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## MANY OF NOTE COMING

### SEVEN DAYS OF CHAUTAUQUA OPENS SUNDAY NIGHT.

Dr. Hills First Number on the Long Program—Large Attendance From Countryside Expected.

The third annual chautauqua will open Sunday evening promptly at 8:15, when Dr. Newell Dwight Hills, one of the foremost lecturers on the chautauqua platform, will address the initial audience on "Economic Causes of the War," a subject that cannot fail to prove interesting at this time. The big chautauqua tent will be centrally located this season, occupying the east portion of the court house lawn, and while the sale of tickets has not quite met the expectations of the management it is hoped that any possibility of a deficit may be avoided by the disposal of single admissions. There are a large number of rural residents who find it inconvenient to attend all the entertainments, but who will be present upon occasions most to their liking, and from this source considerable sums are anticipated. Upon the success of the forthcoming event depends future entertainments of this high character, and consequently the committee in charge of the affair is laboring diligently to make the chautauqua of 1915 the best ever, and in its endeavor it should have the hearty co-operation of the people of Polk county. The program will be under the immediate supervision of Earle C. Miller, and Mrs. Harriette Gunn Roberson will remain here throughout the week as morning lecturer.

The Floyds, a company of magicians, will start the chautauqua off with a bang on Monday afternoon. Floyd, the master magician, is said to be one of the most remarkable men of his profession, and he is widely sought. He has appeared in three continents and in twenty-seven different countries. This entertainment consists of prestidigitations, mind reading, musical interludes, and concludes with the trunk mystery. The famous Schumann Quintet will entertain Monday evening. There is no organization better than the Schumann Quintet. This is the statement that critics and others make after hearing this unique organization, so it must be true. Seventy per cent of the places played by the Schumanns last year gave return dates at high prices, and the other thirty per cent said this attraction was the best on their course and that they never heard anything finer anywhere. The leader is Carl Lampert, who was first violinist with the Thomas orchestra for nine years. They play classic music, but they are going to talk on the piece they are playing to tell the audience what to listen for, what the composer saw, and he wrote the selection and his hearers find they like classic music better than ragtime.

The Saxony Singers come on Tuesday as a prelude to Mrs. A. C. Zehner's lecture on "American Ideals," and this splendid musical organization again entertains that evening, prior to Neils Darling's lecture on "Our Town." Darling, being warmly received wherever he appears, his talks having a tendency to aid in community development. Further announcements will appear in the Observer of next Tuesday. The program for the week, however, is given below:

**The Program.**

Sunday Evening—Opening exercises and superintendent's announcements; lecture, "Economic Causes of the War" by Dr. Newell Dwight Hills.

Monday Morning—Junior chautauqua; "The Freeing of the Folded Wing" by Mrs. Harriette Gunn Roberson.

Monday Afternoon—Magical entertainment by the Floyds of Boston. Prestidigitations, Mr. Floyd and assistants; mind reading, Mahala; musical interludes, Mr. Allard; closing scene, the trunk mystery, Entire company. Prelude, The Schumann Quintet.

Monday Evening—Grand concert by the famous Schumann String Quintet.

Tuesday Morning—Lecture, conjunction of the Verb "To Live" by Mrs. Harriette Gunn Roberson.

Tuesday Afternoon—Prelude by Saxony Singers; lecture, "American Ideals" by Mrs. A. C. Zehner.

Tuesday Evening—Popular concert by the Saxony Singers; lecture, "Our Town" by Neils Darling.

Wednesday Morning—Lecture, "Without Sound of Hammer" by Mrs. Harriette Gunn Roberson.

Wednesday Afternoon—Grand concert by Ciricello's Italian band.

Wednesday Evening—"Il Trovatore," in four acts by the Il Trovatore Grand Opera company; grand concert by Ciricello's Italian band.

Thursday Morning—Lecture, "The Secret of Success" by Mrs. Harriette Gunn Roberson.

Thursday Afternoon—Artist's recital by Ruthven MacDonald; "The Lucky Number" by F. Eugene Baker.

