

SOBIESKI OPENS A CHAUTAUQUA

KEOTA PEOPLE ENJOY EXCELLENT PROGRAM—PROCEEDS TO W. R. C.

Keota, Aug. 23.—Keota's chautauqua opened today and will close Aug. 28. The program begins this afternoon with a musical program by Captain Charles H. Stanley, "The Converted Comedian," and a lecture by Col. John Sobieski, Poland's uncrowned king. This evening there will be original songs and monologues by Capt. Stanley and a lecture by Col. Rice and Fall of Poland, by Col. Sobieski. This lecture is said to be the best given from any chautauqua platform, and Col. Sobieski has the reputation of having traveled more miles and given more lectures than any other lecturer. Col. Sobieski is the lineal descendant of King John (Sobieski) III, of Poland, who was regarded as the greatest soldier and statesman of modern times. Col. Sobieski's father led the last general uprising against Russia in 1794 in his attempt to gain liberty for Poland and was executed. Col. Sobieski, then a boy of seven years, and his mother, were exiled from all Russian territory. They went to Milan and were driven from there by Maximilian. They came to the United States and the boy, grown to manhood, enlisted in the United States army for the civil war. He enlisted as bugler and rose to the rank of colonel. At the close of the war he went to Mexico and served on the staff of the commander in the war against Maximilian and was in command of the detachment which executed him at the close of the war, thus balancing the score against Maximilian, who banished Sobieski and his mother from Europe twenty years before. His lectures are said to be intensely interesting.

The proceeds of the chautauqua go into the treasury of the W. R. C. for benevolent purposes. Lend the enterprise your support.

ALBIA.

Mrs. Charles Farley and children of Foster were guests at the Chester Momeyer home yesterday. Mr. Farley is at present on his claim.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sylvester, Mr. and Mrs. William Sylvester of Ames are guests of relatives and friends at Albia.

Miss Ruth Trimble is quite ill with typhoid fever.

J. L. Mullin, C. B. Dearringer and Charles H. Clark of Lovilia were Albia visitors yesterday.

Walter Moon has resigned his position as teller in the Newton bank and will remain at Albia for some time.

A permit to erect a smoke condenser will be placed in the structure and the company thus hope to solve the smoke problem. The work was done by a Chicago firm and cost \$3,000.

Harold Hart showed a slight improvement yesterday in some of his symptoms, but not enough to build much hope upon.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Stubbs of Fairfield who have been the guests of J. C. Stevens and wife have returned to their home.

Miss Gladys Vanaal of Osceola is visiting her friend Miss Cecil Fleming.

Work on the subway is making marked progress. The concrete arch is well under way and work on the paving has begun. A foot passage will be given room in the viaduct also.

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OTTUMWA MAY GET ANNUAL CAMP

BIRMINGHAM PEOPLE MAY LOSE ANNUAL MEETINGS BECAUSE OF POOR TRANSPORTATION

Fairfield, Aug. 23.—(Special).—The people of the little town of Birmingham are greatly excited over the rumor which has spread that this year's camp meeting by the Free Methodist people of this district may be held at the camp ground adjoining the town. They have good reason to be excited for the report is something more than a rumor it is a great probability. The members of this church have held annual camp meetings on the spot of five or ten acres just west of Birmingham for the last forty years and the town had come to look upon these meetings as their own. However the officers of the conference have recommended that the present site be sold and that the camp meetings be held hereafter at some place which is more convenient to the people of the district and which will afford a better attendance during the day from the surrounding country. Railroad facilities are so poor that only a comparatively few people can attend the meetings held in Birmingham when they are forced to depend on the trains to carry them to and from the town. The officers of the conference think that the yearly meetings are of such importance that easy access to them should be had by all who would like to attend. It is probable that a site near Ottumwa or Fairfield will be considered when the old one is sold.

These yearly meetings have been a great benefit to the town of Birmingham in a commercial way. Hundreds of members of the church camp on the grounds each year and the town reaps quite a harvest from them. Many hundreds of people from the surrounding country attend these meetings during the days they are in progress and there is hardly a one that does not leave some money in Birmingham, so it is not to be wondered at that the town is somewhat excited over the situation.

PIONEERS DIE SAME DAY.

Mrs. W. D. Russell and Mrs. Nat Beckley of Van Buren County Pass Away.

