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## GLEN ECHO CHAUTAUQUA.

THE OPENING COMES OFF ACCORDING TO PROGRAMME.

There Were Many Difficulties to Overcome and Some Things Went Contrary But on the Whole the Enterprise Promises Well.

Glen Echo Chautauqua was formally opened on Friday under the smiles of the sun shining down upon it a little too ardently to please ordinary mortals. But, notwithstanding that, it was a happy omen to inaugurate the People's University under bright skies. The electric railroad couldn't carry half the people who wanted to get out of the environs of the hot city into the cooler atmosphere of the hills. With the wise foresight that characterizes inanimate things, the power-house at the Glen Echo groaned in anticipation of big loads to carry and died a day or two before the opening just to prove what men are capable of in an emergency. They soon had a special agent bring over the requisite help from New York and reharnessed the electricity and once more set the cars a-going. Somehow, by dint of hanging on, some twenty-five hundred odd ticket-holders managed to reach Glen Echo, panting with the heat and a little put out, in time for the opening ceremonies.

By the time each man, woman, and child had got within the charmed circle of the gray stone walls of the finely proportioned amphitheatre and had begun to cool off they were each one put in good humor again with themselves and all the world. The great building was as cool as a cucumber, with the breezes creeping through it on all sides from the Glen over which it stands, and when the big organ pealed forth its wondrous tones of sweetness, all were prepared to enjoy the occasion. The organ in the amphitheatre is a great deal larger than it looks. It is in such a large auditorium that it is difficult to realize its splendid proportions. There are but two in the United States larger. The Music Hall organ in Boston is one, and the Celebrity, of New York, the other. But nowhere is there a prettier or sweeter toned instrument than the one at Glen Echo. It is thirty-five feet wide and fourteen feet deep and is run by the laughing waters of Minnehaha, the singing brook which sounds like falling rain at all hours of the day and night and runs under the amphitheatre.

There is fun in tent life at Glen Echo. The majority of people good enough to want to go to a Chautauqua for a few weeks' recreation have sense enough of the common sort to put up with temporary inconveniences, and to enjoy them in a way. Even if it is hot, or showers occasionally and if one finds it necessary to hold up an umbrella, while the awful thunders roll and the deluge pours, what's that but fun in disguise?

The amphitheatre was the only thing that was complete on the opening day, and that was radiant with flags and colors of all nations on flag-staffs, columns, or wherever the athletic decorators could creep or hold on long enough to tack a color up. There is an improvement in every line every day. Comfort and beauty are emerging from chaos. Little squads of people can be seen in the picturesque tents in the Minnehaha glades or in the Hall of Philosophy intent on organizing in the various classes for work during busy weeks to come, and four times a day there is something going on that is worth seeing or hearing in the amphitheatre free to all to enjoy. Indeed, if anybody has an idea that Glen Echo is filled up with cranks they are dismally wide of the mark. There is much to be learned and to be enjoyed there, and life in a tent is charming when it doesn't rain too hard.

Mrs. L. de F. Jennings' new striped parlor tent at Glen Echo has been named "Missouri" in honor of the State from which it came. There have been several ladies' meetings held in the tent. It is fitted up in Japanese style with bamboo furniture and pretty mats and fans, and is a convenient place. Mrs. Jennings received the first Glen Echo souvenir spoon on Monday as a gift. It was gotten up by Harris & Shaffer and is the finest workmanship with oxidized chasing on the handle, and a very fine etching of the amphitheatre in the bowl, and another of the Hall of Philosophy on the flat of the handle. It is a very handsome spoon, and was presented by the makers to Mrs. Jennings as a fitting tribute of regard and esteem for a woman who made the suggestion of the Glen Echo Chautauqua to its founders.

Miss Fannie Compton, of New York, who is a fine performer on the guitar, reached Glen Echo on Monday evening. She will form a school for the season.

Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Stowell are living in a tent on Faculty avenue. Mrs. Stowell will organize a faculty avenue. Mrs. Stowell's prettiest ornament is her bright little girl. Mrs. Stowell was professor of botany at Ann Arbor University for twelve years.

