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CARNIVAL COMING ON ANNUAL VISIT

Three Days of Fun and Entertainment Commencing May 16.

The announcement which will be contained in our next issue that Cottage Grove is to have a carnival during the week of May 13th paves the way to speculation as to the origin of the modern fun festival. How did it originate, and where? Who was the genius that launched the first enterprise of the kind?

Actuated by a desire to know more concerning this little understood phase of the carnival business, the Leader man recently interrogated E. L. Davenport, the General Contracting Agent for The Frank Miller Amusement Company, Inc., who has been in the city paving the way for the coming of the Miller aggregation. Mr. Davenport is recognized as an old head at the carnival game, having been engaged in the tent show business for more than a quarter of a century, during the latter portion of which time he has been connected with almost every carnival organization of any note. Speaking on this phase of the matter, he said:

"It has been claimed by some that the carnival business first saw the light of day in 1892, but, to my own personal knowledge, it was one year later, or in the autumn of 1893, that the first carnival organization was launched and sent on the road as an independent amusement enterprise. This happened several weeks prior to the close of the Columbian Exposition, which did so much to help establish Chicago on the map."

The almost phenomenal success of the Midway Plaisance, the forerunner of the modern 'Fun-way' induced a venturesome showman by the name of Otto Smith to assemble a number of attractions roughly patterned in miniature after some that had contributed to the success of the Midway Plaisance, and this was launched as an individual enterprise, although by no means a carnival organization, as we of this day and age understand the term."

"The immediate success of the enterprise, financially, was such that innumerable organizations of similar scope and character sprang into existence almost in a night, as it were. After that it seemed that every individual in the show business made an effort to copy the other fellow, and get into the carnival game, more especially as a majority of the companies previously launched were financially successful almost from the beginning."

"In those days the carnival business was conducted along lines wholly different from those of today. For instance, each organization was obliged to maintain and carry a double crew of construction men, carpenters, painters, artisans, etc., etc., for the purpose of erecting the various airdomes, stadiums, fronts, etc., etc. They did not, as now, construct their paraphernalia so that it might be dismantled and transported from place to place. At each stand everything was erected complete. The individual features were designed by different architects, and were intended to reflect the atmos-

phere of various countries. Everything was placed within an enclosure to which an admission fee was charged."

"From that humble beginning the business gradually underwent development until today it represents investments running into many millions of dollars, and calls for the same application of sound business principles that make for the success of any commercial enterprise."

"While the organization fostered by Prof. Frank Miller, who is universally recognized as 'America's Greatest Living Aeronaut' is not the largest concern of its kind in the world, we do claim that it is as good as any, and better than many similar organizations known to the amusement patrons of this section." Prof. Miller has been in the business as an aeronaut for more than any living aeronaut. This will be his third year as an independent manager of carnival attractions, and the success that has thus far attended his efforts is gratifying to say the least."

"His success is undoubtedly due to the prevailing policy of his shows, which are aligned squarely on the side of respectability and decency. He inclines to the belief that there is a large and a legitimate field for tented attractions that are clean and wholesome in character, and the success that has thus far attended his management goes far to support him in his theory that the amusement going public will gladly respond to any effort calculated to provide attractions and amusement features that are clean, meritorious and wholesome in character."

IMPROVEMENTS ARE GOING ON APACE

Window frames have been placed in the third story of the new Cooper block.

Contractor Will F. Hart and Sid Hamblin have work well under way on W. L. Hubbell's fine new modern home in South Cottage Grove.

A quarter of a mile of new sidewalk was recently built on Railroad Avenue along the west side of the county road north almost to the city limits.

The Grange held another big, busy meeting last Saturday and as usual initiated a large class of candidates. With a big fair on hand and a new Grange store and hall building in contemplation the Grangers are full of business these days.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Beaman returned to Cottage Grove from Salem last week to reside permanently. Mr. Beaman is improving their Wall Street property, having just completed a new sidewalk fronting their new shop and has other improvements planned.

W. S. McCaleb has opened an employment office in connection with his real estate business. This should prove a good thing for those who are seeking a job as well as those who are in need of help.

Orvel Knapp, the genial fellow behind the counter at the Swengel hardware store, made a short visit with friends at Albany the latter part of last week.

Saginaw school closed April 26th after a most successful four months term taught by the Misses Comer and Rosenberg.

Road Supervisor C. H. Sharon has been doing some road work.

LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE AND GENERAL NEWS OF INTEREST

Allen Says He Was Drugged and Robbed---Great Oregon Cartoonist is Dead---A Titanic Survivor in Cottage Grove.

If it wasn't for what the lawyers do to 'em, few criminals would get any punishment whatever.

Henry Whitsett of Orland, Calif. is a guest of his father and sisters in this city. He likes Orland.

