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CARNIVAL COME AND GONE HENCE

Introducing Several New Attractions This Season.

The carnival, which was conducted the last three days of last week by the Miller Amusement Company, at Cottage Grove, under the auspices of the public library committee, closed Saturday evening and left for Springfield for a week's engagement. It was the opening engagement for the Miller Carnival Co. for the season at this place, and the manager, Prof. Frank Miller, stated that there is always more or less confusion at the opening of a season's engagement, but this is soon overcome and all moves along like clock work. One thing can be said to the credit of Prof. Frank Miller, and that is, he puts up more and better free outside attractions than any other carnival manager on the road. This season he is not only giving a spectacular balloon ascension and parachute jump, but "slide for life" down the long inclining wire and a very thrilling high wire bicycle stunt accompanied with fire works, which is as new as it is novel. The balloon was sent up here the first and last day of the engagement, the second day being too windy, making it a very hazardous undertaking for the air man and also making probable the loss of the fine new balloon by its being carried out over the densely timbered hills tributary to Cottage Grove. The balloon reached a great height on both ascensions at this place and the parachute jumps were most spectacular and thrilling, the air man coming down on both occasions in the orchard of J. I. Jones about one-half mile south of this city.

One of the interesting and instructive attractions with Miller's Carnival Co., this season is W. H. (Billie) Martens, one of the best professional glass blowers to be found in the country. Not only is he able to produce many fantastic designs and figures from the usual glass tubes, but he is able to produce beautiful paper weights and ornaments from common beer bottles and he also carries with him a small blast furnace for the manufacture of his own glass. Another high class and high salaried artist with Miller is Senora Augusta, the Spanish dancing girl, who decided to take this means as a summer outing and vacation, otherwise Miller could not have secured her for the season. She has danced in every country on the globe and through the theatrical season commands a very high salary as a feature of some of the very best theatrical companies on the road.

The Georgia Minstrel show was up to its usual standard, and the Electrical illusion or "living statue" attraction was very entertaining and a crowd getter. The fat woman and the den of serpents also came in for their share of public attention. Some boys captured a large native "blow snake" near this city and carried it to the lady in charge of the snakes. She received it with pleasure and it at once made friends with her, coiling itself about her wrist and arm. A peculiar sight was to witness this woman performing with the reptiles

with her 17 months old babe nearby her husband being gate keeper at this attraction.

The Merry-go-round, as usual was the great attraction for the little folks and altogether those who patronize amusement attractions of this kind had a good time and seemed to get value for the few dimes contributed. Owing to the numerous suspensions of operations by local saw mills and logging camps the past winter and the quiet times resulting in this community, the carnival was not as liberally patronized as usual, but Prof. Frank Miller understood the situation and cheerfully made the best of it, giving the public the same daily program which he would had the patronage been doubled. Mr. Miller is well and favorably known here and is always accorded as liberal patronage as the people are able to extend.

Thinks Lands are Too High

Manager Miller, of Carnival fame, told the LEADER that close observation on his part in traversing this valley regularly convinces him that but seven out of ten of the practical eastern farmers who come here with a view to investing in farm homes return to their former states from the fact that they refuse to be held up to the tune of from \$100 to \$250 per acre for farm lands. He says western Oregon has thousands of acres of uncultivated lands, yet speculators and real estate sharks have inflated values until the prices are practically prohibitive and as a result while ten homeseekers came here last year and the year before but one is coming this season and Oregon's growth and development is being retarded as a result. Most settlers are either looking for cheap or medium priced farm lands or employment and it is Mr. Miller's opinion that we should give manufacturing enterprises more encouragement and support and be content with less profit on the sale of our farm and ranch lands.

CONTRACTS LET ON COOS BAY RAILWAY

Road to be Completed From Eugene To Marshfield in Two Years To Cost \$4,000,000

The details of the deal between the S. P. Co. and the Sumner line between Eugene and Coos Bay are becoming definitely known. Most important of these is the fact that the road must be completed without delay, the contract for the work beyond the Twolby Bros.' present contract going to McArthur & Perks, who were also promoters of the Sumner line. This is definite and the contractors expect to begin actual work by June 1. The contract price is given at \$4,000,000.

Because of their large realty holdings along the line, the promoters of the rival road, Wilsey, Sumner, McArthur & Perks, insisted on the early completion of the road as a condition of the deal, as well as securing the contract for construction. It is also understood that the Harriman people were forced to pay a high price for the rights-of-way they secured in the Siuslaw canyon, owing to the fact that they were practically blocked until they secured them.

