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## Chautauqua Program Announced

Galaxy of Attractions at Third Annual Chautauqua Here June 24th to June 28th.

Official announcement from the Vauter Chautauqua association was received too late for publication in the last issue of the Chronicle and for the benefit of our readers who will be interested in the entertainment scheduled for the five days this season, we are publishing the complete program in this issue. The schedule is a strong one, and numbers some of the best attractions to be found on chautauqua programs anywhere. Interesting announcements will be given in these columns from time to time.

Glen Bailey has been secured for superintendent, and will be assisted by Harriet Gibson, who will have charge of the children's play department.

### PROGRAM.

#### Saturday.

Half past two  
Open exercises and Important Announcements.  
Opening Program—The Savranoffs Clever Russian musicians featuring Russian musical instruments and melodies.  
Three O'clock  
Stewart I. Long with an inspirational lecture on the work of "Reaching the Goal."  
Admission 50 cents.

Four O'clock  
Funfest for the children—The play specialist meets the boys and girls and tells about the "Fox and Hound" chase which begins at once.  
Eight O'clock  
The Savranoffs—A delightful musical program, rich in variety and spice.

Fred J. Clark, who delivers a timely and interesting lecture on several kinds of fools.  
Admission 50 cents.

Sunday.  
Half Past Two.  
Our Old Home Singers, singing the old songs already dear to the human heart and beautiful beyond compare.

Three O'clock  
Yutaka Minakuchi, a great Japanese scholar and orator who discusses the borderlands of civilization.

Admission 50 cents.  
Four O'clock Vesper Service  
Eight O'clock.  
Our Old Home Singers, in a delightful entertainment of favorite songs.

Admission 50 cents.  
Monday.  
Nine O'clock Funfest for the children: for the girls—Shoemaker's drill and other; for boys—Sword Drill, half past two—Cimera and his band.

The music of the masses served in first class musical fashion. A real treat.

Admission 50 cents  
Eight O'clock—Cimera and his band.

A festival of melody in great volume and superb sweetness. Big band music at its best.  
Admission 50 cents.

Tuesday.  
Nine O'clock Funfest for the children: for the girls—Swedish Lassies' Frolics; for the boys—Volley ball.

Half-past Two—The Bohannans. Veteran entertainers with selections of rare merit and all superbly done.

Three O'clock—Dr. James L. Gordon, Canada's greatest preacher and a live lecturer who hits the bull's eye every time.

Admission 50 cents.  
Eight O'clock—The Bohannans. Presenting laughable sketches.

"A Matrimonial Venture," written expressly for them. Quarter to Nine—Ducrot, the Wizard, illusory experiments. The entertainment triumph of its kind.

Admission 50 cents  
Wednesday.  
Nine O'clock—Funfest for the children: for the girls—Water Sprites' merry making; for the boys—Fisherman's Drill.  
Half Past Two—Christine Giles Company.

Musical and literary selections of strictly high grade and strong in entertainment power.  
Three O'clock—Hon. B. F. McDonald, who talks on "Moonshine" and uncovers a great many shams commonly practiced.

Admission 50 cents  
Four O'clock—"Dress Up" Program.

The final stunt for the children. Eight O'clock—Christine Giles and Bingham, in merrymaking stunts, the peer of anything in the entertainment world. Come and laugh with us.

Admission 50 cents.  
NOTE: Each musical company has an appropriate Sunday Program.

### NOTED ENTERTAINER

AT M. E. CHURCH.

One of the very best entertainments of its kind ever given in Sioux Falls, was that given by Chas. Riley McCally at the high school auditorium Tuesday afternoon. As an interpreter of James Whitcomb Riley's droll poems. Mr. McCally certainly has no superiors, and as an all around versatile entertainer he stands alone. He is not only a gifted reader and impersonator but he is a splendid violinist and his sense of humor knows no bound. When a performer can hold the attention of five hundred high school students for one hour and twenty minutes and leave them clamoring for more, it certainly is worth the while and price.—Sioux Falls Argus-Leader.

### REGISTER NOW IF

YOU WOULD VOTE.

Everybody must register this year in order to vote in the primaries next month.

Every voter must also state what party he belongs to and have this noted on the poll lists or he will not be allowed to vote.

Many citizens, it appears are not aware of these two requirements at the primary election and have failed to register and also failed to designate their party affiliations. The primary election is a party affair and the law has been so drawn as to prevent men of one party voting the ticket of another party. True, there is a provision for swearing in voters who for some unavoidable reason have failed to register according to law, but anyone who has tried this knows how hard it is to do so.