Peter von Fonkestein Mamreev is a native of Palestine, but of Slavonic origin. He is a fine, portly gentleman with a pleasing address. He is accompanied by as much baggage as a lady making the tour of the watering places. It only takes eight trunks to carry Mr. Mamreev's effects, but they are not for himself alone, but to dress up thirty or more other people who will pose for illustrations of Oriental life during his course of lectures.

There are three bells at Glen Echo which ring out the hours for the opening of a new programme.

Mrs. J. Ellen Foster will reside at Glen Echo in her comfortably-appointed tent for two weeks. She has named her thoroughfare Faculty avenue. She indulges in such appointments as brass bedstead and India mats, with rugs and brie-a-brac.

Miss Alice Raymond, who played the cornet with the Marine Band on Tuesday at their concert in the amphitheatre, is a handsome young woman, and she blows a silver horn



## THE CLOSE (?) SEASON IN ALASKA.

COLUMBIA, (The Gem of the Ocean,) and BRITANNIA, (who rules the wave,) simultaneously: "My dear, we must really do something to protect this poor fellow, or the first thing we know, we won't have any seal-skin sacsques."

with exquisite taste and much musical expression. Besides, while doing it, she makes a pleasing impression from her grace of motion. Miss Raymond will appear with the band on several occasions before the season closes.

Mrs. George M. Compton and Miss Compton are living in a tent at Glen Echo for a short time.

### Notes From the Glen.

There are haunted places everywhere to be seen by those who have eyes for ghosts. There is a tent at Glen Echo with the cheerful device of a skull and cross-bones over the doorway, and under it is inscribed: "This tent is haunted." A Herald reporter poked his head into the crack between two string ties and said: "By whom, pray?" A saucy voice within cried out: "By three true-blue country jays, of whom I am one, stranger. Depart, before I materialize!"

Giuseppe Vitale, the violinist, gave a most artistic display of his ability to handle the bow at yesterday morning's concert.

The art department has opened up under canvas on the site where the art building will stand. Professor J. Liberty Tadd is the director. It will embrace drawing, designing, clay modeling, wood carving, with out-door classes and study work, and decorative and figure work. The school of physical culture has been opened by Dr. Symes; the Delsarte school by Miss King, and the business college by Professor and Mrs. Spencer; while a Latin school and school of mathematics have opened on the other side of Minnehaha stream.

The electric lights flashed out for the first time on Friday night.

The projectors of Glen Echo, Messrs. Baltzley, say they did not contract for a rainy June, but that this showery spell probably occurred by Uncle Jerry getting the water buckets intended for other regions so full they slopped over here.

Board walks obviated all necessity for walking in the mud after the heavy rains, and all along the electric railroad wherever a change of cars was necessary a tent and dry seats were provided for waiting passengers.

Major Powell's Saturday morning lecture at 10 o'clock was moved on to the afternoon at 4 and Leon H. Vincent substituted a very able lecture on Thackeray. Mr. Vincent's literary course is well worth hearing. On Monday he will discourse at 4 p. m. on George Eliot.

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### DAINGEROUS BOMBS.

Latest Device of the Small Boy to Destroy Himself and Others.

"The small boy is with us once more," said a resident, "to remind us of the approach of the glorious Fourth, and the torpedo he has with him this year is in the shape of a giant bomb that gives one the idea that murder is being committed in the immediate vicinity whenever one of them is exploded. The toy pistols which were the cause of a number of cases of lockjaw among boys a few years ago and whose sale was prohibited by the Commissioners, were dangerous enough, to be sure, but these big bombs are dangerous not only to the boys, but they cause runaways and seriously disturb sick and nervous people by the loud explosions and so on." Yesterday morning a small boy set off one of these bombs in a back alley near Eleventh and O streets, and immediately there was a screaming and yelling in the alley which caused everybody near by to rush to the spot supposing that some one had been killed. Then it was found that a colored boy, who gave his name as Johnny Townley, about 10 years of age, had set off a bomb "to scare de chilluns," but he let go of it too late and his hand was painfully burned. There was an impromptu mass-meeting on the sidewalk and it was unanimously resolved that the sale of these dangerous bombs should be stopped.

