

RINGLING BROTHERS ENTRY TO CIRCUS LIFE RECALLED

Marvelled at Obadiah Green's Marvel Show, and Then Proceeded to Emulate Its Example and Improve It.

OBADIAH GREEN'S Transcontinental Aggregation of World Wonders made a red-letter day in McGreggor, Ia., and various other towns along the Mississippi in the Spring of 1874, and the small boys of the town were in transports, notably five brothers, the youngest of whom was only 5 years old, the eldest 13. Their father was not wealthy, but they managed with his little harness shop to make a fair living.

No railroads reached McGreggor in those days, but now and then the steamer shows that plied the Mississippi made the village a stopping point. It was one of those boats with its siren whistle that lured the five brothers to witness the arrival of Obadiah Green's big show. And it happened that they were honored by personal and pleasing contact with the great Obadiah.

The boys had arisen before daybreak to see the show come in. The sounding of the whistle when the boat was four or five miles up the river had been their cue, and when the clumsy and water-soaked tub, with its belching stack, drew into the landing and threw out its gang-plank they sat in a row on the bank, their wondering eyes fastened on Obadiah Green, who directed the work of the unloading.

From the depths of the boat came the sound of growl and snarl, and such a noise as might have emanated, so the boys thought, from the lower deck of Noah's ark in fly time. A horse had its forelimb eyes out of the stockhole and was looking with yearning eyes on the green pastures beyond.

It took 20 minutes to unload the "world's wonders." With the exception of two poles and canvas wagons and a single cage, the wonders walked out. Besides the four or five horses there were two camels, one elephant and any number of dogs. The handful of performers helped unload the wagons and put up the one tent.

Even the "Wild Man of Borneo" was useful. He washed the breakfast dishes, carried water, borrowed a chew from the Town Marshal and swore in the purest English.

It was in the early afternoon, after the parade had passed through the town's one street, that the boys met Obadiah Green. They were seated by the roadside in consultation over the question of how to raise the 50 cents necessary to admit them all to the show, when the immense frame of the showman appeared before them.

"Young men," said the circus king, "can you direct me to a harness shop?" Five minutes later they were all in the shop of their father. The article of harnessware that the showman needed was landed over and Obadiah Green alid a dollar across the counter. He did not throw it down; he slid it gently to the elder Mr. Ringling, who slipped it into his pocket without looking at it.

Next morning an idiot had fallen from a high place. The fragments lay at the feet of the five brothers.

The butcher had returned the dollar. It was lead. Several dogs were also missing from the village; numerous washings had been taken from the lines, and the cows for a mile up the river had been surreptitiously milked.

But the circus germ had been planted in the breasts of the boys. They firmly resolved that they should be showmen—not of the Green stripe—but in a grander and bigger sense than the circus men of that day dreamed of.

A few years after this episode the family moved to Baraboo, Wis., and the old folks began to plan for the future of their boys. It is true that the youngsters took no interest in the trades and professions suggested for them by their parents. The circus microbes had claimed them. So it was that shortly afterward they started a concert company.

In those days each brother had a specialty, which gave body and variety to the bill. "Al" was an expert juggler. He balanced a potato on his chin and tossed plates and knives with wizard skill. "Al" T. led the silver cornet band and gave Hibernian recitations and dances. John was the German dialect comedian. "Charles" gave a musical act that in those days was a wonder in its way. He played five musical instruments at once. A strand of hair was fastened to his head, a harp was held between his teeth, a concertina he played with his hands, while both feet were used to extract music from cymbals and drum. Otto was the advance agent and he returned to each town in time to take tickets at the door.

Simple as all this may seem, it was equal to making them enough money to build a small circus in the spring

of 1882. The tent was home-made. There was only one horse and no menagerie. The five brothers gave the performance. They all "doubled in brass." Their first performance was given at their home town, Baraboo, Wis. In 1884 the boys had enough money to buy an interest in the Yankee Robinson circus, a small wagon show. It was not until 1888 that the brothers made their first appearance with a railroad show. In the early 90's the Barnum & Bailey people used to sit up straight and look over the top of their spectacles when mention of the Iowa boys was made. It dawned upon them that they had an opponent in the field that it would be advisable to watch. They did a heap of watching, too, and while they were watching, five men sat up late in their private end of a circus coach and planned and figured. And the show kept on growing. It travels on a train of five sections, the combined length of which is more than one mile. When under canvas it covers twelve acres. On the show grounds are a great dynamo plant, which supplies the power for 6000 lights; a post-office, a hospital, a laundry where 4000 meals are served every day, shops of all kinds, two general stores, a bakery, a doctor's office, a laundry and a Turkish bath parlor.