Thursday Evening—Popular concert, Ruthven MacDonald of Toronto, Canada; famous production, "The Story Beautiful" by Father Patrick J. MacCorry.

Friday Morning—Lecture, "The Alphabet of the Angels" by Mrs. Harriette Gunn Roberson.

Friday Afternoon—Prelude, Gullotta Trio; lecture, "India," showing curious and perhaps in native dress by Mrs. Roberson.

Friday Evening—Concert by the Gullotta Trio; popular lecture, "The Man Worth While" by Roland A. Nichols.

Saturday Morning—"The Melodies of Life" by Mrs. Roberson.

Saturday Afternoon—Prelude, the Swiss Yodlers; popular lecture, "If I Had Life to Live Over" by Col. Geo. W. Bain of Kentucky.

Saturday Evening—Grand closing concert, the Swiss Alpine Yodlers.

from the Zillerthal and Evelyn Barrett, cartoonist.

**The Chautauqua.**

The word chautauqua is an Indian word and means "sack-tied-in-the-middle." It is the name of a beautiful lake in southwestern New York. The name, however, has become more intimately associated with a system of popular education and Chautauqua, N. Y., is known almost solely as being the permanent home of the Chautauqua Institution. The first chautauqua assembly was held in 1874 as the result of a plan formed by Lewis Miller and Rev. John H. Vincent of New York. The movement has grown very rapidly until now more than three thousand chautauqua assemblies are in the field and last year these assemblies were attended by twenty-five million people, twenty-five per cent of whom were farmers and ranchers.

Four years ago there were only five chautauquas on the Pacific coast. This year there are one hundred and ten. Chautauqua is a growing institution. Chautauqua in its earliest year became non-sectarian and has furnished a meeting ground for members of all sects and denominations. It has had an immense influence on education in the United States, in the establishment of thousands of local chautauquas, in the promotion of the idea of summer education which has been followed by the founding of summer schools at a large number of American universities, and in the establishment of numerous correspondence schools patterned in a general way after the system provided by the circle. The oldest assembly is at Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Chautauqua, N. Y., and the healthiest is at Winona, Indiana, where more than a million dollars is invested in grounds and buildings.

**Babies Will Be Cared For.**

The W. C. T. U., of which organization Mrs. W. A. Griffin is president and Mrs. A. S. Campbell is secretary, has perfected arrangements to give mothers an opportunity to visit the chautauqua this year. Members will care for babies in a big tent to be erected on the chautauqua grounds, where a complete equipment for the purpose will be installed early Monday morning. Beds, cradles and cribs will be provided for tired and sleepy youngsters, while toys and other forms of amusement will entertain the older ones. This is a commendable undertaking, inasmuch as it affords small and probably as a consequence it is possible to make a stay there at no excessive cost. Good rooms at average hotels can be had at \$1 to \$2.50 per night, and rooms in boarding houses and homes at \$5 to \$10 per week. Restaurant prices are not beyond the usual and at cafeterias good food can be had at very reasonable prices. At the latter places, for everything except meat, five and ten cents is the price for the average dish. There is an excess of rooms and eating places, the crowds not yet having overflowed the city. At the Oregon building every possible information about the grounds is available at the central booth, and special effort is made to render Oregonians every needed service, as well as to make the visit of everyone to the building as pleasant as possible.

**Churches Will Close.**

The several churches of the city will close Sunday evening, in order that their membership may have opportunity to listen to the chautauqua address by Dr. Hills, one of the country's noted speakers.

**PRICES ARE NOT EXCESSIVE.**

Crowds Not Yet Overflowing San Francisco, Makes Living Reasonable.

Mr. A. L. Martin, who returned from the Panama-Pacific exposition on Tuesday, is authority for the statement that up to the present time the attendance has been comparatively small, and probably as a consequence it is possible to make a stay there at no excessive cost. Good rooms at average hotels can be had at \$1 to \$2.50 per night, and rooms in boarding houses and homes at \$5 to \$10 per week. Restaurant prices are not beyond the usual and at cafeterias good food can be had at very reasonable prices. At the latter places, for everything except meat, five and ten cents is the price for the average dish. There is an excess of rooms and eating places, the crowds not yet having overflowed the city. At the Oregon building every possible information about the grounds is available at the central booth, and special effort is made to render Oregonians every needed service, as well as to make the visit of everyone to the building as pleasant as possible.

