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 Ringling Brothers' World's Greatest Show is to visit Medford on Saturday, August 28, coming this season with new laurels won at Madison Square Garden in New York because of the unprecedented excellence of their performances. It is in all respects the very best circus that was ever organized, and the performances that will be given in Medford will be given exactly as they were presented in Manhattan, not the slightest change having been made since the season opened there.

There are no less than seven sensations on the program, any one of which is great enough to give a circus distinction. There are the wonderful Schumann horses which waltz on their hind legs, drink from large glasses and roll each other around in huge barrels; elephants that use the telephone, conversing with each other over the wire from one end of the main tent to the other; the thrilling double somersaulting automobile act, performed by a young French girl; Robidello, the Mexican wire wizard; the wonderful Lorch family of acrobats and 100 other great acts that are new to America.

The parade will be given at 10 o'clock in the morning and it is an entirely new spectacle. Some of its features are Camels, Zebras, Deer, Elephants and Llamas driven in teams like horses and harnessed to ornate tableaux. The parade will be three miles long. The menagerie, too, is a wonderful affair, greatly enlarged and filled with strange specimens of the animal world. At the head of the menagerie is Darwin, the missing link, which lives in a miniature house with windows, electric lights, hot water heater, chairs and tables. Darwin eats with a knife and fork, drinks from a bottle and shaves himself.

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THE WASHINGTON MARRIAGE LAW

Prospective Brides and Grooms Rush to Oregon to Be Joined in Marriage.

The last legislature of the state of Washington passed a law requiring all brides and grooms to submit to an examination by a physician and have a certificate certifying to their physical soundness before the marriage ceremony can take place, and the result is that many hundreds of these people come to the state of Oregon to have the ceremony performed. A Portland paper has this to say on the subject:

"County Clerk Fields is besieged daily with letters from Washington young people contemplating matrimony who desire to know the Oregon marriage laws. Of course, these letters are courteously answered, with the result that the county's coffers are bulging with marriage license receipts, and the judges of the county are faring sumptuously upon the marriage fees, with none to say them nay—with the exception of Justice of the Peace Olson, whose marriage business is the heaviest, and against whom County Judge Webster, whose marrying business is among the lightest, has begun a campaign to put a stop to the monopoly.

"Upon looking over the records for last month, that is, so far as the returns are in, one is met with the astounding fact that judges and justices of the peace in Multnomah county married nearly three times as many couples last month as during July, 1908.

"In answering the letters from love-smitten Washingtonians, Mr. Fields always tells them that they will be obliged to bring a witness to swear that the bride-to-be is a resident of Multnomah county, of legal age, and that there is no legal impediment to the marriage. But to escape this twist of the law seems to be an easy matter, especially when Cupid leads the way. The couples come to Portland, stay here a few days so that they can say the bride is living here, get the hotel clerk to act as a witness, seek out the justice of the peace, and, purchasing enough cigars at the Courthouse stand to last the obliging hotel clerk a month, hie them away to the home of the groom."

What is taking place in Portland is undoubtedly duplicated in many other towns in this state. To evade the law is the one object of making Oregon the Gretna Green of these people who have been made captive by Cupid. The object of the law is commendable, but, like other laws, it will be evaded. Just what percentage of Washington couples get married at home would be interesting to know.

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No. 1 Lateral.

The residents of that section of the city along East A and the upper part of 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th streets have organized what they call the No. 1 lateral association, which is to serve them with water taken from the 200-foot level ditch. This association has 28 members who have paid for the amount of water they will use and have also paid their share of the expense of the construction of the lateral. The water is taken from the main ditch between Ninth and Tenth streets and runs through Amos Meyer's place to Savage street and crosses the old county road going through the Bobzeln orchard, through Newell's place to Ninth street to Joe Fetzer's corner and along his property to Eighth street and down this street to A street. From this main lateral all members of the association take water. In this way it serves an important purpose to each water user. There will undoubtedly be other lateral associations along this same ditch and those who are looking forward and expect to use water next year should take early steps to form their association and do the necessary construction work.

