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PLAN TICKET SELLING FOR CHAUTAUQUA

GENERAL MEETING OF GUARANTORS TO BE HELD NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING.

City Divided into Several Districts

Preparations for the annual sale of season tickets for the Alma Chautauqua are now underway, and it is expected that the full development of these plans will provide for a systematic canvass of the entire city. In this connection a general meeting of all of the guarantors of the Chautauqua has been called to meet at the first State Bank Wednesday evening, July 26.

At a meeting of a committee held Monday morning it was decided to divide the city for the sale of the season tickets, five districts being made, the first ward being divided into two sections. Each of these districts is to be headed by a captain, who will have charge of the work of sales in the districts. Committees are also appointed for industrial plants, business women's organizations, business girls' organizations, and a committee for sales to farmers.

Attention has also been called to the fact that the industrial tickets good only in the evening will probably be available again this year. These tickets the committee has recommended are to be sold only to factory workers, stenographers, clerks in stores and farmers.

All guarantors of the chautauqua are requested to be present at the meeting next Wednesday evening. They have all joined in guaranteeing the success of the event and are all equally responsible for its success financially, and will be expected to aid in the ticket sale. There are 116 such people.

The tentative heads of the committees which have been selected follow: First section of first ward, J. L. Winslow; second section of first ward, Rev. H. H. Anderson; second ward, Homer Dunham; third ward, R. B. Wagner; fourth ward, Frank F. Smith; farmers committee, H. M. Landis; business women's committee, Mrs. S. Gaffney; industrial committee, Jotham Allen; business girls' committee, Ann Purdy.

BLOOMER GIRLS HERE ON SUNDAY

EARL BROOKS AND FITCH WILL FORM BATTERY FOR NEW ALMA DIAMOND NINE.

It will be a good lineup of stars that will oppose the Bloomer Girls team on Republic field Sunday afternoon and indications are pointing to a real spirited contest in which the famous team of western lassies will be forced to play at top speed to defeat the Alma aggregation.

"Buddy" Ryan, who is managing the Alma aggregation, has secured one of the best known batteries in this part of the state for the contest. Earl Brooks, the famous Normal hurler, who has heaved some brilliant contests on Republic field, one of them a 12 inning 1 to 0 game and the other an 11 frame 1 to 0 struggle, is billed to do mound duty for the Alma clan. "Bullet" Fitch, famous in Alma College circles a few years ago, will be on the receiving end.

Ryan has also been taking steps to insure a good fielding and hitting team in against the wearers of the bloomers. His aggregation has been working out daily for the past two weeks and the fans will get a pleasant surprise when they see the Alma team in action.

Four men are on the Bloomer girl team, which lends added strength to this well known aggregation, which has been playing some fine ball on its 1922 tour, winning a majority of its games. Five girls are always in the lineup, and usually six or seven. The team is highly recommended and it is expected that the baseball fans of the community will see a real contest when the two teams clash on Sunday afternoon, July 23, at Republic field.

TRAINS TAKEN OFF

Wednesday the Pere Marquette of 25 trains from the various divisions because of strike conditions and the need of conserving fuel. The two afternoon trains on the Saginaw-Grand Rapids division, known as the flyers, were among those taken off.

Harold Lloyd in "Never Weak"—Strand Sunday and Monday.

Who is the Most Popular Young Lady

In conjunction with their carnival next week the cavalry boys will give away free a beautiful diamond ring and string of pearls to the two ladies receiving the largest amount of votes at 1c each. Ballot boxes have been located at Murphy's and Paterson's drug stores and at the DeLuxe candy store where the daily standing of the contestants will be posted. The prizes will be given away on the Carnival grounds on Friday evening, July 28. Many comments have been made on the beauty of the prizes now on exhibition in Scattergood's windows.

The following young ladies have entered in the contest which is open to all: Louise E. Dumas, Rose Ruffi, Helen Kennedy, Margaret Lutz, Thelma Keith, Anna Lutz, Leona Cross and Gulenden Breese.

TAYLOR RESIGNS FROM C. OF C.

SECRETARY OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION.

Steward Taylor, secretary-manager of the Alma Chamber of Commerce, who succeeded H. E. Reece this last spring when Mr. Reece resigned to go to Saginaw as the assistant secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in that city, has tendered his resignation to the officers and directors of the Alma organization to become effective on August 12.

In tendering his resignation to the president and the board of directors Mr. Taylor did not assign any reason for the action and it is not known what he contemplates doing after he leaves the Chamber of Commerce.

