Daily Democrat.

A FISHY BEAR STORY.—Sunday's Statesman contains a long account of a desperate encounter Geo Collins had with a black bear, over in the coast mountains. It states that Collins is Salem's crack huntsman, and that he shot a black bear, but only wounded it. The bear then charged on Collins, who climbed a tree and yelled for help. Ed Cross and Willis Morse heard his cries, went to the rescue and finally killed the bear, but it took twenty four bullets to do it. They state that the bear weighed 900 pounds and Mr Collins' escape was miraculous. Such stories will do to tell to "tenderfeet," but to men who have hunted bear they are very "fishy." Any enterprising man could afford to pay Mr Collins one hundred dollars a night to sit in a dime museum as the only man on earth a black bear ever treed. Of all cowardly animals, the black bear is the greatest coward. If he sees, hears or smells a man, he leaves that part of the country as fast as his legs can carry him. A black bear will never fight, even when wounded, unless he is cornered so he cannot run. A mouse will do that much.—Woodburn Independent.

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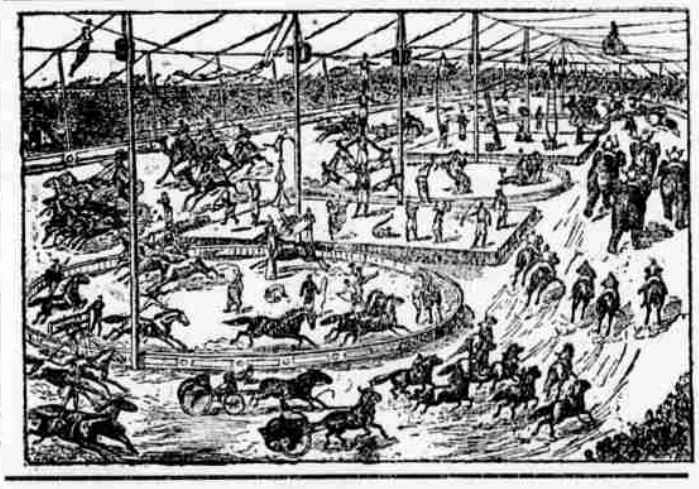

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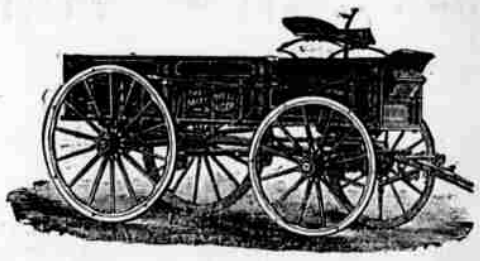

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