SOCIETY NEWS

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ton is a well-known conductor of the Southern Pacific Railway.

Fredeen-Sharp.

On Thursday, August 19, at the reception room of the White Temple, Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher united in marriage H. E. Fredeen and Miss Velours Sharp, both of Portland.

Bowles-De Shazo.

At the White Temple reception room, Tuesday evening, August 17, Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher united in marriage Walter A. Bowles and Miss Stella De Shazo, Richardson-Robertson.

Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher joined in marriage R. Richardson and Miss Lillian Robertson, at the White Temple reception room, Monday evening, August 16.

Conrad-Clark.

G. J. Conrad and Miss Vera Clark, both of this city, were married at the parsonage of the First United Presbyterian Church, Rev. F. D. Pindley, officiating.

Engelke-Samons.

William H. Engelke and Lillian M. Samons were married Thursday noon, August 19, by Rev. Nels A. Baker, of the Church of Our Father.

Brookler-Small.

Floyd R. Brookler and Stella M. Small were married Monday afternoon, August 16, by Rev. Nels A. Baker, of the Church of Our Father.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Among the weddings of next week will be that of E. F. Allshaw, cashier of the Hartman & Thompson Bank, to Miss Clara Ellen Dimond, of Granby, Quebec. They will be married at the home of Mrs. Allshaw's sister, Mrs. F. K. Foster, of Eugene, on Wednesday. Upon their return of a wedding trip to one of the beach resorts they will occupy their new residence in Rose City Park.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Ringler announce the engagement of their daughter, Olga Ruby, to William Roy Geer, the wedding to take place September 15.

SOCIETY PERSONALS.

Miss Etta Helms, of St. Louis, is visiting Miss Bicket.

Mrs. Jeff Miller is seriously ill at her home on Northwick street.

Dr. and Mrs. Fried left Thursday for a few weeks' visit in California.

Miss Ada Lavenson is visiting friends in Seattle and attending the Fair.

Miss Louise P. Schneider is visiting Miss Laura Hansen at her Seaside cottage.

Mrs. H. E. Manning and sons, Cyril and Arthur, are passing a few weeks at Long Beach.

Mrs. H. Goldberg, formerly Miss Etythe Morris, of this city, will make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Morris, of 504 North Fifteenth street. Mr. Gold-

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None wrapped, none laid away, at this price. See window display.

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Regular \$6.00 Dinner Sets Monday for \$2.98 the Set

Dinner Set—42 pieces. This is a fine semi-porcelain set, Colonial shapes, very handsome. The pattern is gold and white, neatly gold-stamped with gold band; a regular seller elsewhere at \$6.00 the set. A mammoth reduction for Monday only at a price never before heard of for this \$2.98 fine ware. Entire set of 42 pieces for..... \$2.98 ON SALE MONDAY ONLY

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Every housewife in the city—the very children at school—know the regular selling price of the well-known "Fels Naptha Soap." This is the genuine article at a price less than half the usual selling price. A great quantity—though it won't last long at this price—will be placed on sale at the most gigantic sale and opening ever held; a regular 10c bar seller, on sale in the Bargain basement Monday, at..... 25c

Seven Bars for 25c

None delivered. Not more than seven bars to a customer. See window display. Remember, 70c worth of Fels Naptha Soap, Monday, for..... 25c

3-Quart Preserving Kettles for 21c

A great lot of regular 40c Preserving Kettles—blue and white enamel, extra good quality, the kind that sells the country over at up to 40c—on sale in our new daylight Bargain Basement. Monday morning while they last..... 21c



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berg will represent an Eastern concern in this territory.

A. M. Brown, of Dawson City, arrived here Saturday and is registered at the Perkins.

Mrs. Julius Lippitt and daughter Judith have returned home from The Breakers, Wash.

Mrs. Dagmar Ames is visiting Mrs. Ormandy for two weeks in her cottage at Long Beach.

