer, Eastern Supply Co.

Girls' race: Dorothy Newman, first, service flag, Eiders & Son; second, Marion Newman, box candy, Rose Bros.

Girls' 50-yard dash: First, Mildred Barber, vase, Nims & Saunders; second, Ruth Newman, vase, H. P. Holmes.

Fat man's race: First, Patton, belt, Vaupel's; second, Ulrich, razor, Simpson.

100 yards: First, Minuth, razor, Provost Bros.; second, Veale, hoe, Peil.

Many ladies competed in the nail-driving contest and it aroused much interest. Six nails were driven, Mrs. Ziegler, first, 40 seconds. Prize, telephone list, Johnson. Mrs. S. S. Smith second 60 seconds. Bottle perfume, McNair Bros.

Ladies' egg race: First, Miss Johnson, boudoir cap, McGee's; second, Mrs. Garnett, mince meat, White House Grocery.

Tennis doubles: First, Elmore and Minuth, Colgate's set, Ferguson; second, Bush and Lyddiard, floral cream, Poley's.

The ball game was won by Medford, 16-12. Ashland put up a game fight but was beaten fairly. The game was played on the lawn, using an indoor ball on account of the small space that could be used for the game. Everyone enjoyed this event and there was much bantering when someone fumbled, and cheering when a good hit was made. Mayor Gates of Medford made a good umpire.

At 6 o'clock lunches were spread out on tables and lawn. Clarence Lane dispensed the hot coffee. Everyone enjoyed the day and the basket lunch put everyone in good spirits. The band concert in the evening did not materialize, because two of the leading instruments failed to appear.

Draftees Left For Camp Lewis Today

The local board has announced that with the call now arranged, the registration class of 1917 in Jackson county will be exhausted Monday, today, when 72 men will be detailed to cantonments. The 72 men called reported this morning at 6:45 at the Southern Pacific depot at Medford for induction.

The 72 men called by name from the roll will be sent to Camp Lewis to fill call No. 865 and to complete the call No. 663.

Eighteen men of the 116 of the 1917 class have not responded to the call, and the remaining 18 men have been transferred to other counties.

Five more men were called today, and will be sent to Fort McDowell, Cal., to complete call No. 775. These five will take the place of five men rejected at this fort from the call of July 8.

Twelve more men will be called under order No. 972, August 5, for assignment to Camp Fremont, Cal. These calls about exhaust the class 1 men of the county.

The local board stated a list of drafted men will be issued today for publication—the earliest date an accurate compilation of names could be released. They made it plain the practical impossibility of issuing a list when they themselves did not have the responses of drafted men to their calls.

Huns Retreat Across Marne; Loss 20,000 Huns and 400 Guns

Out of the new filtering through the clouds of battle hanging over the enanguined field between the Marne and Soissons there have come two significant reports during the past day. The allies are thundering at the gates of Soissons and the Germans are retreating across the Marne between Fossey and Oeuilly.

Germans, reserves, rushed up to the western side of the Soissons-Chateau Thierry-Rheims salient, have slowed down the progress made by the French and Americans, but apparently have been unable to do more than check it here and there along the front. The advance made by the allies in the first hours of the great counter stroke has not been maintained, but it is evident that hardly anywhere has the allied thrust been stopped.

Reports from the front of battle indicate that the French and Americans have reached the edge of the plateau in the southwest of Soissons and only a scant mile and a half from the center of the city. Southward, along the line, the allies have almost reached the Soissons-Chateau Thierry road, a thoroughfare of great strategic importance, while further down the Marne they are steadily forging ahead, in spite of determined resistance.

The reports of a German retreat across the Marne comes as confirmation of the success of the allied drive to the north. German forces south of the stream must be exterminated quickly if the German army is to escape from the encircling movement carried out by the French and Americans.

French official reports state that the Germans are being driven back south of the Marne, but it is probable that the German retreat is

a hurried retreat ordered by the German high command.

From the Marne toward Rheims the French and Italians have advanced their lines. Three days ago they were being forced back by the Germans and their present forward movement may indicate that the fog is also retiring from this field as rapidly as possible.

The fire of battle is spreading slowly down the line towards Chateau Thierry. There have been reports that the Germans in this region have been removing their heavy guns preparatory to retiring should the allied drive toward Soissons go on.