The following are the names, who so far have joined the No. 1 Lateral

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THE BANCROFT ACT THOROUGHLY EXPLAINED

Grants Pass, Aug. 5, 1909.

Editor Courier: Dear Sir, referring to our recent conversation on the subject of street improvement in this city, I infer from your questions that a considerable portion of our citizens do not understand the scope and purpose of the act of the legislature which is known as the Bancroft bonding act. By its terms this act provides that whenever an incorporated city in this state has a population of 2500 or more, and the common council shall have proceeded to improve any street and shall have assessed the cost of such improvement, it shall be lawful for the owner so assessed for such improvement, in the sum of twenty-five dollars or more, at any time within ten days after such notice of assessment is first published, to file with the auditor a written application to pay said assessment in instalments; the written application shall state that said applicant and property owner does thereby waive all irregularities or defects, jurisdictional or otherwise, in the proceeding to improve the street, which said assessment is levied and in the apportionment of the cost therefor.

Said application shall contain a provision that the said applicant and property owner agrees to pay said assessment in ten annual instalments with interest at the same rate on all said assessments which have not been paid as that expressed in the bonds issued to pay such improvements. Said application shall also contain a statement by lots or blocks, or other convenient description of the property of the applicant assessed for such improvements thereupon. The statute provides for additional steps to be taken by the auditor and the council and that the city shall issue its bonds in convenient denominations not exceeding \$500 each, and in all equal to the total amount of unpaid assessments for such street improvement. The bonds are then sold and the contractor paid from the proceeds. This procedure does not require any vote of the city. The right to pay such assessment in ten annual instalments is a personal right granted by law to each owner and he has a right to avail himself of the provision of the law without consulting his neighbor or getting the consent of any one. The constitutionality of this act has been sustained by the Supreme Court of the state and no difficulty has ever been met in finding a ready sale for such bonds at par. Should our citizens contemplate availing themselves of the privileges of this act, their attention should be directed particularly to the fact that they have but ten days after the first notice of assessment within which to file their application with the auditor. If they let that period go by they lose their right to take advantage of the act. By adopting this method of paying for the street improvements, the burden is distributed over a period of ten years and the enhancement of values occasioned by the improvement will invariably be so great that the cost thereof will hardly be felt. I think I have covered fully the questions asked. Respectfully yours, GEO. H. DURHAM, City Attorney.

Southern Oregon Pioneer Association.

Silas J. Day, secretary of the pioneer society of Southern Oregon, has caused to be issued the following notice regarding the annual reunion of the society, which will be held at Ashland, August 26.

"The 33d annual reunion of the Pioneer society of Southern Oregon will be held at Ashland, Ore., on Thursday, August 26. We hope to have the pleasure of greeting you on that occasion, together with your family and friends. It is desirable that the annual reunions of the society be perpetuated. Prof. B. F. Mulkey, of Jacksonville, Ore., will deliver an address to the pioneers and their friends on that occasion. Come and bring your badges with you."

Looks Like a Good Bill. Congressman Shason shows good sense in his bill which is before Congress and will, we hope, some time



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be passed. He proposes to levy a tax of \$2 and 25 per cent, ad valorem, on every revolver, dirk, stiletto, bowie knife or pair of metal knuckles manufactured here or imported. Also a tax of one-tenth to one-fifth of a cent on cartridges according to size. He says that he estimates "that the tax on weapons would produce about \$1,500,000 and on cartridges \$500,000 a year.

"There is no use for a pistol or stiletto but to kill. Those who use them cause the government much expense, and there is no reason why they should not contribute to the treasury. Tobacco, whisky and cards are subject to taxation, and it would be well enough to add an assessment on the owners of deadly weapons. It would be better to tax pistols and not plows, cartridges and not corn planters."

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