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PIASA CHAUTAUQUA ASSEMBLY, 1900.



N presenting the program for our seventeenth annual session, we feel confident that our previous record has made a place for us of no mean rank among the popular assemblies of the country.

The long list of illustrious talent which has appeared on our platform through the years includes nearly every name that has served as an attraction at any of the leading assemblies and many of these have had

with the Round Table hour in the late afternoons. Some of the best instructors available have been secured to conduct these departments of instruction.

Not far from seventy-five new faces will appear on our platform this season, and these, taken together with those who return to us of other years' acquaintance, constitute one of the strongest arrays of talent that will be found upon any Assembly program. From our list of talent we wish to call attention to the following:

REV. WM. P. GEORGE, D. D., L. L. D.,

Is one of the most popular preachers and lecturers of the West. He is the pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Mo. In him are combined traits which make him a typical Englishman and an ideal American. Abundant and discriminating press notices from the East and West testify to his successes on the platform. His reading of Dickens' Christmas Carol is imitable.

DR. P. S. HENSON,

The Well-Known Baptist Divine,
Pastor of First Church, Chicago, will deliver two lectures. He is in great demand on Assembly programs, where he never fails to delight and instruct. H. W. Grady said



REV. WILLIAM POTTS GEORGE, D. D., L. L. D.

a place on our program repeatedly. To maintain variety and attractiveness, and at the same time provide wholesome instruction and inspiration is our unflinching purpose. We have an ambition to sustain a creditable and recognized relation to the great Chautauqua educational movement, based on the merit of actual work done. Hence, we do not limit our sessions to ten days or two weeks, neither do we confine our work to lectures and entertainments. Prominence is given to the specifically educational function of the true Assembly. The forenoons of all days except Sundays are devoted to schools and institutes, together



DR. P. S. HENSON.

of him in the Atlanta Constitution, "As a lecturer, he ranks second to no man on the American platform."

REV. DR. A. A. WILLITS,

The "Apostle of Sunshine," delivers two lectures and a sermon. For nearly forty years he has been prominently before the public as preacher and lecturer. He has now retired from pastoral work of the Pres-

since then a minister in various parts of the South, he is fully qualified to treat the theme of his lecture, "Home Life in Dixie During



REV. FATHER J. M. CLEARY.

byterian ministry, and devotes himself to the lecture platform. His years seem not to have diminished his popularity in this field, for he captivates and helps every audience to which he speaks.

REV. S. A. STEEL, D. D.,

Of Richmond, Va., who lectures and preaches for us, belongs to a group of Southern



MR. DANA C. JOHNSON

speakers popular in the North as well as the South. A native of Mississippi, reared amid the turbulent scenes of the Civil War, and



MISS OLOF KRARER.

the War." From all directions praise is heard. Col. Bain, himself a Southerner, says of that lecture, "It is equal to anything



REV. DR. JESSE BOWMAN YOUNG.

on the American platform as an entertainment."

REV. FATHER J. M. CLEARY,

Of Minneapolis, will deliver his eloquent lecture on "American Citizenship." A leading

daily says: "Father Cleary is pre-eminently a lecturer. His voice is melodious and well-moulded, his words flow freely and are well chosen, his gestures are few, and his manner earnest, but his clear, convincing argu-



MRS. A. E. SHIPLEY.

ment is the great charm of his address." He is admired by all the people who hear him without reference to their church connection.

REV. DR. JESSE BOWMAN YOUNG,

Of St. Louis, is to give on Grand Army Day "The Story of a Great Battle," this lecture being the description of the battle of Gettysburg. The Philadelphia Enquirer says: "As only a participant could have painted in words that memorable three days' battle, Dr. Young painted it, and the audience listened with breathless attention."



MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS LABADIE.

He was a staff officer in that battle, while yet in his teens, and has since lived as pastor in that town. He is the author of a popular volume, "What a Boy Saw in the Army."

MR. DANA C. JOHNSON,

Of Ohio is to give us a much praised lecture on "Thomas Jefferson." To students of American history and biography this effort will be full of interest. Testimony from several assemblies say of it: "It was the peer of any address given during the season." "Everybody who heard him was delighted." "Has the polish of the schools and reaches the people." "No more promising lecturer before the public." "An able production, couched in the choicest of English."

MISS OLOF KRÄRER,

A native Esquimaux lady, will address us twice on life in the frozen North. She is but 40 inches in height, weighs 100 pounds and is 37 years old. She will describe her people in Greenland, tell the story of her life, sing in her native language, and appear in native costume. Her popularity is indicated by the fact that she has lectured nearly a hundred times in Philadelphia.

REV. S. W. GAMBLE,

Of Kansas is a specialist on the Sabbath question, and has been secured to deliver a series of lectures on that theme. Bishop



MISS JENNIE SHOEMAKER.

Vincent says that his addresses are "A fresh and unanswerable argument of immense value." Bishop Fowler calls his theory "the greatest theological discovery of the century."

We have been exceeding fortunate in securing the services of

MRS. A. E. SHIPLEY,

To take charge of our C. L. S. C. department. Readers of the Chautauquan will remember the appreciative editorial reference to her work in the April number. She is the secretary of this work for Iowa, and will con-

duct a C. L. S. C. headquarters, the daily Round Table, a woman's council and a girls' club, remaining with us for two weeks.

MISS JENNIE D. SHOEMAKER,

A reciter, and entertainer, is thoroughly artistic, unique and versatile. She has successfully toured in all parts of the country, and will entertain us for two evenings. Her Delsartean exhibition is pronounced master-

they are particularly effective. The president of the Bay View Assembly wrote them: "You gave me one of the pleasantest evenings I have enjoyed for a long time."

