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## CHAUTAUQUA WILL PUT ON FINE PROGRAM

Twelve Entertainments in Six Days; Fifteen Piece Band; Kiddies' Department.

Springfield will have its first chautauqua this year.

The dates are July 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, when a program will be put on each afternoon and evening and a junior chautauqua for the children in the morning. The Westcoast chautauqua has on its roster some of the best speakers and entertainers in the country, and some have even been brought from other countries, such as Count Tolstoy, who comes from Russia. With first hand knowledge he will discuss the problems and conditions of Russia today, his topic being "The Truth About Russia."

Then there is Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sprague who will put on the quaint old comedy, "Up Van Winkle," Wood Briggs, a noted lecturer, and W. H. Nation, another prominent lecturer.

Among the musical attractions will be the St. Cecilia singing orchestra, composed of six members, Carmeliny and his fifteen piece band will be a rare attraction, two full concerts being given by this company. The musical novelty, "The Spirit of '76" will be given, the band being elaborately costumed in the stately styles of long ago for this occasion. Director Carmeliny is a leader of considerable note and was formerly cornet soloist with Liberati's band. Miss Lorraine Lee, a charming lyric soprano soloist, will also sing a number of operatic and popular selections, accompanied by the entire band.

The Ithaca male quartet will put on a program of music, fun and stunts which is guaranteed to make friends for the chautauqua.

The Davies Light Opera company of nine members will put on what is said to be one of the most colorful and tuneful of the light English operas, "The Mikado."

The lecture, "Shasta Daisies and Folk," given by Mae Guthrie Tongler, is reported to be one of the best lectures on the program. It is an illustration of how the development of a beautiful flower from an ugly weed can be and is often paralleled by the growth of human character. The lecture has its starting point in one of Luther Burbank's most beautiful evolutions.

Another entertainer of note is Elsie Mae Gordon, an impersonator. Her readings in the Italian dialect has won her much fame and many friends. Her program is varied, including life sketches from the Old South.

The Scott highlanders will put on a program that is the envy of all Scotch entertainers. One of the most interesting features of their program is Mr. Scott's interpretation of Harry Lauder and his well known songs.

Thomas McClary, an Irish humorist, has for his topic "The Mission of Mirth" and is reported to be one of the best on the program.

The program for the kiddies starts at 10 o'clock each morning and includes playground work, lots of new games and there will be a big pageant the last night. Stories by the "Chautauqua Lady" will also be a feature of this department.

It is felt by those who know the character of the work of this chautauqua that the coming of this organization for a week to Springfield marks the beginning of a new and greater growth in its community life. It is an opportunity for a liberal short course education, together with the best entertainment that can be crowded into six days. No one should miss the advantages of this event.

Miss Marjorie Machen left for Portland yesterday where she will visit for a time before going to her home at Kirby, Ore. Miss Machen taught in the high school here this year.

## FEATURES BEING WORKED UP FOR FOURTH CELEBRATION

A barbecue is to be one of the popular features on the program of Springfield's Fourth of July celebration to be held here July 3rd. The committees in charge of the different phases of the event are preparing plans for a number of excellent features and surprises. It is expected by those in charge of the program that this will be the greatest celebration ever put on by the town.

A twenty-five piece band and two orchestras will be here to entertain the people on that day.

A sterilizer for doctors' and dentists' instruments manufactured in Oregon by the Halvorsen Co. is sold throughout the United States.

## GAS SHORTAGE IS EXPLAINED

Present Scarcity Said to Be Result of Too Little Drilling Last Year.

In view of the present shortage of gasoline and its effect on all lines of industry as well as curtailing the use of automobiles for pleasure, an exhaustive article by C. R. Maybin, automobile editor of the Tacoma Ledger, is interesting and contains much valuable and reliable information. The article recently appeared in the Ledger and is here reprinted in part: Press reports and conservation propaganda regarding a possible acute shortage of gasoline have recently focused the attention of motorists. Because many persons are naturally fearful, and take fright on every possible occasion, dire rumors have been set afloat.

This is the age of oil. The industries of the nation, the pleasures of the people, the commerce of the land are dependent to a remarkable extent upon an adequate and low-priced supply of the oil which nature has placed in the outer crust of the earth.

The production of crude oil in the United States reached the gigantic total of 375,000,000 barrels in 1919, according to a statement of the United States bureau of mines issued on April 12 last. Also in 1919 there were used in the United States 456,000,000 barrels of crude oil, or 80,000,000 more than all the wells in the land produced.

The excess over domestic production was met by the importation of 50,000,000 barrels from Mexico and by the consumption of 30,000,000 barrels taken from our own reserve stocks.

These figures do not sound any too good. But let us turn for an instant to a bulletin of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, issued after a thorough conference between the Society of Automotive Engineers, the American Petroleum Institute and the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. After obtaining all the available facts, and hearing the opinion of experts, the following statement was made:

"1. The present shortage of gasoline is the result of too little drilling last year and is therefore only a temporary condition.

"2. The figures show that of the crude oil refined last year the gasoline from each gallon was 22 per cent. In the eastern section it was 22 per cent, on the west coast only 12 per cent and in the mid-west, where production is largest, 35 per cent of gasoline was taken from each gallon of crude oil. With the eastern and western fields using the cracking process, so generally used in the middle west, a great increase in the quantity of gasoline is assured.

"3. The talk of 50-cent gasoline is all nonsense."

The most significant statement of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce in its bulletin is that in the last 12 months the consumption of gasoline in the nation was less than production, despite the fact that crude oil production was less than consumption.

There is every reason to believe, from what the experts say, that cracking up the crude oil to get a larger gasoline percentage and additional drilling will produce more than enough gasoline to meet the needs of the nation for some time to come.