No action has been taken, as yet, by the directors in regard to the resignation by Mr. Taylor, but it is anticipated that the directors will yield to the desires of the secretary-manager, and accept it at the next meeting that the directors hold.

There has been no announcement from any of the officers or directors as to what may be done in providing for the office when Mr. Taylor leaves the organization, but there has been little time since Mr. Taylor presented the resignation Monday, for the officials to consider the matter and it is probable that no decision will be made before the end of the month at least.

Play Supervision At Wright Park

A new day has dawned for the children who frequent the city park, and spend more or less time there in recreation and play. They now have the benefit of a Supervisor for their play hours. Through the efforts of the Alma Civic League, Mrs. Frank Bennett has been engaged to act in that capacity, beginning her work last Monday. Mrs. Bennett is well fitted for the place, not as a trained play ground leader, but having had several years experience in story telling, and Junior work. She is exceptionally fond of children, and gains their respect readily. She has mapped out a program which will be most interesting and instructive. The boys and girls will not be restricted in their "good times," but will be aided and guided, so that they will really have a much better time, realize more good from the time spent there. The hours fixed for the present when Mrs. Bennett will be in the Park, are from ten to eleven in the morning and from 2 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Parents are urged to co-operate with the committee in all the arrangements, having the boys and girls spend those hours in the park, rather than other periods. Games and stunts are to be put on each day, and occasionally a story will be dramatized. The morning hour will be "story telling time," and a request is here given that any young woman who has a gift at story telling, please send her name to either Mrs. G. V. Niles, or Mrs. Ezra Smith, and an hour will be assigned her, to assist Mrs. Bennett, who is arranging the work according to grades.

Friday afternoon will be sewing time for girls who bring dolls, each girl to furnish her own materials, needle and thread. Mrs. Bennett will cut the garment and give instruction in making.

The City Commission has vested necessary authority with Mrs. Bennett, that she may maintain proper order and conduct, during the hours she is in charge.

The Civic League through their Committee wish to thank the Commission for so graciously assuming the responsibility of financing the enterprise.

Now Mothers—allow your children the privilege of spending some hours at the park under the skillful supervision of Mrs. Bennett and we will guarantee you their safety.

Mrs. Ezra Smith, Mrs. G. V. Niles, Com. in charge.

WANT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN COMMONWEALTH

MICHIGAN OPINION CHANGING TO GREAT EXTENT FROM THAT OF 2 YEARS AGO.

Increase of Murder Is Given as Reason

Judging from current opinion capital punishment is on its way in Michigan, the Marquette prison affair some months ago, and the great increase in the number of murders, 150 per cent in the larger cities between 1910 and 1920, being the main reasons why public opinion is undergoing a change in this state.

It is very plain that there has been a widespread change in sentiment during the past two years. Every indication points to the passage of a bill by the next legislature providing for hanging or electrocution.

Prominent men, prominent newspapers, members of the legislature and leaders in nearly every county who were in doubt on the subject two years ago when the topic was up for discussion as well as those who were mildly opposed gave evidence of having changed their minds. The clear logic of events and the cogent reasons advanced by those most familiar with the criminal classes have had their effect. That they will bear fruit at the coming session in Lansing seems assured.

Attorney General Merlin Wiley points out that during the period from 1912 to 1918 there were 58,377 murders committed in the United States, which is 8,050 more than all the American soldiers killed in the world war.

Those who are still against capital punishment cannot escape from the most significant fact in connection with the situation. It is contained in the following simple sentence: Murder in the larger cities of the country increased 150 per cent between 1910 and 1921.

In spite of the penologists and all that busy line of vindicators, advocates and defenders, who volunteer on behalf of the murderers of the people of Michigan are awakening to the fact that society is entitled to the best protection that it is possible to provide.

As the Attorney General aptly and succinctly states the case, "three things stand out prominently as deterrents of crime—certainly of apprehension, certainly of conviction, and certainly of punishment."

If the hold-up men and the automobile bandits have accomplished nothing else they have shaken the citizenship of Michigan out of the lethargy in which it was nodding.

Homicide upon the slightest provocation as a result of robbery and crime has engendered a firm resolution and a definite determination to face the situation with hamp rather than with poses.

Residents of Michigan are beginning to consider the lamentable situation of the widows and orphans left by the sanguinary trail of blood incident to the activities of the criminaloid. Hereof the discussions have dealt almost exclusively with the fate of the murderer. Decent men and women and innocent children are now to have their inning.

