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CHAUTAQUA PROGRAM OF HIGH ORDER IS ANNOUNCED

Comic Opera, Drama, Music, Lec-
tures, Sculpture and Painting
Are Features

Beckley's second annual chautauqua will begin next week, continuing from August 24th to 30th. Instead of the King's Daughters handling the advance sale of tickets this year as they did last, the tickets were distributed among the various churches and Sunday schools several weeks ago.

Though no summing up has yet been attempted it is said that the sale of season tickets is progressing very favorably, and the burden falling upon the guarantors this year will not be so heavy as last, when it cost each underwriter of the week's entertainment about \$13.

One difficulty that is causing the local committee some worry is the county court's persistent refusal to again permit the use of the court house lawn on which to pitch the chautauqua tent. Either the court house lawn will be used without the court's permission or the chautauqua will have to be held somewhere on the outskirts of the city.

The program for the week will be as follows:

Thursday, August 24—Booth Tarkington's great play, "The Man From Home." Two concerts by the Granville-Hines company, pianist and dramatic baritone.

Friday, August 25—Two concerts by Colangelo's Concert Band, Junior chautauqua.

Saturday, August 26—Dr. A. E. Turner will lecture, "Rebuilding Your Town." Two concerts by Mr. and Mrs. Hears Such on piano and violin. Lecture by Montville Flowers, "Rebuilding the Temple."

Sunday, August 27—Program will be announced later.

Monday, August 28—Booth Tarkington's great play, "The Man From Home." Two concerts by the Granville-Hines company, pianist and dramatic baritone.

Tuesday, August 29—Two concerts by the May Parker Trio, violin, flute and piano. Lecture by Dr. Nevel Wright Hills, "The Romance and Heroism of Self-Made Men in America."

Wednesday, August 30—Lectures by Edmund Vance, "The Nineteen Hundred and Now," a comedy of laughter and logic. The famous comic opera, "The Chimes of Notting-ham."

DOUBLE TRAGEDY ENACTED

Father and Son Killed Under Slat
Fall in Devil's Fork Mine

A double tragedy in the mine of the Devil's Fork Coal company near Mullens on Wednesday night, August 9th, caused the instant death of Shafon Wright, aged 18, and the fatal injury of his father, J. C. Wright, who died the next day at the Beckley hospital.

The men were caught under a slate fall. Another son of the same mine left at once with the body of his brother for their home near East Radford, Va. The body was brought to the Beckley hospital by Reggie C. White, of this city, who is now also working for the Devil's Fork company.

After his death the next day the body of Mr. Wright was prepared for burial by Undertakers H. T. Caffee & Son, and was accompanied by Mr. White to East Radford, where it was buried beside that of his son.

Beckleyites in Flood.
For several days after the Cabin Creek and Coal river disasters, last week friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Meade and Dr. W. C. Mays, formerly of Beckley, entertained grave friends for their safety.

Mr. Mays was located at Sharon, in Cabin Creek, one of the villages destroyed. Mr. Meade is superintendent of the Superior Block Coal company, and with Mrs. Meade resides at Woodville, on Coal river. Both parties are now known to be safe. A telegram reached Mrs. Meade's mother, Mrs. F. C. George, last Friday announcing that Meade was safe, but that the store and several houses owned by the Superior Block company had been washed away by the flood.

Dr. Mays was not heard from until Tuesday. In a letter to Mrs. T. Scott he assured his friends and relatives of his safety.

Putnam Road Bonds Lost.
Putnam county voted down the M. and E. bond issues of \$244,000 proposed in Scott, Treva and Curry districts. The vote was about two to one against the bonds. The road proposed to be improved was the main thoroughfare through the county. Huntington and Charleston also people were much interested in the success of the bonds and their participation in the contest was rewarded by the Putnam people in defeat of the bonds.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Cause Interruptions of Power, Light
and Telephone Service

Disturbed atmospheric conditions and continual rains in this section of the state have been a source of much trouble to telephone and power companies. Telephone wires have been charged with too much electricity, causing interference with the service. The difficulty with the power companies, from the viewpoint of the consumer, is of the opposite character, for it appears that there is not enough "juice" in the wires.

Beckley is supplied by power from the cables of the Virginian Power company, of Cabin Creek, and during the past couple of weeks there have been numerous interruptions in the service. Local theatres have been particularly hard hit.

From all reports, however, they are not suffering nearly so much as the power company, which is said to be under contract with at least one of the coal companies to supply to the latter for every hour that the current is off.