### Thieves With Peculiar Fads.

There seems to be classes of thieves who have particular "fads." A man has just been convicted in the Police Court for stealing carpenters' tools. It was only a month or so ago that he was released from the penitentiary to which he had been sent for a term for stealing similar articles. Other thieves make a specialty of stealing clothes only, and so it goes. But the meanest thieves are those who make a practice of removing flowers from the graves in the cemeteries. As a rule this sort of thieving is done by women, and it seems to be the result of a veritable mania. The superintendents of all the cemeteries complain of such robberies, but in only a few instances have they been able to detect the offenders and bring them to justice. One such case occurred during the week in the Police Court, and the accused was let off with a nominal fine.

Why do I drink Tannhauser beer? Because it's the best in the market.

### RECALCITRANT CONSTABLES.

A Lawyer's Complaint About Delays in Returning Writ.

"The constables seem to be as much of a law to themselves as ever," said lawyer Duhamel the other day. "Now I will give you a case. Some months ago I brought suit before Justice L. J. O'Neil in the case of Jacob Lefo against Heyman Speer. There were six executions issued to Constable George Gibbons. The constable made the levy upon the goods of the defendant, and the goods were replevied; but no return has ever been made to the magistrate of any of these six writs. Under the decision of our courts there is no power invested in magistrates to compel constables to make returns of writs. And it is easy to see how great the detriment this state of affairs is to business interests. The Supreme Court of the District alone has exclusive jurisdiction over constables, and the only way a complainant can have his satisfaction when the constable withholds the writ of execution is by applying to the Supreme Court for a rule to show cause. The action of many of the constables has become a crying evil. This is not the only case by any means. It has become almost a universal custom for constables to retain in their own possession writs of execution instead of returning them within twenty days to the magistrate's office, according to the law."

### A Pleasant Event at the Post Office.

The usual monotonous routine work of the city post office was broken on Thursday in a very pleasant manner. A few weeks ago Mr. Arthur Shyrook, of the letter case, quietly went off and married one of Washington's best-known public school teachers, and his companions of the case got together and purchased a magnificent clock to present to him. The clerks invaded his sanctum and Orator Charles Wetzel in well chosen language told Mr. Shyrook of the esteem his fellow clerks had for him and the hope that his future life would be as regular as the clock they now presented him with, and that it would never fail to tell him out of bed at 5 in the morning. Mr. Shyrook in a few pleasant words thanked the boys for the gift, and then all took tea water together and the old routine was resumed.

Northwest Alexandria, Washington's hand-somest suburb, 60 daily trains, 12 minutes' ride, 6 cents fare. A. M. Gorman, manager, 608 Thirteenth street northwest.

## THE LOCAL STOCK MARKET.

ANOTHER DULL WEEK WITH PRICES TENDING DOWNWARD.

Dealings in Gas Stock Favor Buyers—A Good Market for Gas Bonds—District 3-65's Lower—Metropolitan Railroad Stronger—Belt Line Depressed.

The business in local stocks last week was exceptionally small and featureless. In Washington Gas stock the tendency was in favor of buyers. On Monday 35 shares sold at 44, and on Friday 25 brought but 43. This is a favorite investment, and, as it will yield about 4 1/2 per cent. on its present market price, and every few years can be relied upon for an extra benefit in some form, is more likely to advance than to recede in price. The price of convertible Gas bonds continues to be well maintained. For \$1,300 134 was paid. At the close the lowest offering of Gas stock was at 45, and the lowest offering to sell the convertible bonds was at 136. For Gas scrip, exchangeable into convertible bonds, 134 1/2 was paid for \$150 worth.

District 3-65 bonds appeared to be depressed. A short time ago they were bringing 117. Last week, although the August interest is but little over a month off, \$2,000 of these bonds sold for but 115.