**TENT PICTURE HOUSE LATEST.**

Mr. Smith Contemplates Opening One Following Chautauqua.

Mr. O. C. Smith, lessee of the new picture house, the completion of which is held up because of the owner's inability to get the site occupied by the Star theater, under lease until next fall to A. W. Ayers, has concluded to engage in the picture business during the summer months and to that end has secured a parcel of ground on Court street, on which he will erect a large tent, which will be comfortably seated. Mr. Smith will probably be ready for business immediately following the close of the chautauqua. The idea is a good one, and will doubtless meet with the approval of patrons of the movies. The tent will be large and airy, and during the summer months it will be more agreeable to those who enjoy entertainment of this character than closer quarters. The pictures shown will be of the highest order.

**Now Gathering Exhibits.**

Other than gathering exhibits of grains and grasses by Mr. French, and the canning of fruits by Mrs. Braden, nothing is being done toward the county fair next fall. The secretary has received a large number of applications for contracts from various attractions, but as yet no action has been taken by the board. One attraction that appeals to the management, and for the appearance here of which a contract may be closed, is a wild west show hailing from Philadelphia.

**Ray Donaldson Dies.**

Ray W. Donaldson, 28, died at his home in Salem on Wednesday, after an illness of several weeks. He was born in Jefferson, Oregon. Mr. Donaldson, and two sisters, Mrs. Ella Kurtz of Dallas, and Mrs. Ruby Poudjard of Salem, and a brother, Albert Donaldson of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz attended the funeral, which was held yesterday afternoon.



**ESCAPES TAUNTS OF COUNTRYMEN.**

Sir Edger Speyer of England, who recently resigned his privy councillorship because of criticism of his German ancestry. He first offered to give up his title and then came to America with his wife and children for rest.

## POLK CATTLEMEN MEET NEW LAW IS IN EFFECT

**CLUB MEMBERS HOLD SESSION ON HEWITT FARM**

Following Picnic Dinner Interesting Addresses Are Made—Reports Give Information.

The Polk County Jersey Cattle club held a very successful picnic at the homes of Frank Loughary and G. G. Hewitt, near Monmouth, last week, which was attended by a representative of Rural Spirit, who made an interesting write-up of the affair. There was a good attendance considering the fact that it is hay-making time in an uncertain weather condition. The guests began arriving at 10 in the forenoon and at noon the baskets were opened. Those who have ever attended a Willamette valley basket picnic need no detailed description of what followed. After the picnic, President Loughary introduced J. M. Dickson of Seiad, who aroused his audience with a very strong address congratulating the wisdom of those who chose so wisely in settling in such splendid surroundings and in installing the great Jersey cow therein.

Professor Barr of O. A. C. discussed at length the organization of a milk testing club, and urged its operation as being more economic than the official testing as ordinarily carried on. He gave facts and figures to prove the absolute necessity for testing. In eight testing associations in Oregon, with a total of 5,000 cows, the average production of butter of the highest 25 cows was 398 pounds of butter per year, and the 25 lowest was 161 pounds. E. A. Powell of the Monmouth creamery, reported that the making of cheese at his institution as a method of handling the surplus milk of the spring season, had proven their salvation in a business way. There was little time to devote to speech-making with close to a hundred Jerseys to inspect. Conspicuous in the Loughary herd was Padmas Pansy, a grand good cow with a record of 426 pounds, five and one-fourth ounces of butter, five cows that dropped two heifer calves each in two years, a first prize two-year-old heifer at the State fair last year, Mella Gold Lass that gave 412 pounds of butter as a two-year-old, and B. B. Goide of Luckiamute, the largest cow in the herd, the giver of 73 pounds last April.

