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## CHAUTAUQUA HERE WEEK AFTER NEXT

Six Days of Splendid Entertainment, Beginning June 28. In all Fifty-nine Highly Talented People Will Instruct and Entertain the Residents of this Vicinity for Nearly a Week in the Best Manner.

In a few days Chautauqua will be here. A program of unusual strength has been provided and as such merits the interest and support of all classes of citizens. Six big days, twelve unusually complete sessions; with double numbers at every session, and a change of talent each day. To those holding season tickets the cost of a concert or lecture (not including the round-table and talks to parents in the morning) is but eight cents. The program represents the best possible in entertainment and instruction and has never been excelled at any price.

**Note the Musical Features.**  
Ellis Brooks, with his famous concert band, who has entertained millions with his delightful music; the charming Craven Family, and their orchestral program; Booker Washington Tuskegee Singers, who have delighted hundreds of audiences from sea to sea; Ora Padgett Langer one of Chicago's best known singers, and her company; and Martha Cook, well known throughout the Northwest as one of its sweetest singers.  
Then note the Exceptional Entertainers.  
Maude Willis of national fame and universal favor, in a message for peace; Beulah Truitt, talented reader, and Beatrice Weller, with her cartoons and art pictures illuminated with sparkling humor.  
Then turn to the Lecturers.

Strickland Gilliland, foremost among America's living humorists and poets; Reno Welbourn, scientist, who should be seen and heard by every boy in the country. His "miracles of science" are well worth the price of the season; R. P. Shepherd a real community efficiency man of brains and ability; Rollo McBride, social service worker; organizer of "Parting of the Ways Home," friend and helper of discharged prisoners; Chief Tahau, the civilized Indian; Captain Neely, in a short but eloquent description of the late Booker T. Washington and his remarkable work for the colored race; Editor Kramer inspiring and helpful; Dr. Eaton, Chautauqua favorite, with his wit, humor, science and philosophy, and Prof. Dyer, the Southern orator.  
Last, but not least, the young woman Junior Supervisor will be a revelation to fathers and mothers, showing them the possibilities of mental and moral development through a proper control of the play-hours of their children.  
In all there are fifty-nine highly talented people on the big six-day program. This feast of good things 18 sessions altogether, is yours for \$2.00. The price of the season ticket. You would pay that much for a single theatre ticket in the city. Youth tickets, 8 to 15 years, \$1.00. Children under 8 accompanied by their parents free. Tickets are transferable.

## HUGHES AND FAIRBANKS NAMED ON G.O.P. TICKET

Supreme Court Jurist Selected on Third Ballot

### ACCEPTS THE NOMINATION

Theodore Roosevelt, Nominated by the Progressive Convention, Announces He May Support Hughes For President, Charles Evans Hughes of New York.  
For vice president, Charles Warren Fairbanks of Indiana.  
This is the ticket nominated in the Republican convention in Chicago. Justice Hughes has resigned from the supreme court bench and accepted the nomination. Mr. Fairbanks likewise has signified his adherence to the action of the convention.  
Theodore Roosevelt was nominated by the Progressives, but sent a conditional rejection of the nomination, declaring he intended to support Mr. Hughes if the statement of the latter as to his position on the questions of the day was satisfactory to him.  
The Republicans opened their convention on Wednesday, June 7, and nominated the candidates on Saturday. Three ballots were taken, two on Friday night and the third Saturday. The Justice received an overwhelming vote on the third ballot.  
The totals of the three ballots were as follows:  
**The First Ballot.**  
Totals—Hughes, 253 1/2; Root, 103; Burton, 77 1/2; Weeks, 105; Dupont, 12; Sherman, 66; Fairbanks, 74 1/2; Cummings, 85; Roosevelt, 65; La Follette, 25; Grumbaug, 29; Ford, 32; Borah, 2; Willis, 4; McCall, 1; Taft, 14.  
**The Second Ballot.**  
Totals: Hughes, 328 1/2; Root, 98 1/2; Burton, 76 1/2; Weeks, 79; Sherman, 65; Dupont, 13; Fairbanks, 89 1/2; Cummings, 85; Roosevelt, 79; La Follette, 25; McCall, 1; Knox, 36; Willis, 1; Wood, 1; Harding, 1; Wanamaker, 5; not voting, 2.  
**The Third Ballot.**  
Justice Hughes was named on the third ballot, receiving 949 1/2 votes. Colonel Roosevelt received 18 1/2, Senator Lodge, 7; General Dupont, 5; Senator Weeks, 3, and Senator La Follette, 3.  
**Former Vice President Fairbanks** was chosen on the first ballot for vice president, receiving 863 votes. Former Senator Burkett of Nebraska received 108, Senator Borah of Idaho, 7; Governor Johnson of California, 2, and William Grant Webster, 2.  
**Presenting the Candidates.**  
There were eleven candidates before the convention. The first to be presented was that of Justice Charles E. Hughes.  
Cheers greeted Governor Whitman of New York, who presented the name of Justice Hughes for president, after Arkansas yielded to the Empire state in the nominating session.  
Governor Whitman, in opening, said: "We have frequently been told

## REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT



CHARLES EVANS HUGHES.

that we are to choose a standard bearer in a great campaign. If our action be wise and righteous we will leave this place after having named the future ruler of 100,000,000 people.  
"We are here to select the next president of these United States."  
Governor Whitman then reviewed the record of Justice Hughes at length, citing his management of the insurance investigation and his work as governor. He called attention to his great work in the 1908 campaign in behalf of William H. Taft.  
"There wasn't any question about his Americanism then," said the governor.  
"He, above all other men, can bring home to the people the fact that the Democratic party has failed miserably in its stewardship. He, above all other men, can bring to the people a conviction of the dangers which surround us. He, above all other men, can assure this country that the Republican party, the party of progress, of union and of patriotic achievement, is once more united and capable of assuming the ship of state. He can bring back to the party the confidence of the people; he, above all others, can bring to the country prosperity, happiness and honorable peace."  
"Gentlemen of the convention, the state of New York presents the name of Charles Evans Hughes as its nomination for the presidency."  
Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler made the second nomination, presenting the name of Elihu Root.  
"He was the greatest secretary of war this nation has ever seen," was the manner in which Dr. Butler summed up the qualifications of his candidate.  
Arkansas yielded to Ohio and the chair recognized Governor Willis to nominate Theodore E. Burton.  
As Governor Willis concluded the Ohio delegation started a Burton demonstration.  
Governor Willis took the Ohio standard from the floor and began a march around the hall. The Ohio men follow in force.  
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## LUTHERANS PLANNING \$10,000 BUILDING CONTRACT

Handsome New Parsonage to be Built on Broadway Adjoining Present Structure. Sunday School to be Extended up to Broadway Covering Site of Present Parsonage. Funds must be in Sight Before Work Begins.

At a congregational meeting held at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran church in this place, on Sunday, Rev. D. W. Michael, pastor, it was decided to enlarge a part of the church and to erect a new parsonage.  
The plans already adopted are for a new and large Sunday School room, to extend where the parsonage now stands, and to build a modern parsonage where the present parsonage stood.  
Before work is begun, however, a committee is to solicit funds for the work and the major part of the expense must be in sight before any thing will be done. The contemplated improvements will aggregate about \$10,000. It is hardly thought that much can or will be done this summer.  
The following is the finance committee: Clarence Moore, J. H. Bowman, J. F. Naugle, William Deal, Harry Snyder, Wm. Martz and Barron Shipley.

