

### CHAUTAUQUA WELL ATTENDED

The chautauqua came to a close Tuesday night with a program from the Hawaiians, under the management of the famous "Bill" Ellis. From the first number to the last the big tent was crowded at each number, and we believe the management of the Redpath-Horner company is willing to swear that Liberal is the best chautauqua town of its size on earth. The first number was interrupted when about half through by the blowing of the fire whistle, which claimed the attention of nearly the entire audience, but the others went through without a hitch and were seemingly enjoyed by everyone who heard them. The train Monday afternoon was several hours late, necessitating the "doubling up" of the afternoon and evening programs. We were unable to attend that number but understand from those who did that it was the best three and a half hours' entertainment ever given in the town. That was the evening of the lecture of Dr. Gordon on "Six-Cylinder Living," and we have heard it spoken of as the leading number of the entire chautauqua. In another column you will find a special write-up of Dr. Gordon and his lecture. That the chautauqua as a whole seemed to give satisfaction is witnessed by the fact that a meeting was held after the last number was completed, supplemented by another meeting by the chautauqua committee of the Chamber of Commerce a day or two later, at which it was decided to buy a seven-day course for next year. This was done in order to get the superior talent that goes with the seven-day contract, and you can bank on something out of the ordinary for next year. The price paid for this season's course was \$1,000 flat, and the larger contract calls for \$2,000, but will be well worth the difference in the talent that goes with it. Over \$800 worth of tickets were sold by the business men this year which, together with the gate receipts, brought the total to about \$1,500, leaving a balance of about \$500 to apply on next year's contract, and raising the balance by selling tickets and cash gate receipts is figured as being an easy job.

### A SMALL BLAZE

The fire alarm sounded Friday afternoon and a hurry-up run was made by the fire apparatus to the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lane, in the east part of town, where one of the outbuildings was found to be on fire. The fire was caused by children playing with matches. The fire was confined to the one building and was soon put out, but had it not been for the prompt response of the fire wagon and crew it could have spread rapidly to adjoining buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Newby and family visited friends and relatives in Bucklin the first of the week, returning home Wednesday. Mr. Newby looked after the threshing of his wheat crop while gone.

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Friday, August 18, and Sat., Aug. 19

For some seasons past we have had a special representative of Kahn Bros. of Chicago and Louisville make special arrangements with our Dalhart, Tex., and Guymon, Okla., stores, and it has met with such a marked success that this season we have made this special arrangement for Liberal. This special representative is experienced and well skilled in the art of taking measures, and posted on all the latest style decrees. A visit to our store on the above dates will surely be worth your while.

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### ANOTHER PREVENT-CLAIMS MEETING

A saving of practically a half million dollars in loss and damage claims payments was made by the Rock Island the past fiscal year ending June 30th, over the previous one.

This is the direct result of improved roadway, equipment and a change in organization which was made effective December 1st, 1915, when increased supervision was authorized with a view of still further decreasing the loss and damage claim payments and at the same time to afford more satisfactory service to the patrons of the road.

In order that still further improvements may be made, a meeting has been called by N. D. Ballantine, chairman of the system of loss and damage committee and chief assistant to the chief operating officer of the Rock Island, for a full discussion of the entire subject. Between 200 and 350 members of the committee, including officers and employees, will attend the meeting to be held in the Baltimore hotel, Kansas City, Mo., August 7th, 8th and 9th.

Subjects to be discussed will be: "Live Stock," "Perishable Freight," "Inspection, Carding and Preparation of Cars," "Merchandise Handling," "Methods of Loading," "Stowing and Bracing L. C. L. and C. L. Freight," "Pyramid Loading Sacked Commodities," "Standard Practices in Connection With Receipts and delivery of Freight Car Seals," "Inspection Loading Carload Shipments at Junction Points," "Marking Packages," "Sealing Packages," "Station Records and Stationary Filing," "Marking and Breaking up Trains at Terminals."

Station Agent J. H. Hemphill from this city is attending the above meeting, having left Sunday morning for Kansas City.

### ONA MAY MILLER CONCERT

The appearance of Miss Ona May Miller as harpist and reader at the Christian church last Friday evening, assisted by the church choir, was well attended and each number especially enjoyed. Miss Miller should be greatly commended upon her versatility as a concert entertainer, also upon having a good contralto voice, which shows unusual sweetness and smoothness.

The following numbers given by the choir under the excellent leadership of Mr. G. E. Matkin, "The Hunter's Horn," "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord," were rendered with unusual artistic interpretation and Liberal should justly be proud of this work along choral lines. The evening proved to be one of unusual merit.

### C. OF C. MEETING POSTPONED

The regular Chamber of Commerce meeting which was to have taken place Friday, August 11, has been postponed until a later date to be announced soon. The principals of a proposition which was to have been taken up at this meeting could not be here on Friday night and it was decided to wait until they could be present.

