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THE LEON CHAUTAUQUA

Opens Friday Afternoon with a Fine Program. A Full Week of Elevating Attractions for \$1.50.

The Leon Chautauqua opens on Friday of this week, the big tent arriving Tuesday and is being set up on the High School grounds today, so that there will be nothing to prevent the starting of the program Friday afternoon on time. This will be the last opportunity we will have of urging our people to attend the Chautauqua and to buy season tickets before noon on Friday. It was possible for Leon to secure the Chautauqua this year only by two hundred of our citizens paying a dollar apiece to guarantee the sale of 900 season tickets, and you can buy a season ticket for the entire season for \$1.50 if you buy before the Chautauqua opens, but there will be no season tickets sold at the gate by the Chautauqua management for less than \$2.00. We have had the Redpath-Vawter system here for four years and their programs have invariably given good satisfaction. This year they are presenting the strongest they have ever given us. It is a solid week of refined, elevating, instructive and entertaining features.

Now the question of the future of a Chautauqua for Leon will be decided by the attendance the coming week. It is a mighty expensive proposition to handle a Chautauqua, and unless the attendance this year comes up to the guarantee Leon will have no Chautauqua next year. A few boosters cannot maintain a Chautauqua. It must be patronized by many hundreds or it is going to be a financial failure. In the years gone by you have seen how much better the Chautauqua was than a reunion or street fair, yet there are hundreds of people who will go to a reunion or street fair and spend more money in one day than would purchase a season ticket to the Chautauqua.

Many people have already bought season tickets but some are holding back in the hope that they can buy the tickets a few cents less than the regular price in case the guarantee number is not sold before the opening of the Chautauqua, but they will find that this year they cannot do so, as the local association has already taken the matter up and in case the guarantee number is not sold before the opening day, the association will make up the deficiency and the tickets will be destroyed. There will be no cut price tickets offered at any time during the Chautauqua this year. And if you wait to buy your ticket at the gate it is going to cost you \$2.00.

The musical numbers on the program, a change each day during the entire week are alone worth several times the price of the season ticket. There is all kinds of music, vocal, instrumental, novelty, orchestras, and Thaviu's great band and grand opera singers. All the lectures and all the fine musical entertainments may be heard for the price of one ticket at a city theatre. We cannot afford to allow the Chautauqua movement to be dropped for many reasons, but the problem of continuing the Chautauqua movement is now up to the people. They must decide whether they will give the necessary financial support, for unless it is supported a few private individuals are not going to spend their money in a vain effort to give the people of this vicinity the best entertainments for a nominal price that money and brains can secure.

It is up to you to do your part.

Autos Boost Chautauqua.

Tuesday morning eleven autos decked with flags and banners and filled with Chautauqua boosters, started on an advertising trip over the county, distributing Chautauqua programs and talking up an interest in the Leon Chautauqua which opens Friday of this week. They went to High Point, Garden Grove, Leroy, Weldon, Van Wert, DeKalb, Grand River, Decatur City, and one car, Mr. J. R. Bowsher, made the trip from Decatur City to Kellerton, Lamoni, and Davis City, the others returning home from Decatur City on account of several having tire trouble. The following is a list of the cars which participated in the run:

Jas. F. Harvey, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Jas. F. Hurst, C. W. Robinson, J. R. Bowsher, Frank S. Stewart, P. F. Kopp, James Ausman, Forest Strong, Mrs. C. M. Keller, Misses Jess and Fern Pryor, Pete Brady.

Geo. B. Cooper, Robert Bowsher, J. A. Caster, M. Mayer, Fred Wooley and family, R. C. Fulton, Mrs. Fulton, Mrs. Truitt, Ernest Sears, S. O. Sprinkle, I. T. Evans, W. R. Stafford, J. L. Mendenhall, Novia S. Beavers and wife, Harrison Wilson and Homer Johnson.

Richard Jones, Misses Nora and Hazel Colter, Harry Bradford.

J. W. Laney, Mrs. Laney, S. W. Robins, Mrs. Robins, Bryon Robins.

Prompt Settlement.

