NEW MEXICO LEADS ALL STATES IN WAR ON ILLITERACY


Santa Fe, N. M., July 8.—New Mexico has led all other states with the single exception of Kentucky, in effective work done in the last five or six years to eradicate illiteracy. This was the statement made by Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, chairman of the National committee for the eradication of illiteracy, before the convention of the National educational association in Milwaukee last week.

Superintendent J. H. Wagner, of the New Mexico public school department, has just returned from Milwaukee and says that Mrs. Stewart also told the convention that the federal census had done New Mexico a grave injustice in listing as adult illiterates all of the Indians on the various federal reservations in this state. The state auditor told the educators were not permitted to do anything for the education of these Indians who are strictly federal charges.

The two great ideas stressed at the convention, Mr. Wagner said, were the necessity of teaching English as the best means for thorough Americanization, and to give greater attention to the physical education of the youth of the state.

Drive for Sale of Chautauqua Tickets to Be Made Tomorrow

Guarantors of the Redpath-Horner Chautauqua which will open here Sunday, will begin tomorrow a drive for the sale of tickets. Tickets taken up to this time are far below the amount required to insures financial success of the Chautauqua enterprise and the committees propose to make a thorough canvass of the city in the hope of swelling ticket sales to better than last year's record.

“We know that we have in the coming Chautauqua a program of attractions that are worth several times the money,” said a member of the committee today, “and we are going to make every effort to make it a financial as well as an artistic and educational success.

Tickets are on sale at Matsun's, Strong's Book store at the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. Season reserved tickets may be had for additional charge of 50 cents.