Two freight trains collided at Goshen today demolishing both locomotives and damaging several freight cars. No one killed, but traffic was held up several hours.

Roseburg's finest residence, the \$15,000 home of Dr. S. Hamilton, was burned to the ground last Thursday, the fire, it is thought, having originated in an incubator which was in operation in the basement. The fire company was helpless owing to Roseburg's inadequate water supply.

The Vesuvius mines, Bohemia District, exhibit at the promotion department headquarters in the Commercial club rooms is now arranged and some splendid specimens of rich ore are now on display. The Lewis & Clark gold medal won by the company is one of the features.—Eugene Guard.

Judge H. J. Shinn has bought the H. O. Thompson residence property in West Cottage Grove near the public school building and has moved therein. This is one of the prettiest and most conveniently arranged modern homes in West Cottage Grove, and will be made even more attractive by Judge and Mrs. Shinn.

The temperance rally conducted at the Armory Wednesday evening by the Seventh Day Adventist denomination, was fairly well attended and was quite interesting and instructive. The singing was good, the readings were appropriate and entertaining and the address by Prof. Airey of Royal Academy, was logical and to the point.

Arthur Woolcott and bride, the latter a survivor of the ill-fated Titanic, arrived at Cottage Grove last Thursday morning and were met at the depot by Curtis Veatch and escorted to their cosy little farm home west of Cottage Grove. Mrs. Woolcott is said to have borne up bravely under her fearful sea experience and was very little fatigued by her long journey from England to Oregon.

TENDER PUBLIC RECEPTION TO ARTHUR WOOLCOTT AND BRIDE

A very cordial reception will be tendered Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Woolcott at the Christian church Wednesday evening, Mrs. Woolcott being a survivor of the ill-fated Titanic. She was on her way from England to New York to meet and wed Mr. Woolcott when the terrible disaster befell the greatest of all ocean liners, the Titanic, and she coolly and calmly awaited her turn to get into a life boat and be lowered to the surf far below the decks of the mighty Titanic, and then tossed about,

Guy P. Harrington has bought 90 acres of land known as the Sunderman place near Creswell and will set the entire tract to prunes.

Col. Fingal Hinds reports that a good many homeseekers are beginning to come this way but most of them are seeking small tracts at moderate prices.

W. C. Conner sold six carloads of piling and mining timber to local contractors last week from his ranch west of this city, the timber to be delivered after the roads become good by Messrs. Snyder and Ashby.

The Sentinel seems mystified over the appearance of a little "original" poem appearing in the LEADER and the Brownsville Times almost simultaneously. That's easy Bro. Bede! We got it from the same source from which you receive your weekly column of "Things We Think."

Homer Davenport, the foremost American Cartoonist, died at a friends New York home May 2. Davenport was a self made man in all that the term implies. Born and raised on a Silverton, Oregon, farm, by his pluck and genius he became a character of world-wide fame. His great cartoons for years have appeared in the leading dailies of the country and have been widely copied. He commanded the highest salary ever received by an American cartoonist. He was but 44 years old at the time he died from pneumonia.

Thursday's Eugene Guard said: "George Allen, of Cottage Grove who was nearly asphyxiated with gas in this city Sunday, was in Eugene again Wednesday. Mr. Allen says that he was drugged and robbed, and that he did not turn on the gas himself. He believes that his room was entered by some itinerant thief who slipped into the house unnoticed and who, having administered a sleeping potion and made away with his cash which Mr. Allen says amounted to \$59, turned on the gas in order that his victim might die and the crime be covered. Mr. Allen says that he was here tracing down possible clues, and hopes to locate the guilty wretch."

Arm Cut Severely.

Ellis Robinson received a very severe cut in his left forearm last Friday while teaming for the Orchard Land and Timber Co. He had stuck a double bitted ax in a pole near where he was working with his team, and in some manner as he was stepping back, tripped and fell, striking the ax with his arm, in which an ugly and deep wound was made. The flow of blood was suppressed as much as possible for the time being and he was brought to town and Dr. Job dressed the injury. Three stitches sufficed to close the wound, but it was deep, the arm having struck the ax at a corner. The swelling is rapidly going down and from all appearances the arm will soon be all right again.

Buys California Ice Plant.

J. H. Bartells who in company with his son Fred and Marion Ernest, left some weeks since for Ukiah, California, has purchased a large ice plant at that place and will locate there for the time being at least. They had taken over the plant under a lease, but having become well pleased with the business and place, later concluded to purchase. Mr. Bartells has much improved in health, having recovered from his attack of rheumatism.

MUSICAL RECITAL ENTERTAINMENT

The recital and entertainment to be given by Miss Silsby at the Armory next Monday evening for the benefit of the Public Library movement, promises to be one of the most entertaining and interesting musicals ever given in this city. The program follows.