The services of the

DOUBT FAMILY ORCHESTRA

Have been secured for three weeks, from July 19 to August 10. They will make daily appearances, besides furnishing the entire



THE DOUBT FAMILY ORCHESTRA.

ful. The wide range of her programs is very exceptional and satisfactory.

MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS LABADIE,

Will appear in their two great entertainments as delineators of human characters. They appear in a series of dialogues by the most eminent authors, and in readings from both classic and modern literary fields. In interpretations of Shakespearean characters

entertainment for three evenings. The demand for these musicians is so great that their services for so long a period were only secured through an early engagement.

THE SCHWARTZ LADIES' ORCHESTRA

Will be at our assembly for the entire last week, furnishing music at special hours, and introducing the various numbers on the program as may be desired.

MR. FRANK ROBERSON,

Now (June) in South Africa, will afford us two entertainments with his stereopticon



MR. FRANK R. ROBERSON.

and lectures. This, his last tour, and a former one to the Philippines, will be illustrated by 300 life-colored views. The highest results of art and the latest information will characterize these entertainments.

MR. WILLIAM D. ARMSTRONG,

Director of Shurtleff College School of Music, will deliver a lecture on that interesting



MR. WILLIAM D. ARMSTRONG.

and perplexing theme, "Church Music." He has had charge of the music in some of the

most important churches of St. Louis, and his lecture is the outcome of ten years' experience.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES P. WHYTE,

Who last year rendered such efficient service and formed so many strong attachments to Piasa, and our people, will be with

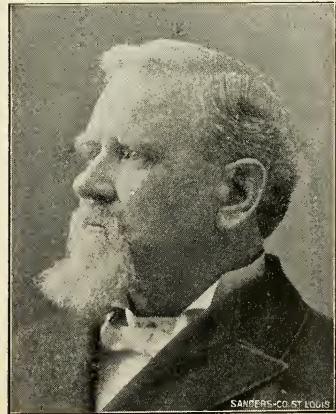


MR. AND MRS. JAMES P. WHYTE.

us for several days. He is now the Master of English in the Academy of Lake Forest University.

REV. DR. A. P. GEORGE,

State Superintendent of the Missouri Sunday-school Association, has been secured to conduct the Normal Department, and will have charge of an early morning class for two weeks. His experience in convention



REV. DR. A. P. GEORGE.

and assembly work places him easily as a leader in this line in the West.



THE SOUTH AFRICAN BOY CHOIR,

Under the direction of Mr. J. H. Balmer and assisted by Miss Elsie Clark of Kaffirland will constitute an attraction for two evenings of absolutely unique character. These boys have been secured from Zulu, Basuto, Kaffir and Bushman tribes of South Africa, and trained by Mr. Balmer for this work. The success has been marvelous. The Assembly Herald, Chautauqua, N. Y., in speaking of their second entertainment at that Assembly last year, said: "The vast amphitheater was crowded in every available corner. The audience was more than delighted. At one point in the program in response to a signal by Bishop Vincent, they gave Mr.

training and several years' experience before the public assure us of a fitting conclusion of our delightful series of entertainments.

In addition to this list of new talent, there will be a number of familiar workers who return to add to their good record.

REV. ALFRED A. WRIGHT, D.D.,

Dean of the Boston Correspondence School, will have charge of our Ministers' Institute and Church Congress. He will present two courses of lectures upon those profoundly important themes, that lie hidden from the English reader in the unexpressed remainders of the Greek text of our New Testaments.



SOUTH AFRICAN BOY CHOIR.

Balmer and his band the Chautauqua salute. It was as surprising as it was enjoyable."

MISS ADDA B. YOUNG,

Of St. Louis, a graduate of the Perry School of Oratory, will be at the Assembly for one week and entertain our audiences from time to time with a rich variety of selections. Her readings display keen analysis of character, true appreciation of situation and strong mastery of the humorous and pathetic. From her first appearance she will be a favorite.

MR. C. W. YERKES,

Principal of the Brighton Public School, will give the concluding evening's entertainment, consisting of dramatic and humorous recitations, impersonations, etc. His professional

Especial attention is asked to the fact that these lectures present in familiar language the most up-to-date conclusions of scientific research. Those who heard Dean Wright on his former visit to Piassa need no incentive, save remembrance, to insure their presence this season. He will preach on Sunday, July 22.

PROF. J. R. BUCKINGHAM

Will conduct a School of Art, and give instruction in drawing and painting. He will be the Chalk-Talk Artist for the Assembly and Sunday-school. Instruction to private scholars, outdoor sketching and painting a specialty. He will also tell stories to the boys three times a week.

REV. DR. GEORGE HINDLEY

Will deliver the Recognition Day Address and lecture and preach to the delight of old and new friends.

THE ALTON CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

Will provide the evening's program for July 31. This successful institution at our door



REV. DR. GEORGE HINDLEY.

kindly joins hands with us in our educational work. We opine that for once prophets will not be without honor in their own country.

THE LYRIC LADIES, OF CHICAGO,

Will sing for two evenings. This quartette has sung its way into the hearts of the people over a large portion of our country. All are cultivated soloists of the highest order, and will afford a decided feature of musical work. They are accompanied by Miss Orma Mae Noonan, an accomplished reader.

CARTER, THE AMERICAN MAGICIAN,

Has been secured for an evening's entertainment with mystifying illusions. He will give refined and comic displays of the art of sleight-of-hand. The Chicago Tribune says: "Neither Herrman nor Kellar can outdo Carter, their clever young competitor."

MISS ADDIE G. TANDY,

Of St. Louis will again have charge of the Kindergarten. Songs, games, stories, talks, occupations and nature work will be attrac-

tive features. A pleasing program will be provided each day for the little ones. Terms, 65 cents per week, \$1.50 for term of three weeks. If children are unable to remain on the grounds longer than one or two days, arrangements have been made, so that they can attend. A complete and interesting program for each day will be provided. The Kindergarten will open Monday morning, July 23. Hours, 8 to 10:30 a. m.

