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THE CHAUTAUQUA HAS AN UPHILL PULL

The Chautauqua season in Springfield opened practically on time, Thursday afternoon, July 14; and closed on time, Tuesday evening, July 19; but the season's course was broken into by an extraordinary succession of accidents and hindrances. As will be seen by examination of the season's program, each group of "the talent," as they call them, was engaged for one day at each place; musicians, for example, for two appearances; and lecturers for one. On this plan, each group would appear at six different places while the season's program for Springfield was being rendered.

Bandon was the point where they appeared before Springfield; and the groups, as they came in one after the other, to perform their parts here, had to come over the Coos Bay and Eugene line, and they would be due in Eugene at 2:45 p. m.; so that if they reached Eugene on time, they could not be got over here in time to begin their part by 3 o'clock, the time scheduled. This difficulty had not been anticipated, and it began to show itself on the first day. The actual opening time was from 3:30 to 4 o'clock.

The train from the coast left Coquille at 7:25 in the morning; and each group, after appearing at Bandon the evening before, would have to be in Coquille with their baggage by that time. All sorts of difficulties, arising at that end of the line, prevented connections; so that several groups failed to appear at all, and these were some substitutions and some numbers presented out of time. On these accounts, it is impossible to give a fair report of the season's program in detail.

The first substitution was on the second day, when Wm. E. Thompson, who was to lecture on "The New Near East," a lecture which students of world changes no doubt would have been glad to hear, failed to appear. James R. Barkley, a very fine crayon artist, who, as we gathered from his running talk during his rapid sketching, had played a strong part in other lines of endeavor, took the place. We judge that the audience was reconciled to the change. Bland's Orch. and Band, which was to appear Sunday afternoon and evening, failed to arrive, and the Sunday program was a blank. The band, by some special arrangement, appeared Monday afternoon. Glenn Morris and company, who were to have appeared Monday afternoon and evening in "Popular Science Demonstrations" and "Wonders of Electricity," failed to reach us at all, greatly to the disappointment of many who were especially interested in that kind of studies. There was no program Monday evening. Booth Lowry, who was to have lectured that evening on "Simon Says Wigwag," lectured Tuesday afternoon on "Some Tolerably Good People."

The last day was the redeeming feature of the season. It was like snatching victory from defeat. The people were disappointed by the breaks in the program. They were uncertain how the guarantors were going to come out in the final settlement. Many were disposed to condemn the management; unjustly, in the main. The program for the day was fuller than usual. The Virginians, the negro jubilee singers, recited their numbers, and were highly appreciated. Mr. Lowry's lecture, carried over from the evening before, pushed Warden Botkin's lecture from the afternoon into the evening, which was just so much more than the audience had a right to expect. So the season closed with good feeling all round.

Mr. O. W. Reed, the superintendent of this course, won the good will of all he had to do with here by his brave struggle against adverse conditions beyond his control, and by his evident desire to deal fairly with the people. He offered, from the platform Tuesday evening, to refund to any of the season ticket holders who might apply for it an amount proportional to the shortage on the program. Nobody claimed it. The company had failed, through no fault of its own, to fulfill its contract. Mr. Reed shouldered the loss, and released the guarantors. The actual receipts that

NORTHWEST PEAR OUTLOOK BRIGHT

The first shipment of early California pears to Boston auctioned for \$7 a box and a similar shipment to Chicago brought \$8.50 a box. Later shipments in car lots brought from \$5.80 to \$6.50 a box. It looks good for the Northwest this year for that is the only section where the crop is near normal except in California when the prospects are gradually being reduced by hot winds and storms that have blown off the fruit.

The Medford district expects to ship about 250 car loads of pears and the Yakima estimates are in for 1600 car loads. Railroads are making preparation for the heavy crop and it is expected that there will be no car shortage this year. Oregon Growers Cooperative Association states that a high wind in the Sacramento valley has blown off about six or seven thousand tons of pears, making a reduction of nearly 30 per cent in that district which means a 10 per cent reduction of pear crop estimates for the whole of California.