Military experts say that if the allied wedge south of Soissons goes much farther it will force a German retirement at least as far as the Vesle river.

Statements made by General March, American chief of staff, before the members of the senate military committee indicate that there are upwards of 270,000 Americans engaged in the fighting south of Soissons.

There are six divisions of Americans—the First, Second, Third and Fourth regulars, and the 26th (New England) and the 28th (Pennsylvania national guard).

General March told the newspaper men that the maximum penetration along the line was ten miles, while the average depth of the advance was seven miles.

Italian troops in the Adamello region, to the north of Lake Garda, on the Austro-Italian front, have broken out in a local action and taken two strong points in the mountain region. This gain was made just south of where the Italians attacked late in May and broke the Austrian line.

Farewell Reception Given Drafted Men

An enthusiastic reception was accorded the drafted men of Jackson county in Medford last Friday night as a farewell sendoff to the boys who left today for Camp Lewis, and a welcome to the class of 1918.

About 150 men were at the banquet and did full justice to the repast provided by the good women of Medford. After the supper a musical program was presented by Mr. Root's band, which was followed by several thrilling patriotic addresses delivered by Mayor C. E. Gates, who presided at the meeting and welcomed the draft boys with characteristic vigor, Major Hibbard of the United States army, and John K. Kollock, executive secretary of the state council of defense.

After the public meeting the drafted men were addressed by Major Hibbard and Captain Russell.

Germans Cry That Victory Is Unfair

With the British army in France, July 20—The Scottish troops who occupied Meteren, two miles west of Bailleul, are accused by their discomfited Prussian prisoners of having taken the village by a confidence trick. One officer declared frankly that he regarded the victory of the Scots as "unfair," because it was achieved in broad daylight.

The Scottish battalions attacked at 8 o'clock, when the weary garrison of the ruins of Meteren had settled down in their shell holes at the edge of the village to endure another day of bombardment, intermingled with gas.

When the British batteries suddenly laid a terrific barrage on their linked machine gun posts, enclosing the village on the north and west, the Germans thought it was an ordinary harassing fire, intended to kill without the support of the infantry. They put on their gas helmets again. Then smoke clouds drifted across the enemy from the British trenches.

Suddenly glancing up, the Germans found strangers in kilts looking down on them from the lips of their craters and realized the fancied routine bombardment covered a serious attack which had cut them off before they knew that No Man's Land had been crossed.

Junior Supervisor Entertains Children

Miss Anne E. Batterton, the junior supervisor of Chautauqua, arrived Friday night and organized the young people of Ashland Saturday for the work for the coming week.

Miss Batterton is famed for her efficient management of children and is surrounded constantly by groups of little tots, and many larger ones, too, to whom she tells the most delightful fairy tales and folk lore, as well as teach them the jolliest kinds of games. One of the features which Miss Batterton will present Thursday evening, the last night of Chautauqua, will be a Mother Goose festival, in which all the old childhood favorites will be present.

Board Of Enquiry Exonerates Crew

At the hearing of the board of inquiry covering the derailment of a train at Zuleka on July 14, the board found that usual and required inspection was given this train prior to departure from Ashland, and again at Siskiyou, there being no unusual conditions between Siskiyou and point of derailment, which relieves employes of any individual responsibility.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF WEATHER BUREAU

Forecast for the period July 22 to July 27, 1918, inclusive. Pacific coast states, and northern Rocky mountain and plateau regions: Fair with nearly normal temperatures.

Men of June Draft Arrive in France

Several thousand soldiers from Camp Kearney have arrived in France, it has been officially announced at Camp Kearney, San Diego. The exact number and date of departure were not disclosed.

Kansas Reunion To Be Held In Ashland

The officers of the Kansas association of Jackson county have a splendid program arranged for the meeting at Ashland Tuesday, July 23, and ask all those who formerly lived in the Sunflower state to attend and bring well filled baskets for the big community dinner to be spread in the park at noon. The committee will furnish coffee, but asks that you take cups.

The program will be held in the Auditorium beginning at 10:30 a. m., and will consist of music, talks and recitations. Some extra fine musical numbers will be presented that will certainly be worth hearing.

One of the big attractions of the Chautauqua will be on the afternoon of the same day, Thavius' exposition band, and this is one of the sessions you will want to attend.

