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CHAUTAUQUA IS NOW ON

DR. HILLIS DELIVERS OPENING LECTURE ON CAUSES OF WAR.

Famous Schumann Quintet Entertains Big Audience—This Is Town Booster Nels Darling's Day.

The third annual chautauqua opened on Sunday evening, as scheduled, with a masterly lecture by Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, his theme being "Economic Causes of the War," a subject most interesting and entertaining at this time. The discourse was discussed in a manner that showed deep thought and study of the situation, both as regards the European war and the troubles in Mexico. Dr. Hillis upheld the policy of President Wilson with reference to the former, but failed to agree with his attitude toward Mexico, remarking that the chief executive of the nation exhibited weakness. The doctor is long on statistics, and on divers and sundry occasions clinched his arguments by quoting figures. Among other things he said that one hundred and seventy Americans had already been killed in Mexico. And yet President Wilson pursued his watchful waiting policy there. When United States troops were sent into Vera Cruz to protect Americans against slaughter and establishing a peace zone, the means flocked there by the thousands and in bended knees begged that the zone be extended that peace might reign in their domain. This simply showed that desire for political supremacy had to do with the continuation of the rebellion. The United States, according to the speaker, owns practically one-half of Mexico, and yet in the face of this fact it is taking no effective steps toward the protection of its interests or the interests of its subjects in that country.

Mrs. Harriette Gunn Roberson, morning lecturer, did not arrive here in time to speak yesterday forenoon. Floyd, the master magician, who heads his own company, which entertained at the local chautauqua yesterday afternoon, is one of the most remarkable men of his profession. His reputation as a magician of first rank has caused him to be sought widely and he has appeared on three continents and in twenty-seven countries. He is perhaps the only magician who has been called upon to perform above the earth, under the earth and on water as well as on land. On the commons at Lowell, Mass., fourth of July, 1884, he appeared in the basket of a balloon as "The King of the Air." An hour later the basket went down and he was lost in Boston harbor. In 1889 at the finish of the metropolitan sewer in Boston the mayor and officials held a banquet under ground and Floyd was engaged to entertain them. The performance yesterday was entertaining throughout, many mystifying stunts being pulled off. It consisted of prestidigitations by Mr. Floyd and his assistants, mind reading by Moha, musical interludes by Mr. Allard, with the trunk mystery by the entire company as the closing scene.

In the evening the famous Schumann Quintet entertained a well-filled pavilion, and the entertainment was well received by all present. The concert was one of exceptional merit, and elicited much praise for each of the several numbers on the splendid program. It was the Schumann's first appearance in Dallas, and will long be remembered as a musical event. Today is what is known in chautauqua circles as "Darling day." This evening Nels Darling, a community builder, whose lectures have been welcomed throughout the country, will speak of "Our Town." The Saxony singers will entertain this afternoon as a prelude to a lecture on "American Ideals" by Mrs. A. C. Zehner.

Once Resided at Buena Vista.

Louis Southworth, a negro living in Benton county, who is now receiving some newspaper publicity on account of his age, and the further fact that he purchased his freedom in Oregon, came to Buena Vista, Polk county, on the day Grant was first elected president. He was then engaged in blacksmithing. While there, he was married to Miss Martha Collins of Salem. Southworth also learned to read and write from the principal of Buena Vista academy, who is now a professor in the Oregon Agricultural college.

More Glory for Polk.

On Tuesday last Mr. B. J. Ferguson, who has an extensive fruit farm at Eola, this county, received a telegram from San Francisco, stating that his cherry exhibit at the exposition had been awarded the first prize. Mr. Ferguson's exhibit comprised twelve boxes.

California Victims Cheerful.

Joe Florin, an old citizen of Falls City, who has been sojourning during the past winter and spring at Sacramento, has returned to his old haunts. Joe says that fortunes are being made off of the five-acre tracts so extensively advertised in California, but not by the tilters of the said tracts. He

GRADUALLY CLOSING DOWN.

Twenty-seven Portland saloons failed to comply with the law requiring the payment of state license, and as a consequence, went out of business the first day of the month. The city will lose the sum of \$12,000 as a result. Statewide prohibition, which goes into effect on January 1, 1916, is gradually moving the liquor dealers to more congenial climes.

says that the victim cheerfully gives up his coin in first payment and in a few years, according to the size of his "wad," lets the land go back to the seller, who promptly sells it to the next one. It's a paradise for millionaires and land sharks.—Falls City News.

JOIN IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

Good Highway From Grand Ronde to Coast Assured.