## LEFT PENNILESS RETURNS RICH TRAIN STRIKES AUTOMOBILE

After 46 years' absence, Isaac Dibert returned a few days ago to his former home in Stoyestown, finding only a niece and a nephew remaining of his near relatives. He left that place when a penniless lad but now is worth over a half million in gold and coal lands in Alaska.  
The coming of Mr. Dibert, who is 67 years of age, was unheralded and was as if he had come back from the grave. It was believed that he had died long ago and his mother, who passed away many years ago, drew a pension for him as he had been an only son and was a Civil war veteran.  
Only a few aged men like himself, remembered him. He quickly located his relatives and is now visiting his niece, Mrs. Nathaniel Horner, of Stoyestown, and his nephew, B. Z. Mostoller of the same place.  
In 1862, Isaac Dibert, who was then 13 years of age, left home. He enlisted as a drummer boy in Company D, 142nd. regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. Following the war he returned home, but soon after started west to make his fortune.  
About 11 years ago the mother, giving up hope that her son still lived, applied for a pension. As there were no proofs of death, it was necessary that congress pass a special bill granting it. This was done. A year later Mrs. Dibert died. So it was that upon his return a week ago the wanderer found no one to greet him, except the two children of his sister.  
Mr. Dibert "struck it rich" in Alaska but now resides with his wife and three children in Seattle.  
Last evening shortly after six o'clock Mr. Peter Knepp, a veteran of the civil war, and his daughter Miss Cora, while riding in their automobile were run into by a fast west bound freight at the North St. crossing of the B. & O. railroad and were hurled from the car a distance from thirty to fifty feet and while severely injured they are alive and stand a good chance of recovery. When one surveys the smashed up automobile, with hardly a piece recognizable, one marvels at the miracle that Mr. Knepp and his daughter are alive to-day.  
A few weeks ago, Miss Knepp purchased a late Ford Model Car with all the modern improvements. She learned to run the machine and was a careful driver. The day being beautiful, Miss Knepp and her aged father advanced to 74 years, decided to take a little spin after supper last evening and had just gotten into the car, their home being but the second house above the railroad on North street. They however came down 7th street which crosses the railroad diagonally. As they approached the crossing the view of the tracks east and west was partly hidden by two box cars, one on one side of the street and the other car at the other side of the street. To make possible the accident, an engine was standing on the siding blowing off steam with deafening noise which prevented the occupants of the car from hearing the rushing freight train. Miss Knepp who was driving the car did not see the train bearing down upon them till it was almost above them; she thinks that in her terror that she applied the brake causing the machine to stop. The pilot struck the auto at the front door and hurled them from the middle track on which the freight was running out on the westbound passenger track. While Miss Knepp was on the side of the car next to the engine, strange to say her father was thrown 25 feet beyond where she fell. Miss Knepp got up, made a few steps towards her father, and realizing that she could not stand dropped to the ground and began crawling towards her father. To her anxious inquiry of her father whether he were hurt or not, the latter replied that he was not much hurt. A crowd soon gathered and conveyed Mr. and Miss Knepp to their home, Dr. McMillan was summoned, and later Dr. Lichty, the R. R. Company physician. They found that Mr. Knepp's worse injury was four very badly crushed ribs, from having been thrown across one of the steel track rails. Miss Knepp was badly injured in one of her hips and was very badly shocked. She and her father are resting fairly comfortably and it is hoped by their many friends that may soon recover. They have the sympathy of the whole community.  
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## CLEAR AWAY THE WEEDS

At the last meeting of the Civic League it was decided to have the gutters and walks leading to the Chautauqua grounds cleared of weeds and to plant vines wherever practicable near the entrance that the approaches to the grounds might present a more attractive appearance.  
The League also asks all householders every where in town to remove weeds and other unsightly things which may have accumulated in front or about their premises, so that the town may present as well kept and attractive appearance as possible during Chautauqua week as well as the rest of the summer, when the town is generally full of visitors.  
Look about and see where an improvement can be made and do it or ask some one to help you. Many times things are left undone simply because the attention has not been called to it. Let us have the town looking better this year than ever before. It needs only a little concerted action to make it a very lovely place. Nothing is slightly where it has a run down look and it takes very little labor to make it attractive instead of unsightly.  
How many people are working for the prizes? Remember, \$10 and two \$5 are being given for the grounds showing the most improvement this summer. The winners will not only have this nice little sum of money but also the satisfaction of seeing the results of their labors in a fine lawn and beautiful flowers.  
If possible, those working for one of the prizes should speak to a member of the League that their efforts may not be overlooked as might happen if their home is a little out of the way. Committees have been appointed and they will do the best they can but it will help matters a great deal if their attention is called to special places.  
And don't forget about the weeds in the gutters and along the curbing, this week or next. The time is short and the weeds are tall and unsightly.