Leon, Iowa, July 26, 1911.

Last Thursday night our barn and contents were destroyed by fire, and we were insured in the Farmers Ins. Co., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. We notified their agents, Pease & Pease, of Leon, and today their adjuster came and settled the loss to our entire satisfaction. To those wishing reliable insurance and prompt settlement of losses, we heartily recommend the Farmers Ins. Co., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and their local agents, Pease & Pease, of Leon, Iowa.

Ben and Rolla Chastain.

Presbyterians Have New Pastor.

Rev. E. N. Bradshaw, of Texas, Kan., Tex., has accepted the call extended to him by the Presbyterian church of Leon, and occupied the pulpit last Sunday morning, preaching a splendid sermon. His family consisting of his wife and son will come to Leon as soon as he can secure a suitable residence. Rev. Bradshaw is a pleasant appearing gentleman and enjoys the distinction of being the tallest minister ever stationed in Leon, being six feet two inches in height.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Cooper and Ray Webb drove to Centerville Saturday morning in the Cooper auto to see Ringling Bros' circus.

Marriage Licenses.

Forest G. Davenport, Leon. . . . 24
Mrs. Lillie M. Tripp, Eagleville. . . 29
John Roberts, Williamsburg. . . . 39
Mary A. Lewis, Williamsburg. . . . 39

A Chautauqua Appeal.

The Chautauqua board herewith desires to explain to the public the terms on which we secured a Chautauqua session this year. First 200 of our citizens subscribed and paid \$1.00 each and thereby became a member of the Leon Chautauqua Association. This \$200 is to be used only to make good any deficit which may be met. These 200 citizens elected an executive board of nine, who entered into a contract with the Redpath-Vawter Chautauqua System to hold their Chautauqua at Leon, and agreed to sell 900 tickets at \$1.50 each. If we sell 1,000 tickets or more we get 10 per cent of the sales to be placed in our treasury for future use. If we fail to sell 900 tickets then the deficit must be met by the \$200 we now have. Single admission tickets count nothing to the credit of our association on their guarantee.

Every means of securing a program for the Chautauqua was carefully considered by the board and the above contract was the only one we could hope to reach with the means at our command. Now, dear friends, you hold in your hands absolutely the success or failure of our Chautauqua. It will only cost each individual \$1.50 for 21 splendid entertainments or 7 cents each, besides helping to maintain the work. If 900 people respond the venture is a success, otherwise it is a failure. Not one cent is paid to any member or officer of the association. Their time and labor is given free. Then kind friends ask yourself this question: "Should I not help to make the Leon Chautauqua a success to the extent of buying 21 splendid entertainments at 7 cents each?"

We have in this article tried to be frank and candid, and put the facts square before the people. Now, will you help? We believe you will. Secure your tickets before Friday noon of any Leon merchant. Everybody come. You will not be disappointed.

E. E. Kline,
Helen VanWerden,
J. M. Harmon,
W. H. Hazlet,
Ed Smith,
Jas. W. Hurst,
Harve Morgan,
John Dale,
Morris Gardner,
Executive Board.

A BIG BUSINESS DEAL

Bradley-Wasson Merc. Co. Sell Big Stock of Dry Goods to Wilner & Asbury, of King City, Mo.

A big business deal was closed up in this city last week when the Bradley-Wasson Mercantile Co. sold out their big store, the purchasers being E. Wilner and Harrison Asbury, of King City, Mo. The store has been closed since Thursday while the invoice was being taken, which was completed Tuesday, and the new firm is now in possession, and has a force of clerks at work arranging the stock for the big opening sale which they will put on within a few days.

The Bradley-Wasson Mercantile Co. have been in business in this city for over two years and during that time they have done an enormous business, but on account of Mr. Bradley's health, which is very poor, confining him to his home a good part of the time, they decided to dispose of the business. The new purchasers are practical business men, with ample capital to carry on the extensive business. Mr. Wilner was for a number of years engaged in the mercantile business at King City, and only a short time ago was burned out in a big fire which burned several of the King City business houses, his store being the last one to be burned, and as he was unable to secure a suitable building at that place he decided to locate elsewhere.

