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HOW PARKER GOT IN THE BUSINESS.

Remarkably Story of the Rise of "America's Amusement King."

Several years that form of amusement known as the carnival was dangerously near falling into disrepute, because of unscrupulous managers in that field of the show business catering to the vicious and depraved element. It was at this time, some 15 years ago, that Charles W. Parker, a man of limited means but fine business ability and keen scent for business opportunities, saw the possibilities of a clean wholesome carnival attraction. Impelled by the courage of his convictions he secured financial backing and launched his bark upon the uncertain amusement seas. And thereby hangs a tale.

The story of Mr. Parker's rise in the amusement world as told by that gentleman-himself, in the lobby of the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City several years ago, is one that has gone the rounds of the various theatrical journals, and, each time it is repeated, carries with it a valuable lesson. Fred Thompson, the well known eastern showman, and Col. Parker were having a friendly chat after a good dinner at the time Col. Parker was in New York negotiating

with America's foremost magician for the exclusive right to produce the beautiful illusion known as Pharaoh's Daughter, and now one of the features with the C. W. Parker Shows. During the conversation Mr. Thompson asked Col. Parker to what he contributed his first real success in the amusement business and Col. Parker replied in his characteristic enigmatical way:

"Well, I attribute my first success to the first and only time I made a fool of myself in my own eyes." Here the showman puffed several times at the huge black cigar held closely in his determined looking mouth, and then he continued, reminiscantly: "It was like this. One evening after a mighty hard days work out there in Abilene, Kansas, Mrs. Parker informed me that I must go to the grocery and make purchases for the next day's dinner. I sized up the bank roll and found there was just \$1.80 in the Parker coffers. So I started off for the groceryman's, accompanied by my two eldest children. We had gone about two blocks from the house when we came upon a wheezy old steam merry-go-round, one of the old fashioned kind that sounded like a train of box cars running over a trestle, and immediately the children began begging me to let them have a ride. I suppose I thought

that \$1.80 was a great deal of money to blow in for groceries, any way I gave them 10 cents each and they clambered into the old contraption. When the ride was over they begged for another. I forgot how small the bank roll was and let them have it, and believe me, before I knew it those youngsters had indulged in nine rides and the merry-go-round man had all the money. There I was without a cent, face to face with the perplexing problem of having to confront Mrs. Parker without the groceries. You don't know Mrs. Parker. Well, the situation was serious, but I happened to know the groceryman quite well, and, after I had told him my story, he agreed to let me have the groceries and wait until the following week for his money. After I had gone home that night, and the children were all in bed I sat down and did some thinking. I finally figured it out that that merry-go-round man was a pretty clever chap to get my last dollar and eighty cents when I needed it so badly, and, if he could get it away from me, why couldn't I devise some scheme to get it away from others. I continued to think along that line and with the first money I got together that summer I bought a second hand merry-go-round. In three weeks it paid for itself and before the season was at an end I had purchased a new one in which my mechanical eye noted many imperfections.

All the following winter I worked on a plan for a merry-go-round and in the spring I was able to borrow the money to start the manufacture of it. Well it was not altogether easy sailing after that, but I sold several of my machines. Each year I kept improving it until I evolved the Parker jumping horse carry-us-all. About that time there was an awful howl from the public about the disgusting features which characterized the so-called carnival show. I had succeeded with my jumping horse carry-us-all, and I beleived that I was capable of making good with a carnival company, so I invested the money I had made and put out a show.

It was good and clean all the way through and the people liked it—they ate it up—and the next year I put out two companies. We're still making jumping horse carry-us-alls. They are featured from Coney Island to Golden Gate Park, and you know the rest.

The rest is that Mr. Parker is a millionaire showman today and has five mammoth carnival companies on the road which net him an annual income approaching \$50,000. He employs 1350 men in his factories in Abilene, Kansas. He owns 150 cars which are stored in Abilene during the winter, and requires more than a mile of railroad track to place them. The factories and warehouses cover four acres of ground, and every city

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In sunny Alberta in the Canadian Pacific's 3000,000 acre tract of wheat land east of Calgary a new district has just been put on the market at \$10 an acre on 10 years time at 6 percent interest. This land lies directly on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway and was leased to the stockman for a winter range, until two years ago when their lease expired and it is now being surveyed and put on the market. The soil is a fine dark sandy loam with a clay subsoil and last year produced as high as 60 bushels of hard winter wheat per acre. There will be an advance of \$5.00 an acre on this land Sept. 1st. Fred Holmes and J. E. Reynolds shipped a car of horses & farm machinery last week to their section east of Calgary which they are going to have put in fall wheat.

J. E. Reynolds Starts Monday to Superintend it

The fare is only \$17.45 from La Grande

In Kansas has made Mr. Parker an offer of a factory site free if he will move his plant from Abilene.

Mr. Parker is a quiet, unassuming man, typifying what persistent hustling can accomplish and his splendid enterprises and the fine reputation his shows enjoy are but a fitting tribute to the genius of a man who gave the public credit for wanting clean, wholesome amusement, and had the ability to furnish them with it.

DETECTIVE WOOD

IS STILL BUSY

PENDLETON, Or., April 28.—James Drew, employe of a grain warehouse at Mission, a small station east of Pendleton, was arrested yesterday morning by O. R. & N. Detective Wood on a charge of stealing coal from the railroad company. He admits his guilt and six tons have been recovered. The stealings have extended over several months, he having sacked it and peddled it out to surrounding farmers. Drew has a wife and three small children.

LADY MACCABEES

WILL GIVE A DANCE

The members of the La Grande Hive of the Lady Maccabees will give a grand ball at the Elks' auditorium on Thursday evening, April 29. The price of tickets is \$1 and there will be a charge of 25 cents extra for extra ladies. Good music will be in attendance and the public is cordially invited.

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No interest allowed on the above warrants after April 22, 1909.

JOHN FRAWLEY,

Treasurer of Union Co., Oregon

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