Cavalry Bringing Carnival to Alma

Arrangements have been completed by Troop C to bring the Dykman & Joyce Shows to Alma next week under the troop's auspices to raise much needed funds for their company. In bringing the Dykman & Joyce Shows to Alma careful attention has been given to this company, to have the same above any standard ever before offered by a traveling carnival company. Clean shows that cater to ladies, gentlemen and children, with all the big sensational riding devices, have made the Dykman & Joyce Shows one that is always welcomed in all towns where they have ever appeared. Among the many features are ten different and distinct shows, four new and novel riding devices, a fine band that plays daily concerts and has a splendid Indian Quartette of real Winnebago Indians singing with the band.

A novel feature will be the giving away of a beautiful diamond ring and a string of pearls to the two young ladies receiving the largest amount of votes at 1c each. Ballot boxes have been located at Murphy's and Paterson's drug stores and in the DeLuxe candy store. The ring and pearls are on exhibition at Scattergood's and have received many comments on their beauty. The contest is open to all and a lively fight for the winner seems assured.

Service, Keynote of Truck Sales

According to Col. Frank E. Smith, President and General Manager of the Republic Truck Sales Corporation, "Service is proving to be the key note of the entire sales situation in the motor truck industry."

"Operators are today more insistent than ever that the trucks they buy be supported by adequate local service facilities to guarantee against unprofitable interruptions in operation."

"Of course, local service stations can only be as efficient as the source from which they secure their parts, and this factor has been made the subject of special study by the Republic organization in order that the 75,000 or more Republic trucks in use will be given the type of service that completely satisfies owners."

"To show how important we consider the element of time in serving trucks, our Service Department at Alma reports that during April a total of 3,157 parts orders were entered. Of this number, 3,143, or 99.5% were shipped the same day they were received. In May 3,153 orders were booked, of which 3,138, or 99.5%, were shipped on the day of receipt. June showed a total of 3,680 orders, of which 3,558, or 99%, were put in transit before the close of the day on which they arrived."

"The result of stressing promptness in parts shipments from the Alma Factory is clearly shown in our current sales report. Our Branch Houses as well as our Distributors state that local truck users are becoming more and more impressed with our system of instantaneous service. The satisfaction which they experience is being passed on to prospective truck buyers. As a result, recommendations from satisfied Republic truck owners have accounted for material increases in our sales during the past three months."

KRESS DRAIN TO BE FINISHED

DRAIN COMMISSIONER LAYCOCK NEARLY READY TO ASK FOR RELEASES ON WORK.

Residents in the western part of the city will undoubtedly be glad to learn that in the future they will not be bothered by flooded basements and yards, which have caused a considerable amount of damage in the spring weather from Kress Drain overflowing, as it is the intention of Mr. Laycock, county drain commissioner to get this work done yet this fall.

Seen yesterday at Ithaca Mr. Laycock stated that it was expected that workers from the drain commissioner's office would be ready to secure releases for the right of way within a week or ten days, and he urged that the people sign the releases, and leave any questions that they may have in regard to the work to be answered by the office. The workers who will be securing the releases will not be familiar with all phases of the work and as a result will not, probably, be able to give full and complete answers to questions. Long questioning would also serve to slow up the work of securing the releases, he pointed out, as the workers will have a large number of them to obtain.

Mr. Laycock pointed out many difficulties that the drain commissioner's office has been forced to contend with in preparing the plans and specifications for the work, which have slowed down to some extent the preparation of the work which has been a much larger task than the public imagines.

The quicker the releases for the right of way are obtained just that much sooner the work of the drain commissioner's office can be started as far as the actual construction of the drain is concerned.

The drain, which has annually flooded a considerable territory in Alma, and caused a large damage, is to be entirely enclosed through the city. It calls for 40 rods of 52 inch pipe from the river west to a point just west of State street and then 72 rods of 45 inch pipe north and west to Superior street. From that point north it is to be 80 rods of 42 inch pipe north and west to a point near the Y on the Ann Arbor tracks to the stock yards on Wright avenue. Then comes 48 rods of 36 inch pipe and a similar amount of 33 inch pipe north to the city limits.

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Desa Tompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Wiley, was born in Seville, January 29, 1903, and departed this life at the home of her parents in Alma at the age of 19 years, 5 months and 12 days. She leaves to mourn her loss a loving husband, and daughter, Eleanor, her father and mother and three brothers, Vern, Asa and Otto and one sister, Mildred, and a host of friends.