Work has been commenced in the joint road district recently formed by the counties of Yamhill and Tillamook for the purpose of building a road from the Grand Ronde reservation to the coast. The proposed road will cut the distance to Tillamook about four miles, eliminating the Dolph hills. The grade will not exceed 6 per cent and the length of the road will be approximately ten miles. The road is to be 60 feet in width, cleared 20 feet on either side of the center. All cuts are to be 18 feet wide and fills 20 feet wide. The road is to be planked with 12 foot planking three inches thick.

During the year 1915 each county is to expend \$10,000, or so much as is necessary and if two years is not sufficient time to construct the road they agree in 1916 to each appropriate one-half the amount needed to complete the work. The agreement is to terminate at the option of either county after the completion of the road. Each county is pledged to keep its portion of the road in good condition, whether completed in one or two years.

SOLDIERS GO INTO CAMP

DALLAS COMPANY LEAVES MONDAY FOR MANEUVERS.

Citizen Soldiers, Under Command of Capt. Stratton, Now Doing Stunts of Regulars at Gearhart.

After having breakfasted at the hotels, the members of Company L, Oregon National Guard, left early Monday morning for their regular summer encampment at Gearhart, where they will remain ten full days solving army problems and training to handle themselves under service conditions. The company went to Portland, where it joined the other companies of the Third regiment, going to the seaside over the S. P. & S. railroad. The regiment is under the command of Colonel McLaughlin.

The program as outlined for the camp, while not as rigorous as some of previous years, will keep the citizen soldiers amply occupied. The troops will arise at 5:30 a. m. with reveille, and will be at their morning drills by 7:45. Retreat or evening parade, the principal ceremony of the day, will be held at 6:20 p. m. and "Taps" will sound at 11, closing the day's work. It is planned to allow the troops quite a good share of liberty in the afternoons.

The course of instruction for the morning drills will embrace the schools of the company and the battalion, regimental drills, the field service regulations, including maneuvers in both close and extended order, patrol exercises, advance guard, problems in attack and defense, military sketching and mapping and the preparation of field reports. The afternoons will be principally occupied by officers and non-commissioned officers' schools.

On Saturday afternoon, July 10, the Third Regiment will hold its seventh annual track and field meet.

ODDFELLOWS' INSTALL.

New Officers for Friendship Lodge No. 6 Given Charges.

District Deputy Grand Master N. A. Beach, assisted by Past Grand F. J. Coad, H. Morrison, W. T. Hibbard and A. V. R. Snyder, installed the following officers in Friendship Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., on Thursday evening:

Antone M. Larsen, N. G.; R. Burch, V. G.; C. B. Stone, secretary; Jack Marshall, warden; H. Morrison, conductor; F. J. Coad, R. S. N. G.; G. C. Burch, L. S. N. G.; Sam Schooley, R. S. V. G.; A. V. R. Snyder, chaplain; Charles Hayes, inner guard; F. E. Davis, outer guard; W. T. Hibbard, R. S. S.; S. J. Pepper, L. S. S.

Following the ceremonies, a banquet was spread in the shape of ice cream and cake. The intense heat of the evening was the only thing to mar the pleasures of the evening.

WATER CASE IS DISCUSSED.

Aldermanic Body Considers Question After Having Adjourned.

The city council convened last night, but owing to the fact that it was a legal holiday no business was transacted, an adjournment to this evening being taken. After adjournment the question of whether or not the municipality should defend the action brought by Mr. Gates in the water works case was discussed at some length. The suit is brought to determine the ownership of the plant, the Railroad commission holding that Mr. Gates is the owner, and consequently that body is given the right to regulate water rates. Mr. Gates would have the ownership vested in the municipality. City Attorney Coad stated to the council that he was looking after the case as it progressed, and when the time arrived would take such steps in the matter as he deemed necessary.

Gerald Good Prize Winner.

Gerald Good, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Good of Salem, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Morrison of this city, was awarded first prize for the best decorated baby cart at the Salem Cherry fair last week.

REV. CURTIS RESIGNS

ACCEPTS PASTORATE OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH AT CORVALLIS.

Differences of Opinion Over Church Policies Cause of Severing Connection With Dallas People.