### LOOKS LIKE CLYDE IS DEFEATED

County Attorney C. R. Commons has practically given up the prospect of getting the nomination for state senator from this district. The official vote is not known at the time this is written but Clyde says it will be from 100 to 200 votes. Clyde made a heroic effort to win the nomination and would have made a hard campaign in the fall to win the election had he been nominated. Seward county, however, did the handsome thing by him, giving him a majority of 116 votes, which is a good majority when you consider the light vote cast.

### WILL GIVE LAWN SOCIAL

What? A lawn social. When? Wednesday, August 16, 7:30 p. m. Where? At the Baptist church. Ice cream, cake and sherbet will be served and a good time is assured for everyone, so be sure to come and bring your friends.

Cresons will keep files off your horses and cows.—Liberal Harness Co.

### A SPLENDID LECTURE

(By Ray Millman)

The best lecture given at the chautauqua just closed at Liberal was that given by Dr. F. E. Gordon, who in his "Six-Cylinder Living" gave a wholesome, instructive message to the young and a thought of encouragement and sympathy to the older ones. He presented his subject in a manner that was delightfully different in that he employed no slang, old truths spoken appeared new, refreshing. He avoided piffle, which is too often perpetrated on a suffering public, and another feature which does not occur with other speakers—there was a human interest that attended the entire lecture. That is the reason that the young people as well as the older ones gave him their undivided attention. Dr. Gordon has been with the chautauqua a few years, only, having been occupying a pulpit in the Methodist church at Fort Worth, Texas, and several points in this state and Oklahoma. The managers of the chautauqua have discovered his ability and after this year he will be given a better salary for the time that he may care to devote to work on the platform. From the many comments of the Liberal people, the chautauqua managers are not the only ones who have made a discovery.

Milo C. Phelps of Pratt, Kansas, who is one of the efficient congenial mail clerks on Rock Island trains 3 and 4, dropped off on Thursday, and while here purchased a quarter of land from Griffith & Baughman. Mr. Phelps bought one of the quarters owned and for sale by the Santa Fe Land and Improvement Co. on very easy terms. This is a proposition which other salaried men should be interested in, as Seward county land is always a good investment, and getting better.

Quite a few people of the neighboring towns have been in Liberal during the past week to attend the chautauqua, Forgan, Hooker and Hugoton furnishing the biggest crowds. Liberal should remember these towns whenever any event happens in any of them and reciprocate by showing up at the same in good numbers.

R. W. Long, a representative of a Kansas City wholesale paper house, was in town yesterday and made this office a call. It's still the same old story with the paper salesman—going up! Our bunch of print paper we now have on hand looks more like a stack of currency every day.

### MRS. HENLINE INJURED

In her eagerness to meet her daughter, who was on the train, Mrs. W. R. Henline attempted to cross the track and reach the depot platform at Arkalon just ahead of the engine on train No. 1, but she was too late. The engine struck her. The impact knocked her down, breaking her left leg below the knee and she suffers some bruises on the face and head. The engine was stopped immediately. The train crew tenderly lifted the lady to the train and brought her to Liberal and she is now under the care of the Rock Island surgeon. She is getting along as well as could be expected.

Miss Lottie Henline had been away at school for several months and was on the train that struck her mother. The accident is much lamented by the train crew and particularly the conductor who has known Mrs. Henline for many years. He affectionately refers to her as mother. Years ago, he and other railroad men, when Arkalon was the terminus of the Rock Island, boarded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henline.

### BAND NOTES

Well, the chautauqua has come and gone. They had some very good talent and some of it seemed to be enjoyed immensely, but to our notion of thinking a chautauqua is not complete without a band. The Redpath & Horner people have Thavus' band under contract for this season. This is one of the best bands in the country but Liberal didn't get it, nor did we have a band last year. Well, here's hoping for next year anyhow.

Bob Record has returned from a two weeks' vacation spent in Okla. Any of you parents who want your youngsters to start in the new class of band men had better get busy. Anyone wanting any information in regards to this call up Mr. Reasoner at the Keystone hotel.

Harold Sutton is going to take lessons on the cornet.

The band will give weekly concerts Wednesday nights on all the prominent corners. The band has bought a lot of new music to be used in the near future.

Ed Fowler was up from Hooker to hear the Hawaiians.

The writer had the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Ellis of the Hawaiians who wanted to know all about George Domingo, who was with them last year. They miss him very much. —D. M.

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### STOLE A FORD

Tuesday night while Charley Smith was attending the chautauqua some color blind individual who couldn't distinguish between his and other people's property, stole Smith's 4rd and after using the machine as long as desired left it north of Mrs. Walker's home, a few blocks from where they took it. When the Ford was taken the top was up and curtains on, but when found the top had been lowered probably to prevent detection. The car had evidently been run some distance for it was covered with mud and water. This is an exceedingly reckless and dangerous pastime and when a few fellows have paid the penalty for such work it may serve to break up the habit. Other Liberal men have had their machines appropriated for a short time and the habit may prove to get too deep rooted for the joy riders to handle. A good, healthy fine might help matters wonderfully.

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