



Special Green Lake Chautauqua Assembly Edition

THE OPENING OF 1908 ASSEMBLY

The Early Sessions of the Chautauqua and Dedication of the New Auditorium.

The Chautauqua Assembly which began its session last week on its permanent grounds by Green lake, has been a general surprise to the visitors and other faithful patrons since the opening day. The management is to be congratulated on the splendid talent procured for the season and one cannot well be too lavish in praising the push and energy which made possible the accommodations such as they are.

The grounds are conveniently situated on the western part of Cottonwood Beach nearest to the village. Along the beach are the tents of the campers. The only thing wanting seems to be a summer hotel. This will be forthcoming. It must be remembered that this is but the second season of the assembly. It is truly remarkable that after only a year from its organization the management is in possession of what was pronounced by Dr. Lowther to be the finest Chautauqua auditorium he had seen, save the mother assembly in New York. As for the lake, no part of the country could show one more beautiful had not Yellowstone Park its Mirror Lake.

The assembly began last Wednesday afternoon, and this first day gave a fair promise of the good things to come. There was the Minnesota Ladies' Symphony Orchestra, which with its diversified talent and its fine ensemble playing has been indispensable to all programs. There, too, on the opening day was Wirth Lowther, whose three masterly lectures comprised perhaps the most thoughtful and helpful asset to the program thus far. Neither was the figure which every day has been most familiar, Director P. C. Tanning, absent from the opening session longer than to be fitly introduced by President Russell Spicer. Both of these gentlemen spoke briefly of the Chautauqua movement in general and of the sacrifice and enterprise which had given to Kandiyohi county the privilege of sharing in it and of making the best possible use of the material advantages which a beauty spot like Green lake offers.

After the concert by the orchestra which followed, Mr. Tanning introduced Mr. Geo. F. James of the State University, who had been selected to give the address which was to dedicate the auditorium. Dr. James spoke of the purpose of the Chautauqua. His subject was so well developed and showed so

more the out-of-door life and to take advantage of every piece of natural scenery. The next generation will see all available shoreline made such use of.

"But the Chautauqua movement is no less important as being the means of great moral uplifting. After all, the great object of life is to know God. Why should that which is nearest our heart be so assiduously avoided? Might we not hear of our duty toward God and our fellow men from some other place than the pulpit? The future life is reasonable. Inorganic life merges into organic life and this into animal life, and no one can



DIRECTOR TANNING Making an Announcement.

draw a line of separation. There must be no break, and the higher spiritual life of man will survive the grave. Perhaps the life beyond is not so vastly different from the ideal life here. What we are to-day we are apt to be tomorrow, and he who loves beauty here is most capable of appreciating the beauty in the world to come. He who loves not his fellow being on earth cannot feel at home in a peaceful heaven. The Chautauqua assembly offers the right kind of opportunity for contact, brother with brother.

"Thirdly, the Chautauqua stands for intellectual stimulus. Every individual has a certain capacity for growth, though there be a limit. A long life is largely a matter of interest and one is no older than one feels. An assembly like this offers many opportunities. It is for all the people and universal education is the dream of the pedagog. Educational methods have changed greatly with the change of years. The apprentice system has disappeared. Book learning is giving way for education more practical. Our children are being better prepared for life.

"The Chautauqua has a distinct work to do. It can do much for the over-worked business man who would leave his desk, and the family which would seek true recreation. And I can say nothing better in dedicating this splendid auditorium than in expressing the final wish that the Green Lake Chautauqua Assembly may always minister here what is best to the development of man's threefold nature—his body, soul and intellect."

In the evening, following the musical prelude, Mr. Wirth Lowther was heard. "The Four-fold Secret of a Great Life" is a powerful lecture. It went to prove that a man is accounted great who has power because he has money, or



ATTORNEY-GENERAL YOUNG Finds Consolation in the Sweet Strains of the Minnesota Symphony Orchestra. It's so different.

