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Canton Epworth Assembly 1904

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The Grand Army Encampment,
The State Firemen's Tournament,
The Adventists State Camp Meeting
And Famous Ball Games All in
Canton's 30 Day Jubilee.
It will be the Liveliest 30 Days in
the History of the State.

Superintendent Dobson of the Canton Interstate Epworth League Assembly has the program for the coming event almost completed, and has furnished the LEADER with a brief. A few important events are yet to be dated and the best program ever arranged in the northwest for the entertainment of the people will be given to the public.

June and July this year will see Canton in holiday attire entertained and entertaining. The first event will be the state encampment Seven Day Adventists which will be here from June 10 to 19. The annual meetings generally find from 700 to 1000 in camp, and the latter number will be at Canton, because of the advantages of Dobson Park.

FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.

On June the 23 the annual tournament of the state firemen will begin and continue four days. It is expected that the Canton tournament this year will see more firemen in line than at any annual meeting for many years, because the five boys like Canton and her people. There will be 1000 dollars put up for prizes by the state and the contests will make a very enjoyable exhibit of what the volunteers can do. Canton puts up \$500 in addition to the state money. After the firemen have had all kinds of fun and won all the prizes and ribbons and glory, they will depart for their several homes satisfied that there is no better town in the state than our beautiful little city on the Sioux.

GRAND ARMY ENCAMPMENT

Canton will just be able to get a good breath and more flags and bunting out when along will come the advance guard of the heroic heroes of 1861-5, who will own the city, June 28 to 30, and on the closing day of this historic event Mrs. John Alexander Logan of Washington, will join the heroes. Her husband was one of the best corps commanders developed during the bitter contest. He was fearless, dashing, able and a fighter and the boys loved him and they love his widow, because she has labored for the benefit of the veterans since the death of her noble husband. Mrs. Logan opens the Assembly in the evening with an address, and all the veterans will be there and everybody else who can get inside the auditorium. It will be a magnificent testimonial to that noble woman and to the heroes of the greatest war in history, and Canton will be in patriotic garb to honor her guests. It will be an event fit for patriotism and eagle birds, and the star spangled banner will float proudly over the rejoicing multitude. At the conclusion of the opening formalities and Mrs. Logan's address, Hinton White of Boston, the famous illustrated lecturer, will be present to entertain the audience. He is to be here for three days, July 1, 2, 4. Prof. White is far ahead of Roberson as an illustrated lecturer, and any man who can beat Roberson is easily the best in the country.

June 30 to July 6, Miss Doland and Miss Stevens, impersonator and soprano, stars of ten platforms. Hiawatha program, Danbar Recitals, costume entertainments and dilect songs.

July 2 and July 3, Dr. J. F. Berry will be present. He is secretary of the Epworth League and editor of the Epworth Herald, and is very likely to

The Parker New Era recently remarked that had Coe I. Crawford stated at the beginning of his campaign for governor that he would not, if elected, use the governor's chair as a stepping stone into the U. S. Senate, his campaign would not have been so difficult—words to that effect. No such announcement was necessary, brother. Had Mr Crawford simply announced his candidacy for the nomination subject to the will of the state convention, we believe no power on earth could have defeated him. It would have been possible for everyone to support in that case; but now he has made it impossible for anyone to support him who believes in the integrity and loyalty of Senators Kittredge and Gamble, Congressmen Martin and Burke, Chairman Crane and the host of other leaders who have fought successfully our party's battles in the past. We believe this is asking too much of anyone no matter how much we admire Crawford as a man.—Salem Special.

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he elected a Bishop in May. In the evening, on July 3rd, Dr. Bradley, President of the Iowa college at Grinnell, will preach, and those who have heard him say he is one of the ablest exponents of scripture in the country.

July 4, Senator Knute Nelson, the most prominent Scandinavian in America. He will deliver a grand patriotic address and his friends from three states will fill the auditorium and the park

July 4, 5, 6, the Old Homestead Male Quartet, best in the United States.

July 7, 8, and 9, Mr. Robertson of New York city will be present. He is the leading moving picture man in the world.

July 7 will be a great day. It is designated as Capital Day. At this time the champions of Mitchell and Pierre will meet in oratorical battle and present the capital city question for the consideration of the great crowd that will be present. The Pierre boomers say they will have their friends here by thousands, and the Mitchell boomers say they will have their friends here also by thousands, and it is quite reasonable to presume that Canton will see the biggest crowd of people ever assembled at one time in this state. The capital orators are not all decided now. All railroads will run special trains.

July 7 to 12, Wesleyan Quartet, the best on earth.

July 9 will be known as "Farmers Day." Hon. F. M. Greeley and Mrs. Laws will be present to talk to the farmers. Those who heard Mr. Greeley in Canton in February during the institute, say he is the best man they ever heard talk on farm topics. Mrs. Laws can entertain the ladies just as well as Mr. Greeley can the men.

July 10, Sunday, a noted Bishop will be present. Dr. Oldham of Chicago, will be present in the evening and a grand sacred concert will be given.