REV. SAM P. JONES

Will be greeted by his usual throng of interested hearers, and will probably have the largest audience of the Assembly. His subject this year will be "Shams and the Genuine "

REV. F. M. VAN TREESE, D. D.,

Will continue to be our Assembly Chaplain. He has new plans for making the morning devotional hour interesting and profitable.

SLAYTON'S JUBILEE SINGERS

Will give three evenings of song. These nine colored singers have together given over 2,500 concerts, and are the leading jubilee concert company of America. Aside from their own regular programs, they will sing in connection with other parts of our program.

HON. S. V. WHITE.

Hon S. V. White, (familiarily called "Deacon White") one of the most prominent and successful characters in Wall Street, New York



HON. S. V. WHITE.

City, will attend the Assembly this year. He will take part in the great Jersey County Reunion, giving his recollections of Jersey County from 1835 to 1850.

Piasa Assembly Program, 1900.



OPENING DAY,

Thursday, July 19.

JERSEY COUNTY REUNION.

TWO DAYS.

- 9:30 a. m. Devotional Hour, Rev. F. M. Van Treese, D. D., Assembly Chaplain.
- 10:30 a. m. Address of Welcome, Hon. Geo. W. Ware, Jerseyville.
- 11:15 a. m. Response, Judge A. A. Goodrich, Chicago.
- 1:45 p. m. Poem, "Sixty Years Ago on a Jersey County Farm," Hon. Ed. Miner, Carrollton.
- 2:00 p. m. Recollections of Jersey County from 1835 to 1850, Hon. S. V. White, Wall Street, New York.
- 8:00 p. m. A Spelling School of Ye Olden Tyme. Teacher 1st contest, Hon. Jacob Terry, Edwardsville; leaders, Hon. Benj. Wedding and Prentiss D. Cheney; teacher 2d contest, Mrs. Virginia Corbett Harbert, Jerseyville; leader, Mrs. Eliza Chandler White, Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. Harriett Douglass Noble. Webster's Elementary Speller will be used.
- The Doubt Family Orchestra, consisting of Children of David Doubt, formerly of Otter Creek Township, will be in attendance. See page 6.
- The Elegant Excursion Steamer, Golden Gate, capacity, 800, will give excursions to mouth of Illinois river, stopping at Grafton and giving time for inspection of the immense ship yards and quarries, in the afternoon.

Friday, July 20.

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
- 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Prof. M. E. Johnson.
- 9:00 a. m. Normal Class, Dr. A. P. George. See page 7.
- 10:00 a. m. Woman's Council, Mrs. A. E. Shipley; Topic, "How the Doors Have Opened to Women During the Century." See page 5.
- 10:00 a. m. Ministers' Institute, Dean A. A. Wright, of Boston. See page 9.
- Lecture, "Divine Men and the Deity of Jesus."
- 11:00 a. m. Address, "Farmers and Farming in Jersey County 50 Years Ago," Hon. Minor S. Gowins, of Kansas.

- 2:00 p. m. Address, "Bench and Bar of Jersey County," Judge Geo. W. Herdman, followed by addresses in part as follows: "Brush College and Social Life in Jersey County 50 Years Ago," Judge L. Stilwell, Kansas. County officers: Hon. Prentiss D. Cheney, Jerseyville; Jerseyville Seminary, Mrs. Virginia Corbett Harbert; Hamilton Primary School, Lineus Humiston; Jerseyville High School, Prof. Edward Shafer; Medical Profession 50 Years Ago, Dr. A. K. Van Horne.

An opportunity will be given for remarks after each address.

Excursion on Steamer Golden Gate in afternoon.

- 4:00 p. m. Church Congress, Dean A. A. Wright. Lecture, "Paul, the Incomparable Servant."

- 5:00 p. m. Round Table, Mrs. A. E. Shipley. Topic, "Chautauqua—Past, Present and Future."

- 7:30 p. m. Entertainment by the Famous South African Boy Choir, conducted by Mr. J. H. Balmer, and assisted by Miss Elsie Clark of Kafirland.

Saturday, July 21.

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
- 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Prof. Johnson.
- 9:00 a. m. Normal Class, Dr. George.
- 10:00 a. m. Woman's Council, Mrs. Shipley; Topic, "The Household Problem."
- 10:00 a. m. Ministers' Institute, Dean Wright; Topic, "The Incarnation and Some of its Implications."
- 11:00 a. m. Address on Sociology, Rev. Dr. W. P. George.
- 2:00 p. m. Lecture, "The Value of a Man," Rev. Wm. Potts George, D. D., LL. D., of Kansas City, Mo. See page 3.
- 4:00 p. m. Church Congress, Dean Wright; Topic, "John and the Heart of Jesus."
- 5:00 p. m. Round Table, Mrs. Shipley; Topic, "What Shall Our Children Read?"
- 7:30 p. m. Entertainment, South African Boy Choir.

Sunday, July 22.

- 9:00 a. m. Sunday School, T. H. Perrin, of Alton, Superintendent.
- 11:00 a. m. Sermon, Rev. William Potts George, D. D., LL. D.
- 7:00 p. m. Vesper Service.

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8:00 p. m. Sermon, Rev. Alfred A. Wright, D. D.

Monday, July 23.

