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CHAUTAUQUA CONFIRMING IMPRESSIONS

With the Gresham Chautauqua's first program on Sunday those who filled the big tent awoke to a full realization of what a Chautauqua brings to the people of a community in the matter of intellectual food for the mind. The two days that have passed are confirming the first impression, and it is fully conceded that the effort has been worth the cost, and that the mental uplifting has been greater than its promoters had imagined to be possible.

Not many persons have heretofore had the opportunity of a full week of Chautauqua programs brought to their own homes, hence it was in that sense a novelty; but the novelty has now worn off and is being succeeded by a feeling of inspirational revelation that will remain as a helpful memory of an event that may be considered as an exceptional moral and spiritual treat.

Chautauqua opened with a welcome to the town of Gresham and its surrounding people by H. L. St. Clair, who introduced the superintendent, James L. White in a few brief remarks. Mr. White responded in an expression of gratification and explained the methods of conducting a Chautauqua. In his address he made the remarkable statement that more people attended Chautauqua in this country last year than had attended league baseball. There are now 4500 Chautauquas in the United States.

Mr. Ellison, who thirteen years ago was one of the two men who established the first circuit Chautauqua, was present on Sunday, but was too modest to appear before the audience.

Mr. White's remarks revealed the idea that because such gatherings are popular that such a condition is no sign of their worth. Chautauquas are growing and have reason to grow. In fact there are three reasons, he said.

Their social value brings people together. Their intellectual or educational values are far more firmly established than ever, and their inspirational value can never be measured. Chautauqua creates an incentive for greater things in life.

As to the programs that have so far been rendered not much can be said except that they have exceeded all expectations. They are beyond criticism, and when it is said that Gresham is listening to the best in music, oratory, debate and impersonation it is enough. We, of this community, are having the same talent with us that is being heard elsewhere, and the great Chautauquas of longer experience have had no better. Our six days' program will be the first six days at Gladstone. Those that follow there will be no better, although different.

Financially, the venture has cost the people of this vicinity something more than a thousand dollars; but that sum has been cheerfully paid for the week's entertainment and there are few regrets over the expenditure which has been small individually and fully worth it.

The remainder of the week will be taken up with the programs as heretofore published. Each succeeding day brings something newer and better and the interest will increase until the closing concert. Then the Gresham Chautauqua will be a pleasant memory, with a desire for its coming again with its social, cheerful, enlightening presence.

FAMILY REUNION AT CRANE FARM

A family reunion and gathering of friends was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Crane on Sunday last, about twenty persons being present. Besides the host and hostess there were their two sons, George and Fred, with the former's bride and her father, Mr. Hilberg. Others were Mrs. John Allesina, Dr. H. H. Hughes, Claude Clute, Mrs. Merriman, John M. Mann, wife and son, William Olney and wife, three young men by the name of Snyder, Mr. Lucas and Mrs. Greeney. A bountiful dinner such as Mrs. Crane knows how to prepare was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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FINANCIAL MEETING OF GUARANTORS

Following the Sunday afternoon program at the Chautauqua a meeting of the guarantors present was held to consider the present financial condition and take steps to provide for any deficiency. There were about forty of the guarantors present.

According to the terms of the agreement with the Ellison-White company five hundred dollars was to be paid on the first day of the session and the remaining five hundred dollars on the third day. Jas. L. White, who is superintendent of the local Chautauqua for the Ellison-White system, stated that the agreement was general in form, used for all their Chautauquas, which usually began on Saturday. On account of this session beginning on Sunday the initial payment would be deferred until Monday.

The secretary, Miss Durst, reported for the guarantors that nearly six hundred dollars was on hand in the bank from sale of tickets. There were a few who had tickets out not yet reported on. It was evident that the deficiency would be about three hundred and fifty dollars, which it would be necessary to raise in order to meet the obligations assumed by the signers of the agreement. There being about seventy signers, it was voted that each one be asked for five dollars in order to meet the present obligations. It was decided that any guarantor, in paying the five dollars, could get the value of the same in season tickets at the same rate for which they had been sold. As many wanted more tickets, it was thought this was a fortunate arrangement, and each one could get in tickets full returns for his share of the guaranteed amount.

