



PROGRAM CHAUTAUQUA

INDEPENDENCE TO BE ENTERED IN ROYAL MANNER WEEK IN MAY.

Opening announcement of the White Chautauqua program year seems to assure music, and entertainment "fans" a thorough enjoyment. The have been definitely announced 27th to 31st.

Special event of outstanding importance is scheduled in the coming of the Martino, noted New York opera, on the last night. Miss is one of the most promising of the younger generation. She

of the new Edison artists and work has attracted the attention of the approval of Enrico Caruso.

She has coached her in the opera selections she will use on this Chautauqua tour. In company with Martino on the last night appears the famous Gregg Concert Company, a musical organization, with the talented Fay Epperson as an entertainer.

Other musical features of note are: The MacGregor Singers, headed by the singer, Scotch baritone and enter the Fenwick Newell Concert Company under the leadership of Fenwick Newell, tenor, who has won honors in both Europe and the Antipodes with his splendid voice; and The Reginald, two musical entertainers of ability.

The third day brings the Overseas Orchestra, eight charming, talented and vivacious young ladies who have been enthusiastically received by the audience of the A. E. F. in France and by the Chautauqua audiences.

Lecture event of decided interest is to be presented on the evening of May 7, when Dr. C. S. Price will give his illustrated story on "Hunting the Game in Alaska." It is a lecture of thrilling interest, illustrated with a remarkable series of big game pictures, including views of whale hunting and of the great seal of the Arctic Seas.

Other lecture events of value and importance are scheduled in the appearance of the following well-known people: M. Price Heyes, first volunteer American Red Cross nurse, lecturer on community health; Joel W. Zeman, with a constructive lecture on these uncertain days, "The Building of Democracy"; and Marion Ballou Fisk, noted cartoonist-lecturer, who comes the first night with a highly interesting lecture-entertainment.

The dramatic reading of "Green Stockings" the delightful comedy by A. E. W. Mason, will be a delight for all entertainment lovers. Ruby Page Ferguson, head of the Department of Entertaining at the Women's College of Alabama, portrays every character of the play with consummate artistry.

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COUNCIL ALLOWS CLAIMS; DESIGNATES CLEANUP DAY

At the regular monthly meeting of the city council, Wednesday evening, official cleanup day was designated as May 15th and seven claims were allowed. There were present at the meeting Mayor W. H. Walker, Councilmen W. H. Cockle, J. S. Bohanon, G. G. Walker and Charles Calbreath Recorder B. F. Swope.

The claims allowed were: American Brush Manufacturing Company, new brush for sweeper, \$37.25.

Mountain States Power Company, water and lights for April \$114.91.

B. F. Swope, recorder's fee \$5.00.

Polk County Post, publishing treasurer's quarterly report, \$6.00.

James Morgan, marshal salary for April, \$75.00.

L. Damon, cleaning streets \$43.00.

Dr. O. D. Butler, salary health officer for 1919, \$30.

PARENT-TEACHERS' CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Club was held Tuesday afternoon. The newly elected officers are:

President—Mrs. Murch Russell.

Vice-President—Mrs. Edward Becken.

Secretary—Miss Houx.

Treasurer—Mrs. Walter Plant.

A most interesting program of music and readings was given by the children of the grades. Miss Hales, assistant physical director of the Normal, gave a summarized report of the child welfare work which has been in progress in the schools during the past year. She showed that wonderful gains had been made in posture and chest development by Independence pupils, yet they have not attained as high a standard as is desired. She is of the opinion that this could be accomplished more rapidly by a more general use of milk. Miss Houx gave an instructive talk on habit formation.

The association plans to help prepare the lunch to be served to the business men in the high school domestic science department on the observance of the postponed Arbor Day. The definite date depending upon the arrival of shrubbery for planting. A demonstrator from the Oregon Agricultural College will also help on that occasion.

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ON THE DOTTED LINE, PLEASE!



MILL BUSINESS IS FLOURISHING

LUMBER INDUSTRY IS GROWING IN VOLUME ALONG THE VALLEY & SILETZ ROAD.

Provision is being made for the use of the wood instead of fuel oil on the locomotives of the Valley & Siletz. The change will be made on account of a shortage in the oil supply. Traffic on the road is increasing rapidly and when the new mills in the course of construction are completed there will be a still greater volume of business.