This in conjunction with losses in Delta and Placer counties from hot winds will materially reduce the California yield which, earlier in the season, was estimated at 75 percent normal. The July report of the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Crop Estimates indicates that the pear crop in many states varies from failure to a half crop.

HOLSTEIN BREEDERS ON AN EXCURSION

A party of about seventy of the breeders of Holstein cattle, of Lane and Linn counties, made an excursion yesterday, in the course of which they visited a number of farms devoted in part to the breeding of Holstein cattle in this part of Lane county. The delegations from the two counties met at Coburg, and took a picnic dinner at a grove near there. Among the farms which they visited were those of our friend C. B. Swango, beyond Coburg, and of Myers and Blachly, east of Springfield.

Incidents like this give a refreshing flavor to life on the farm.

Claud Gardener and Miss Hazel Brattain were married in Eugene last Saturday evening. They will make their home in Eugene. Mr. Gardner has been carrying on a bicycle repair shop in Eugene. Miss Brattain is a daughter of E. E. Brattain, for many years residing on Camp Creek and in this city, now living on a farm near Cushman.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Montgomery returned today from McCredie Springs, where they have been rusticated for the past two or three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henderer spent a week of their vacation in motoring to Salem and Portland and also other places on the way.

would have been available for expenses was about \$500. We may be able to give revised figures on the company's losses next week.

Miss Frieda Close, the cashier, was here in the same capacity last year. Her home is in Portland. She found many friends here, both from her former work here and from her experience as a teacher down the valley.

Hon. J. D. Botkin, who gave the last lecture, has had a varied experience in public life. He has been in the Methodist ministry for fifty years. This included many years in the pastorate and one term as presiding elder in a Kansas conference. He took a superannuate relation only a year or two ago. His service in Congress and as warden of the Kansas penitentiary was sandwiched in with this ministerial service. His lecture was chiefly a consideration of criminal tendencies of the time and how to guard against them or deal with them, as drawn from the experience of a humanitarian prison warden.

Mr. Botkin, in private conversation, spoke of the preceding lecturer as "Judge" Lowry. So you see that some of these people are something more than mere fillers in a Chautauqua course.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Portland.—\$500,000 electric turbine engine added to P. R. L. & P. plant.

Klamath Falls has 150 acres of peppermint growing for oil.

Oregon federal taxes are \$25.50 per capita.

Logging resumed by the Smith-Powell Co. in Coos Bay.

Roseburg.—Operations being continued in Perdue mines.

North Bend.—Beuhner Lumber Co. to build large shingle mill at once.

North Portland to have \$250,000 harbor improvement.

Portland.—Japan ships chartered to take wheat to Europe. Vessels scheduled for July sailing to spend \$375,000 on repairs.

Bank of Prineville will finance dairy farmers.

Pendleton.—Farmers to rebuild burned warehouse at Myrick.

Mill City.—Hammond mill reopens after temporary shutdown.

Bend.—Pencil factory reopens.

Seaside Signal adds 18 by 40 foot building to its plant.

Siletz cheese factory resumes operations.

Portland.—37 per cent of Pacific Power and Light Co. employees are stockholders.

Wages in Lake county hay fields is \$2 to \$2.50 a day, and board.

Arlington wool pool of 250,000 lbs. sold at 14 cents.

St. Helens.—Sauvies island to have \$290,000 diking project.

Oregon wheat crop for 1921 to be 23,500,000 bushels.

Salem.—Work to start on \$50,000 Old Peoples' home.

Astoria flour mills ship 15,000 barrels of flour to Poland.

St. Johns.—15,000 ton drydock to be finished this month.

Portland gets \$30,000 building to handle 2000 cases eggs weekly.

St. John moving for a bridge across the Willamette.

