NORRIS & ROWE'S BIG SHOW PLEASES

Large Crowds Witness Opening Day's Performances of the Circus.

SMALL BOY IN HIS GLORY

Parent Who Goes "to Please the Children" Also on Hand in Number—Freaks, Menagerie and Big Show All Up to Mark.

BY NANCY LEE.

Elbowing through a typical circus crowd, comprising all types and nationalities, we listened in admiration to the nasal twanged "spellers" urging the merits of the various side show attractions. "Right this way, the big doors will not open until 2:30. Come see the India rubber man, or human telescope, 6 feet 2 inches in height, who can elevate himself to 8 feet 2 inches at a stretch. Come, see Signor Sisapachio, the only four-legged boy in the world. He is now dancing on his fourth leg. Right this way. The big doors will not open until 2:30." No longer do we watch our "ten cents, only one dime," but cheerfully place it in the receptive hand of the man with taking ways.

Circus day is and ever has been a day of glory to the small boy, who has gazed in ecstasy upon the posters for weeks before its coming, and who has merely bided his time until the all-important arrival of the trains which bear the myriad wonders of "the world's greatest tented exhibition." The coming of Norris & Rowe is more than usually important, as a circus event, for has not that particular enterprise been a Pacific Coast institution since the memory of man has run? Time was when it was a diminutive dog and pony affair, without great pretensions. Now that it has grown into the proportions of one of "the world's greatest," its arrival at the big lot out Raleigh-street way, is one of the year's events. It is more—a harbinger of Summer, and an evidence that the balmy days are at hand.

The weather man who has industriously posted his proclamations concerning the future state of the weather, might well say: "Along about this time expect Norris & Rowe and coincidental therewith fair weather and the smiles of nature." This particular circus has come to Portland as regularly as the processions of the equinox. It came again yesterday and a crowd was present to give it welcome. From year to year it has advanced by surprising strides until its boast that it is one of the "big ones" is no longer hollow or a figment of the press agent's imagination.

The tents were duly pitched and all the preliminary arrangements were completed when the crowd arrived yesterday afternoon.

Boys of the golden age, when the coming of the circus seems large with importance, the family man and his wife, who made the ancient excuse of going to "take the children," and those who have no children of their own borrowed them or as a last resort admitted that they went for the sake of the circus; they were all there, and enjoyed the well-worn spectacle in the wonted way. It was unusually good, as circusus go, and none was disappointed.

While we munched peanuts and drank dizzy colored lemonade, the handsome Arabian steeds assisted their fair riders to what seemed certain death, the tiny Japanese children evolved themselves into human windmills, the quintet of peerless acrobats twisted themselves into 14 languages, the band in glittering accoutrements played, "I'm Afraid to Go Home in the Dark" and Mademoiselles Tutti Frutti and Pommedeterre swung gracefully and gaily through midair balancing themselves on the right and left ears respectively.

The usual quota of clowns brought smiles to both young and old and shrieks of laughter from the tiny tots, interspersed were daring aerial stunts, clever equestrienne turns, trick bicyclists, tumblers, jugglers, Roman chariot races, Japanese acrobats and dancing acts to keep good humored for a week the most confirmed dyspeptic. A unique feature was the introduction of four geese, pulling a cart driven by a full sized man.

Prior to the big show, or going back to Biblical times, came the beasts of the field and birds of the air, the menagerie calling forth much admiration, with a two score of Shetland ponies and a tiny little watch charm of this same variety of pony, just seven days old; fierce Bengal tigers, lions, lionesses, elephants, hyenas, splendid percherons and Arabaian steeds, a llama, camels with all manner of humps, deer with new Spring horns of velvet, leopards, a sacred ox and two cages of sacrilegious monkeys.