Remember, you cannot vote unless you register, and you must give your party preference.

Otto Wojohn, the young son of Gus Wojohn, met with a severe accident Monday morning while preparing to go to school. The lad was climbing into a rig, and through a misunderstanding, the driver started up before he could gain his seat. When the horses started, he was thrown to the ground, the vehicle running over him before he could get out of the way. His leg was broken, and he sustained severe bruises about the body. For a time it was feared he was injured internally, but this was found afterwards to be not the case. He was taken to the Stough hospital, where he is being treated for his injuries.

## Slope Bankers to Meet Here in 1917

Beach Will Extend Hospitality To Fifth Annual Convention Next May.

At the conclusion of a very pleasant and profitable convention of the bankers of the Missouri Slope, held at Dickinson last week, when a sumptuous banquet held in the spacious dining room of the St. Charles hotel was enjoyed by a large membership of the association, Beach was designated as the point at which the fifth annual convention will be held next May. This is a signal honor for Beach, and one which is thoroughly appreciated, the result of excellent work on the part of the Chamber of Commerce of this city. Local bankers will plan a royal welcome to the Missouri Slope bankers fraternity when they visit Beach next May.

We regret that space does not permit of our giving a list of the officials elected for the ensuing year, but are glad to note the recognition Beach has secured in the election to the office of vice president of Thomas E. Hayward, cashier of the Golden Valley State bank.

### ANOTHER PHOTOPLAY

MASTERPIECE

And another big scoop! The Selig ten-act screen version of Rex Beach's "The Ne'er-Do-Well" is considered to be the greatest moving picture production since "The Birth of a Nation." "The Ne'er-Do-Well," with all its depth of love and soft, sweet producing beauty, and fiendish jealousy, and black intrigue—with the naked passions of men and women bared before you as only Rex Beach can bare them. With its hero football player from New York ensnared alike by the dazzling Southern beauty Chiquita and the seductive Edith Cortlandt, wife of the other man. The production will be shown at the Beach Opera House Thursday June 8th, Matinee and night.

### GREAT FAMILY TREE

THIS; IS A RECORD

Devils Lake, N. D., May 24.—Little Mervin Alcide Belcourt, who arrived last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Belcourt, west of Devils Lake, has the distinction of having a living family tree, the size of which is in the record claiming class.

Besides two healthy parents, Mervin has a grandfather, two grandmothers, a great-grandfather and two great-grandmothers. The great-grandparents are Eugene Belcourt of Montreal; Mrs. Mary Feagant of Seattle; Mrs. Eugene Belcourt, Montreal. The grandparents are Mrs. Alcide Belcourt of Grand Harbor; Mrs. Belcourt of Grand Harbor; Mrs. Sarah Delrose, Williston. The parents are prominent farmers of this county and come from a sturdy people.

### MRS. BLODGETT WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED

The members of the M. E. church Ladies' Aid Society very pleasantly surprised Mrs. Blodgett at her home Thursday afternoon, the occasion being Mrs. Blodgett's sixty-fourth birthday. A large fern cake bearing 64 candles was prepared for the occasion, and graced the center of the table.

Mrs. Blodgett has long been an active member of the Aid society, and the surprise was in the nature of an appreciation of her excellent work.

## DIRECTORS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLD MEETING.

A business meeting of the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce was held at the Farmers & Merchants bank Wednesday evening, and a liberal turnout of that body resulted. A number of matters claimed the attention of the committee.

Messrs. Keniston, Reeve and Hudson were appointed as a committee to confer with the city dads regarding the matter of oiling the city streets. The matter came up previously before the council, when a Standard Oil representative gave an estimate of cost of this needed improvement. An order was placed by the council, but due to the high cost, co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce was desired, and made conditional upon receiving such aid. The committee will meet with the council and perfect the arrangements.

A letter representing the desirability of co-operation among the various chambers of commerce of eastern Montana and Western North Dakota was received from Secretary Chappel of Wibaux and read. The purpose of the movement is to secure special homesteaders' rates over the N. P. for the benefit of prospective settlers, and it is thought that with concerted action this end can be attained. A special low rate of one cent per mile prevails on the Milwaukee for homesteaders' excursions, and it is desired to secure a similar concession on the part of the N. P. Secretary Hayward was instructed to take the matter up with the proper officials. It is recognized that such a movement will prove of inestimable value in further development of this end of the state, and especially of the Golden Valley. Further particulars will be given in these columns later, when Mr. Hayward receives word from the N. P. officials as to definite action.