Independence.—12 acres broccoli planted between hops brought \$4700.

Salem.—Work to start on \$130,000 boys industrial school on cottage plan. Present school to be home for drug addicts.

Canyon City school taxes are three times the state and county tax.

Baker to have overalls factory employing 12 persons August 1.

Beggs.—Retail price of lumber cut \$5 per 1000 feet.

Medford has a new daily and weekly.—The Clarion.

Sewer system planned for Gresham.

Bend.—Farm Products Company is building a modern market store, cream and cheese factory, packing and cold storage plants.

Salem.—300 tons of Royal Ann cherries shipped by Oregon Growers.

Work starts on new Reith road. Warehouse being constructed.

Lorane to have high school at cost of \$10,300.

Jesse R. Hinman, of Astoria, purchases Brownsville "Times."

Hood River meat market installs ten ton refrigerating room.

Road work progressing in Glend district. \$3300 bridge to be built.

Pavement to be laid at Van Horn, \$40,000 to be spent on Pige Grove and Odell projects.

Roseburg.—Dam to be constructed at North Umpqua hatchery.

Corvallis.—Eight miles of pipe to be laid to reservoir.

Crow to have new school house.

The gas industry consumes annually about 24 million barrels of crude oil and a proposed tariff would increase the price of this essential material and in turn would add to the living costs of 20 million people who depend upon gas manufactured in processes using oil.

Railroads faced with repairing and rebuilding 130,000 freight cars.

Demand for electric light and power is about one third greater than the supply.

M. Glickman, of Portland, has purchased the business of the Farmers' Exchange of the Director brothers, and has taken possession.

J. W. McDowell's Kansas friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jenkins and their two daughters, left Springfield yesterday morning for Portland and beyond, on the homeward end of their journey.

TOWN AND VICINITY

Mrs. Guy Redding, of Wendling, who was operated upon at the hospital on Tuesday of last week, is progressing finely towards recovery. She has been moved to the home of Mrs. Rouse, her nurse. The child, which was born at that time, is with some friends at Wendling. It is also doing well.

Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, dentist, Springfield, Oregon.

E. G. Metcalf, who has been in a Eugene hospital for about ten days, was doing well at last reports. It will be several weeks before he can be out.

William A. Leonard, of Portland, and Mrs. Margaret M. Duryee were married at the bride's home in this city Thursday evening, July 14. Rev. J. T. Moore officiating.

Springfield Taxi Service. Phone 2.

Mrs. E. V. Sneed and Sons have bought the retail feed business formerly carried on by E. C. Lyon and later by the Springfield Mill and Grain company, of which Mr. Lyon is now a member. Sneed now occupies the building lately occupied by Mr. Lyon with the combined grocery and feed stocks. The Mill and Grain company's business is now concentrated at the mill and the warehouse, and their feed business is exclusively wholesale, under the management of Mr. Lyon, whose headquarters are at the mill.

The Baptist people are preparing to make some considerable improvements on their parsonage: enlarging the porch at the front and giving the interior a general overhauling. Their pastor, Rev. B. C. Miller, who has been making his home lately at Creswell, will not move into the parsonage until these improvements are done.

Try our sodas, they are sodalicious at Eggmann's.

The Mountain States Power company furnished light and power to the city of Eugene, from its plant here, for a few days past, while some improvements were being made at the Eugene municipal plant near Walterville.

Lloyd C. Martin, cashier of the First National bank, is on a two-weeks vacation. He and Mrs. Martin left Eugene last Sunday for Bonner's Ferry, Idaho.

Cyr's sedan jitney. Phone 11.

A. E. Senseney and his daughter, Vera, went up to Oakridge by train Monday. They expected to go up in the mountains from there, establish a camp and range around for about a month. The restoration of Mr. Senseney's health is a prime object of the expedition.

Mr. and Mrs. James Laxton, their daughter Edwina and Dorothy Ditt went to Newport last Saturday for a week's outing.