The new firm will do business under the name of The Leader Dry Goods Co., and will make the store a leader in their line of goods. They have secured one of the best and cleanest stocks of dry goods in the country, and will at once add several thousand dollars worth of new goods to the already large stock. They are pleasant gentlemen and we extend to them a cordial welcome to the business interests of our city.

The deal was negotiated by W. L. Bowman, of King City, and in the trade the Bradley-Wasson Co. take a fine farm of 160 acres, a mile and a half south of King City.

Leon Auto Day Will be Thursday, October 5th.

At a meeting of the Leon auto owners and others held Monday evening it was decided to hold the annual auto day on Thursday, Oct. 5th, and a general committee consisting of J. R. Bowsher, Jas. F. Harvey and F. S. Stewart was appointed to take charge of the arrangements. This year there will be many entertaining features provided for and it is expected that some of the fastest racing cars in the United States will be at Leon to compete in the auto races. There will be big delegations of autoists from all the towns and cities along the Waubesa and Inter-State trails, and Leon's auto day will be worth coming to this year.

Some Good Cattle.

Akes & Housh last week shipped over two hundred head of fine cattle to John Morrell & Co., of Ottumwa. Among the lot which they purchased were 46 head of extra fine white faces from Jas. G. Springer, a bunch of 80 head from Cal Board, and others in smaller bunches. Among the lot were three two year olds purchased from Griffin Bros., the well known feeders of southwest of Leon which weighed 1810, 1700 and 1620 after being driven 12 miles to Leon. The oldest of these steers was just 26 months old, and no finer steers were ever shipped out of Decatur county.

Death of Perry Chapin.

Perry Chapin, a well known farmer living two miles south of Garden Grove, died Monday evening of typhoid fever, after a short illness. Mr. Chapin had been running his threshing machine when he was taken sick, and although everything was done the fever could not be broken. His funeral was held Tuesday afternoon.

Wants Big Damages

Dr. J. W. Mather Sues Town of Lamoni for Personal Injuries. Other New Court Cases.

Dr. J. W. Mather vs. Town of Lamoni. Plaintiff brings suit for \$5,000 personal damages as the result of his falling through a trap door in a sidewalk at Lamoni on July 17, 1911. He fell a distance of more than seven feet into a cellar extending under the sidewalk and severely injured his ankle and knee, bruising and injuring his shin and body and limbs, and caused a rupture on his right side, and that said injuries are permanent in character. The plaintiff is a practicing dentist at Lamoni and his earnings he claims are worth \$15 per day. He asks for \$5,000 damages for the injuries he has sustained. Marion Woodard, attorney for plaintiff.

Leon Durell vs. Bertha B. Durell. Suit is for divorce on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment and plaintiff alleges defendant has been guilty of adultery. They were married at Leon in October, 1892, and lived together until July, 1910. He also asks for a decree that he is the owner of certain lands bought by him and by oversight and mistake the deeds were made jointly to plaintiff and defendant. He also asks for the care and custody of their four children, Ruth aged 18, Grace 16, Alva 13 and Frances 7 years. Sharp & Parrish, attorneys for plaintiff.

Fred Alley vs. Arta Alley. Suit is for divorce. The parties were married at Mt. Airy in September, 1904, and lived together until July, 1911. Plaintiff alleges his wife has treated him in a cruel and inhuman manner, so as to endanger his health and life. That she has a violent and ungovernable temper and has threatened to kill plaintiff and their children, and has attempted to strike him with sticks of stove wood and other dangerous weapons. He asks for a divorce and the custody of their children, Florence aged 8, Minnie aged 4 and Flossie aged 2 years. Sharp & Parrish, attorneys for plaintiff.

James Euritt vs. Henry Phillips. The plaintiff asks for an injunction restraining the defendant from burning or injuring a willow or hedge fence along his property, claiming that defendant set fire and destroyed a part of said fence in the years 1909 and 1911, and threatens to again set fire to it. C. W. Hoffman and Marion Woodard, attorneys for plaintiff.

