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Chautauqua Was Success

Large and Appreciative Audiences Mark the Musical and Dramatic Exercises of the Week.

During the past week this city has been the scene of a five days' Chautauqua. The convention has been a decided success, especially from a financial point of view. All the acts which made up the entertainment arrived on time and each entertainment was given as scheduled. Ideal weather occasioned large audiences during both the afternoon and evening sessions.

The artists and lecturers that made up the personnel of the festival for the most part afforded real pleasure to their audiences. The headliners as regards the lecturers and musicians were all they were advertised to be.

The children's hours afforded the amount of interest expected. The prizes that were given by the Chautauqua management for the boys and girls who competed for athletic honors were eagerly sought by a large number of the youngsters.

The program of the week opened with the Lawson trio, one of the most appreciated numbers of the convention. Miss Hazel Kefford was especially clever. Her reading of "Polly of the Circus" was very well received. Their musical program was the most praiseworthy musical program of the week.

The illustrated travelogue "Beautiful Hawaii" by Chas. E. Payne was among the most interesting lectures of the program.

The Mendelssohn Sextette did not come up to expectations as their vocal numbers were not as had been expected. A cornet solo was the best rendered number of their program.

The lecture by Congressman Lenroot of Wisconsin, "Congress and the People", was worthy of special comment. Though he exceeded the allotted hour and five minutes his faculty for holding the interest of his listeners did not occasion the accustomed fatigue. His lecture was purely political and aside from returning to the commonplace as regards Mr. Bryan and the farmer his lecture was very instructive and convincing.

Dr. Alva M. Reitzel in his lecture "The Measure of a Man" exemplified excellent elocution, though his lecture included no small number of truisms.

The Avon Sketch Club occupied the boards on Tuesday evening. Their sketch was especially well chosen and delighted a large audience. Miss O'Shaughnessy in her portrayal of the maid of old Ireland pleased her listeners. Her interpretation of the real Irish colleen, however, was much in contrast with the character and mannerisms of the real Irish lassie whose demeanor is ever gay but never clamorous. The entertainer made the mistake that usually is made in prolonging the Irish feature of it.

The Boucher Grand Opera company concluded the music festival. Their voices were excellent, especially the bass and tenor. Their interpretations, however, were mediocre. The recital of a number from the operas of Lucia and Rigoletto were very well received. The rendition of the Bohemian Girl was fairly well done. Though no special effort was made toward elocution.

Charles Plattenberg was among the best lecturers of the week. He called attention to the necessity

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Mayor Favors Commission Form

It has been brought to my attention that there is a move on foot to circulate a petition asking for a special election to vote on the commission form of government for Beach, and I want to say that I am heartily in favor of such a move. I believe it should have been adopted when it was voted upon heretofore, and my reasons for supporting it then are a great deal more apparent now to everyone, as well as myself.

It has certainly been demonstrated in Beach that the present system is a failure, when men elected from a small part of the city can absolutely ignore the wish of the city at large and do absolutely as their personal prejudice dictate, regardless of the city's public welfare. The city administration of 1914, when the city council refused to confirm the appointments of C. L. Waldron, Harry Burt and S. A. Smith for city attorney, city auditor and chief of police, for personal reasons, was a disgrace to the town. Two of these men since have been elected to public office in the county at large and are making excellent officials, and are enforcing the law. The action of the council in passing resolutions declaring a policeman not necessary, when a mass meeting of the Commercial Club declared one was necessary and engaged one at private expense, is only another evidence that city officials should be subject to recall as the commission form requires.

Under the commission form your city officials would not dare to mix in personal prejudices in the transaction of city business, and at the public expense, as was done by the controlling element of the city council last year. They would be compelled to serve the city or the voters would retire them to private life.

The city wants a railway park such as Miles City, Glendive, Dickinson, Mandan, Bismarck, Jamestown, Valley City and Fargo enjoy, but this will never be secured unless the city officials join hands in securing it; but the city officials will never join hands on this proposition so long as we have aldermen, elected from a small part of the city, who serve their private interests on the council first and the public as a secondary consideration, and as long as these men control the city council there will be no park movement.

Under the commission system this could be made a public movement and if your commissioners didn't join hands and assist, they could be recalled. And this applies to every public duty given to them by ALL the voters in the city.

Our city records are full of evidence, covering a period of many years, which shows that our city officials have first served their private interests, and have gone so far as to violate the law, and have participated in and profited from city contracts, at the expense of the public. And there is no remedy under the ward system.

The fact that I hold the office of mayor would make no difference to me on this proposition. After holding the office of mayor under the present system, I am more convinced than before that the commission system is needed in Beach, and I will not only be the first signer on a petition to secure it, but I will also speak for it from a platform, if it again becomes a campaign issue, and I will vote for it at the election, if one is called.