Why should there be a "Silent Barrier" between man and woman. See the "Silent Barrier," at Bell, Sunday, July 24th.

Ferry Schunk, a railroad workman, had one of his forearms badly burned with hot asphalt, while engaged in work near Junction City yesterday. He was brought here for treatment.

Lowell Sikes had a finger badly lacerated while he was working on the highway near Lowell, the fore part of last week. Infection set in, and he had to come home the last of the week, and has been suffering greatly.

C. Olson, S. P. station agent here, has been on a vacation for several weeks. He and Mrs. Olson went on a fishing excursion to the neighborhood of Oakridge, took an outing at Newport later, and are now on a visit of a week or more at Portland and Vancouver, B. C.

Mrs. Ella Walker and granddaughter, Myrtle Harvey, left yesterday for Oakridge where they will visit for a month with the families of Will and Earl Walker, sons of Mrs. Walker.

The Mountain States light and power plant here is putting in a new electrically driven centrifugal pump, with a capacity of 750 gallons of water

NOTES FROM THE AUTO CAMP GROUND

A party of eight men and three women, from the officers' training camp at Corvallis, with a big army truck and a touring car or two and two army tents, were about the most unfortunate company we have met this season. They left Corvallis Friday morning. After a day full of accidents and hindrances, they turned into the Eugene camp that evening. Saturday morning, they came over to our camp and set up their tents. Part of the company went up the McKenzie with the big truck. Somewhere in the neighborhood of Leaburg they upset the truck and completely wrecked the top, but did not disable the running gear. The man who was driving had three ribs broken and was otherwise bruised, and his wife was considerably shaken up. The word went in to Corvallis that one man had been killed and others injured, and the major in command came up to see about it. The injured man and his wife and the injured truck were sent back to Corvallis. The remainder of the party broke camp here some time Sunday. Up to Monday evening, they were still up the McKenzie.

A family party consisting of a man and wife and two boys pulled in Saturday evening, for an over-Sunday stay. They were from Orland, California, and were on their way to Seattle, where they expect to spend several weeks visiting among friends.

Two parties were camped on different parts of the ground Monday evening. Both claimed Portland as their home, but they did not seem to have found each other out yet. One, consisting of a man and wife, had been down into Northern California, and were working their way back. The man's health seemed to be the chief motive of their journey. The other party, consisting of a man and wife, two little boys and a little girl, had been up the McKenzie river about two weeks on a fishing trip. They had spent about half of it near Foley springs and the other half about Belknap springs. They said there were tourists at the springs from about all the Pacific coast states and several states farther east. They found them rather an unsociable lot; apparently nearly all people who had plenty of money to spend, and not caring much for the companionship of anybody but the people about the hotels.

These later comers, like many who have been here before, praise our camp as among the best they have seen. One couple spoke of the Medford camp as the dirtiest they had seen. We get many good points from the experienced travelers about the care of a camp. One man said the entrance to a camp decides many tourists. If the camp looks inviting from the entrance, he drives in; if it does not, he passes on. Most campers appear to be conscientious about the way they leave the grounds. Some, of course, are careless. One man, this week, asked how he was expected to dispose of the garbage. We could not give him the information. Who can? Some camps are provided with garbage cans.

This will greatly increase the pumping capacity of the plant and better provide for emergencies. For some time past this plant has not regularly kept up steam in the latter part of the night, because it is cheaper to buy the juice of Eugene city plant whenever that plant is in a condition to carry the extra load.

The families of G. B. Larison and Richard Frost spent Sunday picnicking on the McKenzie near Jim Seavey's Ferry. Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Thompson are camping there for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Baker, of Brownsville, visited over last night with Dr. and Mrs. Emery, on their way to Marshfield, where they are going for a little outing. Mr. Baker was the proprietor of the Springfield flouring mill for several years, and is engaged in the same business in Brownsville.