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SPEAKS HIGHLY OF THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM

T. H. KAY OF MICHIGAN INSPECTION BUREAU, INSPECTS FIRE FACILITIES.

Recommendations Are to Be Made

Mr. Cave, representing the state fire underwriters, was in the city on Tuesday making an inspection of Alma's fire fighting facilities, and expressed himself as highly pleased with the water system.

Tuesday evening he gave a talk before the city commission in regard to his work in Alma, in which he stated that the Alma water system grades well on engineering and in water available, and expressed the belief that Alma could easily get into the next higher insurance grade by some slight improvements in connection with the fire department, which would mean a saving of about seven per cent in local insurance rates.

Mr. Cave explained that a system of 5,000 points is used, in making rates, which are divided with a number of points for waterworks and water available, fire department, fire alarm system, buildings of the community, etc. The number of points taken in each case is considered as a standard and a deficiency measured from this standard. Most towns and cities of the old state fourth class in which Alma is in, have a deficiency in many cases of 40 per cent in their waterworks system, he said, and continuing that Alma's measured only about ten per cent, or was efficient enough for a third class city.

Alma's fire department is about the average fourth class department he said, and suggested that some improvements might be made in the department.

The fire alarm system he pointed out as being somewhat inadequate and urged that the city work with a view of securing a better system as the city grows.

He also pointed out that proper building in the cities has some effect in the insurance ratings and pointed out that in the making of rates it is to the advantage of a city to grow right.

Just what the city will need to do to become a 3 1/2 class city in rating was not stated definitely by Mr. Cave, because he had not at that time figured out mathematical questions connected with his survey. He will make his report to the underwriters and recommendations will be made as to what is needed by the city to become a 3 1/2 class or a third class community in rate fixing.

It was intimated, however, Tuesday evening during the discussion that the city would be required to provide a pumper for the fire department, which would also have a 35 gallon chemical tank, or else to add two or three full time paid men to the department. It is rather expected that the formal recommendation in the matter will ask that the city secure the pumper if it desires to get into the 3 1/2 class, and take advantage of the insurance reduction of about 7 per cent that would then be possible.

Several Deaths During the Week

During the week three Alma people have passed away. Sebastian Zink, better known as "Bosty", Ernest Adams, passing away at the county infirmary near Ithaca, and Joseph H. Manning dying at the Masonic home. All three men died Monday.

Sebastian or "Bosty" Zink had been a resident of Alma for many years. He was 72 years of age. Funeral services were held by Rev. H. H. Anderson at the chapel in Riverside cemetery Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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Republican Meet To Be on Monday

Notices are being sent out over the county for a meeting of Republican workers of Gratiot, which is to be held at the court house in Ithaca on Monday evening, July 24, at 8:00 o'clock, and which will have for its purpose the organization of a William M. Smith for Congress Club.

Reports from around the district indicate that such clubs have already been organized in Shiawassee, Clinton and Ionia counties.

The committee in charge of the Monday evening meeting says that the notices while being sent out as widely as possible, probably will not reach all Republicans, and that an invitation is extended to all of them to attend the meeting.

Three prominent St. Johns speakers are to appear at the meeting, Judge E. J. Moinet, Kelly E. Searl and Coleman C. Vaughn.

ASSEMBLY IS TO OPEN ON SUNDAY

ANNUAL CHURCH OF CHRIST ASSEMBLY PROMISES TO BE THE BEST YET HELD.

The annual Rock Lake Assembly of the Churches of Christ will be opened Sunday, July 23 and will continue through August 6, and is giving promise of being the best attended assembly that has yet been held at that place.

Arrangements for the program that have been made insure some fine speakers appearing at the assembly, who will have important messages for those who attend. Some of the speakers appeared at the assembly last year and are well known to most of those who will attend the event again this year. Others of the speakers will appear at Rock Lake for the first time and their coming will be of interest to everyone who attends the assembly.

Dr. C. A. Brady of Grand Rapids in charge of Bible and evening service; Garry L. Cook of Indianapolis, regional secretary for young people; Mrs. Clara McFarland of Detroit, state secretary of Missionary work; Mrs. Greist of Indianapolis, regional secretary of Missionary work; O. B. Little of Traverse City, state secretary of Christian Endeavor work and J. Frank Green of Owosso, state secretary.

Some of the more prominent speakers who will appear at the assembly.

Daily services will be held as follows:

Quiet Hour, 8:00 a. m. to 8:30. Games 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. Sermon and Addresses 2:30 to 4:00 p. m. Bathing 4:00 to 5:00 p. m. Vesper Services, 6:45 p. m. Song Services, 7:15 p. m. Sermon, 7:45 p. m.