J. W. BRINTON, Mayor

WHY BEACH?

Bismarck, N. Dak.—Moving picture shows and theatres are not allowed to run on Sunday.—City Auditor. Casselton, N. Dak. The moving picture show has never been open on Sunday and I am sure the authorities here would not allow the management to show on Sunday.—City Auditor.

Valley City, N. Dak. No moving picture shows or theatres are allowed to run here on Sundays.—City Auditor.

Jamestown, N. Dak. Moving picture shows and theatres are not open here on Sundays. No one has ever tried it here.—City Auditor.

Grand Forks, N. Dak. We have five play houses here, but they have not, and never have been, allowed to show on Sunday.

Fargo, N. Dak. Neither the moving picture shows nor the theatres operate on Sunday and I think have made no effort to operate since the law forbidding it was passed.—City Auditor.

Mandan, N. Dak. No sir, moving picture shows and theatres are not permitted to run on Sunday.—City Auditor.

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Bankers Defeated Lawyers Tuesday

Local Barrister Contingent Fall Before the Onslaught of the Aggressive Banker Aggregation.—Game Full of Thrills.

There was amusement galore for both spectators and players on Tuesday afternoon at the base ball park on the occasion of the playing of the game in which the Bankers defeated the Lawyers by the score of 6 to 4. That the game was of special interest is evidenced by the score. In the warmup the barristers looked like winners but their defense broke down when hits meant runs and sharp fielding was necessary. Judges Heath and Stoddard acted as arbiters for the matinee. Judge Heath calling them at the bases while Judge Stoddard decided the balls and strikes. Their work was very praiseworthy and aside from two or three pretended threats of violence neither official had any cause to become frustrated during the session.

There was a good crowd out; needless to say each team had their supporters all of whom were most enthusiastic in expressing their sentiments.

Judge Parks was the special hero of the afternoon having been wounded twice during the early part of the encounter. He refused to leave the game, however, and amid the plaudits of many fans again essayed to deliver the hit that was necessary to victory for his team mates, Attorneys Burke and Keohane were the particular stars in the outfield, each of them having made two good throws to home plate in attempts to cut off the runners at the final station.

Hudson starred for the bankers in hitting. His two hits were timely; one went for a two bagger.

The older players displayed flashes of old time alertness that was surprising to all in attendance.

Attorney Denoyer was the star of the infield, making one perilous attempt to throw a runner at first, aside from making a timely hit when occasion demanded it.

The Game in Detail. In the first McCarthy was safe at first; stole second and third and scored on Waldron's heave past the catcher.

In the latter part of the inning Hoverson hit to the catcher,



Denoyer scooping a hot liner

Jones singled, Waldron singled, Jeff doubled, scoring the two ahead of him and himself scored on a wild throw to second base. Keohane swung on three wide ones. At this point Judge Halliday did his bit by sauntering up to the plate and in his determination to help his conferees bring

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Look Who's

PETITION.

J. W. Brinton, Mayor, Take Notice.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED citizens, residents and legal voters of the City of Beach, Golden Valley County, and State of North Dakota, do hereby most emphatically PROTEST against the gross discrimination you are manifesting in enforcing the SUNDAY CLOSING LAW. We maintain that the said laws as they appear on our Statute, were never intended for the purpose of enabling any one person who happens to be an official to juggle with them, for the purpose of satisfying his own personal fancies, dislikes and grudges. As law abiding citizens, we believe that certain laws are better served when applied in spirit, and, therefore, under ordinary circumstances, we fail to see the necessity of interfering with harmless amusements, desired by the great majority of our citizens, or any unnecessary interference with any of our business institutions which tend to serve and accommodate the public. But, since for reasons of your own, you have seen fit to take in the scope of our regularly and duly elected legal and judicial officers in enforcing the letter of the law to suit yourself, we HEREBY WARN YOU that we will not tolerate any discrimination or special persecution. WE INSIST ON FAIR PLAY, and we demand that every business place within the limits of the City of Beach, machine shops, printing shops, drug stores (with the exception of the prescription department), livery stables and garages, creameries, as well as the cigar counters in hotels and restaurants, and shooting galleries, be closed up on Sunday the same as you are closing up the moving picture show. All men are equal before the law, and we therefore most emphatically protest in your mode of enforcing it. Should you see fit to ignore this notice, we will immediately apply to the proper authorities and file charges against you for malicious discrimination and persecution.

A. E. Kastien, Alderman, one of the solid five.
M. L. Lovell, Alderman, one of the solid five.
J. L. Jenson, Alderman, one of the solid five.
W. H. Woodhull, Alderman, one of the solid five.
M. Mathison, Alderman, one of the solid five.
F. E. Near, particular friend of the mayor.
T. N. Roble, Advance editor, convicted for blind pigging.