In all the discussion, and the plans suggested to help out the local backers in meeting the deficiency, the Ellison-White representatives were very liberal and made concessions to the advantage of the local people.

Mr. White stated that more or less of deficiency was the general experience the first year. That it was rare the second and succeeding years; that out of 107 chautauquas of last year, 103 had signed up for this year with the company, which he thought was a good evidence of the satisfaction felt toward their system.

There seems to have arisen some misunderstanding in regard to the arrangements which has led to some local criticism. Some have claimed they did not know what they were signing for and that the agreement was misrepresented to them. Yet the seventy signatures of the guarantors are on the same sheet with the printed agreement which is short and explicit and easily understood by anyone who took the pains to read it. Moreover, several meetings were held at the library for all interested and the Outlook published the substance of the agreement.

The agreement states explicitly that each signer is liable for only his prorated share of any possible liability.

The local guarantors agreed to sell four hundred season tickets at \$2.50 each or be responsible for any deficiency. Doubtless all reasonable effort was made to sell the tickets and the sale was very gratifying considering all the conditions. It was supposed by many, though possibly not considered by all, that there would be a slight deficiency to make up and most of the signers felt glad to do their part toward getting a Chautauqua here that would bring an educational and inspirational uplift to the locality.

It should be stated that guarantors get twenty-five per cent of the daily admissions paid at the gate and something from the concessions. What this will be will not be known until the close of the session. It is believed that after all expenses have been paid there will be a rebate to the guarantors who have advanced money to meet the assumed obligations.

The company is fully doing its part for the success of the Chautauqua and there is no ground for criticism as to the quality of the talent furnished. Many have been heard to say following a lecture or entertainment, "That was worth the price of a season ticket."

And the best, it is said, is yet to come.

Witepskie Is Coming Back With Bigger and Better Orchestra

After Most Successful Season, Witepskie Is Coming to the Western Chautauquas For a Second Tour of the Pacific Coast



WITEPSKIE and his wonderful Hungarian Orchestra are coming back. Last year, when the matter of engaging the Royal Hungarians for the Chautauqua was under advisement, it was frequently intimated that such an offering would prove "caviare to the general" and as a Chautauqua feature attraction result in flat failure. It was thought that such a company of artists, better known for their concerts before the royalty and court ceremonials of Europe, the exclusive functions of the elite of our large cities would not prove popular with the masses.

However, it was decided that the standard set by western Chautauquas must be maintained. They were engaged. It was positively demonstrated that Chautauqua patrons not only appreciated the very best in music, but would not accept anything else. The multitude of requests for the return of the Royal Hungarians rendered their return engagement practically unescapable.

ALUMNI BANQUET MEETING APPROVAL

The alumni banquet in Regnev's hall Saturday night, June 17 will be an event long to be remembered by all who attend. Preparations for the affair have been in progress for several weeks past and it is with pleasure that those who have been devoting their time and energies to bringing about the first banquet by the Alumni association of Union High School No. 2, note the successful approach of the feast. A large number of tickets have been sold and there has been a good showing of interest in the affair. The banquet will begin promptly at 8 p. m.

The association has made reservations for eighty persons. Over seventy persons have secured covers and there are several covers yet which have not been taken. Any member of the Alumni association, or parent of a member or senior may secure one of these tickets up to Thursday night by notifying Chase St. Clair, and sending the remittance of seventy-five cents.

RUBY STOCK FARM WANTS GOOD HORSES

The Ruby stock farm, on the Base Line road, is a busy place these days. Mr. Ruby is collecting a large number of horses for the United States and France; also for shipment to Alaska where they will be put to work on the new railroad now building there.

Two carloads of horses are ready for shipment to Alaska tonight, via Seattle, where they will be transhipped. Mr. Ruby is advertising in today's Outlook for horses of several grades. His requirements are for animals about 15 hands high for the cavalry, and for railroad animals weighing somewhere around 1500 pounds.

Buying and shipping will continue all summer. Mr. Ruby went to Mollala yesterday in quest of horses and will scour the whole northwest for suitable horses to meet the demands.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Oliphant have had as guests during the past week B. H. Langworthy, Mrs. Snow, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anderson and daughter, Mildred, Miss Floy Langworthy, Miss Gumm, Ben and Rae Langworthy all of Newberg. All had a delightful trip up the Columbia River Highway on Saturday, going as far as Oneonta gorge.