News has been received here of the letting of contracts by the Harriman system for 150 miles of construction work on the Oregon Eastern from Vale westerly across Oregon. This line is to connect with the Natron extension near Odell.

LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE AND GENERAL NEWS OF INTEREST

Grange State Convention Proved an Interesting and Important Session—Much Concrete is Being Spread in Cottage Grove

The recent heavy showers are a cause of much rejoicing among stock men, gardeners and farmers.

Weldon B. Cook will attempt a flight in a Curtiss biplane at Eugene Saturday and Sunday. He is a well known western aviator.

The cherry crop will be light and so will the prune crop in this county. Dr. Scarbrough at Creswell is predicting about a half crop in his fine orchard.

Parson Richeson was electrocuted in the Boston penitentiary yesterday for the poisoning of his sweetheart Avis Linnell. He was composed to the last and declared he was willing to die.

Chas. S. Cochran left Eugene today for Portland where he will fill a summer engagement at Pantages Theater. Mr. Cochran has few equals as a leading cornetist and orchestra director on the coast. Mr. Cochran will be joined by his family soon.

Alton Hampton, who visited his branch store at Cottage Grove this week, says business in the south Lane city is very good and there is much building going on. A three-story brick block is just being finished on Main street and other business buildings and numerous residences are being erected.—Guard.

Word from Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Comer who started east recently for the benefit of Mrs. Comer's health, was received by relatives Friday. They were well on their way from Seattle to Montana and Mrs. Comer was reported as standing the trip much better than anticipated. Three days were spent with the family of their son George at Vancouver.

The annual state convention of the Grange which was held at Roseburg last week was full of interest and much important business was transacted, good roads measures receiving much attention. A strong resolution was passed favoring woman's suffrage, officers were elected and Albany was voted as the place in which to hold the next annual meeting.

POULTRY EXHIBIT TO BE FEATURE OF GRANGE FAIR

One of the very interesting features of the forth-coming Grange Fair at Cottage Grove will be the poultry department, which will be under the supervision of W. C. Conner, one of the experienced local poultrymen. Owing to the fair being held before the young poultry is mature and at a time when most of the mature birds are in the molt, the awards will be placed by a competent judge by the comparison method, and a fine blue ribbon will be given for the first prize bird, a red ribbon for the second and white ribbon for the third in the various classes and pens, besides it is anticipated that suitable cash or other awards will

also be given. This will give local fanciers a fine opportunity to advertise their respective breeds and introduce their merits to the public. This big feature of the fair will be free and fanciers about Cottage Grove are urged to begin making plans for an exhibit of either old or young stock, or both. Every bird entered must be leg-banded to save confusion in judging and placing the awards. There is no doubt but what this exhibit will be a most creditable one and one of the big attractions at the fair, at least, it is the ambition of those interested to make it such and thereby give this "Petaluma of Oregon" another boost and demonstrate its right to this title.

Looks like Wall or west Main Street would soon be paved for a distance of 9 blocks.

A. H. Smock of Eugene, has gooseberry bushes which produce at the rate of \$1000 per acre.

Mrs. L. D. Harrington who resides on Cherry street, went out with her son to the Lorane valley to spend the summer.

F. J. Hard came up from Eugene Saturday and went out to the Vesuvius mine where a destructive fire had occurred the day previous.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Coffin who have been residents of this city for some time, have taken their departure for the state of Maryland for future residence. They will reside a short distance from Cottage Grove in that state.

The Seventh Day Adventists of the southern Oregon conference in the past year paid in tithes and special offerings a grand total of \$13,483.63. The conference includes 14 churches, with a membership of only a little above 500.

Marion Veatch, our esteemed townsman is seen limping about with a cane and his friends are wondering whether it is the result of a sprained ankle—or the gout. Marion says it is due to the former, which he sustained at the Hart residence fire last week.

Will Cunningham and wife remembered the LEADER with a pleasant call while in from the farm Thursday. They left on the LEADER table four monster Burbank potatoes as sound as a dollar and said they still have a good many of them to market.

A fine concrete sidewalk was built about the pretty residence home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McFarland in west Cottage Grove last week. D. G. McFarland has also had a concrete sidewalk built in front of his residence property and Andrew Brund has replaced all of his board walks with concrete sidewalks. Therefore Cottage Grove's residence districts are rapidly assuming a more permanent and substantial appearance.

Obituary and Biography—W. H. Arne.

The funeral of William H. Arne, an old soldier and a resident of Cottage Grove for 14 years, was held Friday, Rev. Robert Sutcliffe conducting the services at the M. E. church. Services at the grave were conducted by Appomattox Post, G. A. R.