Of the many-billed freaks in the sideshows none attracted more attention than a dark-skinned creature never known to display an iota of intelligence, whose head recedes into a symmetrical point and terminates into one square inch of artistic hirsute adornment. As a suggestion for some of the matrimonial bureaus, why not have the forementioned freak, who calls himself "The Original What Is It?" (which is infinitely more difficult to answer than the age of Anne) correspond with "Dirty Dora" who eats mud? The combination undoubtedly would be the perfection of connubial bliss.

Among the new acquisitions none has a larger following than the old favorite, the lusty Spaniard who throws stilletos and sharp, piercing knives, about the head and face of the pretty young girl (who, I am told is not only courageous but kindly supporting a large family of her healthy but tired grandsons).

Both evening and day performances called forth much praise, every one being seemingly happy, with the exception of the laughing hyena who for once was nursing a peevish grouch.

The circus will be repeated this afternoon and tonight.

TOLD TO VOTE FOR TAFT

Allegation That S. L. Kline, of Corvallis, Was So Instructed.

CORVALLIS, Or., May 11.—(To the Editor.)—I wish to reply to statements appearing in The Oregonian recently, purporting to give certain interviews in Washington, D. C., papers with S. L. Kline, of this city, the gist of these interviews being that he (Mr. Kline) had been the means of blocking the voting of Taft resolutions at a meeting of the Republican State Central Committee, held in Portland, and further representing that he (Mr. Kline) was committeeman from Benton County at the said meeting. These interviews being used to block the forward movement to nominate Mr. Taft at the coming Chicago convention, and furthermore to give the impression that Oregon is not favorable to Mr. Taft, I desire to mention a few facts relative to this matter which directly concern me.

I read the news reports referred to with much surprise, and at the same time with considerable disappointment. Mr. Kline being a prominent man politically in Oregon, and being a business man in this city, he would naturaly lead the average man to believe that any confidence or trust imposed in him would be sacredly kept. Since reading this article, which I take to be a true report of the facts therein stated, I must say that the confidence with which I regarded him concerning the following matter was very poorly placed.

Mr. Kline asserts credit for two things. First, that he was committeeman from Benton County at the aforesaid meeting of the Republican State Central Committee, and, second, that he was instrumental in blocking the resolutions referred to, or rather that no resolutions favorable to Mr. Taft were voted at the said meeting. The truth is, Mr. Kline was not the committeeman from this county at that meeting. He simply held my proxy as state committeeman. Not only this, but the proxy sent him by me contained certain instructions to "vote for Taft resolutions." Having been informed that certain resolutions were likely to come up at this meeting, and being a Taft supporter, I naturally desired the passing of such resolutions.

With this knowledge of the facts and my personal feeling toward Mr. Taft, I took particular trouble to specify in my proxy to "vote for Taft resolutions." Knowing as I did that Mr. Kline was one of the original Fairbanks men of Oregon, having promised his support to Mr. Fairbanks at the last National Republican convention, I did not desire him to vote my proxy for a man whom I was not supporting, therefore the above instructions were sent to block any such movement. Not only did I so instruct Mr. Kline, but two telegrams were sent to him from me. The first telegram contained my proxy and instructions. Mr. Kline, on receipt of this message, instructed the operator at Corvallis to say that he, Mr. Kline, did not understand the context of the same. I therewith sent him another telegram, containing the same subject-matter, to-wit, the proxy and instructions, to enlighten him on the subject.

It surely is impossible that Mr. Kline is still pleading ignorance as to the context of these two telegrams. This is beyond all reason, because: First, my proxy to him contained certain instructions as to voting for certain resolutions. Second, he knowing that these resolutions were coming up, and he trying to head them off would enlighten the ordinary man on the matter.

Such a condition of facts would be sufficient to explain away any difficulty in the wording of the telegrams. I cannot believe that Mr. Kline would have the people of Oregon and his constituents in Benton County draw the inference that his mentality was so opaque and his intelligence so narrow that under the circumstances connected with this matter he still is in the dark.

GEORGE W. DENMAN,
School Superintendent, Benton County.

