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CHAUTAUQUA FANS ARE RESTING THIS WEEK

Six-Day Session Is Greatest Ever
Held by Cottage Grove
Association

Anxiety of South for Slave Territory
Is Indirectly the Cause of Our
Recent Trouble With Mex-
ico, So Speaker Says.

Cottage Grove chautauqua came to a close Friday night, after the most successful, best attended and most interesting session ever held here. For the first time there has not been a large deficit to meet. The program contained many platform people of national reputation, both in the lecturers and in the entertainers. Among the best numbers were lectures by ex-Governor Carlson, of Colorado; Dr. Andrew Johnson, Dr. G. Whitefield Ray and W. L. Mellinger. Among the entertainers the favorites were Graus' Alpine Yodlers, Military Girls, Royal Vaudeville band, The Wasson company, Lyric Glee club and Wood Briggs.

All except the Thursday and Friday programs were given mention last week. Equal in interest to any other lectures was "Misunderstood Mexico," by W. L. Mellinger, former missionary to that country. He explained in a convincing manner why the Mexican hates the American, placing the cause as far back as slavery days. He said that when it became necessary to have more territory from which to make slave states, in order to keep an even balance of representation in the United States senate, Texas was taken from Mexico and that in order to get still more territory trouble was manufactured over the boundary line of the state that had been taken from Mexico, which gave an excuse for a war, which resulted in half of Mexico becoming the property of the United States. He said that Mexicans feel that the United States is now looking for an excuse to take the rest. "If Mexico could be convinced that the United States had no ulterior motives, intervention would be welcomed by Mexico."

The wonderful wealth and resources of Mexico were described and the speaker said that if our forefathers had landed in Mexico instead of at Plymouth Rock, Mexico today would be the greatest country in the world.

The speaker told of the exploitations that have brought trouble and turmoil to a country whose wealth has proved its undoing and claimed that the recent trouble between the United States and Mexico was brought about by foreigners interested in seeing this country at war with Mexico. While an ardent advocate of democracy, he said that Mexico, with a population 85 per cent of which can neither read nor write, is not ready for democracy and will never be ready until the ignorant are educated to a point that will enable them to understand the responsibilities of citizenship and be able to do their part intelligently.

Wood Briggs, in "Stories of the South," was a pleasing surprise. Many of the audience had looked for a program of light foolishness and were given a rare treat in sketches that combined humor and pathos and were rendered by an elocutionist of no mean ability. He closed his program with a most touching appeal for the support of the government by the purchase of Liberty bonds.

The Wasson company, Thursday afternoon and evening, gave an entertainment that was in the lighter vein and especially designed for children but was equally enjoyed by their elders.

The motion pictures of the Mawson Antarctic expedition were beyond description and a most remarkable entertainment.

Graus' Alpine yodlers, who gave the closing program, received the heartiest reception of any of the entertainment features and left the chautauqua patrons in a pleasing humor after six days of strenuous chautauquing.

The pageant, "Making Americans," given by the junior chautauquans, under the direction of Miss Blanche Best, junior superintendent, was a feature of the Friday afternoon program, and a pleasing one.

FOUR GROVE BOYS ARE IN AMBULANCE CORPS

Cottage Grove now has at least four young men in the Red Cross ambulance corps. They are George Matthews, Joe Smith, Ernest Wyatt and Warren Edwards. These boys will be among the first on the French battle line and the dangers they will encounter are as great, if not greater, than those of the men in the trenches. Matthews, Smith and Wyatt are enlisted as chauffeurs, and Edwards as a bugler.

FIRST SUBSCRIPTION TO RED CROSS IS 20 CENTS

Although subscriptions to the Red Cross are not to be made until after next Monday, President Umphrey, of the local branch, has received one subscription of 20 cents and another of \$1. Mrs. S. L. Godard is going to give to the Red Cross all the money secured through the sale of cream, and the 20-cent subscription was her first receipt from this source. The \$1 subscription was from Lewis Booker, who wished to be the first boy to do his bit in this work.

The Sentinel should be in every home of the Cottage Grove Country. m15tf

A Letter from the Red Cross



TO PATRIOTS OF THE COTTAGE GROVE COUNTRY:

How much would you give to save the life of your boy?

Would you consider \$1000 too much?

How much would you give to save the life of your neighbor's boy?

Would you consider \$100 too much?

Your boy or your neighbor's boy will soon be on the battlefields of Europe.

Millions of the boys of Europe have been killed there already.

Millions more may die before bloodthirsty autocracy is overthrown.

Millions will be wounded and these too may die if not promptly and properly cared for.

Proper care means that millions less will die.

Among these will be some boys from Oregon; some from Lane county; some from Cottage Grove.

You would make any sacrifice necessary to raise \$100 if you knew that your money would save one life, wouldn't you?

The Red Cross, that greatest of all organizations of its kind, needs \$100,000,000 to carry on its work of rescuing soldiers from European battlefields and nursing them back to health at army hospitals. The president—your president—has asked you to give your share of this amount.