In U. S. bonds the only sales were \$350 4's at 118 1/2 and \$100 4's at 99 1/2. The only other sale of bonds was of \$1,000 second mortgage Light Infantry 7's, at 101 1/2. Although these are a second mortgage security, from the fact that the property is believed to be ample to cover both trusts and that the seconds pay 7 per cent. they are growing in favor.

There is some inquiry for Metropolitan Railroad stock, but transactions are limited by the small offerings. But 10 shares were sold last week. It brought 114. The buyers seeking this stock are trying to get it cheap by making low bids, from 110 down to 102, but on Saturday the registered offering to sell was at 120. The usual dividend on Metropolitan was declared for the quarter ending June 30 proximo, and the books closed on the 30th as customary. The bonds which the Metropolitan Company proposed to issue at par, bearing 6 per cent. interest, to run ten years, convertible into stock at 100 after the expiration of one year, were subscribed for twice over. Complaints were heard that, as the bonds were to be issued in thousands only, and to be allotted according to each individual's holdings of stock, no provision would be made for the small stockholders, but when the allotments came to be made it was found that the little people had fared the best, for no subscriber was ignored, but every one seeking to invest was allowed to take a thousand-dollar bond at par. Now that the Metropolitan Company has made arrangements to pay for its further improvements without depending on earnings, it is quite probable that before many months dividends somewhat commensurate with the large profits of this company may be declared. During the last five or six years it is estimated that about \$500,000 of the earnings of this company have been expended in betterments.

The depression in Belt Railroad stock still holds on. For 25 shares on Friday but 43 1/2 could be realized. The closing bid was 38 and 43 the lowest offering. The directors of the Belt Line announced a quarterly dividend of 50 cents, payable July 1, the books to be closed after June 20.

The sales of Eckington Railroad stock last week were 20 shares at 49 1/2 and 10 shares at 46 1/2. The closing bid was 45, the offering to sell at 48.

The only sale of bank stock last week was of West End, 10 shares of which were allowed to go at 100. The closing bid was 99 1/2, the offering at 102.

The sales of insurance stocks were unusually light last week. For 100 shares of Commercial 4's was paid. For 3 Migs 8 was paid. The same lot later brought 8 1/2.

The only sale of trust stocks last week was of Washington Loan and Trust. Five shares brought 96 1/2, and 20 96.

The Washington financiers and bankers are much gratified at the growing ease in the money market of New York, regardless of the heavy shipments of gold from that centre, aggregating in the past few months nearly sixty-three millions. The statement of the clearing-house banks betokens almost a plethora of funds during the summer. The following is the statement in detail for the week:

Reserve, increase.....	\$5,087,400
Loans, increase.....	3,155,110
Specie, increase.....	4,877,800
Legal-tenders, increase.....	3,642,900
Deposits, increase.....	11,332,500
Circulation, increase.....	84,400

The banks now hold a surplus of \$16,172,000. This is considerably more than the national banking act requires them to hold as a reserve.

There were no sales of Graphophone stock last week. From the way this stock is constantly offered down by those who manifestly do not wish to sell it, the conclusion is gaining ground that there is still a short interest in this security and an attempt to bid it up would soon develop a disposition to buy by those now apparently desiring to sell. There is nothing new in Graphophone matters. The improvement of the machine is nearing completion.

### For Good Hope Church.

Good Hope Baptist Church, Charles County, Md., will benefit handsomely by the concert and literary entertainment given at McCauley's Hall, Capitol Hill, on Friday night. Those who took part were Miss Anna Baptista, Miss Blanche Mattingly, Mrs. Nannie Colten Chunn, Miss Emma E. Sauter, Messrs. C. L. Howser, E. F. Droop, C. F. Crosby, Frank A. Swartwout, A. D. Rice, Frank S. Browne, and James Watson. Miss Sauter's rendition of "Ben Hur's Chariot Race" in Roman costume, deserved the hearty encore it received. Mr. Browne's recitation of "Hunting a Mouse" well merited the vociferous applause which called forth "How Ruby Played," which was perfectly rendered. By special request Mr. Browne also gave "Jim Wolfe and the Cats," to the amusement of all.