

BACK TO THE BOYHOOD DAYS

Circus Comes to Town and the Youngsters Are Delighted.

CROWD AT TENT-PITCHING

Most All the Boys of Portland Assemble at the Vaughn-Street Grounds to Witness Coming of the Show.

'Let's take a look back into Boyville,' said I to myself, and then went out to the circus grounds yesterday afternoon to crawl under the canvas. I did it too easy, and was not molested. To reach the Vaughn-street, one must travel by car, and on the way out my rumination was of that dear recent long ago when we 'kidd' lay awake all night to be first at the station in the morning when the show came in. Two decades is not so far a harking back, and I am no lean and shaggy pantaloon, but the memories of 20 years lay well over the threshold of youth and they seem no more days like those from Elysum when we 'kidd' halled the coming of the show. At the gates of Boyville they give no return checks. The thoroughfare sign is up for us. Another generation of youngsters is running things. The age-limit bars us from the reception committee that greets the circus train.

Boys Gather to Greet Circus.

It is our part now to stand outside and peer through upon the others. Masters and customs change but little in that capital, however, and I wonder how many boys were at the tracks yesterday for the Barnum & Bailey entry. There must have been a large outpouring, for the circumstances warrant an unusual demonstration. Assuredly there were plenty of representatives at the grounds in the afternoon to do the honors. The 'big top' was up when I got there, so it is impossible to say that the rush and hurrah of the 'raising' is just the same. Presumably it is, for the boys seemed to approve the whole procedure. 'Violations of circus tradition are frowned upon by the boys. Things that were good enough for their daddies in Van Amburgh's day are good enough for them. They were happy, so I know the canvas bosses must about in the same old way, that the roustabouts still drive the pegs, ten hammers to the peg, that the poles are still painted red, that the canvas is still grimy with the dust of many fields.

Some of the Innovations.

There are these innovations, however, the pegs are of iron, where aforetime they were of wood, and the rings are boxed round about the canvas and once they were marked by a furrow of earth. These being the merest technicalities, need not be complained of. In all the main respects the circus is the same when I feel Jumbo peanuts, only bigger, vastly bigger. Barnum & Bailey's is still the 'greatest show on earth.' Times was when this was an idle boast. It is not now. It is the biggest thing that travels and undoubtedly the best in the circus line. Its expansion has reached the point where some railroads are afraid to let Mr. Bailey had best quit adding to it if he wants to keep on making the rounds. 'It must cost a pretty penny to pay the bills, for there are more than a thousand people, great and small, on the payroll, and the salaries run from \$30 a month to \$200 a week. The tents cover 12 acres, and it requires four and some times five trains to carry the monster aggregation.'

Like Army Encampment.

It is like the encampment of an army. Enough horses to mount a cavalry regiment—450, to be exact—munch their hay in the stable-tents. To be exact, 1065 men and women, old and young, big and little, have a part in it. They all board at the circus mess tent, from Mr. and Mrs. Bailey down, and all are served the same fare. There are ten cooks and 46 waiters, and no one goes hungry. They had blackberries and cantaloupes yesterday, among the many other good things, and the menu reads like one of the Portlands'. There is a circus postman to handle the letters yesterday. A secret service is maintained under the direction of a Pinkerton man. There is a hospital tent in charge of an experienced physician, and a veterinary to look after the animals. The performers and executive staff sleep in 12 standard Pullmans and the laborers in comfortable bunk cars. There are 300 performers, 200 men and 100 women. Many of them are foreigners and almost every nationality is represented.

Endless Array of Facts.

There is an endless array of interesting facts which might be set down in figures, but the circus is joy and whoever gets joy from figures must be sinister. I give you my word, it really is the biggest thing you ever saw. So big that one can't hope to see it all in one visit. I haven't seen so many horses together since the Spanish War, and never so many good ones. That bar is a horse show for the brush of a Rosa Bonheur. The menagerie is a liberal education in natural history, and has the New York Zoo beaten to tatters. If the performance is as good as the outward manifestations it will have to go some. They say it does, and I'll warrant it's a money's worth. Barnum & Bailey's has never come to the Coast before. In the past Denver has been the extreme Western limit of its wanderings, but the present tour has been so good that it will return again. The circus staff all like the Northwest so well that they talk like real-estate brokers.