8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten, (organized) Miss Addie G. Tandy, of St. Louis.
 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Prof. Johnson.
 9:00 a. m. Normal Class, Dr. George.
 10:00 a. m. Woman's Council, Mrs. Shipley; Topic, "Our Children."
 10:00 a. m. Ministers' Institute, Dean Wright. Topic, "Jesus and the Baptism of Death."
 11:00 a. m. Address, "The South African Question." Rev. Dr. George.
 11:00 a. m. Girls' Outlook Club. Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "The Home Girl."
 2:00 p. m. Lecture.
 4:00 p. m. Church Congress. Dean Wright. Topic, "The Evolution of the Rock in Simon."
 5:00 p. m. Round Table. Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "Our Country; Dangers that Threaten."
 7:30 p. m. Entertainment. Reading of Dickens' Christmas Carol by Rev. Dr. W. P. George.

Tuesday, July 24.

SAM JONES DAY.

8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten. Miss Tandy.
 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class. Prof. Johnson.
 9:00 a. m. Normal Class, Dr. George.
 10:00 a. m. Woman's Council, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "The Children of the Slums."
 10:00 a. m. Ministers' Institute. Topic, "Biblical Doctrine of the Holy Spirit."
 11:00 a. m. Girls' Outlook Club, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "An Octagon of Needs."
 2:00 p. m. Lecture, Rev. Sam P. Jones, "Shams and the Genuine."
 4:00 p. m. Church Congress. Topic, "What is the Church and What is It Not?"
 5:00 p. m. Round Table, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "The Influence of Margaret Fuller."
 7:30 p. m. Concert. The Doubt Family Orchestra.

Grand Steamboat Excursion on the Mississippi River in the Afternoon.

Wednesday, July 25.

8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten, Miss Tandy.
 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Prof. Johnson.
 9:00 a. m. Normal Class, Dr. George.
 10:00 a. m. Woman's Council, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "Man in the Home."
 10:00 a. m. Ministers' Institute. Topic, "Biblical Doctrine of the Holy Spirit"—Cont'd.
 11:00 a. m. Girls' Outlook Club, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "A Young Girl's Reading."
 2:00 p. m. Lecture, Rev. P. S. Henson, D.D., of Chicago, "Backbone." See page 3.

4:00 p. m. Church Congress. Topic, "For What is the Church and for What is It Not?"

5:00 p. m. Round Table, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "Chautauqua Work for the Coming Year."
 7:30 p. m. Concert, "The Lyric Ladies of Chicago." See page 10.

Thursday, July 26.

8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten, Miss Tandy.
 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Prof. Johnson.
 9:00 a. m. Normal Class, Dr. George.
 10:00 a. m. Woman's Council, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "What Constitutes Good Society?"
 10:00 a. m. Ministers' Institute. Topic, "Biblical Doctrine of the Holy Spirit"—Cont'd.
 11:00 a. m. Girls' Outlook Club, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "Darning, Mending—Tags and Things."
 2:00 p. m. Lecture, Rev. Dr. Henson, "Fools."
 4:00 p. m. Church Congress. Topic, "What Helps the Church and What Helps It Not?"
 5:00 p. m. Round Table, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "An Hour with Our Short Story Writers."
 7:30 p. m. Concert, The Lady Lyrics of Chicago.

Friday, July 27.

8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten, Miss Tandy.
 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Prof. Johnson.
 9:00 a. m. Normal Class, Dr. George.
 10:00 a. m. Woman's Council, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "Frances Willard and Her Mission."
 10:00 a. m. Ministers' Institute, Mr. J. P. Whyte. Topic, "Public Speaking on Platform and Pulpit." See page 7.
 11:00 a. m. Girls' Outlook Club. Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "The Charm of Good Manners."
 2:00 p. m. Lecture, Rev. A. A. Willits, D.D., of New Jersey, "Sunshine."—See page 4.
 4:00 p. m. Church Congress. Topic, "Wherein is the Church Failing and Wherein Succeeding?"
 5:00 p. m. Round Table. Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "Manners and Customs of Old Colonial Days."
 7:30 p. m. Lecture-Recital, Mr. and Mrs. James Primrose Whyte, of Lake Forest University, "National Life in Song."

Saturday, July 28.

8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten. Miss Tandy.
 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class. Prof. Johnson.
 9:00 a. m. Normal Class. Dr. George.
 10:00 a. m. Woman's Council. Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "Adolescence."

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- 10:00 a. m. Ministers' Institute, Prof. Whyte. Topic, "Public Speaking on Platform and Pulpit."—Cont'd.
- 11:00 a. m. Girls' Outlook Club, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "The Mission of Flowers."
- 2:00 p. m. Lecture, Rev. Dr. Willits, "The Model Wife."
- 4:00 p. m. Church Congress. Topic, "What Does the Church Need to Abandon and What Emphasize?"
- 5:00 p. m. Round Table, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "Brook Farm, Why it Failed."
- 7:30 p. m. Lecture Recital, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Whyte, "Bonnie, Brave Scotland in Song and Story."

Sunday, July 29.

- 9:00 a. m. Sunday-School, T. H. Perrin, Superintendent.
- 11:00 a. m. Sermon, Rev. A. A. Willits, D. D.
- 7:00 p. m. Vesper Service.
- 8:00 p. m. Sermon, Rev. J. P. Whyte, A. M.

Monday, July 30.

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
- 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten, Miss Tandy.
- 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Prof. Johnson.
- 9:00 a. m. Normal Class, Dr. George.
- 10:00 a. m. "Woman's Council," Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "The Power of Personal Influence."
- 10:00 a. m. Ministers' Institute, Prof. Whyte. Topic, "Public Speaking on Platform and Pulpit."
- 2:00 p. m. Popular Program of Song and Recitation, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Whyte.
- 4:00 p. m. Church Congress.
- 5:00 p. m. Round Table, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "The Realism of William Dean Howells."
- 7:30 p. m. Concert, The Doubt Family Orchestra.