Prepare now to be present and have a good, old-fashioned Jayhawk reunion and picnic.

Aged Yreka Miner Committed Suicide

James Atkinson, an aged miner well known in and about Yreka, committed suicide last Friday morning about 9 o'clock, in the rear of the Poole building, by stabbing himself in the throat with a small knife.

Atkinson was in full possession of his faculties and had made deliberate preparations for his entry into the great unknown. He had secured a bucket over which he leaned so that the blood would not be smeared about and leave stains, and when found he told those who gathered around him that he was not crazy; that he knew precisely what he was doing; that he was tired of life and wished to end it.

He was taken to the county hospital and attended by Dr. Shaw, but died about two hours after the infliction of the wounds.

Men Five Feet Tall Accepted By Draft

Changes in weight and height requirements for drafted men were received by the local board Saturday in a telegram from Salem. The height has been reduced from 63 inches to 60 inches and the weight from 116 to 110 pounds. There are the old figures which were changed several months ago. No men in the 1917 draft will be affected by the change, but three men in the 1918 class who were disqualified will now be reinstated.

Thaviu Band To Appear Tomorrow

Tomorrow, Tuesday, is music day at Chautauqua, when the Thaviu band will appear. This great organization of musicians is known all over the Pacific coast as the musical aggregation that opened and closed the San Francisco exposition. They will give two full concerts, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, with an entire change of program. In the evening grand opera artists will give operatic selections in connection with the band program. This promises to be one of the greatest events of the Chautauqua program and the people of this community will be fortunate to have the opportunity of hearing a wonderful musical treat.

Woman Injured When Car Turned Turtle

A car driven by Clarence Jeffrey of Talent and which contained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jeffrey and Miss Myrtle Jeffrey beside the driver went over the bank on North Main street last evening where it turned turtle on the railroad track. Mrs. Jeffrey sustained a broken arm, a two-inch cut on the right cheek, and her right side was badly bruised. Miss Jeffrey was also bruised badly all over her body and is suffering severely from shock.

The accident occurred about 7 o'clock when the Jeffrey family were returning home from the afternoon session of Chautauqua. At the point where a high bluff leads down to the railroad track, a car came up behind and passed the Jeffrey car. It is thought the rear wheel of the passing car struck the front wheel of the Jeffrey car, sending it out over the bluff. The car landed bottom side up in the ditch by the side of the track. Beside the fracture Mrs. Jeffrey's arm was dislocated, and the ligaments in her side were torn. Mr. Jeffrey, who is an invalid, was unhurt, as was also Clarence, who was at the wheel.

Secretary McAdoo Passed Through City

William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury and director-general of the railroads passed through Ashland Thursday en route to Portland from San Francisco. A special train which bore the secretary and his party was labeled "United States Railroad Administration," and made the usual stay in this city, and while here Secretary McAdoo strolled about the platform, shaking hands with the railroad men and was extremely affable. "We are in the fight to stay, and will never cease until we get the hauler," was the message Secretary McAdoo left with the railroad men in Ashland.

Horse's Kick Proves Fatal To Aged Man

William Thomas Beagle of Bellevue died Friday morning at an early hour from the injuries he sustained a week ago by being kicked by a fractious horse while engaged in his duties as patrolman on the mountains.

The deceased was 77 years of age. Funeral services were held from the late home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment was made in Mountain View cemetery. Mr. Beagle was a widower and is survived by three sons and one daughter.

Reed Superintends Chautauqua Session

M. C. Reed, president of the Southern Oregon Chautauqua, who has been traveling during the summer as one of the superintendents of the Ellison-White company, arrived in Ashland Friday night and took charge of the present session. Mr. Reed will remain here during the rest of the week and will superintend the remainder of the program.

He has been constantly on the road since leaving here last spring, and has covered a vast territory from Louisiana to Oregon, and has delivered lectures almost continuously for three or four months.

As detailed reports of the battles come in, how the high courage of our boys at the front thrills the nation.

Class 1 Men Told To Start To Train

Provost Marshal General Crowder has issued an appeal to all men of class 1 calling upon them to begin now their preparation as soldiers and not to wait until they actually have been called into camp.

"Regard yourselves as a selected fraternity of active patriots," says General Crowder. "Encourage those who are weak. Inspire the indifferent. Inform the ignorant. Search out the slackers."