Mrs. P. Feldman and daughter, Elsie, have returned from an extended trip to San Francisco.

Mrs. Leo Selling, after visiting friends at Hood River, has returned home, 447 West Park street.

Mrs. N. Wolfstein and daughters have returned after spending several weeks in the mountains.

Miss E. K. Matthews and Miss Rebecca Hutton passed the week-end at the Vancouver Barracks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Langan, of Des Moines, Ia., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Brough, of Rainier, Or., and Miss Marie Boss, of Portland, visited for a fortnight with Mrs. R. H. Austin

in her Shelter Nook cottage in Hermosa Park.

Mrs. Philip Cairns, accompanied by her niece, Miss Margaret Young, have gone to Seaside for a fortnight.

Miss Wilhelmine E. Fink, of Tacoma, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John F. Fink, of 210 East Fifth street.

Miss Fern Osborne, of Portland, was a guest of Mrs. Ormandy for two weeks, in the "Fresh Air" cottage at Long Beach.

Miss Lillian Gardner has returned from an outing at Long Beach, Wash.; also Jack Kennedy who enjoyed a visit at Long Beach.

Mrs. R. Abrahamson, Miss Edith Abrahamson and Pearl and Morton Abrahamson have returned from a vacation at Salsair, North Beach.

Mrs. Mary Norden and daughter Frances are guests of Mrs. Norden's daughter, Mrs. William E. Prudhomme, at her cottage in Seaside.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wiseman, Sr., of 395 East First street, North, arrived home Thursday after a pleasant week with Mrs. E. J. Brown, at Sea View.

R. H. Austin and family are occupying the J. A. Fulton cottage in Hermosa Park. The Austins lately purchased this property for a summer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke F. Dupell leave today for their home at White Salmon, after a month's visit with friends and relatives in Seattle and Portland.

Mrs. William E. Prudhomme and family left for Seaside last week and have taken one of the Foster cottages, in Hermosa Park, for the rest of the season.

Miss Anna Louke MacLean, daughter of Dr. J. D. MacLean, of Mead, Wash., was a guest of Mrs. E. May White this week at the Hotel Seward. Miss Mac-

Lean was returning from a trip to the A-Y-P Fair.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

D. P. Swain, dentist, has returned, utilizing his vacation in a delightful pedestrian trip to Tillamook and a cruise on the Columbia, brimful of adventures and beautiful views. The outing was only rivaled by one taken years since, when walking over the Alps from Berne, Switzerland, to Milan, Italy.

The Misses Schell will open their private kindergarten, September 13, in St. Mark's Parish House, 231 North 21st st. Phone Main 5345.

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SUMMER RESORTS ACTIVE

(Continued from Page Four.)

(Special.)—Following is a list of arrivals at Cloud Cap Inn: Mrs. J. R. Devereaux, Dr. Gustav Baar, Miss Baar, Dr. E. De Witt, S. C. King, Mrs. Charles A. King, John Stock, W. R. Mackenzie, Mrs. W. R. Mackenzie, William A. MacLean, H. D. Story, Mrs. S. T. Hamilton, Mrs. George E. Kramer, Mrs. C. F. Beebe, Gerald Beebe, Mrs. H. L. Pitcock, Mrs. Kate F. Hertzman, all from Portland; T. E. Swaine, Richmond, Va.; Miss Grace A. Hill, Milton, Mass.

Miss Carrie Bruce, Cincinnati; J. Bishop Putnam, New York; W. E. Curtis, Mrs. W. E. Curtis, Mrs. Elsie Curtis, Washington, D. C.; Leslie Butler, C. H. Vaughn, Ralph Caldwell, J. S. L. Pierrenet, Mrs. Pierrenet, R. W. Stobbs, J. Adrian Eppine, L. E. Faust, Hood River; Miss Jessie Nel-

son, Williamsburg, Kan.; W. R. Maschortter, Galesburg, Ill.; Miss Gertrude Seaton, Du-

luth, Minn.; Dr. Louise E. Vandervoort, Battle Creek, Mich.; Mrs. Mae French, London, England; Miss Cory Emory, New York;