On Sunday during the assembly services will be held at 10:00 a. m. 2:00 p. m. and at 7:00 p. m.

Business Women's Association Meets

The Business Woman's association was entertained at the home of Mrs. A. B. Scattergood on Woodworth avenue, for their July meeting. After a short business meeting Miss Marion Grover favored the members with several vocal selections. The evening was spent at cards. Four prizes were awarded to the four ladies having the highest score, Mrs. Brearley, the Misses Virginia and Evangeline Sawkins and Miss Ruth Milliken. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served and all spent a delightful evening. There will be no meeting in August.

It was announced that the Flint Women's Association of Commerce, the Bay City Business Woman's Association, the Saginaw Business Women's Association and the Alma Business Women's Association have united in forming a union to be known as the Saginaw Valley Alliance Business Woman's Club.

All enjoyed their evening with Mrs. Scattergood and were pleased to be informed that they would hold their September meeting at the same place.

PAVING WOODWORTH

The firm of Holmes, Crane & Bartling has started laying concrete on Woodworth avenue and it is expected that if no delays are met with that the work on this street as far as laying the pavement is concerned, will be finished inside of two weeks.

The curb for the paving on North Woodworth has been entirely brought to a finish and preparations are now being made for the laying of the curb on West Downie street, between State street and Park avenue, which has been excavated during the past week in preparing for the paving work.

Good roads are only possible under good officials. Watch your vote as well as your step.

In fifteen states the United States reclamation service has retrieved 3,000,000 arid acres through irrigation projects.

CANDIDATES TO BE QUESTIONED ON BEER, WINE

TO ASK CONGRESSIONAL ASPIRANTS, AND LAW ENFORCING CANDIDATES FOR VIEWS.

Committee to Ask For Clear Answer

Through efforts of the Anti-Saloon league steps are being taken to find out not only the stand of the candidates on the Volstead amendment, but also how they stand on the matter of beer and light wines, and it is probable that the voters through the district will have this knowledge when they go to the polls September 12 to make their party choices at the primary.

At a meeting at the Presbyterian Church last week, which was not as largely attended as desired because of weather conditions, the meeting which included a dozen representatives from Saginaw county, discussed the proposition thoroughly and decided to formulate a committee throughout the congressional district which would put the question of beer and light wines up to all candidates for nomination for congress, all candidates in the various counties of the district for sheriff and for prosecuting attorney.

A temporary committee of one man and one woman from each of the counties of the district was selected, with power to act in the organization of a permanent committee comprising two representatives from each county of the district. Mr. Parker of Saginaw, one of the delegates at the meeting, was chosen as the general chairman.

It is understood that the meeting was called primarily with a view of ascertaining the views of the aspirants for Fordney's seat in congress, and that the discussion brought the statements of candidates for the law enforcing in the various counties.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Last Sunday the Baptist Church accepted the resignation of the pastor, Rev. E. E. Shouffer, to take effect September 1st. At the present time Mr. Shouffer has no announcement to make public concerning his future plans, but his services are in demand and some good fields are open to him.

OFFICERS RAIDED TWO HOMES HERE

SECURED PLENTY OF MASH, TWO COILS, ETC., AND MADE TWO ARRESTS.

Saturday afternoon Gus Herron, police captain, Sheriff A. F. Willert, and Deputies Grover and Earl Willert raided the homes of Edward Shepard and Alfred H. Marsh, 617 and 619 Mill street, arrested the two men and seized the various articles, mash etc., that the men had been using in making liquor.

Marsh and Shepard were both arrested on charges of manufacturing, giving away, and having liquor in their possession contrary to law. They were taken before Joseph L. Biggerstaff, where they waived examination. Bail was fixed at \$2,000 by Justice Biggerstaff, which has been furnished.

It is expected that Judge Moinet will be at Ithaca this week and it is probable that the two men will face the judge at that time. It is expected that both will enter pleas of guilty.

Officers seized two coils, crocks, etc., and in addition about 30 to 50 gallons of mash. It is said that the two men had coils that were so arranged that they were using tea kettles instead of the customary copper boilers in making their liquor.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

Of late weeks a considerable amount of correspondence has been arriving at the office too late for the week for which it is intended. Correspondents are urged to mail their copy earlier in the week, to make sure that it will appear. We also desire to urge the various correspondents to write just as plainly as it is possible, and to leave twice the space between items that they leave between lines. Care is also urged in having every person's name spelled correctly.

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