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## SPOT WHERE NATURE SMILES

Rustic Beauty of Beatrice Chautauqua Grounds and Varied Attractions on the Program Promise an Ideal Outing for the Visitors

Garbed in richest emerald hue, with shady nooks, rustic benches and cool, refreshing shady spots, the Beatrice Chautauqua grounds await the visitors who, in two weeks, will begin to flock to this resort in search of rest and recreation.

Nothing can surpass in charm a comfortable camp in a well selected spot. The outing is healthful and refreshing in the extreme. The hot days of mid-summer pass in comparative placidness and the effects of torrid August are in a measure combated by the energy stored up during the outing for the dog day ordeal.

Another feature of the Chautauqua has made it a prime favorite with all. Nowhere else are there the intellectual attractions that the program of the association offers. Noted men and women, gathered regardless of expense from all corners of the country, will briefly sketch the condensed philosophy garnered in a lifetime. Orators ripe with age, mature in experience, will entertain and instruct. There are classes for the studious, music and pictures for the aesthetic, out-of-door amusements for the athletic.

The best men and women of the state meet at the Beatrice Chautauqua.

From June 20th to July 4th will be held the fourteenth annual session of the association at Beatrice. Through seasons of drouth and plenty, through prosperity and financial panic, the gatherings on the grounds have grown in size and increased in profit to those attending. Now plans have been made for the most successful summer meeting ever held in the history of the state.

Efforts on part of the management have made the scene of the future encampment one of the most entrancing spots in the state. Here, protected by

a canopy of white canvas above his head and with a pallet of soft grass beneath him, the visitor may enjoy the very best advantages that a vacation has in store.

The park is located just outside the city of Beatrice. The auditorium holds 5,000. There is a large dining hall. Tents are provided in plenty and, besides, cottages in large numbers dot the grounds here and there.

Low railroad rates have been made for the occasion and an adult may secure a season ticket to the grounds for \$2.50. For children half that sum is charged. Tents may be rented of the management at a nominal sum.

On the whole the Chautauqua offers peculiar advantages to those who wish to take an exhilarating outing at a nominal sum. All the pleasures of a visit to the mountains may be had for an expenditure comparatively insignificant.

The program has been arranged with especial care for the coming meeting. Noted lecturers, divines, orators, teachers, musical attractions and study courses have been outlined with painstaking care. The whole course is designed to be both restful and instructive. For this purpose novel features mark each day of the session.

Children have been provided for in a manner that cannot fail to secure their comfort and pleasure. Playgrounds have been marked off, and games, designed primarily for the little folks, will be allowed. In addition there is a boys' and girls' class under the instruction of Mrs. O. L. Beeson, who will discourse each day on attractive subjects. "Keeping house in the heart," is one of them.

Owing to the organization and perfection of arrangement the white city

of Chautauqua season will suddenly spring up on the grounds and will be supplied with everything needful for the comfort of the visitors. Mail and supplies can be sent direct to the campers. Visitors can find their friends without trouble or exertion.

The grounds have been well cared for. Trees have been trimmed and everywhere the foot falls on blue grass. Tent spaces have been arranged on the outskirts of the grounds. The approach of the meeting has caused a generous application for them. Parties of various sizes enjoy the outing together and select their tents with a view of combining for the "mess table." It is noticeable that those who have enjoyed the pleasure of such a meeting once have come regularly afterwards.

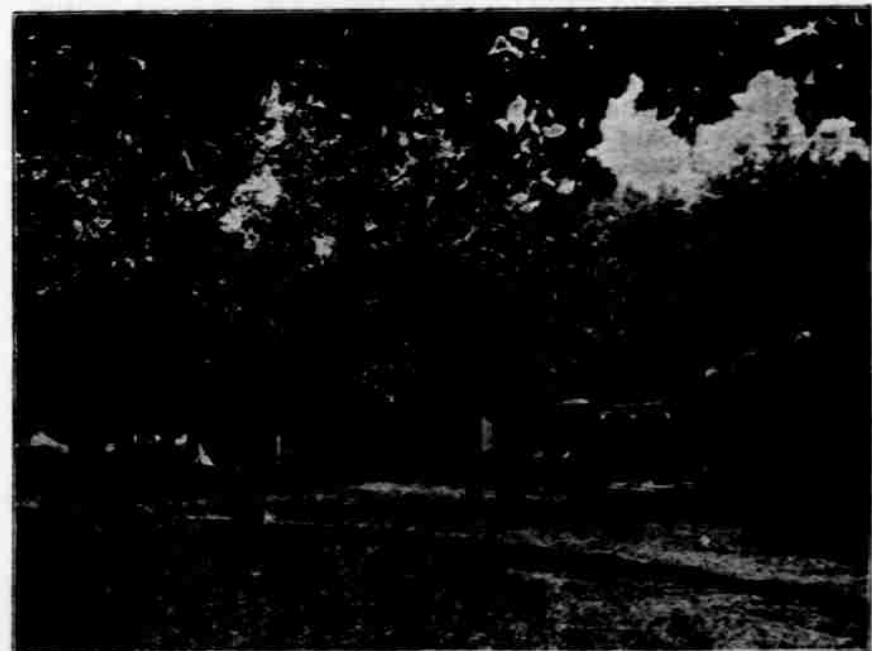
To this ideal spot the people of Beatrice invite their friends and promise them many things in addition to the natural beauties of the grounds. The program will be the seasoning. On the list of those who will appear are some of the names of men most prominent on the platform in the United States. Those of every age will be satisfied. Into the large auditorium five thousand people may gather to hear General Fitzhugh Lee after having come from a concert out in the open given by the Second regiment band. The young folks will have special classes in Willard hall, while at any hour of the day, time may be profitably spent with some of the many things provided on the program. The Wesleyan male quartet will be on the grounds for the opening week. The four young men comprising the quartet have made a name for themselves in other states and will bring to the Chautauqua their latest successes. Another musical at-

traction will be the Swiss bell ringers and Asceteam trio. These people are all musicians of high order and in addition to work with the bells they are prepared to furnish entertainment with solos, vocal and instrumental specialties. Rev. Thomas Dixon will be present at one Sunday service and will give a lecture besides. Rev. Father Kelley will tell of his connection with the American volunteer army. He served as chaplain during the war with Spain, being in the corps of Major General Lee, Shafter and Copinger. He has gained a high place as an orator in narrating the story of the war.

The two weeks' program with entertaining features presented many times every day will bring other notable persons to Beatrice. Prof. W. R. French, a noted crayon artist, will be at the Chautauqua for five days and will give two complete entertainments besides assisting in other numbers. He is at the head of the art institute of Chicago. Prof. French has the ability to make his crayon talk and great pleasure is anticipated from his work.

Fred Emerson Brooks, the poet humorist, will furnish several numbers. He has a personality that is captivating. Among other orators will be Matt S. Hughes of Kansas City, an orator of the highest type, and Col. H. W. J. Ham, who has named a particular brand of politician the "Snollygoster." Colonel Ham will also deliver his celebrated lecture "Old Times in Dixie." Dr. S. A. Steel has been selected as the closing speaker, and on July 4th he will deliver his lecture "Before and After Appomattox."

Some of the entertainment features of the program in addition to the above will be Protean entertainments by G.



SCENES AT THE CHAUTAUQUA.