## BOROUGH FUNDS AT LOW EBB

Meyersdale Borough council met in adjourned session Tuesday evening, June 13. The following members were present—Messrs. Darnley, Saylor, Staub, Emelgh and Deeter. absent, Dia, and Shipley.  
Mr. Lang was present and asked council to vacate the alley from 6th street to the B. & O. railroad. A committee consisting of Messrs. Deeter, Darnley and Staub was appointed to look up the matter. Solicitor W. Curtis Truxal was present at the meeting in reference to making a loan to eliminate the current bills against the borough. He suggested that council make a temporary loan to meet these bills and not apply any of this fund for improvement. Council is considering the making of some street improvements in the way of paving and sewers. The president appointed Messrs. Staub, Deeter and Emelgh as a committee to ascertain how much work and an estimate of cost on same, to be submitted to the solicitor. If council decides to make this improvement it will be necessary to pass an ordinance and let it be submitted to a vote of the people whether or not the indebtedness of the borough shall be increased. The solicitor instructed the burgess relative to dog license; ordinance, No. 6 positively states that any owner who fails to register that he has a dog is liable to a fine. The burgess, with the consent of council has the right to kill and remove dogs whose owners have no license for them.  
Tax Collector Baer was present and furnished a list of exonerations from the 1915 tax duplicate. It was decided by council to exonerate the persons whose names were checked on the list.  
The Secretary presented the amount of the tax duplicate for 1916 which is as follows:—

Freeholders	\$7892.97
Pool Tax	296.00
Total	\$8188.97
Tenants	263.00
Pool Tax	355.00
Total	618.00
Single men	79.40
Pool Tax	122.00
Grand Total of Duplicate	\$9,008.37

## BIG SUNDAY SCHOOL AUTOMOBILE PARADE

The Somerset County Sunday School Association will meet in convention at Elk Lick on June 26, 27, and 28. It is to be an important meeting; try to be one in attendance.  
Special features will be a Great Automobile Parade and a great lecture, "Off to Wonderland" by Rev. C. H. Woolston, D. D., of Philadelphia.  
This is the Twelfth Annual Sunday School Convention of the County Interdenominational Association and will be held in the Reformed church of Elk Lick. Preparations are being made to make this the greatest convention ever held in Somerset County.  
The State Association is sending two of its best speakers: Mrs. M. J. Baldwin, State Elementary Superintendent who will speak each day of the convention and will conduct conferences with elementary workers.  
Preston G. Orwig, State Superintendent of Secondary Division, will be present during the entire convention. His talks will be appreciated by all, for he is an expert in this line of Sunday School work. Every Secondary Division class should send a delegate.  
Dr. Theo F. Hermon, of Lancaster, will address the Men's Mass Meeting on the evening of June 27.  
T. E. Helsing, principal of the schools at Avalon, will deliver two addresses.  
The Automobile Parade at 6:30 on Wednesday evening is a new feature and the line will be formed on Main street and travel to Meyersdale by way of St. Paul and Summit Mills and return by Hunsrick road and Boynton. Let us make this a mighty demonstration for S. S. work.  
Everybody will naturally want to hear Dr. Woolston's Lecture, "Off to Wonderland" and which is to be illustrated with many mechanical effects, showing the power of teaching by objects.  
Registration cards have been sent to every superintendent in the county and each school is entitled to two delegates and each organized class to one. For more cards send to Rev. I. S. Monn, Elk Lick.  
Let us meet the work by showing our presence at this convention  
H. B. SPEICHER,  
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The bullet struck Pyle in the upper jaw, knocking out a couple of teeth and lodged in the back of the neck. Dr. E. F. Hemminger of Meyersdale, rendered the necessary surgical attention but the bullet was not removed. The man is in a serious condition.  
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**THE BIJOU.**  
Just think of it—three big photographs going on this week at the Bijou. Now everybody will want to see the conclusion or the 22nd episode of "The Broken Coin" as to who will get it, and whom Kity will marry when all the entanglements are straightened out and the clouds of mystery have cleared away. Then "Peg o the Ring" has the attention of all who saw the opening episode last Saturday night. Each evening though is complete in itself. There is a matinee on Saturday afternoon for yoh to see if you want to avoid the jam on Saturday night.

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For Sale—Two good second hand Indian Motor Cycles. Also all kinds of bicycle and auto supplies.  
GURLEY'S Sporting Goods Store.

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EVERYBODY IS GOING TO SPEND THE 4th IN SALISBURY.

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