At the Hewitt farm Dorothy Mella Ann, a cow with 492 pounds for her record at five years; Ruth Viana, a three-year-old that gave 52 pounds in April; Mistletoe Mella Ant, 475 pounds, 11 ounces; Zenith Marigold, 468 pounds, 8 ounces, and others too numerous to mention were inspected closely. There could be no more critical audience. Every one of them breeders of Jerseys, at least interested in the breed and in most cases familiar with the life history of the ancestry that contributed to the development of these great producing herds, was interesting, and the exchange of ideas, ways and means was so interesting that several of those present voiced the sentiment that these picnics should be held once each month.

An interesting feature of the meeting was that out of the twenty-eight conveyances utilized by people in getting to the picnic grounds, twenty-seven of them were automobiles.

**Operations to Be Suspended.**

The sawmill of the Falls City Lumber company at Falls City will discontinue operation within a few days pending an improved lumber market. The camps, which employ in the neighborhood of sixty-five men, will also be closed. For how long a period the suspension of operations will be cannot be determined at this time.

**BARN DESTROYED BY WIND.**

Mill Creek Section Visited by Twister That Creates Havoc.

A heavy wind storm, approaching a cyclone, visited the Mill creek section on Monday, completely destroying the large barn on the C. W. Huddleston place, and doing slight damage to other properties in the neighborhood. The twister had a width of about one hundred feet. The day had been excessively warm and quiet. This is the first experience of this section with a wind storm that has resulted in any damage. The roof of the barn was lifted off, turned around and let down about 60 feet away from the original site. The floor alone was undisturbed. A shed at the side of the barn was left with no damage done.

**Going to Independence?**

The Dallas concert band and a party of automobilists will go to Independence this evening in the interest of the coming chautauqua. The autos will leave Commercial club headquarters shortly after 7 o'clock, and the concert at the neighboring town will last about an hour. Every automobile owner is invited to get in line on this occasion.

**Reported Sales Unconfirmed.**

With confirmation entirely lacking in regard to the recent report of high-priced hop contracts by the growers' association, the hop market has been left practically stagnant. Every effort made by dealers to discover anyone abroad who purchased contracts on the coming crop at 13 and 14c, a State pound has failed; in fact, the English trade gives absolutely no encouragement to their Portland connections regarding the immediate future of the market. The only effect the unconfirmed report of high-priced sales seems to have had was to excite the growers and cause dealers expense in cabling abroad for information regarding the so-called business.

## MAYES' BONES FOUND

**TRAGEDY OF TWO YEARS AGO IS RECALLED.**

Toledo Druggist, While Fishing on Siletz River, Finds Remains of Dallas Man Drowned There.

While fishing on the Siletz river on Wednesday last I. R. Wishart, a Toledo druggist, found a human skull and other bones which are believed to be the remains of Oscar Mayes of Dallas, who was drowned two years ago by being thrown into the Siletz river when a footbridge broke under him, the details of which accident are still fresh in the memory of readers of The Observer.

Although repeated attempts were made to find the body of Mayes none was successful, and the search was finally given up. The remains found by Wishart were located about two miles below where Mayes was drowned.

**Asks For Escheat Reports.**

The banking houses of Dallas, in common with those throughout the state, have been asked by Secretary of State Elliott for a statement showing whether they have any deposits that should escheat to the state. Under the law all banking institutions must make a report fifteen days after the first day of July of each year on this subject, and if they have in their possession any deposits which have not been added to or subtracted from for a period of seven years these shall be deemed to have escheated to the state, after a statement has been published.

**Teachers Take Examinations.**

The regular examinations of applicants for state certificates began Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, both here and at Monmouth. At the latter place Prof. H. H. Parsons and his wife are in charge, while here Superintendent Macken and Miss Kopan conducted the examination on Wednesday pending the return of County Superintendent Seymour from San Francisco, he arriving Wednesday night. The examinations are held in part at Monmouth with the convenience of about eighty teachers who are attending the Normal at that place. The examinations will close tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

**Complaint Found Faulty.**

Judge Percy Kelly on Wednesday sustained a demurrer of the defendant in the case of Trover against the Statesman Publishing company, a suit for libel. The judge ruled that the contents in the amended complaint of the plaintiff were not definite and certain enough to constitute a charge of misrepresentation in a libelous character. This was a case in which the defendant had been charged with giving beer to another. The plaintiffs were given until July 6 to file an amended complaint.