This road has opened an extensive and magnificent body of timber along the Luckiamute in the Siletz country. Several mills are in the course of construction and in a very short time the lumber and tie output will be increased many fold.

It is figured that the Foster Lumber Company's mill at Ritner will be ready for operation about July 1st. It will have a daily capacity of about 100,000. The owners of this concern are Lincoln, Nebraska, men and are making building operations hum.

About the same time the big new plant of the Siletz Logging & Lumber Company at Camp 1 will be ready for business. The company's mill at Hoskins is running steadily, as well as several smaller mills at different points along the line.

A new siding is being built between D and E streets in order to afford better shipping facilities at this place, and there is a probability that before the summer is over a rail connection will be made with the Espee at this point.

E. M. Simpson is building a tie mill about five miles to the northeast of Airline. The millinery is being hauled in by truck and Mr. Simpson expects to be ready to begin cutting of desirable timber for the purposes. The slab wood of over three thousand cords from this plant has been contracted by W. J. Clark and he expects to truck a part of it to the Normal school and ship the balance to Salem.

The Stump mill at Suver is in operation with sufficient timber to keep it in running for some time.

Labor shortage reported growing on farms and threatens food supply.

BUSINESS MEN DEMAND SERVICE

HEARING IS HELD BEFORE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN INDEPENDENCE IN PHONE RATE CASE.

Independence telephone affairs were in the limelight Wednesday afternoon. This system, which is owned by the Willamette Telephone Company, is asking for an increase in rates, and a public hearing was given by the public service commission.

The telephone people were represented by Mr. Crosby of San Francisco; H. J. Roake, of Portland, auditor; Manager H. M. Richardson, of Dallas; Attorney Jay Bowerman of Portland.

The company is asking for considerable increase in rates. Business phones to be jumped from \$2.50 to \$3 per month; residence phones from \$1.50 to \$1.75; and a toll of 10 cents on all calls to Monmouth, Dallas and Falls City.

The company is attempting to show that an increase in rates is necessary in order to meet the general increase in costs of operation and maintenance and its engineer placed a physical valuation upon the Independence plant with a view of showing that present returns are not adequate.

Independence entered one great big protest against an advance in rates and likewise emphatically registered a kick against the service which has been rendered. The city was represented by Councilmen Calbreath and Craven and the Credit Men's Association by Mike Walker, while Sam McElmurry, from district south of town expressed the grief of that district.

Numerous instances were cited of inefficient service and the telephone people admitted that Independence had not received as efficient treatment as it should have, but pleaded extenuating circumstances—a change in switchboards, directories more than two years old with the majority of calls made without giving numbers, and defects in some of the lines. A new directory is now being printed, and the phone people alleged that all other defects will be remedied, provided, of course, the increased rate is granted.

There was particular objection made to the proposed 10-cent toll on Monmouth, Dallas and Falls City calls. Mr. Walker, as representative of the

Credit Men's Association, stated that the business men had no particular objection to a moderate increase in phone rates, provided service is rendered. However, an increase without service will simply result in an abandonment of the phones by the business men. Mr. Walker did not mince matters and stated that while a part of the manager's salary, was charged against Independence, he spent very little of his time here. Manager Richardson admitted that during the past month he did not spend any time in Independence.

RELIEF CORPS PRESENTS FLAG TO AMERICAN LEGION

Independence Post No. 33, American Legion, was presented with a fine silk flag Thursday evening by the Woman's Relief Corps, through its representatives, Mrs. A. D. Keahler, and Mrs. R. L. Jewell. The Post members very gratefully accepted this loyal token and it will occupy a place of honor in the Post quarters.

The meeting was well attended and at the conclusion of the business session a lunch was served.

Independence Post has 105 members, and beginning May 17th, as a part of a general movement throughout the country, will launch a campaign for new members. In this immediate vicinity there are about 40 privileged to become affiliated with the order.

The Post has well appointed club rooms and much interest is being manifested in the work which has been undertaken.

CLERK'S OFFICE HAS RECORD-BREAKING MONTH

The County Clerk's office had a record breaking month during April, having taken in Seven Hundred and Sixty Dollars and Twenty-Five cents in fees. This is about One Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars more than has been taken in in any preceding month during the history of the office.

