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FARMER BEN'S COLUMN

The state repub convention worked out a good set of candidatures for state office and they all will be elected. The steel trust knocked out Justice Lewis but they'll find that the substitute for his place, Judge Brown of Luverne, has got the right stuff in him to be firm for the right. The milk and water platform would make a hog puke it's so thin. It makes a big boiler on what there's no question about, conservation, good roads, emigration, right of labor and such. But when it comes to the nasty iniquity of the Payne tariff which is a mill stone round the neck of the common people the platform says nothing in spite of the fact that every congressman from Minnesota except Tawney voted against it. On the temperance question it straddles so you can take it any way. So it goes. Wisby washy stuff. In the office nominations, the political machine got badly knocked out as it ought. The wire pullers found the bulk of the country delegations hard bitten and impossible to control and dictate to.

Mower county as usual didn't get a smell. The cut and dried county convention had the steam roller running from primary to the last turn and the same old fool game was played and nothin' doin' for this county. Somehow we get it in the neck right along. We've never sent to legislator anybody that could land one state institution in this county or even get an appropriation to compare with other counties. The same old bunch of managers here have got the county democratic on state election lately for the first time in our whole history yet the same gang turns up at every convention and dictates who the delegates shall be and who shall be permitted to run for county and city office. Up to the state convention Mower county seemed to vote on the losin' side on every prop where there was a division. This thing is going to be changed one of these days. The present gang of bloodthirsty managers will be cleaned out by the indignant rank and file of the party that believe in rotation in office and a square deal for all.

Jim Hill is all the time talkin' about the congestion of traffic in the big centres and is tellin' of the millions of dollars that must be spent on terminal improvement and enlargement to accommodate the crowdin'. It's all nonsense to Farmer Ben and the railroads are to blame for the congestion. I never could see why it wasn't more for their benefit to encourage the buildin' up of industries in the small cities all over and so distribute business by givin' even rates instead of makin' prohibitive tariff rates to the small cities and haulin' stuff to the centres for practically nothing. Spose that all these years the railroads had giv' Austin and Albert Lea and Owatonna an even chance with Minneapolis on rates we could have built up fine manufacturin' centres that would avoid the present congestion in Minneapolis. But insted the railroads have done all they could to kill all manufacturin' outside of the biggest centres. Hence the congestion. There is no sense or reason in it.

The insurgent repubs in congress have saved the party from the pitfall of standpat legislation inspite of the schemin' of Aldrich, Cannon and their lickspittles. But you'd think now that it was all over that actually the hidebound trust agens had won the victory of what the insurgents compelled to be done. We've gained a good deal in a way. When a congressman wants now to get a deservin' bill before congress old Cannon can't any more suppress it by his personal dictation in committee. We've got a sort of railroad bill with some of the worst features knocked out and it looks like the progressives was in the saddle. The iniquitous Payne tariff that Tawney voted for is still a millstone round the neck of the consumer and every man that votes for Tawney agen is simply votin' to endorse this business. Wait till the people get thoroughly aroused to their real interests and Tawney and a lot of such will go into the dump so quick they won't know what awaited 'em. What has Tawney ever done except for himself?

My paper tells of another fake investment scheme showed up by the authorities in which Minnesota folks have dropped a cool hundred thousand of their good money in United Worthless securities that ain't worth the paper the stock is printed on. It does beat

all how many suckers are born in a minit. Some of 'em work hard and srimp and save for years and then throw it away in wild cat investment schemes put up by designin' scamps who can afford to ride in automobiles from the profits derived out of the suckers they catch. I never bit on these bogus stock games. The more they promise the more I shy at 'em. There's money to burn just waitin' to take up any legit prop' that is a money maker. No need of hawkin' the really good investments over the world. But somehow human natur is such that it won't invest a dollar to help out a most worthy home project that you can see and know of while it will let out millions to strangers on a bum prop a thousand miles off.

I can't see what a clean white girl wants in marryin' a Chinaman. Up to Waterville the other day it looked like there was goin' to be somethin' doin' in the way of a kid gal under age givin' herself away on a heathen Chinese. It ain't sayin' that the Chinese want all right in his place and all that only that the mixup is bad. Out to Seattle a while ago a white American gal married a Chinese agenst her folks and she thought it was goin' to be just honey but it wasn't and she got so disgusted that she giv' him a divorce. I never was much in mixin' up in this marryin' business whether in religion or nationality or any way else. There's no good comes of it. That Waterville gal's dad sat down on the prop for his gal to marry the Chinese and she had to cut it out until she's of age at least and then it's to be hoped that she'll develop a leetle sense and pick a American of her own grade and tie up to him and ever more liv happy. China women for Chinamen and Yankee women for Yankees.

