

The Pennsylvania Chautauqua

Mount Gretna, PA

The first stockholders meeting was held in Lebanon Wednesday January 6, 1892 at 10:00 AM in Ross's Hall on Cumberland Street. The Rev. L.E. Schmauck, Pastor of Salem Lutheran Church called to meeting to order and nominated Rev. William H. Dunbar for Chairman. George W. Hays was nominated for Secretary. Both were unanimously elected. The Constitution of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua was presented, amended and adopted. We assume it was tailored after the NY Chautauqua.

AT the next meeting in February, the big topic were buildings. It was decided to build one building of two stories with sleeping quarters above and classrooms below. Twenty cottages were suggested of two rooms & two stories. A suggestion was for a few cottages with porticos. Cost of plain cottages was \$200.00.

During the May Board meeting bids for the auditorium were opened as follows:

- Mr. Cilley using Mr. Hauer's plan \$1,996.00
- Roenohl Lumber Co. \$2,419.00
- Fox & Graeff \$4,575.00
- Mr. Cilley's own plan \$1,596.00
 - With seats, rooms & platform \$2,016.00

Bids for a store were also opened without any action taken. Stock was ordered sold at \$3.00 per share.

Prices for admission were weekly \$1.00, Season tickets \$2.50. Single & Daily admission was 25 cents.