Moonlight and Music.....Pinsutti
Chorus
Oh That We Two Were Maying—Ethelbert Nevins
Miss Lockwood, Mr. Stratton
My Ain Folk.....Laura G. Lemon
Mr. Lloyd Bisbey
Old Folks at Home.....Foster
Messrs. Harvey, Sanford, Swatton, Bisbey, Somers, Powell
Cradle Song.....Kate Vannah
Miss Grace Lilly
I Live and Love Thee.....Campana
Misses Hazelton, Veatch, Messrs. Sanford, Stratton
A Sailor's Dream.....C. E. Leslie
High School Quartette
Carmena.....Wilson H. Lane
Misses Veatch, Holderman, Hazelton, Lilly, Lockwood, Silsby,
Chaffing Dish Tragedy—Farce
Under direction of Mrs. F. W. Robbins
Mrs. Grant.....Mrs. Compton
James Stimson.....Mr. Ren Sanford
Aunt Lobelia.....Miss Fern Holcomb
Jennie.....Miss Ursula Lockwood

PART II.

Come With the Gypsy Bride, from "The Bohemian Girl"
Misses Holderman, Veatch, Hazelton, Lilly, Miss Miller, Messrs. Bisbey, Stratton, Somers, Sanford, Harvey, Powell
Ah, 'Tis a Dream.....C. B. Hawley
Mr. Seldon Powell
Go, Pretty Rose.....Marzials
Messrs. Woods, Beidler, King, Matthews
Come Dance With Me.....Goate
Mrs. Compton, Misses Holderman, Lockwood, Lilly
The Rosary.....Ethelbert Nevins
Silsby Quartette
The Rose of Yester 'e 'en.....Marie Rich
Miss Blanch Veatch
See the Pale Moon.....Campana
Misses Lockwood, Lilly
Peaceful Be Thy Sleep.....H. H. McGranahan
Messrs. Woodard, Stratton, Beidler, Bisbey, King, Somers, Anderson, Matthews, Woods, Harvey, Sanford, Hart, Mosby, Matthews, Powell
Accompanists—Mrs. Geo. Kerr, Miss Silsby.

Members of Chorus—Sopranos, Misses Hazelton, Kennon, Smith, Holcomb, Smith, Veatch, Holderman, Lockwood, Woodard, Meslames Cooper, Compton, Burkholder, Thompson, Anderson, Alton, Misses Lea, Lilly, Perkins, Silsby, Mrs. Miller. Tenors, Messrs. Woodard, Beidler, Bisbey, Stratton, King, Somers, Anderson, Matthews, Woods, Bassos, Messrs. Harvey, Powell, Matthews, Sanford, Hart, Mosby.

CITY COUNCIL AND CIRCUS

Mayor Abrams Assumed a Sarcastic Attitude. Stands by Circus

Monday evening was "circus day" at the city hall and the show, clowns and all, was complete with the possible exception of the usual menagerie. His honor, the Mayor, presided and every member of the board of aldermen was present. After the reading of the minutes of previous meetings and the disposal of a lot of street improvement remonstrances, came the introduction of petitions and here is where the big petition against the proposed Sunday circus came in. The petition containing 275 names was presented by Cha. H. Burkholder, who eloquently and well, championed the cause of the petitioners, depreciating the fact that the council had, for the paltry sum of \$15 granted a license to a 49-car circus to give its performances in this city on not only Sunday, but the day long established by the G. A. R. as Memorial Sunday, the Sunday prior to Decoration day always being observed by that patriotic body as their day for religious ceremonies. Mr. Burkholder also depreciated the fact that a circus invariably drains a community of much money and gives little or nothing in return. He assured the council that it had made a mistake in granting this show license and admonished the councilmen to show their manhood by putting forth their best efforts to correct their error.

The next petition against the circus was presented by Rev. W. J. Gardner, representing the G. A. R. which had met with the approval of every member of the local Post except one. Rev. Gardner also made an eloquent plea for a sacred Memorial day unmarred by any sports or amusements.

On behalf of the local Grange which numbers something over 300 members a strong petition against the Sunday circus was presented by S. B. Morse, secretary of the Grange, which he declared had been adopted by unanimous vote.

A like petition against the circus was presented and read coming from the Cottage Grove Commercial club, so it seemed the weight of public opinion was overwhelmingly against the Sunday circus performance.

The Mayor in defense of the council's actions, read extracts from the reports of the mass meetings held in opposition to the council's actions as published in the LEADER and then in another column of this paper read an advertisement announcing a Sunday baseball game, and inquired why the good people did not remonstrate against this kind of thing also. He said that since the Memorial Sunday service was to be held in the Presbyterian church, which is nearest the baseball grounds he would suggest that the services be changed to the M. E. church. This bit of sarcasm met approval and disapproval alike. The Mayor said he was an old soldier and said the coming of the circus would force no one to remain away from the Memorial ser-

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