FARMER BEN.

The Rural Delivery Man

"That he is a public benefactor is undoubtedly true," says Bertha Poole Weylin Woman's Home Companion for July. "But his usefulness would be immeasurably increased if he were allowed to extend his business. People who live on the country routes would joyfully welcome a chance to send and receive packages by the rural carriers if the Post-Office Department would charge only a reasonable rate for the service. Under the present postal law it costs eighty cents to send five pounds of rice by a carrier from the village post-office and general store to a customer living on a rural route, though for six cents the same package can be sent to England or any of twenty-nine foreign countries. Is it strange that fifteen million people carry their own parcels back and forth to town and the Rural Free Delivery has an annual deficit?"

"This deficit is not small. There are 38,215 routes which average annually \$130 in receipts and \$350 in expenses. This means a net loss of \$720 per route or a total loss of \$27,514,800. Quite a big price for failure to adopt ordinary business methods.

"Several plans have been suggested to obviate this annual deficit. A special rate might be made for the rural service, five cents for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound up to eleven. Provision may be made for carrying, at special rates, packages originating on the line of the special route, as on an average trip a carrier handles but twenty pounds of mail with facilities for handling five hundred pounds. All this could be done without any increase in expenditure, and it is estimated that the increased grocery trade alone would cover the dreaded \$27,514,800 deficit.

"Consider what this increase in trade would mean to the country store. It would bring to its doors customers from a radius of twenty and thirty miles, it would reach the needs and purses of, on an average, four hundred and fifty people to a single delivery route, and, if you count all the routes, fifteen million men, women and children, the number that the Parcels Post of the Rural Free Delivery would benefit. Does it not seem as though they should be considered?"

Peerless Flour Mills

Beginning Monday, April 25th, we will sell everything in our line from the mill at wholesale prices, regardless of quantity.

Peerless Flour in 49 lb sacks, per sack	\$1.35
White Rose Flour, in 49 lb sacks, per sack	1.25
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Kansas Patent, in 98 lb sacks, per sack	2.50
Corn Meal in 10 lb sacks, per sack	20c
Graham Flour in 10 lb sacks, per sack	25c
Farina in 10 lb sacks, per sack	30c
Whole Wheat Flour in 10 lb sacks, per sack	30c
Bran in bulk, per cwt.	1.00
Middlings in bulk, per cwt.	1.10
Ground Feed (corn & oats) per cwt	1.20
Oil Meal in sacks, per cwt.	2.00
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OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Austin 1910 Chautauqua Program—Announcement of Events Which Occur Daily

Chautauqua opens Saturday, July 9, closes Friday, July 15. Superintendent, T. F. Graham; Morning Lecturer, O. E. Behymer.

DAILY SCHEDULE

King Arthur Court ... 9:00 A. M.
Morning Lectures ... 10:45 A. M.
Afternoon Music ... 2:30 P. M.
Afternoon Lectures ... 3:00 P. M.
Extra Lectures ... 4:30 P. M.
Evening Concerts ... 7:30 P. M.
Evening Lectures and Entertainments ... 8:15 P. M.

SATURDAY, July 9th

Afternoon
Important announcements at the opening of the Chautauqua and Music by the Kirksmith Orchestra.
Lecture: "Why," Dr. Mattison W. Chase.
Organization of King Arthur Court for boys and girls. Every boy and girl between six and fourteen in Mower county is invited to take part.

Evening
Concert: Kirksmith Orchestra
Special Entertainment: An Evening of Rare Fun, Miss Evelyn Bargett.

SUNDAY, July 10th

Afternoon
Concert: Royal Italian Guards Band, Sig. Pasquale Ferrante, band master.
Sermon Lecture: "Boys—Young and Old," F. D. Hopkins
Evening
Concert: Royal Italian Guards Band.
Popular Lecture: "The Ministry of Laughter," William A. College, D. D., F. R. G. S.

MONDAY, July 11th

Forenoon
King Arthur Court.
Lecture: "The Meaning of Poetry," O. E. Behymer.