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As far as can be determined the death toll will reach between 60 and 80. The property damage to railroads, coal, lumber and oil properties in Raleigh, Boone, Kanawha, Fayette and Lincoln counties will exceed five million dollars. Ten to fifteen thousand people were rendered homeless and without food, and the greatest suffering came in the aftermath of the flood as thousands of cold and hungry people huddled themselves together in the hills.

No sooner did the news of the disaster become known, however, than relief measures were being taken by state officials. Several detachments of the second regiment of the West Virginia national guard were sent to Kanawha City were rushed to Cabin Creek with tents and supplies. Contributions from various sources were poured into the relief fund for the survivors of the floods. Nearly \$80,000 has been cheerfully given for the relief of those rendered destitute.

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He made a strong plea for physical preparation for the individual and national readiness for the future. He was neither a Democrat nor a Republican in politics, but that he was a good citizen. He was not a candidate for election, and that he did not see how the country was going to turn him over to the record of his administration.

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Recruiting a Slow Process.
Although official assurance is given that the Second West Virginia infantry will be taken to Denning, N. M., in a short time, recruiting officers in various parts of the state are not meeting with the success expected.

By reason of having dependents at home, more than 50 enlisted men of the regiment were discharged from duty last week, and every company has at least 65 men, and all those entitled to discharge are released from service.

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Mr. C. H. Blain has gone to Huntington where he will spend several days visiting relatives. He will also visit friends in Ashland, Ky., before returning to Beckley.

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Seventy Killed and Five Million Property Damage Caused by Flood

Cloudburst on Headwaters of Cabin Creek and Coal River
Brings Destruction to Narrow Valleys of
Both Streams

Houses, Railroads, Tipples, All Washed Away

Four Hundred Square Miles Devastated By Worst Flood in History of West
Virginia—Came Without Warning—Much suffering in its
Wake, But Relief Is Rushed From All Quarters

The United States senate on Tuesday, at the instance of Senator William E. Chilton, adopting a resolution appropriating \$100,000 from the United States treasury for the relief of miners and others who lost heavily in the flood. In the house a resolution had already been adopted appropriating a \$500,000 relief fund for flood sufferers in the southern part of the state.

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TO OPEN NEW STREETS Fayette Street Will Be Driven Through to Railroad

As soon as the tax levy for the new year is laid by the city council a number of much needed improvements will be effected. Orders were given at the last meeting of the council for two streets to be opened for the convenience of residents in the more recently built up parts of the city.

Fayette street from the colored hotel in the rear of the court house will be opened and graded through to the railroad. The other new street will be opened between the residence of Dr. Jarrell and the T. K. Loring on North Kanawha street. It will be for the purpose of affording access to the homes in the vicinity of the Sprague school house.

This street will run through a tunnel in the fill made by the P. & O. C. railroad at that point. The work will be started as soon as city Engineer Hal M. Scott returns from his duty with the militia.

LITTLEPE CAMPAIGN WILL BE OPENED HERE AUGUST 28

Hard-Working Congressman Will
Fire Opening Gun For Re-Elec-
tion From New District

Hon. Adam B. Littlepage, elected to congress from the old Third district, and now the Democratic candidate for re-election in the new Sixth district, will make the opening speech of his campaign in Beckley on Monday, August 28th.

Mr. Littlepage undoubtedly figures that in order to be re-elected from the new district he will need the full Democratic strength of Raleigh county. He is less known here than in his old district with the possible exception of Boone. As he makes friends easily among all kinds of people his visit to Beckley will not do him much good. One of the big strokes of his campaign.

Mr. Littlepage is said to be one of the hardest working men in congress. No man looks after the interests of his constituents with greater fidelity. If a man in his district wants anything from congress he goes to Littlepage, and it is all possible that he will get it. He is said to be a faithful trustee that has resulted in his being kept in congress from a normally strong Republican district.

Make your plans to hear him when he speaks in Beckley on Monday, August 28th.

DYE PROBLEM SOLVED

California Chemist Finds Way to
Make It From Flowers

The little geranium patch that has been causing so much bother may become a money maker, in the opinion of J. H. Koss, a San Francisco chemist, who has discovered that a certain type of acid will turn the color of flowers into almost any color of dye.

Koss declares that his discovery will not only solve the problem of the aniline dye scarcity, but will make every man his own dyer. The geranium is the best subject for dye making, he explains, because of the quantity of oil it contains. The colors of green, purple, red, yellow and two shades of brown may be made from the geranium. After the color has been secured, Koss has chemical formulas making it fast. His experiments have shown that several washings or bleaching in the sun make but a little difference to cloth dyed by the flower methods. He expects to have the dye produced in powder form.

