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Summer Chautauq Comes July 4th.

It has been definitely decided by the management—that the summer Chautauq at DeMoss Park will include the week of July 4th. Notice to this effect was received Thursday evening. It is also known that one of the principal speakers will be a nephew of Lloyd George, the widely recognized world statesman of England. The famous New York marine band will be a feature as well as the justly celebrated Apollo concert company. Another is a representative of Underwood and Underwood, official European government war photographers, who will give an illustrated picture talk of the late battles in France. It is not generally realized that ticket reservations at the reduced price are nearly all sold; 75 tickets is about all that is left; if you want any at the reduced price, a letter or phone to the Observer at Moro or J.P. Strahl at DeMoss will take care of you, if you apply now.

The dates for the winter festival short term Chautauq for Moro has been definitely arranged for February 23d, 25th and 26th. The program for the festival will be more interesting than last year.

Let's Have a Little Variety.

Not many of our farmer readers of the Observer realize that the five members of the Oregon delegation in congress are lawyers and being so they are of necessity and training out of touch with the real business interests of the state insofar as they are affected by personal interests and connections. This is illustrated by the fact that it was the farmers of the Northwest who protested at the basic price fixing board and that protest finally resulted in an additional 20 cents per bushel being finally added to the price paid for wheat grown in Oregon. We have heard nothing more of the injustice of the wheat basic price until the return home of the congressional member from Washington for the southwestern part of that state who has declared that he will work for an adjustment of the price of wheat paid by the millers of the northwest. He was surprised that the price paid was below the average price of the entire country and that the price of flour was as high as any other portion of the country. There may be some who question this statement, but it is easy to remember that the price of mill feed has been forced down by the price fixing board as much as \$20 per ton without in any way affecting either the price of wheat or flour. All farmers knew these conditions but our delegation in congress seemed to never hear of it. It is only another potent argument for the election of a man such as R. N. Stansfield of Umatilla county, for the position of United States Senator. He is a farmer himself; understands farming conditions, because he runs a farm in the "lean" years; he is a stockman as well; and, better than all else he is a broad-minded business man who can figure out a method to help his neighbors before all the good intentions are pre-empted by others who might bluster and make a noise but accomplish little results.

The Methodist Sunday School have elected the following officers and teachers for the current term: A.M. Wright, superintendent; C.A. Smith, assistant superintendent; R. J. Ginn, treasurer; Wm. Edwards, secretary; Elmira Edwards organist; Mrs. T. E. Hulery, primary organist; Richard Ginn, librarian; Mrs. D. C. Wheat, chorister. Teachers: P. H. Buxton, Mrs. Buxton, Mrs. Ginn, Mrs. J.F. Belshee, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. E. Miller, Mrs. T. E. Hulery.

The Cost of Unpreparedness

Congressman John F. Miller told a Seattle audience Tuesday that our war costs this coming year may even pass the total spent by England and France combined. "We shall have to pay out enormous sums for preparations that have to be made all at once," with the inevitable penalty of confusion, waste, mistakes and inefficiency. We were warned against all that more than two years ago by our general staff. In a report to the war department and the president in September, 1915, the general staff urged immediate action looking to the enlistment, training and supplying of 1,000,000 men. "In a war of gigantic proportions," said that report, "the chances of success are immeasurably lessened by wastage, abuse and confusion. Steps should be taken looking toward a national organization of our economic and industrial resources, as well as our resources in fighting men. . . . The lack of such articles as shoes, wagons, harness, rifles, saddles, medical chests and so on will render ineffective an army just as certainly as will a lack of ammunition."

We should have learned that lesson from our sorry experiences in the little war with Spain nearly 20 years ago. In point of fact the nation was deeply stirred at that time and a commission appointed by the president to investigate the conduct of the war department in that war used the following language: "One of the lessons taught by the war is that the country should hereafter be in a better state of preparation for war. . . . Large supplies of all the material not liable to deterioration should be kept on hand, to be continuously issued and renewed, so that in any emergency they might be available."

The general staff quoted that language in its report of September, 1915, in an earnest effort to rouse to action the president, the war department and congress, but its counsel fell on deaf ears. We are now paying the price.

The Ones Who "Stick"

County School Superintendent F. E. Fagan has received the list of Sherman county pupils from the office of the State Club Project leader of those pupils who have finished the club projects for the current school term and have sent in their reports. The names of the pupils who have completed the work, the project in which they competed, and the schools they attend are as follows:

Potato raising. Ned Odell, Grass Valley school; Ross Hilderbrand, Klondike school. Gardening. Ray Messinger, DeMoss school. Poultry division No. 1. Leston Lemon and Harold Buker, both of Grass Valley school. Poultry division No. 2. Ray Messinger, DeMoss school; Cleoda Hilderbrand and Richard Yocum, both of Klondike school. Baking. Maud Miller, Grass Valley school; Elda Buhman and Anna Mathieson, both of Brock school; Edna Potter, Klondike school.

Canning. Lola Guyton, Wilcox school. Sewing division No. 1. Viola Thompson, Rufus school; Claudina Brock, Brock school; Elmira Edwards, Moro school. Sewing division No. 2. Telva Martin, Moro school. Pig raising. Henry Barnum and Jody Morrison, Moro school; Dick and Ned O'Brien, Grass Valley school.

These pupils of the schools of Sherman county are to be commended for the interest they have taken in the work and the carrying it through to a successful completion. It is hoped that next year the Observer will be able to print a larger list of the pupils of Sherman county schools who will finish the work. A larger number than the list printed began the work at the commencement of the project season, but from various causes were not able to carry it through to completion.

Telephone officials are in Moro this week investigating service conditions in response to a petition for better facilities. This time the relief asked had best be given or the dogs of war will be loosed. There are enough phones in use in Sherman county to make a nucleus of a very good independent system that could be coupled with Hood River and Wasco counties at little expense and into Portland to a connection with the Independent system serving the Willamette valley is but a step. The farmers of the three counties have the money to do this and the inclination if aroused. The law limiting competitive companies, passed by the last legislature, would quickly be repealed under these circumstances.

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From the speech of Freeman M. Smith at the December State Convention of the Farmers' Union at Pendleton.

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