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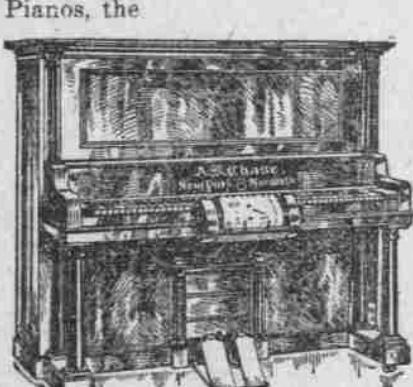
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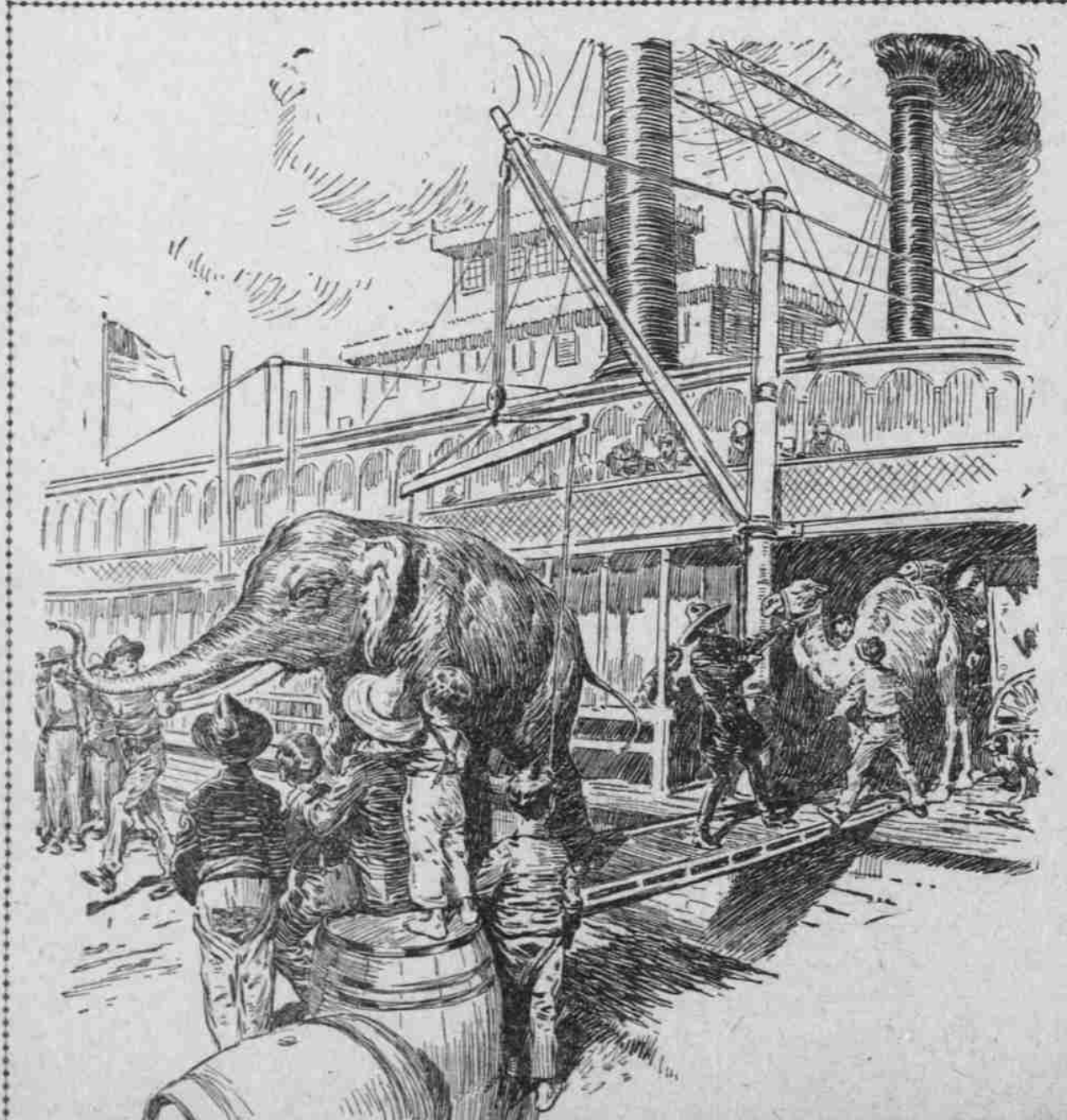
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