Milton, Aug. 23.—Two of the pioneer women of this part of Van Buren county died within four hours of each other. Mrs. W. D. Russell died at 10 o'clock and Mrs. Nat Beckley about 4 o'clock. Mrs. Russell had been ill ever since her husband died about two months ago. The funeral services were conducted Saturday at 2:30 p. m. at the Presbyterian church, conducted by her pastor, Rev. George H. Duty. Interment was made in the new cemetery. Mrs. Russell came here at an early day west of town and after engaging in the mercantile business. She became prominent in the circles of our city.

Mrs. Beckley's funeral was held Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the Christian church, conducted by Elder P. D. Holloway, acting pastor. Mrs. Beckley had resided in the city since young womanhood, and, though of a retiring, home-loving disposition, was greatly beloved by those who knew her best. Her husband alone survives her.

MANY EXHIBITS FOR FOOD SHOW.

Final Plans Are Being Made By Butchers And Grocers of Bluffs.

Council Bluffs, Aug. 23.—Final arrangements have been made by the Council Bluffs Retail Grocers and Butchers association, for the pure food show which will be held at the auditorium during the week beginning, Sept. 19. Space has been engaged by twenty-two well known manufacturers and merchants and it is expected that this year's exhibit will be a most comprehensive one.

Elaborate plans have been made for decorations and illumination of the streets surrounding the auditorium. The following are the exhibitors who have already obtained space: State of Iowa pure food exhibit, Groneweg & Schoentgen Co., Simon Bros., John G. Woodward Co., Bloomer Ice and Cold Storage Co., Herman Bros. Co., A. Metzger & Co., Joe Smith Co., P. C. DeVol Hardware Co., Gunnoude & Zurmuelien Co., all of Council Bluffs and H. J. Hughes Co., Omaha, Minnesota Macaroni Co., Money Weight Scale Co., Chicago; Uncle Sam Breakfast Food Co., Omaha; Kellogg Corn Flake Co., Des Moines; Borden's Eagle Brand Condensed Milk, Iten Biscuit Co., Omaha, Pacific Coast Flour Co., Chicago, Facon, Pancoast Flour, Shannon & Mott, Des Moines, J. H. Bill Coffee Co., Chicago, J. A. Snyder Preserve Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

FARSON.

Mrs. Nathan Widner attended camp meeting in Mt. Zion Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buchanan spent Sunday visiting with relatives near Ottumwa. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rodgers spent Sunday in Ottumwa.

The Misses Florence and Bernice Hawthorne of Hedrick and Miss Leal and Eudice Hawthorne of Martinsburg spent Sunday at the U. S. Hawthorne home.

An ice cream social will be given on Saturday evening Aug. 27 by the B. Y. P. U. at the Baptist church. A musical program will also be given in connection with the social.

A series of meetings will commence at the Baptist church Aug. 21. Mrs. Wm. Dennis and daughter Miss Anna and Miss Mary Reed left Tuesday for Quileville, Ohio, on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dickey and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Waters left Thursday for a visit in Holdridge and Grand Island, Neb. The party went in Mr. Dickey's auto by the way of Oskaaloosa and Ees Moines.

Alex Wellard and family who have

REED SOUNDS OPTIMISTIC NOTE

STATE CHAIRMAN OF DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE THINKS WELL OF CHANCES.

Optimism permeated every nook and corner of the atmosphere of the state headquarters of the democratic state central committee in Des Moines yesterday, where a conference of the committee members and democratic nominees was held. N. F. Reed of this city, chairman of the state committee, who presided, was most sanguine for success at the polls this fall. He said that the democrats were of the opinion that nine of the eleven districts in Iowa were debatable ground and that the democratic nominees in all the nine districts stood a good chance of election. Chairman Reed would name the two districts in which the democrats feel they have no chance of success.

"I am just saying that we feel that nine of the eleven congressional districts are debatable," said Chairman Reed.

When questioned relative to the hope of the democrats as to the success of the state ticket, developed at the conference, Chairman Reed would make no position. "At this time I am not in a position to make any particular claims for the state ticket," he said. "The situation has not been canvassed sufficiently for me to make a statement based on actual information from all over the state."

"One thing is certain," said Chairman Reed, "and that is that the democratic party will go into the fall campaign with a determination to do things and will put its united effort into the battle."