Farmers & Merchants Bank of Pleasanton vs. A. T. and Lou Ross. Suit is brought on twelve promissory notes amounting to \$800. S. Varga, attorney for plaintiff.

Farmers & Merchants Bank of Pleasanton vs. A. T. Ross. Suit is brought on two notes amounting to \$235. S. Varga, attorney for plaintiff.

D. B. Newlin vs. T. A. and Maggie Hayden. Suit is on a promissory note for \$26 dated Oct. 19, 1908. C. W. Elston, attorney for plaintiff.

G. A. Long vs. Louisa Pullen et al. Suit is brought to foreclose a mortgage given to secure a note for \$200. S. Varga, attorney for plaintiff.



Thaviu's Great Band

The Dunbar Singing Orchestra.

Thomas McClary, the humorist, who lectures on "The Mission of Mirth" on Friday evening at the Leon Chautauqua, has written the following verses about the Dunbar Singing Orchestra who appear on the program with him:

When the patriotic fire within your breast is dying,
And your soul is sad and heavy at the meanness and the lying,
Go and hear the Dunbar singers in their melody of song,
And you'll surely get new courage to help the world along.

When your tired, soul and body, and you can't do any more,
And you feel like giving over and a rolling on the floor,
And you wish the night were longer and the sun would never shine,
Just see "Angelina Johnson a Swing-in' Down the Line."

And when the clouds are heavy and Nature's fields are gray,
And the seasons have no beauty in the night or in the day,
Just go and hear the Dunbars in "Mendelssohn on Spring,"
And you'll see the branches swinging and you'll hear the robins sing.

You will see the flowers blooming and you'll feel the breath of spring,
And you'll see the branches swinging and the birds upon the wing,
Then you'll surely join the chorus as you listen to the song,
And you'll find yourself a trying to help the world along.

Yes, go and hear the Dunbars, go and hear them if you can,
And you'll see "The Fifty-seven Ways That Women Catch the Man."
And you'll say, "That's mighty clever, it is fine, I do declare,
And I'll never be afraid again, not even of a bear."

Davis City Reunion Next Week.

The 17th annual old soldiers and settlers reunion will be held at Davis City August 8 to 11. They have arranged a good program with able speakers, among them Senator Lave Young, Congressman H. M. Townner, Hon. V. R. McGinnis, Hon. I. A. Smith, Rev. Heman C. Smith, Rev. J. H. Burrows, Hon. E. D. Chassel, Hon. B. W. Garrett and others. Music will be furnished by the Leon K. P. band and the Garden Grove band, there will be ball games each day and many other amusements. The Davis City reunion always attracts a large crowd and they are making big preparations this year.

To Our Correspondents.

We regret that we are unable to furnish free Chautauqua tickets to our correspondents this year. Heretofore the Chautauqua management has given complimentary tickets to our correspondents, but this year they discontinued the practice on account of the local association having the financial end in charge. It would cost The Reporter nearly \$75 to buy season tickets for each correspondent, and the expense is too great for us to do so.

Coulter Combines Shows.

W. H. Coulter whose circus exhibited in Leon this spring, has consolidated his show with Indian Pete's Wild West show, and they are now showing in Wisconsin. Mr. Coulter sold Pete Culbertson a half interest in the Coulter show and purchased a half interest in the wild west show. The Coulter show was carrying 14 cars and the Indian Pete show 11 cars, so that the combination now makes a partnership show of 25 cars.

The city council has authorized chief Harry Wright to purchase 1000 feet of new hose for the Leon fire department. The old hose has become rotten and leaks badly and in case of a big fire the department would be up against it. The new hose when received will put them in good shape to fight any fire.

See us for prices on grain and seed. Biddison Coal and Grain Co.

WANTS BIG DAMAGES

Dr. J. W. Mather Sues Town of Lamoni for Personal Injuries. Other New Court Cases.

Why People Never Tire of the Circus.

