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CHAUTAUQUA SESSION SCORES

All Programs
Witnessed By
Large Crowds

MANY PLEASED PEOPLE AT-
TEND EVERY SESSION AND
INTEREST IN BIG EVENT
IS MANIFEST.

PLAN PROVES VERY POPULAR

"Music Day" is Enjoyed; White
City Band and Opera Company
Warmly Greeted; Musical and In-
tellectual Treats on Splendid Pro-
gram Attract Attention.

With constantly increasing crowds
in attendance, the Polk county
Chautauqua which opened in this
city on Friday, July 4, has proven
one of the most popular series of en-
tertainments that the people of Dal-
las and of the county have had the
privilege of enjoying for many years.
While the idea of the chautauqua is
old in many sections of the country,
it was new to Polk county and the
promoters of the enterprise here
were obliged to overcome a natural
apathy on the part of the people, in
the sale of tickets. But, with the
first program the interest increased
until at the present moment every-
body is talking "chautauqua" and
the holding of another session here
in 1914 seems assured.

Music Day Enjoyed.
Yesterday was "music day" at
the chautauqua, the White City band
and the Thavin Grand Opera com-
pany at night. The largest
crowd of the assembly was present
last night and filled the big tent to
its capacity. The splendid program
furnished by the band was greatly
enjoyed by those who appreciated
classical selections and from the first
number to the last the musicians and
the vocalists held the undivided at-
tention of the audience. The first
number on the program was the over-
ture from William Tell, one of the
most difficult selections attempted by
any band, but it was handled by the
White City band with a finish and
completeness that left nothing to be
desired. The selections by the Thav-
in Grand Opera company was a fea-
ture of the evening performance that
appealed to lovers of music and the
audience greeted every number
with tokens of the appreciations of
the audience.

Each and every number on all of
the programs are worthy of extend-
ed mention in these columns, but The
Observer finds it impossible to give
the space to them to which they are
so justly entitled. It is safe to say,
however, that the Elison-White Chau-
tautauqua system has made good on this,
their first appearance in Polk county,
and their name will hereafter be as-
surance most ample that their pro-
grams are well worth patronizing and
that all classes of people will
find something of interest in all of
them.

Winona Ladies Score.
Greeted by a fair sized crowd
opening number of the first Polk
county Chautauqua at the big tent
on the night of Friday, July 4, was
an unqualified success and everyone
of the big audience who was heard to
utter an expression was favorable to
the program. The Winona Ladies
were the predominating feature of
the program and their singing made
a very favorable impression. The se-
lection from "Babes in Toyland" es-
pecially appealing to the crowd. The
Winona Ladies' program is made up

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Increase in Postoffice Receipts

But Concerted Effort is Necessary to
Secure Free Delivery in City By
July 1, 1914.

Showing an increase for the fiscal
year ending June 30, 1913, of \$469.24,
the report of the Dallas postoffice
just prepared by Postmaster Coad,
but it also shows that a united effort
will have to be made during the bal-
ance of the year which ends March
31, 1914, if Dallas is to have free de-
livery in the city, the remaining
three quarters will have to show a
greater increase than has so far been
evident. Postmaster Coad believes,
however, that this result will be ac-
complished, but it will require the
united effort of every patron to do
it.

Results by Quarters.
The business of the Dallas post-
office, in comparison with the same pe-
riod last year, is as follows:

	1912	1911
Quarter ending		
September 30	\$1835.65	\$1894.77
October 31	2881.49	2587.85
November 30	1913	1912
December 31	2457.90	2174.69
January 31	2113.17	2161.66
February 28	80288.21	88818.97

Total

Queen of Spain Prepared For Another Visit of Stork



QUEEN VICTORIA EUGENIE of Spain left Madrid for the Palace of La
Grandia, forty miles away, to await the arrival of the stork, taking
part of her court with her. The queen was already the mother of four
children, two sons and two daughters. The eldest, the Prince of As-
turias, was six years old May 10. The second, poor deaf and dumb Don Jaime,
is five. Infanta Beatrice, the next, planned to celebrate her fourth birthday
June 22. The youngest, Infanta Maria Cristina, is eighteen months old. It
was said that King Alfonso and his queen had asked Miss Helen Keller, the
famous American deaf and blind woman, to visit Spain to teach Prince Don
Jaime just as she herself was taught.