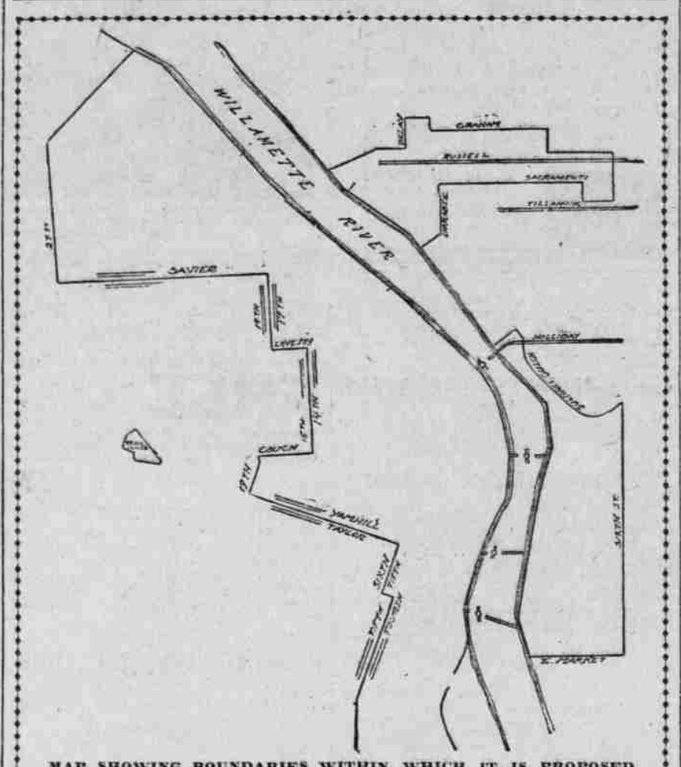
LIMIT ON SALOONS

Brewers Offer to Abandon Certain Districts.

COUNCIL IS ASKED TO ACT

Ordinance Is Recommended Providing That No More Licenses Shall Be Granted for Residence Sections of the City.

The liquor-license committee of the City Council, at its meeting yesterday afternoon, voted to recommend to the Council the adoption of a saloon district for Portland. The Brewers' Association, through Paul Wessinger, presented a communication, accompanied by maps of both sides of the Willamette River, the main portions of which are shown in the accompanying illustration. The boundaries outlined show the principal territory in which the liquor dealers wish to carry on business.



MAP SHOWING BOUNDARIES WITHIN WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO LIMIT SALOONS.

Map showing boundaries of districts on the East and West Side wherein it is proposed to confine the saloon business in future. Saloons now existing outside the boundaries shown are not to be disturbed by the Council, but no new ones are to be allowed beyond the prescribed lines.

In the communication, which was signed by the managers of the various breweries of Portland, it was stated that the saloon interests wished to show to the public good faith in seeking to secure by action of the Council prescribed districts for saloon location, on both sides of the river. The plan, it was stated, is proposed as a means of shutting off the workings of "paid agitators," and to demonstrate to the people that the saloon interests do not wish to encroach further upon residence sections. Saloons now established, it is agreed, shall remain, as far as the Council and the brewery establishments are concerned; but no more can be opened outside the sections shown in the accompanying map.

The members of the liquor-license committee apparently were not taken by surprise, when Mr. Wessinger presented the communication and maps, and it took but a few minutes for them to decide the matter. If any fight is to be made, or changes suggested, it will probably develop tomorrow afternoon, when the Council meets.

Not all of the saloons now in business are shown in the accompanying map, but the others are scattered widely throughout the city. In the territory east of the district outlined, there are but six saloons, and on the West Side there are very few, outside the boundary line. There are but two in Caruthers Addition, South Portland, and seven are scattered along the Macadam road, from Bancroft street to Fulton. All of these will be subject to the existing regulations by the Council and the police, but, if the ordinance to be introduced tomorrow is passed, no new saloons can be established outside of the boundaries herewith shown.