William A. Arne was born in New York State, December 6, 1846. He served three years in the Civil War, being wounded at Cold Harbor. June 1871, he married Nettie M. Creiswell, of Parkersburg, Iowa, moving from there to South Dakota and then to Cottage Grove. He had been a member of the M. E. church for 41 years. A widow and seven children survive him. The children are Mrs. F. B. Phillips, Rufus C. Arne, Leon C. Arne, and Claude R. Arne, all of Cottage Grove; Mrs. L. M. Little, Iroquois, S. D.; R. W. Arne, Fossil, Ore.

Deceased was a most genial and pleasant Christian gentleman. He was industrious, hospitable and prosperous and was regarded in the highest esteem by all who knew him. The last sad rites were largely attended the remains being laid to final rest in the Masonic cemetery.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to transfer from this earth to his home in Heaven our dearly beloved brother W. H. Arne.

And whereas, In the loss of Bro. Arne the church and community loses a faithful worker and earnest Christian;

Be it resolved, by the Methodist Episcopal church of Cottage Grove, Oregon that we extend to Sister Arne and family our heart felt sympathy in this hour of their bereavement in the loss of a husband and father.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of the church, a copy given to the bereaved family, and a copy furnished the local papers for publication.

W. J. GARDNER
J. I. JONES
Ernest Purvance,
Committee.

BAD FIRE IN THE VESUVIUS MINE

Loss of Tools and Other Property in the Sum of \$2000 Will Occasion Some Delay

F. J. Hard, owner of the Vesuvius mine in the Bohemia district, received a message Friday telling of the destruction by fire that night of the tunnel house at the mine. Tools were stored in the house, and it contained other apparatus used to work the mine. The loss is \$2000 or more, and the fire will cause a delay in starting extensive operations at the property, which Mr. Hard was planning on.

Oakridge is on the Boom.

A hotel to cost \$7000 will soon be built at Oakridge, Lane county's new town, by Grant Hyland. It is predicted this new railroad from Springfield to Klamath Falls will be completed by 1912. Oakridge is the present eastern terminus at the foot of the Cascade.

A letter from J. Mark Comer and wife who are working in the Missionary cause in India is to the effect that the summer season with its 100 degrees in the shade temperature is about over as their rainy season sets in May 1, and they are contented and their work prospering.

BACK FROM OLD BLEEDING MEXICO

Two Months Journey Behind a Double Team Mexican Burros.

John and Charles Wright and Ed Lajoie, who went to old Mexico some time ago and who since the late Mexican unpleasantness have been residing near the Mexican line in lower California, arrived at their old home a few miles north of Cottage Grove Monday with enough of Mexico and lower California experience to last them a life time. To a LEADER representative they stated that nothing in northwestern Mexico appealed to them and that in and about San Diego and Los Angeles a man without plenty of money is not much in the swim. They left lower California behind four Mexican burros, drawing a light buckboard the middle of March. They carried with them a tent and complete camp outfit and made their way home in two months by easy strides, stopping over in Roseburg last week during the strawberry carnival where their unique team figuring as one of the attractive features in the parade and carried off a \$20 prize purse. Two of these burros are dark brown, their long hair being very curly and attractive, these being rare specimens of the Mexican burro. The other two are of the common gray or mouse color, and the four comprise a sturdy little team. Needless to say Messrs. Wright and Lajoie are glad to get back to fertile and moist old Oregon, which they say is good enough for them. The team and equipment proved a great attraction on the streets in this city where the dinner hour was spent Monday.

Discovery of Frost Proof Fruit Trees

The agricultural department announces that Frank N. Meyer, an explorer on the staff, has just returned from a two and one half years' journey, mostly in Siberia, north Russia, and central Asia.

Among other finds Mr. Meyer brought back from Siberia a bush cherry, which will live in a temperature nearly 40 degrees below zero. Among other fruits in that region he came across an apricot which a temperate of 30 below will not kill. He sent back both seeds, cuttings of these fruits, which are being propagated here, and are thought likely to be of great value in our colder states.

Cold-resisting alfalfa, and several new varieties of cereals are among Mr. Meyer's prizes.

Here is an opening for Mr. Burbank and other experts to so develop the fruits of these new trees by crossing with varieties in present use that hardiness shall be conserved, and flavor, size and sweetness added.

Militia to Observe Memorial Day.

Notice is hereby given that all members of Sixth Co., C. A. C. will be expected to assemble at the Armory at 10 a. m. on Sunday morning May 26, and march in a body to the Presbyterian church to attend the Annual Memorial services. By order of H. K. Metcalf, Captain.