Do you remember your first circus? Of course you do. Do you recall the ecstatic thrill you experienced when father said you could go? Do you recall the glorious street parade; the glare of the brass bands, the lovely mounted ladies and sir knights; the parade of carefully groomed horses; the wail of the cañone; the display of open dens of wild beasts; the tableau wagons, races, floats, and last but not least, the coming of the grotesquely laughable clowns? But of course you do, and the memory of it still sends a thrill through you. What a delight full odor of sawdust is around the circus lot; what wonders are promised in the side show tent. And then you come to the menagerie with its dens and cages set around in a circle; elephants peacefully tossing hay over their backs and accepting all the peanuts one will give. And then the mystic wonders to come in the "big tent." It is all delightful and a day well spent, and one goes home tired, but happy, after a strenuous day in the delightful world of the white tents of the circus. Of course it's the same old thing. It was the same old thing when you were a boy, but it's not "the same old thing" to your boy. One sees in the circus things one cannot see in the theatre or the county fair. The circus is at once entertainment and a lesson in natural history. To the lover of good horses the display is intensely interesting, and for the small cost of admission one gets a veritable feast of entertainment and instruction. And all this tells why one never gets tired of the circus. It renews dear, dim memories, and we experience again the thrills we were won't to delight in.

When asked what it was that made the Dan Robinson's Famous Show so immeasurably popular than all other shows, Mr. Dan Robinson replied: "The best of everything. There is nothing too great or expensive."

Dan Robinson's Show is out with everything about its equipment brand new from the tent stakes up. Not only is the equipment new, but the performance is new as well, no-time-worn features being used this season, the performance being an innovation from the grand entry to the races at the close.

Two performances will be given daily rain or shine under a new spread of canvas, the most finely ventilated and most thoroughly water-proofed tent in the world. The afternoon performance will start at 2 o'clock, and the evening show at 8. Doors open one hour before each performance to allow people to visit the menagerie and enjoy the band concert of popular, classic and patriotic music by the concert band of solo musical artists.

The grand free street parade will leave the show ground at 10 a. m., and travel over the main streets of the city, returning to the show grounds, where immediately following will be given in the open air and absolutely free to all, an exhibition far better than the performance of many similar traveling amusement organizations. The big shows come to Leon Friday, August 4.

Lucky Bill Was Here.

Lucky Bill's wagon circus exhibited in Leon last Friday evening and the attendance was not as large as the little show deserved, but they were handicapped from the fact that owing to a misunderstanding there had been no bills put up in Leon and also to the fact that the town was covered with bills advertising the big Robinson show to be here on Friday of this week. Lucky Bill has a good little show, his trained ponies being good, and the work of little Cupid the educated pony, was the best ever seen in this city. He has a monster performing elephant, some good wire and trapeze artists and other features which afford a very creditable entertainment. Lucky Bill is a gentleman and so are all the attaches of his circus, as they conducted themselves in a very orderly manner during their stay in Leon. Owing to a storm which threatened the performance was cut short as many were anxious to get away from the tent, although he stated that the full performance would be given if the audience desired to remain. The show went from here to Woodland.

Circus Comes Friday.

Robinson's big railroad circus will exhibit in Leon on Friday of this week. The circus will be located on the Warner ball park in north Leon, and as it has been pretty extensively billed the indications are there will be a big crowd here on circus day. It is said to be one of the best shows on the road and is probably the only big show Leon will get this season. The show is coming from Illinois, making but two stops in Iowa before reaching Leon, at Fairfield and Chariton, and goes from here to Albany, Mo.

Made a Fast Run to Lake Okoboji.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Teale and children Bob and Miss Freda, made a record trip to Lake Okoboji last week in their auto. They left Leon Tuesday morning and arrived at Lake Okoboji the same evening at 8:10, and in addition to stopping for meals they lost two hours at Jefferson by having a steering gear fixed. As the distance from Leon to Lake Okoboji is about three hundred miles they made remarkable good time. They visited a couple of days with his father, Thos. Teale and wife at their cottage and returned to Leon Friday evening, making the return trip in one day also. That is some going.

Lost—Two small white Spitz dogs, one with and one without collar. A reward will be paid for their return to Frank Marshall's livery barn.