"We believe the proposition we have submitted is fair, and I wish you gentlemen to know that we are acting in good faith," said Mr. Wessinger, after presenting the communication and maps to the committee. "We want to show the public that we do not care to sell liquor in the residence sections, and that we are willing to make this agreement of our own free will."

LOSS SHOWN IN BUILDING

American Contractor Compiles Statistics for Entire Country.

As was pointed out when the total record of the cost of new buildings for April was made up, Portland showed a decrease when compared with the month of April, 1907. The compilation from official sources made by the American Contractor, of Chicago, of the cost of buildings for which permits were issued in the month in the principal cities of the country, and showing comparison with the previous year, brings out the result that a loss is indicated of 33 per cent in the country.

Portland's loss in cost of buildings was about the average for the entire country, but, as will be recalled, the number of structures was nearly double. In April, 1907, a number of skyscrapers figured in the record, which put the total to $1,500,000, and without these, Portland's total this April reached nearly $1,000,000, or, to be exact, footed $980,410.

The Contractor, in commenting on the month's building operations, says:

"Several things combine to reduce building operations at present. The enormous amount of construction work done within recent years, which has largely supplied the demand for buildings; the unsettled conditions incident to the recent currency stringency, and the approach of the Presidential election. Only 11 cities show a gain, Chicago leading with $6,130,850 total. The greatest loss is in New York, which amounts to 40 per cent, or over $10,000,000."

Of the Coast cities, Spokane shows a gain of 37 per cent; Los Angeles a loss of 54 per cent; San Francisco a loss of 14 per cent, which was to have been expected, and Seattle a loss of 4 per cent. Salt Lake City reports a gain of 110 per cent and Denver of 171 per cent.

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MORE TO FILL PULPITS

Pastor Says Ministry Is Again Attracting Young Men.

At the meeting yesterday of the Presbyterian Ministerial Association, William Horatio Phelps, assistant to the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, read a paper on "The Ministry Perpetuating Itself," in which he presented reasons for the decline in the number of students entering the ministry and suggested remedies for such condition. By carefully prepared statistics, Mr. Phelps showed that the number of men preparing for the ministry is now increasing.

The reasons for the decline a few years ago were, he said, due to the commercialism of the age, the large opportunities offered by other professions, the length of the preparation required, the inadequate financial support offered in the ministry, and particularly the unsettled condition caused by the higher criticism, and the lack of the church itself to present the matter fully to young men. Mr. Phelps said the remedy lay in the hands of the mothers and fathers and the pastors, who should present more fully the call of the ministry.

Dr. Landon, of the San Anselmo Theological Seminary, addressed the meeting, telling of the splendid progress made by that institution since the disaster of two years ago.

Tans! Tans! Tans! at Rosenthal's.

POLICYHOLDERS MUTUAL RESERVE IN NORTHWEST

WILL ORGANIZE LOCAL COMPANY

Many of the prominent professional and business men in Portland and in all sections of the Pacific Northwest have subscribed to the Capital Stock of the new Company.

The following are from among the many testimonials that have been received regarding the new Company:

Prof. W. I. Staley, proprietor of the Capital Business College at Salem, Or., writes as follows: "'Western money for Western institutions' should be the motto of every man in the Pacific Northwest. This is one of the many reasons why I have become interested in the new Company. I see no reason why life insurance companies cannot be conducted just as successfully in the West as they are in the East; and I believe in patronizing home industry in the matter of life insurance as well as everything else, when possible to do so. Let us make it possible and practicable."

Mr. J. H. Nickum, of Nickum & Kelly, of Portland, writes: "It is about time we began to keep this great sum of money at home that we have been sending 3000 miles east. It does not apply to principal only, but to interest as well; and would induce expensive enterprises developing in our midst, that cannot be true when we are not in shape to take care of them in a financial way. I am favorable to the plan of having the Legal Reserve Policyholders separating themselves from the Assessment Members and insure in a new company of our own in the Pacific Northwest. I have accordingly subscribed for ten shares of the Capital Stock of the new Company."