Tuesday, July 31.

MODERN WOODMAN DAY.

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
- 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten, Miss Tandy.
- 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Prof. Johnson.
- 9:00 a. m. Normal Class, Dr. George.
- 10:00 a. m. Woman's Council, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "The Power of Personal Influence."
- 11:00 a. m. Lecture, Rev. S. W. Gamble. "The American Civil Sabbath and the Laboring Man." See page 5.
- 2:00 p. m. Address, "Head Consul," Gov. W. A. Northcott. Followed by competitive Exhibition Prize Drill.
- The Shelbyville Woodman Quartette will furnish music.
- 5:00 p. m. Round Table, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "Charles Dickens as an Educator."
- 7:30 p. m. Concert by the Alton Conservatory of Music. See page 10.
- Grand Excursion on Steamer Golden Gate in the afternoon.

Wednesday, August 1.

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
- 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten, Miss Tandy.
- 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Prof. Johnson.
- 9:00 a. m. Normal Class, Dr. George.
- 10:00 a. m. Woman's Council, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "The Art of Hospitality."
- 11:00 a. m. Address, Rev. S. W. Gamble, "Ancient Calendars and Methods of Sabbath Countings."
- 2:00 p. m. Round Table, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "Our Assembly, What Has Been Its Influence?"
- 5:00 p. m. Readings, Miss Jennie D. Shoemaker. See page 6.

Thursday, August 2.

DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL DAY.

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
- 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten, Miss Tandy.
- 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Professor Johnson.
- 9:00 a. m. Normal Class, Dr. George.
- 10:00 a. m. Woman's Council, Mrs. Shipley. Topic, "Our Opportunities."
- 10:00 a. m. Address, Rev. S. W. Gamble, "Sabbaths of the Jewish Dispensation."
- 11:00 a. m. Political Addresses by Prominent Speakers.
- 2:00 p. m. Political Addresses by Prominent Speakers.
- 5:00 p. m. Round Table, Mrs. Shipley. Conference of Chautauqua Workers.
- 7:30 p. m. Readings, Miss Jennie D. Shoemaker.
- Grand Excursion on Steamer Golden Gate.

Friday, August 3.

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
- 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten, Miss Tandy.
- 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Prof. Johnson.
- 9:00 a. m. Normal Class, Dr. George.
- 11:00 a. m. Address, Rev. S. W. Gamble, "The Christian or Sunday Sabbath."
- 2:00 p. m. Lecture, Mr. W. D. Armstrong, "Church Music." See page 7.
- 5:00 p. m. Round Table, Conducted by the King's Daughters.
- 7:30 p. m. Entertainment, Carter, the Magician. Magic and Humor. See page 10.

Saturday, August 4.

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
- 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten, Miss Tandy.
- 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Prof. Johnson.
- 11:00 a. m. Address, Rev. S. W. Gamble,—"The Christian Sabbath in (O. T.) Prophecy and (N. T.) History."
- 2:00 p. m. Lecture, Rev. S. A. Steel, D. D., "Home Life in Dixie During the War." See page 4.
- 5:00 p. m. Round Table.
- 7:30 p. m. Concert, The Doubt Family Orchestra.

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Sunday, August 5.

- 9:00 a. m. Sunday School, T. H. Perrin, Superintendent.
 11:00 a. m. Sermon, Rev. S. A. Steel, D. D.
 7:00 p. m. Vesper Service.
 8:00 p. m. Sermon, Rev. Miss Mary Moreland.

Monday, August 6.**WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION DAY.**

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten, Miss Tandy.
 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Prof. Johnson.
 11:00 a. m. Address, Mrs. W. P. Kuhl.
 2:00 p. m. Lecture, Rev. Miss Mary Moreland.
 5:00 p. m. Round Table, conducted by W. C. T. U. Workers.
 7:30 p. m. Concert, Slayton's Jubilee Singers.
 See page 10.

Tuesday, August 7.

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten, Miss Tandy.
 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Prof. Johnson.
 2:00 p. m. Lecture, Mr. Dana C. Johnson, "Thomas Jefferson." See page 5.
 7:30 p. m. Concert, Slayton's Jubilee Singers

Wednesday, August 8.**REPUBLICAN POLITICAL DAY.**

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten, Miss Tandy.
 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Prof. Johnson.
 11:00 a. m. Political Addresses by Prominent Speakers.
 2:00 p. m. Political Addresses by Prominent Speakers.
 7:30 p. m. Concert, Slayton's Jubilee Singers.
 Grand Steamboat Excursion in the Afternoon.

Thursday, August 9.**RECOGNITION DAY.**

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten, Miss Tandy.
 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Prof. Johnson.
 2:00 p. m. Graduating Exercises for the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle.
 2:00 p. m. Address, Rev. George Hindley, D. D. See page 10.
 5:00 p. m. Round Table. Enrollment of Class of 1903.
 6:00 p. m. Chautauqua Supper and Camp Fire.
 7:30 p. m. Lecture. Rev. Dr. Hindley, "Use and Abuse of Humor."

Friday, August 10.

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten, Miss Tandy.
 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Prof. Johnson.
 2:00 p. m. Lecture, Rev. Dr. Hindley, "Society, What it Was, Is, and Ought to Be."
 7:30 p. m. Concert, Chorus Class, assisted by the Schwartz Ladies' Orchestra.
 See page 6.

Saturday, August 11.**YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY.**

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
 8:00 a. m. Kindergarten, Miss Tandy.
 9:00 a. m. Chorus Class, Prof. Johnson.
 11:00 a. m. Lecture, Rev. Dr. Hindley, "Novels and Novel Reading."
 2:00 p. m. Platform Meeting, Addresses by Representatives of the Various Young People's Organizations.
 7:30 p. m. Illustrated Lecture, Mr. F. R. Roberson, "Manila and the Philippines." See page 7.