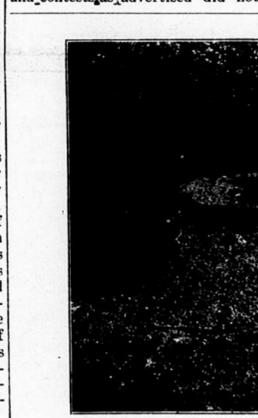
can make a great noise in the world, he only is great who lives nobly. And he lives nobly who cherishes a high ideal, has a noble purpose in life, puts character above wealth and who loves his

brother after the pattern of Christ, son of God.

Thursday was Old Settlers' Day. The program of the association is accounted for elsewhere. Many old settlers were present and they were given tickets to the afternoon program, which consisted of selections by the Ladies' Orchestra and readings by Miss Mildred Loomis, whose simple and sympathetic manner won the audience. Mr. Lowther lectured on "The Mission of the Poet." The evening session was a most profitable one. Mr. Lowther was at his best and his lecture "The Art of Seeing Things" is a masterpiece.

Now, we know that very few people notice anything at all and that those who do are our scientists and naturalists and our poets. This fact is not entirely due either to defects in eyesight, such as astigmatism nor even to the presence of the blind spot on the retina. But Mr. Lowther's remarkable discovery is that these physical eye-defects project themselves on the soul and that there are men who cannot see spiritual things. Marvelous it is that every man's spiritual eye has a blind spot and that, though certain truths are perceived, others are not. Only this can explain how many good men could have ever believed in witchcraft or defended the institution of slavery. And only thus can it be explained why we see so little evil in the saloon of today or why the most evident fact in our consciousness, the belief in the future life, is so often denied.

There were over 3,000 people at Spicer-on-Green-Lake the Fourth. Tickets received at the door showed that 1,000 of these listened to the Chautauqua program. Many were heard to express the hope that such celebrations be annual. The only complaint heard was that the races and contests advertised did not



One of the Beautiful Beaches on Green Lake

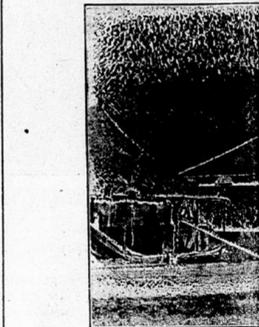
materialize. This was due to the simple fact that no one could be found by the managers to enter into a race of any kind.

Rev. Buell expresses himself as pleased with the interest shown at the Bible study hour and the increased attendance in the class every morning. Study has been made of the first few chapters of Genesis, a book of great interest and high importance. Discussions have been lively, especially on the subject of evolution. Rev. Buell is no Darwinian.

There is one part of the Chautauqua programs that has pleased without fail and this is the musical preludes and concerts. The musical talents secured is of very high order. The Chautauqua Ladies' Quartet consists of the following: Miss Alma Peterson, first soprano; Miss Cummins, second soprano; Miss F. S. Tisdale, first alto; Miss Jessie Williams, second alto. The Lyceum Ladies' Trio plays with a perfection and grace seldom heard. It is composed of Miss Eva Bombach, harp; Miss Hazel Bombach, violin; Miss Florence Durkee, flute. Most of these talented young ladies are also members of the Minnesota Ladies' Symphony Orchestra of St. Paul. Miss Nellie A. Hope, who for the last ten years had been directress of this organization, has been unable to be present by reason of a severe illness. Mrs. Archibald Bishop is the leader in the absence of Miss Hope. The members of the orchestra present are: Mrs. Archibald Bishop, piano; Mrs. B. F. Crowell, first soprano; Mrs. T. Lyons, second violin; Mrs. A. M. Tisdale, singer; Mrs. J. H. Hyatt, cornet; Miss Georgia Telley, first violin; Miss Jennie Ware, flute; Miss Margaret Kerwin, clarinet;

Miss Irma Just, violin; Miss Hazel Bombach, violin; Miss Eva Bombach, harp; Miss Bessie Webster, violin; Miss Florence Durkee, flute; Miss Jessie Williams, drum.

The male singing is always a favorite with an audience. The Minnesota Male Quartet appeared Monday and Tuesday and received such applause as is given only to



The New Chautauqua Auditorium, with capacity for seating 2,500

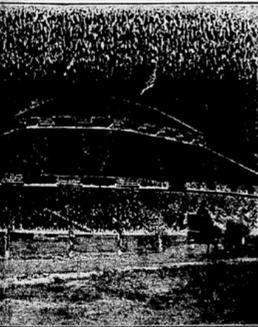
few. This quartet, which was organized ten years ago, is composed of George Brown, first tenor; T. N. Jayne, second tenor; F. E. Barrow, first bass; D. A. Pellatt, second bass.

