

### SCHOOL OPENING IS DRAWING NEAR

Final preparations for the opening of the city's public schools on Sept. 14 are being made rapidly. Harry B. Johnson, principal of the Eugene high school, will keep daily office hours at the high school beginning next Tuesday. New students or those wishing to change their courses may see him at his office, he has announced.

Superintendent H. R. Gould has called a general teachers' meeting for Saturday, Sept. 14, at 10 a. m. at the high school building. The balance of the day will be devoted to advance enrollment and individual interviews.

The school board will be asked to provide additional and improved fire-fighting equipment for the schools as a result of an inspection made Wednesday by Superintendent Gould and Fire Chief W. E. Nussbaum.

Larger extinguishers of the soda and acid type, will be asked to replace the small Pyrene type in some of the schools, particularly in the older buildings. A complete check on fire hose in the buildings will be made immediately. Repairs will be made wherever practical, said Mr. Gould, and new hose recommended where needed. Installations of new hose will be made in glass enclosures so as to keep the hose in good order for emergencies. Instances where hose have been cut with knives have been found where they have been left unprotected.

### CIRCUS STORY

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and still love a circus with all the in-born love of romance that is theirs for their delight. The 1880 persons in the Ringling-Barnum circus, the 100 advance men, publicity agents and bill posters, the 1000 animals gathered from every corner of the globe put on a show.

From the time the first section of the four big circus trains pulled into Portland and the opening of the main performance at the Ringling-Barnum circus. This will be one of the largest, if not the largest, circus that has ever touched Eugene.

### UNDER THE MAIN TOP



A split fraction of the sights that will be shown here Friday afternoon and evening, at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum-Balley combined circus. This will be one of the largest, if not the largest, circus that has ever touched Eugene.

### CIRCUS AT A GLANCE

**Duration of Stay**—One day only. Friday afternoon and night. Show Grounds—Blair street.

**Performances**—At 2 and 8 p. m. Doors to huge menagerie open one hour earlier.

**Features**—Hugo Zaccchini, the human projectile, Goliath, the monster sea elephant, one ton heavier than last season. 800 men and women arena stars from every land. Menagerie of 1000 rare animals. 200 trained horses in the "Tourney of Jewels." 100 trained horses and zebras performing in a single display. "Yasso," the wonder elephant.

**Side Show**—All strange oddities combined in one side-show, continuous from morning till night.

**Wild West Show**—Takes place in the "big top" immediately after "The Big Show."

like body, and smiling encouragement? That is her Spanish husband, Alfredo Cordona, probably the best known male acrobat in the world, and to whom she has been married but a year. They trouped together as children, were apart many years, and now are reunited under the Ringling-Barnum "big top."

Alfredo is proud of Miss Leitzel, acknowledging her the greatest acrobat of all time. It is he who carries her in his arms back to her dressing tent after she has been wrapped in a shawl by Sylvia, her Spanish maid.

Between acts Miss Leitzel sews—she loves to sew, and always costumes. She is usually at work snipping a green-gold brocaded cloth, and putting rhinestones on it with a little machine much like a large ticket-punch. She chatted about a plan of her own and Alfredo's to take their own circus into Mexico this winter, while the "big show" is in winter quarters at Barrsota, occupying its 200 acres and 20 permanent buildings.

"God in heaven! Willie, who is that? Who is THAT?"

Miss Leitzel is on her feet. Her golden head, which has been bent over her sewing is eagerly erect. A tall boyish figure, "Willie," no dot, is twirling a slender woman in brown.

"Is it—can it be—Jennie?" cries Miss Leitzel.