Sunday, August 12.

- 9:00 a. m. Sunday School. T. H. Perrin, Superintendent.
 11:00 a. m. Sermon, Rev. Geo. Hindley, D. D.
 7:00 a. m. Vesper Service.
 8:00 p. m. Sermon.

Monday, August 13.

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
 2:00 p. m. Lecture. Father J. M. Cleary, of Minneapolis, "American Citizenship." See page 4.
 7:30 p. m. Illustrated Lecture. Mr. F. R. Roberson. "Britain and Boer."

Tuesday, August 14.

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
 2:00 p. m. Prof. Lester Bartlett Jones, Celebrated Tenor Soloist, Chicago.
 2:00 p. m. Lecture. Miss Olof Krarer, an Esquimaux from Greenland.— See page 5.
 7:30 p. m. Prof. Lester Bartlett Jones. Celebrated Tenor Soloist, Chicago.
 Entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Labadie. "An Original Idea." See page 6.

Wednesday, August 15.

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
 2:00 p. m. Prof. Lester Bartlett Jones, Celebrated Tenor Soloist, Chicago.
 2:00 p. m. Lecture. Miss Olof Krarer.
 7:30 p. m. Entertainment. Prof. Lester B. Jones, Vocal Soloist. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Labadie. "An Infinite Jest."

Thursday, August 16.**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC DAY.**

- 8:00 a. m. Devotional Hour.
 2:00 p. m. Address. Jesse Bowman Young, D. D., "Story of a Great Battle." See page 5.
 7:30 p. m. Entertainment. Readings, Prof. C. W. Yerkes. See page 9. Music, Vocal Soloist, Prof. Jones. Instrumental Music, Schwartz Ladies' Orchestra.



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IMPROVEMENTS.

Improvements have been made this year upon the property and grounds of most substantial character. The long-desired Hall of Philosophy has been begun, and will be completed by the opening of the Assembly. It is modeled after the Parthenon at Athens, and will be very useful for Round Table, Vesper services and other gatherings.

The hotel is being thoroughly remodeled and enlarged. Forty new rooms have been added, and a third story added to the building. Much improved accommodations are thus made possible and assured. Several private cottages have been built, the drives and walks newly graveled. The grounds never looked better. The many charms of Piasa will be greater this year than ever.

SUNDAY AT PIASA CHAUTAUQUA.

A Model Sunday-School will be conducted each Sunday morning beginning at 9:30 o'clock. At 11 o'clock in the morning and at 7:30 o'clock in the evening the great congregation will gather in the Tabernacle, notable ministers will preach, the fine chorus choir and soloists will take part, and most helpful, uplifting, inspiring services will be held. The following are among the preachers:

On July 22, Wm. Potts George, D. D., of Kansas City, Mo., and Dean A. A. Wright, D. D., of Boston, Mass.

On July 29, A. A. Willits, D. D., of New Jersey, and J. P. White, A. M., of Chicago. On August 5 S. A. Steel, D. D., of Richmond, Va., and Rev. Miss Mary A. Moreland, Chicago.

On August 12, George Hindley, D. D., of Minnesota.

Vesper Services will be held each Sunday evening before the sermon.

THE CHOIR AND CHORUS CLASS.

Special attention is called to the fact that the School of Music will organize a chorus at the opening of the Assembly, and give training to all who will attend it. There will be no fee for this, but all will be expected to attend regularly. This chorus will take large part in the Sunday services and in miscellaneous concerts. Its training will be most valuable.

There will be two Musical Festivals given during the Assembly by local and visiting talent under the direction of Prof. M. E. Johnson.

COTTAGES, HOUSES AND TENTS.

The grounds have been laid off, and eligible lots can be had for building. These are leased for ninety-nine years. There are no State or County taxes to be paid. Water is supplied free of charge. Investments in lots and cottages have yielded handsome returns. Several hundred lots have been sold and built upon. Many of the homes erected have been made most attractive and



commodious, but the majority are simple summer cottages, unceiled, the lattice-enclosed back porch for a dining-room. Prices and location of lots yet unsold may be had by communicating with L. Hallock, chairman of Lot Committee.

Besides the many cottages of private families, there is the King's Daughters' Home, W. C. T. U. Home, Grange Headquarters, Relief Corps Home, etc. In some of these homes the lowest possible rates of living are given to visitors.

If you have not already done so, why not name your cottage? Hold a family reunion and select some pretty name.

Furnished cottages may be rented, either

the river at the station. The encampment is in a beautiful valley which extends back between two high and heavily wooded hills. Here and there ravines and gorges penetrate the hills and are shaded by the trees and carpeted with moss and ferns. The bold and lofty bluffs on the Illinois shore, the island in front, the wide stretch of bottom lands on the Missouri side, with its fertile fields and dense woods, the ever-changing "Father of Waters," the gorgeous sunsets up the river, combine to make such picturesque and grand scenery as cannot be surpassed in the Mississippi Valley.

Dr. W. H. Crawford, who has lectured at so many Chautauquas, says of its attractions:



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with or without housekeeping arrangements. Vegetables, fruits, groceries, etc., in great abundance can be purchased on the grounds at reasonable rates.

One lady says: "We find no trouble in keeping house at Piasa, and at much less cost than at home."

If tent life is preferred, all sizes of good tents are furnished in shady spots at reasonable prices.

THE PLACE AND THE PURPOSE.