When these gentlemen appeared for the last time last evening Director Tanning made the necessary announcement: "This is positive—the last number of the concert."

Friday, the day before the Fourth, was Temperance Day and drew a good crowd. The address of the afternoon was delivered by Mr. P.

The Prohibition party should never gain federal control the temperance reform will just as effectually be accomplished, if those who wish it are awake to their own responsibility.

The Gold medal contest which followed was a close one and all present were anxious to hear the outcome. According to the decision of the judges, the gold medal was



awarded to Victor Knutson, while the second place went to Harrison Sherwood. John Styles, Jr., with his clear voice and good enunciation, might have won better place but for a slight hesitation.

BASEBALL AT SPICER

Brief Reports of the Games Played on Assembly Grounds.

July 2.—New London vs. Kandiyohi. These two teams battled for a purse of \$25 and the game was

first game was won by Paynesville by a score of 3 to 2; the second by Atwater by a score of 5 to 4.

July 7.—Willmar vs. Kerkhoven. This was a very good game with the exception of the seventh inning, when the visitors fell on to Oram for one single and two base hits together with a block ball, which netted four runs for Kerkhoven and won the game. Score: Willmar,



4; Kerkhoven, 6. Batteries: Kerkhoven, Gordhamer and Gordhamer; Willmar, Oram and Grangaard. Struck out, by Oram 8, Gordhamer 4; base on balls, Oram 0, Gordhamer 3; passed balls, Gordhamer 2, Grangaard 1; two-base hits, G. Gordhamer 1, Cox 1.

Brakeman Strikes Bridge.

John Hackett, brakeman on time freight 401 west bound, had a narrow escape from death or serious injury Monday evening about 9 o'clock, near Clearwater Junction. He was standing on top of a car

GEOLOGY AND ARCHEOLOGY

Rev. Gates' Paper on His Observations in Kandiyohi County in The Above Subjects.

There is a very delightful and entertaining book by Canon Kingsley entitled "Town Geology" which should be read by every seeker after knowledge. In it by a series of bright and chatty chapters under various appropriate captions one is brought face to face with the fact that very much of interest and instruction lies always ready to our hand and that there is no spot on earth that may not be made to speak of some great nature force or bear witness to or aid in elucidating the past. In my pedestrian excursions over our beautiful county I have often been thankful that I was early a reader of Kingsley's book and thus acquired a love of Geology, for its study has made an open book of the fair domain spreading about one and the story of the ancient days is ever full of suggestion and instruction.

For instance, where we are gathered today was once the site of quite a different structure. In place of this pleasant and comfortable auditorium there towered skyward a vast ice palace. Its innumerable minarets of ice rose in glittering sierras, pinnacle above pinnacle, until they pierced the pale ether of an arctic firmament at an altitude of over twenty thousand feet.

While this vast lobe of the great ice sheet abode here it was busy carving out the greatest of its excavations in our county—the cavity now filled by this attractive lake, and while thru the hundreds of years it was doing this it left an everlasting record of its eroding force in its vast dump heaps or terminal moraine which is the range of now wooded hills rising some 250 feet above the lake at its north end. The so-called reef and stony point tell us that there existed in this glacier a vast crevasse down whose abyssal depths poured in the brief summers torrents of turbid waters with their freight of sand and boulders from far off lateral moraines.

When we go over to sections 30 and 31 of New London township we see where this ice lobe retreated after many centuries, and where it was climatically held stationary for many more, advancing and retreating as the seasons dictated, and leaving its diary of the centuries of ebb and flow in the affairs of glaciers, writ plain and unmistakably in that charming range of hills called the Dovre Moraine—one of the noted moraines of the glacial belt in America—a true terminal moraine, whose ramifications are continued far to the southwest and northeast. To the southwest and south its limits are indicated by the two twin or Dovre Hills and Ostlund's Hill in the town of Mamre.