Dancing at Becker's Hall.
A big dance will be given every Saturday night at Becker's hall, Corbett. Hardwood floor 59x69. Best of music. No improper conduct allowed. A dance will also be held on July 4, afternoon and evening. If

HONOR LUNCHEON TO ERNEST J. SIAS

The arrangements for the informal luncheon tonight in honor of Ernest J. Sias, the town builder, have been taking shape today and a good time is expected.

The plan is to serve a luncheon at the cafeteria on the fair grounds beginning promptly at 6 o'clock.

Members of the commercial club and their wives and any not members who will contribute anything needed for the tables or pay for a plate will be welcomed.

The club will furnish sandwiches and coffee and those coming are asked to bring strawberries or cream or cake. Mr. Sias is expected to talk to the club and possibly also Mr. Franzke, the afternoon speaker, will be present and speak.

The luncheon must begin promptly at 6 o'clock as the speaking is to be followed by a council meeting which has been called on the grounds and the program in the tent will begin at 7:30. Mr. Sias is to speak at 8:15 on "Town Preparedness."

Junior Chautauqua.

The Junior Chautauqua, under the supervision of Miss Joy Harmon, is proving to be a very popular attraction for the children. The meetings are held each morning, beginning at 9 o'clock. So far, fifty-five children have been enrolled. The King Arthur stories are told them which they will dramatize in a pageant on the platform on Friday afternoon. Following the pageant will be a May pole dance by the girls of the seventh and eighth grades.

The choice of king and queen was made by the children and resulted in the selection of Henry Karpenstein for King Arthur and Elizabeth Karpenstein for Queen Guinevere. The knights, who will be chosen during the week will make their own swords, helmets and shields. Prominent knights will be Sir Launcelot, Sir Hector, Sir Galahad and Sir Brune. The older girls will be the ladies of the court and will be the fair judges of the manly conduct of the boys in their games and adventures. The smaller children will be the maids and pages of the court.

Not for Sale Here.

The article about Postal Guides being for sale by the Government, stated that they would be for sale at the Gresham postoffice. This is a mistake but orders will be taken at the Gresham postoffice for these Guides if any one wishes, or else they can send direct to the disbursing clerk, Postoffice Department, Washington, D. C.

Bargains in the Want Ads.

TEN DISTRICTS WILL VOTE ON ANNEXATION

By reference to an election notice in today's Outlook it will be seen that there is to be an election on June 19th for the purpose of enlarging Union High School District No. 2 by the addition of five more districts making ten in all that will belong to the federation.

The five which have signed the petition to become a part of the union district are Boring, Orient, Lusted, Victory and Cedar. The union high district as it is now, composed of the five already in will also vote upon the question of annexation. Notices, similar to the one appearing in today's Outlook, have been posted in all the districts according to law.

Property valuations, which will be taxed for the needs of the enlarged districts, taken from the county assessor's report for last year, are as follows:

Gresham	\$1,370,715
Powell Valley	251,635
Lynch	411,755
Terry	379,035
Hillsview, estimated	80,000
Boring, estimated	500,000
Orient, estimated	500,000
Lusted	250,555
Victory	98,590
Cedar	220,250

Total \$4,062,635

The first five comprise the present union high district. Their total valuation is \$2,482,485. With the money to be raised from all of them combined, on a 3 1/2 mill tax, it will be possible to enlarge the school-house sufficiently to meet the needs of all the districts and carry on the school. Other districts will be required to pay tuition for their students coming here provided there is room for them. Unless there is room they will not be taken.

Efforts were made to induce Rockwood, Fairview and Troutdale to join but the efforts were unsuccessful at this time.

Valuations in three of the districts named above are estimated because one of them, Boring, is wholly in Clackamas county and the exact figures are not available. The other two are partially in the same county. The assessments for high school purposes will be paid over to the district by the Clackamas county superintendent.

On a 3 1/2 mill basis it will be possible to raise over \$14,000 yearly for maintenance; of that sum the present union district is now paying nearly \$8,000. The difference will give enough funds to enlarge the building and carry on the school, enlarged as planned.

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