The beautiful grounds of the Piasa Chautauqua Assembly, containing 310 acres, are situated on the banks of the Mississippi River, on the line of the St. Louis, Chicago and St. Paul Railroad (Bluff Line), 13 miles above Alton, Ill., and can easily be reached by rail and river. The grounds front on

"I have seen the Palisades of the Hudson, and looked upon the glories of the Rhine, but I have never looked upon a more beautiful sight than the Bluffs of Piasa, under the light of the full moon, as I saw them from a boat on the river last night."

THE VALLEY.

Another natural advantage is found in the configuration of the grounds. The narrow valley between the high and thickly wooded hills secures the maximum of shade in the mornings and evenings. While toward night-fall, the cool air draws down from the high lands back and flows down the valley and out over the river, bringing in, even after the sultriest mid-day, a cool night and refreshing sleep.

Then, remember, too, that it is not far away. Business and professional men in St. Louis, Alton and the adjoining cities and towns can bring their families here and yet keep in touch with their business, and so secure at least a partial change and rest.

For convenience, pleasure and economy combined, this Chautauqua meets the wants of the people.

THE SPRING.

One of our fine advantages is the large spring which sends its clear, cold water out in such abundance and purity from under the rock at the base of a towering hill. This water, by analysis, proves to be, in almost every minute particular, like the fam-

ed almost every Chautauqua in America, said: "I have never seen such a good religious spirit as here."

OUR GUESTS.

Clergymen, missionaries and Y. M. C. A. secretaries and their wives will be admitted free. Their railroad permit shown at the gate will pass them into the grounds. Then on application to the secretary at the office the proper tickets will be issued to them. It is expected that such clergymen will assist as much as they can in distributing Assembly literature and securing delegations from their section.

There is a hotel, post-office, telephone and telegraph during the season. After July 18



LOVERS' BRIDGE.

ous Eureka waters of Arkansas. It is piped over the grounds and is furnished free from convenient hydrants.

THE PURPOSE.

Our Assembly is educational, recreative and religious. It aims to combine, with the outing features and relief from household routine and habitual labor, the best social and literary advantages for pleasure and profit.

While Piasa Chautauqua is given to sport-loving, fun-making and nearly all kinds of recreation known to land or water, yet its spirit is religious. Col. Bain, who has serv-

direct all mail, freight and express to Chautauqua, Jersey County, Ill. Before this date the post-office is at Elsah, Ill. Enquire for lots, tents and privileges of Col. A. F. Rogers, Upper Alton, Ill. For programs and information, write to P. M. Hamilton, secretary, Jerseyville, Ill.

CHAUTAUQUA ITEMS.

No hot nights at Piasa.

The climate is cool and health-giving.

The mountains and valleys fill the summer with beautiful sights and interesting experiences.

At Piasa you gain health and vitality as you increase in knowledge and spiritual power.

Bring a walking costume with you. Something very plain—comfortable shoes, with good soles and uppers that the rocks will not spoil. There are many places of interest to visit.

Ladies do not need to bring a great wardrobe. Everybody dresses plain at Piasa Chautauqua.

The young people love to come to Piasa because they have such a pleasant time.

Firearms, slingshots or airguns are forbidden.

Only licensed and trustworthy dealers are admitted to the grounds.

Mails are received and sent out each day, except Sunday.

Dogs of all kinds and sizes are not permitted on the grounds.

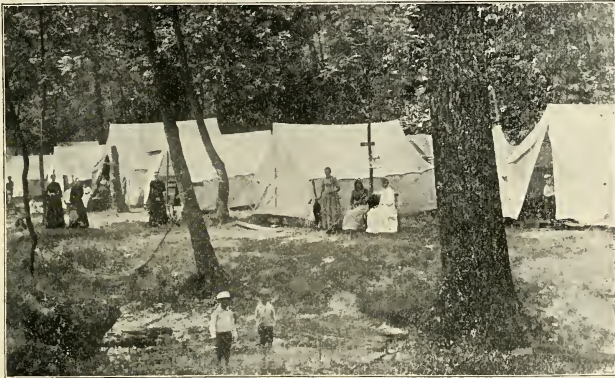
The great St. Louis dailies are delivered on the Assembly grounds morning and evening a short time after publication.

An official and competent resident physician will be on the grounds during the Assembly.

Special rates will be made on rents, camping outfits and household goods from all stations, East St. Louis to Springfield, inclusive, to Chautauqua during the Assembly season.

Both telephonic and telegraphic communication may be had with all parts of the country in every direction.

A complete register of every one that visits Piasa Chautauqua is greatly desired. Will not every one please register at the



WEST SIDE ALTON AVENUE.

Husbands can leave their families on the grounds with perfect security. Ladies come alone.

That the young people have a good time will be seen by some of the illustrations on these pages.

Have your mail addressed care of the Assembly, and you will find it at the Assembly branch of the post-office.

Check you baggage through to Chautauqua, Jersey Co., Ill.

Come to the opening day of the Assembly. The program is rich from the very beginning.

Do not fail to join the chorus class. The training is admirable. In this way you can help in the concerts and in the Sunday services.

Tabernacle immediately on your arrival. We want your name and address.

Contagious diseases of every kind will be kept from the grounds. An able resident physician is continually on the alert to protect the guests.

You will be surprised how cheaply you can spend the season at Piasa. Rates for good board and rooms are very low. The Assembly has rates for people of moderate means, so that all can enjoy a delightful summer outing.

All sorts of innocent amusements are provided for the visitors at Piasa, boat riding on the Mississippi, bathing houses on the beach in front of the Assembly grounds, Ferris wheel, tennis, base ball, and croquet. There are a number of beautiful drives and

walks along the valleys, and on the magnificent bluffs where the scenery on the great Mississippi River cannot be excelled in the world. Indeed, Piasa is a perfect paradise for young people.