But your share is not \$1000.

It is not \$100.

It is not even \$10.

An average of \$1.00 for every person in the United States is the amount that is asked.

As many cannot give—or will not—this means an

average of about \$10 for every family willing and able to give.

Read the enclosed circular giving details of the great humanitarian work of the Red Cross; then think of your boy, your neighbor's boy, or your neighbor's husband; then picture one of them lying wounded on the battlefield, praying for a drink of water, his life-blood ebbing away through gaping wounds, when immediate aid would mean the saving of his life; picture him there among the dead and dying, thinking of the dear ones he may see no more; then remember that your \$10 may mean the saving of his life—may mean his return to dear ones left behind.

What is \$10 in the saving of lives?

Nothing!

Are you going to hem and haw about a few dollars while others step forward and die to save your country and ours from invasion by a foe that would crush democracy?

What would be your feelings if your boy or your neighbor's boy should die from wounds received in battle and you knew you had not done your share to try to save his life?

None of us wish to be that kind of a "slacker" if we can possibly help it.

The week beginning next Monday, June 18, has been set as the time for raising the entire amount of \$100,000,000. It will greatly aid this committee in the tremendous task before it if you will send your subscription or your pledge immediately upon receipt of this letter. If you can't send \$10, send what you can, and your pledge for any further amount you wish to give. If you can't pay the money at this moment, send your pledge. Address the secretary

COTTAGE GROVE RED CROSS BRANCH,

C. E. Umphrey, President,

Chas. Gettys, Secretary,

K. K. Mills, Treasurer.

What Is the Red Cross?

It is the Universal Service of Mercy. The Red Cross is the only relief organization that can help the wounded soldier between the time he is picked up and given temporary treatment by the army ambulance service, and the time he dies or is discharged as cured. It is an official body, created by treaty and governed by the laws of congress. It has full charge of all the base hospitals. If the wounded boy comes home with his wounds safely healed he will come through the services of the Red Cross. The Red Cross will have charge of all the base hospitals.

Oregon, outside Portland, must subscribe \$400,000 of the \$100,000,000 emergency Red Cross war service fund during the week of June 18-25 in order to meet the expectations of President Wilson who has appealed to the nation for this fund.

Prompting the president's appeal are the thousands of Red Cross ambulances on the firing line that must be maintained. Other thousands of ambulances must be built and sent to the front. Forty-five base hospitals already have been established and their work must be supplemented with that of many more hospitals in order to treat the wounds and save the lives of thousands of soldiers, including our own home boys.

The force of Red Cross physicians and nurses must be greatly increased and kept on duty.

British, French and Belgian soldiers can be sent home when, under hospital care, they have commenced to recover from their wounds or from sickness, but for Uncle Sam's soldier boys convalescent hospitals must be built by the Red Cross.

The amount asked of Oregon is less than a dollar for each member of the state's population, whereas Canada's contribution to war relief now totals more than \$17 for each man, woman and child of that country.

WHEN MUST SUBSCRIPTIONS BE PAID?

Red Cross subscriptions need not be paid all at one time. They may be paid in four equal instalments: on July 1, August 1, September 1, and October 1.

WHY IS THIS CAMPAIGN NECESSARY AT THIS TIME?

The need is enormous and urgent. Lives depend upon the promptness and liberality of the response. Vast equipment is needed to handle the thousands and thousands of wounded who will be thrown upon it sometimes in a single day. If the Red Cross delays, the army will be on the fighting line before the hospitals, ambulances, doctors, hospital ships, surgical instruments, medicines, beds, bandages, nurses, etc., without which the boys will die by hundreds, unnecessarily. These things are enormously expensive and must be furnished not merely liberally, but lavishly. After the battle of Antietam wounded lay on the battlefield suffering for six days before relief came, and many died who could have been saved. This must not happen in this war.

WILL THIS MONEY GO TO THE ACTUAL RELIEF OF THE WOUNDED?

This money will be spent for the exact purpose designated. The Red Cross is the only relief organization created by law of congress and international treaty, and under full control of

the government in its acts and expenditures. The use made of your money will be audited by the secretary of war. Every cent will have to be accounted for. Less than five per cent is allowed to go for expenses, such as telephoning, telegraphing, office expense and postage in sending out instructions, etc. The workers in charge of the campaign are not only making large contributions of cash themselves, but have in most cases entirely given up their own business interests for the present and are devoting their entire time to the campaign without a cent of salary. Of the net amount raised, 25 per cent can be used within the county for Red Cross purposes, such as providing material for bandages, etc., or for financing such an enterprise as Dr. Kuykendall's ambulance corps. The remainder must be sent on to Washington on its way to the battle front. In both cases, every cent must be accounted for, under the national law, with penalties attached.

WHY DOES NOT THE GOVERNMENT TAKE THE NECESSARY AMOUNTS FROM TAX AND BOND MONEY?