July 11 will be known as Democratic Day, and probably Senator Pettigrew or some other noted democrat will talk to the people. Dr. Green in the evening.

July 12 will be Republican Day, and during the afternoon some noted republican orator will be present. Congressman Martin says he will be one of the greatest orators in the country. His name will be known soon. Dr. Green in the evening, and after Dr. Green will come the closing jubilee.

There will be many other interesting features during the assembly, and the forenoon schools will be under the direction of the ablest instructors in the country.

Enough has been noted here, however, to convince any one that Canton's Assembly for 1904, will far surpass anything ever given in this state.

There will be ball games and other attractions between the beginning of the Advent camp meeting June 10 and the closing of the Assembly on July 12. There will be 30 days of solid pleasure and healthful entertainment, after which Canton will be ready for another breathing spell while the farmers jump into the harvest.

It will be a great year for Canton, and our business men have responded to every financial requirement with a liberality that is patriotic and commendable.

Mr. and Mrs. Geno Lorensen returned from their honey moon tour Saturday, and are now cooly at home in their residence here. Geno is so happy that you can see him smile when you call him up at Central, and we are glad of it, and hope he and his bride will always find their lives filled with joy, happiness, prosperity.

The boy and girl friends of Miss Clara Eckle were invited to a birthday party to celebrate Miss Clara's thirteenth birthday last Tuesday, March 22, at the palatial Eckle home near Moe. About forty of the young people came and the day was a regular festival of fun and frolic for these. A glorious dinner and a splendid supper were served the young guests and games galore were played and Miss Clara's birthday party will be long and joyfully remembered by her juvenile friends.—Hudsonite.

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CONGRESS TO THE RESCUE.

National Aid to be Refused
State Homes Where Pensions
Are Taken from Members.

Congress is determined that state soldier homes, where a canteen is run and the pensions of the old soldiers held up and issued to them in canteen checks, shall receive no aid from the National Government, and the taking of any part of an old soldier's pension for the use or benefit of a state home is denounced in measured terms, and Congress seems determined that the taking of pensions from old soldiers must stop. South Dakota was the last state to demand a part of the pension money earned by the old veteran in defense of his country and at the risk of his life. The taking of any part of an old soldier's pension is a crime against a helpless old hero who in youth stood for flag and country. In his old age full of rhenmatism which he contracted in youth in the army, he joins a soldier's home and there the heartless demand of a home board compels him to give up so much of his pension to help support the home or buy whisky which is sold to them through the canteen. The people of South Dakota did not ask that the old soldiers be deprived of a part of their meagre pension to support the home. The people of no state asked that the old soldier be robbed of part of his pension to support any state home. The great majority of the old veterans have sons and families grown up and are tax payers, then why ask the poor helpless old veteran to give up part of his honorable reward to satisfy a whim of men who have an idea old soldiers are not entitled to anything; if the state gives them a home they should not grumble or kick if they are robbed.

At the coming state encampment of the Grand Army, some action should be taken by the veterans to see that their comrades have justice done them. The amount taken in this state is not so much as in the eastern states where the poor old broken down and helpless victim of human greed is allowed to keep \$1 a month out of his pension, some states let him keep \$2, some \$4 and most of the states allow him \$8. South Dakota takes everything over \$12, and if he won't submit to this system of skinning he is fired from the home.

The writer is familiar with this system of robbing old soldiers, and had occasion to study the subject closely, being asked once for a paper on this question, to be read at a meeting of home commandants. We took the ground then and we take the ground now that there is no legal right to compel an old soldier to give any part of his pension to a home. If his old age and helpless condition compels him to submit to such unlawful extortion, then the act is nothing short of robbery. Call it what you may in defence of the cowardly crime, there is not one single argument in justification of the unholy act. The National homes takes the pension from veterans but only for safe keeping and when he is discharged he gets his money.

The people of South Dakota do not now and never did ask that the poor old soldier be robbed of part of his pension. Give it back to him. Let him feel that this honorable mark of service is not a dirty commercial deal. A pension is a sacred badge of honor, a badge no man should take away.

There is nothing on earth an old soldier loves more than that pension draft with the face of Sheridan upon it. When he is asked to divide it with people who were born since the war, he feels like rebelling, but he isn't able. He submits in silence with tears in his eyes, as he hands it over with a trembling hand. Shame. This infamous robbery of old soldiers must cease. It's a disgrace; it is a horrible evidence of the lack of patriotism among the old soldiers who are not compelled to seek a home yet. Why not stand up like men and defend their comrades now when they are not able to defend themselves. Congressmen Bell of California and Hemenway of Indiana, say that the taking of pensions must stop, and the directors of state homes will soon find government aid denied when pensions are taken from the members.

The canteen is a disgrace to any home where one is permitted. It robs the old soldier and keeps the undertaker busy.

The old soldier may not be good for much. He is helpless and unable to fight for his rights any longer, but for God's sake don't rob the old hero in the closing days of a proud memory.

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