Run Down by Freight.

While returning home from a meeting of the Old Fellows lodge at the Sophia Saturday night, P. H. Briggs, who lived near Tans, and who was employed with a construction force on the C. & O. was run down by a Virginia freight train and instantly killed.

How he came to be struck by the train is not known. The accident occurred near Stobersburg. The body was prepared for burial by Undertakers Rose & Turner and then taken in charge by the Sophia Old Fellows, who conducted funeral services Monday afternoon.

Boy Killed on Tipple.

John, a thirteen-year-old boy, working on the tipples of the Virginian Smokeless Coal company, was caught between two cars of coal on Wednesday of last week and fatally injured. He was brought to the Beckley hospital, but died the next day.

He was a son of Lee Harris, who also works at Newlist. The body was prepared for burial by Undertakers Rose & Turner and shipped to Mullens for burial.

WOULD THE FIERCE MR.
HUGHES MERELY SHOOT UP
THE MEXICANS, OR HANG
AND QUARTER THEM?

NUMBER 11.

ROAD MONEY ALL HERE; WORK EXPECTED TO START AT ONCE

Sums of \$254,345.17 Deposited Monday in Each of the Three Beckley Banks

Bearing checks and a certificate of deposit for a total of \$853,035.51, Sheriff Geo. W. Thompson, President A. W. Griffith, of the county court, and Attorney J. L. Bangardner returned Sunday morning from Cincinnati. The final transaction standing in the way of beginning work on the county's road construction had been made. County Clerk Jackson Smith found at the last moment that he would not be able to accompany the party to the Queen City. Mrs. A. W. Griffith, however, did accompany her husband, and spent the few days they were in Cincinnati visiting her sister.

The \$853,035.51 represents the principal of the bonds (\$850,000) the premium paid by the purchasers of the bonds, and the accrued interest from the time the bonds were made until the money was turned over to the representatives of the county.

The huge fund has been distributed equally between the three Beckley banks, swelling their total deposits as nothing has ever done. Under the law they are required to pay three per cent interest on the money so they remain in their hands. It gives \$284,345.17 to each bank. The Bank of Raleigh and the Beckley National Bank each took their share in cashiers' checks, while that of the Raleigh County Bank was placed to its credit in a Cincinnati bank.

T. B. Bullen, the road engineer recently appointed by the county court to take charge of the road work, is expected to arrive in Beckley before the end of the week, ready to plunge into the work of surveying and planning the new road system.

HUMANITARIAN INSTINCTS

Brought Out in Bold Relief By Cabin Creek Disaster

The mining editor of the Charleston Mail says:

One of the outstanding results of the terrible Cabin Creek flood last week was to bring forward the humanitarian instinct of the business community. Everyone—mine operators, bankers, wholesalers, rushed into action to care for the victims. The very first acts of the mine operators were to care for the living, notwithstanding their own losses, ran into the millions. The word "robber baron" is not heard now among the "poor, down-trodden miners" in the flood regions.

Operators and operators' associations all over West Virginia have joined the Cabin Creek operations in relief work. The New River association and the Winning Gold association each have given out a check for \$1,000 to John Loring to be used in alleviation of suffering.

Perhaps the most generous of the mine employees on Cabin Creek, Paint Creek and Coal River are giving work on the relief and repairing damage to properties. The mining men are giving them temporary employment.

Much satisfaction is being expressed by members of the business community at the way the newspapers are covering the disaster. They claim that West Virginia is a good state for miners, and not the lawless labor field many have elsewhere been proclaiming.

Roanokers Surprise Beckley.
A party of Roanoke, Va., business men, making a trip through the Virginia coal fields, with the view of extending the trade radius of their city, arrived in Beckley early last Thursday morning. There was no advance information that they would stop in Beckley, but their special train pulled in about 7:30 o'clock.

A dozen or so of Beckley business men were aroused from late slumbers and the visitors were shown over the city in a motor car. They had sent an advance agent ahead, a warmer and more elaborate reception would have been tendered.

No Relief From Here.

In order to ascertain whether it would be possible to send food and other necessities to life from Shab-Scott, Raleigh county's mining center, over the mountains to the flood sufferers at Jarrad's Valley and other Raleigh points affected by last week's cloudburst, C. L. Beckner, manager of the Raleigh Grocery company, made a trip as far as Dry Creek last Sunday.

He was not able to proceed any farther than that point, for the force of the high water still prevailing at that time. He decided it would be useless for some days to attempt to send any relief by that route. Conditions along Coal River and its tributaries are fearful, says Mr. Beckner, and the suffering of the people is terrible.