Besides the desirability of bringing home to the people a feeling for the necessities of the boys who have enlisted, there are other good reasons for joining in this move as a volunteer undertaking.

The government of the United States, having entered upon a war for the defense of international law, must itself show respect for international law and treaties. Under the treaty of Geneva, the Red Cross is established as a neutralized organization, to be respected by all belligerents. It is financed by voluntary contributions. Treaties cannot be changed except by mutual consent and they constitute part of international law.

Besides, the present policy has been adopted, it is no longer open to argument, and it is the duty of all good patriots to back up the president along the lines that have been decided upon.

WHY IS IT ONE'S DUTY TO BE READY TO CONTRIBUTE AS SOON AS THE CAMPAIGN WEEK BEGINS?

You have talked of patriotism, you have cheered the sacrifices of others, you have hung out flags, all of which shows an excellent spirit. Now what are you going to do? Are you going to cheer on your boy and your neighbor's boy to risk their lives and then not do your utmost to protect them when they are most helpless? If you can't go yourself, send your money, and enough of it to enable you to hold your head up. Make your sacrifice a genuine sacrifice big enough to stand beside that of the boy who has enlisted, or that of the mother who has sent her son.

The United States cannot do her part without the Red Cross and the Red Cross is dependent upon the contributions of those who want to help win the war but cannot serve at the front.

The stain of shame would be imprinted indelibly on Oregon's fair name if by negligence of ours any mother who has given her son and support as a warrior for his country should be uncared for, or if any boy at the front wounded should lack the hospital care needed to bring him back to that mother.

\$18,000 IS RAISED ON LIBERTY BONDS

At Last Moment Cottage Grove
Awakens to Fact That Its
Money Is Needed

Monday Morning Total at Two Banks
Was Only \$2450; Last Night the
Amount Had Grown to the
Sum of \$18,000.

With tomorrow the last day for subscriptions to the Liberty bonds, Cottage Grove is awakening to its duty and many subscriptions have been recorded this week.

Up to Monday morning appearances were that Cottage Grove was going to prove a "slacker" in performing its duty in this respect, but the response this week has been remarkable.

Up to Monday morning the receipts at the First National Bank were only \$1950 and at the Bank of Cottage Grove only \$500. Last night they had increased to \$15,500 at the First National and \$2500 at the Bank of Cottage Grove and it seems likely that this amount will be materially increased today and tomorrow.

Most of the subscriptions are for the \$50 bonds, which indicates that the people generally are taking an interest in financing their government. While a few days ago it looked as if there was little chance that the full issue of bonds would be subscribed, there now appears a prospect that the issue may be oversubscribed. This is what the government wants, as that will be the best indication to Germany that the people are behind the government in prosecuting the war for humanity and democracy. Those who are not able to pay the full amount of the bonds in cash may have a bond reserved for them by the payment of two per cent down. The balance may be paid in easy payments according to a schedule arranged by the government. The First National bank, of this city, has offered to loan money at 5 per cent to responsible parties who will make a payment of \$10 down and pay the balance at the rate of not less than \$10 monthly.

CITY OFFICERS MAY HOLD OFFICE FOR TWO YEARS

Newly Enacted Amendment Is a
Puzzle and Municipal Affairs
Are in Muddle

Cottage Grove officials are wondering what effect the recent amendment to the constitution doing away with city elections is going to have upon their terms of office. The amendment plainly states that cities shall hold no further elections except upon the same dates as the state primary and general elections. That would seem to mean that the regular city election this fall cannot be held.

The amendment provides that cities shall enact whatever supplementary legislation is necessary to carry the amendment into effect. That certainly means that a special election must be held to amend the city charter, but whether or not it means that officers may be elected to succeed the officers whose terms expire next January is in doubt. The terms of the mayor, recorder, treasurer and three councilmen expire next January. It is likely that they will hold over until the next January.

At any rate the city charter will have to be amended to provide for two-year terms of office for all city officers. What would happen in case the voters refused to so amend the charter is problematical.

NO CHAUTAUQUA FOR COTTAGE GROVE IN '13

Cottage Grove will have no chautauqua next year, despite the fact that the program this year was the best ever and the deficit was only 25 cents each for the guarantors. Only 79 signed the new contract, which required 100 signatures. A little solicitation would have secured the additional signatures, but those who have stood the burden in the past felt that if, after the chautauqua had been made a success, there were not 100 people ready and willing to sign for another year, they were ready to quit.

N. W. WHITE HOME IS BARELY SAVED FROM FIRE

A flue fire came near destroying the N. W. White home on Coast Fork last week. There had been no fire in the stove for some time and it is supposed that the fire started from smoldering soot or some other combustible sediment. The fire was discovered by Chas. Allen, who was crossing the river and had a view of the rear of the house. The members of the family probably would not have discovered the fire in time to have saved the house. As it was, only the fact that the property is equipped with a water system saved it from destruction. Had the house gone, the garage and barn probably would have been destroyed also.

A want ad. will get it. d14tf