J. V. Curran of this city was present at the conference.

TAKES LONG TRIP

C. W. Messenger Tours British Columbia and the Northwest Country on Vacation.

Chief Dispatcher C. W. Messenger of the Burlington's local division has returned from a vacation of over two weeks, during which he made a record breaking trip in point of miles covered. Leaving Ottumwa he stopped at Minneapolis and from there made a journey north into Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, stopping for a time in Vancouver, B. C., and proceeding southward to Seattle and Portland. He visited his sister in the latter place for two days. He then traveled down the coast to San Francisco and home. Charlie said that he saw more grand scenery on the trip than he had supposed was to be witnessed anywhere.

CONDITION SERIOUS

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Daggett is Critically Ill at Her Home.

Slowly sinking from an infection of the bone of the left limb, little Clara Esther Daggett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Daggett, lies in a precarious condition at the Daggett home, corner of Washington and Second street. The child is but twenty-seven months old and was taken ill a week ago. For a time her condition became such that it was feared that infantile paralysis was the cause of her illness. This has, however, been discovered to be an error and an infection of the bone of the leg has been found to be the trouble. Operations have been performed with some relief to the child, but her condition is thought to be precarious.

been visiting in Nebraska for a fortnight since home.

Thomas Widner who has been working in Richland came home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Thompson attended the Old Settlers' picnic in Agency Thursday.

H. H. Dickins and daughter Miss Leda were in Ottumwa Friday.

Mrs. Thomas Widner came home from Sigourney Friday where she has been visiting with relatives.

R. Herman left Tuesday for Dingerz N. D., to visit with his son C. A. Herman.

W. Baker is visiting with a brother in Pipe Stone, Minn., this week.

Miss Louis Herman left Sunday for Ottumwa to attend normal this week. After a short business trip he will give a recital in the church of Christ at Competitive, Ia., Tuesday evening Aug. 30 at 8 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited. Following the program, a dinner will be given in the church grove by the Ladies' Aid society.

EDDYVILLE. Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Wormhoudt left Monday for the northwest part of the state to visit relatives for a couple of weeks. They will visit at different places before coming home.

The remains of R. I. Neely were brought from Ottumwa to Eddyville and buried in the Catholic cemetery. Dr. Roy Mator is moving his household goods to Oskaaloosa conducting the services.

Miss Mary Sargent returned to Eddyville after a short business trip to her home at Wichita, Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kitterman of Chillicothe were over Sunday visitors at the home of their son Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kitterman.

Mrs. Laura Dible and daughter Leota returned home from an extended visit with Mrs. Minnie Shrieves at McMinnville, Oregon and with other relatives in Kansas.

Bert Richardson and family formerly residents of Hayden Chapel district but now living at Glendora, Calif., are visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

A. L. Carson went to Ottumwa on Monday to bring home his little daughter who has been at the convent for the past six months.

Dr. Roy Mator is moving his household goods to Wright where he has located.

Mrs. Frank Epperson, Mrs. I. S. Wormhoudt, L. Phillips, Mrs. D. J. Witz were Ottumwa passengers yesterday.

READY FOR BIG DAY AT PICNIC

OLD SOLDIERS AND OLD SETTLERS ARE SURE TO HAVE ENJOYABLE REUNION

As August 25, the day for the Old Soldiers and Old Settlers' association picnic approaches, the arrangements for the day are rapidly being completed. Dr. T. W. Jeffrey will pronounce the invocation. The ladies of the W. R. C. will hold a picnic dinner for their husbands and friends on the grounds. The committee of arrangements is getting everything in readiness for the occasion. There will be conveyances at the Court street car line, on the Dahlonega road, to carry the people to the grounds, although the distance is not too great to walk. The committee on arrangements earnestly requests the business and professional men to permit as many of their employes as possible to attend the meeting in the afternoon. Do not forget that the 54th Regiment band will give you splendid music. Ice water from Wheaton's springs. Refreshments on the grounds.

THE EVENING STORY.

MR. BLUM IS INVITED.

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Mrs. Charles Denham, widow of the deceased stockbroker, was supposed to be worth one million dollars in cash. She was worth just one-fifth of that sum. Between what people supposed and what was fact, Mrs. Denham was placed in an embarrassing position. There were times when she was really in need of money.

Mrs. Denham had a niece. She hadn't legally adopted her, but the niece was one of the family, and was told almost every other day that she was to inherit what the aunt might leave at her death. That is, she would inherit if she was nice and good and married the man the aunt should select for her. Otherwise a garret and starvation must stare her in the face.