INSANITY PLEA TO SCHOOL MUDDLE IS BE DEFENSE SETTLED

**BALLSTON PRISONER GETS MRS. FLETCHER TO SERVE ON
CALL DOWN FROM SHERIFF. INDEPENDENCE BOARD.**

Latter Watches Antics of Davis and
Then Orders Him to Quit—He
"Quits."

That Louis W. Davis awaiting the
action of the Polk county grand
jury on the charge of murdering Mrs.
Eliza J. Stewart, at Ballston on Mon-
day, June 30, will attempt to dodge
punishment for the crime on an in-
sanity plea, was made evident dur-
ing the past week, according to a
statement made by Sheriff Grant.
The sheriff says that one night re-
cently when he entered the jail he
found Davis muttering to himself
and pacing the floor of his cell and
the adjoining corridor. While Grant
watched him he continued these an-
tics and emphasized them by kick-
ing his shoes out of his cell, yelling
"get out, get out," as though his
unoffending footgear had transformed
itself into a pair of lowly curs.

After the sheriff had watched these
antics for a few moments he called
a halt. "Here, cut that stuff out,"
he ordered. "I won't stand for you
of that sort of thing. Get back into
your cell and if I catch you pulling
off any more stunts like this, back
you go in there for good." This com-
mand had a wonderfully quieting ef-
fect upon Davis and he calmed down
at once and since that time there has
been no further mutterings on the
part of the prisoner.

"I was satisfied that Davis was
shamming," declared the sheriff,
"and after his action in quieting
down and wisely concluding that
such stuff wouldn't go with me, I
am sure of it."

While the idea of using insanity
as a defense may have come to him
later, it was thought by the officers,
immediately following the shooting,
that Davis would urge self-defense as
a motive for the killing, as he de-
clared, when arrested, that the other
fellow had a gun and he seemed to
infer that this of itself was sufficient
reason why he should defend him-
self.

When he was discharged from the
asylum it is said that Superintendent
Seiner declared that the man was
perfectly sane and that he could not
be kept there longer. All of his ac-
tions since leaving the institution,
are said, by those who have seen him,
to have been rational.

NEW PARCEL POST CHANGES
Ordinary Stamps Now Will Carry
Packages; Reduction in Rates.
Changes in the parcel post regu-
lations which went into effect on Ju-
ly 1, according to circulars received
at the Dallas postoffice, are to the
effect that ordinary postage stamps
may hereafter be affixed to all parcel
post packages, and that the parcel
post stamps are good for any use for
which other stamps are available. In
other words, the issue of parcel post
stamps has been discontinued. Changes
in the insurance rates on packages,
have resulted in reducing the rate
on insurance on all packages under
the value of \$25 to five cents, all
over the value of \$25 and under \$50,
will be 10 cents to insure as form-
erly.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR ASSEMBLY IN 1914

DALLAS PEOPLE SHOW UNITED
INTEREST IN CHAUTAUQUA
SESSIONS AND WANT
THEM NEXT YEAR.

NEARLY 400 TICKETS SOLD

Guarantee Asked for at Last Night's
Meeting Brings Liberal Responses;
Work to be Continued Tonight;
Out of Town People Interested and
Pledge Their Support.

That Dallas will have a Chautau-
qua assembly next summer, and that
it will be under the management and
direction of the Ellison-White Chau-
tautauqua system, was made evident on
Monday night when pledges aggregat-
ing the sale of nearly 400 season
tickets were received. Today the
committees have been busy, and it is
understood that satisfactory progress
along this line has been made. There
is still a considerable number to be
sold, however, before the guarantee
is complete, and the audience at the
big tent tonight will be invited to
sign the pledges in an effort to com-
plete the number required. Every-
where is heard a unanimous verdict
favorable to the chautauqua and
many who have heretofore not taken
a hand in boosting affairs of this
kind are now interested and are do-
ing good work in helping along the
plans for next year.