What could be more delightful than the small picnic parties at Piasa, with their



AS YOU COME IN.

good cheer, in the cool dells and beneath the great trees, where one can look out into the deep forest and hear the sweet music of the birds and see the huge mountains, or, a moonlight ride on the Father of Waters, with the sunset, music of songs and mandolins to while away the hours of a summer eve.

NEW ASSEMBLY HOTEL.

The Chautauqua Hotel has been rebuilt and refurnished, and is commodious, comfortable and convenient.

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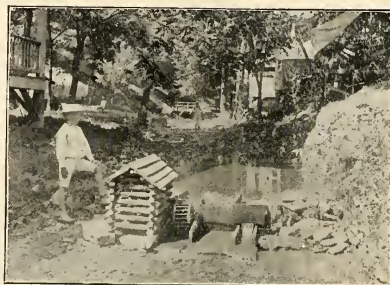
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AT THE SPRING.

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Day Tickets	\$ 25
Weekly Tickets	1 00
Season Tickets	3 00

Children under 12 years of age, half price; under 8 years, free.

Season tickets will be sold in advance, up to and including July 19th, for \$2.50, and a commission will be paid any one taking the agency for a town or community. Address P. M. Hamilton, Secretary, Jerseyville, Ill.

RAILROAD RATES AND ARRANGEMENTS.

Plasa Chautauqua is on the Grafton Division of the St. Louis-Peoria Line (formerly Bluff Line). This line will sell tickets to Chautauqua and return, from July 16th to August 16th, all good to return until August 25th, at rate of one fare for the round trip.

Most lines in Illinois will make reduced rates in connection with this line, but if you are not able to get through tickets at reduced rates, purchase a round-trip ticket to the nearest point that St. Louis-Peoria Line reaches, and you will get low rates.

The following are some of the points at which you can connect with the St. Louis-Peoria Line:

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At Haganan with Litchfield, Carrollton and Western Railroad.

At Medora with Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad.

At Jerseyville with Chicago and Alton Railroad.

At Alton with Big Four, Burlington Route, and Girard, Virden and Brighton Division of Chicago and Alton Railroad.

At Hartford (Edwardsville Crossing), with Edwardsville Division of Wabash Railroad.

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Additional trains will be put on for and during the Assembly and close connections with other railroads will be earnestly sought.

The Bluff Line will ship all household goods, tents and freight of our patrons from all points on that line both ways at half rates.

INCORPORATED.

Piasa Chautauqua Assembly is incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, and is a regular member of the International Chautauqua Alliance. The Stockholders or Directors have never received any dividends. All of the proceeds over and above the actual expenses of each Assembly are devoted to the improvement of the buildings and of the

grounds. The Directors cheerfully give their time to the management of affairs of Piasa Chautauqua free of charge.

REDUCED RAILROAD RATES.

An open rate of one fare and one-third for the round trip from all points from which the local one-way rate to Chautauqua is \$2.25 or less; excursion tickets to be sold daily, July 16th to August 16th inclusive, good to return until and including August 19th, 1900. Tickets to be good for going passage commencing date of sale, and for continuous passage in each direction on all roads in the Western Passenger Association.

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A Pen=Picture of Chautauqua.

It was midsummer in a great city. Day after day the sun had glared unmercifully upon the inhabitants of the city, and even when he hid his face below the western horizon he left his hot breath upon street and boulevard alike, and the very breezes seemed surcharged with his heat. The city seemed to afford no relief anywhere from his intense warmth. Thoughts of the seashore and longings for the mountains came to me over and over, only to be stifled by the overwhelming thought of our slender income, scarcely sufficient to meet the daily wants of my widowed mother and myself. As the days wore on my heart became more and more heavy as I noticed the effects which the heat was having upon my mother. One day I chanced to pick up a little pamphlet, and as I perused it my surprise and joy must have been depicted on my countenance, for mother said, "What good news have you there, daughter?" "It is only a little surprise I am planning for you," I replied. Busily and cheerily I worked all day, and having made all needed preparations, the evening found my mother and I speeding away on the train toward the north. I had not come suddenly into the possession of a fortune, nor had I heard of the whereabouts of a gold mine; but I had ascertained from the circular which I had chanced to pick up that within a few miles of the city of St. Louis there was one of the most delightful and at the same time one of the most inexpensive summer resorts imaginable—Piasa Chautauqua. After about an hour's ride we alighted at one of the most beautiful spots which it had ever been my pleasure to behold, although I had traveled quite extensive-

ly. In front of us stretched a luxuriant valley, dotted here and there with tents and cottages, while on either side and as far as eye could reach rose huge bluffs and precipitous crags. The rays of the sinking sun crowned the hills with glory, and the whole scene was reflected in the clear waters of the Mississippi. Ere long we were ensconced in a neat and comfortable little cottage, and the nightfall brought breezes so cool that we were able to sleep with comfort under blankets. Nor was our pleasant impression of Piasa dispelled even when the King of Day rose in all his majesty and power, for the trees afforded abundant shade and the cool breezes swept down the valley, refreshing as it went. What beverage was ever more delicious than the cold, crystal water which gushed from the picturesque spring on the hillside! We also discovered to our delight that Piasa was not only a place of recreation for the body, but that its Chautauqua afforded refreshment for the mind and food for the soul. Not a day passed without some notable lecture, some eloquent discourse, some scientific display, some musical treat or some delightful diversion of that kind. The Sabbath was devoted exclusively to religious services, and words fail to describe the peace and rest of a Sabbath spent at Piasa. Swiftly the days sped away, and all too soon came the time when we must leave Piasa and return to our home in the city. But we carried back with us in memory's casket many beautiful gems of thought and treasures of friendship to beautify and adorn our lives, as well as refreshed bodies, enlarged minds and ennobled souls.

St. Louis, Mo.

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