**Activities to Begin Soon.**

Preparations for the beginning of work on the proposed new Normal school building at Monmouth are going forward in earnest. Architect Bennet of Portland was on the ground Wednesday with Ed. Himes, and the site was staked out. The building will be erected almost opposite the dormitory, and will face the west. Mr. Mische, a Portland landscape gardener, was also present and gave some suggestions as to future beautifications for the Normal grounds.

**Death of Mrs. Mary Kirkpatrick.**

Many of the older residents of Polk county will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Mary C. Kirkpatrick, mother of Mayor E. C. Kirkpatrick, whose death occurred at her home in Los Angeles on Saturday last at the age of 71 years. Mrs. Kirkpatrick left Dallas to make her future home in California about fifteen years ago. Owing to the recent illness of the mayor he was physically unable to attend the funeral.

**Revival in Business Seen.**

A revival in railroad and lumber industries is seen in big city orders that are to be placed by the Chicago & Northwestern and the Burlington railroads. They are asking bids from Oregon mills on material for about 1500 freight cars each. More than 5,000,000 feet of lumber is involved in the order. These roads have built no wooden cars for two years. Before that time they constructed almost 30 a day.

**Fine Stand of Wheat.**

"The prettiest field of wheat I have seen this year is that of Marion Smith's near Lewisville," said Mr. A. V. R. Snyder to a representative of The Observer on Wednesday, after he had returned from a trip over that section with Sheriff Orr. This field of wheat comprises about fifty acres, and its uniformity of height makes it a sight for sore eyes, says our authority.

**Barthams Get Contract.**

Material for the new residence of Dr. Ellsworth at Falls City is being prepared by the Barthams here, all of the stock passing through the planing mills of the company. The contract for the material was secured through competitive bids, and the Barthams were the fortunate ones of many firms who figured on the work.

**Soldiers Off for Gearhart.**

On Monday morning next Company L, Capt. Starlin, will leave Dallas for Gearhart, where the soldier boys will go into camp for ten days.

**SPEND DELIGHTFUL WEEK.**

Party of Youngsters Return From Panama Exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Seymour, with their party of Oregon boys and girls, the prize winners in the various state school entries, returned home Wednesday night, having spent a delightful and profitable week at the exposition, the guests of the Oregon building. The young people, Claus C. Charley, Audley Meyer, Jessie Keyst, E. Vernon Raina, May McDonald, Francell Hawley, Kenneth Bursell, Perry Nathan Pickett, Oscar Snyder and Paul Jaeger, have made a lasting impression on all who came in contact with them. These boys and girls are tribute sufficient to their training in the rural schools' club work.

Mr. Seymour let the children see the fair for themselves unhampered by too much supervision. The first two days he spent with the boys, and Mrs. Seymour with the girls. After that they could choose for themselves, always with the understanding on leaving the Oregon building that they would appear at a certain place at a certain time. Never once did they fail. They kept notebooks and they were seen busily writing after each visit to a new object of interest.

On the zone they were allowed to choose what they should see; the vote was unanimous for the Panama canal. They were so interested in all its many details, and asked the manager so many questions, that he invited them to go back as his guests as often as they liked. Many of them went back three times.

**MARION STEALING OUR THUNDER**

Cherries Grown in Polk Labeled "Marion" at Exposition.

Marion county, according to reports coming from the Panama exposition, is stealing Polk's thunder in the matter of exhibits, as for instance cherries grown on the farms of B. I. Ferguson and S. P. Kimball in eastern Polk county, are labeled at the fair as having been grown in Marion county. The exhibit made by Mr. Ferguson was awarded the gold medal, and Marion county gets the credit. A recent visitor from Dallas to the fair called the attention of Dr. Dunsmore, who represents this county at the exposition, to the matter and that gentleman pleaded ignorance concerning obtaining conditions, but promised to make an investigation and to rectify the error insofar as possible.