Card Pledges Given.
During the intermission in the band
concert last night, President W. V.
Fuller of the Dallas Commercial
club, and Secretary Walter L. Toozie
Jr., called attention to the urgent
necessity of at once making some ar-
rangements with the chautauqua peo-
ple if Dallas is to have an assembly
next summer. It was declared nec-
essary, in order to meet the require-
ments of the chautauqua management
to guarantee the sale of 600 season
tickets at \$2.50 each. This it was
felt, was a duty that should not be
left entirely to the Commercial club
to shoulder, inasmuch as it was not
exactly in their line, and that other
duties held their attention. It was
therefore thought advisable to ask
the people interested in the present
assembly to do what they could in
the purchase and the sale of tickets.
To assist in giving the people an op-
portunity to express themselves in
the matter, a number of Dallas busi-
ness men circulated pledge cards
through the audience. These cards
carried blanks which could be filled
in by the holder, and which pledged
him or her to take as many season
tickets as indicated on the card. There
was a place for the name of the party
and postoffice address. Children were
also given an opportunity to sign the
pledges.

370 Pledges Secured.
The cards were then collected and
when an investigation was made it
was found that 370 tickets had been
pledged. This was looked upon as
a very flattering start, and the fact
that many of the cards bore the
names of people who had not been on
the previous guarantee, gave evi-
dence of the wide interest which has
been manifested in the movement,
and that no great trouble will be en-
countered in securing the required
number.

"There is no discounting the fact
that the chautauqua assembly has
proven of great benefit to Dallas and
her people," said a business man to-
day, "and we cannot afford to pass
it up for next summer. Everybody
is pleased with the programs and re-
alizes that by the medium of this as-
sembly the people of this city and the
surrounding country have an oppor-
tunity of hearing some rare treats in
music and lectures that they could
not possibly hope to enjoy without
the chautauqua. I confess that, while
I was an ardent booster for the as-
sembly, even before it opened, it has
been so much better than I ex-
pected, that I am anxious to see it
every year, until it shall have be-
come a permanent institution and to
which the people of the city and the
surrounding territory will look for-
ward to from year to year with many
pleasurable anticipations."

Last night many people were no-
ticed in the audience from Falls City,
Independence and Monmouth; in fact
the attendance from outside the city
has been increasing with each suc-
ceeding program as the people learn
that the numbers are really worth
while.

Deputy Qualifies.
B. F. Swope of Independence, was
in Dallas recently and while here fil-
ed his oath of office and acceptance
as deputy district attorney for Polk
county.

CELEBRATION

MUST KEEP OFF STREETS
Teamsters Warned Not to Use
Streets Now Under Way of
Improvement.

City authorities desire to
warn all teamsters not to use
the streets in the business sec-
tion now under improvement,
and to take notice of the barri-
cades in place. Where a team-
ster has a big load that it is im-
possible to deliver in some other
manner, arrangements will be
made to permit him to use the
streets but all such should con-
fer with the authorities or the
special policemen in charge of
the work. It is not desired to
make trouble or expense for any-
body, but the streets must be
protected while the improve-
ment work is going on and only
such measures as are absolutely
necessary to this end have been
adopted.

SOON READY FOR "HOT STUFF"

LAYING OF CONCRETE BASE IN
PAVED DISTRICT RESUMED.

May Start With Wearing Surface
Next Week; "Black Gang" to
Handle This Work.

Following a cessation from paving
operations of several days caused by
the failure of sand to be delivered in
the city, the laying of concrete base
by the Clark-Henry Construction
company was resumed this morning
and today the crews have been busy
on Main street, starting in the center
of the block and working north to the
intersection of Main and Mill. Mill
street will be finished next, to Jef-
ferson, after which the mixing plant
will be moved to a new location, and
the balance of the streets finished.

It is probably that the laying of
the top dressing, or what is known
among paving men as "hot stuff,"
will begin some time next week. It
will not be started, however, until
sufficient time shall have elapsed af-
ter the last of the concrete base has
been laid, to give at least eight days
for the base to harden before the
wearing surface is put on. Soon after
the top surface has been laid proba-
bly not more than 12 hours, the street
will then be opened for traffic. If
everything goes well, and the com-
pany is not hampered by further de-
lays, the job of hard surfacing the
business section should be completed
by the end of the month, say those
in charge of the operations.

The plant for the manufacture of
the top dressing is set up and ready
for business and it is expected that
the "black gang" which always con-
sists of negroes, will reach the city
early next week and when once the
laying of the "hot stuff" begins, the
job will soon be finished.

Visits Parents.
Mrs. Simon Grindheim, of Port-
land, is visiting at the home of her
parents, Sheriff and Mrs. J. M.
Grant.

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MEETS FAVOR

Polk Crowds
Celebrate 4th
in Prune City

FAVORABLE WEATHER CONDI-
TIONS ADD TO ENJOYMENT
OF OCCASION; COUNTY
WELL REPRESENTED.