Rev. Charles C. Curtis, at the close of his sermon last Sunday morning tendered his resignation as pastor of the Christian church, the same to take effect August 1. The resignation came because of differences between the pastor and the elders over questions of church policy other than financial, and while the best of feeling exists Mr. Curtis considered that his work in the vineyard of the Master was being hampered and that consequently his convictions demanded his retirement from the local church. In tendering his resignation the minister stated that it was without condition or qualification. Mr. Curtis will go to Corvallis, where he has accepted the pastorate of the Christian church at that place. While the salary is larger at the college town than that received in Dallas, this had nothing to do with the change.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, the latter also an ordained minister of the gospel, came to Dallas nearly three years ago, since which time the membership of the church has been increased about two hundred. Prior to coming here Mr. Curtis was engaged in evangelistic work in Washington, and prior held a pastorate at Welsch, that state. Both he and Mrs. Curtis attended the Bible university at Eugene, graduating therefrom in 1909. During their residence in Dallas they have made many warm friends, all of which will regret to lose their intention to leave this city. And especially regretful is the large congregation to which one of the other has preached during the past three years.

Band Visits Independence.

To show the friendly spirit of the Dallasites toward their neighbors, the Commercial club on Friday night visited Independence, as they were known, taking along with them members of the club and the concert band. Incidentally, of course, attention was called to the chautauqua program now the event of the week. It was plainly a booster trip, and the Independence people gave to the county-seaters a royal welcome. Nearly 100 from this vicinity enjoyed the visit.

Following a band concert on the public square, the members of the band and others were banqueted by the neighboring town. The city was thronged with autos and the evening was most enjoyable to visitors as well as residents of the sister city.

The Dallasites made the trip by auto route, and the cool evening breeze afforded comfort to the body, after a day of intense heat.

Picnic Was Big Success.

The picnic at Hockreall yesterday was a successful affair from every angle, notwithstanding the threatening weather of the afternoon. There were a large number of sports and games, including baseball and a tug of war, all of which interested the large attendance. The festivities of the day concluded with a dance in the evening.

Dies Suddenly at Newport.

George N. Hill, aged 59, resident of Colfax, Wash., for 39 years, was stricken with heart failure at Newport and expired almost immediately. With his wife and two daughters, he had occupied a cottage there since May.

Farmers Hold Picnic.

The Farmers' union of Smithfield and Salt Creek held a picnic at the latter place yesterday, and enjoyed the outing to the limit. There were a large number present, all of whom participated in a basket dinner.

New Billiard Hall in Prospect.

A Portland man is in Dallas today figuring on leasing a portion of the ground floor room of the imperial hotel for the purpose of opening therein first-class billiard parlors.

HAWLEY MUCH PLEASSED

OUR EXHIBIT AT PANAMA EXPOSITION A CREDIT TO OREGON.

Display Attracts Wide-Spread Attention of Visiting Throng and Must Result in Good for the State.

Commissioner C. L. Hawley of McCoy, who spent the past three weeks at the exposition, returns to Oregon enthusiastic over the exhibition as a whole, and confident that the state will reap a rich reward from its participation. After making a thorough inspection of the exhibits in the state building, and the more extensive ones in the Palaces of Agriculture, Horticulture and Mines, he expresses himself as more than satisfied with Oregon's offering, and comparison with other exhibits on the grounds left no doubt in his mind that Oregon will be a winner in the sight of visitors out to make the same comparison. Mr. Hawley expressed himself as more than pleased with the numbers visiting the Oregon building and was amazed at the many enthusiastic expressions of appreciation from both high and lowly. He gives the various managers and directors of exhibits full credit for their energy and ability in making attractive showings but insists that to the loyal people of Oregon, the farmer and the fruit grower and producer generally, should go the greater credit. But for their co-operation the chieftain could have accomplished little. While pleased with the winnings on fruit up to this time, Mr. Hawley was particularly enthusiastic over capturing the grand prize on forage crops and the grand prize at the milk show. Senator Hawley is a dairyman and general farmer of note, hence the special gratification mentioned, though he insists that Oregon is already well advertised as a horticultural state and that the other advertising will now prove specially beneficial.

GIRLS DROWNED IN WILLAMETTE

While Wading in Stream They Get Beyond Their Depth.

While wading in the Willamette river near Salem, on the Polk county side, Dorothy Rauch, 14 years, of Salem, and Maude Smith, 23 years, bookkeeper employed in a Lebanon store, were drowned Sunday evening at 5 o'clock. May Rauch and Ruth Rauch, school teachers, and Gretchen Brown, aged 15, high school students, were rescued. May Rauch stepped into a hole which had been made recently by dredges, and her sister, Dorothy, went to her assistance. Soon all five were struggling in the water. Boats were rushed from the Salem side by John Tait, Robert Paulus and Harold Starr, who rescued three of the girls. The body of Dorothy Rauch was recovered in ten minutes and that of Maude Smith in twenty minutes, but despite the use of the pulmotor and the services of physicians, they could not be revived.

MORE ABOUT KEET ESTATE.

