

ONE OF THE COMING BIG EVENTS IN THIS SECTION OF THE STATE



TYPICAL SCENE AT A REDPATH CHAUTAUQUA

THE forthcoming Chautauqua which is to be held here will be one of the big events of the season in this section of the state. The above photograph illustrates a typical crowd at one of the Redpath Chautauquas. There are today nearly 1,200 Chautauquas in the United States and Canada. In fact, the Chautauqua has become one of America's great institutions, and the idea has already spread to England and Japan. In 1872 there was not a Chautauqua in the world. In 1873 Bishop John H. Vincent and Lewis Miller inaugurated at the spot now called Chautauqua, N. Y., the original institution. Today Chautauqua, N. Y., is the summer center for 10,000 people, and its land, buildings and equipment represent a cost of millions.

THE POWER OF A SUGGESTION

Charming Romance in the Southland, Happy Ending in Decatur--Uncle Mac Tells the Newly Weds Interesting Story of Our Home People.

Grace and Jack were simply good chums. They loved the same sports, read the same books, were interested in the same subjects and disagreed on most of them, which made their conversation pleasant. They allowed no sentimental nonsense to interfere with their delightful comradeship. Grace was ready to Jack an advertisement of a jewelry store, which said it was "Just the place to buy engagement rings." Jack took in the full force of the suggestion and said earnestly: "I will buy you the finest ring in the store, Grace, if you will wear it." "Why, Jack, I--you--I thought--" Well, the balance of the conversation was gaspy. Any way it produced results, for Jack bought a beautiful engagement ring and when he placed it on Grace's finger she said, "It is just too lovely for anything." A short time after Jack bought a wedding ring. Just before the wedding Grace received a letter from her Uncle Mac in Decatur, Indiana. "I am glad that you and Jack have recovered from your Platonic hallucination and discovered true happiness in mutual affection," wrote Uncle Mac.

As a reward for your sanity I will make you a wedding present of a furnished home, if you and Jack will reside in this, the most charming of cities."

The newlyweds accepted the generous offer of Uncle Mac and in due time reached Decatur and under the wise guidance of Uncle Mac forgot all about the "literary fellows and became absorbed in the delightful occupation of preparing for housekeeping.

"I have bought a lot for your new house through the Erwin Real Estate agency, they are the leading real estate dealers in Adams county," said Uncle Mac. "I know I receive full value for my money when I deal with them, my bank roll has increased considerably by taking their advice, they deal in all descriptions of real estate. They are conceded to be the best authority in the value of city and farm lands in Adams county. The wonderful increase in the value of farm lands in this vicinity has been largely due to the efforts of the Erwin Real Estate agency in advertising its resources. They understand the adaptability of each farm and its exact value. They have now on hand some rare bargains in farm lands in large and small tracts. Owning a farm in Adams county means easy street. They know all about city property and are willing to assist anyone desirous of owning a home, it is folly to pay rent where the rent money will pay for a home in a few years. They also make loans on real estate for ten years or less if desired (without commission). Consult the Erwin Real Estate agency on all Real Estate transactions and you will be the gainer. H. S. Michaud is the manager and will be pleased to explain anything regarding Real Estate or loans on farm and city property to you."

"Jack, I have been considering the letting of the contract for the guttering, spouting and the work for your new house," said Uncle Mac. "The man for this contract is T. A. Leonard. He is an expert and experienced workman in his line of work, there will be no leaky roofs or spouting if he executes the work. He can do all kinds of sheet metal work, spouting, ridge and coping work and puts up cornices and sky lights, he can make anything in tin, from a dinner pail to a tin roof. He is acquainted with the different

grades of tin and iron, and will explain the difference to you. When the contract is closed you can rest assured you are getting from him just exactly what you ordered. He does all high class work in this vicinity and to find his stamp on a job means it is done by experienced and capable workmen. We will also buy from him a Holland all east Warmless furnace. You'll both be a warm friend of this furnace and besides you will be warm in any part of the house, for it diffuses a uniform heat. It is cleaner than any other furnace because it consumes its own smoke, soot and gas and creates pure air, for it is hygienically correct. It is more economical in the use of fuel. It is more durable as it is so constructed that it will last as long as the house lasts." Mr. Leonard is a good man.

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"Jack, this is the store of the Wear-Well shoe, sold direct from the factory to you. Saving you one dollar and two," said Uncle Mac. "They have a fine stock here managed very satisfactorily by Tester & Stiver. They are very prominent in the foot-wear business. They have the choicest selections in fashionable goods for

the season in shoes for both adults and children. Their footwear store is located the first door east of the Murray Hotel on Madison St., and has the best shoes in assortment which can be relied upon for fitting everyone in this region, as you inspect their new and ample stock you will be especially gratified. Tester & Stiver assert a satisfactory influence in business by their square dealing. They also conduct a shining parlor for ladies and gentlemen in connection with their shoe department. It will pay you to inspect their line before purchasing shoes elsewhere.

"Grace you can send all your cloths to the Decatur Steam Laundry. Kern & Kern have just purchased this laundry and have installed a complete new outfit in the way of machinery.

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laundry your husband's collars and cuffs better than any other laundry in this part of the state. They can wash anything from a circus tent to a silk handkerchief. It is such a relief to have a laundry that you can send all your summer or winter apparel to, even to the finest sheerest lingerie and feel satisfied that the garments will not be torn. They do up face curtains of the finest texture just beautifully.

Ladies' and gentlemen done by them has a superiority of finish that positively cannot be excelled by any other laundry. They have an up-to-date plant with all the latest improved machinery. They do their work satisfactorily and up to the minute and make prompt delivery. I had them do up all my rug carpets, woolen blankets and comforters, Grace, and they just did them grand. They also do all my husband's shirts and collars since they got this new machine. They are both Decatur boys and I think every family in Decatur should patronize this Home industry, and not send there cloths out of the city when it can be done as well right here at home.

"Where did you get that Cigar Uncle Mac?" "I got that at the Model Cigar store. He conducts an up-to-date billiard room in connection with his wholesale and retail cigar business. This is unquestionably the place to purchase your cigars and tobacco, if you desire quality. This cigar store is by far the most popular cigar store of its kind in the city. The line of goods handled here counts for Mr. McConnell's popularity, coupled with great congeniality extended by him and his clerks to their patrons. When you want a smoke drop in at the Model Cigar Store, even though you must walk for blocks. In this halcyon day of "auto-bands," "arson trusts," revolutions, floods, militant suffragettes, the billiard hall, or rather the confusing "poolroom" is blamed for much unjustly. With the welfare of the pastime at heart, he has earnestly striven to correct or eliminate such minor evils as may exist in his billiard hall and which reflects discredit on the great game in general. He prevents the admittance of minors to his billiard room, as well as prohibits gambling in any form therein. Today no room-keeper, no matter how meager his business may be, will stand for the name pool in any shape or form. A pool room is essentially a place where men make bets or horse races and so frequently is confounded with the billiard hall to the utter injustice of the latter, that is necessary for the sport's sake to give "pool" a more elevated moniker, which has been accomplished after years of hard and persistent work. Pocket billiards as a result has been rehabilitated and now bears the same good name as billiards. Leaders of all indoor recreation games, should fight against gambling and admittance to those in their teens the same as Mr. McConnell does in his rooms. The opinion of the conservative citizen is that the laws governing Billiard Rooms are to stringent and should be modified, allowing boys of sixteen or eighteen years of age to participate in the game."

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