Jennie, who once trouped with Miss Leitzel, is welcomed. There are tears in Miss Leitzel's eyes. She snooks heads, Jennie, with her arms around her waist. Jennie, happy, and seated in one of the comfortable folding chairs, pounds out the story—an automobile accident—she can never get again. "But I sued, and I won it, too—\$20,000. What do you think of that? And did you know, I'm divorced? Yes, he was impossible. My suit? Why, settled out of court. But, you know, when they took me into the courtroom on a stretcher—they thought then I could never walk again. . . . the lawyer for the defense wanted me taken out. Think of that! He said I was drawing too much sympathy from the jury. Imagine! Probably my last public appearance, and he wanted me put out." Jennie laughed. "My new permanent? Yes, I'm glad you like it. I was in a hospital a year, and

I just had to look as well as I could. Some of the doctors were cut."

**Alfredo Goes On**

Danger! The inhabitants of the city of tents eat it with their bread and butter. They wear it with the spangles they sew on their costumes. They sleep with it ever present.

A husband kisses his wife before she goes on for her act. A wife kisses her husband. One never knows. Little Miss Leitzel stands near when the Flying Codonas come on for their act. Alfredo, her husband, in his blue tights, swings from his brother's trapeze into the triple somersault, for which he is famous. Miss Leitzel hides her eyes. A tremor passes through her. There is a gasp, too, as she realizes it is over. I waves. All is well.

"But do you know, my dear," she said to me, and her eyes were serious. "I always wait for that to be over. I know how easy it looks when he swings in the air. But a when he swings in the air, I have seen him fall! Of course, he has perfect control in the air, and if he falls one way in the net he is able to save himself. Once he fell against the 'apron' at the side of the tent—and then, well, it was a long time before Alfredo worked again. Every man who does that triple somersault breaks his neck sooner or later."

**English Nobility**

Floyd Bell, one-time newspaperman, now doing publicity for the Ringling-Barnum show, introduced me about the lot. I met the lovely blonde, Mrs. Colleano, an English girl who left titled society to marry "Con", the gracious Spanish gentleman known as "the dancing, tumbling, somersaulting genius of the world." Mrs. Colleano is a grand-niece of the Earl of Derby, and granddaughter of Lord Stanley. She saw her husband first from a seat in the circus, in Australia, and later

### DOUBLE PARKING IS HIT BY POLICE

A drive against motorists who double-park in prospect for Eugene was announced by city traffic officers that all violators will be given an invitation to talk it over with Judge Bryson in police court.

The police have found too many cases where people have begged to be allowed to double-park for a minute or two without arrests and then abused the privilege by leaving their car their car double-parked indefinitely, according to Officer Jerry Hoy.

Fines collected in police court Thursday included: H. A. Hunter, \$2, double parking; J. M. Lamb, \$2, double parking; John W. Beck, George Tracy, disorderly conduct, \$25; Peggy Wharton, disorderly conduct, \$10.

met him at a party some government officials gave for the circus folk.

Mrs. Colleano is the Italian army, for her husband's act. And very charming scenery, she is, too, in her purple velvet gown, and with her long blonde hair done simply in two flat rolls over either shoulder. She has encouragement to her husband in his feats on the tight wire which he does entirely without balancing props. Her personal hobby is music, and there is a grand piano in her stateroom, as there is in Miss Leitzel's. And not only is Mrs. Colleano a pianist, but a composer, as well.

Miss Winnifred, who was shaking her dark curls before a little mirror, and wearing a becoming kimono, when I met her in the Colleano private wagon on the lot, is really Winnifred Colleano, brother of "Con" and an acrobat in her own right. Her leap from a flying trapeze to a dangling rope is worth seeing.

**The Human Projectile**

I met Hugo Zaccchini, too—the human projectile. He is the one-time lieutenant in the Italian army, and now making his living in a daring feat in which he is shot from a cannon's mouth. It was some time while he was over there that he conceived the idea that a man might be shot from a cannon into a net. It is his brother, Bruno Zaccchini, who fires the cannon, and Hugo's wife, Elsa, who watches.

But those whose vocation is being "fired from a cannon" do in his spare moments? Zaccchini is an artist. In odd moments he is doing crayon drawings and water colors.