Afternoon
Concert: Lady Entertainers' Quartette.
Popular Lecture: "Sunshine" Dr. A. A. Willetts.

Evening
Concert: Lady Entertainers' Quartette.
Lecture: "A Message from Kansas," Ex-Gov. Edward W. Hoch.

TUESDAY, July 12th

Forenoon
King Arthur Court.
Lecture: "The Nature of Tragedy," O. E. Behymer.

Afternoon
Concert Recital: Ruthven McDonald, the Canadian Baritone.
Popular Lecture: "How Napoleon Won," Lee Francis Lybarger.

Evening
Concert Recital: Ruthven McDonald, the Canadian Baritone.
Illustrated Lecture: "The Story Beautiful," Rev. Patrick J. McCorry, Paulist Missionary.

WEDNESDAY, July 13th

Forenoon
King Arthur Court.
Lecture: "Shakespeare and the Elizabethans," O. E. Behymer.

Afternoon
Concert: Bohumir Kryl and his Band.
Evening
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THURSDAY, July 14th

Forenoon
King Arthur Court.
Lecture: "Romanticism in Literature and Life," O. E. Behymer.

Afternoon
Concert: Fox Sisters' Orchestra.
Popular Entertainment; Tickers and Trickers, Strickland W. Gillilan.

Evening
Concert: Fox Sisters' Orchestra.
Lecture: Senator Thomas P. Gore of Oklahoma.

FRIDAY, July 15th

Forenoon
King Arthur Court.
Lecture: "The Greek Spirit and the Moderns," O. E. Behymer.

Afternoon
Concert Recital; Lee-Lathrop-Fullen-Wilder.
Lecture: "The New Patriotism," Cong. Irvin L. Lenroot, of Wisconsin.

Evening
Concert Recital; Lee-Lathrop-Fullen-Wilder.
A Special Entertainment; Mystery and Mirth, Floyd, Magician, assisted by Mohalah, Telepathist

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is how to make herself attractive. But, without health, it is hard for her to be lovely in face, form or temper. A weak, sickly woman will be nervous and irritable. Constipation and Kidney poisons show in pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. But Electric Bitters always prove a godsend to women who want health, beauty and friends. They regulate Stomach, Liver and Kidneys, purify the blood, give strong nerves, bright eyes, pure breath, smooth, velvety skin, lovely complexion, good health. Try them. 50c at K. O. Wolf's Drug store.

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We went through our entire stock of Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing and have reduced the price to less than the cost of manufacture on all small lots and odds and ends. These reductions apply to some of the very best goods in the house.. Baron Clothing included. During this sale you can save from 35 to 50 per cent on your purchase.

25 per cent off on all Men's and Boy's Oxford shoes.

GEORGE HIRSH

A MUSICAL TREAT.

Chautauqua's Musical Development. The Kirksmith Orchestra One of the Best. Rich and Varied Programs.

The development of musical taste has been by no means the least of the triumphs that will be credited to the past twenty-five years of our country's achievements. Up to that time, especially in the strictly rural districts, the "fiddle" was the only instrument, and was played usually by some neighborhood youth who did not know a musical staff from a bass cleff. The "tunes" of that day were Grey Eagle; Forked Deer; Arkansas Traveler; Devil's Dream; Jennie Get Your Dumplings, etc.

The modern Chautauqua has made these old tunes a joke. In the most rural settlements there is to be found an abundance of cultivated musical taste. The people are getting to be more and more discriminating. Nowadays music must be exceedingly well selected and well rendered to meet the popular demand.

Among the best of the many musical companies appearing upon the Chautauqua platform is the Kirksmith Orchestra. This unique musical organization is composed of six sisters. In addition to the strong family resemblance to be seen in their faces these young ladies have each become artists with their several instruments, and these twin factors combine to produce the best balanced orchestra imaginable.

With programs ranging to the extremes of legitimate taste, ensemble, quartette, trio, duette and solo selections, and a degree of perfection seldom attained in the matter of execution, these charming young ladies have played themselves into the hearts of the people wherever they have appeared.

We are pleased to note that the Kirksmith Orchestra is the first musical offering at our Chautauqua. They will make the first day a big day.

Newspaper For Trade.

I have a good newspaper plant in a good county seat town for trade for good land. Write at once, giving description and price on land. A. A. THEILE, Emmetsburg, Iowa.



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