According to the best authorities the glacial period came to a close some eighteen thousand years ago. Some of these geologists claim that along the fringe of this great ice sheet there existed life and that man was as much in evidence then



FRANK EDDY Caught in one of his characteristic attitudes by Cartoonist Lawson.

and as comfortably well off as he is today in the land of the Eskimo—surmises which many archeological facts seem to justify and substantiate. At any rate there are evidences that what is now Kandiyohi County was early the home of prehistoric man; and like historic man we know of, these ancient comers were

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Hey, Ho, For Green Lake.

Next Sunday will be a big day at the Green Lake Chautauqua. In order to give all of our neighbors an opportunity to visit the lake and enjoy a part of the good things served on the Chautauqua program, the Great Northern has decided to run special trains from Benson and Litchfield next Sunday morning, the former starting at 8 a. m., the latter in time to connect with the special leaving at 9 a. m. The Willmar & Sioux Falls Division Association of station agents will attend in a body, and for the afternoon the Chautauqua management has prepared a special session for their benefit, including music by the Benson band which will accompany the Benson contingent, and also by the Ladies' Symphony Orchestra which has won such recognition on account of its splendid rendering of classical as well as popular music. All the remaining days of the Assembly will be good ones. Special trains leave Willmar every day at nine o'clock a. m. and seven o'clock p. m., returning at 10:30. The last train enables anyone at Willmar to go out after supper in time to enjoy the evening program.



COUNTY CHAIRMAN OLSON Listening to the Chautauqua talent's praise of the lake that he has so lately been damming.

MADE POOR TRADE

Man Who Had Broad Acres Exchanged For Bad Stock.

To exchange real estate property worth \$20,000 for stock in a company ostensibly worth \$16,000 but in reality worth nothing may not seem a very profitable deal, but this is what K. Goeman Pott, formerly of Raymond, did. Last year in August he made this exchange with one H. J. Hanson of Somerset, Wis., getting in return for his valuable holdings 160 shares of stock in "The Universal Art Co.," with a par value of \$16,000. Hanson assured Pott that this was his, Pott's, opportunity of getting something rich for a song. The company was, of course, in a prosperous condition and doing a lucrative business. In fact, with the stock on hand, the original paintings; owned, fixtures, accounts and orders, the company was easily worth \$50,000 with but a trifling indebtedness. Without further ado, Pott fell into the plot and the necessary deed of conveyance was at once executed. The minor detail of examining the cat in the bag was then attended to with the result that Pott became hot and kicked himself every possible way. The value of the art concern dwindled to \$8,000 with about \$20,000 liabilities, and it was actually running at a loss. About this time real estate began to look pretty good to Pott and right on the spot he started proceedings to come back into his own. But Hanson had decided the property to one Chas. V. Holmstrom of Cumberland, Wis., without consideration. He again decided it to J. S. Pomeroy of Minneapolis, and the latter turned it over to Hanson's wife, Magdalena. This juggling was indulged in in order to place the title beyond the recovery of Pott. Part of the property of Pott, consisting of some lots in Raymond, was sold to A. H. Rosenquist.

Thru his attorneys Pott instituted suit against Hanson, Holmstrom and Pomeroy, asking that the exchange be rescinded and that he be reinstated as owner of the real estate. Also that he recover the sum of \$3,000, the value of the property conveyed to Rosenquist. The case was to come up for trial in this court at its last session, but as two of the defendants were not residents of this state, it was transferred on motion of the defendants to the U. S. court, district No. 4, and it will most likely be heard in Minneapolis.

Lighting at Whitefield.

Lightning struck a woodshed at the home of Ole S. Rasmuson in Whitefield last Saturday. The shed was ignited and was in full blaze before the fire was noticed. In putting out the fire Mr. Rasmuson burned himself, but not very severely. It was a freak of the lightning that it struck the shed instead of other buildings which were nearby and higher or the windmill which also stood nearby and was much higher.

Among those who went up to Green Lake this week to "teach-erously lure the finny tribe from its natural habitation" were Tom Christianson and Martinus Hanson. They returned with a respectable looking string of bass and sunfish last night and—well, it was good, for part of "the staff" had a taste of it. Do it again.

Mrs. M. H. Matt on returned to Kansas City, Mo., today after a six weeks' visit at her parental home in this city.