The proposition of parking the railway grounds south and west of the depot was again brought up, but the committee reported nothing definite in securing the improvement. Correspondent along this line in an effort to beautify these premises is still being taken up with the officials.

A proposed excursion to the Dickinson agricultural station, which will occur during the summer if the N. P. will arrange for special rates, was considered, but in this matter, also, a report of definite action was not received.

The entertainment committee for a Fourth of July celebration at Beach, appointed at a former meeting of the Chamber, was instructed to prepare all the details of the celebration, and at a meeting in the near future will submit their plans, when formal action will be taken. Beach will celebrate, and while the Chronicle is unable at this time to give its readers a gist of the entertainments and sports which will occur on the Fourth, our readers may rest assured that it will be an occasion which few will care to miss. The south branch towns will be visited in the near future by a committee, when an invitation will be presented them to have a part in Beach's celebration.

P. C. Erickson, secretary of the Farmers' co-operative Produce Society, accompanied a carload of hogs to the South St. Paul market Saturday. The consignment was an exceptionally fine lot of big, fat fellows, and will bring a high price. Mr. Erickson announces that the Produce company expects to make weekly shipments of live stock in the future.

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## Insurance Co. Grows Rapidly

Farmers Mutual, Only Four Years Old, Now Has a Membership of Over Four Hundred

A little over four years ago, in the Lame Steer district of Montana, birth was given to the Farmers, Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Company of Custer and Dawson Counties Montana. To be specific a charter was granted to this organization on the 17th day of November, 1911, under the mutual laws of that state. Since that time the territory in which this organization was granted a charter to operate has been divided into the counties of Wibaux, Fallon, Richland, Prairie, Custer and Dawson counties.

In view of the fact that the company has been repeatedly requested to extend its operations to western North Dakota, and that steps have been taken with that end in view by officers of the company, it is with considerable pleasure that the Chronicle is now able to give its farmer readers a brief history of the very successful operations of the above organization.

The company of course started with neither money or insurance, but through a reasonable amount of good luck during the first year of existence, the efficient management of its officers and the wise provisions injected into its by-laws, it has paid every loss sustained by members of the organization, has over \$800,000.00 of insurance now in force, and a reserve fund of cash in bank of approximately \$1,600.00. And not only that, but every claim presented by reason of loss by a member has been paid in cash just as soon as adjustment of loss could be made after notification, usually a period of about four days. Neither has there been any controversy over settlement of a claim, but rather the members have been inspired with a new confidence through the speedy and efficient manner in which these claims have been attended to and settled.

Examination of the company records reveal the fact that it has cost charter members of the company only \$12.00 to carry \$1,000.00 of insurance from organization to date, it is confidentially expected that this amount will carry the insurance for the full period of five years, as the cash on hand is expected to take care of the losses for the balance of this year, so that the \$12.00 has not only paid the actual cost of insurance in this company, but is has also created the \$1,600.00 cash on hand.

The company has also acquired a very complete set of record books and fire and burglar proof safe in which some may be kept. In view of the fact that the company has had no paid agents in the field soliciting business, gaining business and membership only through personal and intermittent efforts of its members, the fact that it now carries over \$800,000.00 of insurance, representing over 400 members, its growth has been very gratifying to its officers and members.

From organizations to date the company has paid in losses and expenses incident thereto, the sum of \$3,828.25.

The business is conducted in the most economical manner, the treasurer being the only officer of the company who receives a stipulated salary, \$25. a year. The other officers receive pay for just what duties they perform for the company. The secretary and treasurer are each required to give a surety bond in the sum of \$3,000, thus securing the company against possible loss by default.

The present officers of the company are: President, Clarence McClain of Wibaux, vice president, S. S. Horn of the Lame Steer district; secretary, Charles I. Cook of the same territory; treasurer, W. L. Stagg of Wibaux. A board of nine directors also give personal attention to the conduct of company affairs.

From the above record it will be seen that this organization has grown out of the formulative or experimental stage and now stands upon a sound financial basis, and we feel that if its operations could be extended to western North Dakota farmers of this territory would be greatly benefitted thereby, for not only would it result in a financial saving, but the annual meetings of the company would be productive of great good in advancement of the spirit of co-operation among the farmers.