R. P. Wand, against whom the mayor holds judgment for assault.

J. P. Smith, defeated candidate for mayor.
Theo. Schweitzer, secretary of boycott meeting.
John Madison, defeated candidate for sheriff.
R. F. Gallagher, defeated office seeker and Advance contributor.

H. L. Halliday, defeated candidate for public service.
Clifford Smith, Bijou proprietor, closed on Sunday.
Wm. Rosenberg, defeated justice who bound mayor over to District Court.

Mark Franklin Jones, the Noted Boy Orator of Political Fame, and staunch supporter of the mayor.
Max Baller, pool hall proprietor.

John Hanevold, Beach's most prominent citizen.
John Keohane, better known as "Coal Hole Johnny."
Otto Stensrud, boycotter, who says he can't close his drug store on Sunday without the mayor's assistance.

R. C. Fuller chief of the Fire Department and another great man.
L. B. Westby, the "neutral" clothing dealer, and others.

DANCE WELL ATTENDED.

The Albert Stetzer home was the scene of a very enjoyable barn dance on Wednesday evening. The new barn, which was constructed at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars, was made ready for the reception of more than seventy couples who attended. Foster's orchestra furnished the music for the occasion. Many of those in attendance were from the city.

Another dance will be given at the Stetzer home on Saturday evening, July 10. Another good time is sure to be enjoyed on this occasion. Foster's orchestra will furnish the music.

A. L. MARTIN CONFERS WITH N. P. OFFICIALS.

Hon. A. L. Martin of Sentinel Butte left during the week for St. Paul, Minn., where he will confer with the Northern Pacific officials in that city with reference to the sale of town lots in the new towns of Ollie and Golva. Golva will be the center of a very rich locality. Ollie gives promise of being a very progressive town inasmuch as the land in the vicinity is very fertile and peopled by a large number of very progressive farmers who will exert every effort to make the town a representative one.

It has not been determined as yet at what time the sale of town lots will take place.

The Arrival of Kitty

Home Talent Play under Auspices of the United Brethren Church Promises to be a Dramatic Treat.

The "Arrival of Kitty" is the title of the home talent play which will be staged on Friday, July 12, at the opera house under the auspices of the United Brethren Church.

This promises to be one of the most interesting plays of the season, for the play has had wonderful success since it was first staged. The play when first produced had a four months' run in New York and similar runs in the other larger cities on the east.

Following is the cast of characters:

William Winkler
..... Albert Blackburn
Aunt Jane, his sister
..... Daisy Logan
Jane, his niece, Marion Kucheman
Bobbie Baxter Harry Burt
Benjamin Moore Hunter Patrick
Ting, a bell boy George Purvis
Sam, a colored porter
..... Harry Kastien
Kitty, an actress
..... Mrs. Albert Blackburn
Suzette, Aunt Jane's maid
..... Mrs. Harry Burt

PROMINENT SPEAKERS AT STEINER FARM.

On tomorrow afternoon a big demonstration meeting will take place at the state demonstration farm where an inspection of farms will be made.

D. J. Steiner has charge of the work here. The meeting has been arranged for those who may be interested in discussing how crop rotation and alfalfa growing works out in the community. Crop rotation is the fundamental principle in any permanent system of agriculture.

Come prepared to discuss the different plans of farming with your neighbors and with men from the North Dakota Agricultural experiment station.

Discussion will be given on the different phases of diversified farming by men familiar with this section and its possibilities.

Supt. L. R. Waldron of the Dickinson sub-station will be among the list of speakers. There will be an ice cream and lemonade stand under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church.

STEEL CONSTRUCTION BY LOCAL CONTRACTOR.

One of the most difficult tasks in steel construction work ever done in this city was performed by C. E. Chadderdon and his assistants last week in the placing of the huge girders which are used as the supports of the second floor of the new Logan garage building. Each girder weighs several thousand pounds and clearly indicates the fact that it is unnecessary to employ outside assistance to complete work of this kind on buildings which are constructed here. The work occupied but one day's time with a crew of six men. C. E. Chadderdon also has been awarded the steel construction on the farmers' store which is now being made ready.

Howard McColeman left for Ollie last Saturday where he has opened a tontorial parlor. There is no doubt but that he will do well in that section as he is very capable.

Now is the time to get your screen windows and screen doors. Our screens are the best and the cheapest.

Build This Year
Give us a chance to show you that our prices for the best grades of lumber and all kinds of building material are the lowest you have ever seen before. Plans furnished free of charge for all kinds of farm buildings. Be sure and see us before buying anything in the building line and we will save you money.
Goodridge-Call Lumber Co.
Gust. A. Johnson, Mgr.

Come in and let us show you our Farm "Can't Sag" Gates and "King Barn Ventilators"