Judge Belt Reverses Decision Made by County Judge Teal.

Concerning the appointment of W. A. Keet to administer the estate of E. C. Keet, deceased, Judge Belt having reversed the decision of County Judge Teal in the naming of E. M. Smith, and made the appointment himself, the Telephone Register has the following, which throws some new light upon the litigation:

D. L. Keet has been administrator until about two months ago. Proceedings were brought to remove him by certain heirs, whereon he resigned. Then he sought a hard fight for an appointment of a new administrator. County Judge Teal appointed E. M. Smith, late candidate for county clerk of Polk county, but on appeal this decision is reversed, the court holding that those members of the family to whom the estate finally descends shall be entitled to the same, provided that they are otherwise qualified. Mr. Keet was backed by four other heirs, most

of whom are not indebted to the estate. The estate is worth between two and three hundred thousand dollars, and comprises much land in Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah and other counties of Oregon as well as in Seattle, Wash., besides a large amount of personal property. Mr. M. F. Corrigan is administrator of the estate of Amanda Keet, deceased, and was appointed last fall on the petition of Mr. Keet of this city aided by two other heirs. Attorney B. A. Kilka represents both estates. Much litigation on the appointments has been in progress continually since last fall, in which nearly all of the attorneys of Polk county and some of the ablest from Portland appeared for the heirs opposing Mr. W. A. Keet. It will be more than one year before it is possible to settle this estate, when more than fifteen hundred acres of first class farming land near Perrydale will be divided and put upon the market. The heirs winning out this time, have for the most portion received no part of the estate.

LYLE ISSUES AN ORDER.

Stating that a case of rabies had been discovered in Yamhill county, and another one in Polk, State Veterinarian Lyle has issued an order prohibiting dogs from running at large in zones within five miles of where these cases were found. Near Sheridan, in Yamhill county, a mad dog was recently found, said the veterinarian, and the one found in Polk county was near Independence.

ERADICATE FIREBLIGHT

HAS BEEN DISCOVERED IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY.

Growers Are Requested to Diligently Search Their Orchards and Report Suspected Cases.

"Every possible effort must now be made to eradicate fireblight from the new sections of the Willamette Valley where it has recently been discovered, is the recommendation of Professor H. P. Baras of the department of plant pathology of the Oregon Agricultural college. "Growers are asked to search their orchards and to report suspected cases to the fruit inspector. Doubtful cases may be sent to the Oregon agricultural college at Corvallis for examination. The only positive way of preventing an infected tree from standing as a source of danger to neighboring trees and orchards is to remove and burn it. Wild shrubs susceptible to fireblight ought to be cut down to prevent their harboring the disease.

"Fireblight is the most greatly feared of orchard diseases. It has never appeared in a region where it has never before been known, having been found at scattered points in Lane, Benton and Linn counties and possibly in parts of Polk and Marion counties. Fruit inspectors are energetically engaged in a survey to determine the exact extent of the trouble and the farmers and fruit growers are asked to give them every possible assistance in their fight against the disease.

While the present outbreak is not causing great loss thus far in most of the districts mentioned, yet it is of tremendous importance that a campaign for the eradication of the disease be undertaken immediately and vigorously while it is still possible to handle the situation which threatens such serious consequences. A few years ago active effort on the part of the growers aided by thorough inspection checked a threatened outbreak of fireblight in the Hood River valley. It is only by such persistent and thorough work that the spread of the disease can be successfully halted.

"Fireblight is caused by bacteria, which are disseminated largely through the agency of insects. It may attack any member of the apple family. It has wiped out pear growing in some sections of the United States and in certain parts of Oregon has caused enormous losses in apple and pear orchards. The disease also attacks the quince actively as shown in the case of the present outbreak and causes a blight of such wild trees as hawthorn, service berry, and native crab from which it may be transferred to the apple and pear. The infections usually start in the blossom clusters or on the new shoots and water sprouts. The dead leaves hang conspicuously on the blighted parts as an effect of nearly drops of bacterial ooze exude from the surface of fruits and succulent shoots in which the blight is active. From the spurs and new shoots the bacteria may spread into the bark of the main limbs and branches, form large cankers and cause great damage. The trunk and root system sometimes become infected, resulting in most serious consequences. The bacteria are carried alive over the winter in the edges of some of the diseased areas. These hold-over cankers are sources of new infection in the spring at which time the disease spreads with extreme rapidity under the right conditions."

Injured by Falling on Scissors.