Mr. A. N. Wills, President of the City Council of Portland, writes: "I am an Oregonian from the top of my head to the soles of my feet. I rejoice in the growth of Oregon institutions and I am in favor of seeing Oregon Insurance Companies expand and keep our insurance money at home. There is no good reason why Western business and professional men should not patronize Western insurance companies. They are safe, strong and solvent, and will give satisfactory results. My motto is: 'Let us keep our money at home.' As I feel satisfied the Company will be a success I subscribed for ten shares of its Capital Stock."

Mr. A. C. Mowrey, president of the East Side Mill & Lumber Company, of Portland, writes: "There is no doubt whatever but that we can conduct the life insurance business on the Pacific Coast as well as is done in the East. If we must trust somebody to manage the life insurance company for us, we have just as honest and capable men in the West as they have in the East. Our mortality is lower, our interest rates are higher, and our securities are safer, on account of the rapid growth in real estate values. I subscribed for ten shares of the Capital Stock of the new Company."

Mr. Albert S. Roberts, president of The Dalles Dressed Meat Company, writes: "First, I am a firm believer in life insurance; second, I am a firm believer in the West, and especially in Oregon and her institutions. Third, there is no reason why we should pay tribute to the East when we can get the same goods at home without so much risk of high finance and graft, with which the Eastern companies are proven to be honeycombed. Fourth, a dollar saved is a dollar earned, and a dollar kept in the West is more apt to find its way into my pocket than one sent to the East; and further, I prefer to build up Oregon and her institutions, and help develop her latent infant enterprises and industries. Fifth, I believe that stock in a life insurance company is a good investment, and recommend it to my friends. Believing as I do, I subscribed for twenty shares of the Capital Stock of the new Company."

Mr. F. H. Wiencken, proprietor of the Sunset Creamery, of Portland, writes: "The plan of organizing a new company from among the Legal Reserve Policyholders of the Mutual Reserve in the Pacific Northwest met my approval, and I have subscribed for ten shares of the Capital Stock. My motto is: 'Keep Western money in the West; Western men should patronize Western institutions.'"

Mr. Chas. F. Wagener, president of the Pacific Laundry, of Portland, writes: "The plan of the company in scattering its stock all over the States of Oregon and Washington, among the policyholders, insured upon the Legal Reserve plan in the Mutual Reserve of New York, should be productive of a much larger volume of business than where the stock is owned by just a few parties. After investigation and being convinced that the new company will be safe and sound, I have subscribed for eight shares of the Capital Stock."

Mr. Theo. Senn, proprietor of Plumbing Co., of Portland, writes: "Realizing that the time is opportune for the landing of a large Western life insurance company in the Pacific Northwest, with headquarters in Portland, and after carefully investigating the plans of the new company and the character and ability of its Stockholders, I have decided to subscribe for a block of its Capital Stock, because I believe with proper management this company will in a short time be among the 'top notchers' in the insurance world. The strength and co-operation of so many good business men all over the Pacific Northwest States is bound to tell and give it an advantage over all other life insurance companies in the Northwest."

There have been received at least twenty more testimonials similar to the above letters from prominent professional and business men in the Northwest who have already subscribed for Capital Stock in the new company.

The official sworn reports of the Insurance Department of the States of Oregon and Washington for March, 1907, shows that the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company of New York had nearly 1000 policyholders in these two states whose policies were in force, and upon which the annual premium was over $69,000.00, and covering a little over $2,000,000.00 insurance. There was not less than two million insurance that had lapsed for no other reason but that the policyholders did not have confidence in the stability of the company. Nearly all of this business can be gotten together into a new home company with a very small expense, and go on and expand indefinitely.

The assessment business of the old company is not invited into the new company, thereby eliminating any weakness from that source.

