

### DAILY EXPENSES OF BIG CIRCUS EQUAL TO \$3,000

Sells-Floto Shows Have Greatly Enlarged Equipment This Year, Requiring Three Trains to Transport It—New Attractions Secured.



"RINALDO" THE BALLROOM HORSE, RIDDEN BY HIS PRODA ROYAL, SELLS-FLOTO CIRCUS.



MILE ZORA, ELEPHANT TRAINER, SELLS-FLOTO CIRCUS.

THE Sells-Floto Circus, with three trains of wild beasts, horses, performers and circus paraphernalia this year instead of two, will be in Portland June 5 and 6. The management added 15 cars to its equipment this year, making 41 instead of the 25 it had last year.

An idea of the vast amount of work required to keep the circus moving can be gained when it is said that it carries 700 performers and workmen, and that it moves 3000 tons daily, in addition to the animals. It is said to cost the circus management \$2000 a day to operate it.

One of the attractions added this year are Kaa and Ma, the twin baby elephants. When they were brought from Lucknow, India, last year by Lutuff Ullah, they were so small that they were transported from the depot to the circus training ground in an ordinary express wagon. After about three months in this country Ullah became so homesick that he tried several times to commit suicide, and it was at last necessary to send him back to India. It was a problem then for the management to find someone to train the elephants. Zora, who drives them tandem with bits in their mouths, was employed, and succeeded in training them to walk on bottles, stand on their hind legs, and do other stunts.

Caruso is Made Offer. Enrico Caruso, the noted soloist, was offered \$2000 a week to travel with the circus this season, but declined the offer with the excuse that he had engagements in Europe which he must fill.

The parade this season is two miles long, and it takes 27 minutes for it to pass a given point. There are 420 fine horses, 12 elephants, and a baby hippopotamus "who gets lonesome so that a man has to sleep with him." Besides these there are the lions, tigers, and other animals of the African and Asiatic wilds, and the delight of the children—the clowns.

Sells-Floto have 40 clowns, who during the performance put out the fire in a blazing house in which Mutt and Jeff are sleeping. Mutt escapes, but Jeff lies sleeping in the building until awakened at last by the hubbub, he appears at a window, his eyes almost blinded with the smoke, and jumps into the life-net held by the clowns. Jim Rutherford, the Chicago University boy, who left the university to be a clown, with the circus, is one of the Garnett Brothers, who do stunts with conical hats. George Brown, the English clown is also with the Sells-Floto Circus, as are Billy Jamieson, Snappy

Horses Will Perform. Rinaldo, the ball-room horse, who stands upon his hind legs and twangs a string to music, will be on exhibition, as will Omar, the "balloon horse," who rides to the top of the big tent on a platform supported by a balloon, and descends while fireworks explode all about him.

The concert which precedes the regular performance is by English's Military Band. Madame Rutherford, a saxophone soloist, is with the circus, as is also Bert Morphy, "the man who sings to beat the band."

### PEOPLE HAVE RIGHTS IN LUMBERMEN'S "DEALS"

Consolidation of Three Separate Organizations at Centralia Recently Brings Forth Comment by a Close "Observer of the Game."

PORTLAND, May 20.—(To the Editor.)—Perhaps the most important meeting of lumbermen ever held on this coast took place at Centralia, Wash., on May 13. Lumbermen from all parts of Oregon and Washington were present in large numbers. The important piece of business transacted was the consolidation of the three separate organizations of lumbermen into one in order to support effectively a general movement to curtail the output and get better prices. The point to note is the apparent earnestness and determination in the endeavor to curtail the output of the mills.

This matter affects most deeply the general business life of these two states, and the public as well as the lumbermen are concerned. The writer would like, without appearing to reticulate the actions of the lumbermen in their individual capacity, to present the case of the public. When we drop a well-stocked store of good lumber it will bring the same price as lumber like \$1200 in cash, poorer lands less. Out of this the owner of the stumpage gets about \$400, less when the land is smaller and the logging conditions harder. The bulk of the money is thus expended for labor, supplies, etc., and in a hundred ways helps to create a market for home products of all sorts. The lumber industry becomes the very life breath of the community in which it is carried on, and we have only to observe things to see how this industry makes and unmake towns and cities. Those who are intrusted with the timber resources are thus intrusted with not only the prosperity of a community but its very bread and butter are in their hands.