Clinton Holland, age three years, of Black Rock, while visiting at the home of a neighbor, fell on a pair of large scissors that he was playing with, the points of which stuck into his face. One of the points injured one of his eyes and the other point stuck in the bone above the other eye, causing a very serious injury. The sight of the eye can be saved.—The News.

Willamina Roads Improved.

Work on the route coastward from Willamina will be rushed as fast as possible. Judge Dodson and Commissioner Allan of Yamhill are both active, and they are getting the hearty co-operation of the Tillamook court. The roads to Bentley and down Salmon river are also being improved.

STILL A DEEP MYSTERY

DEATH OF MRS. ALICE PALMER NOT TRACEABLE TO POISON.

Report of Chemists, Received by Coroner Chapman, Makes This Point Clear—Lemieux Has Gone.

The report from the chemists who analyzed the contents of the stomach of the late Mrs. Alice Palmer, whose death occurred suddenly in a logging camp above Black Rock on June 19, to the effect that no trace of poison was apparent, shrouds the demise of the woman in still deeper mystery. It will be remembered by readers of The Observer that the woman, who had come from Portland only a short time previous and who was living with a logger by the name of Lemieux, was found dead on her cabin floor. Her two-year-old child was close to the body, and the infant was vainly endeavoring to awaken the mother. There were no marks of violence on the corpse, and an autopsy held in this city by Drs. Staats and McCallan developed the fact that all the vital organs were normal.

The supposition naturally followed that the woman had suicided by administering poison not detectable without a complete analysis of the stomach, and this organ was forwarded by Coroner Chapman to experts, with a request for an opinion. It is probable that the cause of Mrs. Palmer's death will ever remain a mystery. Lemieux, exonerated from all blame in connection with the woman's death, has gone to other parts.

MANY GOING TO CAMP MEETING.

Annual Gathering of Christians at Turner Promises to Be Large.

Quite a number from the membership of the Dallas Christian church will attend the annual state convention and "camp meeting" of the church, now in session at Turner. This is always a big event among the members of the Christian churches and there is usually an attendance of over 1,000 at the meeting, which is held in a huge tabernacle, erected about 20 years ago. The grounds are ideal for camping, and nearly all who attend the meeting take their camp equipment along. More than 150 are expected to be in attendance this year.

Some of the best talent on the coast and a number of speakers from the east are on the program. A. F. Henley and Emory Ross, both missionaries to Africa, will be there, and in addition there will be Rev. G. W. Muckley of Kansas City; Rev. C. S. Garrison of St. Louis; Miss Craften, of Indianapolis, and Rev. Grant K. Lewis of Cincinnati. A new feature this year will be outdoor programs. At promptly 4 o'clock each day the indoor games and sports will be indulged in upon the grounds under the direction of R. E. Jope, of Roseburg. A number of baseball games have been scheduled. The convention will represent the various departments of the church work, including the Sunday school, women's work, Christian Endeavor, education and state missions.

AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC HEAVY.

Nearly Five Hundred Machines Pass Brunk's Corner in Single Day.

Earl Brunk made a few interesting observations at his farm in Polk last Saturday. He counted the motorcycles and automobiles passing the house from 8:45 a. m. till 9:45 p. m. During this period there were 463. About 90 per cent of the autos were five-passenger cars, but most of them had at least six passengers. During this period there were about 140 vehicles carrying an average of five people.

The total number of people who passed the house during the thirteen hours was about 3475. Nearly one-half of the autos were Fords, with the Studebakers a good second. Mr. Brunk lives at the juncture of the Salem-Dallas-Independence road where the traffic is heavy. This gives a good indication of the amount of traffic on the Polk county and Marion county bridge at Salem.—Statesman.

Another Picture Show.

While in Portland on Saturday, Mr. O. C. Smith purchased a tent 30x80, and he will erect the same at the corner of Jefferson and Main streets for use as a picture house during the summer. The interior arrangement will be somewhat unique, the curtain hanging high, thus giving the same effect as having raised seats.

Superintendent Seymour Ill.

County Superintendent of Schools H. C. Seymour has been confined to his home by illness for several days past, but his condition is somewhat improved this morning, and it is expected that he will be able to get down to his office within a day or two.

The parks and other beautifully wooded spots will not be lonesome during the ensuing few months.

ACCEPT THIS APOLOGY.

Three successive days of celebrating the Glorious Fourth has been too much for The Observer force, hence this four-leaf clover today instead of the customary six and eight pages. But Independence day will come but once a year during the ensuing six years, and hence the reader may reasonably expect better things in the future—providing the fishing grounds are not too distant. Bear with us, dear reader; you know how it is yourself.



Director of Cirillo's Concert Band