FRONTIER CELEBRATION  
AT MILES CITY JULY 3-5  
Miles City is preparing to entertain the largest crowd ever assembled to witness a frontier celebration on July 3rd, 4th and 5th, when more than 500 cow boys of the Montana range will strive to hold their title as the champion riders of the world.

The secretary has recently issued a statement in which the celebrated "Powder River" cow hands challenged the world to produce more daring and skillful riders, asserting also that the management will offer a handsome prize to the party that can produce a horse, steer or a buffalo that cannot be ridden.

The Miles City round-up is renowned for its magnitude and conceded to be the most gigantic affair of its kind on earth, and it is said this year's show will smash all records.  
On July 5th, the last day, Governor Stewart of Montana, Burnquist of Minnesota, Hanna of N. Dakota and Kendrick of Wyoming, will meet with Chief Two Moons, leader of the Cheyenne Indians at the Custer Massacre, and greet the famous Indian warrior on the same ground on which Custer camped twenty-four hours before the battle.

FORDS COME TOGETHER.  
Ray, N. D. May 24.—Two Fords collided in a head-end smashup on the street near the Bijou theatre. Dr. Scott accompanied by Miss Mary Charney and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mitchell were driving west, and Gus Reynolds and Ira Knox were going east on the same street, meeting near the theatre. The autos bumped into each other and were at once put out of commission with broken light, radiators, twisted wheels and axles. The occupants of both cars were badly shaken up and bruised. The two cars were hauled over to the garage for repairs and will cost the owners a tidy sum.

Fred Hulsebus, of Harlan, Iowa, an old friend of the L. E. Curl family and the writer, visited this city Wednesday afternoon, making the drive of 1050 miles overland in his new Cadillac Eight in but four days and a half. He stated that though in parts of the trip road conditions were simply awful, the best roads he had found anywhere were in the Golden Valley, and especially along the Red Trail, where excellent work is being done. Mr. Hulsebus is a prosperous automobile dealer at Harlan, Iowa. He left yesterday morning for Bismarek, after a short visit at the Curl home, on the home trip.

## Try to Stop Present Salary Basis

Billings County Has Suit Growing Out of Valuation as Salary Fixer.

Medora, N. D., May 24.—Register of Deeds Walter J. Ray has secured an injunction from Judge Crawford restraining county Auditor J. A. Beery from paying salaries to the various county officials of Billings county for the year 1916, based on the valuation of the year 1914, before Slope county was segregated from Billings.

For years there has been much controversy among the voters about the salaries drawn by the officials of this county. Golden Valley county was segregated from this county in November 1912, but the officials of Billings county continued, for the year of 1913, to draw their salaries on the valuation of both counties; that is both Billings and Golden Valley, as it was before the segregation. For the year 1914 salaries were paid on a proper valuation. Slope county was segregated in the year 1914, but since that time Billings county officials have continued to draw salaries on the valuation of both counties.

The statutes provide that certain salaries shall be based on the valuation of the county for the previous year. The question has often been asked: What was the valuation of Billings county, for the year 1913 on which salaries should have been based? The officials only performed duty; has jurisdiction, and collected taxes in what was Billings county after Golden Valley was segregated. There is no dispute on this point.

M. P. Lovgren left Friday morning of last week for his former home, Wheaton, Minn., where he goes to be present at the graduation of a daughter. While there he will complete arrangements for bringing his family to Beach, and doubtless will be accompanied by them on his return. This is a most excellent family, and will be a welcome addition to our city. Mr. Lovgren, who expects to complete the disposal of the remainder of his interests there, is a practical jeweler of many years' experience, and has made many improvements in the jewelry store here which he purchased some time ago from W. W. Larsen. He expects to be gone about ten days.

Manager J. P. Smith of the Golden Valley Telephone Co. was in town on Monday making arrangements for certain improvements on the company's property here. A basement is being dug under the office, a new and larger switchboard will be installed at once, the present one not being large enough and about two blocks of cable will be strung to take place of the network of wires that now runs into the office. A furnace will also be installed in the basement before cold weather sets in.—Sentinel Butte Republican.

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\* NOTICE TO VOTERS. \*  
\* Realizing that a number of \*  
\* my friends are not aware that \*  
\* the state constitution limits \*  
\* the county treasurer to two \*  
\* successive terms, which pre- \*  
\* vents me from being a candi- \*  
\* date for that office, as some \*  
\* believe, I wish to state that \*  
\* instead I am a candidate for \*  
\* the office of Register of \*  
\* Deeds. \*  
\* A. E. SWAN. \*  
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