During the term of County Clerk Moore, the business has increased to such an extent that he has averaged \$150 a month more than did his predecessor. The work is becoming so great that Mr. Moore states that it will be necessary to have another deputy in order to do justice to his patrons and to himself. He contends that he is not justified in working Sundays and 16 hours a day for the present salary or, in fact, for any salary. Undoubtedly this will be a question before the Court in a very short time.

MANY ACCIDENTS UP LUCKIAMUTE

RAILROAD MAN AND WOODS EMPLOYEES MEET WITH JINKS DURING PAST WEEK.

Five distressing accidents occurred in the Luckiamute country Wednesday and Thursday.

S. H. Cooper of Independence, was quite seriously injured by being caught by a tree at the Foster Lumber Company plant above Ritner. Several ribs were broken and his side and hip were injured. He was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland and it will probably be some little time before he will be able to resume work. Mr. Cooper has a wife and two daughters living here.

O. B. Lyda, a brakeman on the Valley & Siletz, had a foot crushed Thursday morning at Grip. His home is at Hoskins and he was taken to a Portland hospital. His injury is serious and it may be necessary to amputate.

F. Friedly cut his foot nearly off with an axe at the Suver Lumber Co. plant. He was taken to a Salem hospital for treatment.

Ted B. McKinzie ran a log hook through his hand at Parker & Son's plant Wednesday. He has an extremely painful injury and is receiving local treatment.

F. Ward of Siletz, lost a finger at Camp 1 Wednesday. He cut it off with an axe, mutilating the knuckle and was sent to Portland.

FARMERS WANT LIGHTS, POWER

WANT POWER LINE EXTENDED TWO MILES SOUTH FROM INDEPENDENCE—NINE HAVE SIGNED APPLICATION.

This is the electrical age and many farmers in the vicinity of Independence are anxious to secure power and lighting service.

Preliminary preparations have been made for the extension of the lines of the Mountain States Power Company south from Independence for a distance of two miles. A petition, with nine signatures, has been filed with the power company and the public service commission. It was circulated by M. E. Hulbert, the local electrical man, who found no trouble in interesting the signers in the project, and others will probably enroll later.

The tentative arrangement calls for the farmers to furnish the poles and place them, and Mr. Hulbert would put up the wire and make the necessary connections. It is estimated that the cost would be between \$300 and \$400 per mile.

The power company is anxious to have the extension made, but before any definite action is taken, it must have the approval of the public service commission.

Major Rose wants the line extended to the Wigrich Ranch, of which he is manager, and there is a probability that eventually it will go to the Buena Vista district, in which case there would be a large number of patrons.

Farmers to the north of town are likewise interested. They have taken no definite steps as yet, but many of them have expressed themselves as being in need of the service.

The public service commission has announced that it is attempting to work out some equitable basis for governing extensions of this character as the matter is one with which it is confronted almost daily.

SENATOR LAFOLLETT FOR THE ROAD BONDS

Miracle of miracles, the impossible has happened.

In the legislature, Senator A. M. LaFollett of Marion county fought against every road bond measure. His opposition to good roads was intense, bitter and habitual. It was supposed nothing could change it.

Yesterday he dropped in to see his neighbor, C. C. Chapman of Hopeville, just across the Willamette River from the celebrated LaFollette peach orchard in Mission Bottom, where the senator grew the first loganberries that ever were grown in Oregon on a commercial scale. The two cronies passed the time of day and looked at some of Chapman's hogs and calves.

"Chapman, I'm for the bonds," finally blurted out the old senator who had led the fight against every state and county bond issue that had been up for years.

"What bonds?" demanded Chapman amazed.

"The state road bonds, the amendment I voted against, raising the limit from 2% to 4%," he responded. "I'm for the measure. I looked over the figures that those expert accountants figured up, and I'm satisfied the bonds won't raise my taxes, so I'm for 'em, as I want all the good roads I can get. If they are going to be built in time for me to use them, they had better hurry up and build them, for I am getting old. I really don't deserve any roads, the way I've fought 'em, but I guess I'll get them all right," he continued with a wink. "I'm getting all my neighbors to vote for the measure."

"Yes, I voted against the measure, but I'm for it now," he concluded. "Let's get the roads built just as soon as we can. We are paying our license fees and gas tax, and we may as well get the roads."

The bonding measure comes up before the people at the May 21st election.