Some Go to Church.

Most of them and the performers were at their yesterday, and some even went to church. That seems funny, doesn't it? Circus people at church—why do you know they're pretty much like other folk, and some of us other folk go to church. I'll make the guess that the churches will be well represented at the show today. Of course, 'to take the children.'

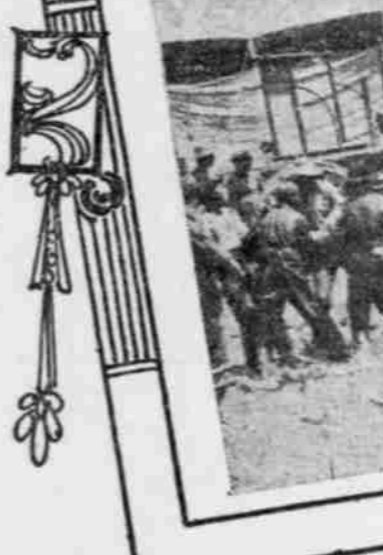
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PRESENT-DAY PROBLEMS

Dr. Josiah Strong on the New Interpretation of Christianity.

Dr. Josiah Strong, of New York City, preached at the White Temple yesterday at both the morning and evening services. 'A New Interpretation of Christianity and Present Day Problems,' was the subject of the evening discourse, and the speaker drew his text from Revelation, 'Behold I make all things new.' In a brief review Dr. Strong pictured the progress which has been made through all the ages in every phase of our great civilization. Life was simple, now it is complex; relations were few, now they are many; problems were of the individual, now they are of society. 'All these problems pertain to the relation of man to man, and for them there is one solution, self-sacrifice. This is the keynote of religion. Christ came to preach the Kingdom of God. By this he did not mean a thousand visible nor the church invisible, nor heaven above, but the Kingdom of God on earth among men. This is the fact that we have missed in the past. It is the new interpretation; and when we realize God's great and right relations between man and man, it is obvious that the terms sacrifice and service become all-important. In the light of this the Bible we read, theology re-studied and Christianity reorganized. 'We all believe in service and in self-sacrifice on the part of others. How are they to do it? This is the question of today. Christianity alone furnishes the answer. If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me; and who follow Him. This is the test of the Christian. It is his new conditions and will be the salvation of society. 'Does such a life of self-abnegation and service to man; and time and body and soul, for service to man; that is Christianity in its fullness; not simply right relations to God, but right relations to man. Does such a life of self-abnegation seem cold and meaningless to you? Try it. You will find it like the great cathedral windows of Europe, dark and unattractive without, but glorified with the light of God within.'

The Columbia Bar.

Much has been said during the past week or two about the Columbia bar, which extends from Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho to the depth of water on the bar being increased to 30 feet.

OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN AT DENVER AFTER LONG SESSION.

Milwaukee Selected as Next Meeting Place by a Bare Majority Over San Francisco.

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COACHES FOR WEST.

J. W. Knibbs and F. B. Griffin Will Instruct Blue and Gold Players.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

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Reports Are Favorable.

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Work Done by Stover.

The work now being done by Mr. Stover has not progressed far enough for him to be able to tell definitely of what he has found in his investigations, but he is encouraged in the belief that much new land which is now idle may be brought into cultivation by means of winter irrigation. After the adjournment of the Irrigation Congress, Mr. Stover will leave for Bend and for Klamath County, where he will finish the task assigned to him. It is expected that he will be able to make his report in about a month.

Historical Congress Plans.

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Federal Grand Jury's Work.

United States District Attorney Hensley reached the city last night from San Francisco and will prepare for the convening of the Federal grand jury, which will be called tomorrow morning. It is stated by Mr. Hensley that the jury will be in session in all probability for two weeks, or until the resumption of the sittings of the Federal Court and the consequent land-fraud trials. Other than this, however, Mr. Hensley has nothing to say concerning what will be done by the grand jury. It is expected, however, that some important investigations will be made into the various big land deals that have been perpetrated in the state during the past few years.

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