**A "League of Nations"**

Bobemian, Spanish, English, Japanese—all these, and more. Eighty-five per cent of the persons under the "big top" are from foreign countries. The other fifteen per cent count the United States as the land of their nativity. The aristocracy of the circus knows no bounds of nationality—those of skill, and the circus tradition.

The Davenport, who are riders, and the Siegrists, a family of acrobats, count Oregon as their home. The Ernestos, riders, are Swedish, but the Rieffenhuas, also riders, are German. And one meets Massimo, the vice comedian.

Pretty Theod Nelson, who is sharing her stateroom with me, is from an old circus family. She is the fourth generation of acrobats, and a long training has given her the sureness she shows in her act with the Flying Sisters, in which she stars with flip-flops and a series of somersaults down the sawdust track. She has been trained by her father and mother, with five sisters and a brother, in her act.

In private life Miss Nelson is Mrs. Raymond Marlowe, and when she took me into the women's dressing room where her keepers were, I was privileged to see snapshots of her roly-poly baby daughter, born last January, and from whom she had to be separated to continue her work.

"But she will be with me this winter, in Florida," smiled the little mother.

**Fortune Smiles**

"Happy" face Nelson has been 32 years with the show, and his work is to lay out the circus lot, telling where each tent shall go. Tom Lynch, the boss hostler, who cares for the draft horses, and Joe Dan Miller, head porter, have been 50 years with it. One goes on, even if one is a water boy, at eight dollars a week, like Robert ("Mike") Sterling, who has just received a telegram that he has inherited \$200,000 worth of radio stock, which his father, former Pennsylvania coal miner, and later small radio dealer, purchased when it was worth about \$2,500.

"Mike's" father died in 1923, and his mother in 1925; he came of age July 20, and has just received word of his fortune.

"Quit the show? Hell, no. Not when I'm getting eight dollars a week and good meals. Besides, I've

### Motorist Flees Typ At Non-Stop Blowing Record

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 29.—(AP)—An unidentified motorist who was on the eleventh day of an 18 day diet and was "very tired," slept at the wheel of his automobile here last night and nearly established a non-stop hour blowing record.

But a policeman, called by disturbed residents, halted the endurance test by waking the motorist whose head rested on the horn button.

He told the policeman all about his diet.

got a sixty-dollar 'hold-back' and I might lose that. And you know, I'm an expert water carrier."

No, one doesn't quit.

By MARGARET SKAVLAN  
PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—(Special)—Any way, you won't be lonesome—not with sixteen hundred people!

That was the parting word of the advanced man of "The Greatest Show on Earth," after he told me I was to join the circus.

"Tell the boys 'Hello' for me. I won't be seeing them until we are back in winter quarters in Florida. Suddenly, the world was all roses and romance and pink lemonade. For an arrangement between the Guard and the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus had been completed whereby for a brief period of two days this reporter was to become a citizen of the city of tents and trains. And out of this adventure the readers of The Guard will know how it seems to inhabit the world of the "big top."

### PLANE ALOFT

CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—(AP)—The "Chicago-We Will" endurance flight record seekers dived through the muck of early days with 139 hours of continuous flying to their credit. That was at 6:31 o'clock this morning. The fliers dropped a note last night congratulating the Great Zaccchini for its record flight and adding, "but we expect to make

It is estimated that about six or seven persons out of every million are struck by lightning.

### CITRUS FRUITS GAIN IN RIO GRANDE AREA

BROWNSVILLE, Tex.—(AP)—The nation's citrus fruit industry, once concentrated in California and Florida alone, is spreading into the lower Rio Grande valley.

Although this year's crop of grapefruit, oranges and related fruits was almost 50 times greater than the same territory produced less than a decade ago, in 1920, the industry still is considered in its infancy.

In 1920 there were less than 125,000 trees of bearing age. This year there are nearly 3,500,000, and leading horticulturists estimate that 1,500,000 more will be planted during the coming season.

More than 2,300 carloads of fruit were shipped from the valley this spring, according to J. M. Del Curto, chief entomologist of the state department of agriculture. About 50

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