More than one-fourth of the Capital Stock has been subscribed already, and is rapidly being taken up by those to whom it is offered, namely, the policyholders that were insured upon the legal reserve plan in the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company of New York.

Investments in the original capital stock of a life insurance company have been known to sell for from 1000 to 5000 per cent above par after the company has become well established, like the Prudential of N. J., and the Metropolitan of N. Y., both of whose stock now sells for $5000 per share (par $100).

Investments in the capital stock of life insurance companies are among the safest and at the same time pay the largest returns of any of the high-grade securities.

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STATE GRANGE TO MEET

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS BEFORE CONVENTION AT EUGENE.

Amendments That Are to Come Before Electors Will Be Passed Upon by the Organization.

Delegates to the Oregon State Grange, which will hold its 35th annual session at Eugene today, went in large numbers to the university city yesterday. Most of them went on the Cottage Grove express leaving Portland at 4:15 o'clock. The delegates from Multnomah County are Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Sieret and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Townsend. Many others besides the regular delegates will go to the convention today and tomorrow. The session will open this morning at 10 o'clock, State Master A. T. Buxton, of Forest Grove, presiding, and will continue until Friday night.

Numerous matters of importance, not only to the Grange but to the people at large, will come up for discussion. The various grange measures to be considered on election day, notably the university appropriation bill and the Armory bill will be discussed at length, and probably there will be resolutions passed committing the membership to certain policies.

The terms of all officers of the State Grange will expire at this session, and an interesting feature of the convention will be the election of their successors for two years. The offices of state master, state lecturer and state secretary are the important positions and much speculation is being indulged in as to who will be the successful candidates.

The City of Eugene is in holiday attire and has made extensive preparations to welcome the Grange. A public reception will be given tonight by the citizens and the faculty of the State University. The election of officers will take place tomorrow afternoon and the installation of the officers will close the session on Friday night. A portion of Thursday afternoon will be set aside for memorial services in honor of members of the State Grange who have died during the year.

It is expected that the session will be one of the most important ever held, as the membership is constantly growing and many new questions are coming up for consideration.

CANCEL TAX ON DRUGGISTS

Ordinance Provides for Free Sale of Medicinal Liquors.

An ordinance granting to druggists the right to sell liquors for medicinal and sacramental purposes without paying any license was recommended to the City Council yesterday afternoon by the liquor-license committee, of which Dr. Cottel, a druggist, is chairman. Under this measure a druggist who wishes to sell liquor by the bottle must pay the $800 a year license exacted of saloons.

Councilman Vaughn, a member of the license committee, created a decided sensation among the druggists present when he declared to them that, in many instances, druggists prescribe for persons when knowing that the prescription is absolutely worthless to the patient. He said that it is a well-known fact that often men and women appear at drugstores and ask for relief, and that they are given something that does them no good, and that the druggist at the time knows full well will do no good.

The statement was resented by the druggists present, and Dr. Laue, of the Laue-Davis Company, branded it as false, as did others who were present. Mr. Vaughn said, in explanation, that he did not blame the druggists, as, he said, they merely filled whatever prescription was presented, which, of course, was furnished by some physician. This seemed to adjust the matter satisfactorily.

Small Crowd Hears Chamberlain.

HEPPNER, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—Governor Chamberlain spoke here tonight. His crowd was small, in view of the fact that Circuit Court is in session, and several sheep-shearing crews are in town. There was no great amount of enthusiasm, and it is evident the county over will not indorse him.

Cuts Loose From Sulking Wife.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—P. J. Lutz, a well-known Oregon City resident, was today granted a decree of divorce from Mrs. Augusta Lutz, to whom he was married in 1884 in Wisconsin. He charges that his wife became cold and indifferent toward him and lost her love and affection for him, treating him with contempt. She would become angry and sulk and refuse to converse with him, and told him that if he did not like the treatment he received he could leave.

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