In that connection a recent interview with Joseph M. Cudahy, president of the Sinclair Refining company, the largest competitor of Standard Oil in the middle west, will throw additional light on the subject. "The situation is temporarily acute," says Mr. Cudahy, "but the public need have no fear of a gasoline famine because of new processes for the extraction of greater percentages of gasoline from crude oil."

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## SALVATION ARMY DRIVE ON TUESDAY

Springfield's Quota \$700; Committee in Charge Hopes to Raise All in One Day.

The campaign to raise Lane county's quota of \$7810 for the Salvation Army's peace time work is now on. The purpose of the present campaign, as explained by F. E. Smith, county chairman, is to provide for the home service budget of the organization. One of the activities to which the Salvation Army is now devoting itself wholeheartedly is the rescue of young men and women who would otherwise drift into criminal careers. The army is buying the old Bishop Scott academy property near Portland to turn it into a boys' and girls' training school. The property has been obtained for \$25,000, which is said to be far below its value. Here under careful supervision young men and women who have come under the notice of the juvenile courts will be sent to be trained in industry and citizenship, instead of being sent to state reform schools or such institutions. Support will also be given to a rescue home for young women and their babies. Relief workers and social experts now believe that work of this nature can be better done by the Army than by government institutions.

Springfield's quota for this fund is \$700 and John E. Edwards has been appointed as director for this section. He has secured a number of women to assist him in the soliciting. He believes that it will be very easy for Springfield to raise its quota, declaring that small subscriptions should come from the majority of the people of the town. The campaign here will be started next Tuesday, June 15, and it is hoped to raise the entire amount on that day. Mr. Edwards urges that every family make their plans at once as to how much they can contribute so that there will be no delay when the solicitor calls at the house. Don't forget, Tuesday, June 15. Be ready for this worthy work.

Three Catch Limit of Salmon. Bob and Jerry Van Valzah and Frank Fisher had exceptionally good luck Wednesday while fishing on the McKenzie river. They each caught the limit allowed of salmon.

## TRAINED FARMER FINDS BEST ROAD TO SUCCESS

Farm Surveys Show That Education Is Worth Many Times Cost of Getting It.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, June 9.—"The man with the best training for farming has the best chances for success in the business," says H. D. Scudder, chief of farm management at the college. "Surveys of farm earnings in a number of states show clearly that a good education is worth far more than it costs."

The reason cited by Professor Scudder for this fact is that modern farming is a highly complex business and a strictly competitive commercial enterprise.

In a certain representative township in New York state, where general farming was practiced, a record was obtained of the year's earnings on every farm in the township. The 573 farmers whose annual business was recorded, were classified into three groups—those who had attended district school only, those who had attended high school, and those who had attended college. The labor income was used as a basis of comparison of their business success in order to eliminate the direct effects of variable amounts of capital on earnings. The labor income is the net cash earnings of the farmer for the year after the interest on his total capital investment, as well as all operating and overhead expense, has been deducted. The record from this survey gave the following facts:

District school education, 398 farmers, labor income \$318.

High school education, 165 farmers, \$622 labor income.

More than high school, 10 farmers, \$847 labor income.

## LANE COUNTY PIONEERS WILL HAVE PICNIC NEXT SATURDAY

The Lane County Pioneers association will hold their annual picnic this year on Saturday, June 12, at Hendricks park, out from Fairmount, near Eugene. An all day meeting will be held, the picnickers taking their basket dinners. An interesting program has been arranged. Cyrus W. Walker of Albany, who is supposed to be the first white child born west of the Rocky mountains, will be one of the speakers of the day.

Oregon has a knitting mill that ships its product into all western states and two foreign countries.

## CLAIMS FARMERS UNDULY CRITICIZED

National Master Declares High Nervous Tension Reducing Country's Family Life.

The Oregon State Grange closed its forty-seventh annual session at Bend at an early hour last Saturday morning. The 1921 session will be held in Eugene. C. E. Spence, present master of the grange, stated that this year will be his last as head of the organization. Gifts were presented to Cynup Walker, retiring chaplain, and Mrs. Mary Howard, who had been secretary for 22 years. Newly elected officers were installed by W. J. Thompson, member of the national executive committee, and S. J. Lowell, master of the national grange.

In a speech before the meeting Mr. Spence said: "There never was a time in history when a day's labor would bring the laborer so much food as it will today, and yet there never was a time when the farmer has been so unjustly criticized as now."

"There is too much class criticism, too many are everlastingly accusing the other fellow of profiteering. There is a constant movement from the farm to the city, but the city man is free with the statement that the farmer is rolling in wealth. I wonder why the city folks don't come out and roll with us."

National Master Lowell said that "People do not realize their personal responsibility one to another, but they must accept this responsibility if the nation and the individual are

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## COMMUNITY STUDENT TO VISIT CHAUTAUQUA



W. H. NATION

The needs of a community are reflected in the needs of the country. You cannot have a country of slipshod, poorly governed cities and towns, and at the same time have a progressive country any more than you can have a community that is better than the average of its citizens.

The Chautauqua is preeminently a community activity and no program is quite complete without a day devoted to self study under the direction of a constructive critic. It is one thing to listen to criticisms that offer no remedy—most any one can tear down—but it is quite a different matter to consult with a keen observer who has traveled much, and carefully studied many communities.

Just as a doctor's knowledge is the result of study and observation, so are W. H. Nation's lectures the results of many conferences with community officers in every part of the United States.

Mr. Nation will lecture twice on the fifth day, constructively criticizing and counseling our audiences upon community problems.

## PLEASANT HILL PEOPLE WILL GATHER FOR ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual picnic of the residents of Pleasant Hill will be held there on Saturday, June 19. The committee in charge of the affair is planning a good program. A basket picnic dinner will be enjoyed at noon.



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