It was not curious that Miss Ethel Lynn, the niece, fell in love at nineteen with one of the very chaps her aunt held in abhorrence and was eternally lecturing her about and seeking to guard her from.

Earl Manning had a very slim patrimony, but he was hopeful and ambitious, and at twenty-three the world was before him. He would have been very foolish not to fall in love with a handsome girl who cared more for the man than the money.

Miss Ethel had been very sly in this love affair. Her aunt's opinions necessitated it. The engagement was to go on and on and on until Earl had accumulated a cool million, and then they would appear before the aunt and ask her consent. Meanwhile, in public, they must act as if they didn't care a snap for each other.

This was how Mr. Blum came into the fray. Mr. Blum was a bachelor of forty. He was short and pudgy. He was without hair on the top of his head. He wore four diamond rings on the fingers of his right hand, and three on the fingers of his left. He wore other diamonds, with here and there a ruby.

Mr. Blum sometimes squeezed into society. He was supposed to be a banker, but as a matter of fact he had loaned society money on its jewelry so often that society couldn't exactly turn him out of doors. It was exactly the same society that Mr. Blum was a great catch, but at the same time he had very poor luck getting caught.

Mrs. Denham was introduced to Mr. Blum. Mr. Blum was introduced to Miss Ethel Lynn. In three minutes Mr. Blum had made up his mind to be a winner. In half that time Miss Ethel had made up her mind to detest him. Within four weeks, backed by the good aunt, Mr. Blum proposed. The young lady announced herself too young to know her own mind, and begged for time. This was very wise in her. It was much better that tears, threats, protestations, and a garret and a crust.

July came, and Mrs. Denham moved down to her manor house on the sound. She would have gone elsewhere, but there was Blum. He was to be invited down with a few others for a month for reasons so obvious that they stick out like knots on a log.

The question now was where was Earl Manning? He had a cousin living within a mile of Mrs. Denham's country place, and it is easy to entice a cousin in service. Mrs. Denham had not been mutually attracted. She would have seen him start for Texas before inviting him to the manor.

Ethel was a poor little girl of nineteen in the hands of an ambitious aunt, who was looking at the money side, and of Mr. Blum, who was looking at all sides! One reason he wanted a young wife and a handsome one was to show her off at the seventy-five cent table d'hote dinner where he took his meals. There must be plotting and scheming, and in this the lover could give little aid. It was a miserable time until the bright idea came. Then, at a stolen interview, Miss Ethel said:

"Earl, your brother has a motor boat and I have a sailboat."

"Yes."

"My aunt has never been in one. Neither has Mr. Blum. I am going to take them out. It may be tomorrow, and it may not be for three days. It will be for you to have your boat ready and be on the watch."

"If you take Blum out it will encourage him," replied the jealous young man.

"Will it? That's all a young man knows."

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KEPT IGNORANT OF SON'S DEATH MRS. RACHEL REAM, WHO DIED THIS MORNING, DID NOT KNOW SON HAD PASSED AWAY. Kept in ignorance of the death of her son, Charles Ream, who passed away a few weeks ago from injuries received in a runaway, Mrs. Rachel Ream, an aged and highly respected resident of Ottumwa, died this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wesley Reeves, on North Court street. Mrs. Ream's death resulted from typhoid pneumonia of which she had been a sufferer for several weeks. Because of her ill health relatives refused to tell the aged woman of the death of her son, fearing that the shock would kill her. The deceased was born in Missouri, April 13, 1837, and was 73 years of age at the time of her death. She spent many years of her life in Ottumwa. She was the mother of a large family, having seven children living, the death of her son Charles being the only one in the family. The living children are: Mrs. P. A. Johnson of Paonia, Colo., Mrs. Nettie Reeves of Ottumwa, Mrs. Goldie Conroy of Marshall, Colo., Mrs. Jennie Ford of Ottumwa, William Ream of Marshall, Colo., Malle Ream of Chicago and John Ream of Ottumwa. One sister, Mrs. Malinda Wilson, of Shelbyville, Ill., also survives. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Methodist church of which the deceased was a member. The services will be conducted by Rev. T. W. Jeffrey. Interment will be made in the Ottumwa cemetery.

until a good average crop is expected to result. The home grown watermelon has been on the market for some time now, but not until at present has shipping been done to any points at a distance from Muscatine although several of the smaller surrounding towns were supplied.