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The Chatauqua and The Small Town

The Chataugua has come and gone and a fair estimate of it can now be drawn. One thing is certain, that it was the best by far, of the three held in Estacada. As far as the lectures and other features were concerned, they were equal to those of much bigger Chatauquas. The question however is, "was it worth while while to bring it here, where interest in it is difficult to arouse?" The answer to this depends on the point of view. From a financial standpoint, it paid neither the Chatauqua nor those who backed it. It is probable that the former made but little over their actual expenses, while the latter will be out of pocket to a slight extent. But viewed educationally its benefit to those who attended and thru them to the community, was inestimable. Those who heard the lectures were inspired to loftier aims by being the recipients of a wider vision of life, its meaning, ends, duties and responsibilities. Even the children caught a glimpse of what really constitutes life. In addition an aesthetic stimulus was afforded by high class music. The trouble with small communities is that they are in danger of dry rot, and the Chatauqua acts as one of the most efficient correctives for this condition. Of late years the Chatauquas have been reaching out to the small communities, and in so doing are increasing immeasurably their usefulness. They act as the incoming of a healthy, invigorating breeze into a stagnant atmosphere. But to get the full benefit the effect must be cumulative, so we hope that there are enough progressive citizens in this vicinitr, to insure its return another year.

The Queen of the flowers will come into her own today in the City of Roses. God could have made a more beautiful flower than the rose, but doubtless He never did.

"To run or not to run, that is the question." This seems to be the problem which is worrying Mr. McAdoo more than any of the multifarious jobs, which were thrust on him during the war. First he will and then he won't, then he reconsiders and intimates he may, again he peremptorily refuses but his friends declare he will as a patriotic duty etc. etc. He is like Julius Caesar who thrice refused the crown, but would have accepted it if it had been offered him again, only unfortunately for him, he was assassinated.

What with the Shriners' convention and the Rose Festival, it is the week of high jinks at the state metropolis. Were we twenty years younger we would be anxious to take it all in, but now we prefer to keep quiet and cool in the shade, and let others enjoy the tumult and the shouting. We can no longer stand those "mornings after."

Not Known In Estacada

The Oregon City Enterprise last Sunnday, had a story of the raiding of a still operated by R. E. Thompson and his brother-inlaw Butterly, on the ranch of the former near Estacada, so it alleged. Upon inquiry nobody, not even the real estate men or the oldest inhabitant knows of any such persons. Will our esteemed cotemporary be more explicit and state exactly in miles how far or how near to Estacada was the actual distance? From the account it might be thought that the still was found close to this city, which is a reflection on our law-abiding people. Estacada dispenses sunshine not moonshine.

Later we have ascertained that the place is at least ten miles east of Estacada as the crow flies.

County Superintendent Resigns

J. E. Calavan, county school superintendent here for the past seven years, resigns July 1 to become state industrial club worker with headquarters at O. A. C., succeeding N. C. Maris, who has taken a position with the state dairy and food inspection department, according to J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

Mr. Calavan was nominated for school superintendent by both the Republican and Democrat parties in the May primaries. No announcement has been made as yet as to who will be appointed to fill the unexpired term.

Mr. Calavan has been associated with the industrial club work in the county since its establishment here.

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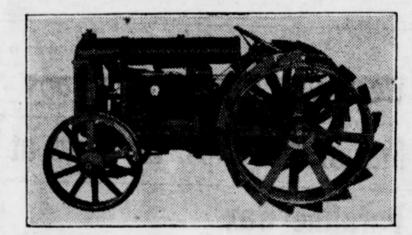
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