People Have "Say." Therefore when the lumbermen of the two best timbered states in the country undertake by arbitrary action to limit production of lumber the rest of the people have something to say in the matter. The people at large have turned over to them something like \$100,000,000 worth of their resources

for an insignificant price. They are asked to load complaints about their bad bargains. Generously they allow the lumbermen to make what they can. They let the stumpage man take \$400 per acre when they can ask for no further accounting. But when this point has been reached the average citizen is apt to go no further. There is a limit to their patience. This limit is reached when his bread and butter and the business he has built up are threatened.

Even then he is patient when misfortune overtakes individual lumbermen, for individuals are sometimes caught and become the victims of the system. But the nature of the case is totally changed when the lumber interests of a large territory undertake by combination to shut off the life blood of the community and thereby seriously threaten the value of every piece of property that forms part of the assets of individuals, firms and corporations, and that secure in the securities of the banks. It is then time to pause and look at things with a broad mind.

Lumbermen say that the prices have come down to a level that they cannot stand and that they are forced to this action. To this the average citizen replies that he wants no arbitrary prices put on Pacific Coast lumber products, for the simple reason that it will result in lower sales in the East and elsewhere. There, in the face of competition from the South and from Canada, the volume of the trade will depend on the prices made, and it is in the volume of the business done in lumber that the average citizen is interested. If lumbermen are permitted to make arbitrary prices it means less activity on this coast. It means less cash, from lumber sales, put into circulation in the communities here. To illustrate how this arbitrary price-making works, please note that the Columbia Loggers' Association for a considerable time was able to maintain a higher level of prices than those for prices which prevailed at Grays Harbor. As a result, the mills on the Harbor have sold and are right now selling lumber, and fir lumber as well, right in the city of Portland.

This demand of the average citizen that business be done unhampered by arbitrary agreements and in the largest possible volume, is based upon the idea that the timber resources have been turned over on that basis. He has relinquished his interest in the 700,000,000 upon this condition. Because such agreements are forbidden by law, this limitation has been put upon the land tenure. While any one individual may do as he pleases about cutting his timber, it does not follow that the lumbermen of a large community can by agreement curtail the output of this commodity.

Cheap Timber Means Gain. Both the producing and consuming communities gain by cheap lumber. If the value of the timber has been placed so high that it can not be cut at present prices that is for the individual holder to consider. The rest of the community is directly interested in his not holding out for a better price. In view of this, it is absurd to appeal to the people for special favors in the matter of taxation.

Now, individual lumbermen are not to be blamed for the condition of things, and indignation directed at them is not only unjust and uncalled for, but if the rest of us were in the lumber business we would act about the same way. The trouble is that we expect that when the Panama Canal is completed, timber will be worth much more money. We have valued it on that basis. This compels the active lumberman and logger of today to go in and buy timber for present use on this basis. He is forced to figure in the cost of lumber, making about \$2 per 1000 feet for the item of stumpage. He may buy sufficient timber to comprise a practicable logging proposition for \$1 to \$2 per 1000 feet, with an average of about \$2.50. Interest, taxes, etc., brings this up to about \$3. This is sufficiently accurate for the present purpose, which is to show that the stumpage charge does exist as an element in the present trouble, in fact as the element that has caused the trouble.

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lower, not higher prices, and that we have to present the products of our magnificent Douglas fir, spruce and Sitka spruce in the most attractive forms. If this is not the price of success then let somebody show why. An observer of the game, who has been in it. SON-IN-LAW IS SENTENCED Wife's Mother Refuses Admittance When Man Goes Home Drunk. "I want to say right now that if you do not deal with this man I shall," said Mrs. John A. Burley, an elderly widow, appealing yesterday to the Municipal Court for protection against the annoyances heaped upon her by her son-in-law, Charles Raye. In explaining her meaning she made it clear that she would go to the limit of the law in defending her domicile, if Raye were not restrained. Raye and his young wife lived with Mrs. Burley until a few days ago, when he went home drunk at midnight. Admittance was refused him and he tried to break in the door. He was arrested by Patrolman Murphy. Sentence of 30 days was imposed upon him yesterday. Negro Kills Two Women. LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 20.—Splitting the skulls of two negro women with an ax, while they slept today, Matthew Kelley, a negro, addressed a note to the police confessing the crime. When arrested Kelley said the women had been trifling with him and that he had killed them for revenge. Woodcraft Folk to Entertain. The goodfellowship campaign committee of the Women of Woodcraft will hold a regular meeting Monday afternoon, May 22, at Headquarters building. A full attendance is expected, because this is the last meeting before the

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