MORNING PARADES FEATURE

Big Decorated Auto Parade Best
Ever Seen in Polk County is Dec-
laration; Baby Carriage Display
and Doll Buggy Parade Interesting;
Two Disappointing Features.

With people present from every
corner of Polk county and with fa-
vorable weather conditions, the ce-
lebration of July Fourth in Dallas
passed off without incident. The
crowd was here and appeared to en-
joy itself, although there were one or
two disappointing features over
which the celebration committees had
no control, but which were regretted
more by them than could possibly
have been the case with any visitor.
It has always been the aim of those
in charge of celebrations in this city,
to deliver the promised goods in or-
der that none may go home disap-
pointed and if, in the instances noted,
they could not do so, it was be-
cause of conditions which they were
powerless to prevent.

The morning opened with overcast
skies and every moment the rain
which could be seen falling in the
hills to the west, was expected, but
it failed to arrive although there was
a slight mist shortly after noon
which did no damage. Early in the
afternoon the skies cleared and a
perfect day was the result.

Parades the Feature.

The morning parades were easily
the features of the day. Starting
with the decorated baby and doll
carriage parade around the court house
plaza, promptly at 10 o'clock, and
ending with the splendid automobile
display, the two proved what was un-
doubtedly the best parades of this
kind ever shown in the city. There
were 24 entries in the baby carriage
parade and 18 entries in the doll car-
riage event. All of the carriages
were beautifully decorated, some of
them being bowered with fresh cut flow-
ers while others showed merely the
national colors. In all of them rode
charming mites of humanity and the
big crowd which lined the curbing
were carried away with the beauty
of the display. Preceding the line of
baby carriages were the doll car-
riages each propelled by some proud
little miss in her "best bib and tuck-
er" and owning a carriage and a
doll which was entitled to the first
prize. The job of judging this dis-
play was a difficult one, but a decision
was finally made. Mrs. John C.
Uglov received the first prize; Mrs.
John R. Sibley, second; and Mrs. D.
H. Upjohn, third. The prizes in the
doll carriage competition were
awarded as follows: First, Helen
Morrison; second, Alice Crider; third
Cleo Guy.

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Three Bands Entertain Crowds

Plenty of Music at All Hours; Perry-
dale, Rickreall and Dallas Organ-
izations Please Crowds.

One of the prominent features of
the Dallas celebration was the music.
Three bands were in attendance and
all day these musical organizations
were busy entertaining the crowds.
In the business section, at the college
campus, in the morning parade—ev-
erywhere the bands were in evidence
and called forth many favorable com-
ments.

Mention of the celebration details
would not be complete without spe-
cial reference to the Perrydale band
under the directorship of J. P. Cald-
well. One remarkable feature of this
organization is the extreme youth of
some of the members. Both drum-
mers are only 15 years of age and
there is one boy 11 years old; 20 mem-
bers are under the age of 20 years.
The fact that this band, composed
almost entirely of boys from the
farm, has kept its organization intact
for more than two years, speaks well
for the ambition of its members and
is still more remarkable when it is
understood that some of them go a
long distance to practice, one of the
boys being compelled to travel 10
miles, while many travel five miles
or more. The Perrydale band doesn't

content itself with the common
grades of music, either. It plays
the modern up-to-date stuff and on
Friday rendered some selections that
are bran new on the coast. During
the sports at the college campus the
Perrydale and the Dallas bands united
and played several pieces together
which made an instant hit with the
crowd.

The Rickreall band, also, made a
creditable showing. Although this
band has been playing only a few
months, under the directorship of
John Orr it is fast developing into
a number one musical organization.
Friday it played many stirring airs
and made a very favorable impres-
sion. Nothing in the line of concert
selections were attempted, but in
another year, if the boys will only
persevere and continue the progress
that has marked their efforts thus
far, they will be playing "concert
stuff" with the best of them. The
boys have it in them, and if they'll
only give their leader an opportunity,
he'll develop it, all right. The Rick-
reall band, like the Perrydale organ-
ization, is a credit to old Polk.

The Dallas band, also lived up to
its reputation and furnished many
splendid selections during the day.
They played whenever requested and
wherever the crowd needed entertain-
ment. There were plenty of music
in Dallas on Friday and nobody
had any complaint along that score.